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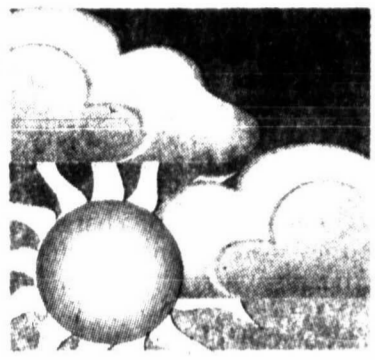
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**PAMPA** — Pampa Chapter No. 65 of the Order of the Eastern Star has changed its meeting date to the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30. The first new-night meeting is April 17. Officers are asked to wear Chapter dress. The Gavel Club will hold its regular meeting April 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Pampa Senior Citizen's Center.

**PAMPA** — Parents of PHS Juniors are asked to attend a meeting Tuesday night at 7 at the high school library where plans will be made for the reception for Vespers. For more information call Carol Fields at 665-2635.

**DALLAS (AP)** — The nation's first trial alleging heart damage by the diet drug combination fen-phen has produced an agreement by one maker of the once-popular product to pay about \$500,000 to settle the dispute, sources familiar with the case say in a published report.

Lawyers on both sides agreed to keep terms of the deal confidential.

But two people who spoke anonymously to The Dallas Morning News for today's editions said American Home Products Corp. agreed to pay about a half-million dollars after a mediation session Wednesday night.

The settlement comes a week into the presentation of Sandra Moore's case against the company in state district court in Johnson County. Ms. Moore's lawyers had sought \$110 million in damages on behalf of the retired Alvarado high school teacher.

A company lawyer said late Thursday that the drug maker may pull out of the settlement because details were leaked to the media.

"We're exploring our options," attorney Bill Sims said.

- Rickey Lamar Burton, 38, admissions counselor at Southern University, New Orleans.
- Arsenius A. Woydziak, 90, retired farmer.

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## Celanese asks public to hear haz-mat plans

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Managing Editor

What concerns should the public have assuming the largest tank of a chemical product broke open and lost its contents in 10 minutes at the Celanese Pampa Plant?

Celanese officials will be sharing these kinds of hypothetical "worst-case" scenarios in addition to the precautionary methods set in place to prevent such incidents at a public meeting on Monday night.

"The purpose of the meeting is to communicate the hazards at the Pampa Plant that could have off-site impact and what we are doing to prevent that," said James Scroggins, the plant's environmental health and safety manager.

The Environmental Health Agency is requiring Celanese and many other companies to file

"Risk Management Plans" by June 21.

While Celanese was already in compliance with most of the EPA's requirements, all companies which use, make or store a minimum quantity of chemicals listed on the EPA's list of 140 chemicals must meet further requirements in establishing a risk management plan.

The Celanese Pampa Plant has five chemicals classified as flammable or toxic from the EPA's list which will be addressed in the risk management plan officials will be discussing.

"If you want more information on the Pampa Plant, please come and start a dialogue with us ... so that we can come to a mutual agreement," said Scroggins.

The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 12 at Lively Hall in the basement of the First United Methodist Church on the corner of Foster and Ballard.



(Special photo) Dan Long and Berinda Turcotte, employees of Celanese Pampa Plant, take every precaution necessary when working to maintain the plant's safety standards. These standards will be discussed Monday evening in a public meeting at the First Methodist Church.

## Woman rejects deal; winds up with longer jail term in the end

By JEFF WEST  
Staff Writer

During a probation revocation hearing this week most thought a plea bargain arrangement was in place — the district attorney's office, the probation department, a newspaper reporter on deadline — everyone but the defendant.

Rhonda Reiser, 30, appeared in Judge Lee Waters 223rd District Court Tuesday to answer charges that she was not reporting to her probation officer and was not paying court-ordered fines and fees. She was on probation after a November 1995 forgery conviction.

Since that time, court records show she has been brought before the court a few times on similar charges of not following the conditions of her probation.

Her attorney, Gene Thompson, was in negotiations with Assistant District Attorney Matt Martindale on a plea bargain arrangement up to the start of her trial, Thompson said. The two attorneys had worked out an agreement whereby she would serve 10 months in Gray County Jail and pay \$2,300 in fines and fees.

"I thought it was a good deal," Thompson said. Apparently Reiser found something she objected to because at the last moment she turned down the deal and allowed the judge to rule on the case.

"I think she just didn't want to do any jail time. She thought she had some circumstances that would persuade the judge," said Martindale.

Waters apparently wasn't persuaded and sentenced her to two years in a state prison with credit given for time served. The judge did set an appeal bond of \$2,500 and she was released on bond Wednesday.

## More sirens on the way, warning monitors, too

More emergency warning sirens and other warning devices are on the way to Pampa to boost coverage at schools and other areas of Pampa.

Three new warning sirens have been ordered and could be in by next month, according to Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall. The sirens were purchased by the Pampa City Commission in response to citizen comments and tests run at the schools and elsewhere. The tests run during a regular school and business day indicated that the sirens weren't audible inside several of the schools and that tall buildings downtown blocked the sound from those around that area.

Exact locations for the sirens will be determined when they are brought in but each will be close to the middle of the city — one each in the north, cen-

tral and southern region. The one in the north will be close to 1800 block of Duncan where it should be within range of the high school, middle school and Austin Elementary. The second will be just north of the downtown area and the third will be just south of the railroad tracks which will also help the downtown area as well as those in the south central part of the city.

The sirens were never designed to be heard indoors, according to Hall, and so another warning device, home monitors, has been ordered to help the schools. Hall has been testing the devices which work something like weather radio monitors. He wants to know if they can be made to work off of the radio signals from the four-county

(See SIRENS, Page 2)

## Juvenile facility use gets ok as does community service plan

Another drug treatment facility and another way to work off community service have been approved for Gray County juveniles.

The Gray County Juvenile Probation Board earlier this week approved the use of High Plains Children's Home and Family Services in Amarillo. The Home will be used primarily as a structured environment for troubled families, according to juvenile probation officials. One child has already been placed there.

The board also amended the Juvenile Probation Department budget to allow for internet access for the department's computers. The access fees will

be paid with state pass-through money. The state is requiring departments to have access so the many reports can be sent by e-mail, according to Sharon Greene of the Gray County Juvenile Probation Department.

The board also approved allowing juveniles who need to work off community service hours to work for the NW Oklahoma Juvenile Rodeo Association which may bring a junior rodeo to Pampa this year. The rodeo was an annual event in years past but hasn't been to Pampa recently. The work would include helping set up and clean up the area before and after the event.

## T-shirts for sale to raise final Superplayground funds

By JEFF WEST  
Staff Writer

Starting tomorrow anyone who wants to help fund the Super Playground can assist in raising the money needed to pay off the facility and fund the next phase.

About \$99,000 has been raised to pay for the Super Playground but the total cost so far has been approximately \$120,000. To help make up the difference, members of the Super Playground fundraising committee will be at the site starting Saturday, April 10, according to Fundraising coordinator Misty Alvey.

They will be there selling t-shirts with the motto, "Pampa Super Playground We Built It Together."

The phrase was coined because building the playground was a community effort that brought together young and old to assemble the massive structure in about a week's time. The T-Shirts are \$6 each or two for \$10.

People wishing to "buy" a picket can also do

that tomorrow. For \$5 a plaque with a loved one's name can be purchased and for \$25 an entire family can be memorialized. The pickets line the southern part of the playground, called the tot lot, which is designed for children under 3. The area is enclosed by the pickets with only one exit.

If a t-shirt or plaque doesn't seem grand enough how about a slide, or bench? Interested citizens can purchase one of the pieces of equipment for prices ranging from \$100 to \$1,500, a plaque with the purchaser's name would be placed on or near the equipment, according to Alvey.

The Super Playground Committee are planning to put in benches around the area, anyone wishing to "buy" one of those can do so for \$125. Also in the works is planting more trees and finishing a walkway to the street. Those projects may be slowed until the existing debt is paid off, Alvey said.

The fundraising committee will be out at the playground tomorrow and for several Saturdays trying to raise the rest of the money for the playground.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West) Super Playground fundraising coordinator Misty Alvey shows off the t-shirts available tomorrow at the Super Playground.

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

WOYDZIAK, Arsenius A. — Wake service, 7 p.m., Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, Kan.

## Obituaries

### RICKEY LAMAR BUNTON

GONZALES, La. — Rickey Lamar Bunton, 38, died Sunday, April 4, 1999. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Bunton was born Aug. 8, 1960, at Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School in 1978. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Louisiana Tech University at Ruston, La., in 1983. He married Natalie Toliver on Feb. 1, 1985, at El Dorado, Ark. He was an admissions counselor at Southern University of New Orleans and was a sales representative for Repps Big & Tall in Baton Rouge, La.

He belonged to Open Door Church of God in Christ in Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Natalie, of the home; a son, Winston Toliver Bunton, of the home; and eight brothers, Early Bunton of Lancaster, Ernest Brown, L.D. Bunton and Metiga Bunton, all of Houston, Lonnie Bunton and Charles Bunton, both of Omaha, Neb., Freddie Bunton of Munich, Germany, and Richard Bunton of Gonzales.

The family will be at 1023 Love St. in Pampa.

### ARSENIUS A. WOYDZIAK

HOISINGTON, Kan. — Arsenius A. Woydzak, 90, died Thursday, April 8, 1999, at Hoisington Rehabilitation Center. Rosary services will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home and a wake service will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Sunday in St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be in St. John Church Cemetery under the direction of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington.

Mr. Woydzak was born July 4, 1908, in Russell County, Kan., to Stephen Woydzak and Sophia Korkish Woydzak. He married Mathilda Hoffman on Oct. 15, 1929, at Beaver, Kan.; she died August 3, 1990. He was a retired farmer, farming north of Hoisington. He moved from his farm to Hoisington in 1976.

He belonged to St. John Evangelist Catholic Church and was a past trustee of Union Township.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank Woydzak and Edward Woydzak; an infant son, Arsenius Woydzak Jr.; a grandson, Bruce Woydzak; a granddaughter, Natalie Luerman; and a great-grandson, Jarret Hanzlick.

Survivors include a daughter, Juanita Brower of Pampa; two sons, Bernard Woydzak and Jim Woydzak, both of Hoisington; a sister, Marie Banks of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a brother, Joseph Woydzak of Great Bend, Kan.; 13 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. John Church Cemetery Fund or to Bruce Woydzak Scholarship Fund.

Visitation will be from 1-9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and from 12:30 p.m. until service time at the funeral home.

## Sheriff's Office

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

### Thursday, April 8

Paul D. Stanley, Vance Ala., was arrested by the DPS on charges of theft of property.

## Accidents

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

### Thursday, April 8

Kelly Wayne Wyatt, 31, 2129 N. Christy, was cited for failure to yield the right of way when his 1995 Chevrolet pickup stopped at a stop sign at 23rd and Zimmers then proceeded into the intersection in front of a 1993 Capri driven by Carol H. Sharp, 52, Amarillo. Connie Johnson, 43, Amarillo, a passenger in the Capri, was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center where she was treated and released.

## Ambulance

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

### Thursday, April 8

8:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Zimmers and 23rd on a possible trauma and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 west of Pampa on a possible trauma and transported one to PRMC.

### Friday, April 9

4:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Christine and transported one to PRMC.

## Fires

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

### Thursday, April 8

8:34 a.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to Highway 152 and Gray 3 on an overturned vehicle.

9:31 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2300 block Christine on a medical assist.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.40	Coca-Cola	60 11/16	3/16
Milo	3.11	Columbiad/HCA	19 5/16	dn 1/16
Corn	3.49	Enron	63 1/2	dn 7/16
Soybeans	3.97	Halliburton	36 5/8	up 5/16
		KNE	19 15/16	dn 1/4
		Kerr McGee	33 3/16	dn 1/4
		Limited	43 1/8	up 1/8
		McDonald's	46 1/16	dn 13/16
		Mobi	93	dn 1/8
		New Atmos	24 5/8	up 7/16
		NCE	34 1/4	dn 1/8
		Permy's	42	up 1/8
		Phillips	48 1/4	NC
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	8 3/8	up 7/16
		SLB	57 1/4	up 15/16
		Tenneco	27 3/4	NC
		Texaco	57 1/16	dn 1/16
		Ultramar	19 13/16	dn 3/16
		Wal-Mart	100 1/2	dn 1 3/4
		Williams	40 7/8	dn 7/16
		New York Gold	281 20	4.86
		Silver		4.86
		West Texas Crude		15.83

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

Occidental	18 1/8	NC
Magellan	135 1/16	NC
Puritan	20 7/8	NC

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

Amoco	12	NC
Arco	76 3/4	up 13/16
Cabot	22 1/4	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	14 7/16	up 1/16
Chevron	92 1/2	dn 1 1/4

## SIRENS

repeater used by area emergency agencies. At first, the signal from the tower was not strong enough to set off the monitors but changing to the signal that is sent from city hall to the repeater worked after changing the antenna at City Hall.

