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Victim's relative seeks petition to stop plan for rehearing law

By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer

A Pampa mother is fighting to prevent the convicted killer of her daughter and grandchildren from being given an appeal retroactively after his lawyer failed to file the appeal on time.

Beverly Clark, the mother of Twila Busby, 40, and grandmother of Elwin Eugene "Scooter" Caler, 22, and Melvin Randolph Busby Jr., 20, is leading a petition drive this week asking the Governor not to sign into law a bill passed by the state legislature that would allow Henry "Hank" Watkins Skinner, 36, the convicted killer of Mrs. Clark's

daughter and grandchildren, a second chance to file for a writ of habeas corpus, his final appeal at the state level.

Petitions asking Gov. Bush not to sign the bill are at Frank's Hardware and at Watson's Nursery, officials said.

"I hope that every citizen of this community will inundate Rep. Warren Chism, Sen. Teel Bivins and Gov. Bush with opposition to this bill," District Attorney John Mann said.

Mann prosecuted and convicted Skinner for the murder of Clark's daughter and grandchildren.

"Chism and Bivins can intercede," Mann said. "They can

stop this if they can convince the governor not to sign the bill."

Mann said he was upset that the Chief Justice on the Court of Criminal Appeals, Mike McCormick, asked the state legislature to overrule a case that his court had already ruled on.

The legislature passed the bill saying that anybody, as of Sept. 1, 1999, who has been convicted in a death penalty case and has filed their habeas corpus petition in an untimely manner gets another chance at it.

If signed into law by Gov. Bush, it will give Skinner one more venue of appeal at the state level before turning to the federal judicial system.

"Gov. Bush should be as firm on this as with Karla Faye Tucker," Mann said.

Tucker was the born-again Christian who received much national publicity before she was executed.

Bush has until June 20 to sign the bill or veto it.

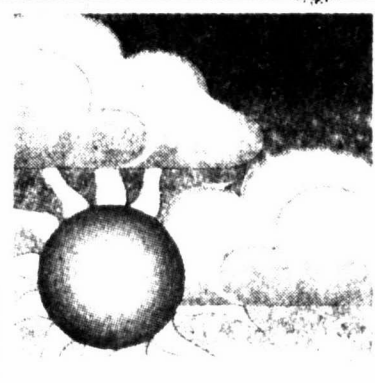
"If Sen. Bivins is going off all summer to campaign for Gov. Bush, he's close enough to the governor to get this done," Mann said. "We'll see if he'll listen to us."

The petition reads, "We, the registered voters of Gray County wish to strongly express our displeasure with the passage by

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Hank Skinner



High today 90
 Low tonight mid 60s
 For weather details see Page 2.

PAMPA — The Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly luncheon at 200 N. Ballard on June 15 at 11:45 a.m. For reservations call 669-3241 by 9 a.m. on luncheon day. Special guests will be local Rodeo Queens and Rodeo Association members including Gerald Rasco and Ed Robbins.

BEAUMONT (AP) — Now that he's back in jail, a man accused of killing a partner in a horse insurance fraud scheme has been re-indicted for the 1985 crime.

Michael Earl McKinney, 41, was indicted on capital murder charges Tuesday in the 14-year-old shooting death of John Guillory Jr., who was slain in his Lumberton home.

The two worked together as East Texas horse trainers.

McKinney was captured May 22 in a Houston suburb after spending seven months crisscrossing the southwest United States as a fugitive who fled last fall when a jury convicted accused triggerman Robbie Bourque.

Bourque, a former stable hand, cut a deal to testify against McKinney in exchange for a 30-year prison sentence.

Prosecutors say McKinney and Guillory turned to insurance fraud when their business went sour with the 1982 oil bust. They killed at least 17 horses to collect more than \$700,000 in claims.

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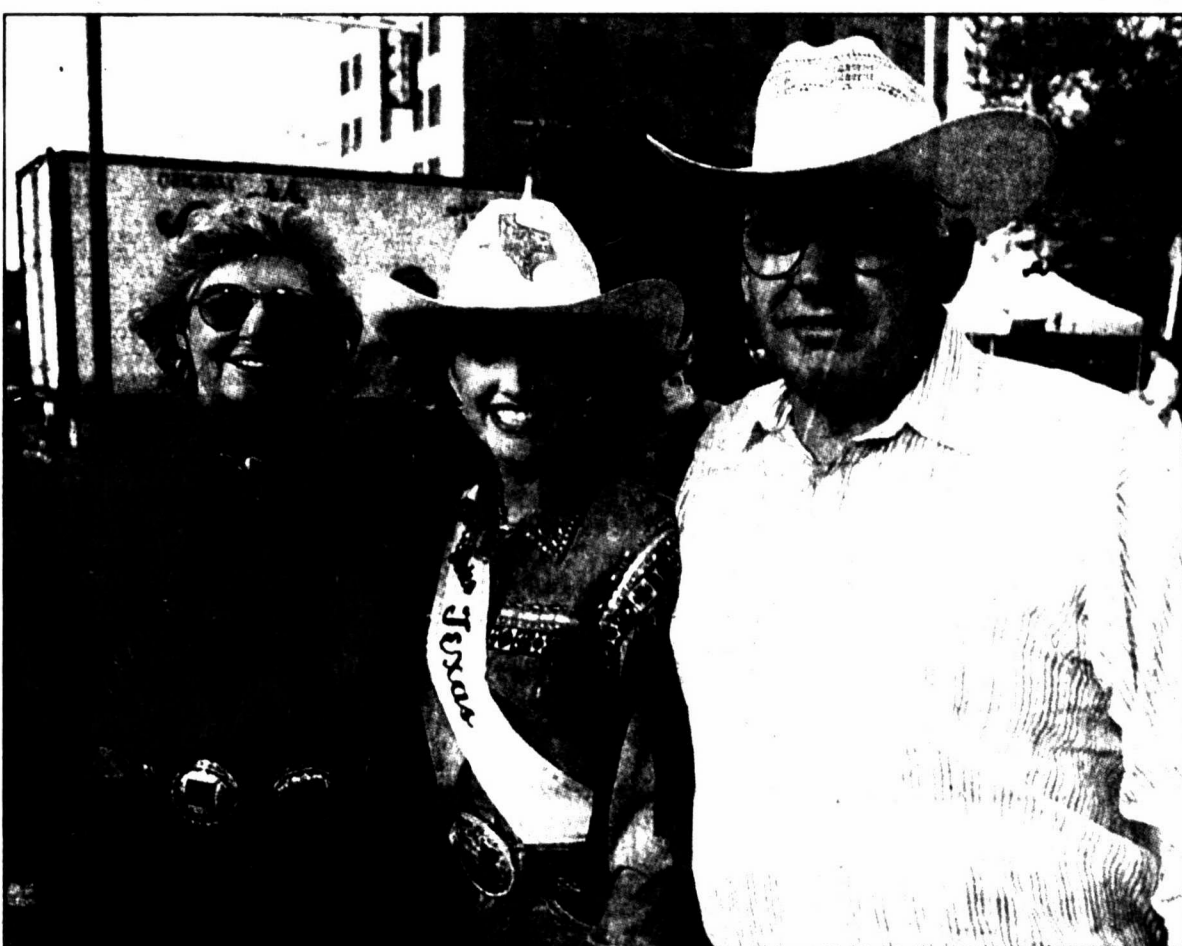
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Cowboy time!



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Betty Wilson, left, and Jim Osborne, right, both of Pampa, flank Danyelle Rideout of Abilene, Miss Rodeo Texas, during the Celebrate 2000 Block Party and Fourth Avenue and Polk Street in downtown Amarillo. The street party featuring music by Ed Montana and the Coors Cowboys and barbecue by the Coors Cowboy Club kicked off the week's Cowboy Roundup USA celebration in Amarillo. The celebration continues tonight with the opening performance of the Coors Ranch Rodeo. Tonight's and Friday's and Saturday's rodeo performances are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Tri-State Fairgrounds in Amarillo.

Macedonia building dedication Sunday

The congregation of Macedonia First Baptist Church will dedicate its new sanctuary building at 3 p.m. June 13 at the church in Pampa.

The new sanctuary replaces the old building that fell June 2, 1997, due to an extremely wet spring and the condition of the building.

John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, will lead the congregation in praise and worship and Lonnie Robbins, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church, Jake Clemmens, pastor of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, and Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will all join the Rev. I.L. Patrick, pastor of Macedonia, in dedicating the new building.

Macedonia Church choir will help lead the worship by singing the anthem "We Have Come to This House" and First Lady Barbara Patrick will welcome visitors and friends of the church.

Macedonia First Baptist was helped in the rebuilding process by Pampa Area Unified Ministerial Alliance which raised monies enough to buy the basic building structure. Many area churches gave monies and provided materials and labor to the building project along with many Pampa businesses and individuals as well. In addition, people from other cities and other states gave of their time and resources to successfully complete the new building.

Macedonia Church choir will help lead the worship by singing the anthem "We Have Come to This House" and First Lady Barbara Patrick will welcome visitors and friends of the church.

Arts, crafts show, team penning part of weekend events

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association will hold its Sixth Annual Arts and Crafts Show and Team Penning June 12 and 13 at Recreation Park. This promises to be a busy weekend for Pampa and the surrounding area. The American Cancer Society will hold its annual Relay for Life and the City of Pampa will host the community's largest softball tournament of the year.

The arts and crafts show will be from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Limited booth space is still available, according to the association.

The Third Annual Amateur Team Penning will begin at 1:30 p.m. with books opening at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the rodeo arena. A team penning practice will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Entries are \$10 for three runs. Sponsors of the team penning are North Country Coors and the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association.

Registration for booths and team penning can be obtained by contacting Jane Jacobs at 669-0434 or by visiting the rodeo office at 200 N. Ballard. Activity fees should accompany the completed registration forms to the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, P.O. Box 659, Pampa, TX 79066-0659.

Prison job fair tonight

Anyone interested in working in the Texas Prison system can have all questions answered tonight.

The Amarillo College Criminal Justice Program and TDCJ (Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice) will hold a town meeting tonight at 6 at the Jordan Unit east of Pampa. Anyone interested in finding out more is invited but everyone must bring a picture I.D. in order to gain entrance to the state facility.

No weapons, purses, tobacco or containers will be allowed in. The meeting is being held to provide information such as salary, benefits, job descriptions, requirements and application procedures according to Toni Brasher of Amarillo College.

Testing will begin June 16, 1999 at 9 a.m. at the Jordan Unit. Classes will start there on June 21, 1999.

More information is available at 806-354-6081.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

A big crowd enjoyed the opening night of the Pampa High School Band Boosters Carnival Tuesday. The carnival starts at 6 nightly through Saturday and is on the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium parking lot.

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Services tomorrow

BROWNLEE, Tom — 2 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Borger.
HALL, Lillie Mae Redman — Memorial services, 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.
WRIGHT, Lewis D. — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Wheeler.

