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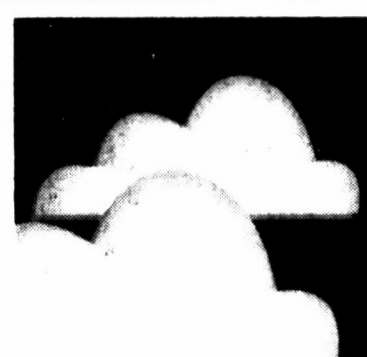
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PAMPA — Joining many others, The Pampa News office will be closed Monday for Memorial Day. The newspaper, however, will be published as usual. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

ANGLETON (AP) — Jurors took about one hour to convict a 19-year-old Matagorda County man in the brutal rape and shotgun slaying of a young single mother attacked in front of her children.

Kenneth Parr faces either lethal injection or life in prison after jurors convicted him of capital murder Thursday in the slaying of Suzie Malek, 28, who was slain in her Bay City mobile home last year.

Ms. Malek was forced to lie face down on the ground with her children, where she was brutally raped, then shot twice in the back of the head.

The victim's 10-year-old daughter gave dramatic testimony about how her mother offered to write the men a check to get them to leave before they attacked her. The daughter also testified that when the men began to sexually assault her mother, she asked them not to do it in front of her children, but the attacked continued.

The children, left alone with their mother's body, called family for help.

Parr's stepbrother, Michael Jimenez, 17, will be tried later this year, but will not face the death penalty because he was a juvenile at the time of the murder.

• Bennie Felix Urbanczyk, 86, native of White Deer.

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Network bids for \$77,000 get trustee consent

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Bids were awarded during Thursday night's meeting of Pampa ISD trustees to install building-wide computer networks on the high school and middle school campuses. Each elementary building has the network system installed on their campuses.

The new network will allow the staff and students on the secondary campuses to have the same capabilities of Internet access networking for student accounting as the rest of the district.

MicroAge of Amarillo was the bid recipient for the data communications equipment with the amount \$30,633.50. SabreData of Austin was awarded the bid for the cabling infrastructure. Bid amount was \$47,253.92.

The board approved awarding bids on audio visual equipment, office/instructional supplies and furniture to Audio Visual Aids Corp., Elliott Russell, GEBCOO, J.L. Hammett, Indeco Sales, Northeast Audio Visual, Office Furniture Outlet, Pampa Office Supply, School Specialty and Warner-Horton Supply.

Board members awarded a bid on copiers to Danka on a rental basis. Xerox Corporation, the current contractor of copiers to the district, did not offer a rental option.

Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr said the contract could be evaluated in a year to see if it is meeting the school district needs. The PISD makes between 10-11 million copies a year. School personnel said the

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Super Playground will get benches

More fencing won't be added

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

New benches will be added near the Super Playground between it and a nearby creek bed in order to give those supervising children an additional place from which to view their charges.

That was the consensus last week of city commissioners who have been considering several options to provide a safer environment in the wake of a March drowning of a Pampa toddler who walked away from the playground.

Ethan Wayne Anderson, 18-month-old, died at an Amarillo hospital after he was found in the rain-swollen creek bed about 100 feet from the Super Playground. He was the son of James Alexander and Angela Anderson.

Previously, commissioners had considered other options including the placement of a fence around the entire playground. Currently the toddler area of the playground is fenced. The child who died, however, was not playing in the toddler area when he walked away.

Only the new benches will be put in place as commissioners opted not to erect more fencing.

Community Development Director Bill Hildebrandt told commissioners "there is nothing inherently dangerous" about the Super Playground. He said the boy who died "evaded supervision" and said the child's death is a "tragic accident."

Mayor Bob Neslage said placement of the benches "will give more opportunity to supervise children and that's (supervise) is the key issue here."

The aftermath ...



Wilson school parent Roy Anderson helps clean up the streamers from the last assembly at the last day of this school year.

School has quiet ending

Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr said the final day of classes ended Thursday without incident.

He said the students ended their school day for the 1998-1999 at Pampa High in typical student behavior with a water balloon fight in the parking lot.

Dr. Orr said local school principals, counselors, and secretaries will join Pampa Police Department, Pampa Fire Department and county emergency management personnel to meet with a school safety consultant June 9 and 10 to form a plan for the district.

He said that the safety consultant was in the Pampa school system when one of the recent inci-

dents occurred

The school district received two bomb threats recently at the local high school. Two students have been arrested in connection with the bomb threats. Several other arrests have been made by Pampa police since the Littleton, Colo., tragedy.

Board member John Curry told the board the school district has received several compliments for jumping right in and coming up with a plan and implementing the plan following the incidents.

Pampa police officers were visible on the Pampa High campus for the final day of school to provide assistance if needed. No incidents were reported.

Cocaine in soda can leads to prison time

A Pampa man is in Gray County Jail today waiting for a ride to a state prison.

Eddie Sausueda, 23, Amarillo, pleaded guilty Thursday in Judge Lee Waters 223rd District Court to charges of possession of 4.79 grams of cocaine and was sentenced to five years in prison.

Court records show that Sausueda was arrested on July 4 of last year when DPS Trooper Lee Coronado stopped a car because the window tinting was too dark and the car had no brake lights.

Sausueda was driving the car but did not have a license, according to reports. He said the car belonged to a passenger, John David Steele of Amarillo. He told the trooper that he was driving because he knew the way to their destination and Steele did not.

After finding that Sausueda and Steele both had criminal histories, Coronado asked for and received permission to search the car, according to court records.

When Coronado searched under the hood he found an RC Cola can hidden inside the air breather. Inside the can was a ceramic-like substance surrounding a clear plastic container filled with what later turned out to be cocaine.

Sausueda and two passengers in the car were arrested. In the plea bargain Sausueda stated that the drugs were his and the others had no knowledge of them.

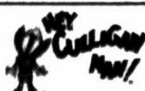
When Trooper Lee Coronado searched he found an RC Cola can hidden inside the air breather.



Tom Cooper tosses a beachball into a large bucket as part of the Junior-Senior Olympics as Travis Elementary third-graders completed their participation in the Grandparent Program at Pampa Nursing Center. Among those with Cooper are Jacob Davis, Julie Crossman and Landon Moreland.

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Services tomorrow

URBANCZYK, Bennie Felix — Mass, 10 a.m., St. Theresa Catholic Church, Panhandle.

Obituaries

BENNIE FELIX URBANCZYK

PANHANDLE — Bennie Felix Urbanczyk, 86, died Wednesday, May 26, 1999. Wake services are to be at 6:30 p.m. today in St. Theresa Catholic Church. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday in the church with the Rev. Jim Hutzler officiating. Burial will be in Panhandle Cemetery under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Mr. Urbanczyk was a White Deer native. He married Mozelle Pruitt in 1941 at Clovis, N.M. He had been a longtime Panhandle resident and was a charter member of Frank Keim Knights of Columbus.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Mozelle; five daughters, Linda Kintz of Eugene, Ore., Karen Counts of Panhandle, Marsha Neel of Marble Falls, Roseann Lyson of Friendswood and Lisa Cradit of San Marcus; three sons, Jan B. of Lynchburg, Va., Joel of Panhandle and Kevin of Alpine; four sisters, Dalen Rohan of Panhandle, Helen Obert of Azle, Sylvia Brown of Alamo, Calif., and Angeline Beddingfield of Panhandle; 19 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.	
Wheat	2.27
Milo	3.03
Corn	3.40
Soybeans	3.67
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.	
Occidental	20.78 NC
Magellan	122.04
Puritan	20.10
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.	
Amoco	107 dn 3/16
Arco	81 1/2 dn 1/8
Cabot	24 7/16 up 1/16
Cabot O&G	17 1/4 up 1/8
Chevron	92 1/2 dn 1/2
Coca-Cola	69 1/4 up 1/8
Columbia/HCA	23 9/16 up 1/4
Enron	71 up 1/2
Halliburton	41 3/8 up 1/16
IRI	5 3/16 up 3/16
KNE	21 1/2 up 1/16
Kerr McGee	46 3/8 up 3/8
Limited	47 15/16 up 1/16
McDonald's	38 9/16 up 5/8
Mobil	99 1/8 dn 9/16
New Atmos	25 15/16 up 7/16
NCE	40 3/16 dn 1/16
Penney's	51 7/16 up 15/16
Phillips	51 9/16 dn 1/4
Pioneer Nat. Res.	10 3/4 up 1/8
SLB	60 NC
Tenneco	23 3/4 up 1/8
Texaco	63 5/16 up 7/16
Ultramar	22 1/16 up 1/16
Wal-Mart	42 3/16 up 1/16
Williams	51 7/16 dn 3/16
New York Gold	270.67
Silver	4.95
West Texas Crude	17.32

Fires

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

Thursday, May 27

11:35 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart on a medical call.

1:16 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a Lifestar standby.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700

Police report

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

Thursday, May 27

Robert W. Valasquez, 17, 2222 N. Nelson, was arrested on charges of failure to appear and warrants.

Larry Smith, 32, Lefors, was arrested on charges of terroristic threats.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Miami.

Theft of \$60 in fish and supplies was reported in the 100 block of North West.

Assault was reported in the 300 block of North Sumner.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, May 27

Kevin Joe Ridenour, 18, 1200 N. Wells #34, was arrested on a warrant for no seat belt.

Accidents

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

Thursday, May 27

No charges were listed when a 1992 Pontiac Sunbird driven by Shelby Ann Brown, 16, Wheeler, struck a 1998 Chevrolet pickup driven by Cammie Woodward, 19 who was stopped at the turn lane between Brown and Hobart. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, May 27

6:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of East Thut and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Lynn and transported one to PRMC.

11:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

12:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transfer to Baptist St. Anthony West.

2:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to a local residence.

4:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Zimmers and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

11:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Russell and transported one to PRMC.

Friday, May 28

2:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Anne and transported one to PRMC.

3:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Sumner; no one was transported.

Correction

Gold Coats Bob Marx and Joe Lowry M.D. were misidentified in a ribbon cutting picture Tuesday.

NETWORK

amount could easily climb to 12 million.

