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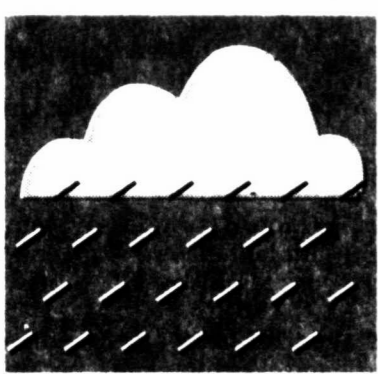
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LUBBOCK (AP) — The former owners of the now-defunct Knockers Bar and Grill were sentenced today to federal prison for stealing from a restaurant chain.

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings sentenced Roy Sanders, 37, to 14 months in prison and Thomas Moran, 30, to 27 months. The two, who were convicted of stealing equipment from a Shoney's restaurant, must pay \$66,059 in restitution.

Prosecutors alleged that Moran, who was also employed by Shoney's restaurants, ordered nearly \$40,000 worth of equipment from a Shoney's in Tennessee but used it at Knockers. Moran contended that there was no Shoney's policy against using outdoor lighting, salt and pepper shakers and silverware for personal use.

- **Harvey Hugh Graham, 78**, retired pipe fitter and welder.
- **Loretta Jo Good, 89**, former care owner, hospital employee.
- **Juanita Romines, 76**, homemaker.
- **Neva Nell Stephens, 81**, homemaker.

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Citizen of the Year is Dick Stowers



Surrounded by family including son Richard Stowers (left), Dick Stowers was honored last night as Pampa Chamber of Commerce's 1998 Citizen of the Year.

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

"The 1998 Citizen of the Year embodies all the attributes that others have had. He is a good man and has been a Pampa citizen for almost 50 years. He stands for what he thinks is right without regard to its political correctness," said Dr. Raymond Laycock.

Laycock presented resident Dick Stowers with the 1998 Citizen of the Year award on behalf of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce at the organization's 70th annual meeting Thursday night at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Stowers, the 10th chamber citizen to be recognized, is the owner of Pampa's Culberson-Stowers auto dealership.

"This is quite a surprise," said Stowers with tears in his eyes. "Thank you."

Originally from Kansas City, Stowers moved to Pampa almost five decades ago and began doing odd-jobs and janitorial work for his future father-in-law, Frank Culberson.

"He told me if you're going to learn something, you might as well learn it from the bottom up ... and I think this is what you have to do to make a town," Stowers said during his acceptance.

Surrounded by his entire family, Stowers was given a plaque and recognized for his community involvement.

"In researching for this presentation, it would have been easier to list what he has not been involved in ... I could find no evidence that he has fixed the Y2K problem, but I am not sure about that," Laycock said.

In addition to his contributions as a businessman, Stowers has worked with the Pampa Jaycees, the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, United Way, his church, his city and the chamber of commerce, said Laycock.

"He spent six years on the boards of Highland General and Columbia/HCA Hospital and he's been a Kiwanian for over 45 years. He has chaired most of the boards on these organizations and he is recognized throughout the state as an outstanding promoter of a well-known product," continued Laycock.

Stowers joins the list of nine other Citizen of the Year recipients including Jerry Sims, Bill Waters, Donna Cornutt, Eunice Morano, Betty Henderson, Vic Raymond, Blake Laramore, Chuck White, and last year's winner, Curt Beck.

Pit bulls to be destroyed in wake of attack on dog

In an out-of-court agreement, the owner of two pit bull dogs that attacked a neighbor's dog agreed Thursday to turn the dogs over to the city for euthanasia, a municipal court spokesman said.

One dog has already been put to sleep, Monty Montgomery of the city's animal control department said this morning.

"I picked up what was there," Montgomery said of the one dog. "I need to find out more" about the second dog's whereabouts.

The court spokesman said City Prosecutor Rick Harris agreed with the voluntary decision of the owner of the dogs, Tamara Arreola, 621 N. Russell, that the pit bulls be destroyed.

Maria Cooper had brought the charges after her dog Duke, a half rottweiler and half boxer died.

Cooper told *The Pampa News* that on Jan. 19, she took her daughter to the dentist and when she returned, she looked out the window and saw the two pit bulls attacking her dog.

Duke, who was tied to his dog house, was just lying there, she said.

"There was blood all over him," she said. "There were big chunks taken out of him."

She took Duke to a Pampa veterinarian

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where he spent most of a week and then recovered inside at home over the next several weeks.

In early March, Cooper began leaving Duke outside again, she said. Upon return one evening, she returned to find her dog dead. There was no blood anywhere except inside his dog house where he was tethered. There were no witnesses to the dog's death but Cooper believes she knows what happened.

"Those two dogs (pit bulls) attacked him and killed him in his dog house," she said. "They are vicious."

Cooper complained the loose dogs were not only a danger to other animals but she worried that children playing in Central Park, next to her house, might become victims of the dogs.

City supt. wants to be on council A legal question in Lefors

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

A question on the legality of a Lefors city employee running, and serving on the Lefors City Council, has surfaced again as the deadline for filling for a place on the ballot has passed.

Three positions on the city council are up for grabs this year. Positions currently are held by Dene Cobb, Lindy Forsyth and Deryl Boyd. Cobb and Forsyth filed for re-election but Boyd is stepping down.

Three candidates have also announced a run for the at-large election. In Lefors the candidates with the largest vote totals are elected. The three new candidates are Dennis Boyd, son of the retiring councilman, Bruce Withers, currently City Superintendent, and Dianne Jackson who is Withers' sister.

When questioned about the legality of a city employee running for and holding a position on a city council the Texas Attorney General's office said it is not and cited an opinion issued by former Attorney General Dan Morales' office that said it was legal for a city employee to run for the office but must resign the city post if elected to office.

Withers had no comment when asked but Lefors City Secretary Judy Williams said he has until March 26 to drop out of the race, if he so chooses.

Williams also said she was told by the AG's office that there are no legal barriers to Jackson serving and no state restrictions on the items she can vote on. Williams said that such a ban would be up to the city council.

(See LEFORS, Page 2)

Big rig, pickup collide leaving one man dead

An Amarillo man was killed about 8 last night when his pickup truck collided with a tractor-trailer rig that jackknifed on rain-slick Highway 70 in Roberts County about 20 miles north of Pampa.

A DPS spokesman identified the victim as Michael W. Keenan of Amarillo who was pronounced dead at the scene by Judge Vernon Cook.

The driver of the 18-wheeler, Johnny Lee Johnson of Odessa, was taken to Columbia Medical Center in Pampa where he was treated and released, the spokesman said. He has been charged with intoxicated manslaughter.

The accident is still under investigation by DPS Troopers Ronnie Shank and Larry Pulliam, who were assisted by Trooper Randy Ratzliff of the weights division and DPS Sgt. Donald Cameron.

The Pampa Fire Department also responded to the accident scene.

Quilt show in McLean

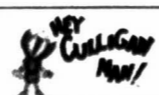
McLEAN — The public is invited to the Devil's Rope Museum Quilt Show in McLean. The quilts will be on display during the month of March. Admission is free and viewers may vote for the quilt of their choice. Judging is entirely by the votes of the viewers.

There are several items entered in a raffle. The raffle tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. The museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Floral remembrances on his funeral day Thursday mark the area where Ethan Wayne Anderson, 18-month-old son of James Alexander and Angela Anderson, walked away from the Super Playground Sunday and fell into a rain-swollen creek bed. Ethan died the following day at an Amarillo hospital. Drowning was the official cause of the little boy's death.

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Services tomorrow

CAREY, William E. "Bill" - Memorial services, 10 a.m., Bella Vista Community Church, Bella Vista, Ark.
McFALL, Sue - Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
ROMINES, Juanita - 2 p.m., First Assembly of God Church, Pampa.
STEPHENS, Neva Nell - 2 p.m., Immanuel Baptist Church, Amarillo.

Obituaries

LORETTA JO GOOD

SHAMROCK - Loretta Jo Good, 89, died Wednesday, March 17, 1999. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Eleventh Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Glen Switzer of Shamrock and the Rev. Joe G. Jernigan, pastor of Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Good was born Aug. 30, 1909, at Cleburne. She married Basil C. Good on June 12, 1941, at Sayre, Okla.; he died in 1979. The couple owned-operated Friendly Cafe at Texola, Okla., for several years. She had been a Shamrock resident since 1964. She worked at the hospital in Shamrock and was a waitress for many years. She belonged to Eleventh Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Alpha Lisle and Dottie Charlotte Shipman, both of Shamrock; a son, Carl Good of Orofino, Idaho; a sister, Fayola Nichols of Elk City, Okla.; 16 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

HARVEY HUGH GRAHAM

LEFORS - Harvey Hugh Graham, 78, died Thursday, March 18, 1999. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Graham was born March 17, 1921, at Rush, Ark. He married Emma Timmons in August of 1941 at Oklahoma City, Okla. He had lived at Lefors and Gordonville most of his life. He had made Lefors his permanent home since 1993. He was a retired pipe fitter and welder.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II, and belonged to First Baptist Church of Lefors.

Survivors include his wife, Emma, of the home; two daughters, Donna Roberson of Lefors and Beverly Chace of Pampa; a sister, Dorothy Hefley of Mountain Homes, Ark.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

JUANITA ROMINES

Juanita Romines, 76, of Pampa, died Wednesday, March 17, 1999, at McAllen. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Michael Moss, the Rev. Gene Allen, retired minister, and the Rev. Sam Brassfield, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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

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

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

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Sheltered Workshop and Pampa Fellowship of Christian Cowboys.

NEVA NELL STEPHENS

AMARILLO - Neva Nell Stephens, 81, sister of a Wheeler resident, died Thursday, March 18, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Immanuel Baptist Church with the Rev. Allen Norris officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Stephens was born in Joy County. She married Clifford Elmo Stephens in 1935 at Canadian; he died in 1993. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1935, moving from Canadian. She was a homemaker.

She was a charter member of Immanuel Baptist Church and Mother-in-Law Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy Nell Millsap of Amarillo; two sons, James D. Stephens of Amarillo and Sidney E. Stephens of Shawnee, Okla.; a sister, Jackie Mae Cummings of Wheeler; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 900 N. Garfield.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrest and calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Fri., March 19.

Thursday, March 18

Lee Alvin Williams, 47, 1721 W. 19th, was arrested on charges involving a speeding warrant.

The burglary of a \$110 Nintendo and \$100 worth of Nintendo games was reported from 1004 S. Barnes.

Friday, March 19

Attempted murder was reported from 617 N. Christy.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Fri., March 19.

Thursday, March 18

Troyce Glenn Brewer, 30, 2108 N. Sumner, was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Johnny Lee Johnson, 39, Odessa, was arrested on charges of intoxicated manslaughter.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Fri., March 19.

Thursday, March 18

An accident occurred at the intersection of North Hobart and Randy Matson when a 1981 blue Ford Bronco, driven by Teddy Eugene Parr, 36, 1906 Williston, collided with a 1983 tan Volvo, driven by Trisha Lynn Anderson, 31, 420 N. Nelson. Parr was issued a citation on charges of failure to yield the right of way at a stop light.

An accident occurred at the intersection of Hobart and 22nd Street when a 1985 brown Ford 150 truck, driven by Scott Matthew Garza, 16, 834 E. Craven, struck the curb and turned over.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Fri., March 19.

Thursday, March 18

1:20 p.m. - A good intent call was made to the department regarding a minor vehicle accident at the intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart. Nobody was dispatched.

8:15 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident on N. Highway 70 in Roberts County.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Friday, March 19.

Thursday, March 18

2:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

5:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of S. Gray and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

8:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded 18 miles north of Highway 70 on a motor vehicle accident and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

8:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded 18 miles north of Highway 70 on a motor vehicle accident but no one was transported.

Friday, March 19

2:00 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of N. Christy but no one was transported.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	2.47		
Milo	3.25		
Corn	3.63		
Soybeans	4.02		

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

Occidental	16 3/4	dn 1/8
Magellan	131 1/4	
Puritan	20.52	

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

Ameco	NA	
Arco	64 3/8	dn 5/16
Cabot	20 7/16	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	14 7/16	dn 1/8
Chevron	87 3/16	up 11/16

Coca-Cola	68 7/16	up 3/16
Columbia/HCA	18 5/16	dn 1/16
Enron	69 3/4	up 1/8
Halliburton	36 7/8	dn 1/2
IRI	3 7/16	dn 3/16
KNE	21 1/8	dn 1/16
Kerr McGee	32 7/8	up 3/8
Limited	37 1/4	up 5/16
McDonald's	44 3/8	up 5/8
Mobil	93 1/8	dn 1/8
New Atmos	23 1/2	up 1/4
NCE	39	NC
Penney's	39 5/16	dn 1 3/16
Phillips	44 3/8	dn 1/8
Pioneer Nat. Res.	7 9/16	dn 1/8
SLB	57 5/8	dn 1 1/2
Tenneco	29 15/16	dn 7/16
Texasco	56 1/2	dn 1/16
Ultramar	20 5/16	dn 1/8
Wal-Mart	97 7/16	dn 3/4
Williams	39 1/16	dn 7/8
New York Gold		282.60
Silver		5.03
West Texas Crude		15.00

Calendar of events

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

THEE PLACE

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

If interested in the ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH

St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

SHRINE CLUB

The Shrine Club meets Friday, Mar. 19 There has been a change in time to 6 p.m. Put Ons are the entertainment.

