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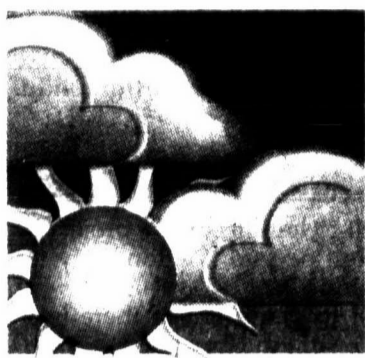
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PAMPA — Pre-enrollment at neighborhood elementary schools for the 1999-2000 school year will be the week of May 3-7. Enrollment packets will be sent home to be completed and returned to neighborhood schools. Pre-enrollment of kindergarten students is Tuesday, May 4, from from 2:30-4 p.m. at each school. The student must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 to enter kindergarten. Shot records, a birth certificate and Social Security card are required for pre-enrollment.

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Aaron Christopher Foust has no argument with those who would describe him as a cold-blooded killer.

"That's a pretty good definition of how I was on the night that I did this," says Foust, facing execution Wednesday night for strangling and robbing Fort Worth hospital administrator David Ward two years ago. "Honest to God, I felt more sympathy for animals I've shot while hunting than I did for Mr. Ward."

Foust, 26, has ordered no appeals be filed on his behalf, virtually ensuring the lethal injection will take place. The execution would be the 10th this year in Texas.

"As soon as they stick that needle in and pump the poison, I'll be out of here," Foust said in a death row interview.

"I've always been ready to die. George Bush and the state of Texas ain't taking nothing away that I wasn't willing to give them. I've been ready to give up my life for a long time. The only reason I can figure anybody would stick around in a place like this is if they were afraid to die."

- Melvin A. Davis, 93, retired Burlington Railroad dispatcher.
- C. Nelson Dyson, 75, retired aerospace industry machinist.
- Wynama "Susie" Hamlin, 55, homemaker, hairdresser.
- Forrest "Woody" Miller, 41, employee of American Cotton Growers.
- Roy Lee Steele, 86, retired employee of Columbian Carbon Company.

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Cable viewers in for changes Rates, lineups affected

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

Several changes, including a rate increase and cuts and additions in programming, will affect Cable One customers in Pampa on June 1.

Susan Winn, general manager of Cable One, told city commissioners Tuesday the rate increase reflects improvements in services and other related operating costs. Federal law allows cable companies to adjust their rates annually.

Winn says she does not want customers to be confused by the announcement's timing stressing the changes do not take place until June 1.

Rather than a three-tier programming choice as has been offered, Cable One is switching to a two-tier system which allows customers to choose from basic-only service or standard-level service. Those with basic-only service will see a 21-cent price rise. Standard-level customers will pay \$4.41 a month more.

Standard-level customers will receive 48 channels at an average monthly cost of 62 cents per channel, Winn said. The monthly cost will be \$29.95 plus taxes and fees.

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Commission ponders Super Playground safety

The family of toddler Ethan Anderson who drowned in March after walking away from the Super Playground hopes the city will build a fence around the playground.

That desire was expressed by Ethan's aunt, Melodie Lane, who spoke before City Commissioners at their Tuesday meeting.

Lane, who previously spoke to Park and Recreation Board members, said she knows city officials are "concerned" about the playground's safety and thanked the commission for taking time to hear her.

"Ethan was a climber," she said of the 18-month-old boy. "Even if he had been climbing the fence there would have been a better chance for someone to have seen him."

According to police reports, Ethan apparently walked out of sight while his great aunt was attending to another child.

During the work session Tuesday prior to the regular meeting, Community Services Director Bill

"There is no guarantee kids are not going to get out ... but the more things we can do to help people view the playground the better it will be."

— Commissioner Faustina Curry

Hildebrandt outlined some playground options the commission may want to consider.

And while there was no vote, the commission's consensus was to go ahead with some new park benches that will be placed

between the playground and the creekbed in which Ethan drowned. Commissioners will study the other options.

The \$800 in benches will give caregivers added visibility when watching children, Hildebrandt said. There are now benches inside the playground itself.

Commissioner Faustina Curry said, "There is no guarantee kids are not going to get out ... but the more things we can do to help people view the playground the better it will be."

Mayor Bob Neslage asked about the possibility of extending the existing fence to include the whole playground — something Hildebrandt said can be done. Neslage favored that plan rather than putting up a chain link fence that would not blend

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Housing meeting Thursday

Do government and business leaders feel Pampa needs more middle and lower income housing? And, if so, are they willing to do what is necessary?

Those are some of the questions that will be addressed at a Housing Conference Thursday at the Chamber of Commerce.

"We'll have experts from the state and federal government, regional agencies and local government officials, too," said Housing Conference Coordinator Charles Henry.

The conference is being held with the help of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. The PEDC became involved because lack of adequate housing could be a problem in attracting a medium-to-large-size company, according to PEDC Project Coordinator Susan Triplehorn.

Among those who will address the conference are representatives of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, HUD, the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and Panhandle Community Services. They will discuss what funds are available