Trustees also approved the purchase of a walk-in freezer for the PMS food service department from Westpro. Purchase price will be \$27,768. Installation for the freezer will begin June 2, with the project completion to be Aug. 2.

Dr. Orr suggested the board consider changing a board policy to allow implementation of a standing committee for facility. He said he feels that such a policy would be beneficial to the district following the consolidation of several campuses to insure a good utilization of district resources and properties.

Soccer coach John True had requested facility changes for the soccer program earlier in the meeting such as moving three portable buildings from the Horace Mann campus to be used as dressing rooms and an equipment room for the boys and girls in soccer. He also proposed that the building

could be used for any other youth activities. He said the poles for the lights have been donated to the school and that the lights are in the process of being donated, also.

Dr. Orr suggested implementation of a committee of board members, administration, coaches and community. He suggested that the group seek the cooperation of the City of Pampa with the possible utilization of a joint program and joint cost sharing of the program. He said that if such a committee is formed that the inclusion of two board members would speed up the process.

Board members will find the board policy change on their next meeting agenda. Coach True said he will report back to the board.

Three board members, Dr. Jay Johnson, John Curry and Pat Lambert, were sworn in for three-year terms at the meeting. Johnson was elected as the new president of the board. Lee Porter was selected vice president and Pat Kennedy was selected as secretary.



Erwin Richter and Joseph Zierhoffer to head-to-head in the ring toss competition as Nurse Melinda Hillman provides encouragement. It was all part of Junior-Senior Olympics at Pampa Nursing Center when Travis Elementary third graders completed their participation in the Grandparent Program. (See related photo on Page 1)

Hackers invade FBI, Senate Internet sites

WASHINGTON (AP) — Internet sites for the FBI and the Senate remained inaccessible early today after hackers launched a series of electronic attacks against some federal government computers.

Hackers defaced the Senate's Web page on Thursday before it was taken down.

The FBI took down its own Web site after the bureau found that hackers tried unsuccessfully to compromise it. It was unclear when the FBI site might be made available again.

"There was an attempt (Wednesday) by unknown persons to unlawfully gain access to the FBI.Gov Web site," said an agency statement Thursday. "It was unsuccessful; however, as a precaution, the FBI shut down the site and is now taking additional steps to further insulate it."

An obscene message left briefly on the Senate's Web site blamed the attack on what it said was the FBI's harassment of specific hacker groups, including the group that boasted of breaking into the White House site earlier this month.

"Who laughs last?" the message said in part, adding that the intent was to rebuke "our friends at the FBI."

Other federal Web sites, including those for the White House and the House of Representatives, appeared to be operating normally late Thursday.

MSNBC reported that the attacks stemmed from the FBI's execution of a search warrant on a prominent hacker's home in

Houston. FBI spokesman Rolando Moss confirmed that agents were investigating allegations of computer intrusions involving the Houston hacker. The FBI executed four search warrants that remained sealed, Moss said.

Earlier this month, a grand jury in northern Virginia indicted Eric Burns, 19, on three counts of computer intrusion. Burns is reportedly known on the Internet as "Zyklon" and is believed to be a member of the group that claimed responsibility for the attacks on the White House and Senate sites.

"Zyklon" was one of a dozen names listed on the hacked version of the White House Web site, which was altered overnight Sunday for a few minutes before government computers automatically detected the intrusion.

Burns was accused of breaking into a computer used by the U.S. Information Agency between August 1998 and January 1999. The grand jury also said Burns broke into two other computers, one owned by LaserNet of Fairfax, Va., and the other by Issue Dynamics Inc. of Washington.

City Briefs

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ZACH THOMAS Bears at My Favorite Things.

Columbine families try to rebuild lives

By STEVEN K. PAULSON
Associated Press Writer

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Michael Shoels still cries before he goes to bed at night. Kacey Brackney has stopped looking for friends who are no longer alive. Vickie DeHoff just took up ironing again.

"Life is moving on, slowly, for the students and the families of those touched by the Columbine High School massacre.

"It's up and down," said Shoels, who lost his son, Isaiah, in the shooting. "I'm not going to say I'm not hurting."

Vickie DeHoff, whose sophomore daughter Krysti was one of the last students rescued, is trying to get life back on track.

"Last night, I laughed for the first time. Today, I'm doing the ironing for the first time since the shooting," she said.

For her 16-year-old daughter, the trauma has persisted. Her mother said Miss DeHoff sat in a car for hours and could not easily go back to classes at a nearby high school after the April 20 attack.

"It's never over. It never will be over," the teen said. Miss Brackney, a 15-year-old freshman, said there are times when the horror of the massacre unexpectedly assails her.

"One month ago, I was wondering where my friend was. It's hard, but it's getting better," she said.

The lives of all four were turned upside down when students Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold stormed Columbine with guns and bombs, fatally shooting 12 students and a teacher before killing themselves.

As the Columbine students marked the one-month anniversary, another school shooting in Conyers, Ga., reopened their wounds. The May 20 attack at Heritage High School injured six students.

"How could someone see all the tears and emotion and try to copycat this?" asked freshman Katie Crona, 14. "I'm angry someone else had to go through the same experience we did."

Mrs. DeHoff, who teaches a community college sociology course on death and dying, believes the grieving process has been even more difficult for the families of the gunmen.

"Look at the pain of those whose children were

injured or killed. Then look at the pain of those whose kids did this and multiply that. Their pain is so much greater than ours," she said. "I know the Klebolds. They raised Dylan well. They're not to blame.

"They're suffering from disenfranchised grief. Their loss can't be openly acknowledged, socially sanctioned or publicly shared."

Pam Russell, a spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office, said the Klebolds have talked with investigators, but the Harrises have refused to cooperate without a grant of immunity.

Dr. Mark Stebnicki, a counselor who helped after the March 1998 school shooting in Jonesboro, Ark., that killed five people, said it could take months or years for families of some victims to recover.

"For the trauma of an event like having your child (killed), there's no bouncing back," Stebnicki said. "It will never be the same. They have to learn how to cope and how to adjust."

For the families of those responsible, "there is a feeling they have no right to grieve," he said.

Mrs. DeHoff, who has known the Klebolds for 15 years, said she has received a number of letters expressing support for them. Typical was a letter from a California couple, who wrote that they had had troubles raising their own son, who turned out fine in the end. They asked Mrs. DeHoff to convey their message to the Klebolds.

"We do not blame or judge you because as parents of a son, we know that you trust your kids," they wrote. "The point is that you don't have a second chance and by the grace of God, we did."

Lisa Simon, a spokeswoman for the law firm representing the Klebolds, said they have received hundreds of similar letters. She said the Klebolds are still in the Denver area.

Mrs. DeHoff said forgiving the parents of the two killers "doesn't sit well with the parents of some of the victims."

"I'm hoping our community is big enough to wrap our arms around those parents, too, because they also lost sons," she said. "I don't hate the boys and I don't hate their parents. I hate that it happened." But Shoels said he cannot forgive the parents of the gunmen. On Thursday, he filed a \$250 million negligence lawsuit against them.

Weather focus

PAMPA — A less than 20 percent chance of rain today with mostly cloudy skies and a high of 75. Tonight, a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms with a low in the upper 50s. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy to partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms and southeast winds at 10-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 64; the overnight low 53. Rainfall measured .14 inches.

PANHANDLE — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low in the middle 50s. South wind 10-15 mph. Saturday, mostly cloudy in the morning. Partly sunny in the afternoon with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High near 80. South

wind 10 to 20 mph and occasionally gusty. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low in the upper 50s.

STATEWIDE — Texas' latest rainy spell may be over for a few days, with thunderstorms tapering off for the long Memorial Day weekend.

Only a few scattered showers remained today in North Texas, while occasional light rain occurred in the Coastal Bend and eastern sections of the Panhandle.

A weak and nearly stationary front was still focusing overnight showers and thunderstorms over much of South Texas. Storms persisted over southern and southeastern sections overnight.

Early-morning temperatures stretched from the 50s to middle

to upper 60s and lower 70s statewide. It was 66 degrees at Georgetown, 81 at Laughlin Air Force Base and 69 at Sanderson.

Winds were generally southerly at 5 to 10 mph in the far west and light and variable elsewhere.

Daytime highs through the weekend should range from the upper 70s to low 80s and mid-90s with mostly cloudy skies and a chance of showers and thunderstorms.

The National Weather Service continued a flash flood watch for South Central Texas and all of the southeast and upper Gulf coast.

Some showers and thunderstorms may become severe over eastern parts of South Central Texas to the upper Texas coast, causing heavy rain and flash flooding.

'Dance '99



(Special photo)

Beaux Arts Dance Studio, under the direction of Jeanne Willingham, will present its 51st annual revue "Dance '99" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29 at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Above are Les Patineurs (The Ice Skaters) (Back row, left-right) Hilary Thomas, Camber Biehler, Ashley Wheeler, Monica Kohler, Jordan Dodge, Megan Addington, Stephanie Harbeson; (frong row, l-r) Carrie Angel, Rebecca Rapstine, Calire-Elizabeth Boyd, Shauna Friend and Telissa Sealy. (Not pictured are Samantha Sutterfield and Destinee Manhart.)

Extension Service: Crop pest scouting workshop scheduled in Plainview

PLAINVIEW — Producers and ag consultants can update their crop production and pest management skills by attending a June 1 High Plains Crop Pests Scouting Workshop sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The workshop at the Ollie Liner Center will begin at 8:20 a.m. and adjourn at about 4:30 p.m. There is no fee to attend.

"This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about cotton, corn and grain sorghum," said Greg Cronholm, Hale County Extension integrated pest management agent. "We'll also cover crop insect pests, weed identification and herbicide injury, and how to recognize and promote beneficial insects."

Morning presentations by Extension and Texas Department of Agriculture specialists and agents will focus on cotton growth and development; cotton insect pests; recognizing and promoting beneficial insects in field crops; and federal and state worker protection standards.

"We'll take a break during the morning and afternoon sessions, so participants can visit and view insect specimen displays," Cronholm said. "We'll also take a 1 hour 'on your own' lunch break."