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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

SINGLES DANCE

Pampa Area Singles Dance, featuring Karaoke Kountry with Dee O'Kelley at M.K. Brown Auditorium on March 27 from 7-11 p.m. Pot luck, \$5, no-smoking or alcohol. For more information call 665-0219.

AMARILLO INVENTORS ASSOCIATION

Amarillo Inventors Association will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 in Room B of the Amarillo Public Library, 4th and Buchanan. Larry Preddy of Canyon will present his prototype model of the Power Range Internal Detonation Engine. Visitors are welcome.

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LEFORS

Members of Pampa's city commission are

restricted by city charter from voting on items that would affect personal or family business but Pampa is a "home-rule" city and Lefors falls under different restrictions.

Claiming he was raped, beaten in Randall Co. jail, man kills self

Suicide came at end of high-speed chase

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - A man jailed for non-payment of child support killed himself after refusing to return to the cell in which he said he'd been beaten and raped.

Tommy Royce Alexander had been sought since Monday for not coming back to the Randall County Jail from a work-release assignment.

Alexander, 38, had been in custody since Sept. 9 for nonpayment of child support. But he was allowed to leave the jail during the day to earn money toward his debt, said Randall County Sheriff's Lt. Roger Short.

Alexander died about 4 a.m. Thursday after shooting himself once in the chest with a .25-caliber semiautomatic handgun, following a 100-mile chase across North Texas, the Department of Public Safety said.

Alexander called the Amarillo Globe-News on Wednesday afternoon, indicating he was suicidal and wanted to tell his side of the story.

The newspaper said Alexander talked about problems with his ex-wife and current wife. He said he had been beaten and raped in the Randall County Jail and left the jail out of fear for his safety, the newspaper said.

Short disputed those claims, saying Alexander was housed with other nonviolent offenders in a direct-supervision area of the jail where inmates

were watched 24 hours a day.

Short also said the jail has no record of Alexander being involved in any altercations while in custody.

In addition to calling the newspaper, Alexander called the sheriff's office Wednesday, Short said.

"He told us he had found his final resting place and that he had a gun," Short said.

Alerts were sent to North Texas police departments and Alexander was spotted early Thursday in Whitesboro, about 75 miles north of Dallas, police said.

Officers attempted to stop Alexander by using their lights and sirens, but he failed to stop, and a pursuit ensued west on Highway 82, a news release said.

DPS troopers and agencies from other counties between Whitesboro and Wichita Falls became involved in the chase, which ended in Wichita Falls when his car's tires were blown out by spike strips across the road.

"He pulled onto a grass median, turned off his headlights and got out," DPS Trooper Joe Clement said. "He pointed a .25-caliber handgun at his chest. Wichita Falls police officers ordered him four times to drop the weapon, then he fired one round into his chest. He was pronounced dead at the scene."

George Jones released from Nashville hospital

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Country singer George Jones walked out of a hospital today, 13 days after a near-fatal traffic accident.

Jones, 67, thanked Vanderbilt University Medical Center doctors and nurses before climbing aboard his tour bus at 9 a.m. for the ride home to the Nashville suburb of Franklin, hospital spokesman Wayne Wood said.

"At the family's request, there was no media called, no pictures. They wanted him to get on the bus with no fuss and go home," Wood said.

Wood called the Texas-born singer's recovery "amazing ... considering that two weeks ago I don't think anybody would dispute that he had very life-threatening injuries, especially the liver injury."

Jones lost control of his sport utility vehicle and crashed into a bridge while driving near his home March 6. His family said he was talking to his stepdaughter on a cellular phone at the time.

Jones, who wasn't wearing a seat belt, suffered a punctured lung and lacerated liver, but no head injuries.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol's initial investigation cited inattentiveness and use of the cellular phone as factors in the crash. Investigators also are looking into whether alcohol was involved.

The THP is considering whether to ask prosecutors to seek a subpoena of Jones' hospital records, which include results from a blood-alcohol test, THP spokeswoman Dana Keeton said earlier this week.

A half-pint of vodka described as less than half-full was found under the passenger's seat of Jones' vehicle, according to the THP.

The THP is considering whether to ask prosecutors to seek a subpoena of Jones' hospital records, which include results from a blood-alcohol test, THP spokeswoman Dana Keeton said earlier this week.

Evelyn Shriver, a close friend of Jones and president of Asylum's Records Nashville office, said Jones' family will fight any effort to turn over the records.

Jones, who has a long history of alcohol and drug abuse, charted more than 140 records, including classics like "He Stopped Loving Her Today" and "A Good Year for the Roses."

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Cloudy with light rain and/or snow today, a high of 38 and winds from the north at 10-20 mph. Tonight, precipitation and a low of 30. Tomorrow, sunny and warmer with a high of 60. The 24-hour moisture total is .83 inches, the system total 1.26 inches.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS - Panhandle - Tonight, gradually decreasing cloudiness with a low in the upper 20s. A light and variable wind. Saturday, partly cloudy with a high around 60. Southwest wind 5-10 mph.

SOUTH TEXAS - Hill Country and South Central Texas - Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain south central. Lows in the 40s Hill Country, near 50 south central. Saturday, partly cloudy Hill Country, otherwise decreasing clouds becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast - Tonight, scattered showers and thunderstorms. Heavy rain possible northeast. Lows in the mid

around 40. Saturday, mostly sunny. High around 70. Far West Texas - Tonight, clear. Low in the middle 30s. Saturday, sunny. High around 70. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area - Tonight, clear. Lows from the upper 20s to the upper 30s. Saturday, sunny and warmer. Highs from the mid 60s Guadalupe Mountains to mid 80s along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS - Tonight, cloudy. Scattered showers central and east. Lows 37 to 53. Saturday, a chance of showers northeast. Otherwise, decreasing cloudiness from west to east. Highs 57 to 69.

BORDER STATES - Tonight, partly cloudy northeast. Mostly clear elsewhere. Lows teens and 20s mountains and northwest, upper 20s to mid 30s at lower elevations. Saturday, mostly sunny and warmer. Highs upper 40s to mid 50s mountains and northeast, upper 50s and 60s elsewhere except 70s along the southern border.

OKLAHOMA - Tonight, a chance of showers, mainly during the evening. Areas of fog after midnight. Lows upper 20s to upper 30s. Saturday, a chance of morning showers southeast. Otherwise partly to mostly sunny. Highs mid 50s to lower 60s.

City briefs

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NURSERY ATTENDANT needed. Please pick up application from 9-5 p.m., 1st Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, 669-3225. Adv.

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MOVING SALE: 1941 Nelson, Sat. 7 a.m. sofa, bed, dresser, toys. Adv.

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Local Employee Committee accepting area applications

AMARILLO — The Local Employee Committee for the Amarillo Area is currently accepting applications from local charities and non-profit organizations for inclusion in the 1999 State Employee Charitable Campaign. Through the SECC, State of Texas employees can voluntarily give a tax deductible donation to a wide variety of charities through a workplace fundraising drive, which, in most cases, features the ease and convenience of payroll deduction.

A state statute and related rules set up the structure of the campaign, which is operated by State of Texas employees with the assistance of charitable organizations experienced in administering workplace campaigns. The SECC is organized, conducted and governed by state agency and higher education employees who serve on the state-level State Policy Committee, and on local employee committees. They determine the eligibility of applying charities, retain state and local campaign managers to administer the campaign, and handle budgeting and other administration to ensure it remains as efficient and effective as possible. The actual yearly campaign takes place from Sept. 1 through Oct. 31, and is the only authorized workplace charitable campaign for state agencies. State employees in this area raised \$107,806.83 through the SECC in 1998.

The authorizing statute for the State Employee Charitable Campaign is found in the Texas Government Code Annotated, Section 659.131 et seq. (Vernon 1994 & Supp. 1998). This statute requires that to be eligible for consideration as a Local Charitable Organization, an applicant organization must be a charitable organization and must provide direct or indirect health and human services in the Amarillo Local Campaign Area. Applicants are recommended to review the statute, the rules and the policies governing the campaign to understand the requirements for Local Charitable Organizations in this campaign.

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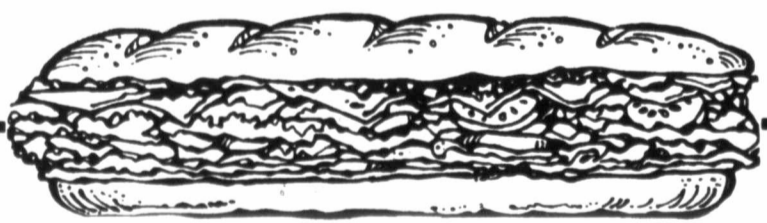
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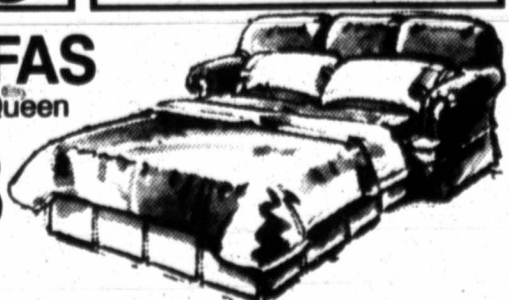
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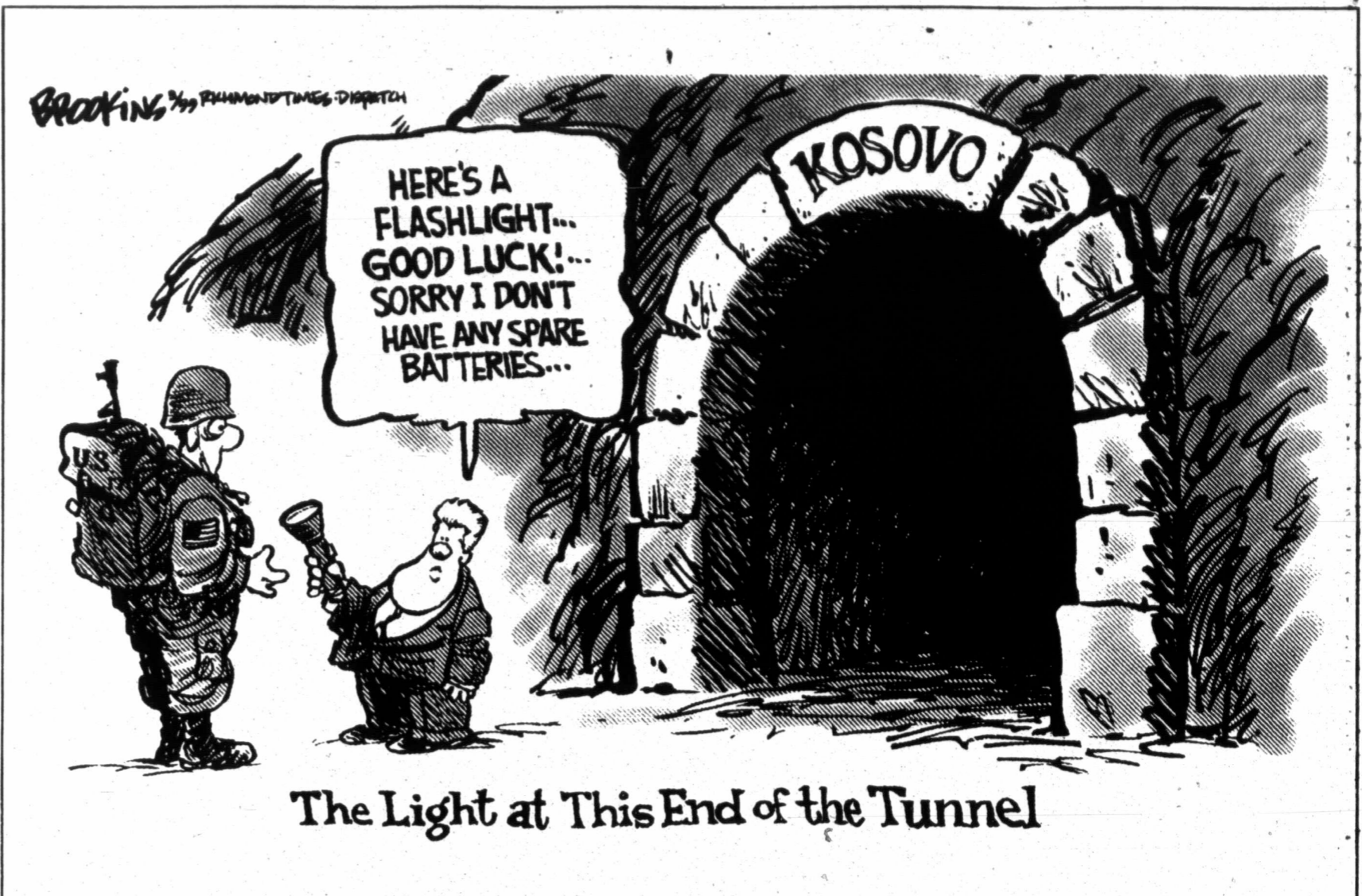
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The Light at This End of the Tunnel

Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:
Corpus Christi-Caller Times on Bush and abortion:
If there was any doubt that the gloves are now definitely off regarding the putative presidential candidacy of George W. Bush, it came to an end in the generous boxing about the ears he received for his statements on abortion last week. The criticisms underline the fact that Bush's toughest critics will not be just his primary opponents, who will try to dislodge his apparent front-runner status, but the Christian far-right.