Obituaries

TOM BROWNLEE

BORGER — Tom Brownlee, 50, died Tuesday, June 8, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Gregg Simmons, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside rites will be conducted by Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 of Pampa in Garden of Serenity in Westlawn Memorial Park. Burial will be under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Brownlee was born at Borger and had been a lifelong resident of the community. He married Glenda Cox on Nov. 27, 1987, at Las Vegas, Nev. He owned-operated Brownlee Electric prior to selling the business to Rice Construction where he continued to work as an electrician. He previously worked for Southwestern Public Service.

He belonged to First Baptist Church and was a Scout master, a Wood Badger and a member of Pampa Masonic Lodge and Lubbock Scottish Rite.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving with the Seabees in Vietnam.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda; a daughter, Tracey Frizzell of Borger; a son, Brian Brownlee of Borger; two stepsons, Len Reeves of Borger and Skyler Reeves of the U.S. Marine Corps in Okinawa; his parents, Bill and June Brownlee of Borger; two brothers, John Brownlee of Borger and Fred Brownlee of Amarillo; and eight grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle, 300 S. McGee, in Borger.

LEWIS D. WRIGHT

WHEELER — Lewis D. Wright, 88, died Wednesday, June 9, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Rob Lindley officiating. Private burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Wright was born March 10, 1911, at Anson, to Jeff and Cassie Stringer Wright. He married Inez Cox on March 2, 1933, at Anson. He moved from Colorado City, Texas, to Abilene in 1954. He worked for Manly Pontiac and Kiker-Warren Funeral Home in Abilene, retiring in 1973. He had been a Wheeler resident since 1973 where he was associated with his son and grandsons in Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

He belonged to First United Methodist Church and was a former member of Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, Wheeler Kiwanis Club and Wheeler Senior Citizens.

Survivors include his wife, Inez, of Wheeler; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Sharon Wright of Wheeler; two sisters, Aline Cox of Amarillo and Winnie Scifres of Abilene; three grandsons, David Wright of Wheeler, Mark Wright of Shamrock and Scott Wright of Ruston, La.; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church or to Wheeler Cemetery Association.

Police report

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

Wednesday, June 9

Assault was reported in the 500 block of Warren.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Wynne.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, June 9

Jerry R. Thompson, 22, 603 Tignor, was arrested on charges of theft.

Fires

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

Wednesday, June 9

2:02 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to Highway 60 west on a hazardous spill.

5:39 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1200 block of N. Hobart on a smoke scare.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, June 9

A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Fir and transported one to PRMC.

A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Starkweather and transported one to PRMC.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.36	Coca-Cola	66 5/8	dn 11/16
Milo	3.10	Columbia/HCA	25 1/16	NC
Corn	3.48	Enron	78 9/16	up 1/4
Soybeans	3.82	Halliburton	43 9/16	up 1/16
		IRI	57 7/16	dn 1/8
		KNE	21 13/16	dn 3/16
		Kerr McGee	48 1/2	up 1/4
		Limited	46 1/8	dn 15/16
		McDonald's	40 7/16	dn 9/16
		Mobil	101 15/16	up 1/4
		New Atmos	25 11/16	dn 3/16
		NCE	39 1/2	dn 1/4
		Penney's	49 9/16	dn 9/16
		Phillips	52 15/16	up 5/8
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	11 1/8	up 1/16
		SLB	60 11/16	up 7/8
		Tenneco	25 13/16	dn 15/16
		Texas	63 15/16	up 3/16
		Ultrasat	22 1/2	dn 1/16
		Wal-Mart	43 1/16	dn 13/16
		Williams	50 5/16	dn 1 1/4
		New York Gold	259.35	
		Silver	4.94	
		West Texas Crude	17.91	

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

Occidental	21 7/16	dn 1/8
Magellan	123.55	
Puritan	20.43	

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

Amoco	109 1/2	up 2 1/16
Arco	84 5/8	up 1 5/16
Cabot	24 1/2	dn 1/16
Cabot O&G	19 9/16	dn 1/16
Chevron	92 15/16	up 5/16

Emergency numbers

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

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PETITION

the House and Senate of House Bill 1516. This bill gives convicted capital murders retroactive appellate rights, and in the case of Henry Watkins Skinner, the Court of Criminal Appeals has already ruled that his application for writ of habeas corpus was untimely. Now the Court wants the legislature and the governor to overturn its decision. This convicted capital murderer has received due process and his conviction should stand."

Steven Losch, Skinner's attorney, filed for a writ

of habeas corpus after the legal deadline last year. M. Kent Sims, then 31st District Judge, ruled in May that Skinner's writ of habeas corpus was not filed in a timely manner. The Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed Sims ruling in December.

A bill was introduced during this session of the Texas Legislature that would allow Skinner and three others on death row to file for a writ of habeas corpus anyway.

"My children were murdered," Clark said when Skinner was sentenced. "They were slaughtered." She said she called them her children because she raised not only Twila, but also Twila's children.



Clarendon Rancher Jerry Hodge and Amarillo businessman Glenn McMennamy ride longhorn steers down Polk Street during this week's parade in Amarillo to kickoff Cowboy Roundup USA. Miss Rodeo Texas, Danyelle Rideout, is following them on horseback.

Eleven-year-old baby sitter admits beating toddler

DALLAS (AP) — A 1-year-old boy's persistent crying prompted his frustrated baby sitter to throw him down, whip him with a cord and punch him in the stomach, the teen-ager admits in an affidavit.

The 11-year-old suspect, who was left to baby-sit five young children, remains in custody today where she faces a juvenile charge of injury to a child.

Her nephew, Cedrick Seamster, is in critical condition today at Children's Medical Center of Dallas following last week's attack that left him with head injuries, a lacerated liver and spleen and bruises apparently caused by the telephone cord.

The boy's 24-year-old mother also could face criminal charges of abandoning or endangering a child, but Dallas police say that action likely depends upon whether the toddler's condition improves.

"It is an option being considered," Lt. Bill Walsh of the police youth and family crimes division told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions. "I think they (detectives) are waiting to see what happens with the child."

Cedrick's injuries were discovered after his mother, Sherryleen Berryman, took him to the emergency room on June 3. Doctors alerted police, who took the baby sitter into custody.

The victim had several loop marks on his lower chest and stomach and arrived at Children's Medical Center with massive brain swelling, a doctor stated in an affidavit.

If Cedric survives his injuries, he likely will have some permanent impairment, according to a doctor's affidavit.

The teen-aged girl, whose name was not

released because she is a juvenile, had been left to care for her nephew and his four siblings, police said.

She had apparently become frustrated because Cedrick would not stop crying, police Sgt. Jim Chandler has said.

The victim's mother told detectives that she left for her boyfriend's house on June 2 and believed her cousin, 20, and 11-year-old sister were staying with her five children, according to the affidavit filed by a Child Protective Services caseworker.

But the 20-year-old cousin told investigators that she left the South Dallas home shortly after Cedric's mother.

The baby sitter, who neighbors said was visiting for the summer, told police detectives that it wasn't the first time she had been left alone to watch her older sister's children.

Ms. Berryman's four other children were removed by Texas Child Protective Services from the home, which had no electricity or running water, and placed in two separate foster homes.

In 1996, Austin law officers faced similar circumstances when Lacresha Murray was charged with the death of 2-year-old Jayla Belton, who was being watched at the home of Lacresha's grandparents.

Lacresha, then 11, originally was charged with capital murder but was convicted of injury to a child. The conviction later was overturned when an appeals court ruled that police obtained a statement from her illegally.

Lacresha spent nearly three years in custody before being released in April.

Texas round-up ...

Legislation to require open meetings by Community Association

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) — The Woodlands Community Association — a nonprofit — will be required to comply with the state's Open Meetings Act, which usually targets government agencies, under legislation passed by the Texas Legislature.

State Rep. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, acknowledged Wednesday that the bill is aimed almost exclusively at forcing the nonprofit organization to abide by the state's Open Meetings Act and the Public Information Act. The laws generally apply to governmental bodies such as city councils and school boards.

The new law will be good for The Woodlands community and the board by forcing the entity to open to the public workshops that are routinely held behind closed doors, Williams told the Houston Chronicle.

But most board members contend that the law amounts to governmental intrusion on a private entity because of the community association's nonprofit status.

"It's strange," association President Peggy Hausman said of the bill. "We're not opposed to open meetings. In fact, our bylaws already require that we have open meetings."

"But the WCA is not a government. It would be nice if it was. We'd love to have authority to pass ordinances," she said. "If they consider us a government, they should give us ordinance authority and give us governmental immunity from lawsuits."

The Woodlands Community Association is the only property owners' association of its kind in the state, Williams said.

The group is a quasi-governmental agency, he said, in that it collects mandatory "assessments" from property owners that are the equivalent of property taxes. The assessments are based on property values.

The assessment, which funds services such as garbage collection, security and fire protection, is currently 50 cents per \$100 valuation.

The association, which holds liens on all properties in The Woodlands, currently has a budget of about \$16 million.

Williams told the newspaper this makes it by far the biggest property association of its kind in the state.

Tom Green Jail commander indicted

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — The Tom Green County jail's commander, who allegedly used prisoners to move his furniture and perform other tasks, is named on two misdemeanor charges.

A county grand jury has indicted Joseph Aaron Lankford on a charge of abuse of official capacity. Prosecutors contend that the 41-year-old commander used trusty inmates on two occasions to perform personal tasks for him at his home last fall.

Lankford also was indicted on Tuesday for tampering with physical evidence in connection with an unrelated incident.

Bond for each of the two indictments was set at \$5,000.

Lankford was booked into the jail he commanded just before noon on Wednesday and posted bail later that afternoon. Sheriff Dan Gray said Lankford has been relieved of his duties pending resolution of the case.

Lankford is accused of using three jail trustees to perform odd jobs for him.

In October, Lankford confirmed that the trustees were taken off jail premises but said they went willingly and were supervised by the jailer at all times.

Two male trustees said they were paid \$25 each in their jail accounts for moving furniture at Lankford's home. A female trusty was paid with "the greatest cheeseburger and onion rings I have ever eaten" for washing windows.

District Attorney Steve Smith the charges are Class B misdemeanors because the value of the labor was between \$20 and \$500. However, the acts are considered official misconduct, he said.

Class B offenses are punishable by confinement up to 180 days and an optional fine of up to \$2,000.

When Gray took office Jan. 1, 1997, he appointed Lankford to the top jail position. As jail commander, Lankford was in charge of the daily operations of the facility.

Lankford also was indicted Tuesday for an unrelated incident that occurred three months ago.

It is alleged that he failed to stop and render aid after a county-owned car he was driving at Houston was involved in an accident.

Cliburn competition gets started

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — They were all amateurs, but took the stage like professionals.

Robert Scrimale, the first to approach the piano, bowed deep to the crowd of about 200, smiling slightly under his mustache after he'd played the last chord of his chosen solo piano works.

Away from the crowd, Scrimale said he was shocked that he wasn't more scared to be in the spotlight. Until now, the 43-year-old Dallas office worker, an assistant with a consulting company, had played only for small groups of friends.