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IRI gets purchase proposal

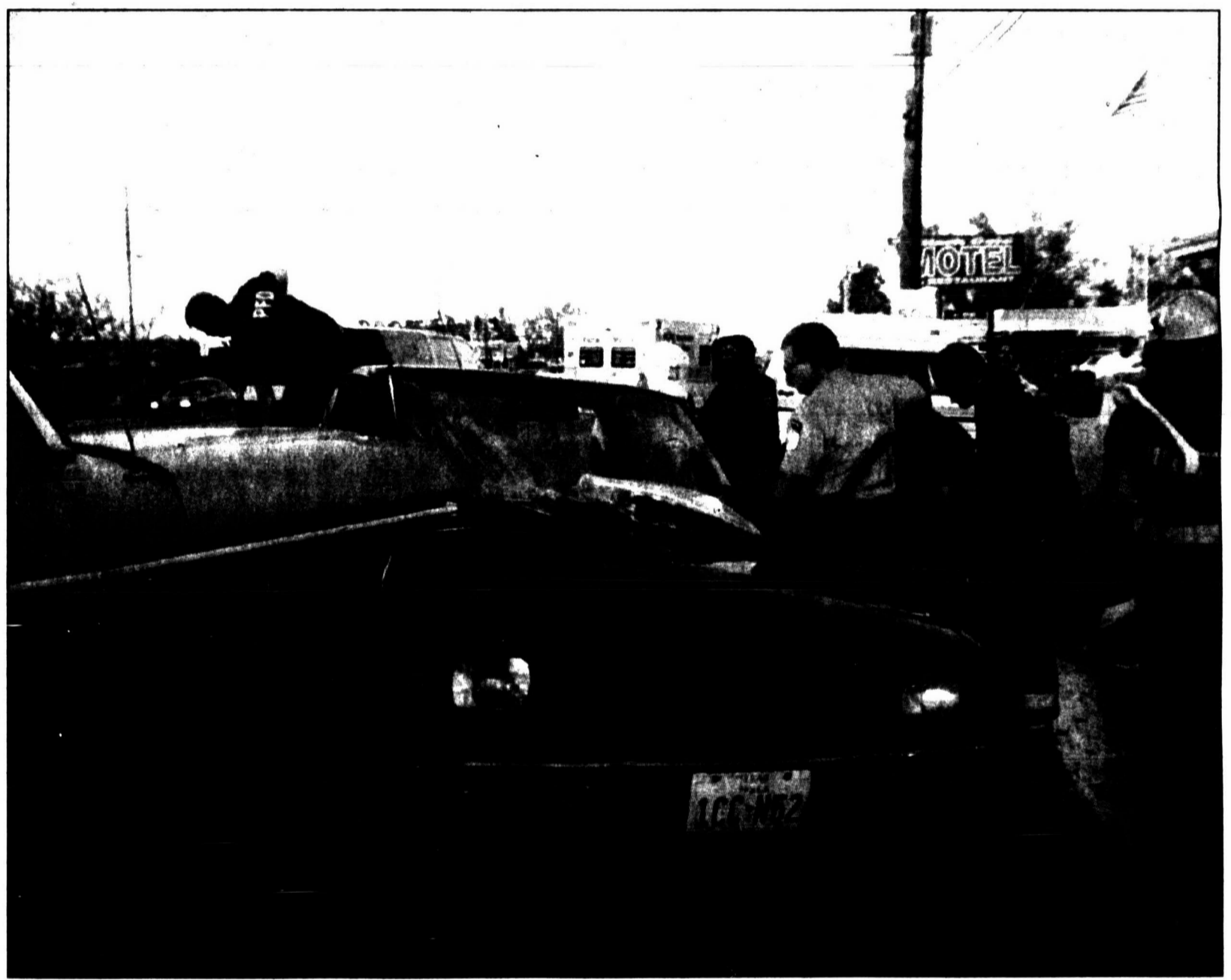
IRI International announced yesterday that they have received an acquisition proposal.

Local officials said they had received no information about how the acquisition would affect the Pampa, and national spokesmen could not be reached this morning for comment.

The company did not announce who had tendered the proposal which is subject to negotiations and review by the IRI Board of Directors.

The company said, "No assurance could be given with respect to the outcome of such negotiations or the Board review."

DWI charges ...



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Veda Deann Anderson, 39, Clarendon, faces driving while intoxicated charges after an injury accident about 8 p.m. Tuesday. She attempted a left turn at Frederic and Tignor in a 1981 Plymouth Arrow pickup and was struck by a 1975 Ford F150 driven by Jerry Lee Zachary, 62, Friona. A passenger in the Plymouth, Dorinda Sue Hayes, 41, Clarendon, was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center then transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where she was in stable condition this morning. Both drivers were treated and released from PRMC. Anderson remains in Gray County Jail on \$2,000 bond.

Annual St. Jude trail ride Saturday

Calling all horseback riders.

It's time for the eighth-annual Saddle Up For St. Jude Children's Research Hospital trail ride Saturday on the Rocking Chair Ranch between Skellytown and Pampa.

Ranch owner Bill Arrington has again invited the riders to use his ranch for the event.

Sign up begins at 8 a.m. and the ride at 9 a.m., according to Sharon Williams. Each rider must present an original certificate of negative Coggins dated within the last 12 months. No certificate means no riding.

The riders will break for a catered barbecue lunch at noon when a variety of prizes will be given away. Afterwards, the ride continues until 4 p.m.

Riders may get as many sponsors as they want with each sponsor giving a one-time donation (not by the mile) and all money is due the day of the ride. A minimum of \$15 is needed from each

rider in order to participate.

Those who raise \$35 will receive a St. Jude T-shirt. For those raising \$75 a T-shirt and sports bag will be awarded. Money raisers with \$125 and above go home with a T-shirt, sports bag and sweat-shirt. There will be a number of other prizes donated by area merchants and all riders will receive a participation ribbon.

As the nation's leading childhood cancer research center, founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, St. Jude has provided care and treatment to all patients without regard for ability to pay. St. Jude is in Memphis, Tenn.

Funds to support this battle against childhood catastrophic disease come primarily from public donations through events like Saddle Up.

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(Special photo) George Kilcrease and Constable James Lewis were among those celebrating the improvements at Lake McClellan this weekend.

Many brave inhospitable weather to attend McClellan open house

Despite cold winds, quite a few Gray County residents came recently to have a look at new facilities at Lake McClellan during its open house, according to Gray County Commissioner Gerald Wright. The open house was to show off some of the work done on the park by the U.S. Forest Service, Gray County, and inmates from the Jordan Prison Unit. The improvements were paid for by the the Forest Service but the county did some work under a "challenge cost agreement", where they county provided workers and the use of some equipment. Among the items to help make trips to the lake more pleasant are new bathroom and bathhouse facilities and eight new RV parking spaces. Wright said those were things that were requested at a town hall meeting held before the improvements were implemented. "Everything is in first class shape now," Wright said. "I can't say enough about the way John Mark Baggerman managed the project. He is really an asset to the county."

Mother, son reunite



(Community Camera photo taken by Jack King) (From left) Arlene Holly and Forrest King reunite after 17 years. Arlene gave Forrest up for adoption at birth and this is the first time she has seen him since. Forrest is the son of Jack and Stacy King of Pampa and the late Shannon King of Amarillo.

Naval, Marine Corps Reserve Center issuing ID cards

AMARILLO — The Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Amarillo, located at 2500 Tee Anchor Boulevard, issues Active Duty, Retired, Dependent, Reserve and 100 percent Disabled Retired Identification Cards. Proper documentation is required. The following are examples of the documents needed: DD-214; Expired ID Cards; Divorce Certificate; Retirements Orders; Marriage Certificate; Death Certificate, Social Security Cards and College Transcripts. The Reserve Center is open for walk-ins on Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. and by appointment only on Fridays. Call (806) 372-5589/90 for any questions.



(Special photo) Gray County Commissioner Gerald Wright and Reggie Blackwell of the U.S. Forest Service were both involved in making the lake improvements.

Violent youth focus of KACV program

AMARILLO — With the recent killings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., everyone wants to know why youth increasingly resort to deadly force instead of using less violent means to resolve problems. Children are asking parents and teachers questions the adults haven't yet found answers to themselves.

KACV-TV, the local public television station will address the many questions surrounding this alarming and tragic trend on "Perspective: Kids Who Kill" beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 2. This special hour-long program, hosted by James Hunt, will feature guest experts Amarillo Police Officer Brian Thomas, the School Liaison Officer for Tascosa High School; Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Wib Newton; Wes Schultz, AISD Caprock Cluster director; and a representative from Family Support Services in Potter/Randall Counties.

