

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ALLEN, Ruth Inez Keeton — 10 a.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.
EDWARDS, Jack Willard — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
KNOLL, Willie C. — 10:30 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Shamrock.
KYLE, Thelma Joye — 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Perryton.

Obituaries

RUTH INEZ KEETON ALLEN

Ruth Inez Keeton Allen, 75, of Pampa, died Monday, April 12, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, and Dr. Derrell Monday, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Allen was born Jan. 29, 1924, to Marlin Keeton and Oma Ollie Mae Faulkner Keeton. She graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1942. She attended Western Union School at St. Louis, Mo. She married Louis L. Allen of Pampa in 1946. The couple would have celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary in July.



She worked for Western Union during World War II and into the 1950s. She moved to Richardson in 1963 and was an accountant for Sears, Roebuck, retiring in the 1980s. She had been a Pampa resident since 1994 and belonged to Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Louis, of the home; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Teresa and Terry Goodman of Warrensburg, Mo., Janis Allen of Amarillo and Beverly and Richard Wonnacott of Rice; a son, Gary Allen of Pampa; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Beanie Pritchett of Pampa and Ann and Bill Williamson of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Orville and Lavelle Keeton of Fritch; eight grandchildren, Shine Allen and Kaleb Allen, both of Amarillo, Brian Goodman and Kristin Goodman, both of Warrensburg, Mo., Elisabeth Wonnacott of Rice, Brody Allen of California and Jeremy Allen and Rachel Allen, both of Weston; a great-granddaughter, Olivia Allen of Amarillo; an uncle, George Keeton of Pampa; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and loving friends.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church Building Fund.

CLIFFORD E. 'BOOG' BURK

Clifford E. "Boog" Burk, 73, of Pampa, died Wednesday, April 14, 1999. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Burk was born Jan. 23, 1926, in Wise County, Texas. He married Martha Anne Kitzler on Nov. 20, 1949, at Clovis, N.M. He farmed at Claude and moved to the Pampa area in 1956 to work as foreman on the Bob Price Ranch where he raised his family. He later worked as a heavy equipment operator, moving to Pampa in 1975.

He was a Baptist and a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the 78th Infantry during World War II. He received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

Survivors include his wife, Martha, of the home; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Lalla Mae and Dr. Steve Davis of Opp, Ala., Bettie Lou Crouch of Canadian, Suz Anne and Johnny Kurten of Coupland and Mary Beth and Lynn Holland, Jr., of Shamrock; a sister, Joyce Lewis of Gatesville; a brother, Samuel Burk of Malakoff; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

JACK WILLARD EDWARDS

Jack Willard Edwards, 58, of Pampa, died Tuesday, April 13, 1999. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Edwards was born June 19, 1940, at Joplin, Mo. He had been a Pampa resident since 1950. He worked at Pampa Country Club for several years. He belonged to First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by a brother, Morgan Edwards.

Survivors include his sister, Margaret Broadbent of Amarillo.

WILLIE C. KNOLL

SHAMROCK - Willie C. Knoll, 93, died Tuesday, April 13, 1999. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Leif Hasskarl, interim pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Knoll was born May 6, 1905, at Yorktown, to Frank and Louise Sourmilch. He had been a Shamrock area resident since 1918. He married Jane Amanda Roth on Dec. 29, 1927, at Yorktown; she died in 1993. He was a carpenter and sold insurance for Germania Insurance for 50 years.

He belonged to Trinity Lutheran Church and was a member of Samnorwood Lion's Club and Samnorwood Rural Water Association. He also served on Samnorwood School Board for 20 years.

Survivors include two sons, Franklin Knoll and Marvin Knoll, both of Shamrock; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Trinity Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

THELMA JOYE KYLE

PERRYTON - Thelma Joye Kyle, 71, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, April 13, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First Christian Church with Dr. Jeff Knighton and Dan Baker, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kyle was born at Pampa. She married Kenneth Kyle in 1947 at Pampa; he died in 1985. She was a bookkeeper.

She belonged to First Christian Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Deborah McQuitty of Perryton; a son, K.L. "Lanny" Kyle Jr. of Perryton; a sister, Velma Hampton of Austin; two brothers, Jerry Davis of Amarillo and Derrel Davis of Pampa; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Don and Sybil B. Harrington Cancer Center, P.O. Box 51025, Amarillo, TX 79159-1025.

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, April 13

Terry D. Moore, 35, Kansas City, was arrested on charges of failure to appear and a theft warrant from Kansas.

Police report

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

Tuesday, April 13

Esley D. Fields, 23, 112 W. Albert, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Mark Douglas Hinkle, 40, Rt 1 Box 959, was arrested on charges of criminal nonsupport and a warrant/theft.

Theft of \$5.04 in gas was reported in the 400 block of North Ballard.

Criminal Mischief was reported in the 200 block of East Foster.

Fires

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

Tuesday, April 13

12:03 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 500 block of Ward on a medical.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, April 13

12:24 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of West Alcock and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Short and transported one to PRMC.

5:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital and transported on to PRMC.

6:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Faulkner and transported one to PRMC.

7:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Dwight and transported one to PRMC.

9:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to N.W.T.H.

Wednesday, April 14

12:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Ward; no one was transported.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	1-800-750-2520
Water.....	669-5830

Stocks

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

Wheat.....	2.29	Coca-Cola.....	62 7/8	dn 7/16
Milo.....	3.11	Columbia/HCA.....	21 3/16	up 9/16
Corn.....	3.48	Enron.....	66 1/16	up 3/4
Soybeans.....	4.05	Halliburton.....	35 3/4	dn 1
		IRI.....	31 1/16	dn 3/16
		KNE.....	29	dn 1/16
		Kerr McGehee.....	34 1/8	dn 9/16
		Limited.....	42 7/8	dn 3/8
		McDonald's.....	46	dn 1/2
		Mobil.....	93 15/16	dn 7/16
		New Atmos.....	26 7/16	up 1/8
		NCE.....	33 3/4	NC
		Pennex's.....	42 1/8	up 1/16
		Phillips.....	48	dn 1/2
		Pioneer Nat. Res.....	8 5/8	dn 1/16
		SLB.....	56 3/4	dn 1 3/8
		Tenneco.....	28 1/16	dn 1/4
		Texasco.....	58 1/8	dn 3/8
		Ultramar.....	19 15/16	dn 13/16
		Wal-Mart.....	103 5/8	dn 15/16
		Williams.....	46 7/8	dn 1 1/8
		New York Gold.....	283 10	
		Silver.....	4.86	
		West Texas Crude.....	16.72	

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

Magellan.....	135.60	NC
Puritan.....	20.95	NC

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Amisco.....	11 3/4	dn 1/8
Arco.....	26 13/16	dn 7/8
Cabot.....	23 1/8	up 1/16
Cabot O&G.....	14 3/8	NC
Chevron.....	92 7/16	dn 2 1/16

Correction

While Altrusa started the Pampa Senior Citizens Center the Center is now run by its own 15-person board.

Pennsylvania to offer incentives for organ donation

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Families of Pennsylvania organ donors will be eligible for \$300 state contributions for the donor's funeral expenses in what is believed to be the first incentive program of its kind.

"This is quite controversial," said Kevin Sparkman of the Delaware Valley Transplant Program, which oversees donations in southeastern Pennsylvania. "Until now, we have always

depended strictly on altruism to drive organ donation."

The three-year pilot program, to begin as early as September, will be funded with donations from Pennsylvanians renewing their driver's licenses, Sparkman said.

The plan doesn't violate federal law barring payment for organs because no money goes directly to the donor, supporters say.

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SCHEDULE

office to find out why they did not receive their bill," Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector Sammie Morris writes in a letter to the school district.

According to Morris' letter, Stowers is meeting with the governing bodies of all four entities to discuss the matter.

On Tuesday, the Pampa City Commission rejected Stowers' request based upon the legal opinion of

City Attorney Don Lane.

However, two weeks ago the county commission granted Stowers' request over the objection of Morris.

During the administrative reports portion of the school board meeting, administration is slated to address financial and enrollment projections as well as district goals for next year.

The Board is meeting at 6 p.m. in the Carver Center's conference room, 321 W. Albert.

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LEFORS

to get work-in-kind help from Gray County to help with Lefors streets. No action was taken pending talks between the two bodies.

The council agreed to seek bids for oil and gas purchases for city vehicles.

The council also voted to change bookkeeping services to Jernigan Bookkeeping in Pampa who

will charge \$300 a month to start and may adjust fees lower depending on the work involved. The change will result in an approximately \$200 savings over their current bookkeeping service according to City Secretary Judy Williams.

In other Lefors news, City Superintendent Bruce Withers withdrew from the race for city commission on March 22 after discovering he would have to resign his superintendent job if elected.

Chilean immigrant wins jackpot of \$197 million

BRAINTREE, Mass. (AP) — A 54-year-old Chilean immigrant and live-in baby sitter came forward today to claim the \$197 million Big Game jackpot, the largest lottery prize ever won by an individual in U.S. history.

Maria Grasso, who became a U.S. citizen in 1984, takes care of four children for Chris Gabrieli, a millionaire venture capitalist who made an unsuccessful bid for Congress last year.

She said she has no clear plans for the money, but that she is not anxious about her huge windfall.

"I'm a very down-to-earth person. I've worked hard all my life," she said.

Her work has included stints as a teaching assistant with the mentally handicapped.

"This has been my priority, to work with children, special needs children. I think this will be a chance for me to keep helping," she said.

Grasso was born in Chile, where her family still lives. She was divorced in the mid-1980s and moved from New York to Boston in 1996. She has two children in college.

For the last three years, she has been caring for Gabrieli's children, who range in age from 1 to 5.

Grasso said she would take the money in one lump sum. She expects to net about \$70 million after taxes, her lawyer said.

When she heard the winning numbers on the news, Grasso said she couldn't believe she had won. It was only when she checked the numbers again that she realized her good fortune.

With the winning ticket beside her bed, she had difficulty sleeping.

"At first I couldn't believe that it could be. It can't be me. There are so many million chances," Grasso said.

The odds of winning were 76 million-to-1.

Grasso said she chose the winning combination

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— 12, 17, 22, 33, and 44 with the Big Money Ball of 25 — at random.

The prize, claimed by Grasso alone, makes it the largest ever won by an individual in the United States, according to lottery officials.

The country's biggest jackpot was won by a group of 13 Ohio machinists who pooled their ticket purchases and split a \$295 million Powerball jackpot in July.

The winning Big Game ticket was sold April 6 at a Star Market in Boston near Fenway Park.

Today's announcement finally put to rest rumors that the winner was a Nigerian immigrant cab driver.

The rumor mill started with Town Taxi, where drivers were reporting that cabbie Patrick Okusanya had won the huge jackpot. The speculation was further fueled when the driver didn't return to work after the Tuesday drawing.

Okusanya sought the help of an attorney to deny he was the winner.

"I felt sorry for him," Grasso said.

Starting in February, 328 million tickets were sold in the six Big Game states — Massachusetts, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan and Virginia, with no one winning the twice-a-week drawing until April 6.

Cadaver-sniffing dogs aid search

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, N.M. (AP) —

Investigators using cadaver-sniffing dogs fanned out in search of a missing woman's body in the desert near where two other women allege they were held in chains and sexually tortured.

The missing 22-year-old, Marie Parker, is believed to have been killed, and Dennis Roy Yancy, 27, is charged with murder even though her body has not been found.

On Tuesday, two specially trained search dogs and accompanying officers covered an area 10 miles north of Truth or Consequences and Elephant Butte, state police Lt. Greg Richardson said.

"They are looking for anything that can help them locate a body, evidence, whatnot," Richardson said Tuesday. "We have someone who said he murdered someone. That's the only body we have to look for right now."

The Labrador retrievers combed arroyos off Interstate 25 near where investigators searched Saturday, then expanded the search radius to 10 miles

north, Richardson said.

Yancy, 27, was arrested Friday. Parker vanished in July 1997 from a bar in Elephant Butte.

Investigators have said Parker's murder is connected to the Elephant Butte torture case against David Parker Ray and Cynthia Lea Hendy. But as of Tuesday, Yancy was the only one charged with murder. Police have not said how the cases are linked.

The case against Ray and Hendy broke March 22 when an Albuquerque woman fled their mobile home and told police she had been abducted, shocked with electricity and sexually tortured.

A second woman came forward a few days later, accusing the couple of kidnapping and sexually torturing her in February.

Investigators say they haven't ruled out additional homicides and suspects.

Ray, 59, and Hendy, 39, have pleaded innocent to 25 charges each, including kidnapping, sexual penetration, aggravated battery and conspiracy.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled Thursday in state district

court. A plea bargain appeared to be in the works for Hendy, who was moved last week from the jail that houses Ray. Yancy was moved Monday.

An order sealing Hendy's "plea and disposition agreement" was dated April 6. Her lawyer, Xavier Acosta, said no agreement had been signed by a judge.

City briefs

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TOP O' TEXAS CATTLEWOMEN

Style Show & Brunch, Sat. April 17th, 10:30 a.m. at Pampa Country Club. Tickets may be purchased at: Beall's, Dunlap's, Taylor's Men Wear, VJ's, Kids Stuff & Images or call 256-3887, 835-2904, 665-4579. Adv.

