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## County opts to use Genesis House

### Change gives new treatment option for young drug offenders

By JEFF WEST  
Staff Writer

Several new facilities for juvenile offenders have been approved recently possibly none as talked about as Genesis House.

The non use of Genesis House was often mentioned by opponents of the Juvenile Drug Treatment Facility that was proposed last year in Pampa but was voted down in a citywide referendum.

The reason Genesis House had not been used, according to county officials at the time, was the desire to separate juvenile offenders from their normal environment. Residents of Genesis House attend Pampa public schools.

Besides trying to remove some youthful drug offenders from their environment, another problem with using Genesis House is that only 10 The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) beds are available, and according to Administrator Sharon Braddock,

those beds are full most of the time.

When the local treatment center was voted down the Gray County Juvenile Probation Department started looking for more facilities and options for its youthful offenders. TCADA reimburses the county for two juveniles with drug or alcohol problems who have been adjudicated (tried and found guilty) by a court. Chief Juvenile Officer Albert Nichols also discovered a "small county fund" that will pay for the housing and treatment of one more juvenile.

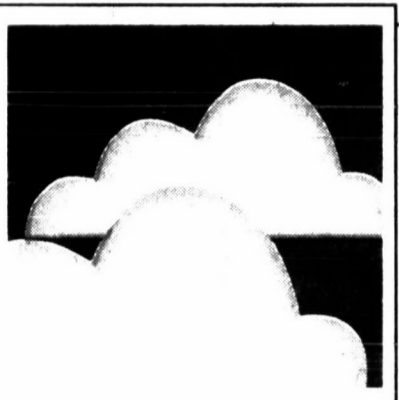
Since the Juvenile Probation Board has approved the use of Genesis House one female, has been placed in the facility. While she is from Gray County she is not from Pampa and therefore out of her normal environment, Nichols said that under the right condition and the right

youngster his department might use Genesis House with a local juvenile.

Currently there are 10 Gray County juveniles at various facilities around the state. Where a young offender is placed depends on several factors including the presence and severity of a dependency problem, nature of offenses committed, and the cooperative nature of the person.

Braddock said since Genesis House is a home-like environment she and her staff will have to be assured that any proposed resident is able to attend public school, be able to function in a structured home-like environment, and have a substance abuse diagnosis.

"Like any new relationship we have to work out the kinks but we're looking forward to building a good relationship with Gray County," Braddock said.



High today mid 60s  
Low tonight 50  
For weather details see Page 2.

**PAMPA** — A local woman out on bond who turned down a plea bargain last week for 10 months in the county jail and was later given a two-year prison sentence was arrested over the weekend for public intoxication. Rhonda L. Reiser, 30, 1120 Sierra, was sentenced on a probation revocation for forgery. Judge Lee Waters had set an appeal bond of \$2,500 which she made last Wednesday. She was released Sunday on \$400 bond on the newest charge.

**PAMPA** — As part of the festivities marking the re-opening of the Lovett Memorial Library, Native American storyteller Eldrene Douma of Canyon will tell stories Saturday, April 17, at the library at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. There is no admission charge.

**MIDLAND (AP)** — Bob Darlington and Phil Handley understand the complaints of West Texas landowners who fear low-level Air Force training will ruin their peace and quiet.

But the retired Air Force fliers say the training is essential and might well save the lives of American pilots in combat someday.

Ranchers and farmers are fighting mad about an Air Force plan to train B-1 bomber pilots over their land. Some flights would take place at the ground-scrapping altitude of only 200 feet.

The landowners complain that such flights will spook cattle, contaminate the environment and ruin the relative serenity they now enjoy.

- J.C. Barefoot, 71, custom hay baler.
- Max Willard Brown, 84, retired employee Foxworth Galbraith Lumber Company.
- Pat Jordan, 61, services pending.
- Ted Kendall, 90, services pending.
- Joe W. Morris, 46, railroad conductor.
- Otelsia Adams Riley, 52, nurse.
- Lois M. Strong, 79, former teacher, retired secretary.
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Martha and John Haag with one of the many clocks John has created for their home.

## Clock-maker says craft gives him way to relax

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Managing Editor

remains busy even though he had to retire early from carpentry for health reasons 10 years ago.

Daylight savings can prove to be a problem at the Haag residence.

"Okay, John, it's time to change the clocks," Martha Haag says she has to tell her clock-making husband twice a year.

A retired carpenter, John Haag makes clocks for his wife, for gifts and for relaxation.

"He's a big hit at the weddings," Martha said.

"But generally, I do this for relaxation everyday," said John.

From house construction and furniture making to clock building, John



But working with his hands is second-nature. It's something he's been doing all his life, he said.

Always a fan of art in school, John helped build his first house when he was 16.

"The big similarity between building houses and clocks," said John, "is the enjoyment of making something someone else will enjoy."