In order to assure schools and emergency person-

nel are aware of any emergencies Hall used the rest of the siren funds to buy 23 of the units which normally cost \$160 each. Six of the units will be placed in each of the schools and the others will go to Emergency Operations Center workers and the storm spotters.

Hopefully both systems will be arriving in the next few weeks, Hall said, further increasing Pampa's readiness for disaster.

# McDougal testimony made deep impression on jury

By PEGGY HARRIS  
Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Signaling that Susan McDougal's testimony made a deep impression, jurors sent out three notes in their first day of deliberations asking whether they may consider her motives for refusing to testify in the Whitewater probe.

As jury deliberations resumed today, the judge in the case revealed that jurors sent a third note late Thursday focused on Mrs. McDougal's state of mind when she declined to testify to grand juries in 1996 and 1998.

The jurors asked whether they could consider her state of mind in deciding whether she is guilty of criminal contempt.

Earlier notes asked for a definition of "innocent reason" — a phrase in written instructions for the jury — and asked whether there might have been an "innocent reason" for refusing to testify, even if Mrs. McDougal acted "willfully" in violating a court order directing her to cooperate with Kenneth Starr's probe.

In each case, U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. tossed the question back to the jury, referring the panel to the instructions he read them before deliberations began Thursday morning.

During five days on the witness stand, Mrs. McDougal said she feared Starr would charge her

with perjury unless she falsely implicated President Clinton and his wife in wrongdoing.

McDougal lawyer Mark Geragos said that the jurors, who began deliberations Thursday, obviously "are having trouble with the issues. That would lead me to believe they are split in some manner."

Today, prosecutor Mark Barrett pointed to a jury instruction which says that Mrs. McDougal's possible belief that Starr was trying to get her to lie is not a defense against the criminal contempt charges. Jurors were instructed they could consider that defense only in deciding the third charge, obstruction of Starr's probe.

In closing arguments Wednesday, Geragos told the panel that Mrs. McDougal had an "innocent reason" for not answering grand jury questions, saying Starr's tactics were "something you expect to see in the Third Reich."

Mrs. McDougal would be guilty of criminal contempt if she "willfully" violated a court order to testify and did not act "by accident, mistake or other innocent reason," the judge instructed.

Barrett said "innocent reason" does not include the fact that a defendant does not like the prosecutor. Prosecutor Julie Myers portrayed Mrs. McDougal as a chronic liar and publicity-seeker who refused to testify because she hated Starr.

Under federal sentencing guidelines, if convicted, Mrs. McDougal faces roughly 27 months in prison on each of three charges.

## Woman's fire death ends life of abuse

ATLANTA (AP) — A life of abuse at the hands of her husband ended for an Atlanta woman after he poured gasoline on her and set her on fire, authorities said.

Moments later, William Reese died in an explosion when he pulled out a natural gas line, apparently to make it appear her death was accidental, investigators said.

Neighbors said Rosemary Flournoy, 41, sometimes sought refuge from domestic fights by sitting on the front porch of her apartment. That's what she was doing early Thursday when Reese, 45, set her afire, homicide Sgt. Keith Meadows said.

Reese then went back into the apartment and yanked loose the gas line. The resulting explosion killed him and blew out a chunk of wall in the four-unit apartment.

Ms. Flournoy died about 10 hours later at Grady

Memorial Hospital.

"She took a lot off him," said a neighbor, Rebecca Murphy, 30. "People say when you take a lot of abuse, you love them. I don't see how."

Reese had a history of arrests, but most of the charges, including a 1993 murder charge, were dismissed. The stiffest penalty he got was probation and a \$350 fine for a 1981 larceny.

In one 1997 case, police said Reese tied his wife to their bed with an electrical extension cord. She eventually got free and crawled out a window and ran to a nearby police precinct.

Reese was jailed for a few months, but Ms. Flournoy later asked a judge to dismiss the case because she was having financial troubles.

"I just can't hardly make it without my husband," Ms. Flournoy wrote. "Would you please have some mercy on him, your honor."

## Weather focus

**BORDER STATES**  
Partly sunny and windy today with a south-southwest wind at 20-30 mph and higher gusts. Tonight, mostly clear and windy. Lows in the lower 40s; Saturday, sunny. Highs 70-75. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, partly cloudy and windy. Lows in the 40s and 50s. Saturday, partly cloudy and windy. Highs from the mid 60s northern mountains to mid 80s Rio Grande valley.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**

**WEST TEXAS** — Panhandle — Wind advisory in effect tonight. Tonight, mostly clear and windy. Low in the upper 30s. Southwest wind 25 to 35 mph with higher gusts. Saturday, mostly sunny and continued windy. High 65 to 70. West to southwest wind 20-30 mph with higher gusts. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains — Wind advisory today. Tonight, mostly clear and windy. Lows in the 40s. Saturday, mostly sunny and windy. Highs in the 70s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Wind advisory today. Permian Basin and upper Trans Pecos. Tonight, partly cloudy and windy. Lows 45-55. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs mid 70s to mid 80s. Concho

Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 50-55. Saturday, mostly sunny and windy. Highs in the upper 70s. Far West Texas — Wind advisory today. Tonight, mostly clear and windy. Lows in the lower 40s; Saturday, sunny. Highs 70-75. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, partly cloudy and windy. Lows in the 40s and 50s. Saturday, partly cloudy and windy. Highs from the mid 60s northern mountains to mid 80s Rio Grande valley.

**BORDER STATES**

**NEW MEXICO** — Wind advisory this afternoon through this evening west and south. Wind advisory this afternoon north-east quarter. High wind watch tonight into Saturday morning northeast quarter. Tonight, windy during the evening west and south. Very windy northeast quarter. Chance for snow showers northcentral and northeast otherwise partly cloudy north and fair skies south. Colder with lows teens and 20s mountains and north, mostly 30s to mid 40s lower elevations east and south. Saturday, fair skies. Very windy northeast, winds diminishing in the afternoon. Breezy elsewhere. Highs upper 40s to lower 60s mountains and north, mid 60s to the 70s lower elevations south.

**OKLAHOMA** — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms central and east. Lows mid 40s to mid 50s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Windy during the day. Highs mostly 70s. Lows from near 40 to near 50.

## City briefs

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# Area round up ...

## Report: Financial settlement ends Moceanu family dispute

HOUSTON (AP) — After achieving enormous success at a young age — followed by a high-profile rift with her parents — Olympic gold medalist Dominique Moceanu finally may have found peace.

The 17-year-old gymnast reached a confidential financial settlement with her parents Thursday and ended a protective order against her father, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

In a statement, Miss Moceanu said she hopes to reconcile with her parents.

"This has been an extremely difficult time for my family, and I hope that we can now begin to move forward in support of one another," she said.

"I know that deep down my father loves me, and of course I love him, so I need to find a way in my heart to give him forgiveness. I hope there is a chance that someday things in my family can be normal again."

## Houston Symphony records classical music for millennium babies

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Symphony has a birthday present for each and every 2000 newborn here.

The orchestra has recorded three Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart works to be included in tapes earmarked for every baby born in the city next year.

"We want to work out a system with hospitals where every newborn can go home with a cassette that, hopefully, will be of value to children in line with research in classical music," symphony spokesman Art Kent said.

Several studies have concluded that classical music played regularly during the early years of a child's development might enhance brain function.

"Increasingly, research demonstrates that from infancy to about age 10, the brain 'wires-up' by forming connections among neurons," said John H. Byrne, professor of neurobiology at the University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center.

## Instructors claim they faced retaliation for testimony

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Two East Texas Police Academy instructors are seeking more than \$1.4 million in a federal lawsuit alleging that they faced retaliation for testifying against law enforcement

officers in a civil trial.

Dean Kinney and David Hall filed their lawsuit in Lufkin federal court Wednesday against the East Texas Police Chiefs Association, four police chiefs, four sheriffs and the entities for which they work.

Kinney and Hall claim they are victims of retaliation and subjects of a conspiracy for violating a code of silence and testifying against law officers.

The two were instructors at the Kilgore College police academy when they testified in August 1998 against Kerrville police in a case of alleged misconduct where a young man was shot dead by a sniper.

The plaintiffs won that case at trial, but the verdict was overturned and is currently on appeal, according to the lawsuit.

## Cities agree to hash out regional issues

MESILLA, N.M. (AP) — Officials from the border cities of Las Cruces, N.M., El Paso, Texas, and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, have agreed to work together addressing regional problems, such as looming water shortages.

"It's not just who's got water rights up front," Las Cruces Mayor Ruben Smith said Thursday during a session of the Las Cruces Forum. "We're all tied by the same water umbilical cord."

All three cities face water problems. The Hueco Bolson aquifer, which supplies all Juarez drinking water and about 40 percent of El Paso's, is projected to be depleted of potable water by 2025. Las Cruces, where 65,000 residents tap wells in the Mesilla Bolson, plans to start drawing drinking water from the Rio Grande within 10 years.

Population growth has put pressure on governments to determine how to satisfy the regional thirst. Juarez, with about 1.5 million residents, grew by about 40,000 people last year. El Paso has an estimated 600,000 residents.

The problem is how to use Rio Grande water already apportioned under a turn-of-the-century water compact.

"We as a region face a bleak future if we don't come together to address" the problem, El Paso Mayor Carlos Ramirez said.

El Paso consumes about 130,000 acre-feet of water a year. An acre-foot, about 326,000 gallons, is the amount needed to cover an acre a foot deep.

New Mexico and Texas are devising a plan, dubbed the El Paso-Las Cruces Regional Sustainable Water Project, to divert up to 250,000 acre-feet of water annually from the Rio Grande to serve an area from Hatch to El Paso.

**DBA contest winners**



(Special photo) Winners of the Downtown Business Association's Easter Egg Decorating Contest were: Dustin Need, \$50, first place winner, Travis Elementary School; Elizabeth Terry, \$25 second place winner, St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School; and Brandon Grimley, \$15 third place winner, St. Matthew's. Seen here representing DBA is ReDonn Woods and Ken Rheams.

**Weatherman rains on TSCRA's parade, predicts La Nina-induced dry spell**

FORT WORTH — Many cattle producers attending Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's 122nd annual convention held recently in Fort Worth have been swapping stories about the good rains they've received recently. But a weather expert warned them not to get used to it.

"It is quite likely that drought is going to be very much a problem in the state of Texas in the remainder of 1999, with a carry-over effect into the year 2000," said George Bomar, senior meteorologist with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Service.

That could be a knock-out blow for many cattle producers already economically devastated by two years of extreme drought out of the past three, low cattle prices, a worldwide glut of competing meats and a global financial crisis that affects trade.

The culprit, said Bomar, is La Nina — the flip side of the more

familiar El Nino. Generally, El Nino — a warming of the surface waters in the central Pacific Ocean — brings rain, and La Nina — a cooling of those surface waters — brings drought. The warming or cooling of the ocean waters affects the behavior of the jet stream — the channel of air in the upper atmosphere over North America. The jet stream drives fronts into Texas or prevents them from coming into the state, thus perpetuating our drought problem, Bomar explained.

Over the past 30 years, meteorologists have noticed when an El Nino was very pronounced — meaning Texas got a lot of heavy rain — in a very short time La Nina would come along and it would be equally as pronounced. So we would go from unusual wetness to an extreme or severe drought. That happened in 1932, in 1984 and that's been the trend in the late 1990s. "We just experienced one of

the worst El Ninos in recorded history — the El Nino that began in 1996 and eventually faded in 1998. That El Nino brought some very meaningful rains to parts of Texas," Bomar said, "but not all of the state benefitted from the heavy rains that that particular El Nino produced."

He said computer models indicate the currently developing La Nina is the most intense we've seen in at least 20 years. "That's bad news for us," Bomar said, "because La Ninas tend to produce too little rainfall and unusually warm weather for several seasons at least."

*FPC events*

**BORGER** — Frank Phillips will celebrate Cinco de Mayo from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, in the FPC Student Union Building. Cinco de Mayo will be celebrated early on campus due to finals falling May 3-8. The celebration is open and free to the public.

Cinco de Mayo marks the victory of the Mexican Army over the French at the Battle of Puebla. Although the Mexican Army was eventually defeated, the battle came to represent a symbol of Mexican unity and patriotism.

For more information, call the director of the library at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 773.

**BORGER** — Students at Frank Phillips College will celebrate April as Poetry Month from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, April 19, at the FPC library. Students will perform and read original poetry and/or recite their favorite poems. Debra Figgins Griffin will be the featured guest.

Griffin has written numerous poems and will be sharing some of her favorite works. Students, faculty, staff, community leaders and local clubs and organizations are invited to attend and/or share favorite poems.

**BORGER** — Frank Phillips College Faculty Association will host an Academic Convocation at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 15, in FPC Fine Arts Building Auditorium to honor students. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Academic Convocation chair at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 773.