It goes without saying that this terrible event has affected everyone emotionally and prompted a lot of questions. Says Hunt, "We in the media have been asked by numerous people for information on what causes events like this and how safe local schools are. Our hope is to bring a variety of experts together and give our audience as many answers as possible in one show."

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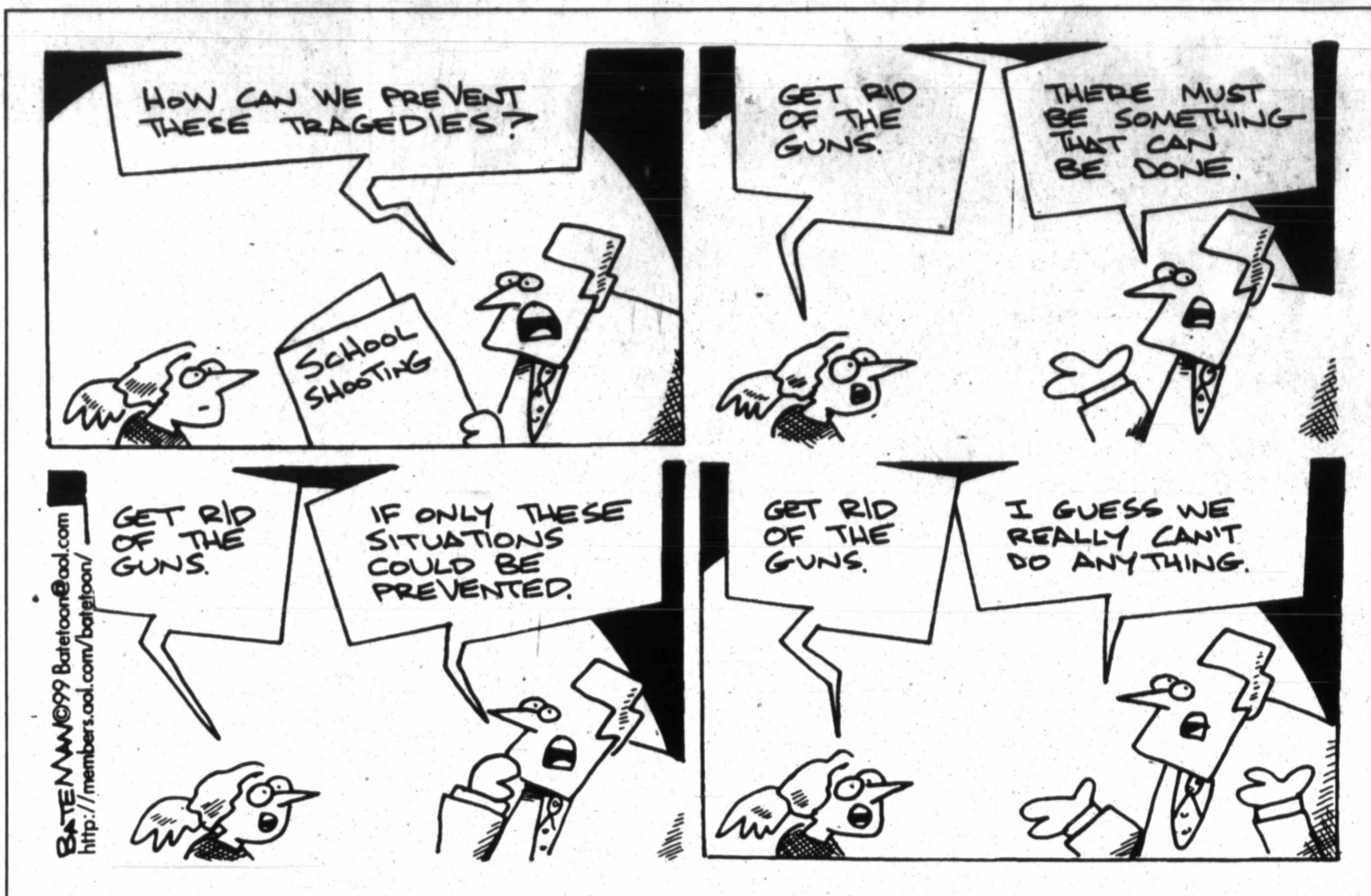
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Inside the Beltway with Rep. Mac Thornberry

There are no simple answers for tragedy

All of us are struggling with the horrible events in Littleton, Colo.
 Our hearts go out to the families, and those of us with children in school can't help but worry a little more about their safety. There are no simple answers, but there are a couple of things to remember.
 First is that these murders were committed by two individuals. No one made them do it; it was their choice and their decision. Each of us faces choices every day, and sometimes evil is tempting. But it is up to us — each individual — to make the right decision. Fortunately, most young people don't go down the wrong path, but as parents, we cannot rely on government — or the schools — to raise our children for us.
 Secondly, we need to think about what it is in our society and our culture that might encourage young people to make these kinds of terrible choices. Does the barrage of media violence make us numb to the value of human life? Have we so discredited faith and traditional notions of right and wrong that some young people have no value system to restrain their enormous anger?
 It's tempting to look to Congress or some government program to fix a problem. And, maybe something more should be done. But there is no law Congress can pass that would prevent this kind of tragedy. The answers have to come from our homes, our churches, our communities and our hearts. Government cannot take that responsibility over for us; it's ours.
 We determine what kind of society we have by what we do and what we say every day. We determine what we value and what we don't. Each of us bears the responsibility for seeing that this terrible tragedy does not happen again.

Thought for today

"You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth."
 —Kahlil Gibran

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Littleton: A 'senseless tragedy'

What happened in Littleton, Colo., was not a "senseless tragedy." That term, which tends to get slapped on horrifying acts of violence like a Good Housekeeping seal, actually subtracts from our understanding.
 So do the counselors, therapists and presidents of the United States who suggest that the problem is one of anger management. "We do know," President Clinton advised the nation on the day of the shootings, "that we must do more to reach out to our children and teach them to express their anger and to resolve their conflicts with words, not weapons."
 That approach may be appropriate for a kindergartner who throws a punch on the playground. For 17- and 18-year-old devotees of Nostradamus and Marilyn Manson who visit neo-Nazi Internet sites, we've moved a bit beyond anger management. We are in the realm of deep corruption of the human soul.
 Every time one of these stories erupts, we are shocked by the violence. But within a few hours, the more shocking news dribbles out: just how much deviance is overlooked these days by parents, school authorities, teachers and society in general. According to The Washington Post, the Littleton gang that called itself the Trench Coat Mafia wore black every day — black shirts, black pants, black boots and black trench coats — even in class. They also frequently wore dark sunglasses indoors. Why was that permitted?
 The gang's fascination with Adolf Hitler was known, as was its interest in guns. Some members of the gang boasted of their latest gun acquisitions and even made a video of their