Wednesday, Scrimale was before a crowd of discerning classical music listeners and under the scrutiny of a dozen or so international "jurors" scoring his performance.

"I had a group of friends in the audience, and that helped," he said.

Scrimale was one of 32 solo piano performers as the first International Piano Competition for Outstanding Amateurs got under way. The event runs through Sunday on the campus of Texas Christian University for 90 performers from 9 countries.

City Briefs

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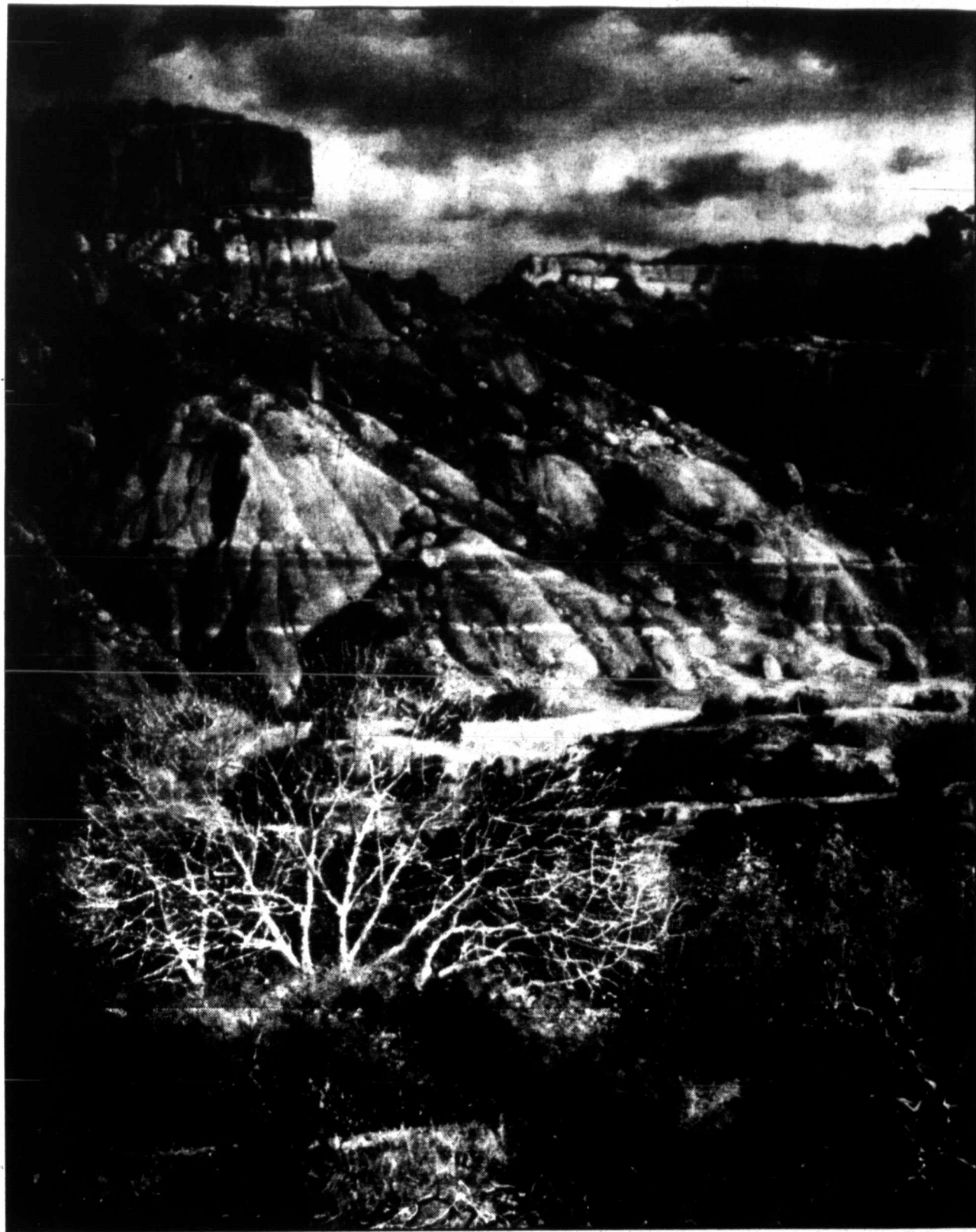
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Weather focus
Today's weather was not available from the source.

Use Community Camera often!



(Special photo)

Western artist Jack Sorenson will be featured in the 1999 "TEXAS" Musical Drama Souvenir Program. The Amarillo artist donated this original painting, "Spanish Skirts," a scene from Palo Duro Canyon, to be used for a fund-raising project for the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation which is the non-profit producer of "TEXAS."

Amarillo artist Jack Sorenson donates painting to 'TEXAS' fund-raising project

CANYON — "Spanish Skirts," an original oil painting by Jack Sorenson will be given away through a fund-raising project for the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, the non-profit producer of the "TEXAS" Musical Drama. The 40 x 30 framed painting hangs in the lobby of the "TEXAS" office on the square in Canyon. Donations of \$5 for an opportunity to win the painting will be accepted at the "TEXAS" office and at the Pioneer Amphitheatre throughout the 1999 season. The painting will be given away on Opening Night 2000 in celebration of the 35th anniversary season. Sorenson's western artwork also will be featured in the 1999 "TEXAS" Souvenir Program.

Sorenson, of Amarillo, has had a love affair with Palo Duro Canyon since childhood. He grew up on a ranch where he rode horses through a segment of the Palo Duro. After a tenure of training horses, Sorenson broke into his dream career as an artist. He claims a record wheat harvest 25 years ago launched his success as an artist. An Amarillo art gallery had just picked Sorenson as their top Western artist and the bumper crop helped sell-out his first show.

Sorenson's paintings have been used as covers for more than a dozen national magazines and two western novels. He is one of the best-selling artists for Leaning Tower of Books.

An Amarillo art gallery had just picked Sorenson as their top Western artist and the bumper crop helped sell-out his first show.

Tree Greeting Cards, and his painting of The Lighthouse was printed by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce in 1989 to promote this area and the canyon.

Palo Duro Canyon is prominent in many of Sorenson's western paintings. "TEXAS" annually selects a cowboy artist's work to enhance the western tones projected in the outdoor drama's script. As audience members reflect on their Palo Duro Canyon experience, the western scenes scattered throughout the souvenir program are vivid reminders of the culture upon which "TEXAS" is based.

"TEXAS" opens its 34th season June 9, 1999, and plays nightly except Sundays at 8:30 p.m. through Aug. 21 in Palo Duro Canyon State Park near Canyon and Amarillo. There will be one Sunday performance on July 4.

"TEXAS" is the best attended outdoor musical drama in the nation and annually attracts audience members from around the world. History comes to life through the efforts of a 140-member cast and crew. Singing, dancing, acting and astounding special effects create an unforgettable evening beneath the Texas stars. For ticket information, call (806) 655-2181 or visit the "TEXAS" website at www.texasmusicaldrama.com.

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 Daily Matinees 1:40

New U.S. postage stamp helping raise awareness about prostate cancer

AUSTIN — To help raise awareness about prostate cancer and its often devastating effect on the health of many men in America, the U.S. Postal Service recently issued a new commemorative postage stamp.

The 33-cent Prostate Cancer Awareness stamp was issued as part of the "Ride for the Roses" fundraising weekend hosted by the Lance Armstrong Foundation. The stamp is available at post offices nationwide.

"We believe this stamp will go a long way in helping spread the word among men young and old about how important it is for them to discuss this deadly disease with their healthcare provider," said Dr. Virginia Noelke, professor of history at Angelo State University in San Angelo, and chair of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee.

Noelke and Lance Armstrong, captain of the U.S. Postal Service Pro Cycling Team and

a testicular cancer survivor, dedicated the stamp at a ceremony held at the Austin Convention Center.

"For more than 60 years, the Postal Service has issued stamps with themes that have helped raise awareness of many important issues affecting daily life," said Noelke. "Recent stamps highlighting Breast Cancer Research, Organ and Tissue Donation and Hospice Care have helped stimulate conversation about these serious topics in communities from coast to coast. These activities go hand in hand with the Postal Service's historic role as a community leader."

Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men (after lung cancer) and, excluding skin cancer, is the most common cancer in American men. Early prostate cancer often does not cause symptoms. (See, STAMP, Page 1)

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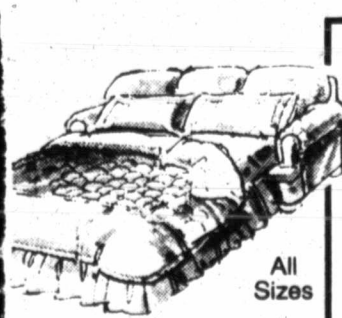
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I enjoy doing yard work

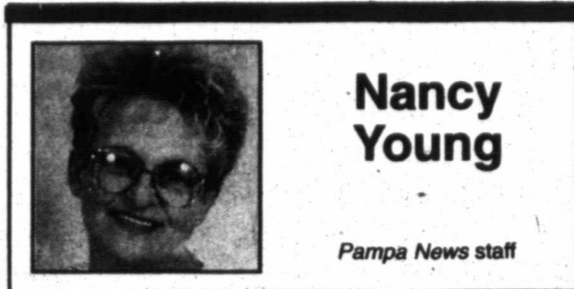
Working in my yard is something I really enjoy doing during the warmer months of the year. Not that my yard is a showplace, but I just enjoy it and like being outside in the summer months. It's relaxing to me and, once in a while, I like to relax.

Several weeks ago my youngest son borrowed my spreader to apply a turf builder to his lawn. When he returned the spreader he volunteered to dispense some of this miracle product on my lawn as he said he had some left.

This action is very noteworthy because while he was living at home he always said that yard work was farming, and he sure wasn't a farmer. He's a cowboy, and he is always very careful to make the distinction. Not that he doesn't like farmers, some of his best friends are farmers. He just doesn't like farming. Anyway, he wasn't always eager to do yard work in his formative years. In fact, he did just about everything he could do to get out of doing it.

In fact, during the 28 years before he married, I found it impossible to teach him anything about yard work. My motherly teaching ability was severely lacking when it came to yard work. It was as if he was incapable of learning anything regarding that subject. Most anytime I mentioned any chores which needed to be done around the house it was absolutely amazing how quickly he realized he needed to check on the horses, had a cow calving, or any number of much more "interesting" things to do.

Imagine my surprise a couple of winters ago



Nancy Young
Pampa News staff

when only a few days after he and his wife had married and had returned from their wedding trip to find snow and ice covering everything in sight. I drove past their new home and I observed my newlywed son as he was shoveling snow and ice from the driveway. I couldn't believe she had taught him to do that in less than a week of marriage, and I had tried for 28 years!

This special young woman is a special education teacher in the Plemons-Stinnett-Phillips school system, and I learned very quickly she must be an excellent teacher as he had learned this so rapidly. The following spring she taught him how to plant flowers. He never could learn this when I was teaching him.

With her teaching, he has learned to do some of these chores at my home, too.