Bush's overwhelming gubernatorial victory in November confirmed his ability to forge consensus across the broad middle, drawing support from moderate Democrats, inner-city dwellers, Hispanics and blacks. It's a long way to November 2000, but Bush's chances now would have to be regarded as good, if not gold-plated. But it's not the opposing Democrats who are his biggest worry; it's his friends, a Republican party too much in the grip of zealots and extremists. Bush, in answer to a reporter's question, said, "America is not ready to overturn Roe vs. Wade because America's hearts are not right. And so, in the meantime, instead of arguing over Roe vs. Wade, what we ought to do is promote policies that reduce abortions."

Bush thus placed himself firmly in the pro-life camp, but acknowledged that he, like all Americans, is governed by what is the law, a position that reasonable people in both camps can live with. As a Texas Poll taken in March 1997 showed, Texans are split on abortion. Bush's position puts him near where most Americans stand on a terribly troubling moral issue.

But Bush's statement quickly drew fire. L. Brent Bozell III, head of the Conservative Victory Committee, thundered: "Liberal Republicans who advocate taking either weak positions or no positions on the tough issues are the ones who have created the visionless, listless image the Republican Party suffers from."

No less acid were the words from Gary Bauer, a conservative activist and prospective GOP presidential contender. "Our party should not only simply have a 'pro-life tenor' but a clear commitment to the intrinsic value of every unborn child," he said in a statement. Later, in an interview, Bauer said that the Republican Party's nominee should be "willing to appoint only pro-life judges (and) to have an unambiguous pro-life running mate."

Bush, rightly, is coming under increasing scrutiny from the press and opponents. He will have to define his philosophy of "compassionate conservatism" in harder terms than he has done so far. What does that mean in how he would deal with Social Security and Medicare, two issues of pressing priority? His views on foreign affairs, outside of his positive relationship with Mexico, are virtually unknown to the general public. But the American people, as poll after poll has demonstrated, put abortion low on their lists of priorities for choosing a president. Not so for extremists.

Bush's answer won't satisfy zealots who want to put presidential candidates to an abortion litmus test. But for Bush, that way lies defeat.

The Dallas Morning News on legislation to protect victims of domestic violence:

Domestic violence is battering Texas. Almost 200,000 Texans were killed or injured last year by the very people who were supposed to love them.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, has pushed her colleagues to strengthen protections for abuse victims. Her bills include:

— SB 23, which extends the length of emergency protective orders from 30 to 60 days. This gives victims more time to plan their futures and consider legal options before their alleged abuser can contact them.

— SB 50 would allow regular protective orders to remain in place for up to five years. The current limit is one year.

— SB 461 would require abusers, as a condition of probation, to pay \$100 to a domestic violence shelter to support its operations.

— SB 588 allows the state to suspend the concealed handgun permits of people who have had domestic violence protective orders filed against them.

The Senate passed the first three bills and has sent them on to the House. They are narrowly drawn and shouldn't draw opposition in the House.

Another proposal asks the Legislature to create a new county criminal court in Dallas. The court would help handle the overflowing docket of Dallas County Criminal Court No. 10, which hears only domestic violence cases.

Court monitors say that domestic violence cases are complicated because the victims and defendants often live in the same home and the potential for future violence is high.

The idea of a new court face more opposition than Sen. Nelson's bills. Domestic violence has increased, but some observers believe the backlog of cases in Dallas County could be handled by existing courts.

Also, some lawmakers don't want to create a new court in Dallas until the state changes the way it elects judges.

Each criticism has some truth; local judges should explore ways to reduce the domestic violence backlog even if the Legislature doesn't approve a new court. And Texas does need to devise a new way of selecting judges - but Sequoias will sprout in Midland before that happens. Dallas County victims shouldn't have to wait for that.

No way to treat a lady

Thanks to changes in popular attitudes and the law, American females now have all sorts of athletic opportunities that used to be reserved for the testosterone-laden half of the population. They can play Little League baseball, win Olympic medals in ice hockey, run the Boston Marathon, and get their noggins thumped in professional boxing matches.

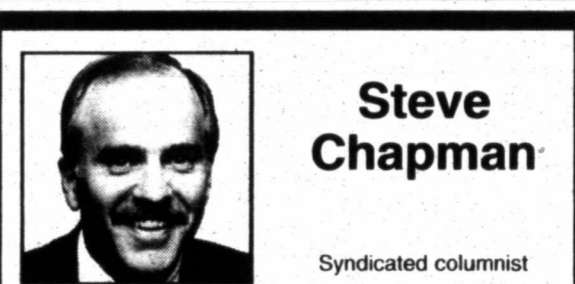
At the college level, the number of women participating in varsity sports has risen from 300,000 to 3 million since 1972. Girls nowadays are free to do almost everything boys do except use the boys' locker room.

They also get to do one thing boys don't get to do. They alone can aspire to attend the University of Tennessee and become Lady Volunteers. Or Ohio State and be known as Lady Buckeyes. Or the University of Mississippi and wear the proud name of Lady Rebels. Apparently, many university administrators worry that if you put a bunch of people out on the basketball court or soccer field without identifying them by sex, spectators will automatically assume they are males.

It is, of course, a fact of life that one of the risks of taking part in intercollegiate athletics is being saddled with team names chosen by sadists or mental incompetents. Ask the men or women who compete at the Tufts Jumbos, the University of California at Santa Cruz Banana Slugs, the Eastern New Mexico Zias, the Juniata Open, the Texas Christian Horned Frogs or the Whittier Poets.

Imagine what life must be like thinking of yourself as an Ole (from St. Olaf's College), a Stormy Petrel (Oglethorpe), a Fighting Camel (Campbell), a Thunderduck (Richland), a Wave (Pepperdine), a Penman (New Hampshire College) or a Troll (Trinity Christian). You'd think it would sap your fighting spirit.

But as is often the case in this world, females



Steve Chapman
Syndicated columnist

bear an extra burden. At a lot of schools, they have to wear signs around their necks notifying spectators that they possess uteruses. The most common form this tradition takes is to add "lady" to the customary team names — the Lady Vikings, Lady Bulldogs, Lady Mountaineers, Lady Knights, Lady Terriers, Lady Bison, Lady Bearcats, Lady Falcons, Lady Eagles and Lady Panthers.

Other institutions simply change the team names to reflect the gender of the participants, with results guaranteed to induce cringes. At Florida A&M, Rattlers become Rattlerettes. Prairie View A&M calls its women Pantherettes. Only rarely does the altered form work — as at Oklahoma State, where female teams are called Cowgirls instead of Cowboys.

The practice of flagging the sex of the players might have made sense in the days when female athletes were considered unusual. Nowadays, though, it just seems silly. If you don't think so, try to imagine an announcer introducing the "Man Vikings" or the "Gentleman Eagles."

The feminine version amounts to attaching an asterisk to indicate that these are not the "real" Bulldogs or Knights or Mountaineers. That's particularly incongruous at the University of Tennessee, where the women have won three straight national champi-

onships in basketball — three more than the men's team has ever won.

But an appellation that ordinarily sounds merely unnecessary is often applied in a way that would make Monty Python proud. So we get such howling self-contradictions as the Lady Rams (Virginia Commonwealth), the Lady Stags (Fairfield), the Lady Gamecocks (South Carolina), the Lady Dutchmen (Lebanon Valley) and the Lady Monks (Saint Joseph's). Equally harebrained are teams called the Lady Lions and Lady Tigers, which are numerous. It may come as news to the scholars who run these schools that the English language has a name for female tiger, and it's not "lady."

But clear thinking is a rarity in this realm. You may argue that male gender is implied in such terms as Vikings or Knights, but it's hard to understand why we need to assign gender where none is suggested — as in the University of Carolina at Spartanburg's Lady Rifles or Oakland City College's Lady Oaks or Presbyterian College's — I kid you not — lady Blue Hose.

One of the few instances of impeccable logic is also one of the worst names: Kenyon College women take the field simply as the ladies — which is reasonable only because the men are called the Lords. Logic may not be an adequate defense for calling Oberlin's female athletes Yeowomen — pronounced, "Yo! Women!"

So it's time for men to press for change — partly in the spirit of fairness and partly out of pure self-interest. As it happens, women now constitute a lopsided majority of American college students, and there may come a day when female student-athletes outnumber their male counterparts. In that case, turnabout may be seen as fair play. If we don't act now, an unfortunate boy you know could someday take the field as a Male Tigress.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 19, the 78th day of 1999. There are 287 days left in the year. This is the date the swallows traditionally return to the San Juan Capistrano Mission in California.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 19, 1979, the U.S. House of Representatives began

televising its day-to-day business.

On this date:
In 1859, the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod premiered in Paris.

In 1917, the Supreme Court upheld the eight-hour work day for railroads.

In 1918, Congress approved Daylight-Saving Time.

In 1931, Nevada legalized gambling.

In 1945, about 800 people were killed as kamikaze planes attacked the U.S. carrier Franklin off Japan; the ship, however, was saved.

In 1945, Adolf Hitler issued his so-called "Nero Decree," ordering the destruction of German facilities that could fall into Allied hands.

In 1953, the Academy Awards ceremony was televised for the first time; "The Greatest Show on Earth" was named best picture of 1952.

In 1976, Buckingham Palace announced the separation of Princess Margaret and her husband, the Earl of Snowdon, after 16 years of marriage.

Racial profiling is unavoidable

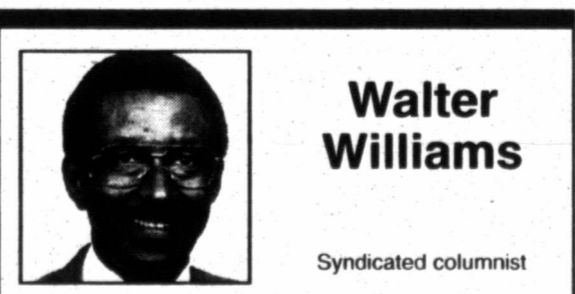
New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman fired Col. Carl Williams, her state police superintendent, after he told reporters that minority groups were more likely to be involved in drug trafficking. Williams was already under fire by black ministers and civil-rights groups accusing the State Police of racial profiling, a practice of targeting minority drivers for traffic stops and searches in the war against drug trafficking.

Whitman said she fired Williams because his comments "are inconsistent with our efforts to enhance public confidence in the State Police." Let's look at racial profiling.

If God were a state trooper, He wouldn't be involved with the imperfection and indignity of racial profiling — not because He's good but because He knows all.

God would know who is a drug trafficker and who's not.

More mortals like us don't know everything. Unlike God, we face a world of costly and incomplete information, and that means we have to do a lot of guessing and playing hunches. Part of that strategy requires the use of indicators that have varying degrees of reliability. Physical characteristics, including race, are among those indicators that can tell us things. Thus, we can benefit from learning to employ cheap-to-observe characteristics as proxies for more-costly-to-observe characteristics. Race is a cheap-to-observe characteristic



Walter Williams
Syndicated columnist

that, while imperfect, is nonetheless sometimes useful.

I've hailed taxis in downtown Washington, D.C., at night, only to watch the driver pass me up and pick up a white passenger down the street. As often as not, the driver was black. Was the driver a racist? Or was he using my skin color as a proxy for an undesirable destination such as a high-crime neighborhood or as a proxy for the probability of being robbed? He was racially profiling me, but he was wrong in my case. It is never pleasant to be a victim of racial profiling, but whom should I blame: the taxi driver who's not God and is simply doing what he can to protect himself? Or should I blame black thugs who prey on taxi drivers, making them leery about picking up black customers at night?

My physician practices racial profiling. Even though my PSA is 2.3, he is very aggressive about the slightest change. He's also aggres-

sive about treating my mildly elevated blood pressure. He doesn't know anything certain about my individual risk of prostate cancer and hypertension-related diseases. Not being God, he uses the medical evidence about blacks in general to make guesses about me. Should I take a cue from Whitman and fire him for making assumptions about me based upon my race?

What about racial assumptions the New Jersey State Police may make? According to the 1997 FBI Uniform Crime Report, 63 percent of the 65,624 drug arrests were minorities (50 percent blacks and 13 percent Hispanics). Since blacks are only 13 percent of the total population, it means law enforcement officials can assign a higher probability that a drug trafficker is a black more so than other racial groups. In terms of arresting drug traffickers, doing disproportionate traffic stops on blacks will have a higher payoff than traffic stops on say Japanese, Russian Orthodox Jews or 75-year-olds.

Statistics about the grossly disproportionate number of blacks involved in drug trafficking is no comfort to the law-abiding black who is stopped and searched. It's humiliating and demeaning, not to mention inconvenient. But with whom should we be angry: police officers or those who've made black synonymous with crime? Of course, an alternative is not to stop cars at all.

CDC: Tooth loss greater among older Americans in Appalachians

ATLANTA (AP) — Here's another sad distinction for the Appalachian states: More than a third of the elderly people in the region have lost all their teeth — the highest rate in the nation.

West Virginia leads the nation in toothlessness — 47.6 percent of people over 65 have lost all their teeth. Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia aren't far behind, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday.

Most of the lowest rates were out West. Less than 20 percent of elderly Americans in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Wisconsin reported having lost all their teeth.

Researchers said the disparity is probably due to factors such as isolation and poverty. Tooth loss was greatest among blacks, the uninsured, people with less than a high school education, and smokers.