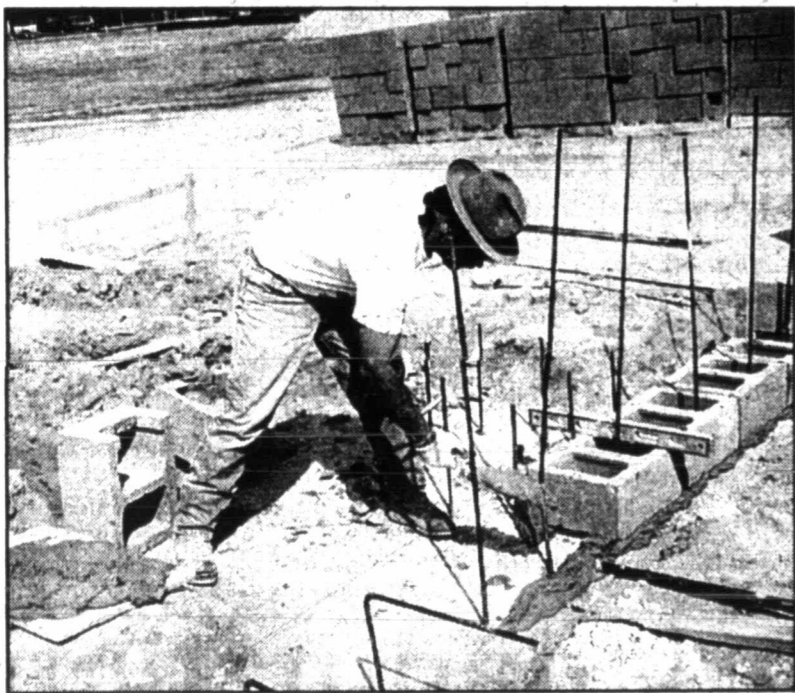
**Quartet to perform at Gem Theatre**

**CLAUDE** — The Gem Theatre in Claude will present the Harrington String Quartet in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10. The quartet will perform Brahms and Mozart compositions.

As grand prize winners of the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, the Harrington Quartet has established itself as one of the leading young quartets in chamber music today.

Created in 1981 with a generous gift from the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation, the quartet is in residence as faculty members at West Texas A&M University and as principal players with the Amarillo Symphony. Members are Corinne Stillwell, violin; Annie Chalex, violin; Joanna Mendoza, viola; and Emmanuel Lopez, cello.

**One brick at a time ...**



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West) Ygnacio Navarro shows you build a school one brick at a time as he helps with the construction of the new Clarendon College Building last week.

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## Texas Editorials

### By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:  
Austin American-Statesman on teen movies:  
Grossed out by the latest blockbuster film?  
Then you're too old.

Hollywood is making more movies for teen-agers, and anyone over 21 looking for a fulfilling film experience should head for the Old Geezer section at the video store. That's where you'll find the movies without Sarah Michelle Gellar, Neve Campbell and James Van Der Beek.

Parents, if you don't know who they are, you're not talking to your teens. Clue: Gellar, Campbell and Van Der Beek are TV stars with successful movies.

As many as 60 high school-themed movies may be coming to a theater near you before year's end. The onslaught began in December with Austinite Robert Rodriguez's "The Faculty," about aliens who take over the staff of a high school. "She's All That" and the Austin-shot "Varsity Blues" followed, and are still playing at local theaters. Teen movies have raked in more than \$200 million this year.

"Our audience is getting younger, hipper, smarter and more interested in movies," Walt Disney Studios Chairman Joe Roth said. "So we're aiming for this new generation of kids."

Younger? Yes. Hipper? Sure. Smarter? No way. Did you see the successful "I Know What You Did Last Summer?" The movie's thin, predictable plot about teens stalked by a man with a hook for a hand was plain dumb.

But not all movies and TV shows aimed at teen-agers are mindless. The WB network airs moody, thoughtful TV shows such as "Felicity" and "Dawson's Creek."

Nonetheless, a film adaptation of J.D. Salinger's classic "The Catcher in the Rye" about a troubled, introspective teen-ager, likely would involve graphic sex scenes and a couple of gory deaths. And, of course, a guest appearance by Sarah Michelle Gellar.

Hey, you've got to keep the teen-agers' attention.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on free speech and China:  
Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji is scheduled to visit Washington this week during a nine-day tour of the United States. The Communist prime minister is seeking help from the United States in pleading China's case for membership in the World Trade Organization — a membership that still eludes Beijing after 13 years of trying for admittance.

Human rights, allegations of nuclear spying and U.S. missile defense initiatives in the Pacific Rim undoubtedly will be among the more heated topics that President Clinton raises with Zhu when the two men meet Thursday at the White House.

But there is another topic that must be on the agenda, and should always be an issue when the United States talks with any nation seeking this country's assistance: an independent media.

China's scorecard is among the world's worst when it comes to stifling the voices of its people by arresting journalists. In a report released last month by the Committee to Protect Journalists, Beijing was holding at least 12 journalists in prison on charges related to incitement and disseminating counterrevolutionary propaganda. Their "crimes" included printing political leaflets and unofficial magazines that call for democratic changes in the government.

The charges appear indefensible to Western eyes. For example, Wu Shishen, a Xinhua News Agency reporter who has been in prison since the fall of 1992, received a life sentence for allegedly giving an advance copy of President Jiang Zemin's "state-classified" 14th Party Congress speech to a Hong Kong journalist.

China, unfortunately, has plenty of company when it comes to countries that attempt to control all forms of news and punish those who try to provide independent voices. Last year, 24 journalists were killed worldwide as a direct result of the work they did, and another 118 were imprisoned for what they had written or broadcast. And those are only the cases that CPJ could confirm.

Those numbers should disturb every American living in a country that was built upon a foundation of free speech and a free press. Clinton has an obligation as the leader of the world's greatest democratic republic to press for the release of China's journalists along with the political dissidents being held. In many cases, they are the same people.

Clinton knows as well as any world leader how tough the adversarial relationship between the government and an independent press can be. But he is also walking, talking proof that a nation can survive open, critical scrutiny of its leadership, and hopefully be a better place because of it.

The first step any nation can take to truly demonstrate a respect for its people and a commitment to freedom is to cease suppression of information. It is no surprise that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic kicked out all independent journalists before initiating his bloody purge of Kosovo.

Clinton must make an unfettered flow of information a priority in his discussions with every nation.

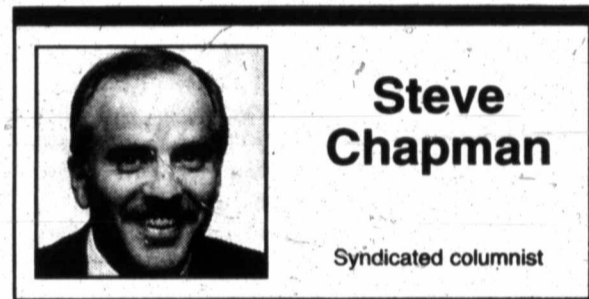
# Distorted view of violence

American women have given no indication that they suddenly feel endangered. This is hard to explain without contradicting the logic of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act, much of which was struck down by a federal appeals court recently. The fact that very few women noticed this blow to their safety and equality suggests that the epidemic of gender-based violence the law was designed to combat was less a social reality than an ideological myth.

Not that attacks on women are fictitious. In a society that has more than its share of violent crime, neither sex is immune. But women are less likely than men to suffer from it, and their victimization has hardly been ignored or condoned, as implied by the Violence Against Women Act.

The bill is one of a series of measures through which Washington has intruded into the politically fruitful area of crime, traditionally the province of state and local governments. Both Congress and President Clinton have labored mightily to give the impression that they are doing everything possible to improve public safety, short of personally handcuffing suspects.

One of the few limits on their ever-expanding activities is the Constitution. Our national leaders were surprised five years ago when the Supreme Court threw out the Gun-Free Schools Act, a Clintonesque specimen of micromanagement that made it a federal crime to possess a firearm within 1,000 feet of any school in America. The court found that the Constitution didn't give Congress the authority to legislate on such matters and said, "if we were to accept the government's arguments, we would be hard pressed to posit any activity by an individual that Congress is without power to regulate."



Steve Chapman  
Syndicated columnist

The 4th Circuit Court of Appeals says that goes for the VAWA as well. The provision it overturned gave victims of "crimes of violence motivated by gender" the right to sue their attackers in federal court. The bill's sponsors argued that assaults on women affect interstate commerce, which Congress has the right to regulate, but the court perceived this reasoning to be every bit as ridiculous as it sounds. If this affects interstate commerce, then there is nothing that doesn't — and nothing the federal government can't butt into.

Politics aside, there was no reason for Washington to step in. The VAWA was passed not long after the murder of Nicole Simpson, which was cited as evidence that the American justice system is indulgent of the physical abuse of women. It should have been clear even then that this type of mayhem is just part of a broader social malady that afflicts both sexes.

Contrary to myth, most of the violence committed by men is committed against other men. White men are three times more likely to be murdered than white women; black men are five times more likely to be murdered than black women. But no one interprets these figures to mean that law enforcement devalues the lives of males.

Hard-line feminists say the chief threat to

women comes from the men in their lives. They would be startled to learn, as journalist Cathy Young points out in her clear-eyed new book "Ceasefire! Why Women and Men Must Join Forces to Achieve True Equality" (Free Press), that more women are attacked each year by other women than by husbands or ex-husbands. The number of females suffering injuries each year from domestic abuse is not in the millions, as commonly claimed, but about 200,000.

Male attacks on women are often depicted as one weapon in a larger cultural effort to keep uppity females in their place. "Why on earth, if battering is a product of male dominance, do lesbians in some surveys have the highest violence rates of all?" asks Young. If rape is an expression of male domination of the opposite sex, then why is it that "gay men are at least as likely to be raped by their dates as heterosexual women"?

And how do we explain the fact that in surveys that ask violent heterosexual partners who initiated the violence in their last fight, "by both spouses' reports, it was the woman about half the time"? We often hear statistics about women battered by men, but it is rarely noted that 40,000 males are treated in emergency rooms each year for injuries inflicted by their partners.

No one regards female assaults on men as "crimes of violence motivated by gender," yet the VAWA takes it for granted that when a man deliberately harms a woman, he does it out of hatred or contempt for half the human race. The ruling against the VAWA may lead to its invalidation by the Supreme Court. Even better, it may produce a recognition that our real problem is not violence against women but violence against people.

### Today in history

#### By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 9, the 99th day of 1999. There are 266 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

On this date:  
In 1682, French explorer Robert La

Salle reached the Mississippi River.

In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after she was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

In 1942, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was

followed by the notorious "Bataan Death March," which claimed nearly 10,000 lives.

In 1947, tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 169 lives.

In 1959, NASA announced the selection of America's first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton.

In 1963, British statesman Winston Churchill was made an honorary U.S. citizen.

In 1965, the newly built Houston Astrodome featured its first baseball game, an exhibition between the Astros and the New York Yankees. The Astros won, 2-1.

In 1992, former Panamanian ruler Manuel Noriega was convicted in Miami of eight drug and racketeering charges.

# America was a Christian nation

America is a Christian nation, or at least it used to be.

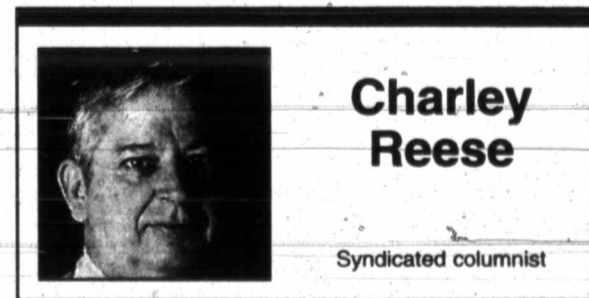
The Continental Congress, during the Revolution, authorized the importation of 20,000 Bibles and later authorized and endorsed the American printing of the Bible. Today, however, most government schools that regularly expose children to information about homosexuality and abortion will not allow the distribution of Bibles.

Postmodern types who have obsessively pursued a campaign to convince Americans that the Founding Fathers were not Christians have, in the manner of those who rewrite history to suit ideological goals, used quotations out of context and often fabricated them.

John Adams is often quoted by these secular missionaries as having said, "This would be the best of all possible worlds if there were no religion in it."

This is a great example of propaganda, as you will see when you read what Adams actually said. In a letter to Thomas Jefferson lamenting petty squabbles between different sects and preachers, Adams wrote:

"Twenty times in the course of my late reading have I been on the point of breaking out, 'This would be the best of all possible worlds, if there were no religion in it!' But in this exclamation I would have been as fanatical as Bryant or Cleverly. Without religion this world would be something not fit to be



Charley Reese  
Syndicated columnist

mentioned in polite company, I mean hell."

As you can see, Adams, who was a devout Christian, actually said the opposite of what people pretend he said by taking one part of a quotation out of context.

For those of you interested, David Barton's book "Original Intent" (Wall Builder Press, Box 397, Aledo TX 76008) does an outstanding job of documenting the Christian orientation of the nation's Founding Fathers.