A few days ago, as I was admiring how green and attractive my lawn had become, I began to think about what she had taught him and wondered if maybe she shouldn't have taught him

these things. My neighbors and friends have been receiving these "nice little letters" from our county appraisal district informing us of how valuable our property has become, and no one is really happy about them. I received one, too. Imagine my surprise to find out my son's distribution of the turf builder had increased the value of my home by \$12,000!

I have searched that property and that is the only "improvement" I can see. The fence is still close to falling down. Last spring when one of our "panhandle breezes" blew through the area my fence just nearly blew down. I performed temporary emergency repairs to keep it standing. When my son checked out my repairs, he said that I really needed a new fence.

Feeling very smug I told him I knew this but the property in our town was currently being reevaluated, and I felt it was better to wait until this process was complete. He looked at me from his 6' 3" frame and just shook his head. Knowing I was the smartest, I felt very confident of my decision to wait on the fence.

I'm still feeling good about that — Can you imagine how high my property would have been reevaluated if I had replaced that fence — \$12,000 increased valuation for a little turf builder was quite enough. I wonder if I could sell it for what it is now appraised?

After I told him about the increase in my property valuation he is now quite proud of his brief lawn care project. I don't think I can afford him anymore though.

Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: The Dallas Morning News on Texas State Railroad: You don't have to be a train buff to appreciate the Texas State Railroad.

The state-supported railroad isn't even close to being the biggest, fastest or longest in Texas.

At top speed, its turn-of-the-century steam engines reach a mere 25 miles per hour.

And by modern standards, the Texas State Railroad doesn't go anywhere. The railroad's route is a 50-mile, four-hour tourist loop through East Texas' scenic piney woods to Victorian-style depots in the towns of Palestine and Rusk.

Yet the railroad's charm is its simplicity. Grandparents, parents and grandchildren pack coolers and picnic lunches, turn off cellular phones and hand-held video games and enjoy a low-tech ride on what was once an American high-tech transportation marvel.

The old open-air passenger compartments rattle noticeably, but do not annoy. Rather, the creaks and squeaks provide a quaintness that seems to allow passengers to reconnect with America's past and with each other. Passengers swap stories with strangers, children run up the aisles to peer from the back of the last car. Other riders simply stare quietly out the window as the East Texas woods roll past.

With an "all aboard," a whistle blast, and a quick lunge, engine number 300, a steam belching 83-ton Baldwin iron horse built in 1917, rumbles along track laid 100 years ago by Texas prison labor. The train's passenger cars rock rhythmically to the clackety-clack backdrop of steel against steel. Bright rays of sun sparkle through the forest's dense green firmament. Fields of water lilies glisten in swampy lowlands near the sleepy Neches River.

Midway to Palestine, the sound of a distant train who pass. Curious heads of all ages poke from windows to catch a glimpse of the oncoming train through a veil of steam and haze.

Moments pass, then the Rusk-bound train's bright headlight appears on the horizon. Passengers exchange waves and smiles as the train pulls alongside number 300. Further down the track, a family gathers on the edge of their property to wave at the train.

Before the Texas State Railroad closes for the season, pack up the family and experience the golden age of steam engines yourself.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Bush's challenge:

Even with the limited power that the Texas Constitution grants a governor, George W. Bush has established himself as a dynamic and appealing blend of character and conservative ethics that plays well in the Lone Star State.

But will it play in Peoria?

His leadership style is one of letting the bodypolitic find ways to reach his state goals. This year he started the legislative session with two imperatives: enhance public education and provide tax relief for residents. He set the mark and then let the elected members of the Legislature hash out how to get there.

But this hands-off-style has garnered Bush his share of detractors, many of whom criticized him for disappearing from the front lines when it came to shaping policy.

The last harried weeks of the 76th Legislature weren't easy for the governor. While his poll ratings held strong as an unannounced Republican contender for the White House, the din of criticism from statewide Democratic legislators who believed that leadership from the second-term governor was "absent" could be heard through the Capitol's halls.

The heaviest criticism was leveled when the governor declined to take a stand on the James Byrd Jr. hate-crime bill, saying he would wait for the final wording, if it passed to his desk from the floor, before determining whether to support or veto it.

Bush was able to quiet some of the complaints in the session's waning hours by making an appearance on the floor to push for the education package that was a cornerstone of his re-election campaign last fall.

Only the most tentative of bettors would hedge against Bush's officially stepping onto the national political stage. When he does, what some perceive as weak leadership may become magnified through the wide-angle media lenses that will capture his every step.

To stifle criticism, Bush must move beyond just setting agendas to articulating a clear strategy for how to achieve them. He must publicly demonstrate that he can transform visions into actions. His toughest job won't be uniting enough of the electorate to put him into the White House; he must unify a fractured Congress to help him propel the country in the direction he believes it should go.

America is hungry for a leader with vision, a person who doesn't just issue a call for bridge-building without a clear concept of the engineering that it takes to not only lay the foundation but to string the supports.

America has spent almost eight years with a reactive president, one who waits until the problems — and the latest polls — are on his desk before deciding how to respond. Bush has said that he doesn't need polls or focus groups to know what to believe. Hope springs eternal, for that in itself would be a welcome change from the current political winds.

What the United States needs now is a visionary who can anticipate the challenges and map out strategies for meeting them.

George W. Bush has the ability, intelligence and charm to be that visionary. But the time is at hand for him to demonstrate that he can formulate clear objectives and concrete strategies for reaching them.

Otherwise, he may not get the chance to prove his skills.

Democrats play race card again

Let's see if the Clinton administration's logic can be understood:

We must go to war with Slobodan Milosevic because he is engaging in human rights abuses on a massive scale. We must expend treasure, risk American lives (though only slightly), alienate the Russians, and bomb Serb hospitals, passenger trains and civilian apartment complexes because "ethnic cleansing" so offends our consciences.

Yet when it comes to China, probably the world's leader in human-rights abuses, we are not only eager to overlook their ghastly bamboo gulag, their wholesale torture and murder of Christians, and their near total suppression of speech, we are even eager to overlook their theft of our most valuable secrets.

Ethnic cleansing is an ugly spectacle. And Milosevic richly deserves indictment as a war criminal. But the difference between Milosevic and Zhu Rongji is this: Zhu is a Democratic Party campaign contributor, and Milosevic is not.

Too much is made of the "spin" capacity of this administration. They are not skilled propagandists. The one and only reason that they are able to escape responsibility for so many sins and crimes is that the press — the broadcast media far more than the print press — tamely repeats the spin as reality.

And so in the days following the release of the Cox report on Chinese spying, we've heard over and over again that "this has been going on for decades." Well of course the Chinese have been spying on us for decades, that's not new. What distinguishes the Clinton crowd is their response to the spying. They've opened the safe, rolled out a red carpet and then avert-



Mona Charen
Syndicated columnist

ed their gaze. Oh, and the president then lied about it. But then, perhaps everyone lies about treason ...

It was Clinton's decision, overruling the recommendation of then-Secretary of State Warren Christopher, to permit American companies to help China modernize its missiles. Very soon thereafter, The Washington Times reported that China was assisting Iran and Libya to develop missile programs. The Clinton administration continues to claim that China is abiding by its non-proliferation agreement.

It was also Clinton's decision to transfer authority over technology transfers from the somewhat vigilant Department of State to the anything-goes Department of Commerce.

Bernard Schwartz, chairman of Loral Corporation, donated \$100,000 to the DNC and was then provided with a technology-transfer waiver, according to the Cox report. The Loral technology has helped China dramatically improve the accuracy of its missiles.

And as the Cox report documents, the Chinese government has been able to steal pretty much all of our nuclear secrets, thanks to docility of the Clinton administration.

According to the New York Times, hardly a

conservative paper, the White House was informed of the extent of China's spying in the summer of 1997. The administration's response, according to the Times, was marked by "delays, inaction and skepticism — even tough senior intelligence officials regarded it as one of the most damaging spy cases in recent history."

Just two months ago, the New York Times reported that in the summer of 1997, when he was already under suspicion, scientist Wen Ho Lee was chosen to head a sensitive new nuclear weapons program at Los Alamos. Wen Ho Lee hired as a research assistant a citizen of China. The research assistant has since disappeared.

When the creaky organs of counter-intelligence finally began to respond to this security catastrophe, they were thwarted by Clinton's agent. The FBI asked Janet Reno for authority to tap Wen Ho Lee's phone. Reno refused, claiming civil liberties objections. But according to Investors Business Daily, between 1993 and 1997 federal officials requested 2,686 wiretaps. Guess how many were refused? One.

The corruption of this administration appears to be total. And there are willing Democrats in the Congress ready to "spin" on its behalf. Rep. Helen Tauscher, D-Calif., for example, worried aloud on PBS's "NewsHour" that "patriotic Asian-Americans were going to be scapegoated because of this issue." Whenever they find themselves in a corner, Democrats can be relied upon to play the race card — even, it appears, to the point of self-parody.

Forget the spin. This administration put the Lincoln Bedroom up for sale, and it did the same with the security of your children and mine.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 10, the 161th day of 1999. There are 204 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 10, 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in Akron, Ohio, by William G. Wilson and Dr. Robert Smith.

On this date:

In 1801, the North African state of Tripoli declared war on the United States in a dispute over safe passage of merchant vessels through the Mediterranean.

In 1865, the opera "Tristan und Isolde" by Richard Wagner pre-

miered in Munich, Germany.

In 1922, singer-actress Judy Garland was born Frances Ethel Gumm in Grand Rapids, Minn.

In 1940, Italy declared war on France and Britain; Canada declared war on Italy.

In 1946, Italy replaced its abolished monarchy with a republic.

In 1964, the Senate voted to limit further debate on a proposed civil rights bill, shutting off a filibuster by Southern states.

In 1967, the Middle East War ended as Israel and Syria agreed to observe a United Nations-mediated cease-fire.

Dan Quayle, school disciplinarian

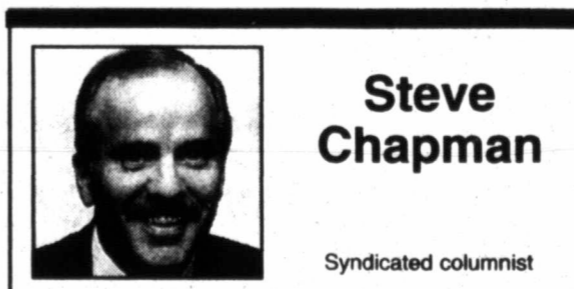
During the Cold War, the story goes, a Soviet general was invited by an American general to a parade showing off our awesome destructive power. Soldiers and sailors marched past, tanks and missiles rolled by, and finally came a group of middle-aged men and women in business attire. "Who are they?" asked the Soviet general. "Ah," replied his host, "they're the most dangerous weapon of all. They're the lawyers."

Even though Dan Quayle is an attorney and an attorney's husband, he shares that view. While others attribute recent school shootings to guns, violence in entertainment, or bad parenting, the former vice president blames "legal aristocracy." Lawyers, he said in a recent speech that got him nationwide press attention, have "undermined parental authority over children, weakened discipline in the schools, and obstructed the moral education of the young."