John, the great-grandson of a German farmer, spends his days in back of the house replicating 1800s, German-style "fret" clocks from kits he orders in the mail.

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## Fighting sticks get man busted

### Officer: Search yields crack

A Pampa man is free on \$6,500 bond today after being arrested Friday for possession of an illegal weapon and possession of a controlled substance.

Around 8 p.m., Pampa Police Officer Corey Powell spotted Billy M. Grimes, 37, 1041 Prairie, practicing with some nunchaku, (martial art fighting sticks on a chain), which are considered illegal deadly weapons in public, according to Powell. He stopped his unit and ordered Grimes to drop the weapon.

While Grimes was being placed under arrest, family and neighbors started gathering. Officer Keith Morris and Deputy Rick Smithey arrived to back up Powell.

During a search of Grimes, Powell said he found a half gram of what appeared to be crack cocaine in the suspects pocket as well as a crack pipe and a knife which had suspected cocaine residue on the blade.

Later tests by Morris, who was recently certified to test drugs, showed the substance was crack cocaine, the officer said. The material will be sent to a lab today for further testing.

Grimes is currently on deferred adjudication for delivery of a controlled substance and is under indictment for retaliation, a spokesman in the district attorney's office said.

## Pantex prairie dog town study looks at about 500 acres

The nation's nuclear weapons assembly plant does more than build and take apart atomic bombs. They're studying prairie dogs.

The study at Pantex, the Department of Energy facility here, where nuclear weapons were for years assembled and now are being disassembled following the cold war, started only two years ago. Last year, because of dry weather conditions, the study yielded little or no data, but researchers at the plant hope to build a data base of this creature of the plains that has been proposed for listing as an endangered species.

The initial data may well substantiate claims by ranchers that the wee timorous beasties of the pastures are more of a detriment to the ecosystem than a benefit.

"Overall we're looking at about 16,000 acres out there, and as part of that, we manage about 500 acres of prairie dogs," said Monty Schoenhals of Mason and Hanger Corporation at the Pantex Plant.

The towns at Pantex vary in size, Schoenhals said. Some consist of only a few individuals while others consist of thousands of individuals. All five sites are monitored by the plant's Waste and Environmental Management Department. One is a control area with no prairie dogs.

All the areas are under playa management plans.

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## Expert: Fewer tornadoes, less rainfall

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

AMARILLO — There's good news and bad news on the weather front.

In a weather conference here Saturday that featured video of the Pampa tornado in 1995, officials with the National Weather Service said the Southern United States' weather, governed by the El Nino-La Nina weather phenomenon of the Pacific Ocean, should see fewer tornadoes this year, but drier weather.

Some 62 percent of the major tornadoes spawned across the Southern Plains are during the warm phase of the El Nino weather patterns. Only about 17 percent of the tornadoes occur during the cold phase, or La Nina years, according to

data, said Ed Andrade, a senior forecaster for the National Weather Service's Amarillo facility.

In some instances, it may only mean the severe weather season may be pushed back a month or so.

"That could happen this year," Andrade said.

The Pampa tornado video, shot by then Sheriff Randy Stubblefield, was shot during a La Nina weather pattern year.

The Southwest and Southern Plains states through June should experience drier weather conditions. There should also be less severe weather for the southern U.S. while the Mid-Mississippi Valley up through the Ohio River Valley to the Great Lakes will see more rain and severe weather.

The El Nino effect on the weather brings more precipitation across the southern United States. The El Nino phenomenon is a warming of equatorial waters in the Pacific.

"This year, we have the opposite in La Nina," said Andrade.

The water temperatures along the equator in the Pacific Ocean are lower than normal.

As of March 5, the National Weather Service reported colder than normal temperatures on the equator in the Pacific.

"They are two-to-four degrees Fahrenheit below normal," Andrade said. The El Nino phenomenon usually mean wetter winters and springs in the Southern and Southwestern United States, and La Nina phenomenon usually

means drier conditions.

Unfortunately, the La Nina patterns are not as predictable as the El Nina patterns, Andrade said.

January in the Texas Panhandle, he points out, was very dry until the very end of the month. In the last couple of days in January, a snow storm moved across the region, leaving the month in the books as one of the wettest Januaries on record.