Afternoon workshop sessions will cover weed identification and herbicide injury; cotton, corn and grain sorghum plant diseases; corn and grain sorghum growth and development; and how to recognize and detect corn and grain

sorghum insect pests.

Producers who attend the workshop can earn four continuing education units in integrated pest management and one CEU in laws and regulations. All CEUs are approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture, Cronholm noted.

For more information, contact the Hale County Extension office at (806) 291-5267 or call Cronholm at (806) 291-5274.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

THEE PLACE

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

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

ST. MARK CME CHURCH

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

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth

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

CREATIVE ARTISANS NETWORK

Creative Artisans Network will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 24 in the Training Room of the Sheriff's Office. June Dirickson, the high school art teacher, will present the program on "Drawing on the Inventive Mind," and "Exercises in Thinking" by Jon Pearson. Visitors are welcome.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES

Pampa Area Singles will have a dance at the M.K. Brown Auditorium on May 22. Pot luck at 7 p.m. and dance from 8-11 p.m. featuring Mike Voss. For more information call 665-0219. No smoking and no alcohol.

NURSING AIDE COURSE

Clarendon College Pampa Center will offer a two-week Certified Nursing Aide course beginning June 7. Cost of the class will be \$41 for tuition and fees. Class size is limited; therefore, interested participants should register early. Final day for registration is June 7. For more information, call CC Pampa Center, 665-8801.

FIFTH ARMY ASSOCIATION

The 5th Army Association is seeking 5th Army veterans of the 1943-45 Italian Campaign. The veterans will be returning to Italy Aug. 12-23 to celebrate the 54th anniversary of the Allied drive northwards from Rome to Venice. Veterans of the 3rd, 34th, 36th, 85th, 88th, 91st, 92nd, 45th Mt., and 1st Armored Divisions and support groups are urged to contact Sy Canton for reunion tour information. For more information, write: The 5th Army Assoc., 465 Shore Rd. Ste. 7-P, Long Beach, N.Y. 11561; or call (516) 432-3022.

Clarendon College to hold Elderhostel

CLARENDON — Elderhostel, an educational adventure for older adults, will be held at Clarendon College June 6-12.

A non-profit educational organization, Elderhostel offers short-term academic programs to challenge and expand the horizons of the participants.

The Elderhostel concept will feature continuing education courses in "Cattle Ranching in the Texas

Panhandle," "Origins and Steps of West Texas Music" and "Paleontology of the Clarendonian Stage." Other activities will include a tour of the Panhandle-Plains Museum, an archeological dig, a ranch chuckwagon cookout and a performance of "Texas" in Palo Duro Canyon.

Rates are available for commuters as well as residential attendees. For more information, call Nena Hunt at 1-800-687-9737.

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The Phantom Menace (PG)
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Sat. & Sun. Matinees 1:40

1st Run
Notting Hill (PG-13)
Fri. & Sat. 7:05 & 9:35
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:05 & 9:35
Sat. & Sun. Matinees 1:45

4th Week
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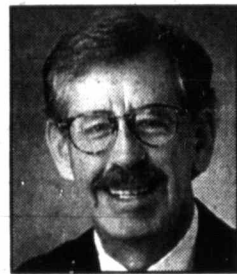
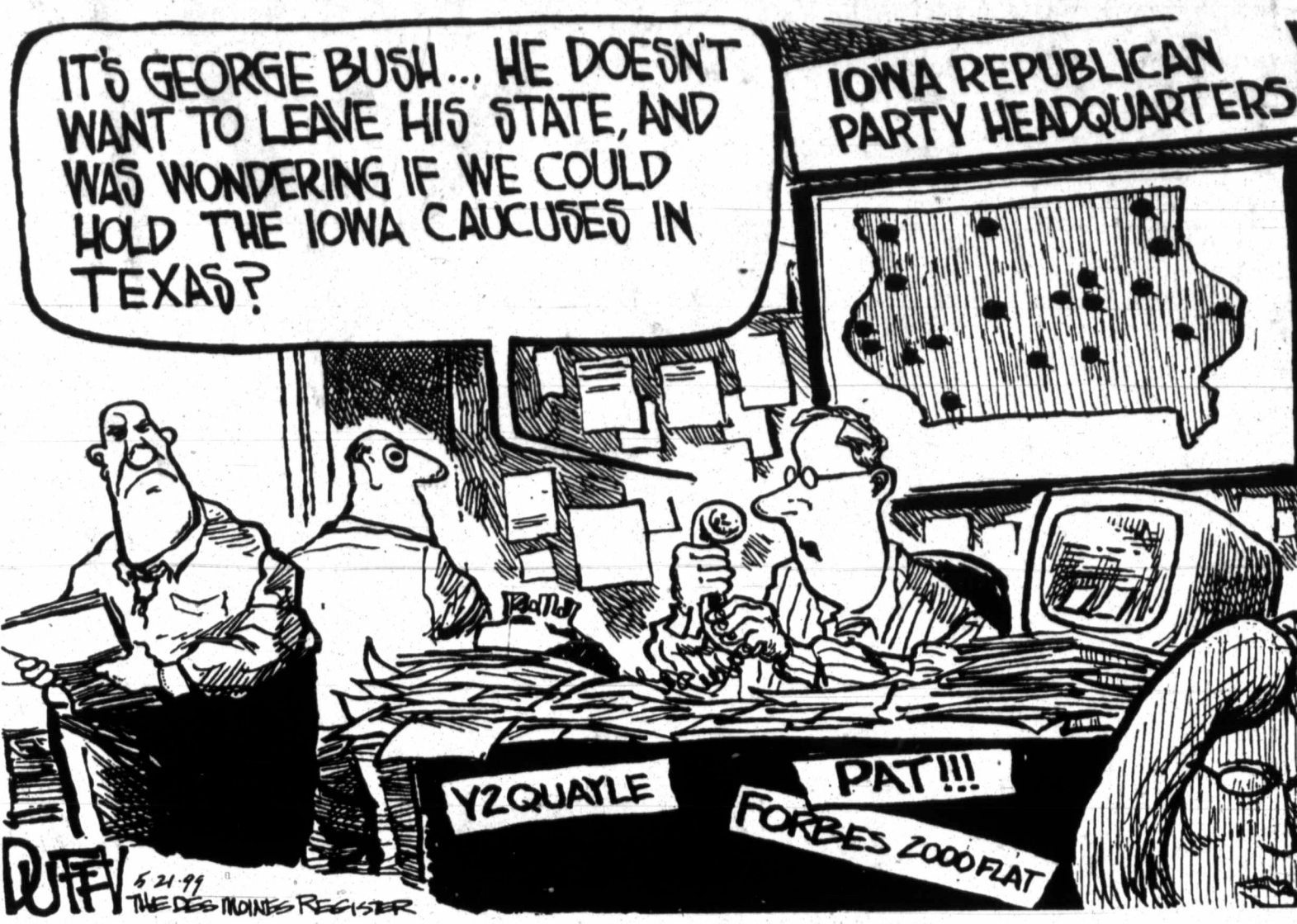
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At the State Capitol
 with
 Sen. Teel Bivins

Hate crimes bill divides lawmakers

By the time the gavel swings for the last time on May 31, Sine Die, my colleagues and I will have debated the merits of more than 5,000 bills filed during the early weeks of the 76th session. Out of all of them, several are the type that, for one reason or another, cause members to spend many long hours of difficult reflection and painful soul-searching. House Bill 938, the so-called hate crimes bill, was one such proposal.

This bill almost led to a major filibuster on the last day that Senate committees could convene and consider legislation and still led to the demise of a number of worthy pieces of legislation such as the one that would address the problem of telemarketing fraud. The proposed hate crimes bill also caused a disturbing split among the usually congenial members of the Senate and resulted in some of the most tense, emotionally charged moments I've ever witnessed, not only behind closed doors but in the halls, committee rooms and chambers of the state capitol as well.

Most people don't realize that we already have a hate crimes law on the books in Texas. The original legislation was passed in 1993. It has been clarified in subsequent legislation in 1995 and 1997. Although supporters say it has been used successfully to enhance the punishment of a criminal, critics insist that the current law is too vague.

In filing legislation this session seeking to identify specific groups of people to be protected by a new hate crimes law, proponents were attempting to make a statement against crimes motivated by prejudice based on the race, ethnicity, religion or sexual preference of the victim. These crimes, whether it's the desecration of a Jewish synagogue or the dragging death of an East Texas black man, sicken all of us. They are ugly crimes rooted in ignorance. Yet, what troubles me about hate crimes legislation is that it divides rather than unites us. We, as a society, become divided by group characteristics. Any kind of statute which protects certain groups sends a message that says some victims are more valuable than others. Looking down the row at Sen. Rodney Ellis (D-Houston), the Senate sponsor of hate crimes legislation, it was hard for me to accept that the life of one of his children is more valuable than the life of one of mine.

Those who support hate crimes legislation believe it will act as a powerful deterrent for those who may be considering a crime based on prejudice. But, like Gov. George W. Bush, I believe that any crime is a hate crime and our current criminal laws provide the appropriate penalties for those convicted of breaking the law. It was current criminal law that put one of the bigoted killers of James Byrd, Jr. where he belongs — on death row.

Perhaps what bothers me the most about any proposed hate crimes legislation is that it seeks to punish the thoughts and beliefs of another person. The statue, as proposed, would calibrate the punishment of a defendant based upon the vileness or reprehensibility of his thoughts or beliefs. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "If there is any principle, of the Constitution that more imperatively calls for attachment than any other, it is the principle of free thought — not free thought for those who agree with us but freedom for the thought we hate."

This issue did not make it to the floor of the Senate for debate. Instead, it was debated in the hearts and minds of my colleagues who struggled for the right answer to one of society's most shameful and immoral facts of life. Meetings went late into the night as the Governor's Office and others sought to provide a solution to the aching dilemma we all faced. Yet, in the end, as fellow West Texas Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) noted during a personal privilege speech on the floor, "we dug down deep in our souls and just didn't get there."

Thought for today

"For mere vengeance I would do nothing. This nation is too great to look for mere revenge. But for the security of the future I would do everything."