Mona Charen
 Syndicated columnist

gun collections in a school production class. What grade did they receive for that, one wonders.
 One young man who knew one of the murderers slightly told CNN that the shooter (who giggled while killing) came from a "nice family." Let's pursue that for a moment. This young man by all accounts was dressing very strangely, listening to the music of Marilyn Manson and other Goth "musicians," and creating a website dripping with violence, threats and gore. The Internet websites he was visiting can only be guessed at, but his tastes were probably similar to those of Michael Carneal, one of the previous school shooters, who was known to patronize violent and pornographic sites.
 Do nice parents permit their sons to indulge in these corrupting entertainments? Can a parent who knows of such things and does nothing, or a parent who doesn't take the time to know, be considered "nice"?
 In the cold aftermath of the Littleton shootings, we will plunge once again into a national discussion about what causes violence. The simple minded will blame guns. Some, like the

president, will suggest that the matter is so deep a mystery that "we may never fully understand it." And still others will blame Hollywood and the entertainment industry.
 Hollywood types will obfuscate by pointing out that entertainments from "Oedipus Rex" to "Schindler's List" have contained violence. But there is a world of difference between presenting violence as tragedy and presenting it as pornography. The video games, movies and rock music peddled to kids now are designed to destroy the inhibitions necessary for civil society — all for greed. One recent Hollywood film, "Basketball Diaries," depicted the very thing we saw acted out in horrifying reality — a black trench coat-clad high schooler shooting his classmates in cold blood.
 Why is it that a nation recently willing to spend billions to keep children from inhaling cigarette smoke can shrug its collective shoulders when kids ingest the likes of Marilyn Manson? The brain is a much more sensitive organ than the lung. How can parents allow teenagers who are obviously showing signs of unhappiness to go into their bedrooms, shut the door and dial up every kind of cultural pollution imaginable on their computer screens? Is it because that leaves the parents free to watch "NYPD Blue" in peace?
 Sure, put locks on guns. Install metal detectors in schools. Send counselors in to talk to the kids about their feelings. All of that is harmless, and it may even help. But until we confront and correct our moral agnosticism, until parents demand an end to cultural pollution, we will not see an end to the carnage.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Wednesday, April 28, the 118th day of 1999. There are 247 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 On April 28, 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country.
 On this date:
 In 1758, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, was born.
 In 1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the Constitution.
 In 1789, there was a mutiny on the Bounty as the crew of the British ship set Captain William Bligh and 18 sailors adrift in a launch in the South Pacific.
 In 1967, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali refused to be inducted into the Army, the same day General William C. Westmoreland told Congress the United States would "prevail in Vietnam."
 In 1969, French President Charles de Gaulle resigned his office.
 In 1974, a federal jury in New York acquitted former Attorney General John Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans of charges in connection with a secret \$200,000 contribution to President Nixon's re-election campaign from financier Robert Vesco.
 Ten years ago: President Bush announced the U.S. and Japan had concluded a deal on joint development of a new Japanese jet fighter, the FSX, despite concerns that U.S. technology secrets would be given away.
 Five years ago: Former CIA official Aldrich Ames, who had betrayed U.S. secrets to the Soviet Union and then Russia, pleaded guilty to espionage and tax evasion, and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.
 One year ago: In a breakthrough for the government's tobacco investigation, cigarette maker Liggett & Myers agreed to tell prosecutors whether the industry had hidden evidence of health damage from smoking. The Senate opened a new round of hearings on alleged abuse and mismanagement at the Internal Revenue Service.

Serbs are victims of propaganda

The Serbs, as Slobodan Milosevic said on American television, are not angels, but neither are they devils. They are also the victims of a massive anti-Serbian propaganda campaign.
 Starting with the civil wars, Serbs have been blamed for things they never did, while atrocities committed by Croats and Muslims were ignored. What the Serbs were and are up against are powerful American public relations firms, Western intelligence agencies and biased or incompetent Western reporters.
 Maybe you recall a famous picture of an emaciated man standing behind a barbed-wire fence. This was reported as a Muslim being starved in a Serb concentration camp. In fact, the man was a Serb who had been arrested by the Serbs for looting, and he was not emaciated from lack of food but from suffering with advanced tuberculosis.
 Yohanan Ramati, director of the Jerusalem Institute for Western Defense, wrote of the campaign against the Serbs: "This organized anti-Serb and pro-Muslim propaganda should cause anyone believing in democracy and free speech serious concern. It recalls Hitler's propaganda against the Allies in World War II. Facts are twisted and, when inconvenient, disregarded. The selectivity in reporting and comment is far too blatant to be accidental."
 Ramati quotes from an interview given on French Two television by James Harff of Finn



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& Rudder, the public relations firm representing the Muslims. He boasts that the firm's greatest achievement was to get American Jews on the side of Muslims by peddling the concentration camp story published by a New York newspaper. This business of death camps, by the way, was later proven to be a hoax.
 But here is a good lesson in how the real world works behind the scenes. Finn & Rudder didn't commit the hoax. It simply took the published story to three major Jewish organizations with a suggestion that they run ads condemning it. The PR guy says that once the Jewish organizations came in on the side of the Muslims, it was easy to equate the Serbs with the Nazis.
 Some of the hoaxes perpetrated on Americans include the so-called bread line massacre, the alleged destruction of Dubrovnik, a funeral shown on television of a girl said to be a Muslim victim who was

instead a Serb child killed by the Muslims, and, of course, the mass rape hoax, which has cropped up again in Kosovo.
 Original allegations in the past of 60,000 rapes boiled down, after a U.N. investigation, to 126 alleged victims. Certainly in civil wars women will get raped, but the mass, organized rape story was a pure hoax.
 This kind of stuff is still going on because the NATO campaign against Yugoslavia rests on a foundation of lies. I've seen claims by Western journalists that "thousands of refugees have all told the same story." Use common sense. Do you really think the handful of Western journalists over there have questioned thousands of people? If so, why do they keep using the same video of the same people so often?
 And how many of these Western journalists speak Albanian or Serbo-Croatian? My guess is none. That means they have to rely on translators who are probably being furnished by the Kosovo Liberation Army. The refugee can be saying one thing and the translator another, and the reporter will be none the wiser. That happened in Vietnam, where translators sometimes turned out to be Viet Cong intelligence agents.
 Just remember: NATO is breaking international law, and the United States has no business being involved in the internal affairs of Yugoslavia. One day, we may elect a government that won't lie to us so much.

Any qualified veteran to be honored at burial with military honors

"It's about time," said Gray County Veteran Service Officer John Triplehorn.

The military last week announced plans for any qualified veteran to be buried with military honors, a flag ceremony and the playing of taps. Officials said it is part of a Pentagon plan to address complaints that the military did not always accommodate funeral requests.

The guarantee, which must still be approved by Congress, would apply to veterans who served with honor, said Gail McGinn, deputy assistant secretary of defense for personnel support, in Washington.

The Pentagon plans a toll-free number for funeral directors to make arrangements for a military honor detail, and a World Wide Web site with details, McGinn said Wednesday.