Dental insurance in the United States is almost entirely employment-based, and many procedures aren't covered by Medicare. The federal health care program for the elderly does not cover routine dental exams.

"If somebody has a tooth

that's decaying, restoring it with a root canal and a crown is a preferable treatment, but it's much more expensive than having a tooth extracted," said Dr. Scott Tomar, a dentist at the CDC.

The study was based on telephone surveys done in 1995-97 with 27,736 people 65 and over in 46 states.

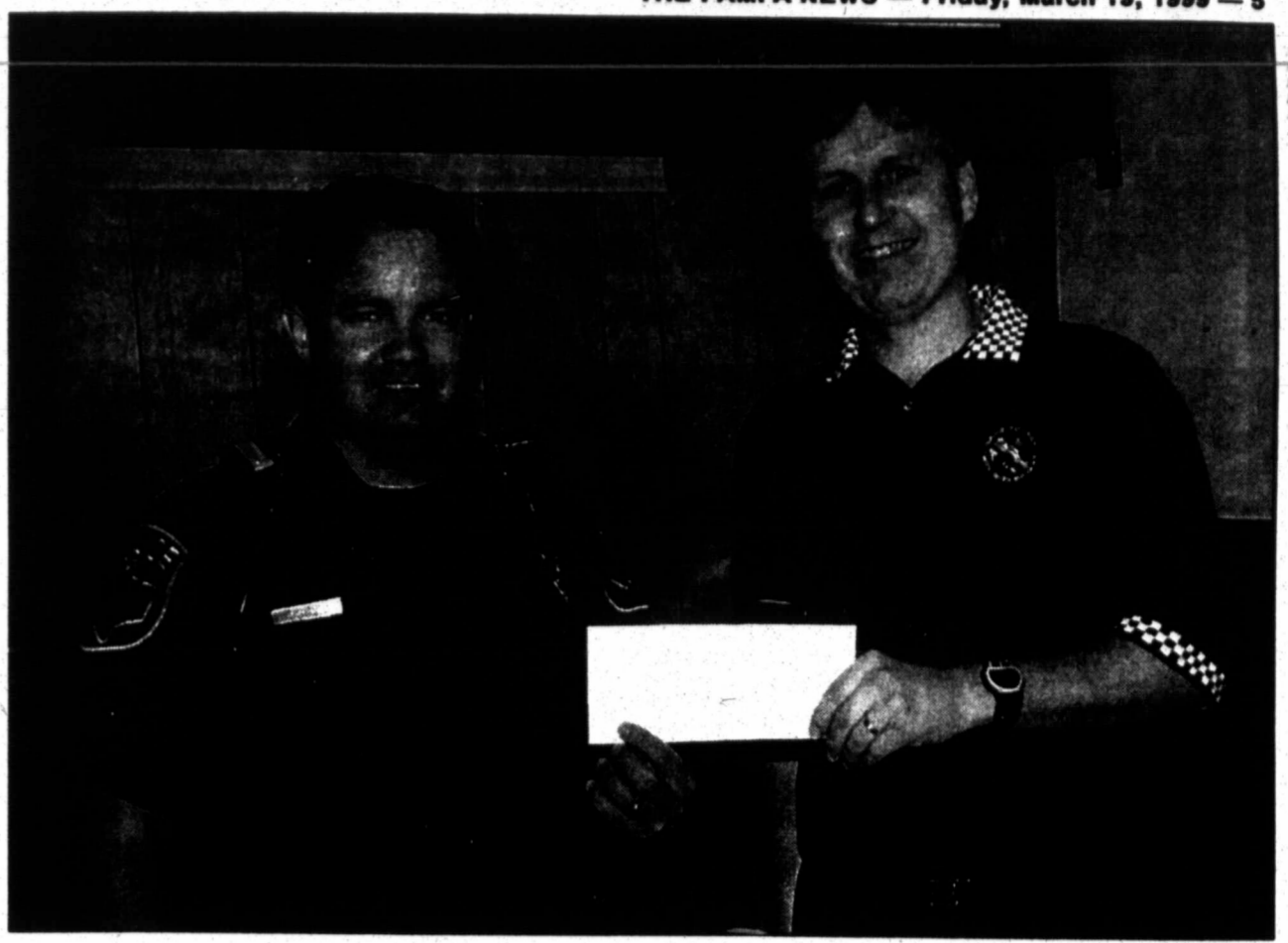
Rates of toothlessness by state

Percentage of people 65 and older who reported having lost all their teeth in 46 states between 1995-97 to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Alabama 36.0
- Alaska 25.1
- Arizona 18.5
- Arkansas 39.2
- California 16.2
- Colorado 23.0
- Connecticut 22.3
- Florida 21.9
- Georgia 36.1
- Hawaii 13.9
- Idaho 28.7
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- Indiana 28.8
- Iowa 32.7
- Kansas 31.8

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- Maryland 29.2
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- Michigan 20.6
- Mississippi 35.3
- Missouri 30.4
- Montana 30.4
- Nebraska 30.0
- Nevada 24.1
- New Hampshire 27.4
- New Jersey 21.8
- New Mexico 22.7
- New York 26.0
- North Dakota 32.5
- Ohio 26.1
- Oklahoma 36.2
- Oregon 16.5
- Pennsylvania 30.2
- Rhode Island 25.6
- South Dakota 33.2
- Tennessee 35.3
- Texas 24.7
- Utah 22.8
- Vermont 34.8
- Virginia 24.1
- Washington 21.5
- West Virginia 47.9
- Wisconsin 19.4
- Wyoming 31.5

Delaware, Minnesota, North Carolina and South Carolina were not included.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Since good police work by Pampa School Resource Officer Colby Brown solved the case of the Super Playground vandals, Pampa Rotary President Mark McVay recently awarded the \$500 reward they had offered to the Pampa Teen Crime Stoppers at Brown's request. The reward from Hasting's also went to the school program. Brown said since the beginning of the school year Teen Crime Stoppers has cleared approximately \$25,000 in cases while handing out about \$500 in rewards. The program relies on private donations for its existence.

Texas news round up ...

House foresees debate on parental notification bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Debate is brewing in the Texas House on a bill that would require parental notification at least 48 hours before minors can have abortions.

The legislation was given final approval by the Senate on Thursday on a 23-8 vote.

Houston Rep. Debra Danburg, a Democrat, spiked similar legislation last session on a point of order and promised to fight against it again.

"You can't legislate people's most personal, moral decisions," Ms. Danburg said.

Ms. Danburg supports allowing licensed counselors authorize minors to have abortions without parental consent. As the bill stands now, only a judge may make that call.

NASA team: Evidence of fossilized bacteria found in two other meteorites

HOUSTON (AP) — Martian meteorites have revealed new evidence of life on the red planet, according to the same NASA team who stunned the world three years ago with its discovery of organic remnants of what were believed to be microbes.

Fossilized remains of what appear to be bacteria are contained in two meteorites believed to be from Mars, according to a team led by Johnson Space Center geologist David S. McKay.

His presentation at Houston's JSC for the Lunar and Planetary Science Conference on Thursday was a cautious one, since more research is required and a soil-return mission is planned in the next decade.

The NASA team's latest findings, made within the past six months, were from samples of a 1.3 billion-year-old meteorite that fell to Earth in 1911 near Nakhla, Egypt and a 165 million-year-old meteorite that fell near Shergotty, India in 1865.

"My own opinion is that these will turn out to be true micro-fossils from Mars," said McKay, 62. "We're not counting on getting many converts. All we ask, though, is that people keep an open mind."

Father dies trying to save wife and children from fire

HOUSTON (AP) — A 46-year-old father is dead after trying to save his family from a fire in their southeast Houston home.

Conrado Rozales Castillo got his family out of the house before he succumbed to the smoke and died Thursday. His only son, 6-year-old Conrado Jr., was pronounced dead on arrival at Hermann Hospital a short time later.

His wife, Maria Leanoire Loreno, 29, was burned over 40 percent of her body and remained in critical condition at Hermann. Their daughters, Veronica and Anna, 8 and 10, were treated and released.

The cause of the fire, reported at 3:30 a.m., was under investigation Thursday.

Neighbor Bill Romero told the Houston Chronicle he saw the fire when he came home from work and broke a window. Smoke and heat poured out.

Postal worker convicted for discussing plans to "go postal"

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Saying that the public takes threats by postal workers seriously, a federal judge has sentenced a former U.S. mail employee to more than a year in jail for sending an e-mail to a co-worker in which he vowed to "go postal."

"Let's face it," U.S. District Judge George Kazen told John Murrillo. "People can no longer laugh off things like this from postal workers."

A visibly shaken Murrillo, 48, staggered out of the courtroom after

Kazen handed down the 15-month sentence Thursday. Weeks earlier, Murrillo did not believe he was going to end up in prison.

"For what?" he told the Laredo Morning Times. "Writing e-mail?"

Kazen said federal guidelines required him to sentence Murrillo to between 15 and 20 months in prison. Murrillo suffers from epilepsy and other health problems, and was twice removed from the courtroom on a stretcher during his trial.

Authorities seize millions of dollars in bogus designer goods

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — That bargain-priced designer-name item may be more than a good buy. It may be fake. And it may have come from a sophisticated distribution network based in San Antonio.

Bexar County deputies capped a year-long investigation Thursday by raiding two shops in a northside strip shopping center.

"It took us a long time to get a man inside this company because they only let certain people in," said Deputy Chief Clyde Ross. "You had to be a high-volume buyer."

Officers seized piles of purses, watches, sunglasses, shoes and clothing with fake name brands. All had been made outside the United States and smuggled to San Antonio for distribution.

The merchandise included fake Tommy Hilfiger sunglasses, Nike shoes and Rolex watches worth a total of \$3 million. Deputies also found \$32,000 in cash in a van parked outside.

City council wants to rename San Antonio airport for Chavez

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A majority of City Council members have expressed support for an initiative to rename San Antonio International Airport in honor of labor leader and activist Cesar Chavez.

The San Antonio Express-News reported today that seven council members — one more than is necessary to rename the airport — have endorsed a plan that directs city staff to "begin the review process" leading up to an April 22 vote on the matter.

If the council agrees, the airport officially would be called Cesar Chavez San Antonio International Airport.

Councilmen Rick Vasquez and Mario Salas are sponsoring the latest attempt to name a prominent San Antonio landmark after the former United Farm Workers of America president, who died in 1993.

Councilman Jeff Webster was the only council member who came out against the proposal, although others expressed some reservations.

ELSEWHERE

SCHOOL FUNDING: Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins today outlined a \$2.5 billion school funding proposal he said would provide property tax relief and give teachers an average \$2,000 more annually. Bivins, R-Amarillo, said the new funding "will go a long way toward ensuring the continued success of our public schools, rewarding teachers for their significant contributions toward student achievement and relieving some of the tax burden for property owners."

DRUNKEN DRIVING: A bill to lower the legal blood-alcohol level for Texas drivers from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent won final approval Thursday from the state Senate in Austin. Even the lawmaker whose parliamentary move scuttled a similar measure in the 1997 session supported the bill this year.

OIL AID: Dozens of oil and natural gas producers have fanned across Washington this week, clamoring for federal help for an industry reeling from low crude oil prices. They're also calling on the Clinton administration to change its policy towards Iraq, which now is permitted under a U.N. program to sell up to \$10.4 billion of oil per year.

FAST FOOD SLAYINGS: Nashville, Tenn., prosecutors and defense lawyers Thursday began considering 700 prospective jurors for the first of three trials for Paul Dennis Reid, an aspiring country musician and Texas parolee accused of killing seven fast food restaurant workers in 1997. The first trial, which is expected to begin April 12 in Nashville, is for the execution-style killings of two Captain D's workers.

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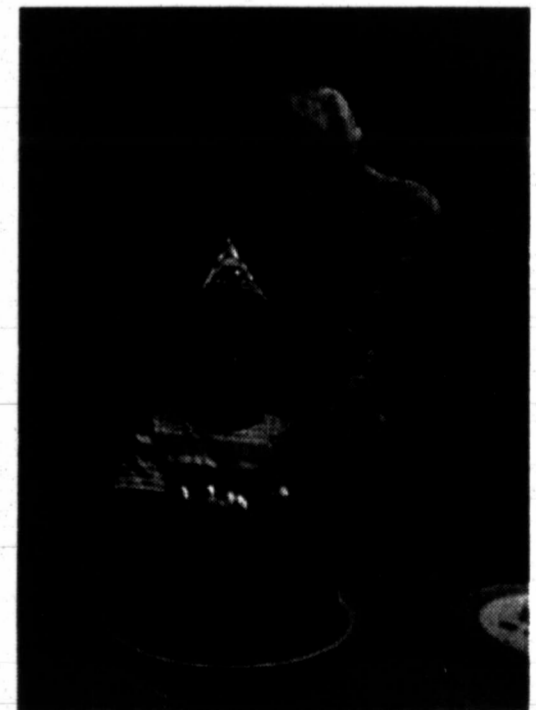
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RELIGION

Minister's musings ...

The church from its inception was a healing community. Jesus himself set the example by healing the sick wherever he went. Individuals and crowds were drawn to him to receive what only he was able to give them: healing for the minds and bodies. The book of Acts shows us that the church continued this work of the Lord's. From Peter's healing of a crippled beggar (Acts 3:1-10) to Paul's curing the sick on the island of Malta (Acts 28:7-10). Acts demonstrated clearly that the healing of the sick was one of the primary ministries of the church.