—James Abram Garfield

A present tense process

We all dream about it from the earliest age. "When will I be an adult?"

And then, all of the sudden, it has happened and you're not sure how you got there or when exactly it occurred — but now here you are, a tried and true adult.

Ask me when it happened, and I'll say (with disbelief) I don't know when it happened! But I do know it has happened. And I sit here at my computer and wonder ... when did I exactly become an adult?

Was it when I got my drivers license? Or got my first ticket? Because I don't feel any different today than I did when I was sitting in the car searching frantically for my registration.

It might have happened when I had my first kiss or when I had to pick up the pieces to my first broken heart ... or when I swore I'd never let that happen again — ha!

It probably has had something to do with trying to learn to keep my mouth shut when I've been wronged and open it up to admit when I'm wrong ... that's what mom and dad would say, anyway.

There it is. Adulthood has got to be about quoting what mom and dad would say or used to say, instead of what they do say. And excusing my inappropriate use of a word that's not a word (adulthood) because I'm an adult. See, I can do that.

Perhaps adulthood was, after all, about crossing the threshold to grasp onto my high



Random Revelations
 Miranda G. Bailey
 Pampa News staff writer

school diploma as I eagerly and reluctantly looked down at the wonderful memories of childhood lying at my feet on the path to a future I wasn't sure about. And sometimes, I'm still not sure about.

But come on, now ... Isn't the coming of age really about going to your first PG-13 movie and then, God forbid, that rated R movie that never lives up to the expectations you thought it would?

Where does registering to vote fit in? Going into the military? Unpacking your things in that smaller-than-your-closet dorm room?

Becoming an adult is undoubtedly about marking "married" as your status on the job application. It's having the courage to say "I do" in front of all your mother's friends and then loving your spouse when he or she forgets if your birthday's June 22 or June 24 after years of birthdays together.

Growing up is having somebody take out

groceries you paid for, even if a box of Fruity Pebbles is sticking out of the sack.

I'm quite sure I became an adult around the time somebody called me m'am. And Mrs. And made me sign my life away on a college loan, a car loan, a house loan.

It could have been when I had to put my kidney to sleep by myself.

Or when I watched my parents muffle cries when they wished me well at the airport.

I suppose I did some growing up when I had to stand by as my dad buried his dad ... and I thought to myself, "God, I don't ever want to do that."

Adulthood was achieved as I signed my check to the IRS. And mowed my own lawn and consequently, it happens everyday when I get my mail out of the mailbox and groan about how many bills are there and how many friendly letters from old school mates are not there.

After thinking about it at some length, I think I'm thinking that growing up happens when you least expect it in the little things that happen on a regular basis as well as the big, momentous events that never happen again.

Or maybe it happens everyday and you don't even know it until you sit down and are forced to understand that becoming an adult is just that — becoming an adult. A present tense process ...

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 27, the 147th day of 1999. There are 218 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 27, 1937, the newly completed Golden Gate Bridge connecting San Francisco and Marin County, Calif., was opened to the public.

On this date:

In 1647, the first recorded American execution of a "witch" took place in Massachusetts.

In 1818, American reformer Amelia Jenks Bloomer, who popularized the "bloomers" garment that bears her name, was born in Homer, N.Y.

In 1896, 255 people were killed when a tornado struck St. Louis, Mo., and East St. Louis, Ill.

In 1933, Walt Disney's Academy Award-winning animated short "The Three Little Pigs" was released.

In 1935, the Supreme Court struck down the National

Industrial Recovery Act.

In 1936, the Cunard liner "Queen Mary" left England on its maiden voyage.

In 1941, amid rising world tensions, President Roosevelt proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency."

In 1941, the German battleship "Bismarck" sank off France, with a loss of 2,300 lives.

In 1985, in Beijing, representatives of Britain and China exchanged instruments of ratifica-

tion on the pact returning Hong Kong to the Chinese in 1997.

Ten years ago: Leaders of the Chinese student protest movement proposed that demonstrators hold one more rally, then end their occupation of Tiananmen Square, an idea that was later abandoned.

Five years ago: Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to Russia to the emotional cheers of thousands after spending two decades in exile.

Gore, FCC tax unconstitutional

Al Gore has always more richly deserved to be a joke than has poor Dan Quayle. And now, at last, he appears to be embracing his destiny. When not hoeing tobacco, whipping his mule team up steep hillsides and inventing the Internet, our indefatigable veep conceived the brilliant idea of hiring former Rep. Tony Coelho as his campaign chairman. This is like Mike Tyson hiring Marv Albert to buff his image.

Coelho, famous for strong-arming big Democratic donors while serving as majority whip, resigned from Congress under a cloud in 1989, after failing to disclose a shady loan. Mr. No-Controlling-Legal-Authority might have thought of that. As for Coelho's political instincts, well, when Coelho was serving as a campaign adviser to the House Democrats in October 1994, he was asked, "How does it look out there?" (The polls were terrible for Democrats at that point, and sure enough, a month later, Republicans swept into the majority for the first time in 40 years.) "Great," Coelho replied, "the Contract With America was the stupidest thing the Republicans could have done." Now, Gore will have the benefit of that political acumen.

But while most Americans know that the vice president thinks the internal combustion engine is the greatest threat to the world today, and while many may be offended by his cynical use of his sister's tragic death for political mileage, most voters probably do not know that he is responsible for raising their taxes by \$1 billion, or \$10 per household.

You constitutional sticklers out there may not like the idea of a tax passed by a federal



Mona Charen
 Syndicated columnist

agency instead of originating in the House of Representatives. But that is exactly what is about to happen if the Federal Communications Commission votes, as expected, 4-1 to add an annual hidden tax of \$10 per customer to your phone bill. That is in addition to the hidden \$10 we are already paying.

You campaign-finance and good-government types might want to consider that this tax amounts to a straight payoff to loyal Democratic constituencies. The tax was announced amid fanfare, The Wall Street Journal reports, at a National Education Association meeting "by Gore loyalist (FCC Chairman) William Kennard ... where he stood beside Gore loyalist and NEA President Bob Chase."

Can a federal agency simply vote to impose a tax? Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth thinks it's illegal, but his is a lonely voice. He argues that while the 1996 Telecommunications Act gives the agency authority to establish programs for telecommunications services to schools and libraries, 70 percent to 80 percent of the funds that have

already been raised have gone to equipment, which is not covered by the law.

What is the purpose of the tax? It's to wire every school in America to the Internet, of course. It won't exactly ratify Gore's boast that he invented the Internet, but he hopes it will give him the chance to say he wired America's schools. But, ahem, the administration's own Department of Education just issued a report saying that 80 percent of America's schools are already hooked up to the Internet.

Why is this a federal concern at all? Leave aside for the moment the notion that funding for education ought to be a local matter (that battle hasn't been completely lost yet), and ask yourself: How much does it cost to get wired to the Internet anyway? Once you own a computer, you have to fork over 59 cents for a telephone wire and then toddle over to the local Price Club to pick up some jack extenders. OK, maybe you'll need extra phone lines into the school. Should the federal government be taxing our phone bills to the tune of \$2.25 billion per year — as envisioned by the FCC — for that?

Besides, many of our schools are failing to teach children the basics of reading, writing and mathematics. Those skills have been taught for centuries without access to the Internet, and Internet access is unlikely to improve instruction. In capable hands, it may be a useful research tool, but in the hands of lazy or incompetent teachers, it's easy to imagine its abuse.

The FCC was cowed by a public outcry when it attempted this last year. Perhaps history will repeat itself.

RELIGION

Minister's musings ...

"We've got to do something about all this crime! It seems like no one is safe anymore. I remember when we didn't even have to lock our doors. Try that one today, huh, huh!" Ever heard remarks like this one? Well, I have something you can do that will get results. If you will do this one thing you can be a crime fighter. Proven. No doubt about it. Legal. Easy. Effective.

Out at the Jordan and Baten ISF Unit we have program called "Mentoring." It is a one-on-one visitation program where a free-world person such as yourself is matched with an offender for a mentoring relationship. We ask you to be the offender's coach, guide, helper, friend, write the offender at least once a month. We bring you to the Unit, put you in a safe environment with the offender, under supervision. The mentoring program is that easy. It is basically a two-hour a month commitment, a two-hour contact visit. Really good for busy people who

By Rev. David Schlewitz
Senior Chaplain Jordan/Baten Units

desire to make a difference in their world! Studies show us that offenders who participate in mentoring for just six months have a one-third better jump at staying out of prison and not committing more crime than offenders who do not participate in the program. My Christian friend, here is a mission field right in your backyard. Will you do something about it? The need is so great! You can make such a difference. We will train you, equip you, guide you through the process, help you in every way we can. It is so easy to drive by a prison or jail and not respond to the need. I think we excuse

this on the basis of our own experience of being a victim of crime, or "they deserve to be punished" or "after my loved one was murdered it hurts too much to go and minister to inmates".

Let me share with you that there are a lot of people right now in Texas who are coming to prisons and volunteering their time. Many of these are folk who have been victims of crime, or who held the view that the criminals should just be punished. These folks are finding joy in serving the Lord as a prison volunteer! God is using them to reach others! It is exciting, challenging, and fulfilling.

I hope you will consider being involved with our mentor program here on the Prison units in Pampa. God can use you to disciple another if you will make yourself available. If you are interested please call the prison and ask for David Schlewitz or Willard Kiper at 665-7070.

Poverty and presumption ...

Dora was a tow-headed girl. She had washed out blue eyes, long planar cheeks and her right front tooth criss-crossed over the left.

Her clothes, clearly hand-me-downs, rarely matched. Sometimes Dora had an aged musty smell about her, not stinky, but not lightened by Dove or Dial or Ivory, either. Her grades were middling; other students didn't mind having her on their team for spelling bee or Spanish baseball.

My father told me Dora had a dozen brothers and sisters. He told me her folks were okay, not lazy or sorry, just poor. One day he drove me by her house. When it was built, the railroad tracks probably didn't run through its front yard. By its size, clearly an affluent family once lived there, maybe a gentleman farmer and his spawn, but decades and owners later, Dora slept between walls that had not a speck of paint left on their wooden clapboard sides.