Triplehorn said veterans used to be entitled to \$300 for funeral expenses and \$150 toward the purchase of a burial plot. Those benefits were discontinued about 10 years ago for the general veteran population. Such benefits, Triplehorn said, were limited to veterans who were in VA hospitals, died of service-connected causes or veterans drawing government pensions.

At one time, the military provided personnel to present flags and play taps. Locally, Triplehorn said, that usually fell to the National Guard unit here, but as budgets were cut, the local National Guard said they could no longer provide representatives at veterans' funerals.

"It was disappointing," Triplehorn said. "It was the single most disappointing thing I've faced since I've been here."

Pampa's VFW post tried to pick up the slack, he said.

"We tried to have at least three representatives at each funeral," said Triplehorn, a Vietnam veteran and member of the VFW.

But apparently, to the Pentagon, it is still a question of

cost rather than one of honor.

McGinn said at a Pentagon briefing on the new policy she believes that is going to drive up the demand for services to 45 percent of eligible families from 9 percent.

Sending the minimum detail of two military personnel to that many funerals would cost an estimated \$75 million next year and \$207 million by 2005, a Pentagon report issued Wednesday said.

Until now, the individual services would send funeral representatives when they could, but they also turning down about a quarter of the 37,000 annual valid requests for funeral honors, McGinn said.

The main problem in meeting the existing demand is that deaths of veterans have increased while the size of the military has decreased, she said.

Deaths of veterans are projected to increase from 537,000 in 1997 to 620,000 by 2008, as the vast ranks of World War II era veterans die, the Pentagon estimated. Active-duty forces are 35 percent smaller than in 1989, and the reserves are 25 percent smaller.

There are approximately 26 million military veterans in the United States, 16 million of whom served during World War II.

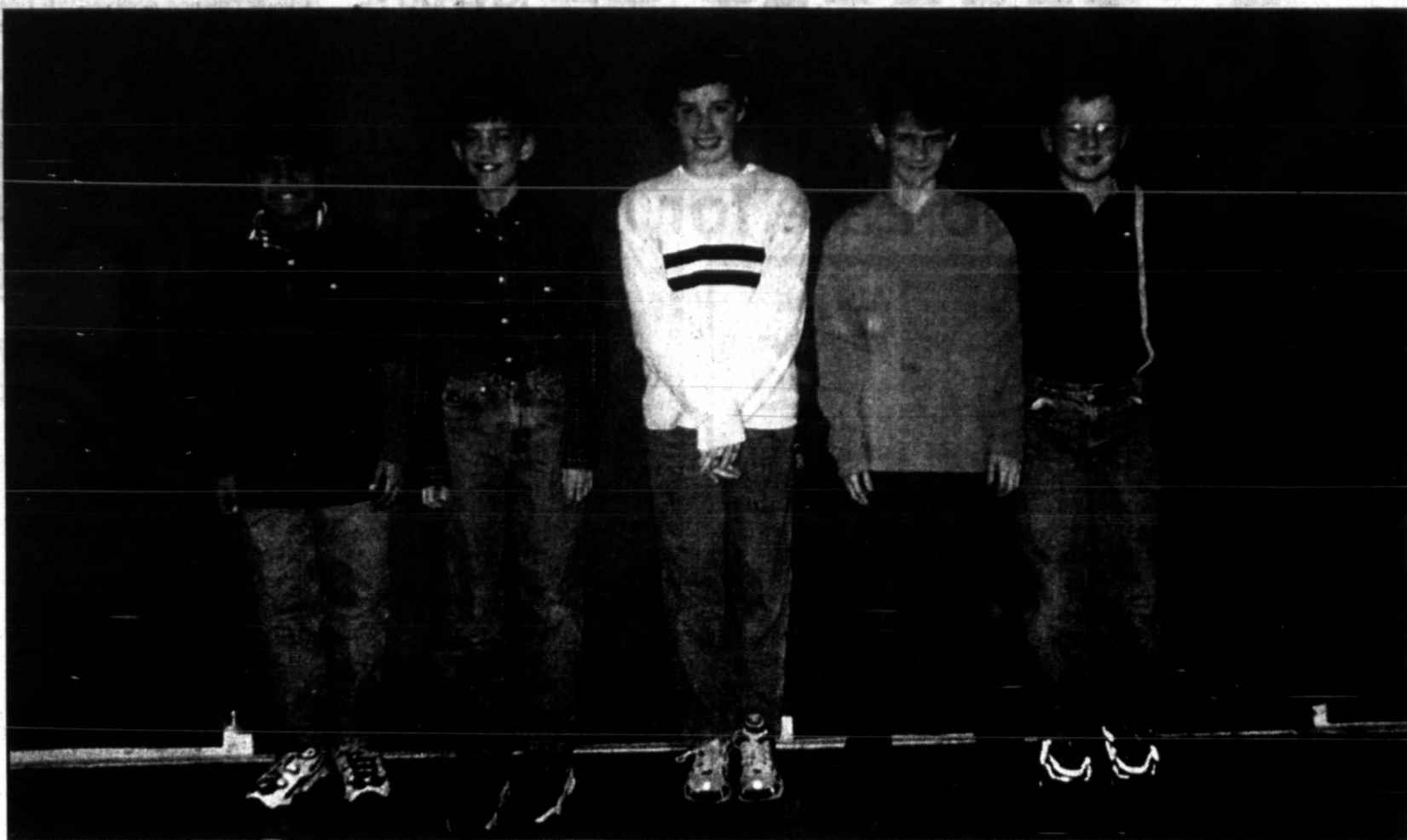
Triplehorn estimates that 85 to 90 percent of Pampa's VFW post consists of World War II veterans.

Active-duty and reserve forces will continue to divide funeral duties, but the new policy gives reservists additional points toward their retirements for participating in the services.

If approved by Congress, the new policy would take effect Jan. 1, 2000.

"It's long, long overdue," Triplehorn said. "They are just reinstating something that they took away several years ago. In my opinion, it should never have been squeezed out."

Science Fair



Austin Elementary recently had its Science Fair. In Chemistry (top, from left) Sunil Kamnani received third; Dusty Joiner, second place; Kaylee Keith, first place; Nikolas Julian, second place; Steven Smith, first place. In Physics - Gases and Air Pressure, bottom, J.D. Elliot received third place; Kenny Peters received first; Junior Navarrete received second; Tyler Klein received first; Logan Langford received first.

(Special photo)

Lawmakers shelve gun-lawsuit bill in wake of Colorado shooting

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida lawmakers have shelved a bill that would block cities and counties from suing gunmakers, saying debate was inappropriate so soon after the Colorado high school shootings.

Senate President Toni Jennings canceled debate Tuesday. "In light of the Colorado situation last week, I think the discussion of the bill would not be on the merits of the bill but on the emotional aspect of the tragic killings of the student and the teacher," Jennings said.