Rabbi Daniel Lapin, an orthodox rabbi, recently wrote an article in The American Enterprise magazine entitled, "Why Jews Should Pray for a Christian America." Here is part of what he has to say:

"And it is Christianity that has been responsible for, among other things, the founding of America and its flowering into the greatest civilization the world has ever known. It is my fervent belief that America has been blessed as a place for Jews to live not in spite

of the deep-seated Christian beliefs of most Americans, but because of them. It is also my great concern that all Americans — including Jews — are endangered by a weakening of Christianity in our society today."

Rabbi Lapin warns that what Jews should fear is a post-Christian America and says that he enthusiastically endorses the Christian conservative movement.

"Though I am not a Christian," he writes, "I recognize that the prosperity and security of America — and all of its people — depend upon retaining the moral fiber of its Christian founding."

He's quite right. A few years ago, however, when Mississippi Gov. Kirk Fordice remarked casually at a news conference that he thought America should return to its Christian values, the Anti-Defamation League angrily demanded that he apologize. He didn't, of course.

George Washington was right when he said in his farewell address that a republic could not survive without a virtuous population, and that nothing could impart virtue to people better than religion. Therefore, he concluded, any man who is an enemy of religion is an enemy of republican government.

Folks who value liberty had better pray for a rebirth of a Christian America. The mass murderers of this century have all been secular leftists.

# 'Bye Bye Birdie,' performances start tonight

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY, Managing Editor

No show is a show without a few obstacles.

Wanetta Hill's 10th anniversary show, "Bye Bye Birdie," is no exception.

Producing the same show she began the Pampa Elementary Chorus with 10 years ago, Hill has had her share of challenges this year.

With a car wreck behind her, Hill is balancing directing this year's show while her husband remains in an Amarillo hospital recovering from open heart surgery. In addition, this year's show is dedicated to Hill's former stage manager of seven years, Lynn Turner, who died in late January.

"We have survived difficulties ... we have over overcome," said Hill.

This year's "Bye Bye Birdie" production will be the third time Hill has directed the show.

"Yes, it's easier the third time, but I have found things I still want to add," Hill said.

Some things don't change.

Hill is again directing about 120 children from every elementary school in town. Madeline Graves choreographed the production. And the backdrop and some of the costumes and props have been ordered from a professional out-of-town company.

However, for the first time, the high school drama department has built the show's sets under the artistic direction of student Breland Scott.

In addition, PHS Choir Director Fred Mays orchestrated the show's songs on computer this year, eliminating the need for a live orchestra. Plus former Pampa Elementary Chorus participant Thann Scoggin, now an award-winning chorus student at the high school, will be performing as Conrad Birdie.

"I'm inviting kids that have been in the chorus in the last 10

years to attend the show and stay for the cast party afterward," said Hill.

When asked if she intended to continue producing shows, Hill said she wasn't sure.

"But I do enjoy doing this for the kids ... I think they're worth it," she said.

The show is performing tonight and tomorrow night, April 9-10, at 7:30 in the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Tickets are \$5-adults, \$4-students and children under 5-free.

**Pampa Elementary Chorus members Whitney Wichert, "Mae Peterson" and Christopher Smith, "Albert" rehearsing for tonight's big production of "Bye Bye Birdie," directed by Wanetta Hill.**

(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)



## 'Conceive-a-thon' for millennium baby

BOSTON (AP) — For most couples, starting a family is a private affair — a candlelit dinner, romantic music, maybe some silky lingerie.

Not for four Massachusetts couples.

The couples are competing to conceive the nation's first millennium baby. They're in separate rooms in a Boston hotel today, considered the optimal conception day for a Jan. 1, 2000 birth.

If one of the couples bears the first baby born in the United States next year, the parents will receive a check for \$1 million, courtesy of radio station WJMN.

The couples — Darren and Sandra Mendalka of Winthrop, Cochise and Laurel Pearsen of Boston, Derrick and Bobbi Milso of Weymouth, and Greg and Trina Hackett of Lynn — were selected out of hundreds of radio station callers.

Any birth must be natural — no Caesarean sections or inducements allowed.

"I guess it's normally not so public," Mrs. Mendalka said. "I called my mother and I said, 'How does it feel to have a daughter that's going to be in the public and everybody knows that she's going to have sex tomorrow?'"

The odds against the aspiring parents are long. Obstetricians warn that babies arrive when they want over a period of weeks, not seconds.

**Today is considered the optimal conception day for a Jan. 1, 2000 birth.**

## Gasoline prices dime a gallon higher this summer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gasoline will likely cost about a dime a gallon more this summer than last because of rising crude oil prices.

The Energy Information Administration said Thursday the average price for regular, self-service gasoline will peak at \$1.18 a gallon in May and average \$1.13 a gallon over the summer.

The price jump was attributed to an expectation of a continuing upward track in crude oil prices because of recent agreement among world producers to reduce production.

Prices also have been affected, especially in California, by refinery problems. The average price for regular self-service gasoline in California peaked at \$1.59 a gallon on April 5, which was 49 cents a gallon higher than a year ago, the agency said.

The agency predicted that crude oil prices will continue to rise, with West Texas intermediate selling at \$15.63 per 44-gallon barrel on Thursday moving to \$18 by the end of the year.

Gasoline demand this summer is expected to increase by 2 percent over a year ago because of continued economic growth and prices, though higher than last year, still moderate by historic standards, the agency said. Still, gasoline stocks were high, especially in the East, with no supply problems anticipated.

The Energy Information Administration is the statistical arm of the Energy Department.

## Ed Koch steps down to make way for Mr. Judge Judy

NEW YORK (AP) — Ed Koch says getting dumped by "The People's Court" won't slow him down.

"I get up at 5 a.m., I'm on the treadmill at 6:15 and I go to bed after midnight," the former mayor said Thursday at a news conference announcing his replacement.

That replacement — Gerald Sheindlin — just happens to be married to the tough-talking star of "Judge Judy," the show that has been burying Koch in the ratings.

"I thought I could approach it," said Koch, referring to his rival's success. "But she's a real judge. ... That's TV."

The Sheindlins are retired judges who were appointed to the bench by Koch — she to Family Court, he to Criminal Court. Gerald Sheindlin also later served in state Supreme Court.

"It is extraordinarily gratifying to be selected to succeed one of the greatest mayors this city has ever had," Sheindlin said. "Both

mine and Judy's careers are owed to Ed Koch."

Judit's Sheindlin said TV shows "are like life's dessert and I'm really excited about the fact that my husband gets to share that."

But her best wishes were slightly tempered.

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# RELIGION

## Minister's musings ...

It is exciting to see young couples express their love for one another as they are preparing for marriage. It is even more exhilarating to see an older couple that has never lost their first love for each other. Their love has grown stronger instead of "growing lukewarm." As a pastor it is rewarding to see people who stay in love in their marriage. A concern of mine is seeing people lose their passion for each other and more importantly, their passion or first love for Jesus Christ. It is discouraging to see people who have passionate zeal for the Lord and then over a period of time lost it. Their walk with the Lord becomes nothing more than a religion without any personal relationship with Christ. They become cold and indifferent without any joy. Serving Jesus is reduced to a list of rules or tradition without any life. This epidemic is plaguing the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, people are losing their first love or passion for Jesus, but God is restoring His Church. Jesus said, "We shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind" (Matt 22:37).  
God is restoring a first love to his people.



By Senior Pastor Lonny Robbins

Trinity Fellowship Church

We must know what it is. I have come up with a definition for "First Love." It is focused, demonstrative, prioritized, sacrificial devotion to the object of your desire. Is your objection of devotion Jesus Christ or have you made an idol of something else in your life that gets your devotion?

Why is it important to have first love in our lives for Jesus Christ? It is the only response that honors God's love for us. 1 John 4:19 states, "We love Him because He first loved us." For us to love God we must first understand how much God loved us. John 3:16 tells us God loved us by sending us His Son, Jesus gave His all yet He was

rejected and experienced a horrible death for us. It cost God the death of His Son and Jesus' blood is what we have been purchased with.

As a result, should we be passive in our response to what God, through His Son, Jesus, has done for us? Have we forgotten what our freedom cost Jesus? It cost Him everything. When we don't love Him passionately, we are trampling under the foot of the blood of Jesus Christ.

The second reason we need to have first love is that it is the only atmosphere that fuels obedience. Love is the only thing that will motivate us to keep God's commandments. "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3). Many try to be motivated to keep God's commandments by guilt or fear. Neither one of these will last, only love will motivate us to walk in obedience to God.

I urge you to pursue Jesus Christ this year of 1999 and make Him the object of your devotion. Ask the Lord to restore a new passion in your heart for Him.

## Thinking up 'all that stuff' ...

When I think about what to say here, I'm often stumped. Some weeks I have epiphanic moments which become a column and other weeks I am mentally on a back pew, not stewing over any particular issue, having no new story to tell and lacking an impression to share.

Over time readers have asked how I think of what to write. Actually, when I meet someone new, they usually ask that question. Sometimes prior acquaintances call with questions or send an e-mail or ask me when we meet accidentally in the mall:

"How do you find these people you talk about?"

"Were you talking about old So-and-so when you wrote ...?"

"How do you think of that stuff?"

"Where do you get those books you talk about?"

The answer is that I'm always looking for the story. It is who I am to collect stories of people's troubles and triumphs, wonderments and befuddlements. I've come to believe it is a genetic predisposition because most people in my family - both sides - do it. They come home from work and tell you some goofy tale about somebody's brother-in-law. They tell the same tales about

From the Back Pew...



By Cheryl Berzanskis

Grandma for the umpteenth time and the story is still as funny and though perhaps more poignant than before because she has been gone longer now. Sometimes they dig a little deeper and find a new recollection about Cousin So-and-so who lived up about Ellijay. In other words, with family come stories. I was raised on them. Not only are they entertainment, they are history. They are identity.

Story collectors make it easy for those who have a story to tell it. My work brings me in contact with people from all over the Panhandle and sometimes other states and they tell many tales about their lives and

faith.

As for the books I sometimes mention, they are usually gifts or on loan from a friend and I have been captivated by their message or wisdom. When I wrote about Samuel Clemens it was because I had just studied him in two different classes in school and each class looked at him in a different way pointing out the vast difference between his Mark Twain persona and his later life Clemens self. When I wrote about Faustus last fall it was because I wondered how many of us had made a spoken or unspoken pact with some devil and lived to regret it. Frederick Buechner's book, *Telling the Truth*, was a new insight on the old gospel, and I thought someone else might think so, too.

Blessedly, sometimes I just get ideas, usually when I'm driving. They arise in my mind with no conscious effort. Sometimes an old tortured question will be clearly answered; at other times a mental prism will suddenly divide an issue into manageable bits of questions easily answered. And during the same journeys, well, I often get a new question to bewilder me. Questions never stop coming.

So that's it for those of you who have so graciously asked "how I think of that stuff."

## Religion briefs...

### St. Mark Fish Fry Saturday

The St. Mark CME Church, 406 Elm, will be having a community-wide fish fry on Saturday, Apr. 10 at 11 a.m. A donation of \$5 gets you a generous portion of fish, crispy french fries, green salad and cake for dessert. For delivery call 669-6743. For additional information call Rev. Amy Lakey at 669-7394.

### Monthly gospel singing Sunday

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, will host the monthly Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Special singers and musicians from area churches will participate. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation welcome all to attend.

### Rushing Wind Emmaus meeting Saturday

The Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Waka Christian Center at Waka. An agape meal will be served at 7 p.m. in fellowship hall of the church. A praise and worship service will follow in the chapel. The board of directors will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the church. Family, friends and members of all area wide churches are invited to attend. A nursery will be provided.

Rushing Wind will sponsor a men's Walk to Emmaus April 15-18 at Waka Christian Center. James O'Gorman of Stinnett will be lay director with the Rev. David Purl of Borger as spiritual director. A women's walk will be held July 15-18 with Eulalia Blankenship of Spearman serving as lay director and the Rev. Ken Cole as spiritual director. Anyone interested in attending a walk should contact their pastor, anyone who has attended a walk or call Wanda Scott at (806) 435-2149 for more information.

### Garage Sale Friday, Saturday

There will be a garage sale on Friday and Saturday, Apr. 9-10 at the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill (southside of Tom Rose building). This event is sponsored by the Youth of Central Baptist Church.

## Land Baptist group speaker

Dr. Richard Land, President of Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the featured speaker at a meeting of the Palo Duro Baptist Association, Tuesday evening, Apr. 13.

The meeting will be at Fairlanes Baptist Church, 3000 Fairlanes Blvd., Borger, 7 p.m. Dr. Land is a most entertaining and knowledgeable speaker on Christian ethics, and he is in frequent demand around the world. He will address current issues affecting Christians living in a rapidly changing and turbulent world.



Dr. Richard Land

## Around the country ...

### Kentuckians oppose Pagan festival

DENNISTON, Ky. (AP) — Residents of rural, predominantly Christian Menifee County are not looking forward to a pagan festival planned for a ridge-top tobacco farm April 30-May 2.