WAYNE'S WESTERN Wear has tickets for Cattle Women's Style Show & Brunch, Sat. Apr. 17th, 10:30 a.m. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Windy and mostly cloudy today with a 30 percent chance of rain, a high of 57 and north winds at 25-35 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low of 33 and north winds at 15-20 mph.

Tomorrow, partly sunny with a high of 55 and north winds at 15-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 63; the overnight low 52.

BORDER STATES

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — A wind advisory is in effect until 6 pm cdt today. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low near 30. North wind diminishing to 15-20 mph with some higher gusts. Thursday, partly sunny with a high in the lower 50s. North wind 15-20 mph and gusty.

Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plain — Wind advisory today northern Permian Basin. Tonight, clear. Low mid 30s to upper 40s. Thursday, sunny and cool. High in the 60s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Wind advisory today in western big country. Tonight, partly cloudy and windy. Low in the

lower 40s. Thursday, mostly sunny. High in the 60s. Far West Texas — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Thursday, partly cloudy and cooler. High in the upper 60s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, clear. Lows 35-50. Thursday, sunny. High near 60 mountains to upper 70s along the rio grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Wind advisory west and central today. Tonight, decreasing cloudiness west and central. A chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening east. Windy and cooler. Lows 41 west to 52 east. Thursday, mostly sunny and windy. Highs 60 to 67.

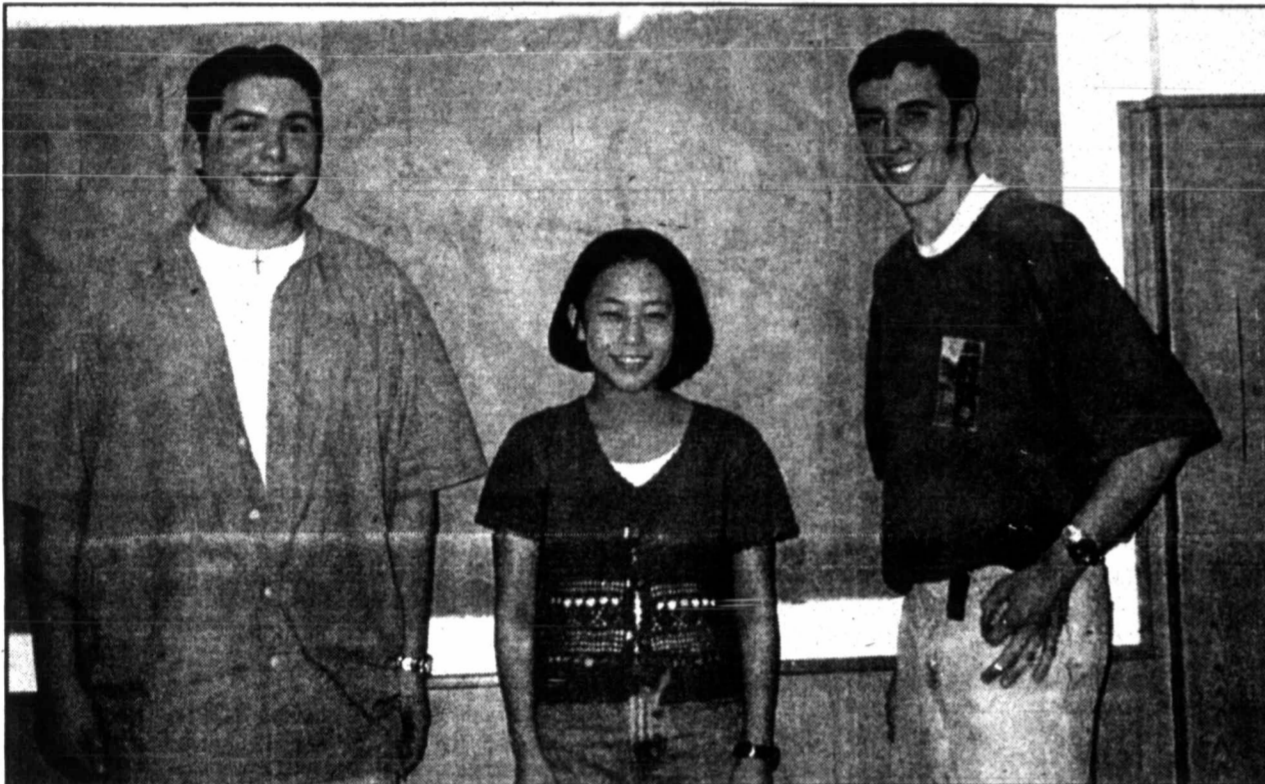
SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, clear and cool. Lows from near 50 Hill Country to mid 50s south central. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs from near 70 Hill Country to mid 70s west. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly clear and cooler. Lows in the 50s. Thursday, partly to mostly sunny. Highs 65 to 70. Coastal Bend and the

Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly clear, breezy and turning cooler. Lows in the 50s north and west, 60s east. Thursday, partly cloudy, windy and cooler. Highs in the 70s.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Wind advisory midmorning through the afternoon for central high plains, northeast highlands and the northeast and eastern plains and lea county. Tonight, partly cloudy east. Fair skies west. Lows teens to 20s mountains, mostly 30s to around 40 elsewhere. Thursday, partly cloudy east. A few showers possible northern mountains. Fair to partly cloudy skies west. Highs 40s and 50s mountains and north, 60s to lower 70s south. Lows teens to lower 30s mountains and north, upper 30s to mid 40s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy west. Mostly cloudy east with a chance of evening showers. Very windy. Lows from near 30 northwest to near 40 south. Thursday, partly cloudy and windy. Highs mainly in the 50s.



(Community Camera photos)

Students at Pampa High School participated in UIL competition held recently at West Texas A&M University. In the Computer Applications - Business Team category, were (top, left, right-left) Sherry Albus, Adam Fox and Sheila Berry; in the English Team - Ready Writing, and Literary Criticism category were (top, right, l-r) Melea Jouett, Jacob

Lewis, Jeremy Buck, Ashleigh McWilliams, Haley Garrison; in the Current Events Team category were (bottom, left, l-r) Lance Burton, Sara McCall and Danny Kirkpatrick. Also participating were Chris Foreman and Evan Miller. In the Speech Team category were (bottom, right, l-r) Adam Parks and Mary Fetter.

PHS students participate in UIL competition

The following Pampa High School students placed in the UIL academic competition held recently at West Texas A&M University:

Dasirae Davis, first place poetry; Justin Lemons, fourth place prose; David Witt, fifth place extemporaneous speaking; the Current Issues and Events Team of Sara McCall, Lance Burton,

Chris Forman, and Evan Miller for placing third; Lacy Plunk, second place feature writing, fifth place news writing; Jeremy Goode, third place editorials.

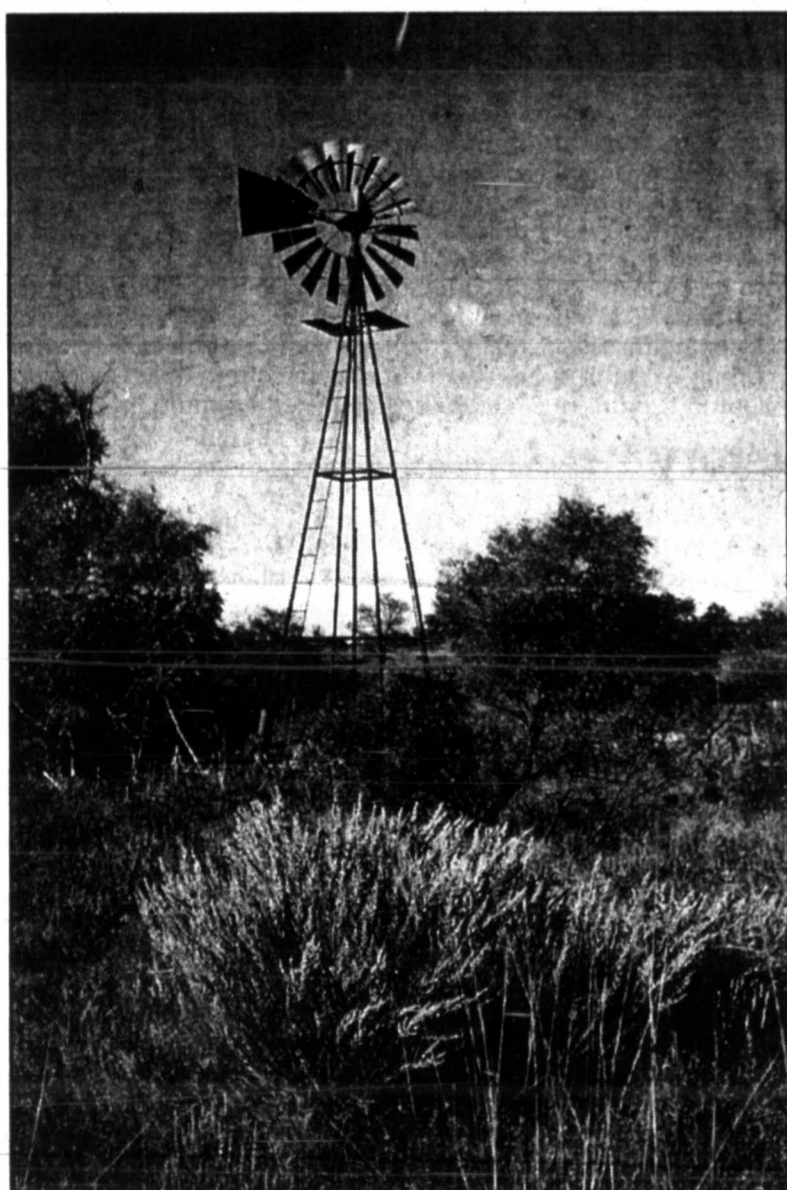
Sheila Berry, first place Computer applications, fourth place editorials, sixth place headlines; Shari Albus, third place computer applications; Adam Fox, fourth place computer applications; Britta Christensen, third place spelling.

Jeremy Buck, third place science; Jack Leland, third place science;

The Science Team of Trey Ford, Jack Leland, and Andy Fernuik for placing first; Milissa Session, sixth place accounting; Jacob Lewis, sixth place literary criticism; Literary Criticism Team of Jacob Lewis, Ashleigh McWilliams, Angela Klein, and Jeremy Buck for placing second.

The top three students and first place team in each category will advance to regional academics, to be held at Angelo State University April 24.

More images ...



Vela Webb submitted this entry in the Countryside category of the recent photography contest.

Survey: Teachers would return to teaching if better paid

HOUSTON — Former teachers said they would return to their jobs if they were paid nearly \$44,000, a recent survey shows.

Some 500 teachers statewide, who left the classroom an average of three years ago, were surveyed to determine why they left teaching and what, if anything, could have prevented them from leaving. In order to return, the former teachers said they would expect an average salary of \$43,680. The average teacher salary in Texas is about \$33,000; the national average is \$42,000.

The average respondent was a married, white female, age 40, who earned \$29,000 and had taught in public schools for nine years. Sixty-three percent said they left teaching to pursue other careers, 21 percent left to teach in private schools, and 16 percent stay at home with family.

Aside from a higher salary, the survey found there was no one specific way to encourage them

back to teaching. However, the former teachers said they would like to see fewer discipline problems in the classroom, optimal class sizes, an increase in support from district administrators and the school board, and adequate time to prepare and plan for classes.

Seven educator groups funded the telephone survey, which was conducted in February by Creative Consumer Research of Houston with a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percent.

The results will be used to help the educators and state agencies design an effective program to retain current educators and attract new individuals to the profession.

"Teachers are leaving the profession in alarming numbers," said Amy White, state president of the 94,000-member Association of Texas Professional Educators which facilitated the

survey. "It's not just math and science teachers, although those areas are facing the most acute shortages. It is affecting teachers of all subject areas from all over

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Lamar to host Scholastic Book Fair

Lamar will host a Scholastic Book Fair from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 19-23, so parents will have a chance to come before the Math Night begins at 6:30 p.m.

This event encourages young readers by bringing them the newest titles from more than 150 publishers. Students, parents and teachers can find old favorites and the latest works by popular authors and illustrators including Newberry and Caldecott award-winners.

During the Book Fair, Wish Lists will be posted for each classroom. Teachers choose books they feel will be informative and stimulating and list them on a Wish List for their classrooms. Classroom Wish Lists are then posted at the Book Fair. This gives family members an opportunity to purchase and donate a book to a classroom library.

Admission to the event is free. Call Lamar for more information.