Normally, during a La Nina year, a high pressure system can be found over the Northern Pacific Coast of the U.S. That translates into drier conditions for Southern California, the Southwest and Southeast and wetter than-normal conditions for the Pacific Northwest, Northern

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### Canned food drive



Pictured are some of the "Curves for Women" participants who donated food for a canned food drive in March. The food is being donated to Good Sam's. (Front row from left) Sherri Murray, Mary Bybee, Patsy Nichols, Janet Stone, Manager. (Back row from left) Becky Day, Tammy Addington, Diana Bruner, Amy Nelson. (Special photo)

# Drilling Intentions

#### Intentions to Drill

**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Douglas)** Unit Petroleum Co., #1 Shell, 467' from South & West line, Sec. 34,3,I&GN, elev. 3068 gl, spud 12-9-98, drlg. compl 2-2-99, tested 4-1-99, treated - natural completion, pumped 1.9 bbl. of 40.2 grav. oil + 18 bbls. water, GOR 368412, perforated 3045-3170, TD 3174', tops: Br. Dolo 2671, Gr. Wash 2917, 9 5/8" csg. 500' (215 sx) 7" csg. 2946' (135 sx) 4 1/2" liner - top 2878', bottom 3170' (- sx) 2 3/8 tbg. - depth set 3172' - API# 42 179 32371

#### Application to Plug-Back

**ROBERTS (WILDCAT & SHREIKEY Granite Wash)** Range Production Co., #1 Make Believe, 467' from South & West line, Sec. 29,44, A.P. Smith, PD 11450'

#### Oil Well Completions

**GRAY (PANHANDLE) Duncan Oil Properties, Inc., #1034 Worley 'B', 990' from South & West line, Sec. 34,3,I&GN, elev. 3068 gl, spud 12-9-98, drlg. compl 2-2-99, tested 4-1-99, treated - natural completion, pumped 1.9 bbl. of 40.2 grav. oil + 18 bbls. water, GOR 368412, perforated 3045-3170, TD 3174', tops: Br. Dolo 2671, Gr. Wash 2917, 9 5/8" csg. 500' (215 sx) 7" csg. 2946' (135 sx) 4 1/2" liner - top 2878', bottom 3170' (- sx) 2 3/8 tbg. - depth set 3172' - API# 42 179 32371**

**HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #1052 Walker, 2100' from South & 1500' from East Lease line, Sec. 52, A-1,H&GN, elev. 2493 kb, spud 2-24-99, drlg. compl 3-10-99, tested 4-3-99, treated acidized w/17000 gals 7 1/2% NEFE acid, dropping 90 ball sealers & fraced w/37000 gals 65Q CO2 foam carrying 72380# 20-40 Ottawa Sand, flowed 206 bbl. of 42 grav. oil + 30 bbls. water thru 24/64" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure 0, tbg. pressure 125#, GOR 1102, perforated 8091-8112, TD 3240', PBTD 8185', tops: Br. Dolo 4328, Penn shale 5946, Penn Lime 6691, B/Heebner Shale 7860, Up.**

Douglas 7916, Lo. Douglas 8090, 8 5/8" csg. 1605' (530 sx) 4 1/2" csg. 8240' (270 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. - depth set 8013', pkr set 8013' - API# 42 211 32332

**ROBERTS (HORIZON Cleveland) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #2 A.C. McGarraugh, 2050' from North & 3850' from West line, Ashley Cooper Survey, elev. 2972 kb, spud 4-25-98, drlg. compl 5-12-98, tested 2-18-99, treated fraced w/446 gals 30Q Medalion & 38780# 20-40 sand, fraced w/22512 gals Super-Rheo gel & 83000# 16-30 sand, pumped 10 bbl. of 34 grav. oil + 1 bbl. water, GOR 0, perforated 7038-7068, TD 9300', tops: Br. Dolo 3445, Douglas 5675, Tonkawa 6001, KC 6675, Cleveland 7026, Morrow 8400, 8 5/8" csg. 1842' (1050 sx) 5 1/2" csg. 9300' (555 sx) 2 7/8" tbg. - depth set 7173' - API# 42 393 31409**

**ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #9083 Lois Webb, 2300' from South & 1900' from West line, Sec. 83,B-1,H&GN, elev. 2736 kb, spud 12-6-98, drlg. compl 12-26-98, tested 2-15-99, treated fraced w/77700 gals & 274220# 20-40 sand, fraced w/363 bbls. water & sand, flowed 5 bbls. of 53.7 grav. oil + 3 bbls. water, GOR 73800, perforated 10485-10634, TD 10800', PBTD 10798', tops: none shown, 8 5/8" csg. 2378' (1020 sx) 3 1/2" csg. 10798' (310 sx) - no tbg. shown - API# 42 393 31428**

**HUTCHINSON (HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #1 Mathews '2', 1328' from South & 815' from East line, Sec. 2,M-22,TCRR, elev. 3085 kb, spud 11-10-98, drlg. compl 11-22-98, tested 3-1-99, potential 410 MCF, rock pressure 1038, pay 8418-8444, TD 8600', PBTD 8582', tops: Br. Dolo 3458, Douglas 5445, KC 6230, Cleveland 6820, Morrow 7812, 8 5/8" csg. 1770' (595 sx) 3 1/2" csg. 8582' (205 sx) - no tbg. shown - API# 42 233 32839**