And it did not end there. When one examines the history of the church they find that Christians continued to care for and cure the sick. So great was this ministry of healing that historians and sociologists believe that it was one of the main reasons why the church grew so rapidly in the first four hundred years. Rodney Stark in his book "The Rise of



By Rev. Tim Kettenring
Trinity Fellowship Church

Christianity" (1996: Princeton), tells how it was the Christians, often at the risk of their own lives, that ministered to the masses during two great epidemics which took place in the second and third centuries. Christians believed that they were their brother's keepers.

In time, hospitals were established that bore denominational labels. Baptists, Catholics, Presbyterians, Lutherans, and

Methodists through their many big city hospitals demonstrate the church's continued care for the sick. Medical missionaries, though a dying breed, left their homes and prosperous careers to bring healing and the Gospel to foreign soil.

Yet the local church today does not seem to be the healing community it once was. I am not ignorant of the fact that for many this is a theological hornet's nest. But what has happened to the prayers for the sick? Has not James told us to offer up prayers for them (James 5:13-16)? Did Jesus not say to heal them (Matt. 10:7-8; Luke 10:9)? Has the well of God's compassion and concerns for the afflicted run dry?

My heart is to see Christians become the hand that God stretches forth to heal (Acts 4:30); to see the local church become the healing community it once was and the one it was always meant to be.

Religion briefs...

Coffee House invites public Saturday night

This weekend the public is invited to come to Apollo's Coffee House, 500 N. Duncan, from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday night. Christian Music Artists Rick Scott will be performing the first, followed by Heather Parry. Also there will be a trio performing after Heather, consisting of Heather, Shelby McGahan and Amber Kelsey.

Admission is free. Cappuccino, Italian Sodas with 18 different flavors, coffee, cocoa, cokes and candy are available at the concession area. Apollo's is open the first and third Saturday of each month and is sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church. For information about performing at Apollo's please contact the church at 665-0842.

"The Promise" presented March 27-28

"The Promise" will be held Saturday, Mar. 27 and Sunday Mar. 28 at 7 p.m. both nights in the First Baptist Auditorium, 203 N. West. It is presented by the First Baptist Church Music Ministry, for tickets call 669-1155.

Prison ministry extends hand to those behind bars

By BOB ANDERSEN
Pampa Prison Ministry Coordinator

Earlier this month a Prison Ministry seminar was held at the Bill Baten I.S.F. Unit.

There were 32 inmates present at the seminar. The leader was Greg Canada, from Amarillo and his assistant was Renee Williams from Plainview. There were three volunteers from Amarillo and there were five from Pampa who assisted Greg and Renee. The topic of the Seminar was "Going for the Gold."

The purpose of the seminar was to help them set the goals in their lives - both the short and long term goals. Making sure they were possible, realistic, and could be maintained.

The point was turning away from what put them in prison. First they had to make the right choice. In other words, he had to change the way he had been living. Have a plan and work the plan. Keeping your coat (James 1:2-3).

You could tell the Lord has been working in the unit because of the response to some of the questions. Everyone was a willing participant. When asked a question there was no hesitation; hands went up all over the room. Attitude

adjustment and profanity was their biggest problem. They figured if they could master these everything else would fall in place.

At the end of the seminar the inmates had a chance to say what they received by coming to the seminar. It was amazing to hear the response because everyone had about the same thing to say. "If it hadn't been for them getting into trouble they never would have found the Lord."

They thanked the volunteers for taking time out of their lives to come and share this time with them. But that's what the prison ministry is all about sharing the Lord Jesus Christ with everyone or anyone who will listen.

One other thing that should be mentioned here is what a fine job Aaron Larrer and Mike Watson and this troops are doing in the prison ministry. These men and their helpers are giving of their time and we are proud of these two men as we are of all of our other volunteers.

Because without these people who volunteer every Wednesday and Thursday night for these Bible studies some of these men would be still lost. So a big thank you to one and all and may the Lord richly bless each and every one.

Dunston Sunday night speaker at New Life Assembly of God

According to an announcement by Rev. R.L. Courtney, Interim Pastor of New Life Assembly of God, Bob Dunston will be a guest speaker in a special service on Sunday, Mar. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Bob Dunston is the director of Life Challenge of Amarillo. Life Challenge is a non-profit residential program for those who are hurting with life-controlling problems in need of love and support.

The ministry of Life Challenge is varied and diverse endeavoring to help people become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well, an spiritually alive.

Life Challenge is governed by a local Board of Directors who are leaders in the community and in their local churches.

Pastor Courtney and New Life Assembly of God Congregation extend an invitation to everyone

who can come and share this service. Bob Dunston will have a group of men from Life Challenge who will share some singing and testimonies as to what God has accomplished in their lives while participating in the Life Challenge program.

Those attending will share some singing and testimonies as to what God has accomplished in their lives while participating in the Life Challenge program. Those attending will learn how men have been helped to recover from their addictions at a cure rate far above the national average, according to statements from government sources.

Please note that there is no admission charge but a free-will offering will be received.

Should further information be desired please call 665-0804.

From the Back Pew... By Cheryl Berzanskis



Due to illness, Cheryl Berzanskis' column will not appear this week.

Program to reform convicts focuses on Bible

By MARY NEUBAUER
Associated Press Writer

NEWTON, Iowa (AP) — Prison officials hope Bible study and the Ten Commandments can instill better behavior in inmates, even murderers. But some worry that the effort erodes the wall between church and state.

"It doesn't fit everybody, but I think there's a portion of the population it will serve well," said John Mathes, warden at the Newton Correctional Facility, a medium-security prison in central Iowa with about 750 inmates. "This program can reach people who are willing to make a long-term commitment to changing things."

In June, the Newton prison will begin an intensive, Bible-based program designed to teach values and keep prisoners law-abiding after they are released.

The program, "InnerChange Freedom Initiative," was developed by Prison Fellowship Ministries, the Washington, D.C.-based group founded by Charles Colson, a Watergate figure who spent time in prison himself.

Prison Fellowship started InnerChange in 1997 at a Texas prison. The group recently won an Iowa contract to provide a values-based program to up to 200 volunteer inmates, including some serving life sentences.

The program goes beyond Sunday church services, common in many prisons.

For 18 months, church volunteers from across the state will visit prisons, teaching the Bible six days a week to groups of inmates. They will also help prisoners complete high school course work, fortify drug-abuse counseling, offer support groups and take a hand in family and marriage counseling and community service work.

Studying the Bible is the key, InnerChange leaders say, because it offers credos and commandments and, with those, secular guidance on how to live in society: "Turn the other cheek," for example, and "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

Some find it worrisome when churches and religious leaders take on values-shaping at the prisons.

Barry Lynn, national director of Virginia-based Americans United for Separation of Church and State, has said Christianity is evangelical in nature and that religious groups operating social services programs in prisons could be tempted to proselytize.

Mathes and other state officials say that in developing the pro-

gram they carefully considered laws limiting religious involvement in government.

Mathes points out that the program is voluntary and is not funded by taxpayers. Christian Fellowship Ministries pays most of the bill, though some expenses will be covered by rebate money the prison receives under a deal with telephone companies that handle inmates' long-distance calls.

Mathes also notes that the state advertised competitive bids last fall for values-teaching. Prison Fellowship was the only group to respond.

Ministers in the program lead inmates in studying and reading the entire Old and New Testaments, teaching them to pray and helping them understand how to lead a spiritual life.

Upon release, inmates who complete the program can live in transitional, work-release housing around the state. All will continue meeting with a mentor for six months after leaving prison.

Dean Wright, a professor of sociology at Drake University, said the nation is beginning to realize it cannot afford the financial and social costs of simply throwing criminals in prison, with no rehabilitation.

Programs to reform prisoners through meditation and other spiritual methods are springing up around the country, he said, adding that InnerChange is the most intensive he has seen.

"We're just wasting so many lives the other way. If we can do something to reverse that, we want to try. And that's the big question: IF we can."

Jack Cowley oversees the InnerChange program at the prison in Richmond, Texas, and will lead the Iowa program. He said only five of 59 released Texas inmates who participated have again run into trouble with the law.

This compares with overall recidivism rates in the range of 50 percent.

Cowley, 51, a prison warden in Oklahoma for 25 years before joining the Prison Ministries effort, believes InnerChange will succeed.

"I believe God is opening that door," he said. "We're looking at all different types of things: What types of fathers they're going to be, what kind of community leaders they're going to be, what kind of taxpayers they're going to be."

Michael Potts is an InnerChange success story, said Cowley and other Prison Ministries officials.

Potts, 44, of Houston, has been in prison several times, most recently serving 2 1/2 years for theft and other charges.

Potts, released in October, said that his earlier releases ended in quick-money schemes that led him back into crime.

This time around, he is working for a company that services oil refineries. He has a girlfriend, is a member of the Berea Missionary Baptist Church in Houston and spends time with his children and grandson.

Potts spent 16 1/2 months in InnerChange before his release and continues to meet with his mentor.

"It's a great program not only for giving you time to be in fellowship with God, it's a renewing and accountability program that helps you focus on making decisions in life and on right and wrong," he said.

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Wife Finds Many Bones to Pick With Husband in the Doghouse

DEAR ABBY: I owe you a debt of gratitude, and I'll tell you why: I'm the guy ("Tormented in Oregon") who suspected his wife of having an affair with another woman after finding a collection of love letters and poems written by her best friend, a gay woman I'll call Grace.

When I returned from work the day my letter was printed, I was confronted by my very angry wife, "Julie." I was shocked because I never dreamed you would print my letter. And just in case you did — I had changed some details so that if it were published, she would not recognize that I wrote the letter. Boy, was I naive!

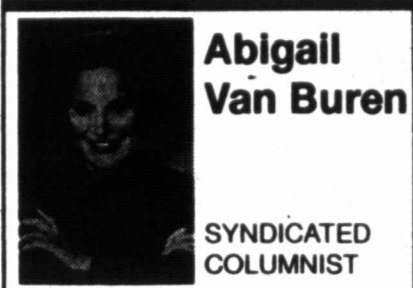
The letters and poems were actually written by Grace to an ex-lover. Julie was just holding onto them for safekeeping. I was immediately placed in the doghouse, primarily for snooping and jumping to conclusions. I had to promise to commit myself to some very intensive marriage counseling. I also had to apologize to Grace. She also felt violated that I had read something so personal without her permission.

Some of the things I have learned, and would not have, had you not printed my letter:

1. Marriage is based on mutual trust. This does not include snooping into your spouse's private papers.

2. If there are problems at home, look no further than yourself. Blaming some outside influence will get you nowhere.

3. Honest communication is essential, no matter how difficult or



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

painful it may be.

4. Be grateful for your spouse's friends. True friendship gives everyone a fuller, happier life, and actually enriches the relationship between husband and wife.

5. Paranoia will destroy your marriage faster than anything else — and may, in fact, drive your spouse away from you.

6. Gay women do not go around seducing straight women.

Again, Abby, thank you. We are not out of the woods yet, but thanks to you, we're getting there. By printing my letter, you made me fess up to my actions and confront my own demons.

A GRATEFUL FRIEND IN OREGON

DEAR GRATEFUL FRIEND: Based upon the lessons you've learned in only one month, your personal growth has been phenomenal. For that I congratulate you. Letters like yours make my column rewarding. Thank you for the update and kind words.

DEAR ABBY: I am 74, and for the past three years, due to health problems, have been unable to write legibly. When e-mail came along, I got a computer. It brought me great joy to know that I could communicate with my family and friends of a lifetime. I have always been a writer and love to receive mail from people I care about, but I became frustrated when I could no longer write "thank-you" cards to them.

My question: Is it better to acknowledge my thanks via e-mail so the response is immediate, or wait for the days when I muster up the ability to write and sign a card? Personally, I prefer knowing they received my gift no matter how they let me know.

RUTH PHILLIPS

DEAR RUTH: Those who care about you know about your difficulty with writing. If using a computer makes it easier to communicate with your family and friends, then do so. Perhaps you can also use it to design your own personalized thank-you cards.