"It's just a horrible disgrace," says Denniston grocer Clayton Wells, 72, who lives three miles from the festival grounds east of Frenchburg.

As many as 200 dancing, drum-beating revelers plan to "celebrate the blossoming of spring and the powers of fertility," organizers say, and some of the self-described witches, magicians and pagans will be naked as they chant and worship.

"It's just been a shocker to everyone I've talked to," said Bethel Baptist Church pastor Joseph "Buddy" Rhodes of Frenchburg, who calls nude worship an abomination.

William Lawson, a Menifee County native and ex-Pentecostal who is helping organize the event, said: "I want people to know that they have nothing to fear from us."

Celebrating May Day is one of the major pagan festivals of the year. According to "The Truth About Witchcraft" by Scott Cunningham, pagans in general believe in reincarnation and reject orthodox Christian concepts of heaven and hell, sin, salvation and the Trinity. Also, they revere Mother Earth, believe God is feminine and masculine, and often are uninhibited about their bodies, the book said.

### Woman dies on Easter pilgrimage

SHIPROCK, N.M. (AP) — A woman who was to have been baptized Easter Weekend was killed on an annual 15-mile Good

Friday walk when a car swerved into a group of pilgrims.

The victim, Janine Franklin, a 31-year-old mother of three, was part of a group walking along U.S. 64 from Sacred Heart Parish in Waterflow to Christ the King Parish in Shiprock.

The driver, Amos Joe, 50, of Hogback, was arrested by Navajo Nation police on suspicion of driving while under the influence and driving without a license. Investigators said Joe had a blood alcohol level of .28. The legal limit in New Mexico is .08.

"I think this is just a very, very tragic and sad thing because she was going to be baptized tomorrow night," the Rev. John Paul Sauter of Christ the King Catholic Church said.

"She was just getting into the religion, and so she wanted to do everything ... I conditionally baptized her and anointed her, but she was dead."

### Religion is part of relief effort

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Franklin Graham, son of the Rev. Billy Graham, makes no apology for focusing on Jesus during relief missions worldwide despite those who criticize efforts to evangelize to needy people.

Graham is leader of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. He spoke recently at Wake Forest University.

"Who said life's fair?" he asked. "I'll take every opportunity I get to tell people about Jesus Christ. While we're freely giving out the medicine and food, we're running our mouths."

Graham encouraged students to follow God in whatever they do.

"Take a stand for Christ," he said. "It's tough. People will

laugh at you. People will mock you."

But God, he told them, "will bless you."

In a question-and-answer session after his speech, Graham said he doesn't necessarily agree with the NATO military action in Yugoslavia but that Americans must back the effort and hope for the best.

He said his agency would continue relief efforts in the region and that he tells his father he's not worried about his plane crashing. "If that thing goes down," he said, "this old boy's going up."

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## Special program in Borger

Eddie Espinosa, renown leader and composer of "Change My Heart, O God", will teach at Trinity Vineyard in Borger at 503 North Main on Apr. 9-10 and will be bringing his six-member band.

He has written extensively for the Spanish congregation and one of his most popular CDs is "Con Mis Labios". Most notably, Eddie has worked extensively with "Promise Keepers." Eddie has led worship in various settings for the last 30 years. Eddie has a passion for the presence of God. Eddie and Elsie both have served as pastors at the Anaheim Vineyard for 12 years. During that time, the Espinosa's planted LaVina. They both currently divide their time between teaching in the public school system and teaching on the topic of worship throughout the body of Christ.

Nigel and Lynne Morris, originally from London, also will be teaching. These British subjects

became U.S. residents in a most unusual way. Nigel says that they were attending a Christian meeting in the U.K. when they were told that of they would enter the national lottery for two work visas they they would win the national lottery. The odds were millions to one but stranger things have happened and this is how Nigel and Lynne transferred their working with the poor of London to working with the needy in Orange County in the U.S. Nigel has also served as a mentor for the food program here in Borger at Trinity Vineyard.

Currently Nigel is an associate pastor of compassion and Lynne is secretary to the senior pastor of the Anaheim Vineyard. The conference, entitled "Worship and Compassion," will begin at 7 p.m. Friday. Saturday's sessions will go all day, with a general session on the morning and a selection of workshop topics in the afternoon. The conference will conclude Saturday night after the last general session.

Youth admission special is \$5, early admission tuition is \$10 and spouse \$5. At the door tuition will be \$25 and spouse \$20.

Stephen & Ellen Kotara of Dallas, Tx. Welcome their son, Peter Francis, born on March 31, 1999. Peter weighted 8 Lbs. 8 Oz. He is welcomed by his grandmothers, Evalyn Breaux of Fort Worth and Nancy Paronto of Pampa.

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# Daughter's Ban of Cat and Dog Peeves Her Pet-Loving Parents

DEAR ABBY: Is it possible to have a family pet problem without a solution? I live in Virginia. Several years ago my parents retired to Florida after living here for many years.

The problem is they insist on visiting us with their cat and dog several times a year for weeks at a time. At first we accepted this arrangement despite allergies to animals and the dog having regular "accidents" in the house. It has been a sore subject between my husband and me, because he has never been a "pet person."

We recently purchased a new home and have invested in new carpeting. We have been honest with my parents and told them that while we welcome them anytime, to please make other arrangements for their pets.

They are furious about our decision, criticizing us for valuing belongings over family, threatening to never visit our children, and accusing us of "kicking them out." They will never put their animals in kennels.

Are they asking too much of us, or have we unfairly changed the rules on them, as they claim?

CONFUSED IN RICHMOND

**DEAR CONFUSED:** People are emotional about their pets and compromise is difficult. On their next visit, encourage your parents to stay at a motel or hotel that accepts pets. Even if you must share the cost of their



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

lodging, it will probably be cheaper than carpet cleaning and the wear and tear on your new home.

DEAR ABBY: For many years I have regarded your column as a neutral observer of human problems. One recurring topic that appears concerns "giving the bride away" at a wedding ceremony. The custom exists worldwide in various ethnic groups.

Historically the custom is based on the centuries-old concept of a woman (daughter) being the property or chattel of the male head of the family (father). It precedes even Biblical practices.

In our contemporary strides for gender equality, the practice hardly seems necessary at a wedding. In all states, a man and a woman enter into a contractual union essentially and legally based on their individual free-will choice. They give themselves to each other. It's not a matter of giving away a female piece of property.

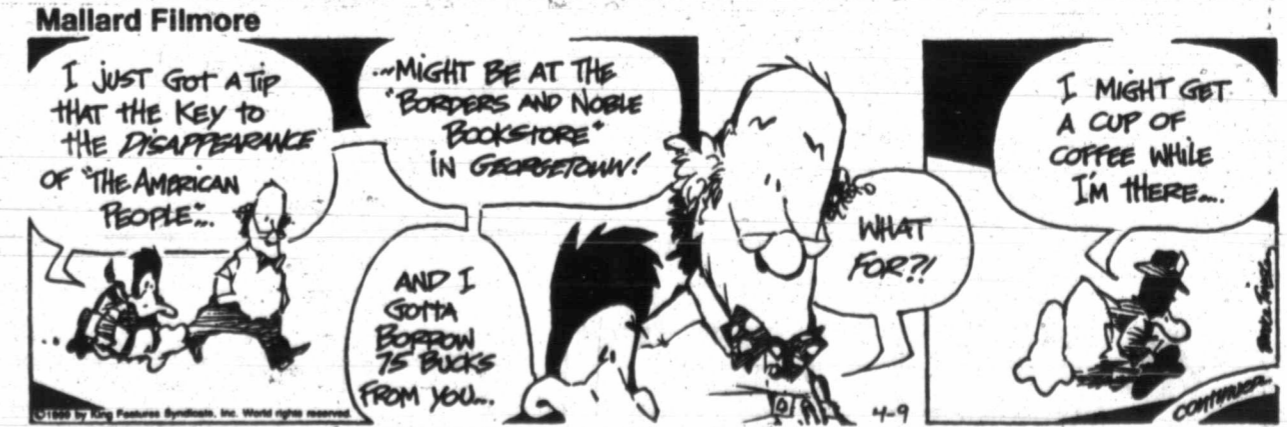
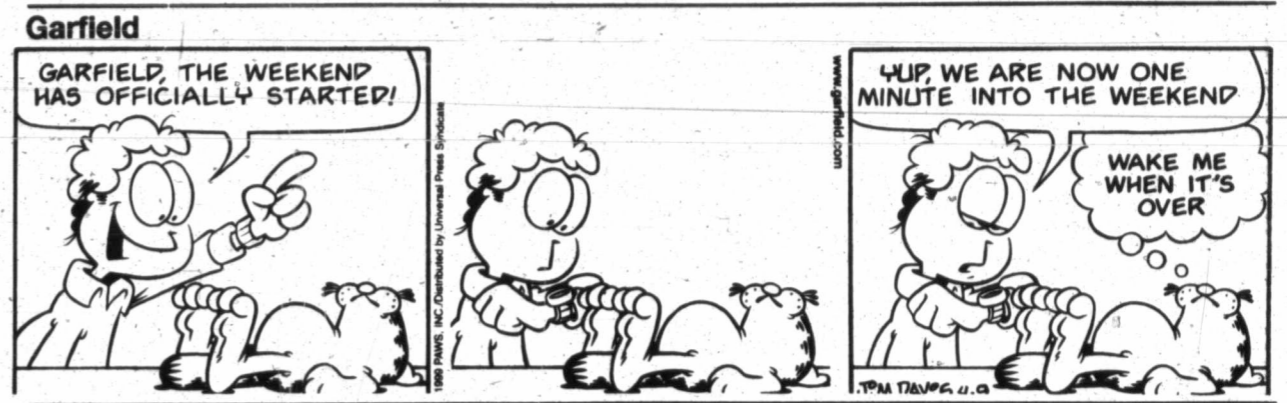
In 16 years I performed more than 25,000 civil ceremonies for couples from 50 states and 81 countries. I rarely permitted the giving away of a bride, making exceptions based on foreign practices. To me, the "giving away" was similar to selling a piece of real estate. I could not, and do not, accept the practice among contemporary brides born in the U.S.A.

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## Horoscope

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 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) ★★★★★ The unexpected occurs very quickly. Friends prove to be a constant source of amusement. Invite others to join in your plans, making sure there is not only a lot to do but also plenty of visiting time. You could be amazed at how long a meal could take. Tonight: A late one.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Intuition serves you well with a boss or higher-up. You might not be sure which way to go in a personal matter, but a discussion with someone you respect could be enlightening. You find others acting in most unusual ways. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Dinner out with family.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Include a loved one and/or a friend as you explore a museum or browse a favorite section of town. Don't hold rigidly to plans; be willing to change your pace. Do what interests you. Sharing reminds you why you care about those around you. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Close relating brings new information. You could really be surprised by what comes forward. You cannot always judge another by your standards. Discuss what you both want. Developing a stronger

connection professionally is now possible. Tonight: A face-to-face chat.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Maintain a sense of humor. Make a trip or visit, even if it is only a short one. Though telephones certainly promote togetherness, there is nothing like seeing a loved one's smile. A partner or friend makes a request that's a bit out of the norm. Tonight: Go with another's plans!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ There is no way around it — you are in productivity mode. Listen to your sixth sense regarding what to do to make life flow more smoothly. You might need to get a head start on the work week. Clear out errands. Your personality melts barriers. Communicate your needs to a partner. Tonight: Relax.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Determine what you want from others. Though a child and/or significant other seems to offer you the world, there might be more going on than meets the eye. Allow more fun and spontaneity to enter your life. Worry less and simply enjoy. Tonight: The night away.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You could have a case of "spring fever" as you start sprucing up for the warmer months. Others get excited about the changes you make. Listen to your instincts about what to add and what to release. Get into some physical exertion or a favorite sport. Tonight: Put that extra effort into conversations.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Laughter and fun mix delightfully, if you don't get uptight about changes. Flirtation heats up a relationship. Carefully consider what you really want. Allow yourself and others greater freedom. Wherever

you are, a good time is likely to be had. Tonight: Where the fun is.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You could be taken aback by the cost of a purchase. Listen carefully to a family member or roommate, especially about an expenditure. Add to the quality of your life in simple or unique ways. Build a better relationship as well. Your efforts do count! Tonight: To a favorite dinner spot.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You might follow through on a heart's desire or a professional plan in a most unconventional manner. Your caring makes a big difference as you reach out for others. Listen carefully to a friend's input or ideas. Spontaneity marks your actions. Tonight: Whatever puts a grin on your face.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Take a deep breath and think before you make a financial decision. Continue the evaluation process. Remember, only you can really make the final call. Take a walk or meditate to clear the cobwebs from your mind. Allow plenty of time for you. Tonight: Catch up on mail and calls.