The address to the Commonwealth Club of California skillfully combined two familiar conservative themes — resentment of lawyers (particularly those working for the American Civil Liberties Union) and yearning for the way things used to be. Add in its calculated appeal to religious conservatives, and this sounds like a message he will be repeating frequently on the presidential campaign trail.

Quayle normally gets noticed only when he makes an obvious blunder, like misspelling a word or getting tangled up in his rhetoric, confirming the widespread assumption that he is dumber than a sack of hammers. But the problem on display in this speech was not so much lack of intelligence as disconnection from reality.

Take this claim, for example: "Every baby boomer parent has heard it from their children at one time or another: 'I can sue you.'" Oh,



Steve Chapman
Syndicated columnist

really? I'm a baby boomer and the father of three, and I don't delude myself that parent-child relations are more harmonious in my household than in those of my neighbors. But that's a phrase I've never heard any of my headstrong children utter. And I think I'm only slightly more likely to hear it than I am to hear one of them say, "My allowance is too big."

Quayle blames school disorder on the bizarre notion that students have rights that adults are bound to respect. In the old days, students did as they were told, or else. No more. "There's some talk about bringing corporal punishment to the schools," he says. "There would be a lawsuit before the rule was ever enforced."

To which the only reply is: On what planet? Corporal punishment, a lawyerly euphemism for hitting, is still widely practiced in American schools. No fewer than 23 states still authorize it as a means of discipline, and it should cheer Quayle up to learn that nearly half a million students are paddled every year.

He insists that fear of litigation has deterred school authorities from exercising control. Maybe he should visit Chicago, whose public schools were once known as the worst in the nation but have been on the rise. Between the 1995-96 school year and the 1997-98 term, the number of student expulsions rose more than

eightfold. Asked if worries about lawsuits weaken discipline, Chicago schools chief Paul Vallas does not mince words. "No," he says. For that matter, he says, such lawsuits are rare.

Then there is moral education, which Quayle says schools are no longer allowed to provide because ACLU fanatics have chased God out of the classroom. He tells of a newspaper editor who had campaigned to remove the Ten Commandments from a school and then complained about an epidemic of cheating and theft. To which Christian activist Charles Colson replied, with heavy irony, "You ought to put a sign on the wall telling kids not to steal."

But that would violate the separation of church and state, right? Wrong. There is nothing wrong with extolling students to observe such precepts as "don't kill" and "don't steal." Schools do that all the time. Only the stuff in the Commandments about observing the Sabbath and not worshipping other Gods is off-limits. It's possible to promote morality without evangelizing for religion — just as it's possible to evangelize for religion without promoting morality.

The crowning moment came when Quayle sounded a populist chord, insisting that the legal aristocrats don't worry about social disorder because "they live in gated communities and send their children to expensive private schools." This from a man who lived in the cosseted vice presidential residence, the ultimate gated existence, and whose three children attended exclusive private schools in Washington.

Inconvenient realities like that found no place in his remarks. For years, his defenders have said that his detractors underestimate Quayle's intelligence. After this speech, it will be hard to overstate his mendacity.

Jury selected in cussin' canoeist case

STANDISH, Mich. (AP) — A jury was selected today in the trial of Timothy Boomer — who, if he had a better sense of balance, might not be in this kind of hot water.

There he was, paddling along in a canoe for the first time, when he struck a rock and was unceremoniously dumped into the Rifle River.

What he subsequently hollered that day last summer is now the subject of a criminal trial that pits free-speech advocates against prosecutors who want to limit public use of offensive language.

A sheriff's deputy says he heard Boomer explode in a barrage of profanity, loud enough to be heard a quarter-mile away. Within earshot was Tammy Smith, 32, who was canoeing with husband Michael, 32, her 5-year-old son, Casey, and her 2-year-old daughter, Samantha.

A jury of four women and three men was selected this morning. One panelist will serve as an alternate. Opening statements were to begin after lunch.

Defense lawyer William Street asked potential jurors if they were uncomfortable with foul

language, "including the f-word in all its glory."

Most people said they ignore bad language, or leave if possible.

Boomer was ticketed with violating a 102-year-old Michigan law that makes cursing in the presence of women and children punishable with up to 90 days in jail or a \$100 fine.

"So many people think that morals and respect for each other don't matter any more," says Ladd White, who runs a canoe shop along the river. "That's been the downfall of societies in

the past. Maybe this will send a message that morality does matter."

Boomer, an auto supply worker from the Detroit suburb of Roseville, was with friends on the winding, tree-lined river about 130 miles north of Detroit when his canoe hit the rock.

After tumbling out, Boomer admits he let off steam, but denies he used the four-letter obscenities that police allege.

Prosecutor Richard Vollbach says the case involves no lofty constitutional issues. Instead, he says, it's a simple matter of dis-

orderly conduct.

"He went on a three-minute profanity tirade in front of a 2-year-old girl and a 5-year-old boy," Vollbach said. "The mother literally covered the ears of her daughter."

Boomer refuses to repeat the words he used, but insists they've been exaggerated. He says he didn't see anyone but his friends and that his shouts were in jest.

"I never asked for any of this," Boomer said earlier this year. "But I decided to fight this law because ... I just believe it's a violation of freedom of speech."

Street, handling the case on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union, says the 1897 law is rarely enforced because police know it is unconstitutional.

"We're talking about criminalizing ordinary, day-to-day speech — language that just about

everybody in the country has used personally from time to time," he said.

Boomer won a partial victory when Allen Yenior, the judge presiding over the trial, ruled in February that the 1897 prohibition on cursing in front of women violated the equal protection clause.

But Yenior upheld the law as it pertains to children, saying Boomer's alleged expletives could be considered "fighting words," which the courts have ruled lack constitutional protection.

The case has been featured on national television and radio talk shows, stirring excitement in Standish, a town of 1,300 people, 125 miles northwest of Detroit.

"I canoed down the Rifle River, but don't ask me to swear to it," says one T-shirt in town, fetching \$12.49. Says another: "Talk dirty to me, but not on the Rifle River."

Caribbean medical school fights for campus in Wyoming

By ELISABETH A. WRIGHT
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CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — Wyoming has a shortage of doctors and no medical school. So Ross University, a for-profit medical school on the Caribbean island of Dominica, thought it had found a perfect place for a new campus far from the tropics.

The university's 80-year-old founder, Robert Ross, proposed to spend \$25 million on opening a medical school just outside Casper and announced plans to start classes next spring. Local economic development officials, looking to end their city's dependence on the lagging oil industry, were delighted.

But the venture could be in critical condition. Ross University would be the first for-profit medical school on U.S. soil in 90 years. And resistance to for-profit medical schools runs high in the United States.

The national accrediting agency for medical schools has refused to consider Ross' project. If a medical school is not accredited, its students cannot get federal loans, and states might refuse to license its graduates.

A medical school in Uganda recently delayed plans to build a branch campus in Washington state because of the accreditation hurdle.

Dr. Jerry Behrens, a Casper surgeon, said he is opposed to for-profit medical schools because "the criteria to get into the school is a check that won't bounce."

For-profit medical schools in the United States closed or became nonprofit institutions early in the 20th century after medical reformers concluded that for-profit schools might be cutting corners or lowering their standards for financial reasons. Since then, no American accreditation agencies have approved a for-profit medical school.

"If you were about to lay on an operating table with a scalpel about to invade your body, I would think you would want to know whether the doctor operating on you got a good education," said Dr. John Nelson of Salt Lake City, a member of the American Medical Association board of directors.

Although construction on the Casper campus has been pushed back from September to January, Ross said he is not giving up on his investment. Ross, a New Yorker who made millions selling petroleum, grain, semiconductors and other products but is not a physician, calls himself a "revolutionist" against the medical establishment.

"There's a lot of hostility out there," he said. "I feel sorry for them, picking on an old man."

He has enlisted the help of Wyoming's congressional delegation and received support from Gov. Jim Geringer.

Ross University, nestled amid tropical blue waters and dense rain forests in Dominica, is one of about 20 or so for-profit medical schools that have sprung up in the Caribbean, Mexico and elsewhere to cater to students rejected by American schools.

It boasts more than 2,500 graduates licensed and practicing in the United States. The school says 92 percent of its students passed their U.S. basic-level tests on their first try last September — slightly higher than the U.S. and Canadian average.

When Ross considered opening a for-profit campus in the United States, he looked at five states without medical schools before settling on Casper, a city of 47,000 people.

Neal Simon, the university's president, said Casper was chosen because a Ross faculty member once practiced medicine here and knew of the state's need for doctors. Wyoming ranks 46th in the nation in availability of physicians, with one doctor for every 642 people. Nationwide, there is one doctor for every 441 people.

The Casper campus would train students in most of their first two years of basic science. Then Ross would fly them to Dominica to finish their studies.

The nation's medical school accrediting agency, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, rejected Ross' request for accreditation, saying the agency looks only at full, four-year programs. But Ross said he thinks the agency is biased against for-profit schools.

Many in Casper like the idea that Ross promises to bring in 1,000 students and create 200 jobs with a \$9 million to \$10 million payroll.

George Howley, director of the Casper Area Economic Development Alliance, said that doctors opposed to the project are worried about competition, not the quality of medical care.

"To protect the income to the doctors is what it is," he said.

In the meantime, people like Jim Campbell are watching closely.

Campbell, 21, is a junior college student in Casper who waits on tables and repairs natural gas lines for a living. He dreams of being a surgeon.

But his grade point average was just 0.5 in his first semester at Casper College. Now that he is getting nearly straight A's, he might need a school like Ross that could give him a second chance.

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Fish and Wildlife Service extends prairie dog study

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service extended the time period for information to be submitted on the black-tailed prairie dog until Monday, July 19.

The FWS is conducting a nine month study, reviewing the species throughout its 11 state range. Officials at the FWS regional office in Albuquerque said the comment period was being extended 45 days to ensure that the review was as comprehensive as possible.

The National Wildlife Federation petitioned the FWS to list the black-tailed prairie dog in August, 1998. The FWS said the prairie dog did not meet the requirements for an emergency listing, but they said they continued to evaluate the petition. In March, the FWS said they determined there was enough information a more comprehensive look.

"We want to give scientists, public agencies, ranchers, agricultural groups and other additional time to get all studies they may have done on black-tailed prairie dogs to us so that we have as much good, scientific information as possible to use in completing this comprehensive review," said Ralph Morgenweck, FWS director for the Mountain-Prairie Region.

Information should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (BTPD), 420 South Garfield Ave., Suite 400, Pierre, SD 56501-5408.



(Special photo)

The Schneider Band, taken in 1914 in front of First State Bank of Mobeetie. The band was advertising the Chautauqua to be held in Pampa. Top row, left-right: Tom Eller, Jeff Buckler, M.K. Brown, unidentified salesman, Alex Schneider, Sr., Delea Vicars, L.C. McMurtry, Lee Newman, John Cox, C.P. Buckler. Bottom row: Hamp Brown, John Hamilton, Jack Voyd, Ed Warminski.