**HUTCHINSON (KIRK Chase) Jones Energy, Ltd., #1 Jake '86', 1980' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 86,5-T,T&NO, elev. 3225 kb, spud 2-9-99, drlg. compl 2-25-99, tested 3-3-99, potential 441 MCF, rock pressure 865.5, pay 3330-3338, MD 4409', TVD 3338', tops: Br. Dolo 3170, Winfield 3512, Douglas 4960, 8 5/8" csg. 1710' (855 sx) 4 1/2" csg. 5140' (400 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. - depth set 3518' - API# 42 233 32490 - Horizontal**

**ROBERTS (WEST LIPS Cleveland) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #1 Courson 'D' 22, 1600' from North & 1250' from East line, Sec. 22,A,H&GN, elev. 2810 kb, spud 10-20-98, drlg. compl 11-5-98, tested 2-19-99, potential 182 MCF, rock pressure 618, pay 6548-6568, TD 8710', PBTD 6860, to: Br. Dolo 3130, Douglas 5313, Cleveland 6640, Morrow 7840, 8 5/8" csg. 31418 - Orig. filed as #1 Lips Ranch 'D' 22**

### Calendar of events

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

**PAMPA CHESS CLUB**  
The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at Yummie's Pizza in the Pampa Mall at 7:30 p.m. We offer casual yet competitive games, free instruction, and a quarterly newsletter. For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

**CLEAN AIR AL-ANON**  
Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

**TRALEE CRISIS CENTE FOR WOMEN**  
Tralee Crisis Center for Women is offering an in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings will be Tuesday's from 11 a.m.-12 noon and on Thursday's from 7-8 p.m. For more information call (806) 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**  
The Lovett Memorial Library is presenting a Pre-School Story Hour every Tuesday at 10 a.m. This story hour is for children ages 18 months to 5 years old. If you have any questions, call Shanla Brookshire at 669-5780. This schedule will be subject to

change pending the move of the library back to 111 N. Houston.

**GRAY CO. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
The Gray Co. Genealogical Society will meet on Monday, Apr. 26 at the St. Matthew's Episcopal Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Dale Roth at 665-0280.

**LOOK GOOD, FEEL BETTER**  
Look Good... Feel Better is a very special program which helps you cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatment, when you simply want to be able to look in the mirror and feel comfortable with the self you see on Apr. 26 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the American Cancer Society Office, 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. With the help of cosmetology professionals, you will learn quick and easy makeup tricks to make you look and feel more like yourself. You'll learn how to compensate

for hair loss. You'll be happy to discover that looking good really can make you feel better. To register or for more information about monthly programs call American Cancer Society at (806) 353-4306.

**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**  
Pampa Chapter #65 has changed it's meeting nights to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, the meeting time is still 7:30 p.m. The first meeting on the new night will be Apr. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Officers please wear Chapter dress. Also Gavel Club will meet for their regular meeting Wednesday Apr. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

**JUNIOR CLASS PARENTS**  
There will be a meeting of the Junior Class parents on Tuesday, Apr. 13 in the High

School Library to plan a reception for Vespers. Call Carol Fields for more information at 665-2635.

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# MEDICAL

## It pays to be sensible in the sun

AUSTIN — The most common form of cancer is also one of the most easily prevented. Skin cancer, in all its forms, will impact about one million Americans this year, and will account for half of all cancers diagnosed. About 44,200 of those diagnosed with skin cancer will have malignant melanoma, the deadliest skin cancer. But about 80 percent of skin cancers could be prevented through limiting exposure to the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. By protecting yourself and your family, you can keep from getting burned by skin cancer.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association urge you to take some simple steps to protect your skin, and to educate yourself on the signs of skin cancer so you might detect any abnormalities early. Minimize your risk and avoid becoming one of the many who will face skin cancer this year and in the future.

Everyone is at risk for skin cancer, regardless of skin color. People with fair skin that burns easily, blonde or red hair, a family history of skin cancer or a large number of moles are at greater risk, but all people need to guard themselves against skin's No. 1 enemy — damaging UV rays.

UV rays are the same rays that cause sunburn. And most of us know that when we're out in the sun for long periods of time, we're being exposed to damaging rays. But every minute of sun exposure can add up to greater skin cancer risk — even if you're just walking from your house to your car.

"It's so important that people reduce their UV exposure as much as possible," said San Antonio dermatologist Dr. David Madorsky. "People don't think they need protection when in the sun for a short time. But they do — the damage is cumulative."

Minimizing UV ray exposure doesn't mean hiding indoors. It just means facing the sunshine armed with sunscreen.

Dr. Madorsky recommends daily use of sunscreen that has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15, and not using it just on sunny days. UV rays still come through when the skies are cloudy. And wearing sunscreen is necessary even if you'll only be outdoors for a few minutes.