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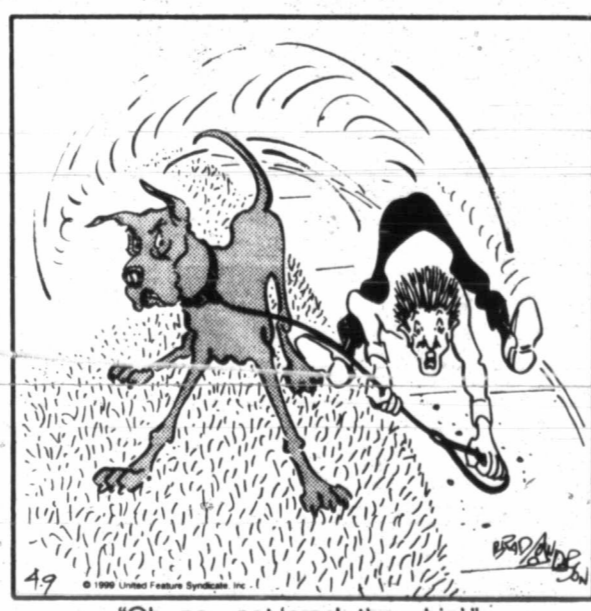
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# SPORTS

## Pampa golf teams take the lead in district meet

### Notebook

#### FOOTBALL

**PAMPA** — A Harvester football players' parent meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday night in the Ready Room at the PHS football fieldhouse.

The 1999 freshmen parents are urged to attend.

Plans will be made for the future of Harvester football.

#### GOLF

**DUMAS** — Travis Lovins and Jason Floyd each shot an 84 to lead Canadian to the first-lead in the District 5-2A Boys' Golf Tournament Thursday at Pleasant Trails.

Canadian's toughest competition came from its junior varsity squad, which is in second place and 38 strokes behind the leader.

Canadian is also ahead in the girls' tournament as the Lady Wildcats lead Sunray by 1 stroke.

Keri Moore of Canadian leads the medalist standings with a 116.

**Canadian Individual Scores**

**Boys**

Canadian varsity: Travis Lovins 84, Jason Floyd 84, Cody Mixon 85, Chris Cox 92, Robert Boyd 102.

Canadian junior varsity: Taylor Sims 96, Kyle Wilson 93, Chance Taylor 91, Austin Johnson 123, Clint Miller 103.

**Girls**

Canadian: Keri Moore 116, Kelisa Moore 140, Brooke McQuiddy 128, Kristen Jones 133, Jennifer Hale 141.

#### BASKETBALL

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Everything seems to be working for the Chicago Cubs — except Sammy Sosa.

Sosa remained homerless and 1-for-10 for the season, but Henry Rodriguez and Jose Hernandez hit solo homers, and the Cubs got a lucky ninth-inning bounce to beat the Houston Astros 2-1 Thursday night.

"That's why we're the Cubs," Mark Grace said. "A lot of people seem to think we're the Sosas. I can understand how they do."

"But Sammy's going to hit four times and the rest of us are going to hit 23 or 24 times and Sammy doesn't pitch. Sammy didn't do a whole lot but we still won two of three."

The Cubs got good starting and relief pitching.

Jon Lieber (1-0) won his first start for Chicago. He allowed five hits in eight innings, striking out six and walking none.

"I was up a little at times, but I definitely felt in control," Lieber said. "I hit my spots, and that's the name of the game. I was just concentrating on their lineup and trying to keep the game close."

The Cubs even got some convenient help from the artificial turf.

With two outs in the ninth and Jeff Bagwell on first base, Carl Everett hit a ground-rule double off Rod Beck that bounced over the left-field fence. Had the ball stayed in play, Bagwell would have had a chance to score.

Instead, Bagwell had to stop at third, and Beck got Richard Hidalgo on a game-ending grounder. Beck got his first save in his first appearance of the season.

"I don't know if they are smart enough to be in the right places or lucky," said Astros manager Larry Dierker. "But they had some good shifts on to where they were in the right spots at the right time."

**DUMAS** — Pampa girls shot a 363 Thursday at Pheasant Trails to take a huge 52-stroke lead after the second round of the District 3-4A Golf Tournament.

The Lady Harvesters have a two-round total of 724 while Borger is a distant second at 776.

Pampa is also in first in the boys' division, leading Borger by 15 strokes.

PHS head coach Frank McCullough said both teams had a respectable round, despite playing in winds that gusted up to 60 miles per hour.

"We played pretty good, but it sure wasn't a fun day. They played in a straight-line wind that gusted up to 60 miles per

hour and it blew at a steady 40 to 45 all day long," McCullough said. "Our girls have pretty much of an insurmountable lead and the boys have a pretty good lead after playing on a neutral course. If they can extend that lead after playing on the home course Saturday, they've got an excellent chance at staying on top going into the last two rounds."

Pampa's Matt Heasley had the low round of the tournament yesterday with a 78.

"That's an exceptional round in that wind," McCullough added.

Pampa's Nathan Banner is second in the medalist standings with two-round 156.

Pampa's Alison Piersall, who plans to attend North

Texas State on a golf scholarship, leads the girls' medalist race with a two-round 157. She had an 81 Thursday.

"Alison played well in the wind and so did Cortnie Allison," McCullough said. "Cortnie hit the ball well, but she missed a lot of short putts because of the wind. She couldn't stand over the ball very long and keep her balance."

The third of the five district rounds will be played Saturday at the Pampa Country Club and Hidden Hills courses.

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**Medalist:** 1. (tie) Dixon, Borger, 81 — 156; 2. Nathan Banner, Pampa, 86—156; 3. Barry Brauchi 81—158.

**Pampa:** Nathan Banner 86— 156; Barry Brauchi 81—158; Matt Heasley 78—159; Grady Locknane 84 —163; Clay Banner 83—193.

**Pampa B:** Anthony Tiedt 92—164; Daniel Heuston 84— 166; Ryan Black 93—174; Eric Wade 100—179; Craig Stout 98—176.

**Singles:** Cory Fowler 92; Jody Richardson 93; Shane Story 101.

**Boys**

**Second round**

**Team standings:** 1. Pampa 326—628; 2. Borger 341—643; 3. Hereford 337—665; 4. Dumas 342—670; 5. Pampa B 367—676; 6. Borger B 377— 690; 7. Caprock 348—692; 8. Hereford B 393—732; 9. Dumas B 393—742; 10. Palo

**District 3-4A**

**Girls**

**Second round**

**Team standings:** 1. Pampa 363—724; 2. Borger 415—776;

## Cowboys are under scrutiny

**DALLAS (AP)** — Accusations that the Dallas Cowboys attempted to buy time while securing room under the salary cap to sign center Mark Stepnoski, wide receiver Raghbi "Rocket" Ismail and linebacker Quentin Coryatt to free agent contracts have put the club under scrutiny of the NFL office.

League spokeswoman Leslie Hammond didn't elaborate Thursday except to say the league is looking into allegations involving the three players.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones declined to discuss the issue, but while the collective bargaining agreement gives the league the latitude to investigate these suspicions, the document appears to lack the teeth needed to initiate any punitive measures unless signed contracts are discovered, according to The Dallas Morning News.

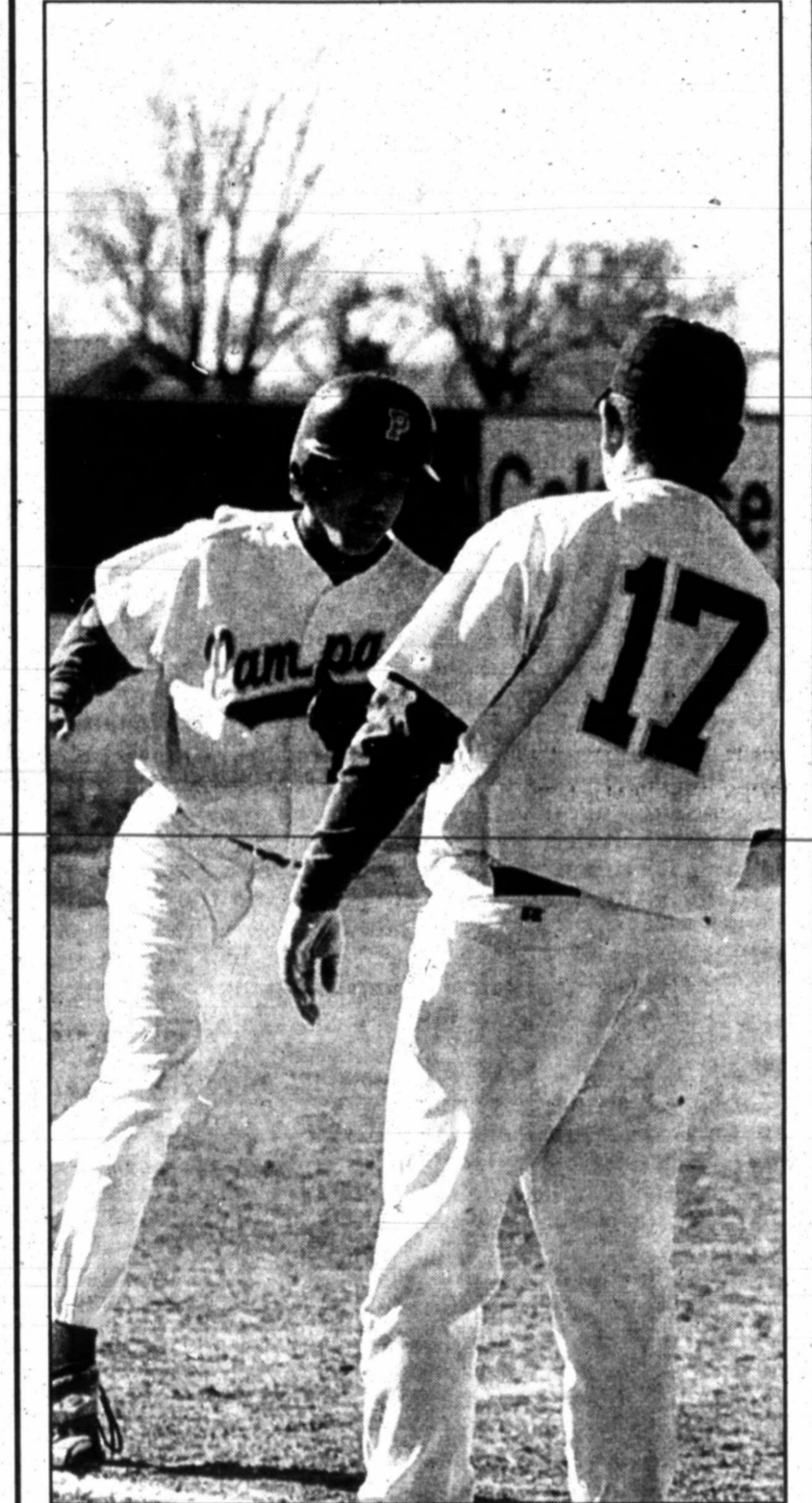
Agents for wide receiver Ismail and linebacker Coryatt said Thursday that no signed contracts exist for their clients. Stepnoski's agent couldn't be reached.

Last month, it was reported that the Cowboys had come to terms on multiyear contracts with the three free agents. But no announcement was forthcoming about a signing. The New York Times reported Thursday that several teams said that when they expressed interest in the three, they were told the players no longer are available.

Some of the teams said they conducted their own investigations and determined that an arrangement had been reached between the Cowboys and the players.

At that point, according to The Times, at least several of the teams complained to the league.

## Casey connects



Pampa's Casey Owens rounds third base and received congratulations from head coach Dennis Doughty after hitting a three-run homer against Hereford on Tuesday. The Harvesters host Palo Duro at 1 p.m. Saturday.

## Optimists report 583 signed up for baseball and softball programs

**PAMPA** — "We have had a terrific response to the Optimist baseball and softball program this year," said James Davis, the Optimist President. "At the close of Thursday's registration, 583 players had registered. This compares to 470 for last year. We are scrambling to find enough coaches to help with all the teams."

Davis said that Miami is bringing a team of five and six year olds, a team of seven and eight year olds and a team of nine and ten year olds to play. Lefors is bringing a team of girls for the 10 to 12 Little League Softball League and a team of seven and eight year olds.

"We want to think a lot of people who have helped make this large turnout possible," Davis said. "Tanya Lidy has helped spread the word to minorities. Eunice Moreno and Dr. Dawson Orr had our flyers that were distributed through the schools translated into Spanish. Dr. Jay Johnson is raising money for our scholarships. Roy Lott had talked to just about every kid in

the Lefors school about playing. Ron and Sandy Carr have helped with the Miami teams."

Davis continued, "The Pampa News has been wonderful about presenting the news about our program. KGRO and C&S Cable Advertising helped with radio and television coverage. Culbertson-Stowers, Warner-Horton Supply and Now and Then put information about sign-ups and tryouts on the marquee in front of the businesses. Doug Locke put our sign-ups and tryouts on the Internet. The Pampa banks loaned us executives who have provided positive leadership for our leagues. The list goes on and on. I know that I have missed naming some people."

Pampa Harvester head coach Dennis Doughty and his staff will conduct a coaches clinic at 2 p.m. Sunday at Optimist Park. Baseball and softball coaches from around the area and the Pampa Kids-Youth Club are invited to attend.