In sixth grade, when the rest of us had graduated from homemade dresses to skirts and sweaters by The Villager or Bobbie Brooks, Dora wore the same faded yellow cardigan which debuted in fourth grade.

Dora was poor, real poor, the poorest girl in our grade. By age 11, my classmates and I were keenly aware of Dora's poverty. Not that some of us weren't on the lower end of middle class ourselves, but because Dora's material lack was never brightened by a single spark of newness, not a untattered notebook, not a whole, unbroken box of crayons, not a new pair of sneakers. If someone had asked another student to describe Dora, their first adjective would have been poor - not blonde,

From the Back Pew...



By Cheryl Berzanskis

not tall or short, but poor. Poverty was her defining characteristic.

During my sixth grade year, someone's lunch money turned up missing. Dora became the instant suspect. Dora was poor. We surmised she must covet all the material baubles she saw around her. She must crave the Bass Weejuns, the John Romaine purses, the Christmas presents chattered about until March. The 11-year olds smelled motive and poverty was it.

Instantly, unthinkingly and with dead certainty, the whisper circulated, "Dora stole it!"

Those three words flew from desk to desk faster than the speed of sound. The accusation reached our teacher, but she was too smart, kind and wise to fall for it. She reiterated that if someone had taken the missing cash, they should return it but she refused to accuse anyone.

The whispers wouldn't stop. Eventually the allegation reached Dora's ears. During recess while some girls were chatting with the

teacher, I among them, Dora approached sobbing.

"They say I stole the money. I didn't, I didn't," she cried.

Tears rolled freely from her eyes and her voice was hoarse and hiccupy. She could barely stand erect so great was her humiliation. The teacher took Dora aside and assured her she wasn't suspected in the loss and sent the girl to wash her face and compose herself.

"Who said that? Who said Dora stole the money?" the teacher sternly asked the gathered girls.

We shrugged our ignorant shoulders. When class resumed, a very angry school teacher blasted the twits who accused Dora so cruelly, blindly and baselessly. She shamed us so thoroughly I feel her stinging words to this day.

"How could you say something like that when you have no proof?" she demanded of the class.

Her face was white as notebook paper, her voice soft and hard and she shook from head to toe.

"How could you accuse a girl just because she doesn't have as much as you? I am ashamed of everyone of you!"

Twenty-odd kids hung their heads. Dora must have felt our collective shame when she returned from washing her face in the restroom.

The missing money was not mentioned again that day and 24 hours later, Dora was as anonymous and unimportant to the gang as she had always been. She was merely a girl whose poverty became her presumption of guilt.

The Texans are coming to town

Hi-Land Christian Church will present the award-winning southern gospel group "The Texans" in free concert at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 20. Previously known as the Masters Four, The Texans have been regular performers since 1983 at various theaters in Branson, Mo., and Silver Dollar City.

The Texans are a male quartet originally from Dallas. Members are: Sam Ray, lead vocalist, emcee; Kelley Shanks, tenor; Curtis Ray, baritone; and Rod Mays, bass. Sam

Ray, of Fort Worth, has been a member of the group for 25 years. He produces the Texans Music Show and is a three-time emcee of the year nominee. Shanks, of Nash, holds a music degree from Ouachita University and a master's degree from Southwestern Seminary. Curtis Ray, son of Sam Ray, graduated from Branson High School and has attended Southwest Missouri University. Mays, of Camden, Ark., holds a bachelor of music education

degree from Ouachita University and has taught music in public schools for 10 years. In addition, he is a private voice teacher.

The group was originally organized in 1973 at Dallas Christian College as the Masters' Four. The Texans have been awarded the Ozark Music Awards Group of the Year for four consecutive years, were named Entertainers of the Year in 1987 and 88 and were Texas Group of the Year from 1975-82.

Around the country ...

Noisy church draws neighbors' ire

DELTA, Colo. (AP) — Praise the Lord, but lower the volume, please.

The United Latin American Pentecostal Church faces two counts of causing unreasonable noise, a misdemeanor. The charges were filed by the city after neighbors complained of a din of shouting, electric guitars and amplified sermons.

Last September, the congregation moved into space vacated by Catholics and conducts evening services on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Meri McCartney, who lives next door, said the music was so loud that when she called police to complain, the officer on the line asked her to turn down her stereo.

"It's a rock band with amplifiers," she said. "Actually, the band isn't too bad. They're just too loud."

David Livingston, who lives across the street, said, "I can sit in my brick house with my double-paned windows closed and I can hear every word of the sermon on their P.A. system."

Susan Hillyard, a lawyer who represents the church, said it is trying to keep the noise down. However, she said, the form of worship is characteristic of the denomination, which claims 5,000 members nationwide.

Said Katy Livingston: "I think it is wonderful that they are going to church. More power to them. I just wish they would do it quieter."

Buddhist festival goes national

NEW YORK (AP) — Tricycle, a Buddhist magazine that has sponsored day-long teachings in Central Park for the past five years, is taking the program national.

San Francisco and Williamsport, Pa., have been added to the June 5 "Change Your Mind Day." Tricycle also will sponsor a park session July 10 in Anchorage, Alaska.

In this Buddhist brand of evangelism, teachers give introductory talks and invite park passersby to experiment with meditation techniques.

Among those scheduled to appear at this year's New York event are composer Philip Glass; Bhante Gunarantana, president of the Theravada Bhavana Society; and Anne Waldman of the Naropa Institute in Boulder, Colo.

New pastor for 26,000 baptists

DALLAS (AP) — The 26,000-member First Baptist Church, one of America's largest Protestant congregations, has named the Rev. Mac Brunson as its fourth pastor in 10 years.

Brunson, 41, has been a pastor in High Point, N.C., and president of

the Baptist association in North Carolina. He succeeds the Rev. O.S. Hawkins, who became president of the Southern Baptists' pension board.

The Rev. Mike Cummings is acting president of the Baptist association. Cummings, who had been first vice president, will serve until the convention's election in November. A Lumbee Indian, he is pastor of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association in Lumberton, composed of 65 American Indian congregations.

Westside to host gospel meeting May 30-June 4

Westside Church of Christ, 1612 W. Kentucky, will host a Gospel Meeting May 30-June 4 with guest speaker Lawrence Kelley of Stonegate Church of Christ at Nederland.

Sermon topics will be:

- "A Church Like Jerusalem," 9:30 a.m., Sunday.
- "What God Has Joined Together," 10:30 a.m., Sunday.
- "He is Risen," 6:30 p.m., Sunday.
- "God's Formula for True Happiness," 7:30 p.m., Monday.
- "Winners and Losers," 7:30 p.m., Tuesday.
- "The Prodigal Son," 7:30 p.m., Wednesday.
- "Making the Most of Marriage," 7:30 p.m., Thursday.
- "Be Not Weary in Well Doing," 7:30 p.m., Friday.

At 10 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Kelley will present a series of studies on "Ancient Wisdom for Modern Man" from the books of Proverbs (Monday), Ecclesiastes (Tuesday) and Job (Wednesday).

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Jesus First Singers on tap Sunday

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Damascus Road to perform in Amarillo

Dante's Espresso and Dessert Bar, 3301 Bell St., Amarillo, will present Damascus Road from 9-11 p.m. May 29.

Calvary starts Monday morning prayer sessions

Prayer services will be held from 7-7:30 a.m. every Monday at Calvary Baptist Church. All denominations are welcome. In view of the ongoing corruption in our nation, please join the church group in this prayer time.

HiLand presents "Dance to the Lord"

Hi-Land Christian Church will present "Dance to the Lord," a class to be conducted by Kazia Parker, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. beginning June 3. This free class will be aimed at youth from five years of age through high school. All that is needed is a good pair of tennis shoes, a desire to have fun and a willingness to follow Kazia's guidance.

Parker was born in Pampa and is the daughter of Ronnie and Melissa Parker. She is a 1996 Pampa Academy graduate and has presented her "Dance to the Lord" specials at Faith Christian Center, New Life Assembly of God Church, Hi-land Pentecostal Holiness Church and Hi-Land Christian Church.

Parker has studied dance since she was two and has taught ballet, tap, jazz and gymnastics.



Rev. Darrell Evans and wife, Billie Sue Evans

Covered dish dinner to honor minister, wife

Members of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1633 N. Nelson, are planning a covered dish supper in honor of the Rev. Darrell Evans at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 2 in Fellowship Hall of the church.

The Rev. Evans, senior minister of First Christian since 1994, recently submitted his resignation. His future plans include continuing as a volunteer chaplain for BSA Hospice in Pampa and Pampa Regional Medical Center and taking fishing trips with his wife, Billie Sue, a teacher at Pampa Learning Center.

Evans has served as pastor of First Christian Church of Pampa since October 1994. He and Billie Sue are the parents of three children, James B. Evans, D.D.S., of Austin, Leigh Malloch of Chappell Hill and Erik Evans of Alaska. They are also the grandparents of one granddaughter, Ansley Malloch — daughter of Leigh and Scott Malloch.

The Evans' spare time is taken up with two Old English Sheep Dogs, Barton W. Bearstone "Bear" and "Good Golly Miss Molly."

Members of First Christian invite the public to bring covered dishes and join them in this special reception honoring Evans for his five years of service.

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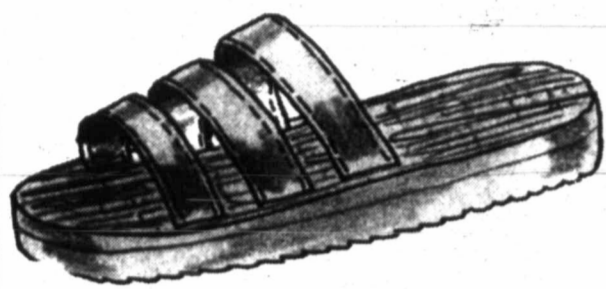
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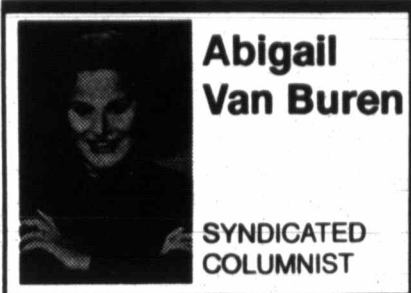
School Shootings Provide Mom With License to Spy on Teens

DEAR ABBY: Now, after the recent school shootings, I have a genuine reason to write to you to tell you just how much I disagreed with you every time you said a child's room and belongings are their private business, and parents should respect this so-called "privacy" and not snoop. Bull!