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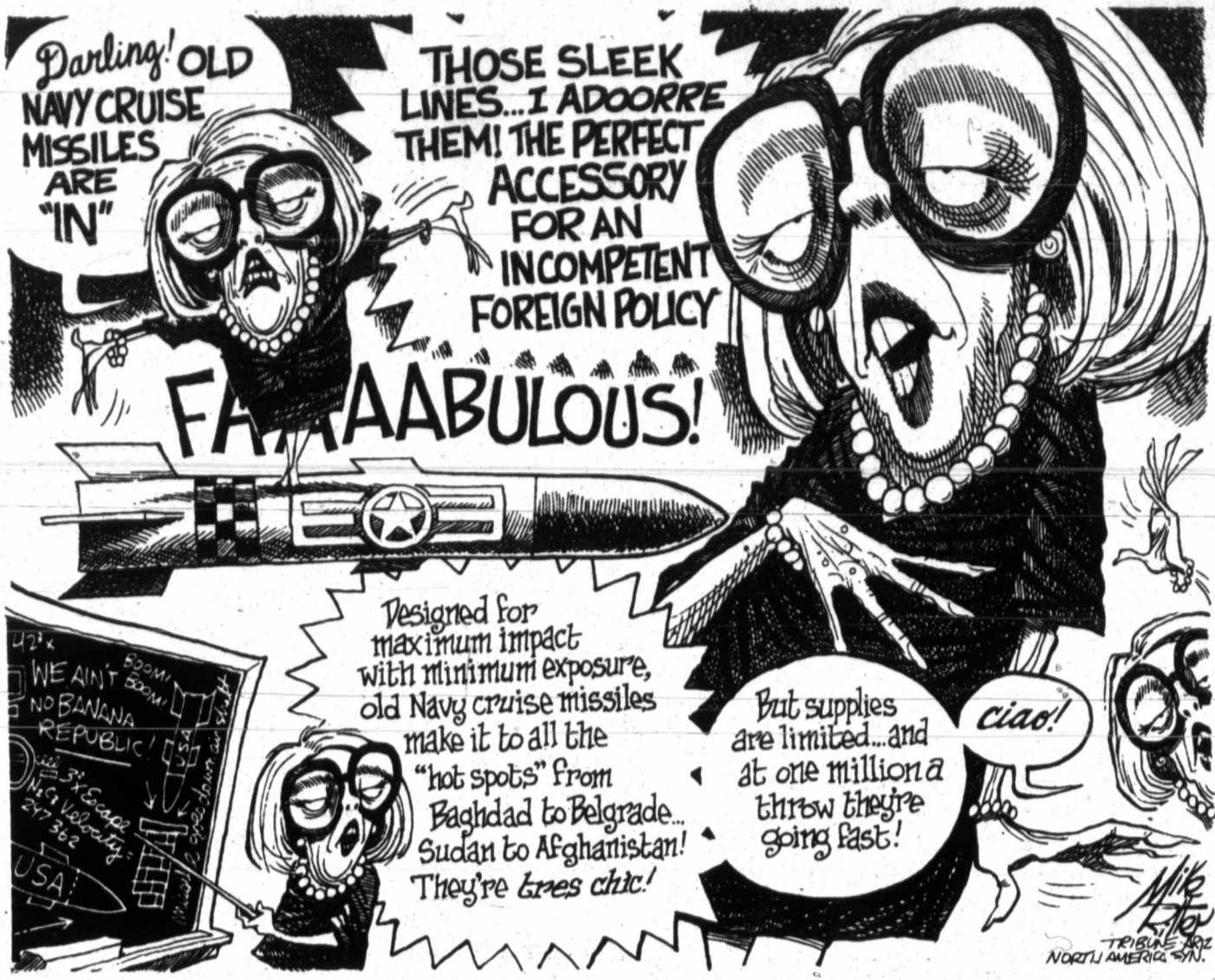
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Inside the Beltway
 with
 Sen. Hutchison

Showdown at Credibility Gap

Finally, a missile defense system

During the third week of March, the Senate debated a simple but profound question: Shall it be "... the policy of the United States to deploy as soon as technologically possible an effective national missile defense capable of defending the United States against limited ballistic missile attack?"

The Congress, at long last, made the right decision: We will deploy a missile defense system as soon as technologically feasible. As President Reagan said on an historic night 16 years ago, describing his vision for a missile defense: "Wouldn't it be better to save lives than to avenge them?"

This bill had been blocked by a filibuster for two years but ultimately had strong support from both sides of the aisle. As more and more members of Congress became convinced that a missile defense is critical to our nation's security, the support was overwhelming and even President Clinton dropped his opposition.

The need for missile defense is vital and the danger is growing every day. Chinese missiles can now reach our mainland. Apparently with U.S. assistance and through espionage, China has tremendously boosted its military space and missile capabilities in recent years.

China is now directly threatening Taiwan. It has even warned us not to include Taiwan in our defense umbrella.

North Korea probably already possesses the capability to target our shores. Iran and Iraq are not far behind. The Clinton administration, incredibly, said that we would have a warning time of 15 years before North Korea and Iran could acquire such missiles.

But in January, North Korea launched a ballistic missile over Japan, and it now appears that this ballistic missile was a three-stage missile rather than a less sophisticated two-stage rocket, as originally believed. That launch suggests North Korea is capable of a lot more than simply striking Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and U.S. bases in the Western Pacific. Very soon, it will be able to threaten attacks against the United States in Alaska and parts of Hawaii.

There never was a good argument against deploying a missile defense as soon as possible.

The bill we passed does not mandate a specific missile defense or authorize a particular funding level. It is simply a confirmed policy, and an extremely important step for our national security.

The bold, innovative nation that put a man on the moon can and will meet this technological challenge. Our top scientists have researched anti-missile technology for decades. We have had a formal missile defense program since President Reagan launched his Strategic Defense Initiative in 1983. An operational system is now within our reach.

Finally, we will strive to end this nation's shocking vulnerability to the world's most threatening weapons.

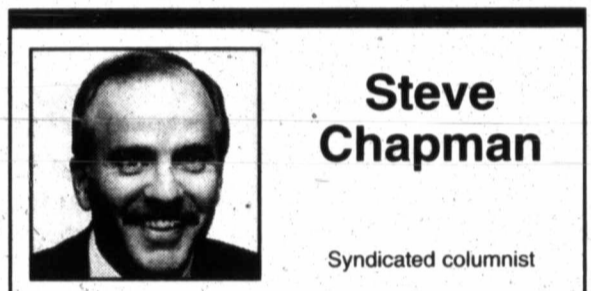
"If I left that war and let the Communists take over in South Vietnam, I would be seen as a coward and my nation as an appeaser, and we would both find it impossible to accomplish anything for anybody anywhere on the entire globe." — Lyndon Johnson, after leaving the White House, on why he chose to fight the Vietnam War.

The debacle that followed the onset of NATO's air assault has led to calls from Capitol Hill and elsewhere for a full-fledged ground invasion of Kosovo. As if that parallel to Vietnam weren't bad enough, the advocates have revived the most ridiculous possible argument for sending American soldiers to die in a foreign civil war: the need to preserve our credibility.

You may have thought we were attacking the Serbs to save the Kosovar Albanians from being terrorized and expelled from their homeland. Silly you. When President Clinton took to the airwaves to explain why we were launching missiles and dropping bombs on Serbian targets, he cited three objectives, and No. 1 was "to demonstrate the seriousness of NATO's opposition to aggression."

Most people paid no attention to Clinton's mysterious reasoning at the time, but a lot of foreign policy heavyweights fervently agree that the highest purpose of war is to prove your manhood. Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, endorsed a ground campaign because "the Clinton administration has staked the credibility of NATO and the United States" on pacifying Kosovo.

"The United States and NATO cannot retreat without suffering a national and international humiliation," agreed William Hyland, past editor of Foreign Affairs magazine. Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger says the use



Steve Chapman
 Syndicated columnist

of ground troops, which he had opposed until now, "will have to be considered to maintain NATO credibility."

The logic here is simple and strange: If you get yourself into quicksand, the one thing you absolutely must not do is get yourself out. You must show your bravery, your stamina and your resolve by plunging even deeper into the mire.

The desire for credibility was one of the main reasons President Johnson and his advisers escalated the war in Vietnam, knowing full well that failure was more likely than success. ("If you let a bully come into your front yard one day, the next day he'll be on your porch, and the day after that he'll rape your wife in your own bed," asserted LBJ.) It was also why President Nixon expanded the war even further, lest America be regarded throughout the world as "a pitiful, helpless giant."

Eventually, we abandoned the war in Southeast Asia, but the retreat somehow failed to embolden our enemies. The Soviets refrained from sending the Red Army into West Germany because they knew we would resist with everything we had, up to and including nuclear weapons. The North Koreans didn't pour across the 38th parallel, grasping that just because we were no longer willing to fight in Vietnam didn't mean we wouldn't fight in

Korea. Credibility is an odd sort of asset. It can't be stored for future use, it can't be transferred from one place to another, and it often appears not to exist at all. The Reagan administration's assertive foreign policy didn't stop Saddam Hussein from invading Kuwait. The Bush administration's insistence on evicting Iraq didn't stop Slobodan Milosevic from going to war with Croatia and Bosnia. The Clinton administration's bombing of the Bosnian Serbs in 1995 didn't stop Serbia from brutalizing Kosovo in 1998.

And the current attacks have not convinced Milosevic that we are prepared to put 100,000 soldiers on the ground to fight his forces. When thugs and dictators make their calculations, they have a maddening habit of disregarding our general credibility. Instead, they focus entirely on whether our stake in their particular struggle is big enough to induce us to accept the sacrifices that war requires.

So what difference does our handling of the Kosovo conflict make? Not much. If we refuse to send in the Marines, Saddam Hussein is not going to think, "Aha! Now they will let me have Kuwait." Russia will not leap to the conclusion that it can march into Poland anytime it wants. The North Koreans are not about to start lobbing artillery shells into downtown Seoul.

The only conclusion potential aggressors will reach from President Clinton's rejection of the ground option is that the United States and NATO will not go around dispatching large numbers of foot soldiers to be embroiled in the tangled internal conflicts of countries that pose no military threat to us. They will assume exactly what they would have assumed before: that we will not take costly, rash actions that are likely to fail and that our people won't support.

In that, of course, they could be wrong.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 14, the 104th day of 1999. There are 261 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 14, 1865, President Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth while attending the comedy "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington. Lincoln died the following morning.

On this date:

In 1759, composer George Frideric Handel died in London.

In 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.

In 1902, J.C. Penney opened his first store, in Kemmerer, Wyo.

In 1912, the British liner Titanic collided with an iceberg in the

North Atlantic and began sinking. In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published.

Ten years ago: Testimony concluded in the Iran-Contra trial of former National Security Council staff member Oliver L. North. Former winery worker Ramon Salcido went on a rampage in Sonoma County, Calif., killing seven people, including

his wife and daughters.

Five years ago: Two American F-15 warplanes inadvertently shot down two U.S. helicopters over northern Iraq, killing 26 people, including 15 Americans. The chiefs of the nation's seven largest tobacco companies spent more than six hours being grilled by the House Energy and Commerce Health subcommittee about the effects of smoking.

Clinton, NATO allies must be racists

Bill Clinton and his North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies are racists, I presume.

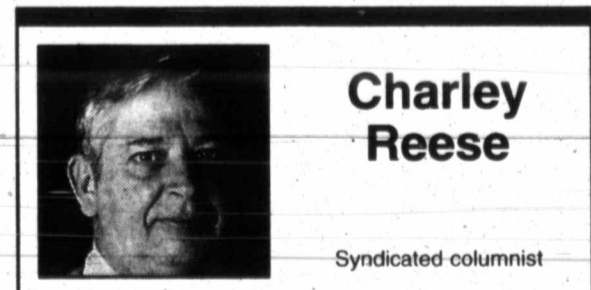
Let's be logical. They justified NATO's unprecedented and illegal attack on a sovereign state on the basis that 2,000 dead in a civil war constituted a humanitarian crisis sufficient to justify going to war.

Well, 700,000 Tutsis were slaughtered — men, women, children and babies — in Rwanda, and that only rated a bit of rhetoric from Clinton and his racist buddies. By my math, that means that in their minds one European life is more valuable than 350 black lives.

These guys are worse racists than Abraham Lincoln and his buddies. One of Lincoln's allies boasted in a public speech justifying the use of black troops that he would far rather "... lose six niggers than one of my white boys." Clinton apparently would rather lose 350 Africans than one of his Albanians.

I point this out because it is always important to know when your government is lying. I don't know what the real reason for the attack on Yugoslavia is, but it darn sure isn't because of a humanitarian crisis. There are plenty of those, and some are much more serious than the one that existed in Kosovo prior to the bombing campaign.

You know, for a draft dodger and war protester, Clinton is the most bomb-happy president since Lyndon Johnson.



Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

Let me point out a few more inconsistencies in his rationalization of a crazy war.

Everytime the Palestinians have asked for help, every time they have turned to the United Nations or to Europe, what has the United States said? "The dispute between the Palestinians and the Israelis must be settled by the parties themselves."

Now, why didn't Clinton tell the Albanian separatists that their dispute with the Serbs must be settled by the parties themselves with no outside interference? Odd, ain't it.

Following exactly the script used with Iraq, the United States — after it started bombing — has suddenly demonized Slobodan Milosevic, the Yugoslavian president, raising once again the specter of Hitler and the Holocaust. Oddly enough, however, when the Serbian people went to the streets a few years ago to protest what they thought was a crooked election, the

United States shrugged off the protests and, in effect, backed Milosevic — just as it had backed Saddam Hussein during the Iraq-Iran War.