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If you'll be swimming or otherwise active outside, use waterproof sunscreen, and reapply it frequently.

When basking in the sun for a longer period of time, sunscreen isn't enough to protect your skin. Clothing that covers your skin, such as hats and long-sleeved shirts, will afford you the greatest protection. Also, avoid the sun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., when its rays are strongest.

Certain antibiotics, pain medications, antidepressants and other drugs can cause you to burn more easily, so be sure to ask your doctor if any medications you are taking cause sun sensitivity. If they do, it's a wise decision to stay out of the sun entirely.

It's also important to know the warning signs of skin cancer.

Though most skin cancers are benign, they still need to be treated. And malignant melanoma, a less common but much more serious form of skin cancer, can be fatal if not caught early. Look for spots on your skin or a mole that is changing in size, shape or color, or a new growth or lump. Check your entire body periodically for any changes in the skin. Use a mirror to help you see your back, and be sure to check the soles of your feet, your palms, your elbows and the spaces between your toes.

When checking moles or birthmarks on your skin for melanoma, remember the "ABCD" rule. "A" is for asymmetry, meaning one half of a mole or mark doesn't match the other. "B" is for border, meaning the edges of a mole are irregular or ragged. "C" is for color, meaning the color of the mark isn't the same all over and may have differing shades of brown or black or areas of red, blue or white. "D" is for diameter, meaning the area is larger than 6 millimeters, about the size of a pencil eraser. If you see these changes or notice anything unusual, report it to your doctor as soon as possible.

Of course, prevention still is the best defense against skin cancer, and even if you've been a sun worshipper who didn't use sunscreen in the past, you can still change your ways and save your skin from further damage.

"Limit your sun exposure as much as you can, and you'll limit your risk," Dr. Madorsky said. "It's never too late."

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

## Nonmedical factors may sway hormone replacement decisions, according to study

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Women deciding whether to use hormone replacement therapy to ease the transition through menopause may be swayed by factors other than the medical risks and benefits, a new study indicates.

For example, college graduates were more likely to use hormone replacement therapy than women with less education, and women in the South and West were more likely to be users than women in the Northeast, according to the study in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

The influence of factors such as education and region rather than clinical considerations such as heart-disease risk show a need for greater efforts to define which women are most likely to benefit from the therapy, the study concluded.

"In an ideal world, we would think it would be a person's risks and benefits that would be driving this decision," Dr. Nancy L. Keating, researcher at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, said April 6.

The study, based on a 1995 survey of 495 women aged 50 to 74, showed that 38 percent had used hormones after menopause.

The largest factor was a medical consideration: 59 percent of the women who had

undergone hysterectomies used hormone replacement therapy, compared with 20 percent of those who had not. In 1992 guidelines, the American College of Physicians said postmenopausal women who had had hysterectomies were likely to benefit from the therapy.

But there also were wide variations in hormone replacement therapy use that coincided with nonmedical factors.

The study said 54 percent of the college graduates surveyed used hormone replacement therapy, compared with 37 percent of those with high school diplomas and 30 percent of those without diplomas.

Geographically, the therapy was used by 45 percent of the women in the South, 42 percent in the West, 32 percent in the Midwest and 22 percent in the Northeast.

Keating said the results showed a lack of uniformity in weighing the risks and benefits of hormone replacement therapy.

"There clearly is a lot of uncertainty about who really is the ideal candidate — who is going to benefit and who is not," she said. "Both physicians and their patients are not entirely clear."

While the therapy has been shown to decrease symptoms of menopause and help

women get through their menopausal years, there is uncertainty about its long-term use to prevent disease and prolong life, she said.

Hormone replacement therapy has been shown to improve cholesterol levels and bone density. Some observations, unproven by clinical trials, indicate it may lower the risk of heart disease and broken bones but may also increase the risk of breast cancer, Keating said.

"While awaiting further studies, she said, patients and physicians 'must try to do what they can with available data.'"

Illustrating the uncertainty, Dr. Jennifer Daley of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston wrote in an editorial in the journal that she was having trouble making up her own mind whether to use hormone replacement therapy and that the survey showed more study is needed.

"Can we think of another example of a medical intervention, requiring millions of patients to take daily medication for many years, in which we have an incomplete understanding of the medical science and know even less about the motivations, attitudes, perceptions and decision-making styles of the women we want to help?" she wrote.

## Merck looks to take first cholesterol drug over the counter

NEW YORK (AP) — Merck & Co. wants to sell its anti-cholesterol drug Mevacor without a doctor's prescription, a move that would give people easy access to one of medicine's most powerful weapons against heart disease.

Federal regulators will closely scrutinize the company's plan because Mevacor, in its prescription strength, carries a small chance of liver damage.