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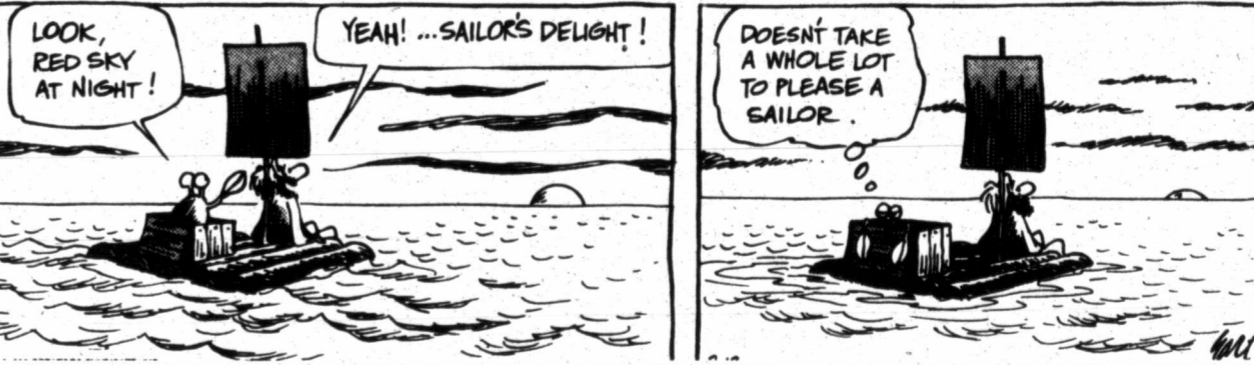
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SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You can clear the air today. Don't allow others to cast negativity on your ideas. Using your sense of humor allows new beginnings. Discuss a long-cherished dream. Your well-being brings others to the forefront to talk about their feelings. Tonight: Hanging out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You are personality plus. Confusion surrounds plans. You could be stary-eyed about another. Pinch yourself and be reality-oriented. Use your instincts in money dealings; you'll come out way ahead as a result. Talk about what is on your mind. Tonight: You could spend more than you think!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ Much is going on behind the scenes. You could be oddly euphoric about a relationship or someone new in your life. Listen to a friend; he means well! Make plans for a late lunch and doing something you absolutely enjoy together. Be as realistic as possible. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Getting together with others is a lot of fun. You could be unclear about a partner and his intentions. You might be wearing rose-colored glasses. Another view

could be helpful, but you aren't in the mood to hear it! Use your instincts with someone you put on a pedestal. Tonight: Think about work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Maintain a high profile; know what you want and be aware of its implications. You might feel sure of yourself, but it is unlikely that you are seeing everything. Make time to get together with an in-law or friend later in the day. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Plan on a day outing where you can let your hair down. You'll be amazed by what a change of scenery can do for you. Others relax as you do. Talk about feelings. You might discover how special someone is. Relish the moment. Tomorrow you can do a reality check! Tonight: Prepare for the work week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Share your deepest feelings. How you view another could change substantially, once you clear out the mist in your eyes. Discuss financial ramifications and emotional needs in a relationship. Make calls later in the day. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Others have a lot to share. Let them clear their feelings, though you might not be sure how grounded they really are. Trying to get a project done might not be your agenda today; there are many distractions. Make time for an important talk with a partner. Tonight: Could have great romantic potential.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Take time to get that extra snooze in or perhaps clear your desk. Don't worry so much about time. You need that time off.

Make plans as late in the day as possible, when you are more in the mood to socialize. Tonight: Once you start, you could play the night away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You might not always see things as others do; that is especially so right now, with spending. You might think you are on target, but be careful of just how much you risk. Count on making the most of the daytime hours, when you are full of energy. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You don't have the whole story, but you may not want to deal with it right now. If you feel like staying close to home, do it. You feel good there; invite others over. A loved one or child delights you; he's blooming right before your eyes. Tonight: Indulge that loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Reach out for others and make calls. Your intuition helps you understand what others want. Don't project your feelings onto another. Be clear about what is being said to you. Visit over a leisurely brunch; catch up on news. Plan on spending time later on a home project. Tonight: Don't push.

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Actor Matthew Broderick (1962), actor Timothy Dalton (1946), actor Gary Oldman (1958)

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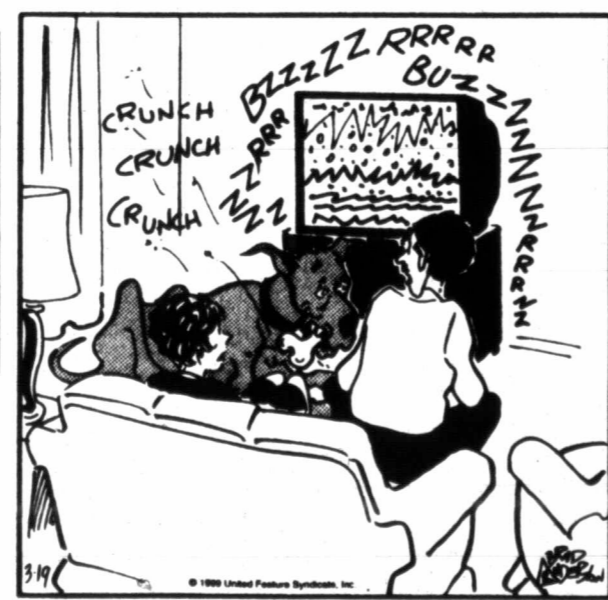
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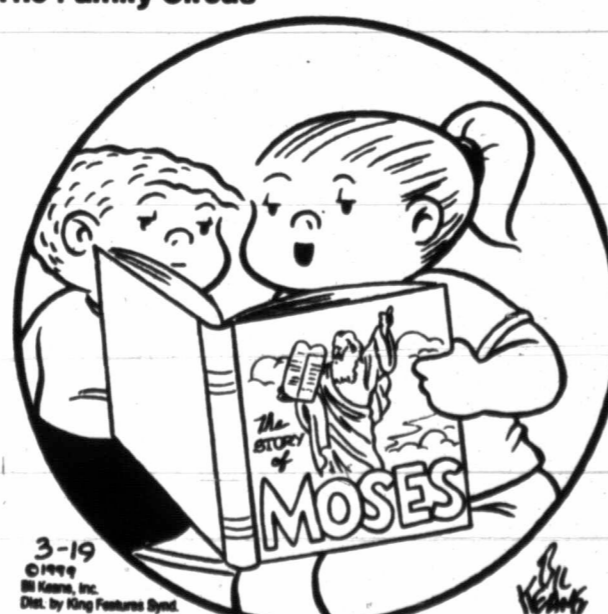
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Marmaduke



"Would you mind gnawing your bone someplace else?"

The Family Circus



"... and they knew the baby in the basket was Moses by checkin' the name on his driver's license."

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SPORTS

Optimist Club will be adding new leagues

Notebook

BASKETBALL

CANADIAN — Fourteen players from Canadian High School have been named to the Academic All-District 5-2A Team.

Boys

Caleb Ashley, Tristan Carr, Josh Ellison, Eric Hall, Derek Maupin, George Peyton, Cory Pittman.

Girls

Angela Bivins, Tiffany Carpenter, Kate Farrar, Abby Hendershot, April Jackson, Kathy Lee, Kimberlee Long.

BASEBALL

BRISCOE — West Texas High downed Fort Elliott 4-2 in a high school baseball opener earlier this week.

Michael Hilburn and Nathan Hefley each had a double for the Cougars.

Fort Elliott held a 1-0 lead until the fourth inning when WT played three runs.

Each team added a run in the sixth inning.

PAMPA — Dr. Mark Ford, a Pampa chiropractor, will speak to the managers and coaches of the Optimist baseball and softball programs Monday at 6:30 p.m. during the regular weekly meeting.

His topic is "How to Avoid Injuries in Youth Sports Programs."

Coaches in other programs are invited to attend.

Organizational meetings for all Pampa Optimist baseball and softball leagues are scheduled for Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the regular weekly meeting at the Optimist Club.

The Optimist program covers boys and girls from 5 to 15 years of age.

The Board of directors of each league will elect managers of the teams for the coming season," Optimist President James Davis explained. "We need all league officials, all managers and all coaches to attend so we can get the season off to a great start."

Signups and tryouts for baseball and softball for all leagues are April 6, 7, 8.

BOXING

NEW YORK (AP) — While Lennox Lewis fumed about being "robbed," the judge at the center of Lewis' controversial draw with Evander Holyfield maintained she scored it the way she saw it.

And apparently she couldn't see it as well as the other two judges because of her ringside position.

Asked at a state Senate hearing Thursday if she had any second thoughts about scoring the fight for Holyfield in wake of the controversy, Jean Williams said, "No sir, I scored what I saw when I saw it." She saw it 115-113 for Holyfield.

Much has been made of Williams scoring the fifth round for Holyfield although Lewis, the WBC champion from Britain, outpunched WBA-IBF champion Holyfield 43-11 and had him pinned on the ropes for about 45 seconds.

Sen. Roy Goodman, chairman of Senate Committee on Investigations, asked Williams how she would score the round after she watched a tape of it at the hearing.

"It looks like Lewis won that round," Williams said. "But what I saw on TV is not what I saw that night. Certain punches I saw now I don't remember seeing them that night because of movement of the (ringside) photographer and the position of Lewis' body. What I saw in each individual round is what I scored."

Williams, appointed by the IBF, was backed up by WBC judge Larry O'Connell of England, who scored the fight even at 115-115. WBA judge Stanley Christodoulou of South Africa favored Lewis 116-113.

"I did notice she had the worse seat of the lot because she was surrounded by photographers," O'Connell told the hearing by telephone from England.

Five year old boys ,girls will join the fun to form the Bambino Beginner League

There will be lots of things new at Optimist Park this summer. Five year old boys and girls will join the fun to form the 5-6 Year Old Bambino Beginner League. "We have had a lot of people inquire about adding five year olds and even volunteer to coach in this league," said Jeff Skinner, an Optimist Board member.

A new Senior Little League Girls Softball program will be offered for girls from 13 to 15.

"I'm really excited that our age group is getting to play again," said 14 year old Kelly Tripplehorn. "I have already talked to several of my friends about it. We can't wait until the season starts."

Other towns will be bringing teams to Pampa to play. "We are definitely coming," said Roy Lott of Lefors. "We think we will have enough kids to form a team in the 7-8 Rookie Bambino League. We may be able to field teams in other age brackets as well. It will be fun to have Lefors teams play in Pampa. I went through the Optimist program when I was a kid and know that it is a quality program."

Lott continued, "If we do not have enough for a full Lefors team in other age groups, I am encouraging the players who are interested to come ahead, go through the draft and join Pampa teams."

"A lot of my friends are hoping we can form a team in Miami for boys who are 9 and 10," said Aaron Carr of Miami, who will be 9 in July. "My brother and I are going to come to Pampa to play even if we don't get a whole team from here. We had a team from Miami which just finished playing in the Optimist third and fourth grade basketball league and had a really fun time. We

really like playing in our own age group rather than with boys who are so much older. We are ready for baseball now!"

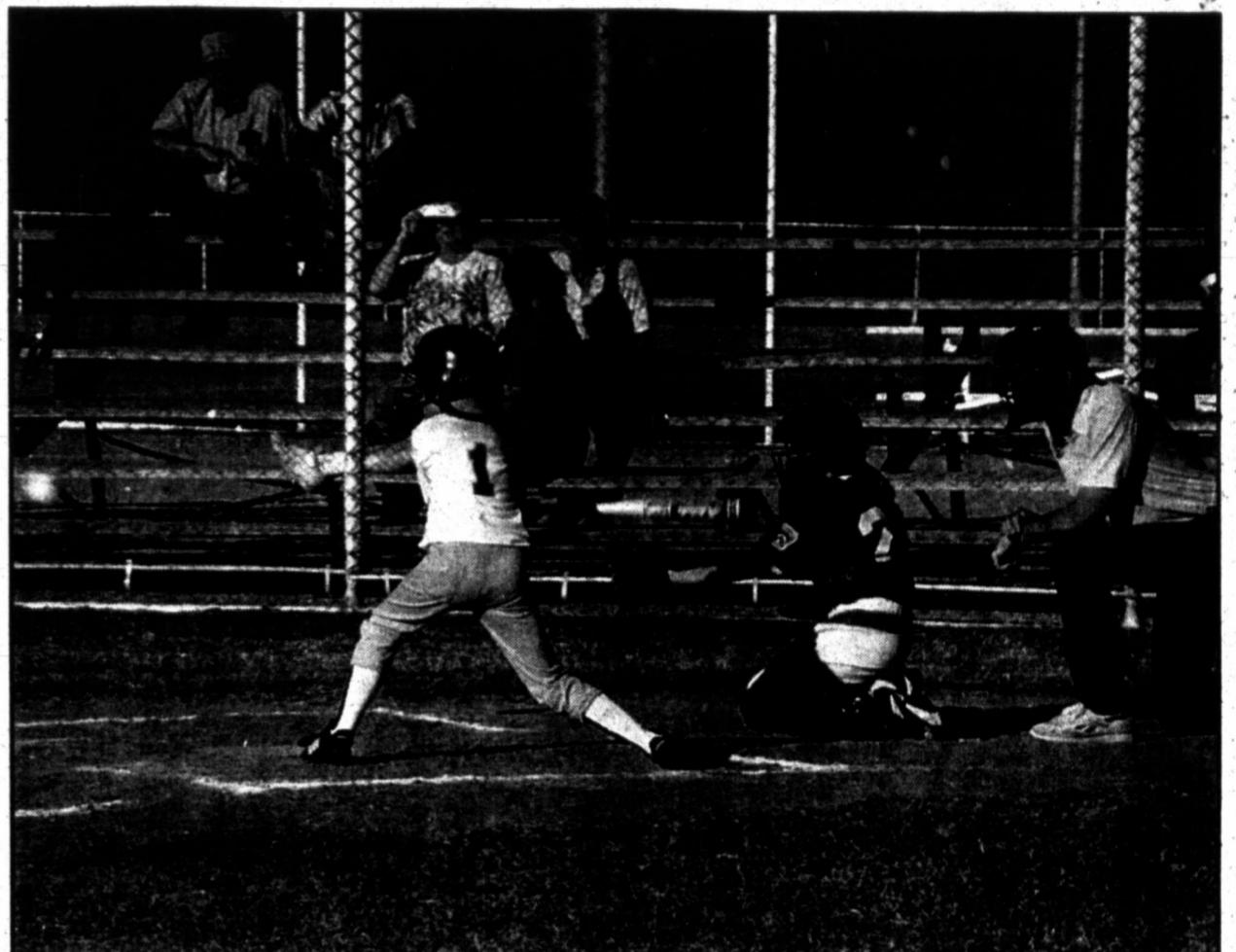
There will be new equipment. "The Optimist Youth Club Board of Directors just spent \$9,000 buying new equipment for all the teams," said David Smith, a local C.P.A. who serves on the Board. "Our equipment gets hard use and has to be replaced often. We do not want to take chances by using old equipment. There are too many opportunities for a child to get hurt."