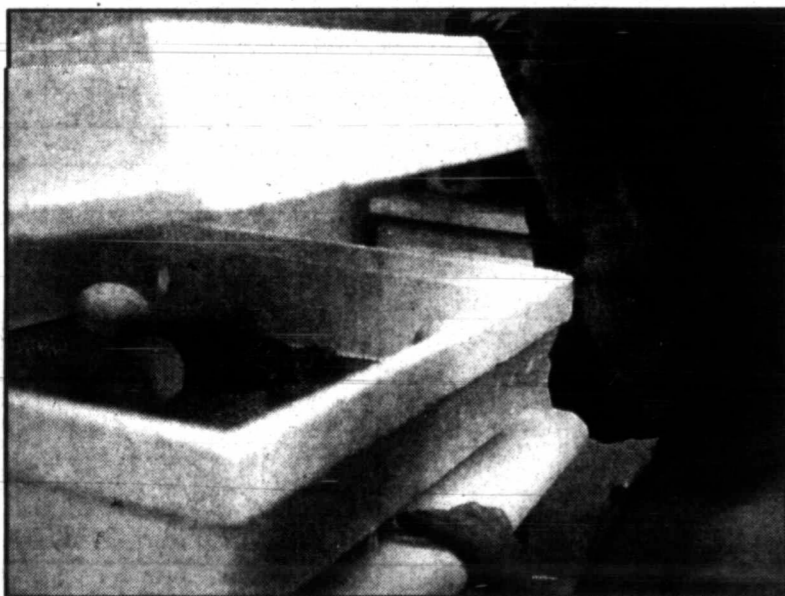
The bill aimed to ban local governments from bringing product liability suits against gun manufacturers.

Miami-Dade County is one of five municipalities nationwide that have filed lawsuits against the gun industry, with other cities in Florida considering it.

The House decided last week to postpone debate on the bill, but at the time, its Senate sponsor said he hoped to keep it alive in the Senate.

The legislative session is scheduled to end Friday and won't reconvene until next year.

Earth Day



(Special photo)

Madison Joyce and other students at St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School celebrated Earth Day with the arrival of a new born baby chicken.

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Nolan Ryan launches new steak sauce

HOUSTON (AP) — Nolan Ryan has pitched everything from Wrangler jeans and Whataburger to Advil and Southwest Airlines.

"Now the former Texas Rangers star is pitching his own steak sauce. "I'm excited about this product," Ryan said at the product's debut at the Four Seasons Hotel in Houston. "This isn't just a steak sauce, it's a meat sauce that goes with lots of different things. It is very versatile."

The idea behind the Nolan Ryan Steak comes from Ty Ballou, who runs Pittsburgh-based PLB Sports. The company specializes in coming up with food products named after local sports stars, such as mustard named after Steelers running back Jerome "The Bus" Bettis and Flutie Flakes, a cereal named after Buffalo Bills quarterback Doug Flutie.

Ryan said "it would be neat" to put his name on the sauce because of his interest in the cattle business, and he thought it could benefit

the Nolan Ryan Foundation, which gives scholarships, makes grants to charities and supports a continuing education center in his hometown of Alvin, about 25 miles south of Houston.

The Houston Chronicle reported in Wednesday's editions that a portion of the profits will be donated to the foundation.

The sauce went on sale last week in Houston and Dallas. The newspaper reported that Randalls Food Markets has a 60-day exclusive arrangement to sell it. After that, PLB will try to take the sauce nationwide.

"I think it's going to be a big hit with our customers," said Randalls Vice President Frank Lazaran. "Everyone identifies with Nolan. He is a true Texan in everyone's eyes."

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Nonagenarian Is Wondering If He's Too Late for Love

DEAR ABBY: I am 91 years old, widowed 10 years ago after 54 years of a loving marriage. After my wife's death, I moved in with my widowed stepdaughter in another city. She has since passed away.

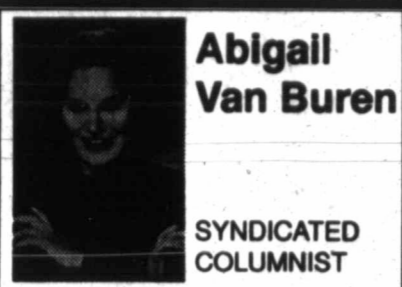
I had absolutely no intention of remarrying. However, a petite, demure, attractive, intelligent, healthy lady of 76 has become my constant companion. We enjoy each other's company and have shared many spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment adventures. I find that I love her dearly, and it seems to be reciprocated.

The actuaries at my insurance company give me 33 more months to live. In her condition, she should look forward to 20 or more years of active life. If we were to marry, in a few short years she would again be a widow — only older. Also, because of my age, and the fact that I have been celibate for almost 40 years, I could never exercise the conjugal duties of a loving husband. I feel that it would be very unfair to her to propose marriage. She should find a younger, healthier man, but seems indisposed to do so.

Friends of ours, same ages, recently married with the blessing of both their families. Am I selfish to monopolize her time? Am I reasonable in assuming that a marriage would be impractical? Our friends are getting along fine, although he is not as healthy as I am.

HAPPY IN TEXAS

DEAR HAPPY: If you dearly



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

love that widow, you're addressing your concerns to the wrong woman. Only she can tell you whether your feelings are reciprocated, and whether sex is important to her at this stage of her life. Many women prefer cuddling and affection. You should also discuss your concerns with your physician, because recent medical advances could jump-start your sexual performance, if you're interested.

The ways of the heart are not determined by insurance company actuaries. You could surprise them all and live to be 100. Tell your ladyfriend what you're thinking and observe her reaction. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to add my two cents to the reader who complained about Jewish celebrities who "constantly remind everyone that they're Jewish."

If "Curious in Tampa" thinks

that flaunting one's religious beliefs is a Jewish trait, try taking a drive in December and count the number of houses in which the residents remind everyone that they are Christian with lights, wreaths, crosses and nativity scenes. He or she should visit a mall between October and January, and try to find one that does not have Christmas music blaring from every speaker. I wonder how many times "Curious" has asked a new acquaintance, "So, do you have any plans for Easter?" or, "Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet?"

Abby, you should have suggested that "Curious" try to buy something from Christian-owned businesses on a Sunday when they are the only stores closed in the mall. Imagine how other religious groups feel in a world where everyone assumes they are Christian. Maybe then "Curious" might understand why some Jews feel the need to remind people of who they are (or who they are not).

JEWISH IN CINCINNATI

DEAR JEWISH IN CINCINNATI: You have made some astute observations. However, as I advised "Curious," he or she would have to ask each of the Jewish celebrities who were mentioned, because their responses would be unique.