Regulators have previously rejected the idea of selling cholesterol drugs over the counter, and current users of Mevacor must have blood tests when they first start taking it to ensure no problems arise.

Consumer health advocates say the time has come for the drug to be sold without a prescription.

"This would be wonderful for the public," said Charlie Inlander, president of the People's Medical Society, a consumer health group based in Allentown, Pa. "As long as its safe and effective, why shouldn't we have it?"

Merck wouldn't disclose details of its plans. The company has yet to apply to the Food and Drug Administration for permission to sell over the counter. The FDA could order additional research that would delay the move for months or years.

Experts said the company's main challenge will be to come up with a dosage that would be effective, but at the same time not require follow-up tests.

Experts estimate that only one-third of the 13 million Americans with symptoms of heart disease are taking cholesterol drugs. An additional 16 million with high cholesterol, but no symptoms of heart disease, are untreated.

Views of doctors vary. Dr. Rodman Starke, executive vice president of the American Heart Association, said cholesterol drugs should always be taken under a doctor's care.

But Dr. Bernard Gersh, a consultant in cardiovascular diseases at the Mayo Clinic, said Mevacor has been around for more than a decade and is safe for the vast majority of patients.

"Mevacor is as safe a drug as aspirin," he said.

## Beaches near storm drains, rivers high in unhealthy bacteria

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A study of coastal waters in Southern California and Mexico has found that beaches near storm drains, rivers and creeks can have unhealthy bacteria levels even in dry summer months.

The study also found that 95 percent of the coastline met health standards. "The majority of the coastline looks pretty good, and that is one of our main conclusions," said Rachel Noble, lead scientist for the study by the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project. The results from the summer sampling were reported recently in *The Los Angeles Times*.

Sites up and down 690 miles of coastal waters were tested for two types of bacteria that

indicate contamination by human sewage or animal waste. Such contamination can cause diarrhea, respiratory infections or other problems.

The five-week study that began Aug. 2 concluded that water quality was poorest near outlets for urban storm and sewage runoff.

Overall, only 5 percent of the shoreline exceeded California's daily or monthly limits for at least one of the four bacterial tests conducted. But of the samples taken from the mouths of storm drains, rivers and other runoff sources, 40 percent failed the daily limits and 60 percent failed the monthly standard.

The water quality there was "consistently poor," the study concluded.

## Researchers say estrogen could benefit memory

CHICAGO (AP) — Postmenopausal women undergoing estrogen treatment may also be improving their memories, researchers reported recently in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The study at the Yale University School of Medicine of 46 postmenopausal women found that

estrogen increased activity in regions of the brain associated with memory.

Although the study did not find memories had improved, researchers said estrogen may stimulate the brain to make the type of neural connections typically seen in younger people. They believe that the increased brain activity should mean an accompanying improvement in memory.

"It suggests that the neural circuitry in memory for mature individuals ... can be changed" by estrogen, said Dr. Sally Shaywitz, one of the study's

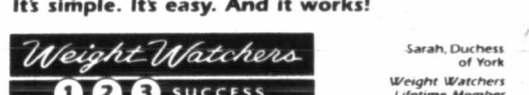
authors. "It is a very hopeful sign."

Production of estrogen, a female hormone, drops sharply after women reach menopause. Previous research has found that estrogen protects against heart disease, fights brittle bones, decreases the risk of colon cancer and may help women live longer.

Studies have also suggested that estrogen may reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease. The ability to establish new connections in the brain is what is lost with the onset of Alzheimer's.

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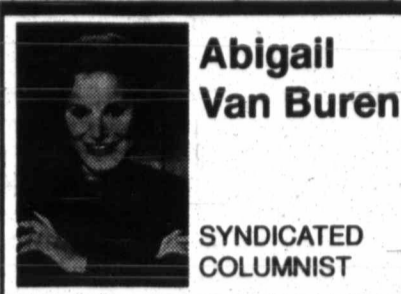


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# Friends Choose Not to Confront Woman's Abusive Beau at Party

DEAR ABBY: I recently gave a party for about 50 of my friends. One of the late arrivals was my beautiful and talented friend "Sara," who arrived accompanied by her new beau, "Sam," whom I had not yet met, but about whom I had heard quite a bit. I greeted them both warmly and invited them into my home. But what I really wanted to do was turn to my other guests and call out, "This is Sam, the man who has been beating our friend Sara."



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Since the party, others have told me that had they realized who he was, they wouldn't have shaken his hand, or they would have "told him a thing or two." The bottom line is that we were all polite, even cordial, toward him — and that's what is bothering me. I know enough about domestic violence to know that if you make the abuser uncomfortable, he will inevitably take it out on the victim. But if we all remain silent, it can appear as though we condone his behavior which, of course, we do not.