## Phillies defeat Braves, 6-3

**ATLANTA (AP)** — On the night Hank Aaron was honored, it was only fitting that home runs helped decide the game.

Too bad for Aaron, his Atlanta Braves didn't win.

Scott Rolen and Rico Brogna hit solo homers and Paul Byrd shut down his former team on two hits in 7 1-3 innings as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Braves 6-3 Thursday night.

Before the game, Aaron was praised on the 25th anniversary of his 715th home run, breaking Babe Ruth's record. Commissioner Bud Selig, NL president Len Coleman and Al Downing, who surrendered the historic homer at Atlanta, were

among those taking part in the 45-minute ceremony.

Aaron, now 65 and a Braves senior vice president, finished with 755 home runs.

He was part of a sellout crowd of 47,225 that watched Brogna homered in the second and Rolen connect in the sixth off Kevin Millwood (0-1).

Brantley closed for his second save as the Phillies split the season-opening, four-game series. He struck out three of his four batters.

Byrd (1-0) blanked the Braves on only one hit — a third-inning double — until the seventh when Atlanta scored twice on one hit.

## Four tied for first place at Masters

**AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)** — Nearly 20 hours after he first teed off, Nick Price tapped in for par today on a blustery morning at Augusta National to climb into a tie for the lead after the first round of the Masters.

Price completed his twice-delayed round with a 3-under-par 69 and tie Davis Love III, Brandel Chamblee and Scott McCarron atop a crowded leaderboard.

An hour later, U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen joined them, making a birdie on the second hole of his second round to get to 3-under.

David Duval also completed

his first round with a par to finish with a 71. He and Price then headed toward the clubhouse, their second round tee time a little more than an hour away.

"It's just what you have to do," Duval said of having to finish one round and then start another. "I'm not doing anything different."

After taking their break, Duval and Price teed off at mid-morning, both making pars on the first hole of their second round. At the time, a total of 19 players were within two shots of the lead.

Conditions that have changed almost hourly since the 63rd Masters began on Thursday, with

brisk winds blowing down the 18th fairway as Price, Duval and 10 others who failed to finish a day earlier began play again.

Price and Duval had only one hole left, and stood on the 18th tee for about 10 minutes waiting for the official restart of play. Pins on the final holes were left in the same place for the golfers to complete their rounds, then were recut for second round play.

Duval had preached the virtue of patience all along, to whoever would listen this week.

Then he promptly ignored his own advice, joining a host of impatient golfers in a jittery opening day at the Masters.

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# '65 Harvesters created memorable season

They were perhaps the best high school baseball team to never win a championship.

In 1965, the District 3-4A race started out like it be would less than mediocre for the Pampa Harvesters, who lost their first two games.

However, by the end of May, the '65 season would be remembered as the most thrilling ever in Harvester baseball history.

Deck Woldt, the ex-Pampa Oiler who was coaching the Harvesters, still gets excited when he reminisces about that momentous season.

"I was real proud of that bunch, the way they turned things around. There were several on that team who went on to play college baseball on scholarships," Woldt recalled.

Two of the Harvesters were Steve and Punchy Molberg, the sons of Max Molberg, a pitcher for the minor league Oilers and Woldt's former teammate.

The district season started in a tailspin for Pampa, which lost to Lubbock High 3-0 and Lubbock Monterey 8-3. However, the Harvesters reeled off 12 consecutive wins and were tied with Monterey for the district lead going into the season finale.

"It was real difficult to win district back then. There was only two Amarillo schools and two Lubbock schools and they dominated baseball. One of those schools usually went to the state tournament every year," Woldt said.

It might be noted that only the district champion qualified for the playoffs in Woldt's time. Pampa had to battle eight other teams for first-place 34 years ago. Being runner-up and just one game behind only meant that a team came close. There was no bi-district game, no trophy awarded.

One of the Pampa wins in that long streak was a 10-9 squeaker over Lubbock Monterey, which would go on to win the Class 4A state championship that season.

The Monterey win would be a steppingstone to one heart-pounding victory after another for the Harvesters, who played like a team of destiny during the month of May.

The season would come to an abrupt end, but not before the Harvesters had fans believing they had the baseball gods on their side.

Standing-room only crowds saw the Harvesters refuse to lose. Lefthander Jerry Garrison threw a three-hitter as Pampa slipped by Plainview 3-2. Ray Jernigan's RBI single in the 11th inning gave Pampa a 6-5 win over Borger. Pampa beat Amarillo High 3-2 on Steve Molberg's homer. Garrison would drive in the winning run in Pampa's 3-2 win over Lubbock High. In between all those squeakers, Pampa pounded Palo Duro 11-6. Jernigan hit two



L.D. Strate  
Sports Editor

homers while Garrison and Ducky Daniels had one each.

Amarillo Tascosa was Pampa's final obstacle enroute to a possible playoff with Monterey for the outright district title. Tascosa was out of contention with an 11-4 record going into the season finale, but the Rebels had an ace in the hole.

His name was Bill Bogan and he was considered one of the best high school pitchers in the state.

"He (Bogan) was quite a pitcher. He went to SMU on a baseball and basketball scholarship," Woldt said.

According to newspaper accounts, there were three major league scouts in the Tascosa bleachers that day when Bogan took the hill against the Harvesters. His 14-2 record would be matched up against the highly-competitive Garrison, who had a respectable 10-1 record of his own.

Bogan couldn't have been sharper. Bogan mixed a curve and knuckleball to shut out the Harvesters 6-0, striking out eight and allowing only two hits. Jernigan and Jim Arthur had singles for the Harvesters.

While Tascosa was dealing Pampa a knockout blow, Monterey would clinch its sixth straight district title.

The Harvesters closed the season with an outstanding 22-5 record and Woldt would be honored by the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame as Baseball Coach of the Year.

The 1965 Pampa Harvesters. They provided fans with a memorable season.

**World's Worst Joke Department: Q** — Where would you expect to find a Mr. Gatti's in Italy? **A** — In the Leaning Tower of Pizza.

**Flashback, 1958:** Pampa golfer Don Prigmore shot a four-round 267 — 11 strokes better than Don Kaplan of Borger — to win the Top O' Texas Tournament at the Pampa Country Club. Prigmore had finished second to Kaplan in 1956.

# Scoreboard

## BASEBALL

National League  
At A Glance  
By The Associated Press  
All Times EDT  
East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	3	1.750	—
Atlanta	2	2.500	—
New York	2	2.500	—
Philadelphia	2	2.500	—
Florida	1	2.333	1 1/2

W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	2	1.667	—
St. Louis	2	1.667	—
Houston	1	2.333	—
Milwaukee	1	2.333	—
Pittsburgh	1	2.333	—
Cincinnati	0	3.000	2

W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	4	0.100	—
Los Angeles	3	1.750	—
Colorado	2	2.500	2
San Diego	2	2.500	2
Arizona	0	3.000	3 1/2

## Wednesday's Games

San Francisco 5, Cincinnati 3  
Baltimore 4, Pittsburgh 1  
New York 6, Florida 0  
Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 0  
Chicago 9, Houston 2  
St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 1  
San Diego 2, Colorado 1  
Los Angeles 6, Arizona 4

## Thursday's Games

St. Louis 9, Milwaukee 4  
San Francisco 12, San Diego 4  
Montreal 5, New York 1  
Chicago 2, Houston 1  
Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 3  
Colorado 4, Los Angeles 2

## Friday's Games

New York (Yostli 6-8) at Montreal (Thurman 4-5), 7:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Spoljaric 4-6) at Florida (Meadows 11-13), 7:05 p.m.  
Chicago (Sanders 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Benson 0-0), 7:05 p.m.  
Arizona (Daal 8-12) at Atlanta (Perez 0-1), 7:40 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Karl 10-11) at Houston (Bergman 12-9), 8:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Harris 14-7) at St. Louis (Oliver 10-11), 8:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Thomson 8-11) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 8-12), 10:10 p.m.  
San Diego (Clement 0-0) at San Francisco (Briggs 0-0), 10:35 p.m.

## Saturday's Games

Chicago (Miller 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 0-1), 1:35 p.m.  
New York (Letter 0-1) at Montreal (Hermanson 1-0), 2:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Tomo 0-0) at St. Louis (Osborne 0-0), 2:10 p.m.  
San Diego (Ashby 0-1) at San Francisco (Gardner 0-0), 4:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Schilling 1-0) at Florida (Springer 0-0), 7:05 p.m.  
Arizona (Johnson 0-0) at Atlanta (Glavine 0-1), 7:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Kile 1-0) at Los Angeles (Brown 0-0), 7:35 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Pulsipher 3-4) at Houston (Holt 0-0), 8:05 p.m.

## Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at Florida, 1:05 p.m.  
Arizona at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.  
New York at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.  
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.  
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 2:10 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Houston, 2:35 p.m.  
San Diego at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.  
Colorado at Los Angeles, 4:10 p.m.

## American League

W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	3	0.1000	—
New York	2	1.667	—
Tampa Bay	2	1.667	—
Toronto	1	2.333	2

## Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	2	1.667	—
Cleveland	2	1.667	—
Minnesota	1	2.333	—
Detroit	1	2.333	—
Kansas City	0	3.000	2

## West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	2	1.667	—
Anaheim	1	2.333	—
Oakland	1	2.333	—
Seattle	1	2.333	—

## Wednesday's Games

New York 4, Oakland 0  
Tampa Bay 8, Baltimore 5  
Boston 6, Kansas City 0  
Toronto 9, Minnesota 3  
Texas 10, Detroit 7  
Seattle 7, Chicago 3  
Cleveland 9, Anaheim 1

## Thursday's Games

Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 3  
Boston 4, Kansas City 1  
Minnesota 11, Toronto 9  
Cleveland 9, Anaheim 1

## Friday's Games

Detroit (Graterol 0-0) at New York (Cone 20-7), 1:05 p.m.  
Kansas City (Barber 2-4) at Chicago (Siroka 14-15), 4:05 p.m.  
Boston (Portugal 10-5) at Tampa Bay (Arrojo 14-12), 7:05 p.m.  
Toronto (Escobar 7-3) at Baltimore (Ponson 8-9), 7:05 p.m.  
Cleveland (Nagy 15-10) at Minnesota (Hawkins 7-14), 8:05 p.m.  
Anaheim (Finley 11-9) at Texas (Burkett 9-13), 8:35 p.m.  
Oakland (Rogers 16-8) at Seattle (Henry 2-0), 1:35 p.m.

## Saturday's Games

Toronto (Carpenter 12-7) at Baltimore (Mussina 1-0), 1:35 p.m.  
Detroit (Moehler 1-0) at New York (Clemens 0-0), 1:35 p.m.  
Kansas City (Pittsley 0-0) at Chicago (Navarro 0-0), 2:05 p.m.  
Boston (P.Martinez 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Alvarez 0-1), 8:35 p.m.  
Cleveland (Gooden 8-6) at Minnesota (Sampson 1-0), 8:05 p.m.  
Anaheim (Civares 9-9) at Texas (Helling 0-1), 8:35 p.m.  
Oakland (Heredia 0-0) at Seattle (Fassero 0-1), 9:05 p.m.

## Sunday's Games

Boston at Tampa Bay, 1:35 p.m.  
Toronto at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.  
Detroit at New York, 1:35 p.m.  
Cleveland at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.  
Kansas City at Chicago, 2:05 p.m.

## GOLF

Masters Graded Scores  
AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Graded scores Thursday from the first round of the Masters, played on the 6,825-yard, par 36-36-72 Augusta National Golf Club. Note: 12 golfers were unable to complete the first round. They will complete the round Friday morning. (P-candidates amateur):

Brandel Chamblee	35-34	—	69
Davis Lovell	37-32	—	69
Scott McCarron	35-34	—	69
Colin Montgomerie	37-33	—	70
Jose Maria Olazabal	35-34	—	70
Justin Leonard	36-34	—	70
Jeff Sluman	37-33	—	70
Andrew Magee	36-34	—	70
Lee Janzen	35-35	—	70
Mark O'Meara	35-35	—	70
Bob Estes	36-35	—	71
Steve Pate	35-36	—	71
Sandy Lyle	35-36	—	71
Ernie Els	35-36	—	71
Ian Woosnam	36-35	—	71
Junjo Ozaki	35-36	—	71
Greg Norman	36-35	—	71
John Daly	35-37	—	72
Craig Stadler	35-37	—	72
Bill Glasson	34-38	—	72
Steve Elkington	34-38	—	72
a-Sergio Garcia	39-33	—	72
Tiger Woods	38-34	—	72
Carlos Franco	33-39	—	72
Miguel Jimenez	37-35	—	72
a-Trevor Immelman	36-36	—	72
Vijay Singh	38-34	—	72
Fuzzy Zoeller	37-35	—	72
Frank Lickite	35-37	—	72

## AUTO RACING

BAYTOWN, Texas (AP) — Thursday's Pro Stock Truck qualifying results from the 12th annual O'Reilly Nationals presented by Pennzoil at Houston Raceway Park, the fourth of 22 events in the \$40 million NHRA Winston Drag Racing Series. This race is the third of a 14 event limited schedule for Pro Stock Truck:

- Brad Jeter, Chevrolet S-10, 7.595 seconds, 177.91 mph.
- Randy Daniels, S-10, 7.614, 176.33.
- Larry Kopp, S-10, 7.623, 176.58.
- Todd Patterson, Dodge Dakota, 7.626, 176.79.
- Dale Eaton, Dodge Dakota, 7.626, 176.65.
- Mark Osborne, S-10, 7.641, 176.49.
- Tim Freeman, S-10, 7.653, 176.90.
- Bob Panella, S-10, 7.654, 176.35.
- Craig Eaton, Dodge, 7.661, 176.51.
- John Lingerher, S-10, 7.662, 177.02.
- Mike Coughlin, S-10, 7.667, 175.59.
- David Spitzer, GMC Sonoma, 7.692, 175.84.
- Brain Self, S-10, 7.702, 176.03.
- Bar Price, S-10, 7.708, 175.30.
- Lou Fizzo, S-10, 7.714, 176.53.
- Mark Whisnant, S-10, 7.716, 175.59.