Horoscope

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 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)

Keep your sense of direction with a cantankerous partner. Trust that you don't have all the answers. High energy between the two of you can often come out as fighting. Confusion surrounds friends and long-term goals. Go with the flow, and you'll be a lot happier. Tonight: Hook up with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Others gravitate to you. However, your vitality and charisma can backfire and cause problems. Listen to others, but don't take any sarcasm personally. Give a boss the appropriate response, even if you find him clueless. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You're bouncy when you arrive at work, but there's a lot to do. You might quickly find yourself inundated. Still, you have the energy to cover all the bases. Your sense of direction comes out, although you could be a lot bossier than you realize. Tonight: Do what you need to do to relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Handle domestic matters early. Your perspective will change while brainstorming over work. Creativity surges. Use your lunch break to purchase a fun item. You might be confused over a money mat-

ter, think before you commit. Tonight: Hot and wild.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Others have a strong idea of how things should be. Listen carefully to another's point of view. A fight could begin way too easily. Think carefully before losing your temper. Be clearer about your expectations. Are you projecting? Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Temper flare. Could you be more sarcastic than you think? Let others share their feelings. Your confusion about a work-related matter has a lot to do with wishful thinking — yours or another's. Work on getting a better grasp here. Tonight: Catch up on news with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Though you are up for almost anything, you could go overboard with spending. Be realistic about a gamble; it could backfire. Undoing damages could be tough at a later point. A child or loved one could be playing games. Take off your rose-colored glasses. Tonight: Financial yellow alert.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Though you could be slow to start the day, you're an unstoppable force when you do. You might be a lot more decisive, and at times difficult, than you think. Kick back and get a perspective. Note how others see you. You could be confused about your self-image. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You need a break. Think before you lash out. Though it might make you feel better at first, the long-run implications could be dicey. Consider how your behavior will affect others before taking action.

What you perceive as right just might not be. Tonight: Take some time off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You are driven to do exactly what you need to do. Bring others together for a lively discussion. Stay directed and secure. Money matters are not as you think. Verify accounts and get to the bottom of what is going on. Realize what is happening with a friend. Tonight: Kick up your heels a bit!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Demands at work could easily make you feel fried. Establish limits; recognize what others expect. Your ability to understand what is going on makes you extremely popular. However, you could be taking something for granted. Double-check your work and your assumptions. Tonight: In the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Take an overview; consider what is happening. Be willing to take a stand and to explore new possibilities. Ask questions. News from a distance could set you back, but force your hand. You might not be getting the whole story, or might be missing an important detail. Tonight: Do your own research.

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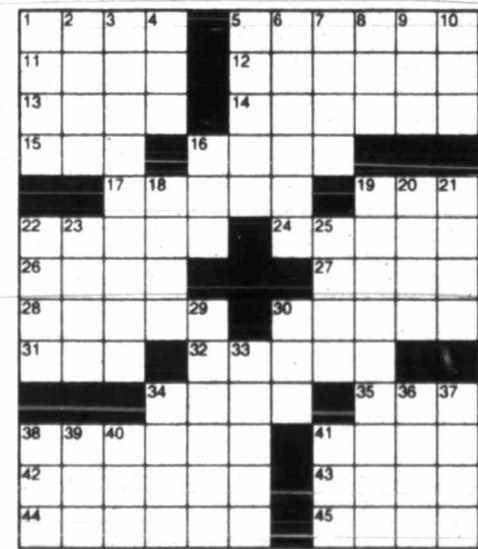
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 12 Flowery shrub
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- 14 River setting
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- 16 Sassy
- 17 Show gratitude to
- 19 Sassiness
- 22 Concerning
- 24 Malice
- 26 Elevator part
- 27 Epochs
- 28 In the midst of
- 30 Poor jerk
- 31 Convened
- 32 Butler of fiction
- 34 Cajole
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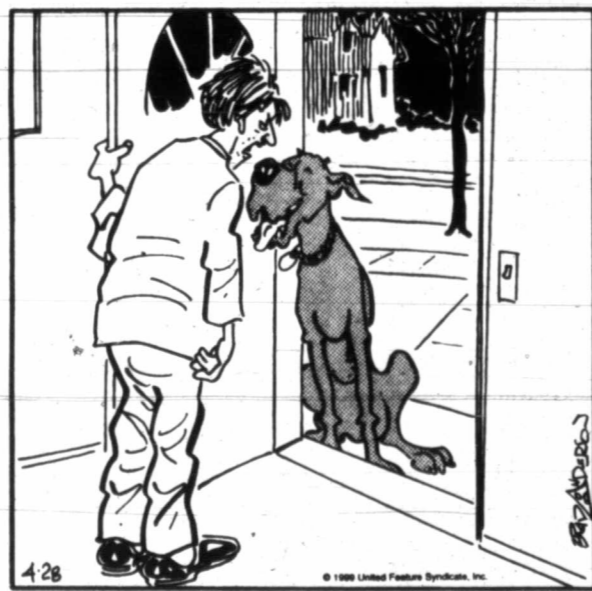
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- 25 Treaty
- 29 Farmer
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(Special photo)

Five of Pampa's Business Professionals of America students won in competition at the State Leadership Conference in Corpus Christi and are advancing to the National Leadership Conference in Philadelphia. Students are (left) Chris Hearron, Daniel Dreher, Lorriq Phillips, Jamie Mears and Sean Stowers.

PHS students advancing to national BPA competition in Philadelphia

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

Having won at both regional and state level competitions, five PHS business students are advancing to a national competition this weekend in Philadelphia for a Business Professionals of America conference.

Students Sean Stowers (International Business), Jamie Mears and Lorrie Phillips (Presentation Management) and Chris Hearron (Document Formatting) are competing against 4,000 students across the country, while student Daniel Dreher is attending the conference as the Texas candidate to compete for one of three national officer positions.

Mears is also representing Texas as the State Associate Division Vice-President and is serving