By the way, the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reprimanded people comparing the situation in Bosnia to the Holocaust. To compare Kosovo to World War II, which cost 55 million human lives, is both obscene and absurd.

It seems that in the corrupt ways of Washington, foreign leaders are OK guys one day and demons the next, depending on how the winds of opportunism are blowing among the cherry trees.

The death, pain and destruction NATO is pouring on the Serbian people — who don't deserve it — is enough to damn the souls of all the NATO leaders and bureaucrats, but their rationalizations for doing it are truly disgusting. They can't even be honest tyrants.

They have made a bad mistake strategically, however. They are showing the world that a little country can defy a war alliance that was supposed to be able to handle the Soviet Union.

Military folks in Moscow, Beijing and Pyongyang must be pleased with what they are seeing: plenty of ordnance but, among the NATO political leaders, no backbone. They are actually scared of the Serbs.

West Texas homes destroyed by winds

Dozens of families are homeless and some residents were injured as twisters, baseball-size hail and heavy rains pounded West Texas, with some storms also producing straight-line gusts above 70 mph.

The U.S. Army Reserve, Red Cross and Salvation Army were summoned late Tuesday to help up to 150 southeast Midland County residents whose homes were ravaged by a storm of hail, rain and wind.

At least 20 homes were destroyed, said Lt. Judy Altom, a Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman. About 60 others were damaged or left without power, said Doug Belcher, a volunteer with the Red Cross Service of Southwest Texas.

More than a dozen relief agencies, under the glare of floodlights, converted Cotton Flat Baptist Church at Rankin Highway and County Road 150 into a command post that Belcher said will remain open for the next few days.

"We'll be open as long as shelter and feeding is needed," he told the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

The DPS said some minor injuries were reported.

"We've had quite a bit of damage," said Ms. Altom. "There were some nasty storms that moved through here."

Although a funnel cloud reportedly touched down in the Valley View area south of Midland, Ms. Altom said authorities have not been able to confirm the twister. She said the wind did reach speeds of 70 mph and greater.

The National Weather Service said twisters touched down near Rotan, McCamey, Upton and Greenwood, where up to 3 1/2 inches of rain fell. No injuries were reported there. But extensive wind damage was listed in Wellington as a cool front and accompanying squall line raced through the Panhandle and South Plains.

The system was moving through the Dallas-Fort Worth area early today.

Golfball-size hail fell at Lorraine and at

Other large hail was reported at Amarillo, Canyon, San Angelo, Graham, Roscoe, Stinnett, Pampa, Perryton, Trent, Bronte, Throckmorton, and Sweetwater.

A state trooper's car windshield was broken by hail near Panhandle.

Colorado City, where windows at the sheriff's office were broken out. Other large hail was reported at Amarillo, Canyon, San Angelo, Graham, Roscoe, Stinnett, Pampa, Perryton, Trent, Bronte, Throckmorton, and Sweetwater.

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Winds were clocked at 70 mph at Sweetwater. Gusts downed trees and power lines in Winters and Runnels County.

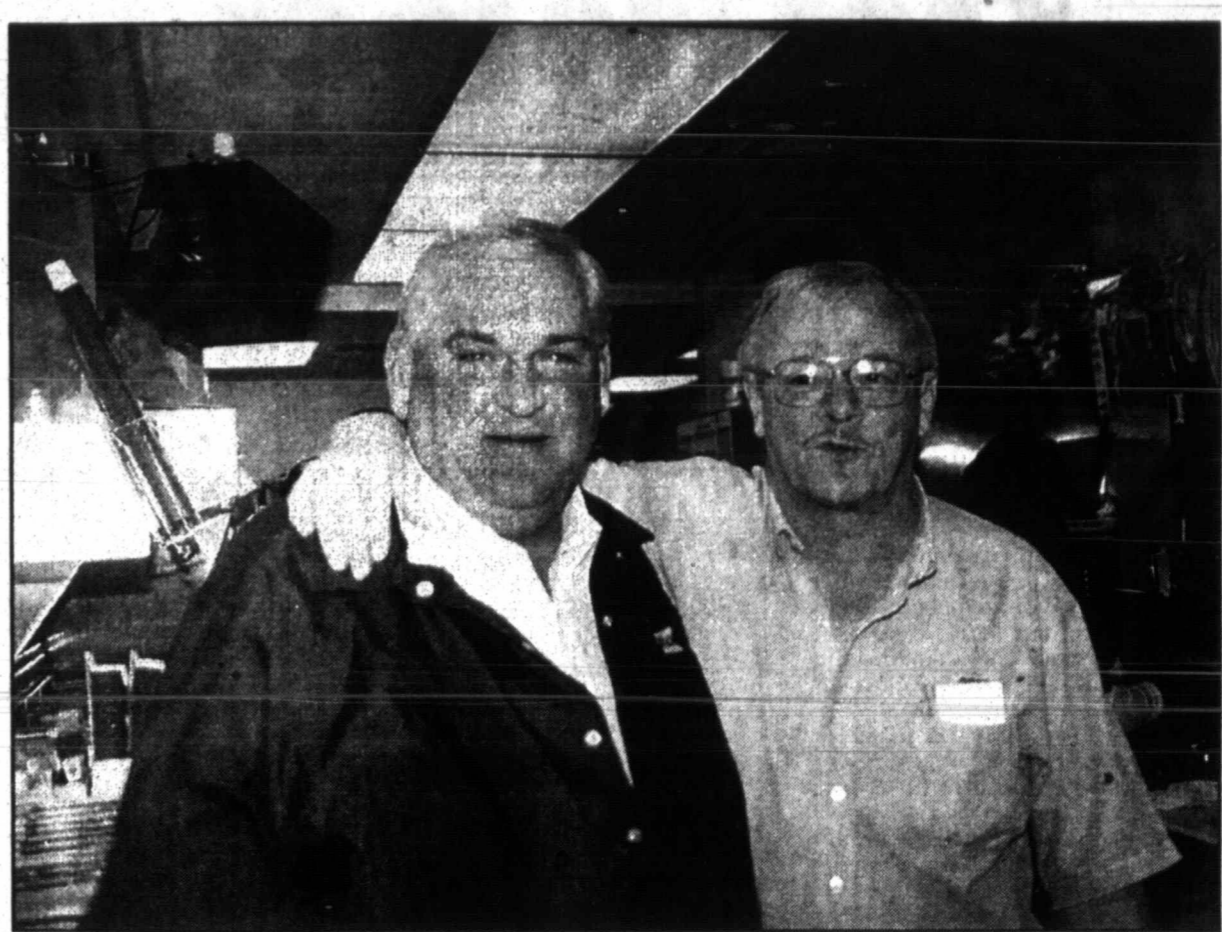
In the Midland area, hail covered the ground in drifts and high winds ripped off roofs and uprooted large trees.

"It was raining and then it went to hail," John Buntin, a resident, said. "You couldn't see five feet from the window. The wind was blowing hard. One of our neighbors is a weather watcher and he said he saw a funnel cloud and clocked the wind speed at 80 mph or better."

"That roof over there," he said, pointing at storm debris, "it came from over there: a barn about a quarter-mile from the house."

DPS Trooper John Barton said County Judge Bill Morrow had declared the damage site a local disaster area. Several area highways were blocked by storm debris and closed, Barton said.

Homes in a five square-mile area were left without electricity and water.



Local Sonic manager Bob Burkett (left) with his boss and partner Bobby Merritt during their grand opening.

Sonic success story visits Pampa location

A former employee of the Pampa Sonic was back in town last weekend to help celebrate the grand opening of the new Sonic location on Hobart Street. He came back as the owner of the Pampa site as well as 125 others.

Bob Merritt trained in the Pampa location 26 years ago. He now has Sonic franchises in seven states, which keeps him on the road much of the time.

After celebrating the grand opening here he was off to look at other sites in New Mexico and

Arizona. He said his success is due in large part because his managers, like Bob Burkett in Pampa, are also partners in the business. He also believes in families being in business together.

Merritt said, "All my family is in the business. We encourage family involvement, we have a lot of husband and wife teams."

The new Sonic has expanded service, according to Burkett. It has 38 car stalls, up from 22, and a drive-through window. It also has some on-site seating that the other location did not.

Texas third in federal receipts for 1998

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas, the nation's second most populous state, got a sizeable chunk of the \$1.5 trillion spent by the federal government last year on everything from domestic benefits to grants, salaries and subsidies, the Census Bureau reported Wednesday.

Texas took in \$92 billion.

Only California and New York, which began the decade as No. 2 in population before being overtaken by Texas, outranked the Lone Star State in federal receipts, with \$162 billion and \$100 billion respectively.

At the local level, Harris County ranked fifth nationwide in receipts, with \$14.4 billion. Metropolitan governments in New York City, Los

Angeles, Chicago and San Diego received more than Harris County.

When federal spending was broken down by defense expenditures, Texas ranked third in receipts, with \$16 billion. California was tops, with \$29 billion, followed by Virginia, with \$23 billion.

San Antonio's Bexar County, home to multiple Defense Department installations, ranked fifth in defense receipts by local jurisdictions, with \$3.3 billion.

Tops were Los Angeles County, San Diego County, Virginia's Fairfax County and Missouri's St. Louis City.

Starr says prosecutor law should be nixed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even as he defends his investigation of President Clinton, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr says the Watergate-era law that gives him the power to probe actions of executive branch officials is flawed and should be abolished.

In testimony prepared for his appearance today before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, Starr blames public outrage over his tactics on the structure of the 1978 law and a

"carnival atmosphere" in the media.

"The assaults took a toll," Starr said of attacks on him. "A duly authorized federal law-enforcement investigation came to be characterized as yet another political game. Law became politics by other means."

"The statute should not be reauthorized," Starr said. "Jurisdiction and authority" over these cases ought to be returned to the Justice Department.

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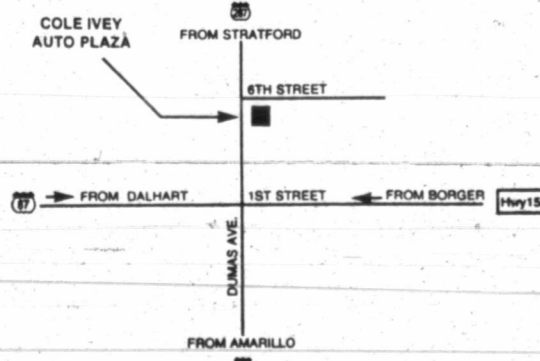


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In-Laws' Invasion of Privacy Puts Couple on the Defensive

DEAR ABBY: When my husband and I went to Europe on vacation, we asked our next-door neighbor to keep an eye on our house. My husband's parents had volunteered to do it. However, although I have a close and cordial relationship with my in-laws, I felt more comfortable leaving the key with neighbors who are members of our local neighborhood watch group. They could keep a closer eye on things while we were away.



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Months later, at Christmas, I discovered my mother-in-law had been in our house several times in our absence "looking for gift ideas." When they gave us a set of pots and pans, she admitted to having gone through the linen closet and our kitchen cupboards. I was shocked, and asked when she had done this. She then disclosed that they had made a duplicate of our hide-a-key and had stopped by on several occasions when our neighbor was at work, just to check our house, "which is so much better than leaving it to a stranger."

My husband and I discussed it and decided not to ruin the holidays by confronting his mom and dad and asking them to return the key.

We are now moving to a new house in a town farther away. I'm sure his folks will want to stay with us when they come to visit, and we will be happy to have them.

We feel that our privacy has been violated. However, we don't want to cause a rift in the family. How can my husband and I prevent

them from having the key to our new home duplicated?
LOOKING FOR PRIVACY, NO CITY, PLEASE

DEAR LOOKING: I understand your desire not to spoil the holidays; however, I sense that you are looking for a solution that will avoid confrontation.

Invest in a keyless entry system for your new home, and change the entry code the day after your in-laws depart. If that isn't feasible, I suggest a heart-to-heart discussion about your privacy, or re-key the locks after they leave.

DEAR ABBY: I'm about to be married for the third time, to a woman who is also twice divorced. I love her dearly and I know she loves me, but there's a problem:

"Crissy" wants to keep her last married name for the sake of her daughter so that she and her daughter will have the same last

name. The daughter, "Janie," is 9, and Crissy is worried that Janie will feel abandoned if her mother has a different last name. She also says it's easier if school records and medical records show her mother having the same last name.

I feel she should drop her former husband's last name and adopt mine. For her not to do so would be a sign that she isn't going into this marriage with 100 percent commitment. Am I being petty, or do I have a legitimate gripe?
MY NAME OR HIS?

DEAR MY NAME: Multiple marriages and blended families are so common these days that your wife is worrying needlessly about her daughter's school and medical records. However, if she's afraid Janie would feel "abandoned" if she's the only person in the household with the former name, a compromise might be to hyphenate her present name with yours. It's a popular practice among professional women.

Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 per booklet (\$4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Booklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

Horoscope

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 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)
***** New beginnings are possible. Whatever you have in the works seems to flow. Toss away obstacles and greet change with a positive, upbeat frame of mind. You might not always understand what goes on with a friend, but you must admit, he makes your life lively! Tonight: As you want it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Take a deep breath and allow some time for yourself. You might be in the process of developing a great idea. Remain optimistic and positive. A boss continues to act in an unpredictable manner. Stay level and anchored. Remember what you want and expect. Tonight: Do for you!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Don't lose sight of your goals. Ponder news that might send you in a different direction. A person at a distance seems to have a greater influence on your life. Network, reach out for others, stay on top of your long-term needs. You can have what you want. Tonight: Be part of a think tank.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** You are in the limelight. A boss demands tremendous attention; stay tuned in to what is required. You could be up for a pay raise or a promotion. Listen to a partner, regarding money; he might be

shocked by what he is seeing. Uncover the facts. Tonight: Working late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Taking an overview is important. How you see a situation could change substantially. Optimism marks your dealings. You hear more gossip than reality from one who shares key information with you. Be willing to flow with the unexpected. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Develop your resources; they are far greater than you think. You are pleasantly surprised by another's reaction to your ideas. Good luck surrounds funds and partners. However, spending could be high. Knock on another's door, seek his counsel. Tonight: Go along with a partner's plan.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Allow others to fully express themselves. Discuss prime issues, needs and desires. Far-reaching plans involving key people might be redefined once you have an important talk. Not everyone reacts as you do. Just observe. Tonight: Allow a love relationship to heat up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You are coming from a solid foundation. Others are surprised by how flexible you can be. Your take on events could change substantially. Dig into work; you might not be aware of the possibilities here. Financial gain comes through the back door. Tonight: Put in some extra hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Allow greater creativity and energy into your life. How you manage to deal with a flirtation or a loved one could be very positive. Have some fun, let the kid in you come out. The unexpected occurs during a meeting or key conversation. Roll with

it. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Build on security. Put more time into a key investment. A family member has much to share; listen. Together you can make domestic expansions, or perhaps modernize your home. Be careful as always with funds; the unexpected can happen. A financial hunch might be off. Tonight: A favorite get-together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Others count on you to come up with different ideas and a new approach. Your ability to communicate peaks as you deal with people. Evaluate what you need to do to clear out messages, attend meetings and finish work. You can do it and have a good time as well! Tonight: Errands.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** The unexpected occurs. You are able to make a difference financially. Others appreciate your moneymaking abilities. Adjust to another's ideas, even if they are quirky! Your insight affects an investment. Be careful when dealing with taxes or any last-minute details. Tonight: Your treat.

BORN TODAY
Olympic track star Evelyn Ashford (1957), actress Claudia Cardinale (1938), singer Roy Clark (1933)

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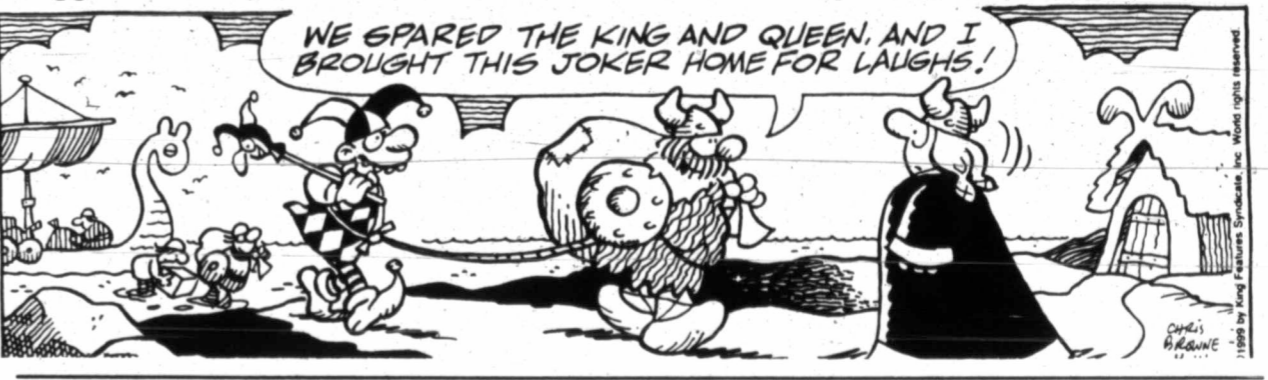
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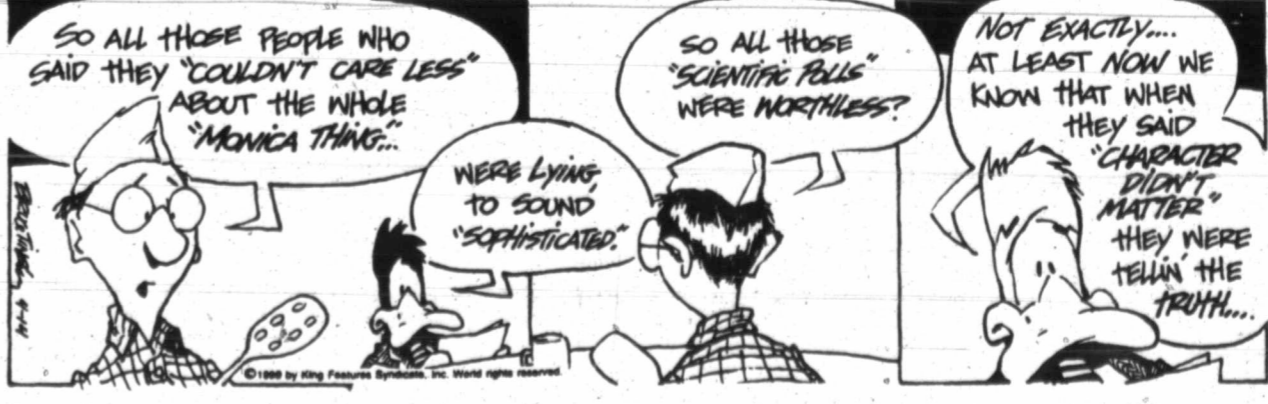
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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

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- 7 Bus. sch. course
- 11 Old fridge
- 12 Tale
- 13 Mean
- 14 Different
- 15 Bring to mind
- 17 Foolish
- 20 Football coach
- 23 Writer
- 24 Klugman's costar
- 26 Tooth-paste choice
- 27 Exploit
- 28 Co. bigwig
- 29 Separates a chain
- 31 London's Gardens
- 32 Painter
- 33 Nile snakes
- 34 "Batman" butler
- 37 Fundamentals
- 39 Dodged
- 43 Speaker's aid
- 44 State without proof
- 45 Do some modeling
- 46 Customer

FINIS WORST
ADULT HAIR
DOLLY VARDEN
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Yesterday's answer

- 18 Fight site
- 19 Retreats
- 21 Censor sound
- 22 Delays for short
- 10 Compass pt.
- 16 Anne Bronte's "Gray"
- 17 Uncover
- 35 Harvest
- 36 First name in scat
- 37 Guitarist's aid
- 38 Life story
- 40 German article
- 41 Conceit
- 42 Lair

Marmaduke



"If you want to know why the plumber's bill is so high, ask his helper."

The Family Circus



"Make it stop, Mommy! He's goin' up, too!"

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SPORTS

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TENNIS

PAMPA — Pampa results in the Amarillo Relays are as follows:

Amarillo Relays

Pampa varsity two results
Boys Doubles
 Kerry Turner-A.J. Smith placed eighth. They lost to Shawhart-Ewing, Amarillo High, 6-1, 6-2; def. Dood-Jones, Portales, 6-2, 6-2; def. Aleman-Hunter, Caprock, 6-0, 6-2; lost to Friske-Woodridge, Amarillo High, 6-3, 6-2.

Jared Spearman-Matt Cook placed 11th. They lost to Krister-Shelton, Tascosa, 6-2, 7-6; def. Daniels-Mendez, Caprock, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1; lost to Friske-Woodridge, Amarillo High, 6-2, 6-3; def. Aleman-Hunter, Caprock, 6-4, 6-1.

Boys Singles

David Phillips placed 13th. Phillips lost to Sanchez, Canyon, 6-4, 6-4; lost to Dustin Exposito, Amarillo High, 6-1, 6-0; def. Scott Mehongkat, Palo Duro, 6-1, 6-0; def. Alex Locero, Caprock, 8-2.

Shawn Stone placed 7th. def. Jimmy Phansana, Palo Duro, 7-5, 6-4; lost to Chris Moore, Tascosa, 6-0, 6-1; lost to B. Manakong, Canyon, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; lost to Sanchez, Canyon, 6-2, 6-0.

Girls Doubles

Celeste Stowers-Jennifer Muns placed 13th. They lost to Carthel-Criswell, Canyon, 6-2, 6-1; lost to Sivixay-Kayakone, Palo Duro, 6-2, 6-2; def. Massey-Aleman, Caprock, 6-3, 7-6 (7-2); def. Viest-Riley, Portales, by default.

Michelle Lee-Stacie Carter placed 11th. They lost to Patel-Sheldon, Amarillo High, 6-1, 6-2; def. Yiest-Riley, Portales, 6-2, 6-2; lost to Messey-Bennett, Caprock, 6-1, 6-2; def. Sivixay-Kayakone, Palo Duro, 6-1, 5-7, 6-0.

Girls Singles

Brittany Kindle placed 11th. Kindle lost to Courtney Wright, Amarillo High, 6-0, 6-0; def. Kristen Wetting, Portales, 6-1, 6-2; lost to Tiffany Graham, Carlsbad, 6-0, 6-2; lost to Emily Franklin, Canyon, no score available.

Ashley Stucki placed fifth. Stucki def. Jessica Carrasco, 6-1, 6-3; lost to Paige Brown, Tascosa, 6-1, 6-1; def. Nou Sadakonne, Palo Duro, 6-4, 6-0; lost to Jessica Gramer, Tascosa, 6-4, 6-3.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Pampa travels to Borger for a District 3-4A baseball game at 6 p.m. Thursday.

The game was originally set for Tuesday, but was postponed due to rain.

TRACK

SPEARMAN — Craig Urbanczyk of White Deer won the 100-meter dash at the Spearman Relays with a time of 11.03. Urbanczyk also placed second in the 200 (22.59).

Hodges of White Deer was third in the pole vault at 11-0.

The Bucks scored 32 points as a team to finish seventh.

In the girls' division, Rhonda McClendon of White Deer was third in the shot put with a 32-8 throw.

The Does were fifth in the team standings with 13 points.

BASKETBALL

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Karl Malone scored 30 points and had 10 rebounds Tuesday night as the Utah Jazz won their eighth straight game, 105-100 in overtime over the Sacramento Kings.

Malone scored on consecutive drives to the basket early in the overtime, erasing a two-point Kings lead and putting the Jazz ahead for good. Fast-break layups by Greg Foster and Bryon Russell gave Utah a 103-97 lead with 1:25 left.

A 3-pointer by Predrag Stojakovic pulled the Kings to 103-100. Sacramento missed two 3-pointers in the final minute.

Optimists set final signups

PAMPA — Late registration for Optimist baseball and softball has pushed the total number of players to 610, James Davis, Optimist President, announced.

"We have 140 more players this year than last year and expect to have 49 teams this year," Davis said. "We still have room in each league for a few more players to even up the teams."

We will have a final sign-up time from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Optimist Club.

Persons wanting to register players may call Richard

Stowers, 665-1665 for players 5 through 8; Mando Ramirez, 665-1248 for the Minor Bambino 9-10 Baseball League; David Hutto, 665-3017 for Major Bambino 11-12 Baseball League; David Smith, 669-7976 for Babe Ruth 13-15 Baseball League and Sheri Tice, 665-3505 for Little League Softball for girls 7 to 15.

Practice started for some of the teams Monday. The first games are scheduled for the week of April 26. The official opening day will be May 15. A barbeque is planned for May 15.

Rangers rip Mariners

SEATTLE (AP) — Johnny Oates showed that records aren't his top priority. He's more interested in keeping his players healthy, especially Ivan Rodriguez.

That's why the All-Star catcher was out of the game in the ninth inning of Texas' 15-6 victory Tuesday night over Seattle — after setting a Rangers' record for RBIs with nine.

"The same reason I took Juan (Gonzalez) out, the same reason (Ken) Griffey came out, the same reason (Russ) Davis came out, the same reason (Jay) Buhner came out," the Rangers manager said. "That's what you're sup-

posed to do" with a blowout in the making.

Rodriguez was replaced by backup Gregg Zaun in the eighth. Zaun got up with two men on in the ninth.

And Oates didn't get any argument from Rodriguez.

"It's a long season," Rodriguez said. "I feel happy with the game I had. But I'm not looking for that. I'm just looking for wins for the team and that's what we did."

It was all over after three innings in the Kingdome as Rodriguez hit a grand slam and a three-run homer. His previous career high for RBIs was five — twice.

PHS tennis team takes second at Abilene's Eagle Invitational

ABILENE — The Pampa varsity tennis team finished second in the 4A division at the Eagle Invitational in Abilene last weekend.

Burleson, the first-place team, topped Pampa by only one point.

"The format of this tournament only allows you to count your top finisher in each division, which hurt us. Our whole team would have earned points because we all placed, and we would have won

the tournament," said coach Carolyn Quarles. "This was by far the best team performance of the spring, which couldn't be better for the week before district. I was proud of all 12 players. If they lost a match they simply got beat by someone who played better that day. They didn't beat themselves with unforced errors."