There will be lower playing donations requested. "The Board has approved a fence sign committee," explained James Davis, Optimist President. "Greg Brown is going to chair the committee. I understand he has set a goal to sell 100 fence signs. That will allow us to reduce the playing donations requested for each child to only \$35. That way it will be the same for everybody. Of course we will continue to offer scholarships when requested. We never turn a player away because of money."

"We will also continue to furnish each player a cap and a shirt to keep, a barbecue ticket and medical insurance," Davis continued. "We also carry liability insurance to protect the volunteers who help us coach."

"Someone suggested that we might get by cheaper by making parents sign waivers in case a child is injured," Davis said. "We have been advised by legal counsel that such waivers are not any good. We do not want to take any chances with the people who donate their time or allow us to use their property for practices having any problems if a child is hurt."

"Furthermore, the Optimist motto is 'Friend of Youth.' We carry medical insurance on the



(Pampa News photo)

Jaciyn Spearman swings at a pitch during an Optimist girls softball game last summer. The Optimist Club is offering a senior league for 13 to 15 year olds this summer.

kids because we want them to have the best medical care possible if they get hurt. We don't cut corners when it comes to protecting our children," Davis concluded.

Some teams will be smaller. "We are striving to have no more than 12 or 13 on any team so that players will get more playing time," said Truman Lowrance, another Optimist Board member.

Some leagues will play 10 or more in the field instead of the traditional nine so that players will be getting more playing time. "We will have four outfielders in the 5-6 Year Old Bambino Beginner League and in the 7-8 Year Old Bambino Rookie League," said Richard Stowers, the Commissioner of the League. "We won't even keep score in the fives' and sixes' games, but we will in the sevens

and eights. The younger boys will play T-ball. The sevens and eights will hit off a pitching machine and will receive five strikes at the ball instead of the usual three."

"There will probably be times when we will have five in the outfield in our 7 to 9 league" said Sheri Tice, Commissioner of Girls Little League Softball. "We will always have a rover or 10 players in the field in both our 7 to 9 and 10 to 12 leagues."

There will be a new all star team. The Little League Senior League Softball for girls from 13 to 15 will field an all star team. All stars will continue to be chosen for girls 10 to 12, boys 9-10, 11-12, 13 and 14-15.

Some things will stay the same.

"The managers and coaches voted overwhelmingly to retain

the local mandatory play rule of a minimum of two innings in the field and one time at bat for every player regardless of age," said Monte Covalt, an Optimist Board member.

Another Board member, Buddy Allen, estimated that 470 players participated in Optimist baseball and softball last year. "We have a goal of 600 this year," Allen said. "We want to reach out to every boy and girl in Pampa and the surrounding areas from six to 15 and invite them to participate in our program. One of our themes this year is 'Fun is No. 1.' Our members are excited about the approach of the season and are looking forward to having fun teaching youngsters about baseball and softball."

First round of Amarillo Relays canceled due to weather

AMARILLO — Rain and snowfall forced today's first round of the Amarillo Relays Golf Tournament to be called off. Pampa boys' team is entered in the Relays.

Weather permitting, the tournament will be reduced to one round Saturday.

The tournament will be played at Amarillo Country Club and Tascosa Country Club.

The first round of the District 3-4A Tournament for both boys and girls is set for March 29 at Comanche Trail in Amarillo. The third district round will be

GOLF

played April 10 at Pampa Country Club and Hidden Hills.

SUNRAY — Canadian finished four strokes behind first-place Sanford-Fritch in Sunray Girls' Invitational.

Sanford-Fritch shot a 418 while Canadian placed second at 422. Gruver was third at 477.

Canadian's Kristen Jones was medalist with a 92, one stroke better than Lesley Mullens of Sanford-Fritch. Also for

Canadian, Keri Moore had a 104, Brooke McQuidd 105, Kelsa Moore 121 and Beverly Witcher 148.

Individually, Canadian's Autumn Flowers had a 139 and White Deer's Lyndsay Barrett 150.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The easy part for Steve Lowery was his 5-under 67 that left him one stroke out of the lead in the first round of the Bay Hill Invitational.

The challenge was keeping his

blinders on as he walked down the fourth fairway, past his charred and crumbled 5,000-square-foot-home that burned to the ground two weeks ago.

"I made a conscious effort not to look over there," said Lowery, who finished one stroke back of Tim Herron. "It is tough going by there, but we are putting that behind us. I'm just really glad I was able to focus all the way through 18 today."

Not that it was easy. Walking off the third green after Lowery converted the first of six birdies on the day, Colin Montgomerie asked, "Don't you live around here?"

"I said, 'Yeah, my house burned down two weeks ago,'" Lowery said. "He took a look at it and said, 'Well, you'll rebuild it better than it was before.'"

Maybe Montgomerie knew what he was talking about.

"With three more 67s, he'll be able to buy him a new one," Montgomerie said.

On a warm and windless day, Herron had a stretch of four straight birdies and took only 24 putts for his round of 66.

"I didn't miss too many," he said.

Dicky Pride, a Bay Hill member who got in on a last-minute sponsor's exemption, was at 68, followed by a large group at 69 that included Honda Classic winner Vijay Singh, Justin Leonard, Tom Lehman and Davis Love III.

Defending champion Ernie Els was at 74, and he wasn't alone. Tiger Woods took a double bogey on the par-5 sixth hole and Mark O'Meara hit three balls in the water to join him at 2-over. Tom Watson had two 8s on his card for an 80.

All-academic cager



(Pampa News photo)

Fort Elliott's Reagan Meadows was one of four Lady Cougars named to the All-District 5-1A Academic Basketball Team in 1998-99. A complete list of the all-academic team appears in the Scoreboard on page 10.

WBU has new coach

PLAINVIEW — Todd Thurman has been hired as the new men's head basketball coach at Wayland Baptist University.

Thurman, an assistant coach at Southern Nazarene, replaces Kevin Cleveland who coached WBU the past six years. This will be Thurman's first head coaching job. He has been an assistant coach at Southern Nazarene for the past six years. He helped lead the team to a national tournament appearance last season. This marks the third consecutive year the Crimson Storm has advanced to the national tournament.

Thurman, an Oklahoma native, also played basketball at Southern Nazarene. He was member of Southern Nazarene's NAIA championship team in 1982.

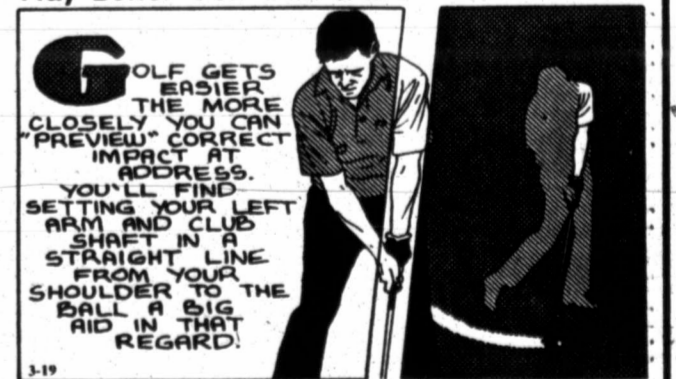
Thurman played professionally in England, Argentina and the Philippines from 1983 to 1986. He has degrees in Business Administration and Education.

Thurman becomes the ninth men's basketball coach at the Plainview college. He will be coming to WBU in April.

Dr. Greg Ferris, athletic director at WBU, said he was pleased to hire a coach with Thurman's background.

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Kids Club volunteers



(Special photo)

Pampa Kids and Youth Club have several volunteers who have been helping with the program during the 1998-99 basketball season. The volunteers do refereeing, keep the books and scoreclock. Among the volunteers are (front row, l-r) Stephanie Gattis, Arthur Ruiz, Johnny Salazar and Justin Myers; (back row, l-r) James Silva, Jake Mulanax, Danny Bedolla, Ben Mulanax, Shawn Stone, Rick Addington, Kim Conner and Chad Platt. "Because of all their help and dedication, it made it possible to have established 33 teams K-12th grade, and to have a fun organization for our communities' children and youth to participate in," said club official Sonny Haskins.

Report: Baylor wants to hear from Bliss

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Baylor, amid a search for a new men's basketball coach, is awaiting word from New Mexico's

Dave Bliss, according to a published report.

Two sources familiar with the search told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in today's editions that the Waco school has put its search on hold as it waits on Bliss.

"He, in effect, has been offered the job," one source told the newspaper.

But the likelihood that Bliss would accept the offer is "50-50," another source said.

Bliss interviewed at Baylor and also met with Saint Louis athletic director Doug Woolard this

week.

Sources said that Baylor favors Bliss because of his record of victories at Oklahoma, Southern Methodist and New Mexico, along with recruiting successes in Texas.

Bliss would be what Baylor would consider "a statement hire," and both the coach and his wife are Baptists.

A New Mexico athletic department source said reports that Bliss has interviewed with Vanderbilt officials are untrue.

Bliss agreed to, but never signed, a six-year contract extension agreed upon last August, so he does not have a signed contract with the Lobos for 1999-2000. The extension deal was made to keep Bliss, 55, at New Mexico through the 2004-2005 season. The current contract expires April 30.

Scoreboard

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

All-District 5-1A Academic Team Girls
Miami — Natalie Glenn, Heather Rice, Amy Black.
Fort Elliott — Amber Estes, Carissa Dukes, Reagan Meadows, Candy Hilburn.
Allison — Glenda Dukes, Jalcee Herren, Celeste Huff, Aspen Hendrickson.
Follett — Stephanie Ansell, Lora Ferguson, Kayci Ashpaugh.
Higgins — Jennifer Landers, Vanessa Barbee, Amy Meller, Haley Pool, Jeana Booker.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA Basketball Tournament At A Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 12
At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
Tennessee 62, Delaware 52
Southwest Missouri State 43, Wisconsin 32
Duke 99, Florida A&M 58
Tulsa 62, College of Charleston 53
At The FleetCenter
Boston
Cincinnati 72, George Mason 48
Temple 61, Kent 54
Miami 75, Lafayette 54
Purdue 58, Texas 54
Second Round
Sunday, March 14
At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
Duke 97, Tulsa 56
Southwest Missouri State 81, Tennessee 51
At The FleetCenter
Boston
Temple 64, Cincinnati 54
Purdue 73, Miami 63
At Continental Airlines Arena
East Rutherford, N.J.
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 19
Duke (34-1) vs. Southwest Missouri State (22-10), 7:38 p.m.
Purdue (21-12) vs. Temple (23-10), 9:55 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 21
Semifinal winners, 2:40 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 11
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis
Oklahoma State 69, Syracuse 61
Auburn 80, Winthrop 41
Ohio State 72, Murray State 58
Detroit 56, UCLA 53
At Orlando Arena
Orlando, Fla.
Maryland 82, Valparaiso 60
Creighton 62, Louisville 58
St. John's 69, Samford 43
Indiana 108, George Washington 88
Second Round
Saturday, March 13
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis
Auburn 81, Oklahoma State 74
Ohio State 75, Detroit 44
At Orlando Arena
Orlando, Fla.
St. John's 88, Indiana 61
Maryland 75, Creighton 63
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 18
St. John's 76, Maryland 62
Ohio State 72, Auburn 64
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 20

THE FINAL FOUR
At Tropicana Field
St. Petersburg, Fla.
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 27
East champion vs. Midwest champion, 5:42 p.m.
South champion vs. West champion, 30 minutes after first game
National Championship
Monday, March 29
Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

BOWLING
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Ohio State (26-8) vs. St. John's (28-8), 8 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 12
At The Bradley Center
Milwaukee
North Carolina Charlotte 81, Rhode Island 70, OT
Oklahoma 61, Arizona 60
Michigan State 76, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 53
Mississippi 72, Villanova 70
At The Superdome
New Orleans
Utah 80, Arkansas State 58
Miami, Ohio 59, Washington 58
Kansas 95, Evansville 74
Kentucky 82, New Mexico State 60
Second Round
Sunday, March 14
At The Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Oklahoma 85, North Carolina Charlotte 72
Michigan State 74, Mississippi 66
At The Superdome
New Orleans
Miami, Ohio 66, Utah 58
Kentucky 92, Kansas 88, OT
At Trans World Dome
St. Louis
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 19
Michigan State (31-4) vs. Oklahoma (22-10), 7:55 p.m.
Miami, Ohio (24-7) vs. Kentucky (27-8), 10:15 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 21
Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 11
At McNichols Arena
Denver
Iowa 77, Alabama-Birmingham 64
Arkansas 84, Siena 80
New Mexico 61, Missouri 59
Connecticut 91, Texas-San Antonio 66
At Key Arena
Seattle
Gonzaga 75, Minnesota 63
Stanford 69, Alcorn State 57
Florida 75, Pennsylvania 61
Weber State 76, North Carolina 74
Second Round
Saturday, March 13
At McNichols Arena
Denver
Connecticut 78, New Mexico 56
Iowa 82, Arkansas 72
At Key Arena
Seattle
Gonzaga 82, Stanford 74
Florida 82, Weber State 74, OT
At America West Arena
Phoenix
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 18
Gonzaga 73, Florida 72
Connecticut 78, Iowa 68
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 20
Connecticut (31-2) vs. Gonzaga (28-6), 3:40 p.m.