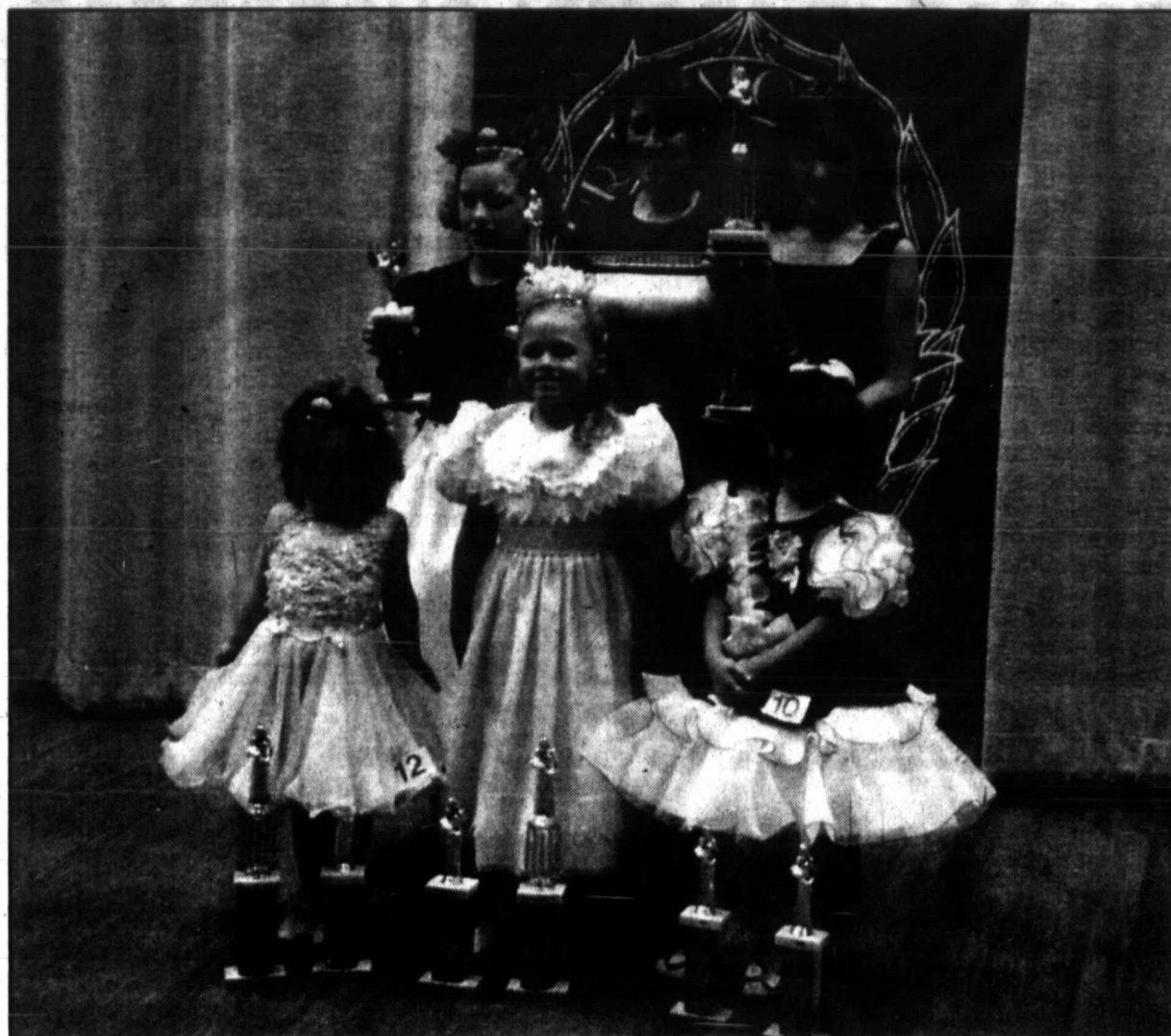
as the head voting delegate from Texas.

Pampa's Business Professionals of America chapter will also be in competition for several awards, said business teacher and advisor Sherrell Wheeler, and a number of the chapter's students are being considered for the Ambassador Torch Award — the highest recognition given to BPA members.

Business Professionals of America is a national organization for high school students preparing for careers in business and office occupations, said Wheeler.

"It acts as a cohesive agent in the nationwide networking of education and business and industry and is contributing to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship and technological skills," according to Wheeler.

Our Diamond Miss Pageant



(Special photo)

Students from Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastic Center taught by Madeline Graves and Shauna Munsell recently attended Our Diamond Miss Pageant in Borger. Brianna Bailey was crowned Young Supreme Miss, placing first in Talent, Glamour and Modeling. Madison Cochran was crowned Glamour Girl and placed second runner-up in Supreme. Danielle Zuniga was first runner-up in Talent and was fourth runner-up in Glamour. Jenna Munsell and Lauren Denney both won the Talent competition in their age divisions. The students plan to attend the Our Diamond Miss nationals in July. Front row, left-right: Cochran, Munsell, Zuniga; back row, l-r: Denney, Madeline Graves, Bailey.

Local SWCD announces Water Stewardship Week

The Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District recently announced it will join the national observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week to take place on April 25-May 2 according to an announcement by L.H. Webb, Chairman of the District.

The theme of this year's observance is "In the Children's Hands." This focus is especially appropriate as our need for stewardship is vital if we are to maintain the productive capabilities of our basic natural resources of soil, water and wildlife. Together, we must work for the good of all to utilize, conserve and properly manage those resources in our care. Participation in Soil and

Water Stewardship Week activities offers an opportunity to reflect on the nation's renewable resource problems and consider actions to resolve them or reduce their impact.

The Gray County SWCD was organized in 1947 for the purpose of offering farmers, ranchers, and the local community a voluntary conservation technical assistance program through which individuals could seek and request conservation assistance to meet the capabilities and needs of their land.

Basically, it is the District's responsibility to provide technical assistance when requested relative to proper soil use and treatment, erosion control practices,

solve drainage problems and assist farmers and ranchers with crop, range, pastureland and wildlife management," said Webb.

The National Association of Conservation Districts has sponsored Soil and Water Stewardship Week in the United States since 1955, in cooperation with the nation's nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts. Informative material on the Soil and Water Stewardship Week theme each year is distributed through local conservation districts to clergymen, lay leaders, civic and educational organizations and to individuals interested in participating in the celebration.

'Big Z' Barbecue



(Special photo)

Zion Lutheran Church "Big Z" chairpersons Edetta Grange, right, and Betty Beyer, are seen here with items to be auctioned during the church's annual "Big Z" Barbecue and Silent Auction to be held from 5-7 p.m. May 1 at the church parish hall, 1200 Duncan. Tickets will be available at the door or may be obtained in advance from a church member or by calling 669-2774.

WT's KWTS receives community service award

CANYON — West Texas A&M University radio station KWTS, 91.1 on the FM dial and known as The One, was named the April recipient of the President's Community Service Award.

KWTS also won the PCSA in March 1997 and so becomes the

first repeat winner of the monthly award, which was established in October 1996 to recognize volunteer efforts by members of the university community.

"We're really thrilled about it," Leigh Browning, KWTS advisor and instructor of mass communica-

tions, said. "I think our winning for the second time shows that KWTS doesn't do community service to win awards; KWTS does community service, period, consistently and year after year after year."

For its enthusiastic commitment to a variety of campus and community projects, KWTS was an easy choice for the award. During the 1998-99 school year, The One has supported and promoted events and programs ranging from WTAMU's Alcohol Awareness Week to the United Way campaign, and the station has even maintained a two-mile stretch of Highway 87 as part of Adopt-A-Highway.

"Community service is a pretty big priority here," Melissa Ziedy, KWTS general manager and a graduate student in mass communications from Amarillo, said. During WTAMU's campus-beautification project, Work-A-Thon, KWTS raised \$215, giving a portion to the university while the remainder was used to sponsor a needy child at Christmas.

In October, the radio station staffers participated in national Make a Difference Day by visiting a convalescent nursing home.

The station also contributed air time and manpower to a canned food drive, a haunted house to benefit the Ronald McDonald House, Martha's Home for battered women, WTAMU's annual Halloween Carnival and scores of free public service announcements.

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