Alex Schneider, Sr., organized first brass band in the Texas Panhandle

Alex Schneider Sr., born at Biel, Switzerland, in 1854, first came to America in 1874. Trained as a tanner by his father, he followed that trade in Chicago for two years. He was talented as a musician — playing cornet — and for the next three years he played with some of the largest bands in Chicago.

Homesick for his native land, he returned to Switzerland in 1879. Two years later, he came to the Swiss Colony at Frankfort, Kentucky, to manage a brewery left by his father. At the Swiss Colony, he met and married Lena Lang, a younger sister of Mrs. Henry Thut Sr. (formerly

Anna Lang). Alex Sr. and Lena Schneider became the parents of Alex Jr., Lena and Otto while the family lived in Kentucky.

Museum Mementos

Eloise Lane
White Deer Land Museum



Margaret was born later in Texas.

In 1886, the Schneiders followed the Thuts and Emma Lang (Anna's sister who married Perry Lefors) to the area of present Lefors. The Schneiders traveled by rail to Kiowa, Kan. — the last stop on the line — and then rode the stagecoach for a three-day trip to Mobeetie. The stagecoach, which ran twice weekly, covered about 30 miles a day. Along the route were several "stands" where horses were changed and passengers could have something to eat.

The Schneiders stayed with the Thuts for a time, but Alex Sr. soon went to work for the Diamond F Ranch operated by the Franchlyn Land and Cattle Co. The headquarters was a camp located on White Deer

Creek in Hutchinson County a few miles south of the Canadian River. Men working for the

Diamond F had to go to Adobe Walls to vote, and it took three days for them to cast their votes because of barbecue, whiskey and other reasons.

The voting place was changed to Mobeetie because headquarters of the Diamond F were being changed to a little camp southwest of the present town of White Deer in Carson County. This was at the time when bondholders foreclosed on the Franchlyn Land and Cattle Co. and a new company was organized to operate White Deer Lands with George Tyng as manager.

Knowing that the Southern Kansas Railroad was going to construct a line across White Deer Lands, Tyng had a well drilled and a farmhouse built at the southeastern edge of present White Deer to advertise the land to passengers on the train. For a few months, the Schneiders were employed to live at the farmhouse to care for the premises and livestock and to prepare meals for passersby who were expected to pay for them.

Mobeetie, 60 miles from the White Deer headquarters, was the trading place for most of the Panhandle. There were three companies of soldiers at nearby Fort Elliott and several hundred Comanches living along Sweetwater Creek.

In 1887, Alex Sr. organized and led the first brass band in the panhandle. The band of 14 members was composed of seven sol-

diers and seven Mobeetie men. The band took part in many events: Fourth of July celebrations which included Indian waltzes, rodeos, picnics and weddings. Alex Sr. organized a group at Panhandle and a small group at White Deer. His band played at the N-N Ranch, the Turkey Track Ranch and the opening of Jim East's Hotel at Hartley, Texas. In later years Alex Sr., said, "The best time I ever had was out here in the early days."

In addition to his work for the Diamond F and White Deer Lands and activities with his brass band, Alex Sr. helped his brother-in-law, Henry Thut Sr., in the raising of food crops.

The main crop was cabbage grown on a subirrigated plot of land. One year a cabbage weighed 28 pounds and a wagon load of 100 weighed 1,600 pounds. Most of the cabbage was made into sauerkraut, placed in molasses barrels, and then pulled by a four-mule wagon to Fort Elliott. Every quartermaster bought cabbage and Mobeetie overflowed with sauerkraut.

Fort Elliott was also a market for all the wine that could be made from the grapes that grew wild along the creeks. One fall, Henry Sr. and Alex Sr. made 13 barrels of wine from the grapes that grew along White Deer Creek. Some of the wine was sent to New York to show English stockholders what could be produced on White Deer Lands.

In 1890, the Schneiders went back to Switzerland for the education of the children. In Biel, Alex Sr. managed a 60-room hotel with a large restaurant and a garden which seated a 1,000 guests. Alex Sr. kept a large flag of the United States in the hotel lobby and catered to guests from America.

(See, BAND, Page 12)



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Grandview-Hopkins



(Special photo)

Grandview-Hopkins students recently competed in UIL academic competition at Groom. Second grade winners were as follows: Alex Hutto, fifth, Oral Reading; Jessica Baggerman, first, Storytelling, and second, Creative Writing; Taylor Aderholt, third, Creative Writing; Kathy Aler, first, Creative Writing; Hannah

Hopkins, second, Third- and Fourth-grade Spelling; Brodie Peters, sixth, Oral Reading; Cody Schiffman, fourth, Oral Reading. Back row, left-right: Alex Hutto, Jessica Baggerman, Hannah Hopkins, Taylor Aderholt. Front row, left-right: Brodie Peters, Cody Schiffman

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. 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 Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

EMMAUS REUNION

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

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

RED CROSS

The Red Cross is offering free

blood sugar and blood pressure testing every Friday from 10 a.m. - noon at Red Cross Office, 108 N. Russell.

AMARILLO COLLEGE

Treat yourself to great jazz at 8 p.m. each Tuesday in June at Amarillo College outdoor amphitheatre just outside the new Experimental Theatre. It's all free. Bring a blanket and snuggle up to some real cool sounds.

MACEDONIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor I.L. Patrick and Macedonia First Baptist Church family will hold "Dedication Services" at 3 p.m. June 13 at the church located at 441 Elm in Pampa. Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, will present the dedication message assisted by other pastors of the city. The public is cordially invited to attend this special service.

KOI AND WATER GARDEN SOCIETY

Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Society will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m., June 14 at 1939 Evergreen in Pampa.

LVN PROGRAM

The Licensed Vocational

Nursing Program at Clarendon College is currently accepting applications for the 1999-2000 school year. The program will be offered at the main campus in Clarendon and Shamrock. For an application, call Vickie Moore at (806) 874-3571 in Clarendon or Ethel Perez in Shamrock at (806) 256-2114.

AMARILLO BOTANICAL GARDENS

Amarillo Botanical Gardens will present the opening of "Garden Tranquillity: The Oriental Touch" in conjunction with a day of open gardens from 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at Amarillo Botanical Gardens, 1400 Streit Drive, in the Harrington Regional Medical Center Complex. Volunteers and staff will be on hand to conduct tours and answer questions. Admission is free. For more information, contact Kristi Wright, director of Education, at (806) 352-6513.

DON AND SYBIL HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and BSA Health

System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic June 21 at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc., 916 N. Crest. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

USS LONG BEACH REUNION

USS Long Beach Reunion

Association will hold its 1999 reunion Sept. 15-19 at Pensacola, Fla. Participants will be staying at the Holiday Inn Bay Beach, 51 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561-9990. For reservations, call (850) 932-2214. For more information, contact Don Shade at P.O. Box 69, Clymer, NY 14724-0069, (716) 569-2314, or e-mail LBCGN9@aol.com.



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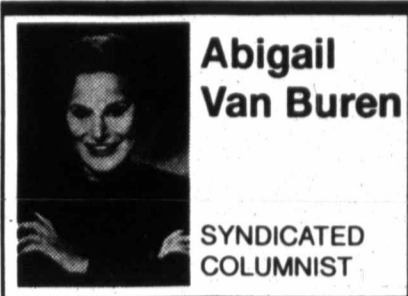
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Anyone Can Whistle To Prevent Getting Lost While In The Woods

DEAR ABBY: Many years ago, my wife, our 2-year-old daughter and I went camping in a state park in upper Michigan. We were 15 miles from any town, camped near a nice little lake. One afternoon, I decided to walk in the woods and took my binoculars along. In just a few minutes I looked around and saw nothing but trees! I realized I was lost. Looking through my binocs, I located a patch of white, realized it was our laundry on the line and followed it back. But I had felt the panic of being disoriented.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

word to the wise...
WM. T. ELLIOTT, IRVINE, CALIF.

DEAR WM. T. ELLIOTT: The suggestion to supply a whistle for small children who are being taken camping is a good one — and could avert many anxious moments. As to the reminder that high-tech devices

can be lifesavers for adults going into wildlife recreational areas, one only has to recall the stranded climbers who have been saved because they remembered to bring along cell phones to know that they are great insurance.

DEAR ABBY: You had a letter in your column a couple of months ago from Kristy Hawkins, who was keeping a journal of her child's life. I do the same thing.

Abby, you heartily endorsed the idea, but you wrote that you were passing her idea along to "mothers" everywhere. I know you meant no slight, but the word should have

been "parents." Fathers are everywhere in the lives of their children these days. I see them at school, sports, church, playing in the yard, and even at Girl Scout meetings.

I realize it is still common for the father to work to support the family while the mother cares for the little ones, but fathers play an important role in rearing children. If we are ever going to stamp out discrimination, we must be conscious of our own biases and stop giving only half the parenting partnership all the credit.

FRUSTRATED FATHER
IN PORTSMOUTH, R.I.

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1999
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Work on being reasonable when dealing with a contrary and difficult associate. Be flexible when things don't go exactly as you'd like. A friend pressures you, wanting something that really is yours. Just say, "No!" Establish needed boundaries. Tonight: Have some fun — you deserve it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Don't kid yourself about who wears the pants — at least at work! Tune in to others' motivations and needs so you can better comprehend how to handle them. If you don't like the present circumstances, think about changing jobs or becoming more independent. Tonight: A makeover, perhaps?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

News from a distance forces you to regroup and to rethink a decision. You're in control; don't be upset. You might opt to change plans and head in another direction. Realize what is going on with you before you make a quick, impulsive decision. Take the opportunity to break patterns. Tonight: Do your own thing!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Call your own shots and head in the direction you want. Your innate talent for understanding is key to your

success and to making the right decisions for you. Network, schedule meetings, let others know exactly where you come from. Aim for financial freedom. Tonight: Play or listen to music with buddies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Life changes from your usual roller-coaster ride to a rocketship exploring the universe. There are so many surprises! Roll with the punches today, and you will cruise into a much-deserved weekend. Partners force you to set boundaries and to accept responsibilities. Tonight: Tie up loose ends — then celebrate!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your strength lies in your ability to take an overview when others are scattered and reactive. Discuss what is really going on at work. The truth might be difficult to ascertain, but you know that the status quo must not continue. Tonight: Leave the office as soon as possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Relating remains key to making decisions, especially concerning a child or a creative idea. Use special care with a flirtatious associate. You could be aiming for a backfire; another simply doesn't see a situation the same way as you do. Tonight: Be sure you and another are on the same wavelength.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Others dominate the scenario. Though you might want to have more say, restrictions seem unavoidable. Unexpected developments on the home-front definitely send you into a tizzy. Let others have their say. Eventually, you will have yours! Tonight: Go along with

the program.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Hold onto your seat belt! The unanticipated marks your interactions. You could have a difficult time leaving work, as last-minute demands are made of you. Work with what is. Prioritize. Your sense of humor helps loosen up a difficult situation. Tonight: Ready for anything!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Relax and see a decision's creative potential rather than the negatives. You will be more satisfied than you realize. Assume an open, dynamic attitude. Finances seem to be cascading out of control. Work within a set budget. Tonight: Kick up your heels — it is the weekend!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You absolutely throw others for a loop. Your perspective changes a lot because of what is going on. Allow greater creativity in a domestic situation. Not everyone has to agree with you. Stay on track, knowing what is important for you. Responsibilities weigh heavily. Tonight: Head home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your perspective changes radically because of what is going on. Keep communication flowing, even if you want to toss caution to the wind and head in another direction. Others are also having a hard time right now. Be understanding. Your patience will take you far. Tonight: Out.