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Canadian Motel 17 27
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Team
High series: Cox Enterprise 1,949; High game: Dorman Tire 685; High handicap series: McCarty Hull 2,446; High handicap game: Davis Mini Mart 811.
Individual
Men — High game: David Livingston 211; High series: David Livingston 538; High handicap game: Chris Smith 246; High handicap series: Chris Smith 638.
Women — High game: Judy Livingston 237; High series: Judy Anderson 605; High handicap game: Judy Livingston 301; High handicap series: Judy Anderson 695.

TRANSACTIONS

Thursday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Optioned RHP Juan Pena to Pawtucket of the International League.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Optioned OF Roosevelt Brown and INF Chad Meyers to West Tennessee of the Southern League.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHICAGO BULLS—Activated G Charles Jones, G Rusty LaRue from the injured list. Placed F Corey Benjamin and C Andrew Lang on the injured list.
NEW JERSEY NETS—Named Mike O'Koren assistant coach.
GENERAL
USA BASKETBALL—Named Oliver Purnell men's coach for the 1999 World University Games.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed LB Bernardo Harris to a three-year contract extension. Placed S Pat Terrell on waivers.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Named John Kasper strength and conditioning assistant coach.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed WR Eric Smith. Reinstated G Wendell Gaines to the active roster. HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Philadelphia coach Roger Neilson for two games and fined him \$10,000 for throwing a stick onto the ice in a March 16 game against St. Louis.
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Recalled D Dan Trebil from Cincinnati of the AHL. Assigned LW Mike Leclerc to Cincinnati.
DALLAS STARS—Activated RW Brett Hull and D Darryl Sydor from injured reserve. Placed D Shawn Chambers on injured reserve. Assigned D Brad Lukowich and C Kelly Fairchild to Michigan of the IHL.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Acquired LW Brent Peterson from the Tampa Bay Lightning for future considerations.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Acquired D Brad Shaw and a 1999 eighth-round draft choice from the Washington Capitals for a 1999 sixth-round choice.

COLLEGE
OHIO—Announced the contract of Marsha Reali, women's basketball coach, will not be renewed when it expires in June.

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Sat. & Sun. Matinees 2:00

2nd Week
Carrie 2 (R)
Fri. & Sat. 7:15 & 9:15
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:15
Sat. & Sun. Matinees 1:45

3rd Week
Cruel Intentions (R)
Fri. & Sat. 7:15 & 9:15
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:15
Sat. & Sun. Matinees 1:45

2nd Week
Deep End Of The Ocean (PG-13)
Fri. & Sat. 7:10 & 9:20
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:10
Sat. & Sun. Matinees 1:40

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Bears reach NIT semifinals

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The California Bears needed no incredible comeback this time.

The Bears, who used double-digit rallies to win their opening two NIT games, had a 26-2 run in the first half and survived a second-half scare from Colorado State to defeat the Rams 71-62 Thursday night and reach the

NIT semifinals.

California blew a 21-point second-half lead over the Rams, who briefly took the lead twice while holding the Bears to one basket in a 14 1/2-minute span. But the Bears scored the final 10 points of the game to win.

Michael Gill scored 18 points for California (20-11), which will face Pac-10 peer Oregon in the semifinals at New York's Madison Square Garden next Tuesday. The Ducks defeated the Bears twice this season. The other NIT semifinal will be Xavier against Clemson.

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Report: Safety, health violations still rampant in nursing homes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government inspections and penalties aren't deterring health and safety violations in nursing homes, congressional auditors say.

Over a three-year period, the General Accounting Office found virtually no change in the percentage of nursing homes nationwide with health and safety violations causing harm to residents — such as bed sores or accidents — or placing the residents at risk of death or serious injury.

"Bad homes stay bad," said Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, one of the lawmakers who requested the

study that was released Thursday. "The government is not doing enough."

President Clinton last summer announced a campaign to improve enforcement of nursing home standards and has asked Congress for \$60 million more for such efforts in 2000 than will be spent this year.

Grassley, who chairs the Senate's Special Committee on Aging, said he has asked the administration for monthly progress reports.

The American Health Care Association, which represents nursing homes, said it welcomes closer

scrutiny of the government oversight system.

"One of the biggest problems that we face is that the government inspection process simply doesn't work," said AHCA vice president Linda Keegan. "The process is focused on punishing facilities rather than correcting problems. Inspectors cannot even give advice on how to fix a problem."

The GAO — Congress' investigative branch — surveyed government inspection reports from July 1995 to October 1998 for the nation's 17,000 nursing homes that receive federal Medicare and Medicaid money.

The auditors found the percentage of homes with the most serious health and safety violations dropped only 1 percent, from 28 percent to 27 percent.

About 40 percent of the homes that had problems cited in the earliest inspection reports reviewed had equally serious deficiencies in later reports.

Among the most frequent violations were inadequate attention by staff to prevent residents from developing bedsores and lack of supervision or special equipment such as alarms to avert accidents.



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PCCA brings entertainment, culture to Pampa each year

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

Anyone who says there's nothing to do in Pampa probably hasn't had the chance to connect with the Pampa Community Concert Association.

Meet PCCA — an organization whose goal is to "present a series of live professional concerts in the community at the lowest possible cost," according to publicist Bobby Combs.

The four shows for the upcoming 1999-2000 season include Canadian tenor Mark DuBois with pianist Gloria Saarinen, folk singer Sally Rogers; the Galaxy Trio of two violins and piano; and the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra. (The Ragtime program is being jointly sponsored with the Borger Concert Association.)

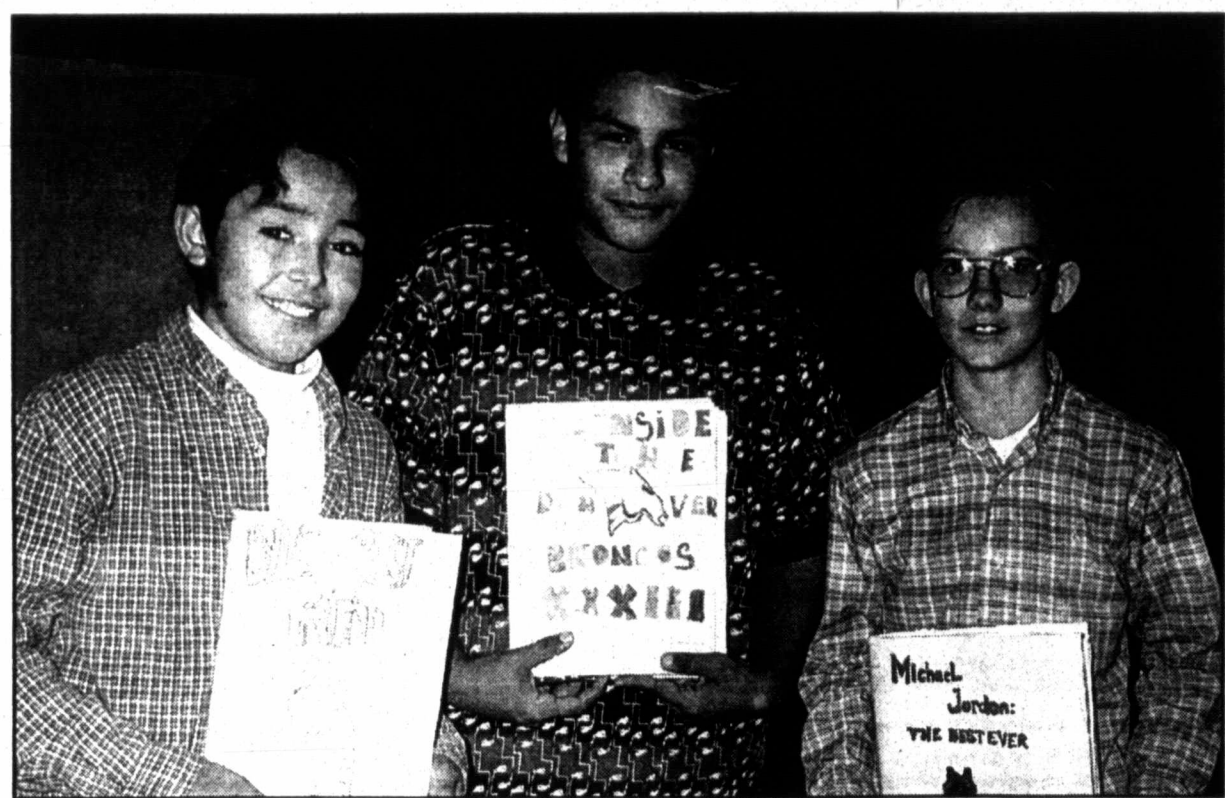
All performances will be staged at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa, and show dates will be announced prior to each event. Attendance to concerts is by membership card only.

Membership dues are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. Family memberships are \$60 and include two adults and two or more students in the same family under the age of 18.

As part of this year's membership drive, PCCA officials hosted

a covered-dish dinner for those involved in the campaign. Those interested in becoming a member for next year's season are encouraged to contact Brainard at 665-0343. (More information on each show will be provided in additional issues of The Pampa News.)

Book project



Benny Martinez, Junior Morales and Calvin Parsley are three of the 25 students who wrote and illustrated their own books for a project at the middle school recently.

White House critical of GOP crop insurance funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and the Clinton administration fired opening salvos in the growing debate over how to pay for an overhaul of a farm crop insurance program.

A Republican plan to spend an extra \$6 billion over four years for the reforms doesn't seem possible, the Clinton administration charged Thursday. The White House hasn't even offered a plan, Republicans countered.

"It's easy to make pie-in-the-sky promises about things," Sylvia Mathews, deputy director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, said in an interview. "What is real is the commitment and when you deliver."

Rep. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., called the administration's complaints "ridiculous."

President Clinton did not include additional money for crop insurance in his budget, even while maintaining his commitment to passing reforms, Chambliss said.

"That's a pretty strong signal he had no intention of making any changes to crop insurance," Chambliss said.

The House and Senate Budget Committees included the \$6 billion in their budget resolutions. The amount spent each year would vary but it would be in addition to the \$1.6 billion now spent on the program.

The budget resolutions are essentially blueprints for things GOP leaders would like to accomplish. The actual spending will be determined by legislation to be considered later.

Administration officials have said the Republican crop insurance proposal would require drastic cuts elsewhere in the budget. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has proposed a plan that would cost \$2 billion to \$2.5 billion more a year than current spending, but administration officials said they wanted to work with GOP leaders to develop a substantive funding plan.

With low crop prices expected to continue, lawmakers want to use crop insurance as a safety net to help farmers through the tough times. Reforms, they maintain, will help boost participation in the program. Many farmers don't have crop insurance, saying it is expensive or inadequate.

Under the program, taxpayers' dollars cover 60 percent of the program while farmers' premiums pay for the rest.

Meanwhile on Capitol Hill, Glickman appeared before exasperated lawmakers and defended an expected eight-month delay in getting \$2.3 billion in emergency disaster aid to farmers.

The money is part of a \$6 billion disaster aid package passed in October. Glickman said last week that the "complex" process of disbursing the money to farmers meant checks probably wouldn't go out until June.

"This is not rocket science. This is not splitting the atom. This is something the department has done before," said House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas.

"I would have liked to have gotten the money out in January," Glickman said. "We created a program from scratch. We're doing the best we can under these circumstances."

TSCRA offers legal update

FORT WORTH — During Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's upcoming convention, attorneys with Jackson Walker L.L.P., one of the largest law firms in Texas, will introduce changes in various areas of the law that are important to agricultural producers. They will also explain the new TSCRA attorney referral system. The program is slated from 12:30-4 p.m. Sunday, March 28 at The Worthington Hotel in downtown Fort Worth.

The program will be a valuable opportunity for anyone interested to learn how recent changes in employment, environmental and estate planning laws may affect rural landowners and agriculture operations. For lawyers, there is an opportunity to acquire CLE hours.

Jackson Walker and TSCRA also invite producers to take part in the attorney referral project, designed to facilitate the referral of TSCRA members who need legal assistance to attorneys who are also members of TSCRA.

Explanation of the referral project and opening remarks will be held from 12:30-1 p.m. There will be an employment law update from 1-2 p.m.; a rural and agricultural environmental discussion from 2-3 p.m.; and an estate planning session from 3-4 p.m.

The program is free but those attending must RSVP to the Jackson Walker office at (214) 953-5815.

ILP launches poetry contest

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$48,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the North American Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Pampa area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of our 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is April 15, 1999. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Howard Ely, contest director. "Poets from the Pampa area have successfully competed in past competitions." Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in

a deluxe, hardbound anthology. To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style, to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 1997, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117-6282 or go to www.poetry.com. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by April 15, 1999. A new contest opens April 16, 1999.

The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

Cancer center to conduct cancer clinic

AMARILLO — The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and BSA Health System will be conducting a breast cancer screening clinic April 12 in the First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, in Pampa.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and by performing a breast self-examination each month.

The screening will include a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. A minimum of 15 women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. This clinic is targeted toward women who qualify for financial assistance.

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