The boys' doubles team of Matt Rains and Bryce Jordan had another outstanding weekend, Quarles



Pampa senior Alison Piersall, flanked by her parents, Mickey and Janice Piersall, signs a golf letter-on-intent to the University of North Texas in Denton. Standing are PHS golf coaches Dick Dunham (left) and Frank McCullough. Alison is the District 3-4A medalist going into the final round of the district tournament this year. She helped lead the Lady Harvesters to third place at the Class 4A state tournament in 1998. Alison was honorable mention all-state and second-team all-region a year ago.

Cowboys' Aikman signs for biggest bucks ever

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Leave it to Jerry Jones to pay Troy Aikman an NFL-record \$85.5 million and still walk away looking like he got the better end of the deal.

By reworking the three remaining years on Aikman's contract, the Dallas Cowboys owner freed enough room under the salary cap to sign center Mark Stepnoski on Tuesday and likely add free agents Raghieb Ismail and Quentin Coryatt before the Saturday's college draft.

Aikman's reward for being a good trooper? A six-year extension that makes him the highest-paid player in pro football history and includes a \$20 million signing bonus that's among the biggest in pro sports history. Aikman, who will be 41 when the deal ends in 2007, already has received \$13 million and will get the other \$7 million in early 2001.

A league source speaking on condition of anonymity divulged the contract details to The Associated Press late Tuesday. Neither Jones nor Aikman's agent, Leigh Steinberg, would discuss the specifics of the deal other than to say it gives Dallas much more flexibility under the salary cap for several years.

"It's structured in a way that it

is beneficial to the long-term goals of our organization from the standpoint of the salary cap," Jones said.

Aikman's previous contract also put him atop the NFL's salary chart, and he reworked it almost every year to help Jones re-sign key players or to bring in free agents. Steinberg said Aikman again did not want his contract to be an obstacle for Jones.

"Our goal was to free up cap room so that Troy could play with a competitive team," Steinberg said. "He wants more rings on his fingers."

The Cowboys reportedly have had verbal agreements with Stepnoski, Ismail and Coryatt for several weeks, but couldn't finalize the deals until they had the salary cap room to sign them. The NFL is investigating whether that happened and if the team violated league rules.

With that black cloud hovering, Jones met with Steinberg at team headquarters late Friday into early Saturday and hammered out the framework for Aikman's new deal. It was signed Monday and announced Tuesday during a news conference intended to feature Stepnoski. Neither Aikman nor Steinberg were in attendance.



Valerie Lee (left) and Emily Curtis placed second in girls' doubles at the Eagle Invitational.

A's nip Angels

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Mike Quist, promoted from Triple-A before the game, pitched six strong innings and Matt Stairs hit a two-run double to lead the Oakland Athletics over the Anaheim Angels 3-2 Tuesday night.

The win was the 2,500th for the A's since moving to Oakland from Kansas City in 1968. Six other teams have reached that level since 1968: the New York Yankees (2,666), Baltimore (2,663), Cincinnati (2,622), Los Angeles (2,620), Boston (2,614) and Pittsburgh (2,515).

The A's scored three runs in the first inning off Steve Sparks (0-2) and made them hold up. Stairs' double down the right-field line followed a leadoff walk to Tony Phillips and single by Jason McDonald.



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Summer ball pays off for juniors

Pampa juniors Greg Lindsey and Casey Owens put in some overtime on the baseball diamond last summer.

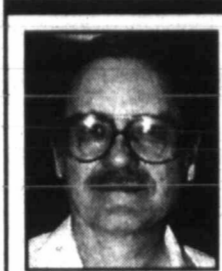
Both Lindsey and Owens played for the Hooker, Okla. American Legion team and the 60-plus games they played certainly sharpened their batting eye in preparation for the 1999 high school season.

Unofficially, Lindsey and Owens pace the District 3-4A leading Harvesters in hitting going into the last two weeks of the regular season. Lindsey is batting around the .487 mark and is the team RBI leader. Owens' average is hovering around .480 and he has a perfect 4-0 mound record to boot.

Both plan on playing summer ball again this summer.

Congratulations to Pampa basketball player Zane Powers. The 6-4 Powers was a member of the winning East squad at the Golden Spread All-Star Games last weekend in Amarillo. Powers hit a pair of 3-point goals to help lift the East past the South 81-86 in the championship game. The East had only three 3-point goals and Powers hit two of them. The All-Star games are limited to seniors only.

Pampa's Justin Roark and Borger's Michael Cano will be on the same side next year. Both football players recently signed letters-of-intent to play for Ottawa University in Kansas. Roark and Cano provided fierce leadership for



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their respective teams this past season.

Roark passed for 697 yards and five touchdowns while rushing for 653 yards and five touchdowns as a senior. He also guided the Harvesters to a 10-3 record and a berth in the regional quarterfinals in 1998.

Cano was an all-district fullback for the Bulldogs, who finished third in the district race a year ago.

Pampa edged Borger 14-12 in one of the better games of the regular season.

World's Worst Joke Department: Did you hear about the 1920s gangster who made a living selling bootleg toilet items? His name was Al Camode.

Flashback, 1980: Junior righthander Andy Richardson threw a three-hitter as Pampa beat Amarillo High 5-2 in high school baseball. Richardson, Monte Covalt and Clyde Coffee led Pampa's hitting attack with two hits each.

Fort Worth panel approves plan for minor league stadium

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — America's favorite pastime could gain a new foothold in the city in the next two years under a \$7.5 million plan approved by the Fort Worth Sports Authority to build a new baseball stadium.

The proposed 6,000-seat stadium would be built on the site of the old LaGrave Field, where the Fort Worth Cats fielded a team up until the 1960s and where such famed baseball players as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio and Jackie Robinson once played.

The Texas-Louisiana Professional Baseball League,

which has teams in seven cities and plans to add two more next year, has signed a letter of intent to bring a team to Fort Worth if the stadium is built, officials said Tuesday.

The stadium would be funded through a combination of grants, corporate sponsorships and possibly the sale of city bonds.

Officials said the proposal could go before the Fort Worth City Council as early as next week.

Under an agreement with Texas Wesleyan University, the school would donate the land and maintain the field year-round in exchange for full-time

use by its baseball team.

"This would give us an opportunity to have a facility that would really put our baseball program on the map," said Skip Applin, associate vice president for student life and athletics.

The stadium would also include a Bobby Bragan Museum to house an extensive collection of Fort Worth Cats memorabilia and other baseball mementos that Bragan has donated to TWU.

"I'm behind it 100 percent," said Bragan, a special assistant for the Texas Rangers and one-time manager of the Cats. "Bring baseball back to Fort Worth."

Mavs get vengeance against Spurs

DALLAS (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs have had an easy time with the Dallas Mavericks for most of the decade and could never have expected to be caught off guard.

The Mavericks refused to serve as the Spurs' punching bag Tuesday night and handed San Antonio a shocking 92-86 defeat.

"This is a breakthrough win against a quality opponent," said Mavericks second-year center Chris Anstey, who came off the bench for eight fourth-quarter points. "This is a team that's been killing us. It's a nice feeling to know we can do it. We just haven't produced in these types of games."

The Mavericks, who had lost nine of their last 10 to the Spurs, got a lift from three young players who've spent most of the season at the end of the bench — Anstey, rookie Dirk Nowitzki and third-year forward Samaki Walker.

With the team out of playoff contention, coach Don Nelson has decided to give his kids extended minutes, and the result was Dallas' first win of the season against one of the top eight teams in the Western Conference.

"I felt real good about how the young guys played," Nelson said. "They seized the moment. It was an unexpected win and probably the best one for us all year."

Nowitzki, getting his first start since Feb. 26, had 12 points and a

career-high 13 rebounds to help the Mavericks stop a three-game losing streak. Walker added six points and four rebounds in a reserve role.

"We played tonight like we thought we could all year," Anstey said. "It was a good time to do this, against a very good team. It was a glimpse of what we can do. We want to take a positive feeling into next year."

Nowitzki was only 4-for-14 from the field, but made up for it on the opposite end of the floor.

"I couldn't throw it in the ocean tonight, but there were other ways to stay in the game with defense and rebounding," said Nowitzki, a 20-year-old from Germany. "It's huge for my confidence. All year I've heard I'm not ready, so it was nice to get a chance like this against a good team."

Michael Finley's 25 points and Gary Trent's 18 paced the Mavericks who were 0-16 against the top eight teams in the Western Conference entering Tuesday night's game.

With Dallas clinging to an 87-84 lead, Nowitzki came up with a critical rebound off a miss by Finley with 16 seconds left. Nowitzki converted one of two free throws to extend the lead to four.

Sean Elliott missed an 18-footer with five seconds left. Trent tracked down the rebound and converted two free throws to give

the Mavericks a 90-84 lead.

The Spurs seemed on the verge of pulling away and built an 80-74 lead with six minutes to go.

But Anstey and Finley had four points each as the Mavericks responded with a 12-1 run capped by Anstey's follow dunk with 1:54 left to give Dallas an 86-81 lead.

David Robinson had 22 points and 10 rebounds and Tim Duncan added 21 points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs, who had won 19 of their previous 22 games.

The Spurs were beaten on the boards, 50-44, and were outthusted all night.

"It was just a meltdown in the fourth quarter — we played awful," Robinson said. "You have to give those guys credit. Nowitzki was big. He got the big rebounds and made some big shots in the fourth quarter."

Shawn Bradley had 10 points and 12 rebounds for Dallas, but fouled out with 5:35 to play.

Notes: The Mavericks beat the Spurs for the first time since Dec. 26, 1996, a 105-101 win in Dallas. ... Nowitzki had his second double-double. ... Dallas point guard Steve Nash matched his career-high with 12 assists. ... The Spurs missed nine of their first 11 shots. ... San Antonio had won seven of its previous eight. ... Dallas is 10-9 at home and above .500 at Reunion Arena after 19 games for the first time since going 11-8.

Pampa hosts Dumas in JV baseball

PAMPA — Pampa hosts Dumas at 5 p.m. Friday in a junior varsity baseball game. Pampa JVs will try and improve on a 6-8 record.

Borger won over Pampa 16-9 in junior varsity baseball action earlier this week.

Tanner Hucks led Pampa at the plate with a double and triple. Travis Lancaster, Justin Barnes, Chad Claridy, Kevin Schaub, Juan Estrada, Shawn Strate and Kyle Keith had one hit each.

Strate started on the mound for Pampa and pitched three innings, allowing 5 hits while striking out 2 and walking 2. Keith pitched 2/3rds of the fourth, allowing 4 hits while striking out 2 and walking 3. Claridy pitched 3 and 1/3rds innings, allowing 3 hits while striking out 4 and walking 4.

Hucks, Claridy and Barnes made some outstanding defensive plays for Pampa.

"We had a terrible game defen-

sively with Tanner Hucks being the bright spot for us on offense and defense. Chad Claridy kept the team spirits up by encouraging us and helping us stay focused on the game," said Pampa coach Troy Owens.

Pampa had 9 hits and committed 7 errors. Borger had 11 hits and 3 errors.

In other JV games, Palo Duro beat Pampa 10-5.

Tanner Hucks, Casey Meharg, Adam Wright, Travis Lancaster, Justin Barnes and Jeremy Buck had hits for Pampa.

Juan Estrada, Meharg and Colby Brazil played outstanding defense.

Kevin Schaub was the starting pitcher and he went 2 and 2/3rds innings, striking out 2 and giving up only 3 hits. He was relieved by Kyle Keith in the third and Keith finished the game with 7 strikeouts, no walks and allowing 3 hits.

"We had some opportunities to score some runs, but we were just unable to take advantage of them," Owens said. Pampa had 6 hits.

"We had five errors and each one seemed to come at the wrong time. Our pitching was a little off, giving up nine base on balls," Pampa coach Troy Owens said.

Tascosa downed Pampa 16-10 in one other game.

Justin Barnes had a double and single to lead Pampa hitters. Shawn Strate had a home run while Kevin Schaub, Travis Lancaster and Jeremy Buck had hits.

"We put the ball in play, but we just couldn't find the holes. Shawn Strate hit his first home run and it was one of the hardest hit balls of the year," coach Troy Owens said.

Good defense was played by Lancaster, Schaub and Barnes.