I still feel uneasy about treating him as though he were any other welcome guest. As a host, Abby, how would you have handled it?

THE HOSTESS WHO KNEW TOO MUCH IN FLORIDA

DEAR HOSTESS: I would have handled it exactly the way you did. Publicly embarrassing Sam would not have curtailed his violence, and might have resulted in another beating for

Sara. However, you and Sara's other friends should not sit idly by. Let her know that she does not have to tolerate his abuse, that the beatings are not her fault regardless of how he tries to place the blame on her, and unless he is willing to get psychiatric help, he will not change. Sara should also be told that all of you support her, and for her own safety she must end this romance before he seriously injures or kills her.

DEAR ABBY: I'm responding to the two letters you printed about winery tasting room employees. I have worked in the wine hospitality business for more than 25 years, primarily as a consultant in tasting rooms.

It would be wrong for me to say there is absolutely not one person in the wine business — or any other business — with an alcohol problem. But there is no "dirty little secret" about tasting room employ-

ees. My experience is that the vast majority of tasting room employees do not abuse wine, and I've worked with literally hundreds of employees. We practice responsible consumption for ourselves and our guests. The two letters you published on the subject are the exception, not the rule. The wine business is committed to using wine in moderation, particularly with meals. Please set the record straight.

CRAIG ROOT, ST. HELENA, CALIF.

DEAR CRAIG: I think your letter does that very well. However, although the wine industry urges consumers to "enjoy in moderation," not all individuals are willing or able to acknowledge when enough is enough. It is not my intention to trash the industry, but the people whose letters I published were genuinely concerned about a small group of employees.

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## Horoscope

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 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)

★★★ Sometimes it is best to take a break and not to push. Let things mellow out and develop in a different direction. Allow the process to happen, even if you wanted everything yesterday! Your sense of humor comes through, no matter what goes on. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep. Taurus (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Keep your chin up and aim for what you want. Don't make decisions about long-term goals just yet. Networking, calling others and putting your best foot forward all get positive results. Don't minimize what is going on with a friend. Spend some on your image. Tonight: Where the gang is.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Work drops — or rather, is dropped — on you. You might have a difficult time deciding exactly what to do. Remain direct and sure of yourself. Touch base with loved ones. Your gentle manner influences the outcome of a difficult situation. Accept the limelight; there will be positive rewards. Tonight: A must appearance.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Refuse to gloss over a problem. Your ability to resolve issues is high as long as you don't internalize another's behavior. Stay on top of changes; listen to your

sixth sense. Do not honor office gossip in any way, shape or form. Tonight: Relax with a movie.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ One-to-one relating allows you to better understand how another is feeling. Make decisions as a team; be sure of yourself when brainstorming. You might not have all the answers, but you could be surprised how many solutions you find when working with someone else. Tonight: An adventure awaits.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Let others present their cases. Not everyone has to concur, but it might be nice if some agreement takes place. Listen to suggestions; don't push as hard. You could be surprised at what others contribute. Your sense of humor comes out. Tonight: Say "yes."

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Pace yourself; you have a lot of work to get done. You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like. Look at ways to streamline tasks and get the job done. Efficiency is possible if you study how to cut out the frills. Others like your ideas. Tonight: Get some exercise.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Creativity surges. Allow ideas to flow. New information that comes forward needs thought. A child is full of fun; laughter marks this relationship. Let the kid in you out more frequently. If single, be open to meeting someone new. You might be pleased by a new person at work! Tonight: Romp away.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Take time with a close tie, who needs your time and attention. You might not be able to come up with immediate answers. A home office is likely. Talks are

likely with a family member or friend who has a lot of influence over you. Share concerns. Tonight: Happy at home.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Keep communication up. Return calls, be willing to chat about what your limits are. A friend might want to talk now, but postpone a conversation until your work is done. You might have more to do than you can handle; delegate, if possible. Listen to a neighbor. Tonight: Time for friends!

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Finances need a firm touch. You might not be sure what you want to do or where to cut costs. Talk to others, get feedback. Another proves to be quite the savior. Don't sell yourself short; aim for the result you want. Make a point of not taking unnecessary risks because of a loved one. Tonight: Pay bills first.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your inner voice keeps chattering. Rather than keeping your thoughts to yourself, express your ideas. Others want to hear. Worry less about a domestic matter. Reach out for others, don't stand on ceremony. Another will support you in a project. Tonight: It's your call!