## HOCKEY

National Hockey League  
At A Glance  
By The Associated Press  
All Times EDT

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

### Atlantic Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
y-New Jersey	43	23	11	97	231	186
x-Philadelphia	35	28	18	88	222	189
x-Pittsburgh	36	28	14	86	233	213
N.Y. Rangers	32	26	13	85	204	173
N.Y. Islanders	22	46	10	54	180	231

### Northeast Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
y-Ottawa	44	22	12	100	236	173
x-Toronto	43	29	7	93	254	225
x-Boston	36	29	13	85	204	173
x-Buffalo	35	26	15	85	196	167
Montreal	31	37	10	72	175	196

### Southwest Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Carolina	32	30	16	80	198	198
Florida	27	32	13	74	211	219
Washington	31	41	6	68	197	206
Tampa Bay	19	51	7	45	170	277

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Central Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
y-Detroit	42	30	6	90	238	193
x-St. Louis	34	31	12	80	222	197
Chicago	26	41	12	64	191	242
Nashville	27	43	7	61	178	242

#### Northwest Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
y-Colorado	42	26	10	94	231	192
Edmonton	29	37	11	69	212	217
Calgary	28	37	12	68	198	220
Vancouver	22	46	11	55	185	252

#### Pacific Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
z-Dallas	48	17	12	108	222	159
x-Phoenix	38	27	12	88	194	180
x-Anaheim	34	31	12	80	204	192
x-San Jose	30	31	17	77	185	180
Los Angeles	29	43	5	63	175	207

## Other News

x-clinched playoff berth  
y-clinched division title  
z-clinched conference title

## Wednesday's Games

Montreal 2, Carolina 0  
St. Louis 4, Washington 2  
Toronto 4, Ottawa 2  
Boston 5, Florida 2  
Detroit 6, Vancouver 1  
Dallas 5, Anaheim 1  
Colorado 4, Nashville 1  
Edmonton 4, Calgary 9 p.m.  
Thursday's Games  
N.Y. Islanders 3, Montreal 1  
Tampa Bay 3, Boston 0  
New Jersey 1, Washington 0  
Ottawa 3, Toronto 1  
Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 1  
Chicago 6, N.Y. Rangers 2  
Los Angeles 3, San Jose 2

## Friday's Games

Florida at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.  
Detroit at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.  
N.Y. Rangers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.  
Nashville at Phoenix, 10 p.m.  
San Jose at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

## Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay at Boston, 1:30 p.m.  
Florida at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
New Jersey at Montreal, 7 p.m.  
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.  
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

## Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 3 p.m.  
Colorado at St. Louis, 3 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Dallas, 3 p.m.  
Phoenix at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

# Oates recalls bullpen view of Aaron home run

By EVAN GRANT  
The Dallas Morning News

ARLINGTON, Texas — In a 32-year baseball career, Rangers manager Johnny Oates has been to the playoffs as a player, coach and manager. He has played in the World Series. He has met the queen of England and the president of the United States.

At the moment that perhaps most stands out in his memory, though, Oates was doing nothing more than standing.

While players with Atlanta, Oates and former Rangers pitching coach Tom House were witnesses to history 25 years ago when Henry Aaron broke Babe Ruth's all-time home run record with No. 715.

At 9:10 p.m. on April 8, 1974, Oates was standing in the bullpen behind the left-field fence when Aaron drove an Al Downing pitch just 40 feet to his left. That's where House was with his glove waiting for the ball.

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 C-85 Apr. 9, 1999

NO. 8478  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF FREDERICK J. NESLAGE, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS**  
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Frederick J. Neslage, Deceased, were issued on March 22, 1999, in Cause No. 8478, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to John E. Neslage and Julia Elizabeth Neslage. Claims may be presented in care of the attorneys for the Independent Executors, addressed as follows:  
 c/o Robert M. Weyland Baker & Botts, L.L.P.  
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 910 Louisiana  
 Houston, Texas  
 77002-4995

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 5th day of April, 1999  
 JOHN E. NESLAGE and JULIA ELIZABETH NESLAGE,  
 Independent Executors of the Estate of Frederick J. Neslage,  
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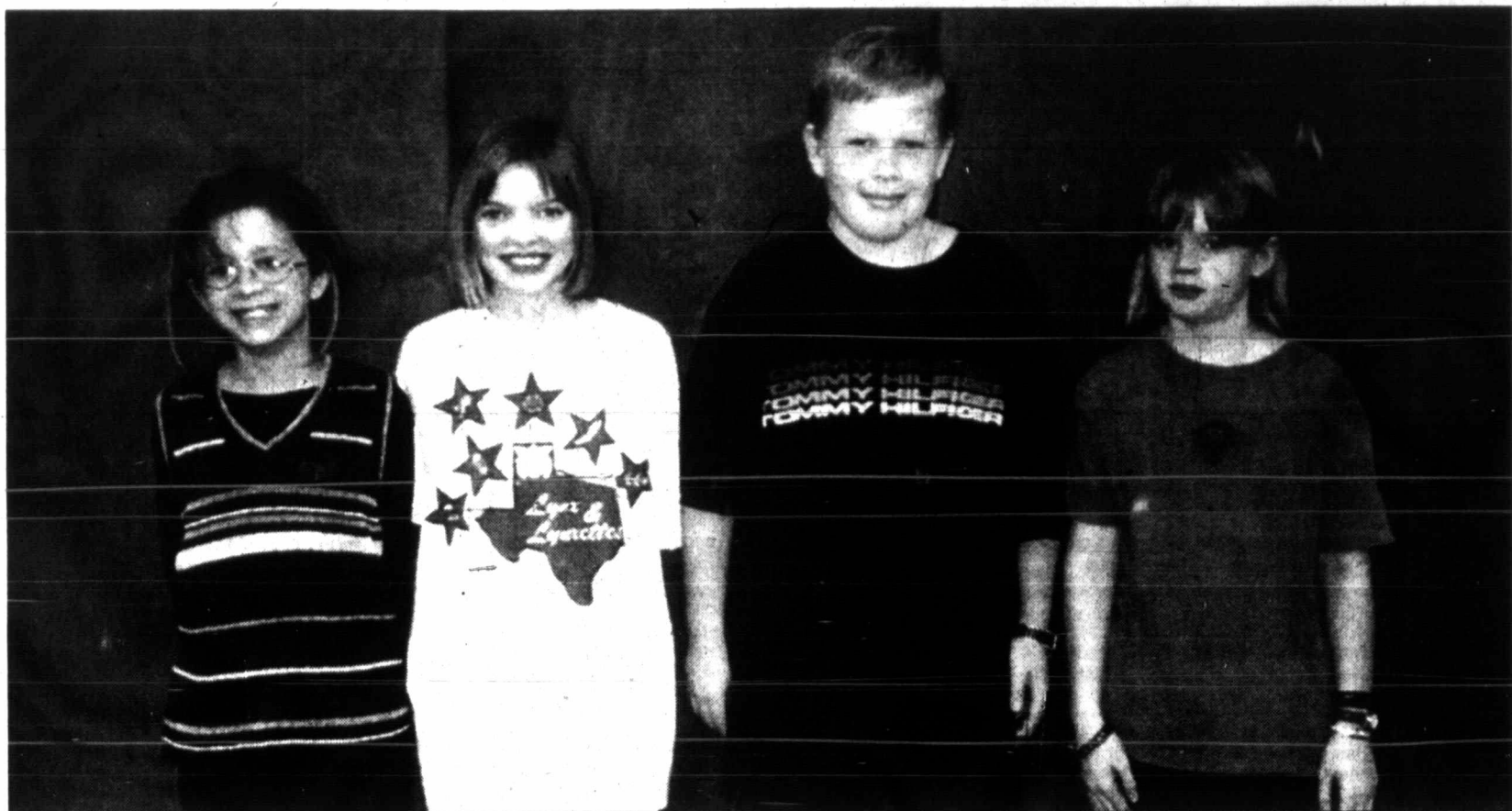
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## Science Fair



Students at Austin Elementary recently participated in the Science Fair and placed in the Environmental category. (From left) Nakayla Courter, third place; Katie Darling, first place and she went to Regionals with first place and won \$25; Russ Bradley, first place and he attended Regionals with third place; Sarah Everson, second place; (not pictured) Billy Hightower, second place. (Special photo)

## Clinton administration introduces mandatory price reporting bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — With hog farmers trying to recover from some of the lowest prices in years, the Clinton administration is proposing that meatpackers be required to reveal what they pay.

The administration's proposal is slightly different from several already pending in Congress. It would make mandatory price reporting permanent while many congressional versions authorize a three-year pilot program.

The administration for several years has supported mandatory price reporting but has never put forth its own proposal.

"Our legislation gives USDA authority to work with producers to make sure that we get them the most valuable information, so they'll have a fuller, more timely picture of what's happening in the market place," Vice President Al Gore said Thursday.

Gore made the announcement during a swing through Iowa — a critical political primary state that is also the nation's largest hog state.

Farmers have pushed for mandatory price reporting for some time, but with greater urgency over the past year. They say there is a big gap between what the meatpackers pay them and what consumers pay at the checkout counter.

All areas of livestock are experiencing low prices, and farmers have accused big companies of pushing them out by keeping prices secret.

Hogs were selling for about 25 cents a pound last month, up from a low at the end of 1998 of 8 cents but well below the break-even point for most hog farmers of almost 40 cents.

Under the proposal being sent to Congress, the Agriculture Department would require individuals who buy, sell or market livestock, livestock products or meat products to report the prices of their transactions to USDA.

USDA now collects the information only on a voluntary basis.

"Our producers have a right to know how much their product is worth on the open market and right now, they don't," said Rep. John Thune, R-S.D., a sponsor of one of the House versions.

Al Tank, chief executive officer of the National Pork Producers Council, said, "Knowledge is power. Mandatory price reporting is a component of that knowledge."

Despite the announcement, Chuck Hassebrook, a Nebraska member of Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman's National Commission on Small Farms, said the administration could do more. Commission members in February criticized Glickman for not moving to implement some form of price reporting, saying he already has some authority.

"As long as the administration refuses to use its existing authority to enforce the law, asking the Congress to pass additional legislation is just passing the buck," Hassebrook said. "It's fine, but it's not exactly providing leadership to send up legislation."

During a speech two months ago to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Glickman said his agency had "broad discretionary authority to collect more information from packers" and vowed to introduce interim steps.

### FPC to host cosmetology competition

BORGER — Frank Phillips College Cosmetology Program will host its annual "Now and Then Competition" at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 11.

Students participating in the program must research and write a three-page essay over the course of a year. During the competition, they must replicate the hair, fashion and make-up of their chosen year. Area salon owners, stylists and other industry professionals will judge the student entries on creativity and accuracy. Admission is free and open to the public.

Students participating in the competition include Carlyn Dyer, Sarah Gosselin, Crystal Hopper, Jacquie McCampbell and Deradah Weldon-Gosselin, all of Pampa.

### 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 Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

#### SHRINE CLUB

The Shrine Club will meet Apr. 16 at 6 p.m. The entertainment will be the Gospel singers Sons of Lights. It will be a covered dish dinner.

#### DANCE CLASSES

Country and Western dance classes will be held at the Canadian YMCA, 903 Cheyenne, Canadian, Texas, on Saturday Apr. 10, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the YMCA gym. Wanda and Joe Archer are instructors, cost is \$5 per person. These are available to teenagers as well as adults - married or single. The main dances offered are the Two Step, the Waltz, the Shottish and the Cotton Eyed Joe. There will be variations taught with other dances. For more information call Glenda at 806-323-9717 or leave message.

#### CANADIAN SINGLES

Canadian Area Singles will have a dance on Apr. 10 at the Canadian YMCA, covered dish dinner at 7 p.m. Dancing will be from 8 - 11 p.m. featuring Michael Porter, one man band. Cost is \$5 per person, singles only.

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