"We had some opportunities to score some runs, but we were just unable to take advantage of them," Owens said. Pampa had 6 hits.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL			
National League			
At A Glance			
By The Associated Press			
All Times EDT			
East Division			
New York	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	6	3	.625
Philadelphia	4	4	.500
Montreal	3	5	.375
Florida	2	5	.286
Central Division			
Houston	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh	4	3	.571
St. Louis	4	3	.571
Cincinnati	3	4	.429
Milwaukee	3	4	.429
Chicago	2	5	.286
West Division			
San Francisco	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	5	3	.625
San Diego	4	4	.500
Arizona	3	5	.375
Colorado	2	5	.286
Monday's Games			
New York 8, Florida 1			
Cincinnati 7, Chicago 2			
Atlanta 8, Philadelphia 6			
San Diego 8, Colorado 5, 11 innings			
Arizona 12, Los Angeles 6			
Only games scheduled			
Tuesday's Games			
Milwaukee 8, Montreal 4			
St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 2			
Arizona 7, Los Angeles 6, 16 innings			
Houston 7, San Francisco 3			
Only games scheduled			
Wednesday's Games			
Cincinnati (Harniss 1-0) at Chicago (Lieber 1-0), 2:20 p.m.			
Milwaukee (Abbot 0-1) at Montreal (Battista 1-0), 7:05 p.m.			
St. Louis (Merker 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Benson 1-0), 7:05 p.m.			
Florida (Sanchez 0-1) at New York (Hershiser 0-1), 7:10 p.m.			
Atlanta (Milwood 0-1) at Philadelphia (Byrd 1-0), 7:35 p.m.			
San Diego (Spencer 0-1) at Colorado (Wright 0-0), 8:05 p.m.			
Los Angeles (Perez 0-1) at Arizona (Daal 0-0), 10:05 p.m.			
Houston (Lima 0-1) at San Francisco (Estes 1-0), 10:05 p.m.			
Thursday's Games			
Milwaukee (Karl 0-0) at Montreal (Thurman 0-1), 1:35 p.m.			
St. Louis (Oliver 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Peters 0-0), 1:35 p.m.			
Cincinnati (Tompo 0-0) at Chicago (Sanders 0-1), 2:20 p.m.			
Houston (Bergman 0-0) at San Francisco (Brock 1-0), 4:05 p.m.			
San Diego (Clement 0-1) at Colorado (Trumpener 0-1), 5:05 p.m.			
Texas at Arizona (0-2) at Philadelphia (Schilling 2-0), 7:05 p.m.			
Florida (Meadows 1-0) at New York (Yoshii 1-0), 7:10 p.m.			
Los Angeles (Dreifort 1-0) at Arizona (Johnson 1-0), 10:05 p.m.			
American League			
At A Glance			
By The Associated Press			
All Times EDT			
East Division			
Boston	W	L	Pct.
New York	6	1	.857
Tampa Bay	4	4	.500
Toronto	4	4	.500
Baltimore	2	5	.286
Central Division			
Cleveland	W	L	Pct.
Kansas City	6	1	.857
Minnesota	3	4	.429
Chicago	2	5	.286
Detroit	1	6	.143
West Division			
Anaheim	W	L	Pct.
Seattle	4	4	.500
Oakland	4	4	.500
Texas	4	4	.500
Monday's Games			
Minnesota 1, Detroit 0, 12 innings			
Cleveland 5, Kansas City 2, 10 innings			
Anaheim 13, Texas 5			
Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 1			
Seattle 6, Oakland 3			
Only games scheduled			
Tuesday's Games			
Boston 6, Chicago 0			
Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 5			
New York 6, Baltimore 3			
Texas 15, Seattle 5			
Wednesday's Games			
Minnesota (Hawkins 0-1) at Detroit (Weaver 0-0), 7:05 p.m.			
Kansas City (Suppan 0-1) at Cleveland (Colon 1-0), 7:05 p.m.			
Tampa Bay (Arjojo 0-1) at Toronto (Escobar 1-0), 7:05 p.m.			
Baltimore (Erickson 0-1) at New York (Cone 1-0), 7:35 p.m.			
Anaheim (Finley 1-0) at Oakland (Rogers 0-1), 10:05 p.m.			
Texas (Burkert 0-1) at Seattle (Henry 1-0), 10:35 p.m.			
Thursday's Games			
Anaheim at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.			
Chicago at Boston, 6:05 p.m.			
Seattle at Seattle, 6:35 p.m.			
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.			
Kansas City at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.			
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.			
Baltimore at New York, 7:35 p.m.			
Tuesday's Major League			
By The Associated Press			
All Times EDT			
Chicago 000 000 000 — 0 7 0			
Chicago 030 000 03x — 6 7 1			
Boston 030 000 03x — 6 7 1			
Parque, Lundquist (7), T.Ward (8) and Fordyce; Sabershen (7), Guthrie (9) and Varitek. W.—Sabershen, 2-0. L.—Parque, 1-1. HR—Boston, O'Leary (2).			
Tampa Bay 21005 000 — 8 15 0			
Toronto 020 030 000 — 5 11 0			
Will, R.White (5), Macr (7), R.Hernandez (9) and Flaherty. J.Hamilton, Halladay (5) and Fletcher. W.—R.White 1-0. L.—J.Hamilton 0-2. SV—R.Hernandez (3). HR—Toronto, J.Cruz (2).			
Baltimore 101000 001 — 3 10 0			
New York 100 001 04x — 6 7 1			
J.Guzman, Rhodes (7) and C.Johnson; Mendoza, Stanton (7), Nelson (8), M.Rivera (9) and Posada. W.—Nelson 1-0. L.—Rhodes 0-1. HRs—New York, Jeter (3), Posada (1).			
Anaheim 001 000 010 — 2 9 2			
Oakland 300 000 00x — 3 7 1			
Sparks, Schoeneweis (7) and Walbeck; Quist, D.Jones (7), Taylor (9) and Macfarlane. W.—Quist 1-0. L.—Sparks 0-2. SV—Taylor (1).			
Texas 526 002 000 — 15 19 0			
Seattle 000 101 301 — 6 10 0			
Morgan, Zimmerman (7), Patterson (9) and I.Rodriguez, Zau (8); Cloude, Suzuki (2), Hinchliffe (7) and D.Wilson, Ibanez (6). W.—Morgan 2-0. L.—Cloude 0-1. HRs—Texas, I.Rodriguez 2 (3). Seattle, DaBell (2), Segui (1), Butner (1).			
National League			
Milwaukee 002420 000 — 8 14 0			
Montreal 010 001 020 — 4 12 3			
Woodard, Fox (9) and Nilsson; Vazquez, Smart (5), Telford (7), M.Maddux (9) and Wagner. Cox (7), W.—Woodard 1-1. L.—Vazquez 0-1. HRs—Milwaukee, Grissom (1), Burnitz (3). Montreal, Fuller (1), Barrett (1).			
St. Louis 100 210 000 — 4 9 0			
Pittsburgh 000001 100 — 2 10 0			
Bottenfield, Painter (6), Busby (7), Radinsky (7), Botalico (7), Acevedo (9) and Marrero; Schourek, J.Phillips (6), Loiselle (8), M.Williams (9) and Kendall. W.—Bottenfield 2-0. L.—Schourek 0-1. SV—Acevedo (2). HRs—St. Louis, McGwire 2 (4). Pittsburgh, K.Young (1).			
Houston 000 013 102 — 7 12 1			
San Francisco 000 200 001 — 3 6 1			
Hampton, J.Powell (8) and Meluskey; Ortiz, DeLora (7), R.Rodriguez (8), Tavarez (8) and Servais, Mayne (8). W.—Hampton 1-1. L.—Ortiz 1-1. SV—J.Powell (1). HRs—Houston, DeBell (1). San Francisco, Bonds (3).			
LA 000001 012 000002 — 6 11 1			
Arizona 000120000000 003 — 7 21 2			
(16 Innings)			
Valdes, Masaoka (6), Mills (8), Shaw (9), Micki (11), P.Borbon (16) and Hundley, LoDuca (16); Reynoso, B.J.Anderson (8), Holmes (9), Olson (10), Swindell (12), Chouinard (14) and D.Miller. W.—Chouinard 1-0. L.—Micki 0-1. HRs—Los Angeles, Sheffield (2). Arizona, J.Bell 2 (4), Stinnett (1).			
Transactions			
Tuesday's Sports Transactions			
By The Associated Press			
American League			
TEXAS RANGERS—Purchased the contract of RHP Jeff Zimmerman from Oklahoma of the PCL. Optioned OF Scarborough Green to Oklahoma of the PCL.			
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Purchased the contract of RHP Mike Quist from Vancouver of the PCL. Optioned OF Ryan Christenson to Vancouver of the PCL.			
National League			
CHICAGO CUBS—Placed RHP Rick Miller on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Rodney Myers from Iowa of the PCL.			
FLORIDA MARLINS—Recalled INF Mike Lowell from rehabilitation assignment to Calgary of the PCL.			
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Placed INF Jose Valentin on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 11. Recalled INF Lou Collier from Louisville of the International League.			
MONTREAL EXPOS—Placed LHP Steve Kline on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 11. Recalled LHP Rick DeHart from Ottawa of the International League.			
BASKETBALL			
National Basketball Association			
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Signed G O.J. Mayo to a multiyear contract.			
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Placed F George Lynch on the injured list. Activated F Rick Mahorn from the injured list.			
FOOTBALL			
COLLEGE FOOTBALL—Signed RB Ram Abdul-Jabbar, FB Stanley Pritchett and DE Shane Burton to one-year contracts.			
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed TE Carlester Crumpler.			
NEW YORK JETS—Signed CB Ray Mickens.			
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed OL Andy McCullum.			
HOCKEY			
National Hockey League			
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Agreed to terms with F Peter Forsberg on a three-year contract extension.			
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Recalled C Petr Sykora from Milwaukee of the IHL.			
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Assigned F Martin Sonnenberg to Syracuse AHL.			
RODEO			
Rodeo Money Leaders			
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Through April 12			
ALL-AROUND COWBOY			
1, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$70,850.			
2, Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., \$31,884.			
3, Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$21,585.			
4, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$21,906.			
5, Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$24,451.			
6, Murray Stephenville, Texas, \$23,957.			
7, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$22,074.			
8, T.W. Snyder, Colbert, Okla., \$21,508.			
9, Trevor Brazile, Childress, Texas, \$19,429.			
10, Kurt Gunning, Duncan, Okla., \$18,822.			
11, Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$14,585.			
12, B.J. Zieffle, Consort, Alberta, \$9,817.			
13, Todd Suhm, Laramie, Wyo., \$7,227.			
SADDLE BRONC RIDING			
1, Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, \$39,081.			
2, Dean Schlattman, Basin, Wyo., \$28,184.			
3, Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$26,400.			
4, Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$23,369.			
5, Ira Slagowski, Carlin, Nev., \$21,182.			
6, Bobby Griswold, Moore, Okla., \$19,593.			
7, Steve Dollarhide, Wikieup, Ariz., \$18,516.			
8, Billy Eibauber, Wheat, Okla., \$18,094.			
9, Ryan Elshere, New Underwood, S.D., \$18,076.			
10, Rod Warren, Water Valley, Alberta, \$16,941.			
11, Todd Fike, Pavilion, Wyo., \$15,485.			
12, Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$14,984.			
13, Rance Bray, Texoma, Okla., \$14,363.			
14, Ryan Mapston, Geysers, Mont., \$13,845.			
15, T.C. Holloway, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$13,597.			
16, J.T. Hitch, Stilesville, Ind., \$12,648.			
17, Mike Outhier, Weatherford, Okla., \$12,208.			
18, Bret Franklin, Goodwell, Okla., \$11,305.			
19, Ryan Carey, Fallon, Nev., \$10,925.			
20, Shane Lyon, Rapid City, S.D., \$10,508.			
BARRECK RIDING			
1, Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$31,657.			
2, Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$28,332.			
3, Chris Harris, Arlington, Texas, \$23,145.			
4, Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla., \$22,277.			
5, Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, \$19,366.			
6, Denny McLaughan, Canadian, Texas, \$18,897.			
7, Jason Wylie, Stanchfield, Minn., \$18,213.			
8, Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., \$16,900.			
9, Mark Gomes, Nickerson,			

WGA meeting to discuss future of prairie chicken

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

They're finished in Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle. Now they're headed for New Mexico. What started earlier this spring in Buffalo, Okla., moved to Canadian and Morton last week. Now, the Western Governors' Association will host a meeting with landowners in Clayton, Portales and Hobbs, N.M., concerning conservation efforts to save the lesser prairie chicken.

According to Bob Bruce with the National Resource Conservation Service in New Mexico, the next lesser prairie chicken meeting will be at the National Guard Armory in Clayton, N.M. That will be followed by meetings in Portales and Hobbs, N.M. The meetings are funded by the Western Governors' Association as part of their Enlbra

Doctrine, a program designed to keep the lesser prairie chicken from being listed as an endangered species. At the meeting earlier this month in Canadian, Erich Langer with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said the small prairie bird is a candidate species meaning the agency will review the status of the bird each year. If the situation necessitates, he said, the bird will be listed as an endangered species, allowing the federal government to take steps to control and preserve the habitat where the bird once lived.

"The governors gravitated to this new doctrine because they rarely see environmental improvements coming out of polarized situations," Gillen said. "They believe the principles can help the West successfully deal with increasingly complex environmental problems. This complexity is a function of both the global economy we are a part of and its ability to dramatically influence our economy and communities, as well as the many dimensions to environmental problems that were not well understood or anticipated when many of the environmental laws were written nearly 25 years ago."

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS
The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furrs Cafeteria.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

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Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

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PAMPA AREA SINGLES
The Pampa Area Singles will have a dance on Apr. 24 at the M.K. Brown Auditorium from 7-11 p.m. A potluck will be at 7 p.m. and the dance will start at 8 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and there will be no smoking or alcohol. Indian Summer will play at the dance and for more information call 665-0219.