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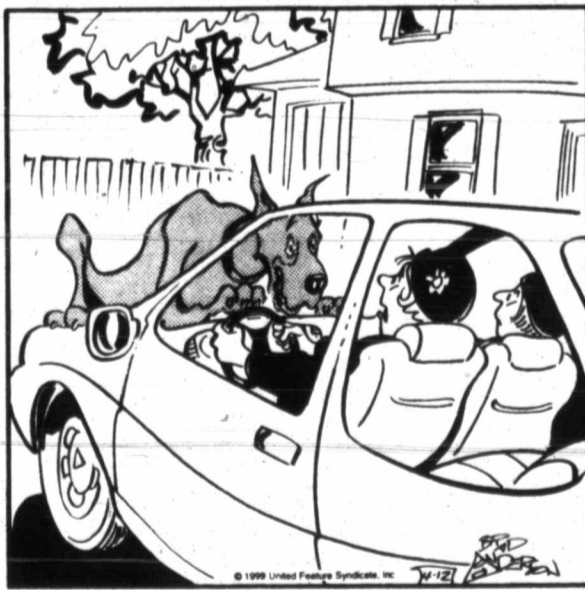
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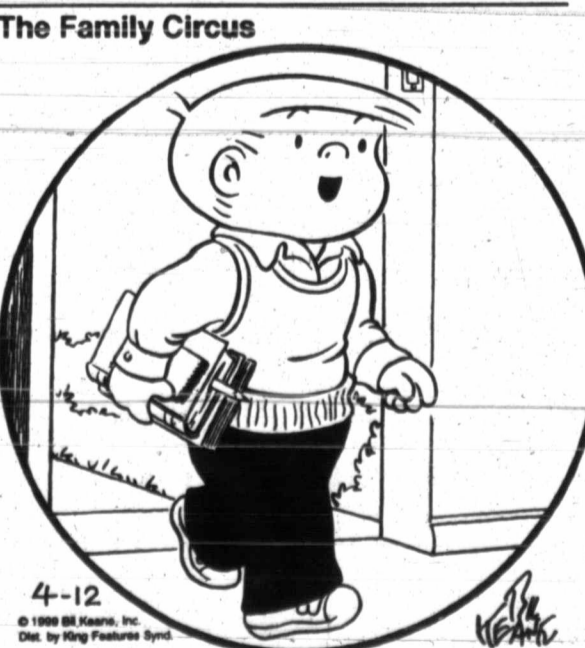
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**Saturday's answer**

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"I should get a car phone to call Dottie for help when we visit her."



"Mr. Fleming says I should learn to toot my own horn. Can I get a trombone?"

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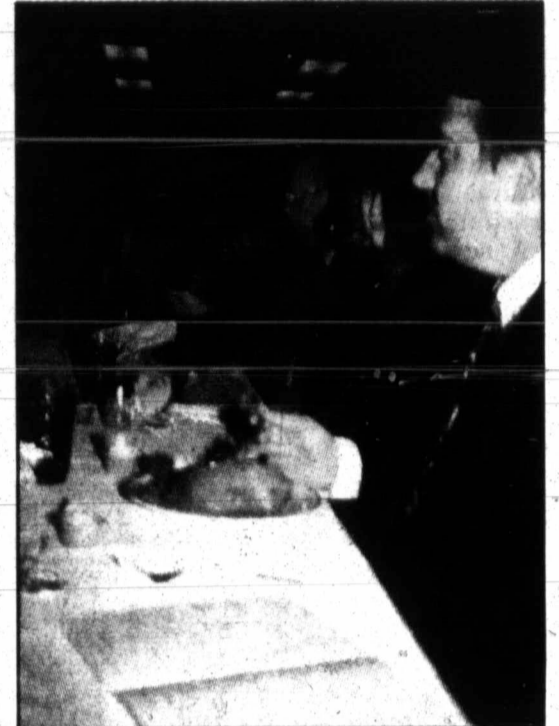
# Spotlight on Pampa

by  
The Pampa Chamber of Commerce



Special guest speaker Janice Ralston Sons (left) and Janet Stowers listen to former Chamber Board President Richard Stowers and current President Bill Bridges trade quips. Karen Bridges also seems amused.

Richard Stowers said sitting at the head table meant getting to eat first, a good reason to get involved in the Chamber Board as proven by Bill Bridges, Paulette Hinkle-Kirksey, Benny Kirksey, Dorothy Ware and Doug Ware.



Judge and humorist Janice Ralston Sons came to spread the message that more laughter should be spread.

Pampa Chamber of Commerce

Citizen of the Year

"... Somebody would honk and I'd just smile and wave," said Janice Ralston Sons, who had the audience smiling too.



The Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its luncheon at the M.K. Brown Room at the Chamber Building 200 N. Ballard April 20 starting at 11:45 a.m. The Chamber suggests bringing your secretary as the 21st is Secretaries Day.

Please Call 669-3241 for reservations.

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year Dick Stowers looks at his wife, moments after his name is called, as if to ask if she'd known. Stowers has been a community leader in Pampa for nearly 50 years.



Mirna Orr entertained a large crowd during dinner at the M.K. Brown Auditorium for the 70th Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

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