BORN TODAY

Former football player Joe Montana (1956), actress Adrienne Barbeau (1945), actor Gene Wilder (1939)

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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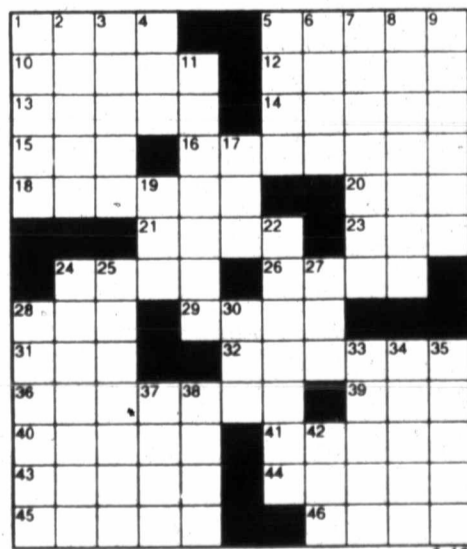
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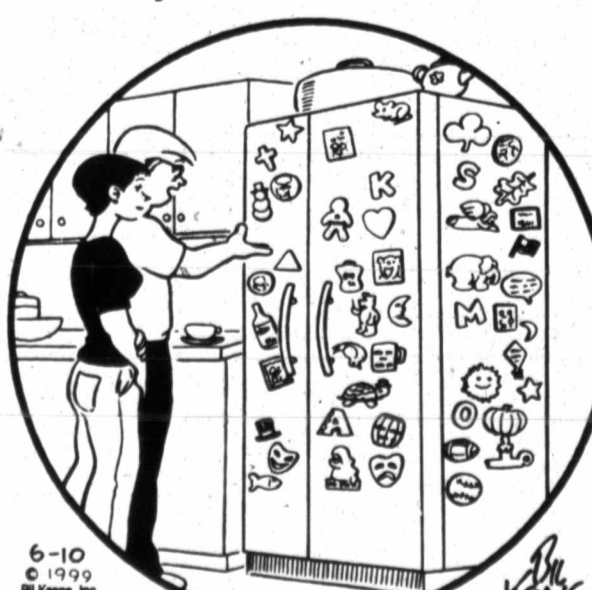
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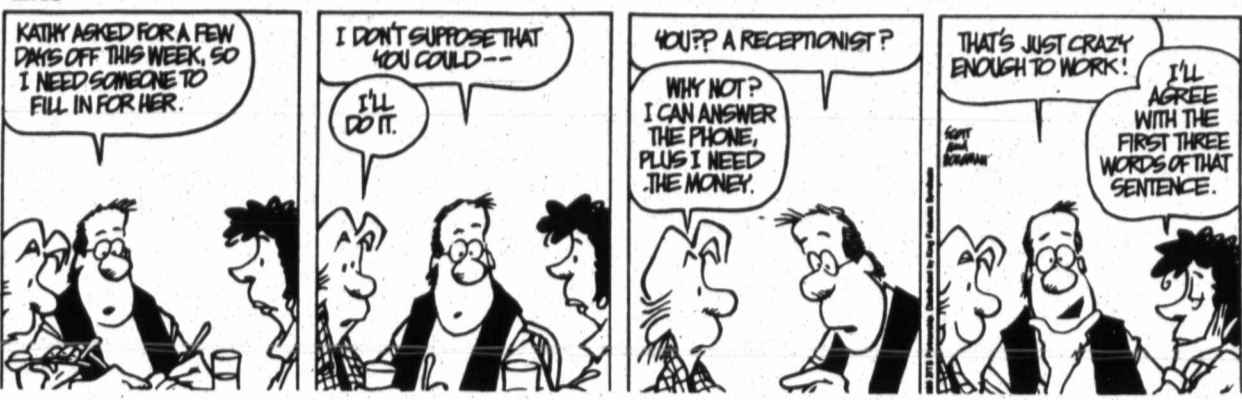


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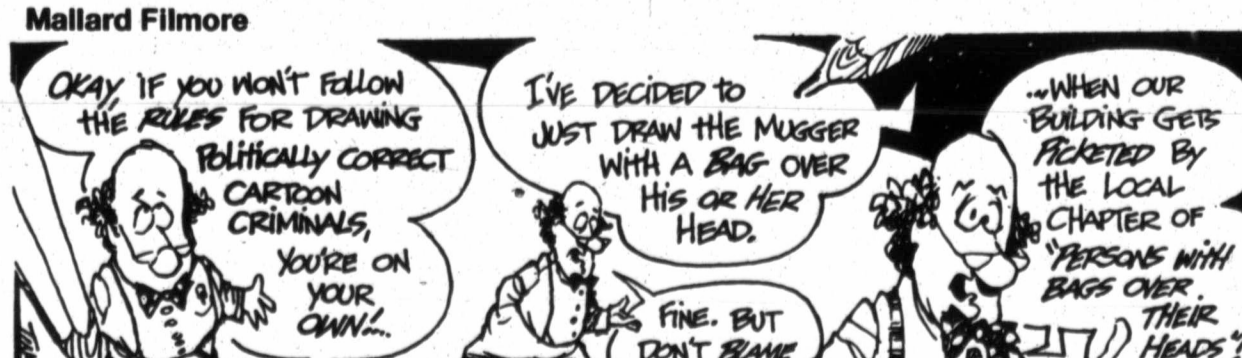
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SOCCER

PAMPA — Players are still needed for the for Pampa 4 x 4 soccer leagues.

Signups will be held at T-Shirts & More at 111 West Kingsmill from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today and Friday. Leagues are open for ages 4 through adult.

Fees for the 4 and U-19 (includes a T-Shirt) leagues are 10 dollars for any player registered in the fall of 1998 and/or the spring of the 1999 season in Pampa. The fee is \$18.50 for any player not registered in the fall of '98 or the spring of '99.

Adult fees are \$25, which includes supplementary medical insurance and liability coverage, referee fees, team-Shirt and an 8-game minimum.

The league starts June 14 and ends July 23.

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Pampa High head coach Carmen Pennick and her staff will conduct a volleyball camp July 12-16 at McNeely Fieldhouse. The morning session (8-11:30) is for the third through fifth grade for the coming school year. The afternoon session (1:4-3:00) is for the sixth through ninth grade for the coming school year.

Cost is \$70, which besides instruction, will include a t-shirt, knee pads and a volleyball. Registration fee is \$25 and must be paid by June 15.

Registration forms can be picked up at the high school's main office or by calling Pennick at 669-2857.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Lady Harvester Hoops Camp will be held June 14-18 at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Final registration will be held Sunday, June 13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at McNeely.

The camp is for girls who will be in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades the coming school year. The camp will be under the direction of PHS head girls' coach Mark Elms.

FOOTBALL

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The Western Athletic Conference will add Nevada as its ninth member beginning with the 2000-2001 season, but isn't ready to accept any other schools, conference officials said Wednesday.

"We have invited the University of Nevada to join the WAC Conference effective July 1 of 2000," said Gerald Turner, the president of Southern Methodist University and the chairman of the WAC board of directors.

"They add to the WAC and meet a few of our needs," he said during a teleconference from Napa, Calif., where the league board was meeting.

Boise State and New Mexico State were among others that had bid for membership in the WAC.

Nevada, currently a member of the Big West Conference, will give the WAC an additional West Coast team to go along with current members Fresno State, San Jose State, Hawaii, Rice, Southern Methodist, Texas Christian, Tulsa and Texas-El Paso.

Zach's visit nets \$2,500 for St. Vincent

PAMPA — St. Vincent Catholic School raised \$2,500 for its general fund during the Zach Thomas benefit appearance last month, according to school principal Jess Baker.

Thomas, a 1992 PHS graduate, has been the Miami Dolphins' starting middle linebacker and the team's leading tackler the past three NFL seasons. More than 100 fans turned out to meet Thomas, who signed autographs, posed for pictures and conducted a question and answer session in St. Vincent gymnasium.

"The Labor Day weekend kind of hurt us, but it was still a good deal," Baker said.

Thomas is now going through a series of Dolphins' mini-camps and also doing commercial endorsements.

Steve Thomas, Zach's father, said Zach is looking forward to the 1999 season.

"Zach says the Dolphins have the best looking talent he's seen in the three years he's been there," Steve said.

Miami posted an 11-7 record a year ago and reached the second round of the playoffs. The 5-11, 235-pound Thomas collected 160 tackles and three interceptions, two for touchdowns, in '98. The year before, Thomas had 149 tackles. He was named the Defensive Rookie of the Year in '96 after racking up 180 tackles, including 131 solos.

With just one more touchdown interception return, Thomas will

pass Dick Anderson for the Dolphins' team record. Among the '98 honors Thomas received were First-Team, All-NFL (Associated Press); NFL Alumni Linebacker of the Year; All-Madden Team and AFC Defensive Player of the Month (Sept.).

The 25-year-old Thomas was the subject of a feature article in the June issue of SPORT magazine. Writer David Scott in a story entitled "The Silence of the Slams," said Thomas has become the most feared linebacker in the NFL.

Scott went on to say that Thomas has quieted critics of his size with three huge seasons.

"The main thing for me is preparation. I think I play smart. I watch film and I try to save everything for the field — my stress, things like that," Thomas told Scott.

Dolphins' head coach Jimmy Johnson has nothing but positive things to say about his all-star linebacker.

"Zach's a fighter. We have five characteristics we look at when we draft a player, besides whether or not he can play," Johnson related to Scott. "Intelligence. Is he a gym rat? Zach is. His character, because I don't want bums. His work ethic — Zach is off the chart. And then, does he have the quickness and speed to make plays, which he has."

Thomas was an all-state player at Pampa High and an All-American at Texas Tech. He was

the Dolphins' fifth-round draft choice.

1999 Dolphins' Schedule

Sept.
13 — At Denver, 8 p.m.; 18 — Arizona, noon; 26 — Open date.

Oct.
4 — Buffalo, 8 p.m.; 10 — at Indianapolis, 3:15 p.m.; 17 — at New England, noon; 24 — Philadelphia, noon; 31 — at Oakland, 12:05 p.m.
Nov.
7 — Tennessee, 7:20 p.m.; 14 — at Buffalo, noon; 21 — New England, noon; 25 — at

Dallas, 3:15 p.m.
Dec.
5 — Indianapolis, noon; 12 — at New York Jets, 8 p.m.; 18 — San Diego, noon; 27 — New York Jets, 8 p.m.
Jan.
2 — at Washington, 3:15 p.m.