Such cooperation between landowners and government agencies may keep the bird, and other animals, off the endangered species list and prevent government intervention on private property to preserve habitat for such animals.

"We've at least started a dialogue," said John Crowell with the NRCS in Pampa, who moderated the Canadian meeting and recorded the Morton meeting.

Enlbra is a newly created word meaning balance and stewardship, according to Sylvia Gillen, a consultant to the Western Governor's Association. "The authors of the new doctrine believe Enlbra will become a symbol for a balanced approach to successful environmental management," Gillen said. "The doctrine speaks to greater participation and collaboration in decision making, focuses on outcomes rather than just programs and recognizes the need for a variety of tools beyond regulation that will improve environmental management."

Utah Governor Mike Leavitt, a Republican, and Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber, a Democrat, took the lead in developing these principles that became the policy of the Western Governors' Association.

Most people agree there is a need to protect the environment and its natural resources, but groups with extreme positions have shaped environmental management and the environmental debate.

"Today, there is no symbol for the middle, for the majority of citizens who believe that the environment and its natural resources can be protected while at the same time providing recreational and employment opportunities for citizens," Gillen said. "Enlbra will be that symbol for the middle."

Enlbra does not represent a rejection of the goals and objectives of Federal environmental laws such as the Endangered Species Act or Clean Water Act, Gillen said. The doctrine also calls for recognition of costs and benefits.

The Western governors hope the doctrine will become a philosophical foundation for balanced environmental legislation, Gillen said, and a road map for discussions between regulators and stakeholders.

"The Governors believe the principles that they came up with, when taken together, offer the best promise for solving environmental problems today and tomorrow," Gillen said.

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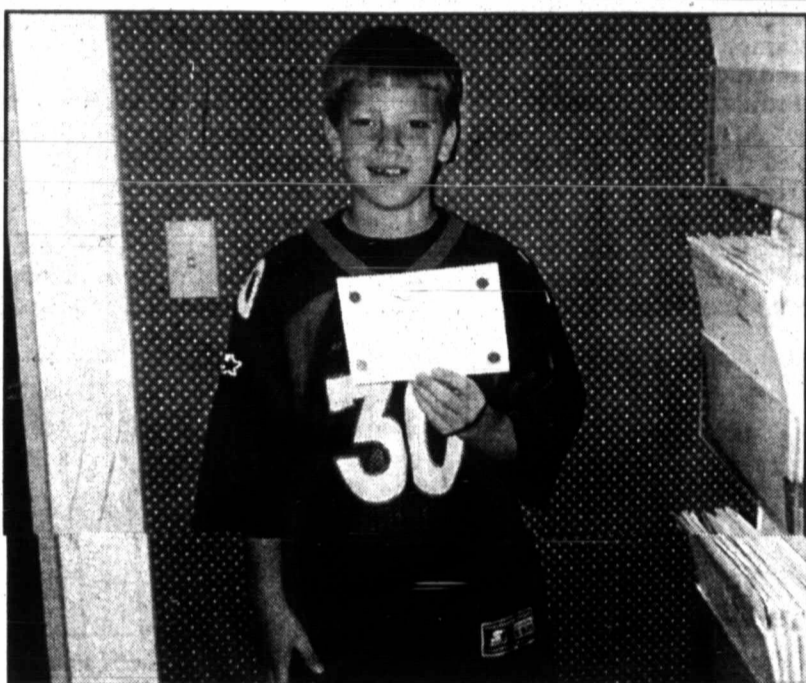
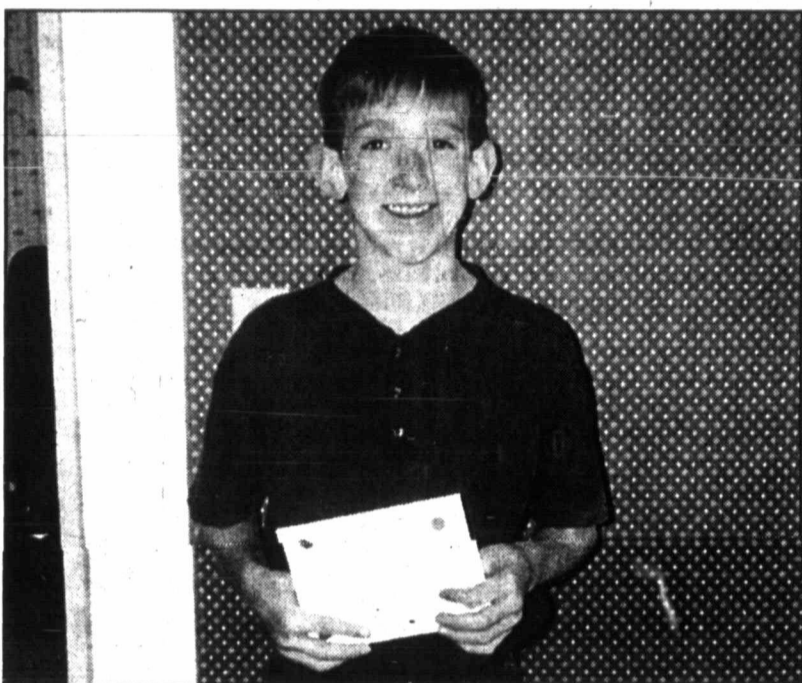
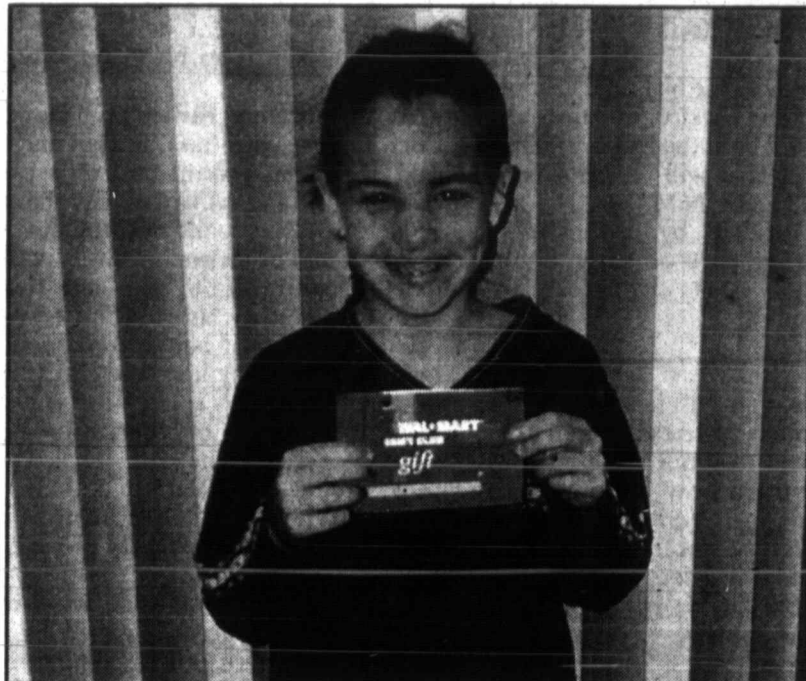
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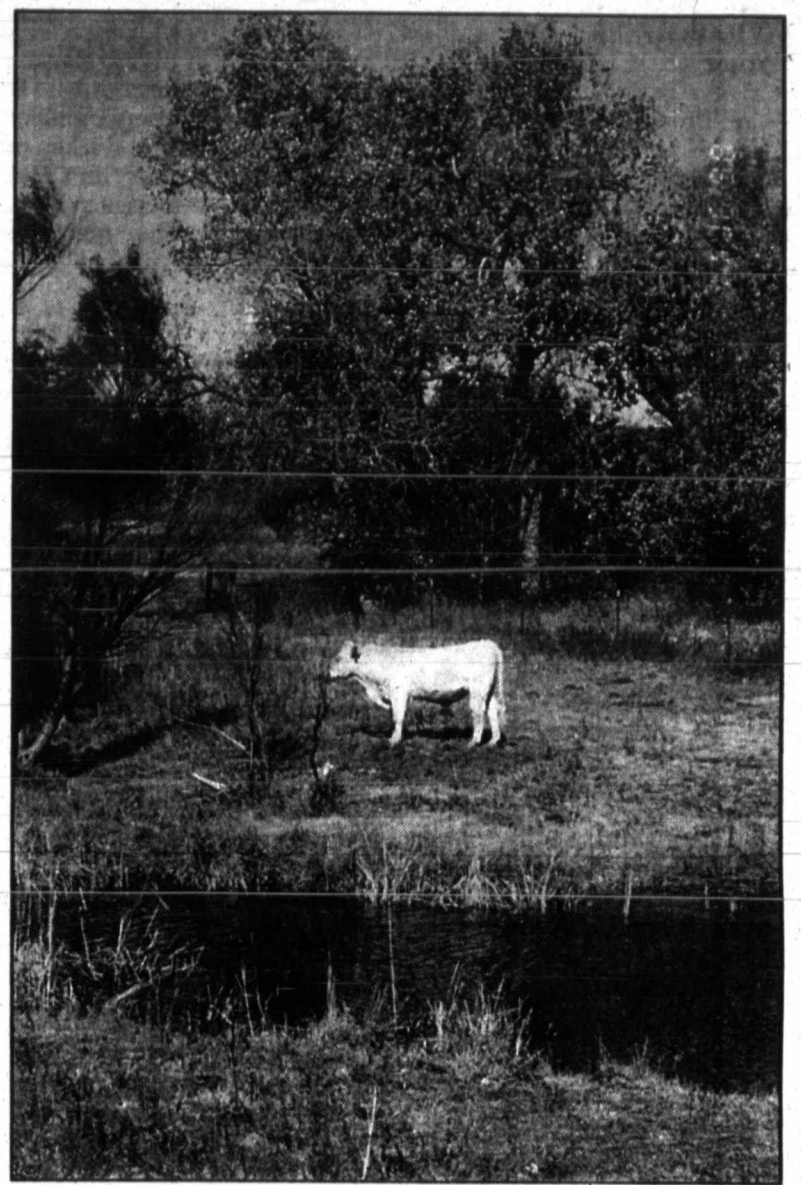
Baby picture contest winners



Dr. Ralph Depee recently held a baby picture contest in which participants matched current pictures of staff with their baby pictures. The first place winner was Chris Cox, (top, left) of Canadian. Runners-up were Leah Russell (top, right), of Stinnett, Reece Pattison (bottom, left) of Perryton, and Ryan Howard (bottom, right) of Darrouzett.

(Special photos)

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Vela Webb submitted this entry in the Critters category of the recent photography contest.

Officials lift fire ban at Meredith

FRITCH — John Benjamin, superintendent of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, announced recently that campfire restrictions have been lifted. Fire danger readings are decreasing due to the recent rains. The rain and warm temperatures have allowed vegetation to green up resulting in a lower fire danger situation.

leaving the campsite. The use of pallet and construction material for fuel requires the removal of all hardware such as nails and screws before entering the park. Campfires will continue to be allowed until Fire Danger readings reach "high" or "extreme" levels. In 1998 and the beginning of 1999, a total of six fires, totaling 325 acres, occurred due to improperly managed campfires.

Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument would like to thank the public for adhering to the past campfire ban. Wildfire prevention cannot be successful without public support.

College to hold Baby Animal Day

BORGER — Frank Phillips College Agriculture Department will be sponsoring its 20th Annual Baby Animal Day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 at the FPC campus in Borger. Various farm animals will be on display for children to view and to touch as well as a special appearance by storyteller, humorist and cowboy poet, Biscuits O'Bryan with his chuckwagon.

O'Bryan will perform from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building Auditorium at FPC. O'Bryan's performance is being sponsored by FPC Lyceum Committee.

He will tell tales of the old west from the chuckwagon cook's perspective, interspersed with cowboy poems and lots of humor. Using an authentic 100-

plus-year-old chuckwagon, O'Bryan teaches children about life on cattle drives.

Biscuits O'Bryan is the creation of the Rev. Monte Jones, a fifth generation Texan whose great-great-grandfather, Joseph Bell Chance, fought in the Battle of San Jacinto for Texas's Independence. He grew up hearing tales of the "good old days" from his grandfather who came to San Angelo in a covered wagon at the age of nine and from his stepfather who was the son of a pioneer rancher in Tom Green Co.

Jones's family once owned the 96 Ranch south of Van Horn.

The Reverend holds a bachelor of arts degree and a master of arts degree in drama and English from Sul Ross State University in Alpine where, in 1994, he was named a Distinguished Alumnus by the Ex-Students Association. He also holds a master of divinity degree from School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., and has done graduate work at The University of Texas in Austin and at Hofstra University in New York. He served churches in Colorado City, Snyder and Big Spring prior to becoming rector of St. John's Church in Sonora and vicar of Fort McKavett.

He is a military veteran, serving as a naval aviation cadet and as a combat engineer and demolition specialist in the 10th Special Forces, Airborne (Green Berets).

In addition, he has taught high school and college drama and English and has performed in numerous school and community theater productions, playing summer stock on Cape Cod, Mass.

Admission to Baby Animal Day is free and open to the public. For more information, contact director of PR and Development at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 767.

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