Now I no longer feel guilty for all the times I secretly "invaded" my kids' privacy by reading their diaries and going through their backpacks and purses, dresser drawers and closets, and even eavesdropping on their phone conversations. If the kids don't have anything to hide, they shouldn't need to worry. Call me a snoop mom, but I know what my kids are up to, what their plans are and who they plan to do it with, and I no longer feel guilty whatsoever, thank you, ma'am!

SNOOPY MOM, EDNA, TEXAS

DEAR SNOOPY MOM: Interest, or concern, is not spying. Until children reach legal age, parents are responsible for their health, education and growth. If children are overly secretive about what's going on in their lives, of course their parents will pry. If parents have a legitimate reason to question their child's honesty, it's only common sense to check. But nosiness is not a legitimate reason, especially if teens have proven by their actions that they can be trusted.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 46-year-old woman who married a 41-year-old man in January of this year. It's my second marriage and his first.

He hasn't told me he loves me since the day we were married. When I share my needs with him, he doesn't respond in a reassuring way. He usually gets hurt or mad, and ignores me as if he's the injured party. Among other issues, here's the clincher: He has not told his parents or other family members that we are married. We both told my parents about the engagement and that we were being married in a private ceremony. (My parents didn't really understand that part.)

His excuse for not telling his parents is that he wants to make sure our marriage works, plus he doesn't want to hear any negative feedback. However, his mother has introduced me to others as her "future daughter-in-law." Also, he wanted a "private and confidential" marriage. I went along with it because he promised me we would have a church wedding and a honeymoon

in about a year. Recently he has started saying he no longer wants another ceremony, claiming, "We're married and it's a done deal."

I feel our wedding vows of "love, honor and cherish" are all a big lie. I feel he's dishonoring me by not telling his parents. He's leading them to believe we're living together in sin. He is also talking about his first love when he was 17, and a recent crush that a 20-year-old young woman at work has on him. He wants to buy her a card and a rose for her birthday. I thought that was a gift for someone with romantic intentions.

It hasn't even been six months, and already our marriage is a disaster. I know the first year is difficult, but this is just too much. I'm so hurt. I'm torn between honoring my marriage vows and calling it quits. What should I do?

HURT AND CONFUSED, FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CALIF.

DEAR HURT AND CONFUSED: It takes two people working together to build a successful marriage. Offer your husband the option of sharing the news of your nuptials with his family and of seeking marriage counseling immediately. If he gives you an argument, lose this loser.

Refuse to get into a power play. Tonight: Be the natural nurturer you are!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Let others know where you are coming from. Be careful how you phrase a comment, however, a tiff could occur out of the blue. Your talents come into play as you juggle between friends, children and loved ones. Don't forget to make yourself happy, too! Tonight: Do your own thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You are pressed to handle two different parts of your life and could easily be in an uproar. Pressure is intense because of another you put on a pedestal. Handle priorities, then make time to indulge in the weekend festivities. Confusion surrounds a family member. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Communication could get crazy. Don't take others personally. Power plays are likely. Mellow out; don't trigger, if possible. In the long run, your best bet is to be caring and open. The full moon could send tension soaring. Play away any stress. Tonight: Live it up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Tension surrounds money. You could be overwhelmed. Listen to a partner; he does care. Be realistic about your limits. Recognize that another doesn't understand where you are coming from. Discussions need to be open. You could reverse your plans! Tonight: Indulge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** You might mean well, though inadvertently you challenge another. Stellar influences tend to create an either/or situation. Be smart — work it through. Allow others space, but be car-

ing. Love could grow in surprising ways if you flow. Work with the unexpected!

TONIGHT: Play the night away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

** You still might play ostrich. Withdraw and allow others to express themselves without reacting. Your energy is off. You could also be confused by another's message. Take care of you; if you need time for yourself, take it. Continue to use caution with spending. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Unpredictability and spontaneity could cause you to do something totally different than you had initially planned. Friends could seem out of kilter, as does a loved one. Laughter and an easy attitude relieve confusion and allow others to relax, too. Tonight: Let the party happen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Take the lead. Maintain a sense of humor. Be sensitive to a parent or older relative who needs your attention. Confusion and pressure could cause you to become scattered. Listen to your inner voice concerning a must appearance. Be understanding and don't judge. Tonight: Out and about.

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Horoscope

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** You feel like you're on top of the world. A sense of excitement marks interactions. Reach out for others, talk up a storm, visit to your heart's content. You could take a mini-trip or could go exploring with friends. Stay open to the new and different. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Get close to others. Your fun side comes out with a special friend or partner. Even if you end up at a party, make a point of visiting on an individual level. Allow the real you to shine forth. Indulge yourself. Everyone enjoys, as a result. Tonight: Could be a sizzler.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Let more fun into your life! You naturally have a blast wherever you are. Popularity continues to soar. Unexpected news opens doors. Be careful with another who could be a bit touchy or wanting things his way. You know how to say "no"; do so if need be. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Pressure escalates. Clearly, another needs you to pitch in. Give as you normally would. Flow with the moment. A misunderstanding might worry you. Don't get hung up on it. It will soon pass.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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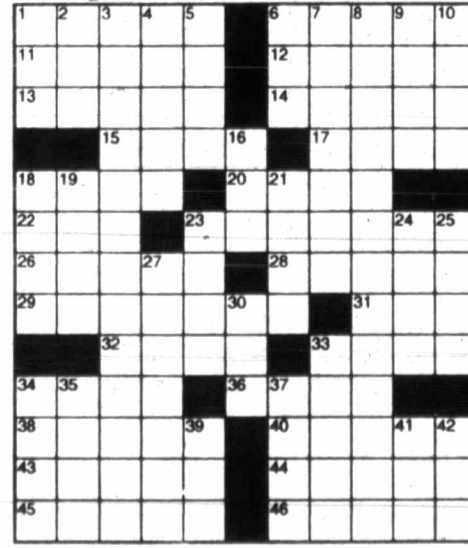
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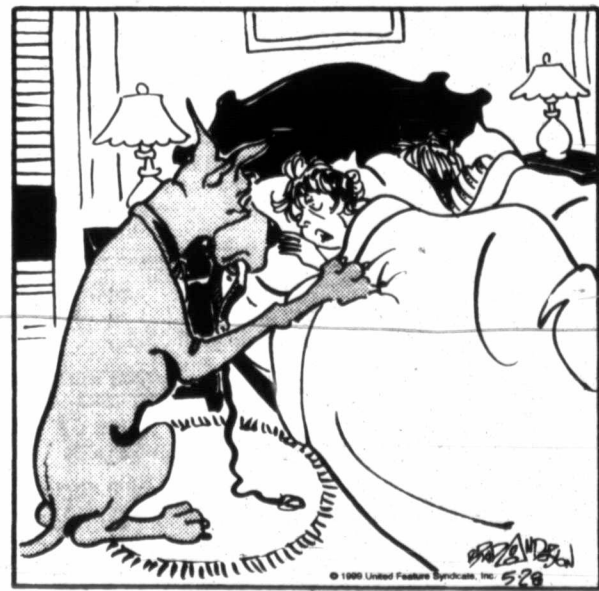
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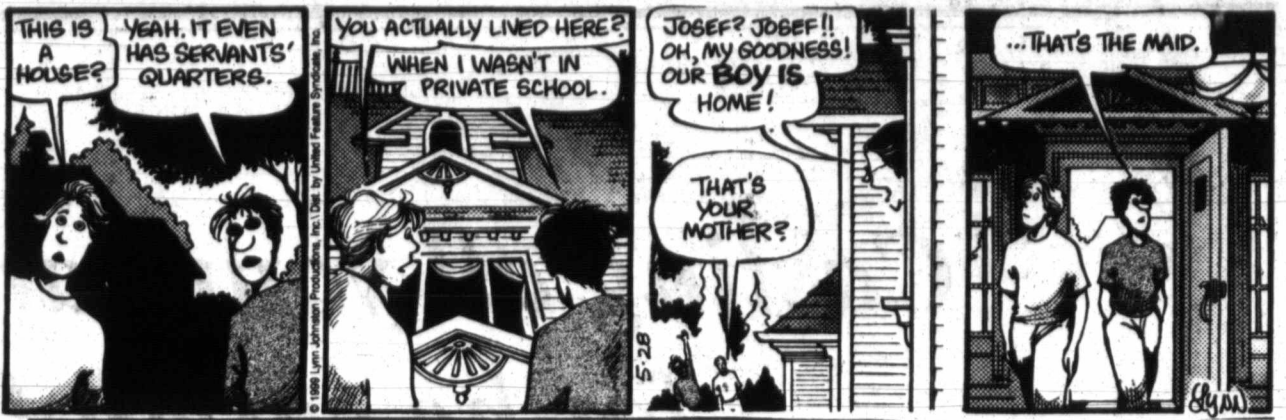
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"That's nothin'. I've got a pop-up bat."