Zach Thomas visits with Pampa resident Sheila Winton before autographing a miniature helmet.

Fort Elliott players are all-district

PAMPA — Two Fort Elliott players were named to the All-District 2-1A Baseball Team.

Michael Hilburn was named to the first team and Chris Mick was a second-team selection.

All-District 2-1A Teams

First Team
Michael Hilburn, Fort Elliott; Artis Martinez, Memphis; Josh Harrison,

Second Team

Chris Mick, Fort Elliott; Paul Wayne Wright, Samnorwood; Brian Doss, Shamrock; Matthew Cotton, Shamrock; Cole Vinyard, Shamrock; Robert Sicking, Shamrock; Lee Eddleman, Claude; Tim Lewis, Claude; David Gonzales, Memphis; Bryn Dunn, Follett; Josh Baker, Follett; Hunter Schilling, Follett.

Basketball camp



The Lady Harvester Junior Basketball Camp was recently completed at McNeely Fieldhouse. Camp participants included K'Lyn Holmes (with ball); front row, l-r: Halei Skinner, Amy Adams, Michaela Scroggins, Stephanie McVay, Nicole Clark and McKinsie East; middle row, l-r: Meagan Crawford, Ashlee Lucas, Rachael Stowers, Lindsay Rhodes, Stephanie Polasek and Michelle Adams; back row, l-r: Camp coach Tina Dwight, Candice Dildy, Kylie Winegeart, coach Mark Elms, Courtney Crawford, Jackie Gerber, Cassy Tice and camp coach Kelsey Yowell.

Suntrol rallies for softball victory

PAMPA — Pampa's Suntrol rallied from a 10-2 deficit going into the bottom of the fourth for a 16-11 win over Pampa Three in Optimist 13-15 girls' softball action Wednesday night.

Pitcher Chelsey Davis went the distance for Suntrol, striking out nine, issuing four base on balls and surrendering 11 hits for the win.

For Pampa Three, Sabrina Johnson led her team with a triple and double. Casey Lee went three for three with three singles, Kelley Tripplehorn added a double and single, and Abbey Parker posted two singles. Stacey Johnson and Amber Kelsey each had a single.

Suntrol was led at the plate by Chelsey Davis with two singles. Hollie Gattis, Shelley Smith, Robin Reidle, Karissa Intemann, Shalyn Garner and Jessica White each added one single.

Suntrol took advantage of the pitching in the bottom of the fourth as 20 batters came to the plate for six hits, nine base on balls and two errors.

In the fifth, Suntrol held Pampa Three to just one run on a base on balls and one hit. Karissa Intemann caught a line drive at shortstop for the first out of the inning. Casey Fisher

ML Standings

National League				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	36	22	.621	—
Philadelphia	30	27	.526	5 1/2
New York	30	28	.517	6
Montreal	22	33	.400	12 1/2
Florida	23	36	.390	13 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	34	23	.596	—
Chicago	32	23	.582	1
Cincinnati	30	24	.556	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	29	28	.509	3
St. Louis	29	28	.509	5
Milwaukee	25	32	.439	9
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	34	25	.576	—
San Francisco	33	26	.559	1
Los Angeles	28	29	.491	5
Colorado	25	30	.455	7
San Diego	23	33	.411	9 1/2
American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	33	24	.579	—
New York	32	24	.571	1/2
Toronto	27	33	.450	7 1/2
Tampa Bay	24	34	.414	9 1/2
Baltimore	21	36	.368	12
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	36	19	.655	—
Chicago	27	28	.491	9
Detroit	25	33	.431	12 1/2
Kansas City	24	32	.429	12 1/2
Minnesota	21	36	.368	16
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	35	22	.614	—
Seattle	30	27	.526	5
Oakland	29	28	.509	6
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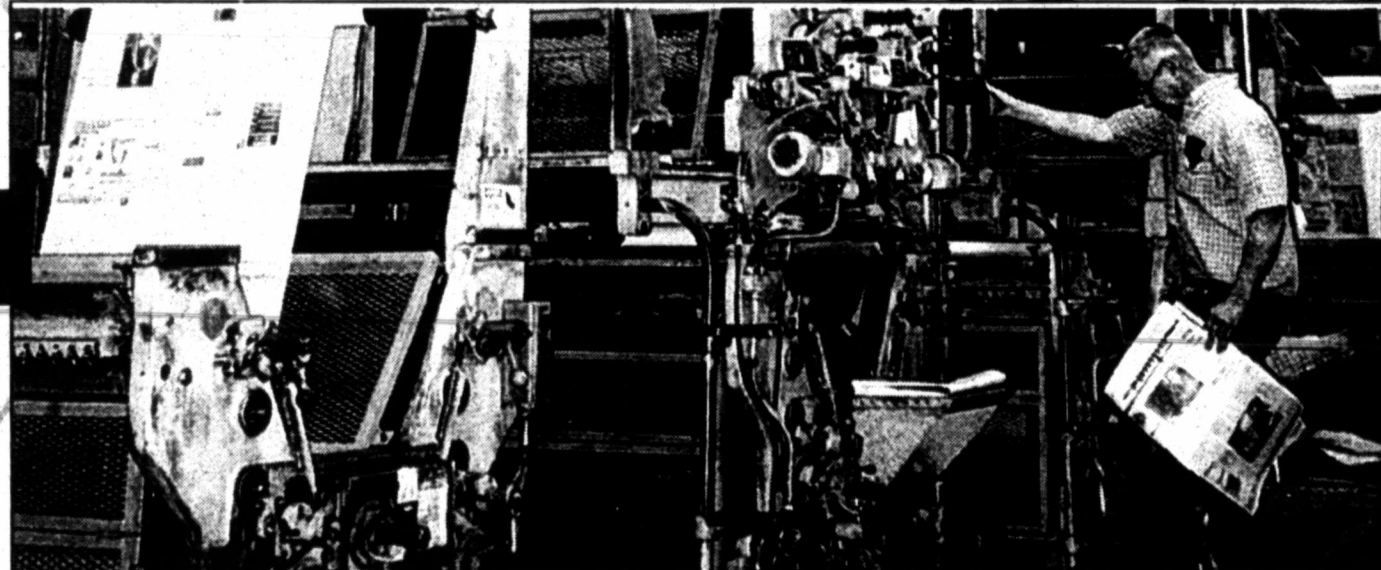


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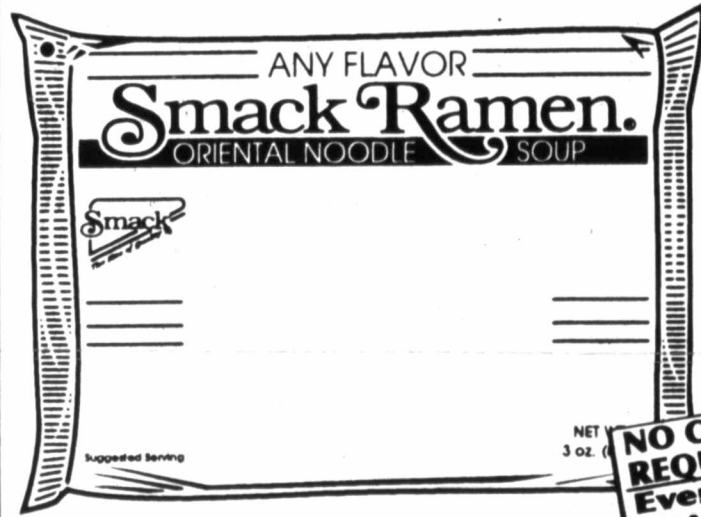


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BAND

In 1900, Alex sold his hotel in Biel and brought his family back to America where he managed a hotel in Frankfort for several years before coming again to Gray County. In 1912, he purchased the Holland Hotel (116 W. Atchison) which had been built as the boarding house of White Deer Lands, leased to the Matador Ranch for its headquarters and then sold to A. A. Holland. Alex Sr. added an annex of eight rooms, remodeled the structure and renamed it the Schneider Hotel. Later it would be known as the first, or old, Schneider Hotel.

Although Alex Sr. was very busy with hotel management, he assembled some of his friends to announce that they would form a band. He ordered a large assortment of musical instruments from Rudolph Wurlitzer Co. of Cincinnati. When the large carton containing the instruments arrived, it was hauled to the Hancock Tin Shop (119 S. Cuyler). Each man grabbed an instrument and paid for it — although some of the men wondered what they would do with the instruments. Alex Sr. assured them that they would learn to play — and they did. They practiced once or twice a week and finally played well enough to give free concerts at the Crescent Theatre (114 N. Cuyler). Later the band gave concerts at the Pampa Auditorium. Among their favorites were Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" and the Strauss waltzes.

About 1914, Pampa contracted a chautauqua from Myers Co. of Kansas City to bring its performance to town, pitching a tent on the present courthouse lawn. The city had to guarantee a certain amount, and in order to promote ticket sales, the Schneider Band went along with the chautauqua to nearby towns: Panhandle, White Deer, Wheeler and Mobeetie.

Members of the Schneider Band looked forward to their musical sessions and became good friends, often gathering for picnics, playing music and relaxing. When a member moved away, a new member was promptly recruited.

Sometimes the cornet of Alex Sr. was used for a different purpose than playing in a band. In an emergency or disaster, he would step outside the hotel, raise his cornet and fire away with a loud blast to summon volunteers.

Soon after the new Schneider Hotel (120 S. Russell) opened on June 11, 1927, Alex Sr. and Lena with their young grandson, Alex Rainouard, went to Europe for a six-month tour and an extended visit with friends and relatives in Biel. Shortly after their return to Pampa, Alex Sr. died on Feb. 21, 1929. Lena died on Jan. 5, 1938.

After Alex Sr. died, his faithful collie dog tagged along behind the funeral procession. Soon the family noticed that the dog disappeared at the same time each day. Finally someone followed the dog and learned that the dog was going to the cemetery every day to lie for a time on his master's grave.

Alex Schneider Jr. followed his father in managing the Schneider Hotel. He married Lottie Sills and they were the parents of Paul Schneider. Heidi Schneider Roupp, the daughter of Paul Schneider and Christine Campaigne, was inducted into the Harvester Hall of Fame on May 21.

Texas Plains Girl Scout Council offering day camp

Texas Plains Girl Scout Council is offering an evening day camp for all girls in the Pampa area to be held June 21-25 at the Pampa Girl Scout Little House, 720 E. Kingsmill. Girls ages five to 12 are eligible to participate.

Camp theme will be "Greatest Show in Pampa." The girls will learn about all the aspects of a circus. On Friday evening the girls will put on a circus for their families. Clowns, lion tamers, high wire walkers, jugglers and many other circus acts will be in the circus.

Cost of the camp is \$10 for Girls Scouts and \$17 for non-members. The council offers financial assistance for girls who can not afford the cost.

Registration forms may be obtained at 8336 W. Foster. The registration deadline is June 15.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Paula Goff at 665-6862 or 665-52210.