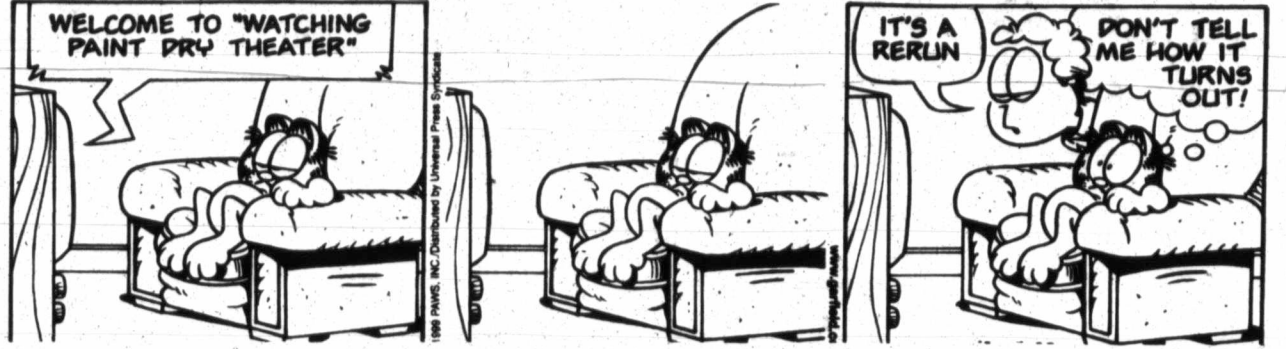
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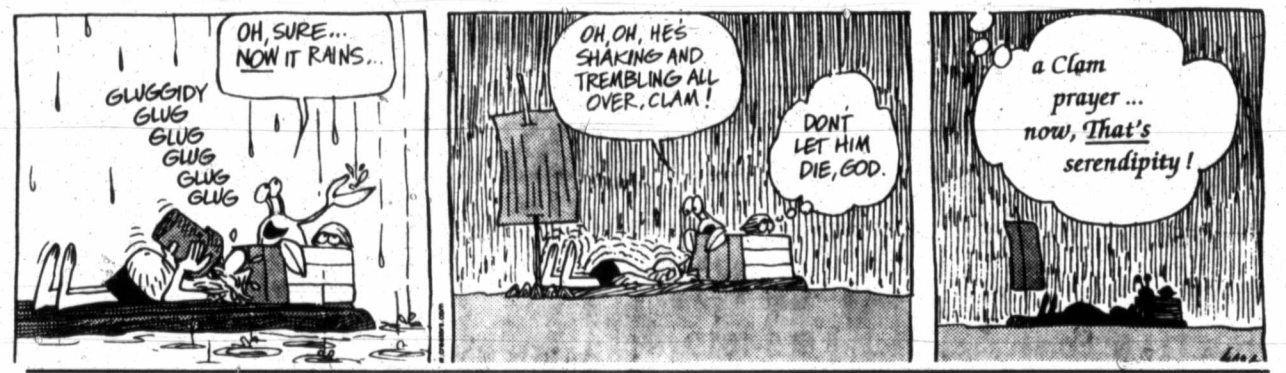
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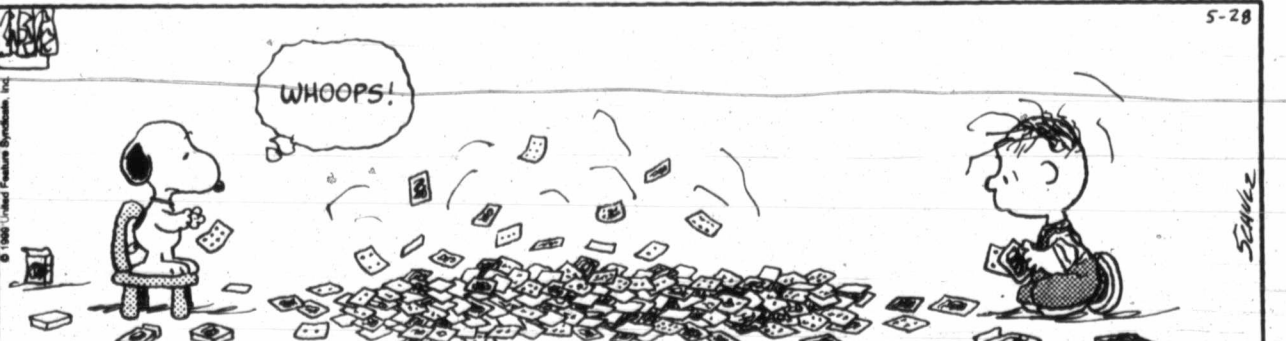
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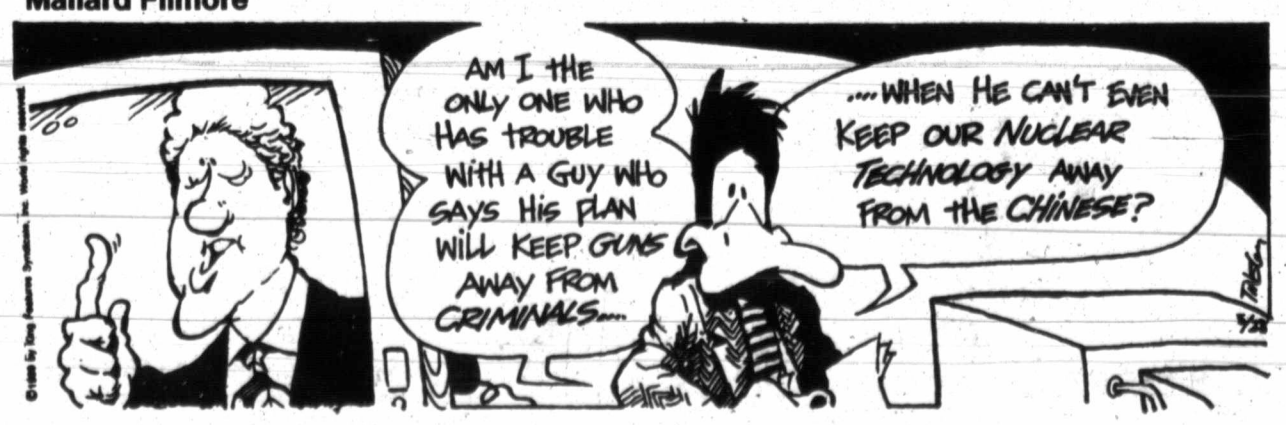
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SPORTS

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GOLF

PAMPA — There were 11 teams participating in a Texas Tech Red Raider Club golf tournament Wednesday at the Pampa Country Club.

Placings in the four-man scramble are as follows:

First place: Jerry Wilson, Jan Elston, Frank McCullough and Shelbie Allison, 57.

Second place (tie): Elmer Wilson, Debbie Hargus and Pat Montoya, 58; won scoreboard playoff against Fred Simmons, Bill Bridges, Bob Burkett and Orbin Leslie.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — J & J Motor Co. defeated The Medicine Shoppe 11-10 in a 7-8 boys' baseball game at Optimist Park.

Heath Skinner, Hayden Skinner and Dylan Cain led J & J in hitting.

In an earlier game, J & J Motor Co. defeated Titan 21-5.

J & J's leading hitters were John Luke Covalt, three hits; Heath Skinner, three hits; Hayden Skinner, three hits; Dylan Cain, three hits; Ryan Jimenez, two hits; Tucker Brown, two hits; Justin Fuentes, two hits; Cade Wilson, two hits, and Justin Dittiro, one hit.

Reed Bradley and A. Regalado had two hits each for Titan.

BASKETBALL

CLARENDON — Clarendon College will conduct a "Drills & Skills Basketball Camp" June 21-25 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily.

The camp is open to 9th through 12th grade boys and girls. Joe Mondragon, Clarendon College men's basketball coach, will conduct the skills camp.

Cost of the camp is \$80. The day camp will cover basic fundamentals, including ballhandling, shooting, offensive and defensive skills. Campers will also have the opportunity to go through a series of college-oriented practice sessions.

Interested participants should contact Joe Mondragon at 874-3571 or 1-800-687-9737.

FOOTBALL

DALLAS (AP) — A new Texas A&M contract with R.C. Slocum that could substantially increase the football coach's pay is the school's goal, but authority from system regents is needed to negotiate an extension.

Already, Aggie athletic director Wally Groff has been informally negotiating a new deal with Slocum for several months.

Because of the size of the contract, system regents must give permission for the school to enter into such a deal.

Currently, Slocum has a seven-year rollover worth \$658,000 per year in base salary.

But, after winning the 1998 Big 12 football championship, the Aggies have decided it's time to reward Slocum.

The school's Board of Regents were to be asked today to approve the new pact for Slocum that is still being negotiated.

"We've talked about a straight seven-year contract and raising the terms," Slocum said Thursday, "but nothing's been done. There's no hang-ups or anything. We've just been going back and forth, talking about the numbers."

In 1993, Slocum signed a seven-year rollover contract. With last season's 11-2 record, the Aggies have a 94-27-2 record under Slocum, the school's coach since the 1989 season.

The Aggies won the Big 12 title with a thrilling 36-33 overtime upset of Kansas State.

It's seven for Texas

By The Associated Press

The Lone Star State is well represented in the expanded NCAA Division I Regional tournaments with seven teams in the mix, all playing on Texas soil.

But to advance to the super regionals, the second step to the College World Series, Texas teams will have to beat up on each other a little bit. The regional round begins Friday.

Rice (52-11) opens against the top-ranked team according to two publications and the Western Athletic Conference champions, will be in Lubbock taking on a field that includes dangerous but slumping Texas Tech, which lost both the Big 12 tournament games it played.

Rice (52-11) opens against lightly regarded Wisconsin-Milwaukee (30-27). Tech (40-15) plays Rutgers (37-19).

Though many Owls weren't thrilled to be seeded eighth nationally by the NCAA's Ratings Percentage Index, some will at least be glad to see Dan Law Field, where Rice has won two of its biggest games.

"We did well there our freshman year (in 1996), winning the final Southwest Conference Tournament," Rice first baseman Jake Baker said. "Then we won the regional there in 1997 and ended up going to the College World Series my sophomore year. I'm not superstitious at all, but I am excited about going back there."

The most Texas-laden regional is the one hosted by Conference USA regular-season champion Houston. Also playing there are Texas, Southwest Texas State and Southwestern Louisiana.

Houston (38-22) starts against pitching-poor Southwest Texas (27-30), which made postseason only by winning the Southland Conference tournament. USL (38-22) gets hot-and-cold Texas (35-24) in the other opener.

UH coach Rayner Noble was pleasantly surprised his Cougars are a top seed.

"I had thought that if we had won the conference tournament championship we would have gotten one," said Noble, whose team lost to Tulane in the C-USA championship game. "But I think the fact that Tulane and we are No. 1 seeds proves that our conference is up-and-coming."

Experienced Baylor is the lone Texas team at the Waco regional, but the Bears host a talented group of teams from outside the state.

Baylor (46-13) begins with Eastern Illinois (32-21), while Minnesota (44-16) takes on Arizona (33-21) in the other initial matchup.

Stiff competition also awaits Texas A&M at its regional in College Station.

Monmouth (26-22) travels down from New Jersey to battle A&M (46-14). Long Beach State (33-23) and Mississippi (33-26) round out the field.

Aggies coach Mark Johnson will throw Chance Cagle at Monmouth, saving ace Casey Fossum for the decidedly tougher second game against either Long Beach or Ole Miss.

"Chance is going to have to win a game for us to win the tournament, so why not the first one?" Johnson said. "If he is on, then we'll be fine."

Blazers advance

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers kept Karl Malone and the Utah Jazz from another shot at the NBA title. Now they will try to do the same to the San Antonio Spurs and David Robinson.

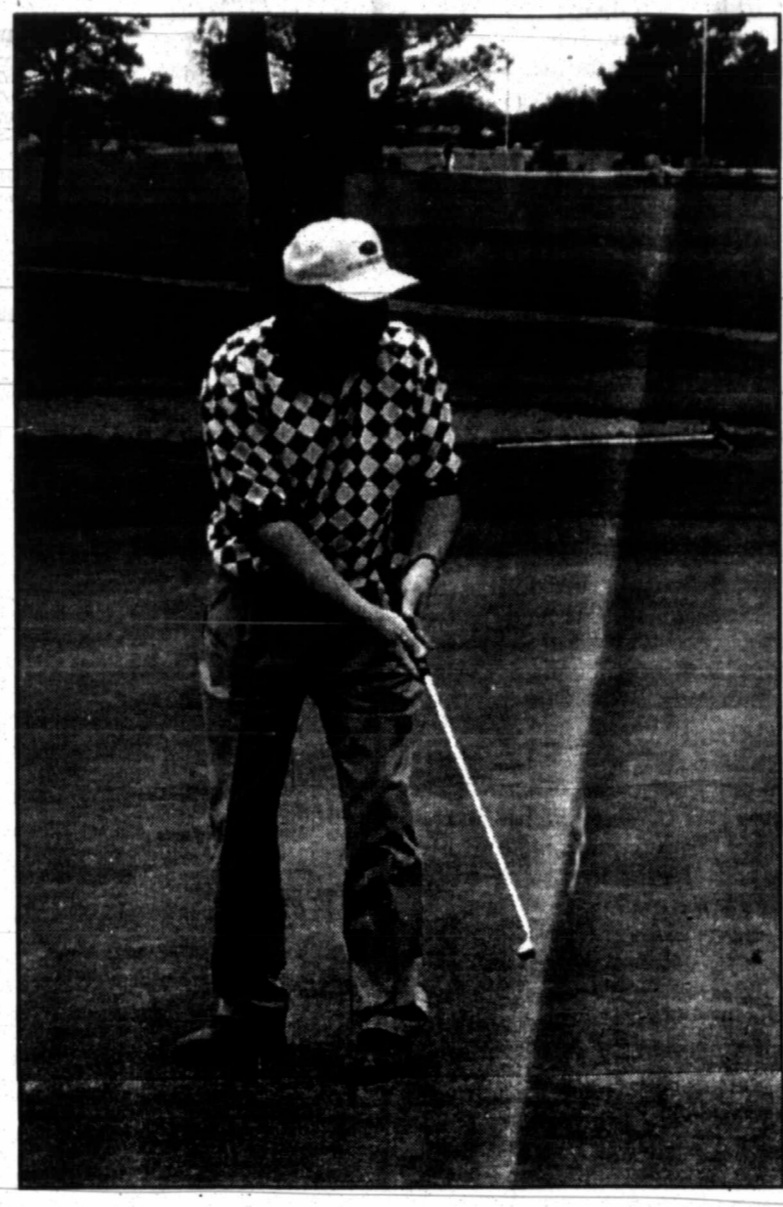
The Blazers are in the Western Conference finals, playing with the same kind of determination and defensive smarts that the Jazz were known for, at least before this series.

Portland put the Jazz away Thursday night with a 92-80 victory, a game in which the Blazers made their last 22 free throws and shut down Utah's final, desperate comeback.

The Jazz, who won Game 5 to stave off elimination for the sixth time in two postseasons, might have let their last shot with future Hall of Famers Malone and John Stockton slip away.

Isaiah Rider led Portland in scoring with 24 points while Jim Jackson added 17.

Jeff Hornacek had 21 for Utah. Bryon Russell added 17.



PHS boys' basketball coach Robert Hale watches a putt during the Texas Tech Red Raider Club golf scramble Wednesday at the Pampa Country Club.

Celanese trims DFB

PAMPA — Celanese slipped by Duncan, Fraser & Bridges 8-7 in an 11-12 Major Bambino League game earlier this week.

Winning pitcher was Ricky Gattis, who gave up four hits while striking out 14 and walking 13.

Leading hitter for Celanese was Seth Foster with a single and double.

Braydon Barker led DFB with a single and double.

The bats were alive early for Celanese as Jake Craig and Foster hit two doubles in the first inning while Foster and Gattis had singles in the second inning to put Celanese on top 7-1.

Behind 7-2 in the bottom of the fourth, the DFB rally began. Barker led off the inning with a double down the third base line and Eric McClure walked. Both base runners later scored on passed balls. Gattis was able to strike out three batters sandwiched between of a couple of walks for Celanese.

McClure came on in relief of Weston Teichmann in the third inning to hold Celanese to one run in the last three innings.

To start off the bottom of the fifth inning, Ryan Hook got a lead-off walk while Gattis struck out the next two batters. DFB then started a two-out rally with Barker and McClure hitting singles and Dak Fallon drew a walk. With the bases loaded, Teichmann a two-run single to score two more runs. With runners on first and third and DFB behind by one run, Goldsmith walked to apparently

load the bases, but quick thinking by Foster, the Celanese catcher, was able to alertly tag out the DFB baserunner coming home to end the two-out rally.

The clouds had been building throughout the game and lighting started to strike the surrounding areas. With Celanese leading 8-7 and one inning to play, the game was called due to dangerous weather. Celanese came away with an exciting one-run victory.

Cree beats the Bankers

PAMPA — Cree Oil defeated The Bank 20-11 in a Babe Ruth 13-15 league game earlier this week at Optimist Park.

Cree improved its record to 2-1.

First baseman Adam Jones hit a three-run home run over the right field fence in the top of the third inning to help put the game out of reach for Cree.

Hunter Craig (two innings), Zach Hucks (three innings) and Trevor Allen (one inning) pitched for Cree.

Cree's leading hitters were Adam Jones, a home run, double and single; Trevor Allen, double and single; Jared Snelgrooves, and Eric Brown, two singles each; Charlie Craig, a double; David Thacker and Zach Hucks, one single each.

The Bank's leading hitters were Michael Cochran, two doubles and one single; Matthew Crow, one triple and two singles; J. Salley, two singles; David Witt and Abraham Alvia each had a single.

Glo-Valve wins pitcher's duel against Cabot

PAMPA — When the number one team in the Optimist Major Bambino 11-12 baseball league plays number two, the fans expect a good game. They were not disappointed Wednesday when Cabot Corporation took on Glo-Valve Service with the winner to have possession of first place.

Glo-Valve won 6-2 in a pitcher's duel between Cabot's Tyler Doughty and Glo-Valve's Meteo Campos, who both pitched complete games. Campos pitched his second no-hitter of the season. He struck out 13 while walking five. Both Cabot runs were unearned. Doughty struck out 11, walked three and permitted five infield hits. Three of the Glo-Valve runs were earned. Doughty's pitching became stronger as the game went along and he struck out the last six batters he faced.

Glo-Valve raised its league-leading record to 8-2 to open a two-game lead over Cabot, who now stands 5-3.

Glo-Valve's first three batters bunted. Campos was credited with

a single and Mitchell Crow sacrificed him to second. Tyson Hickman also singled. The runners executed a double steal. Campos scammed home on a wild pitch, and Hickman alertly followed on an error on the throw trying to get Campos. Glo-Valve led 2-0 after one inning.

In the second inning, Colby Scott walked and took second on a passed ball. He came all the way around to score when Craig Stone was safe on an error. Glo-Valve led 3-0.

Christopher Moody led off the Glo-Valve third with an infield single. Ryan Hansen walked. Moody stole third on the second pitch to the next batter, and Hansen stole second on the next pitch. Both runners scooted home on a single by Campos. Campos took second in a fielder's choice and third on a throwing error.

Crow laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt to score Campos and give Glo-Valve a 6-0 lead.

The stingy Glo-Valve defense kept Cabot without a run for five

innings. Campos walked two in the first, but one was cut down at the plate on a throw from Hickman to Moody for Glo-Valve's outstanding defensive play of the game. Campos walked a batter in each of the third, fourth and fifth innings and then left them stranded.

Cabot's Heath Miller and Grant Stucki reached base on Glo-Valve errors to lead off the bottom of the sixth inning. They scored on a wild pitch and a passed ball. Campos

then struck out the next three batters to end the rally.

Cabot's outstanding defensive play of the game was turned in by Aaron Hunt, who snagged Hickman's scorching line drive at third base to complete a falling-down catch.

Eric Kingcade had a hit for Glo-Valve.

There will be no games this weekend because of high school graduation and Memorial Day.

Deion watch continues

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Deion Sanders watch continues, with the Dallas Cowboys cornerback's options becoming more distinct now that his big toe is healing, and the player wondering whether he will remain with the team.

Sanders will not count his scheduled \$8.2 million against the Cowboys' salary cap this year, according to a published report.

Although the cast on Sanders' left foot has been removed, he is

expected to miss three to four more months because of his injured toe.

Sanders, who was married earlier this month to New York actress and model Pilar Biggers, telephoned the Colorado Rockies' Lenny Harris, who has been battling a slump.

The comeback, according to the Insider sports newsletter, told his friend, "I can't sign with the Broncos with you playing like that."

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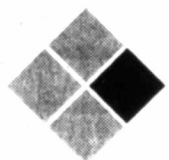
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