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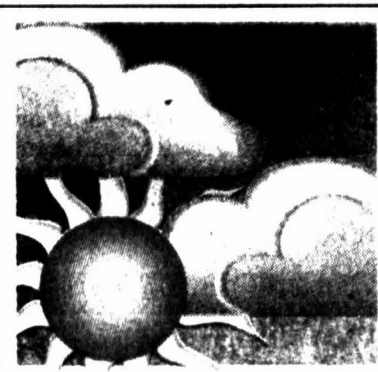
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**PAMPA** — The dates of the Kid Pony Show have changed this year with the first performance to be held on Sunday, July 11, at 4 p.m., said Jane Jacobs, rodeo secretary. The other two performances are July 12 and 13th. The Queen's Contest will be July 15-17. Kid Pony Show entries are being taken at the rodeo office at 200 N. Ballard as are donations to enable children from Cal Farley Family Program to ride in the show.

**PAMPA** — The landfill will be closed Monday, July 5 in observance of the July 4 holiday. Also, trash and curbside grass collection routes won't be run but on Tuesday, crews will run both day's routes, said Rick Stone, sanitation superintendent.

**PAMPA** — A memorial fund has been established at National Bank of Commerce Bank to help cover funeral expenses for Migel Shorter, 20, Pampa. He was killed in a car crash Sunday morning near Clarendon.

Anyone interested in contributing to the fund may contact Merylyn Howell at NBC Bank.

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- Constance Fuqua Hill, 73, nurse.
- Timothy Albert Luna, 18, 1998 graduate of Pampa High School.
- Rev. Rogelios R. Martinez, missionary.
- Migel Shorter, 20, had attended Pampa High School.
- Gordon Aaron Stamper, 60, longtime Oklahoma resident.

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## New Carson sheriff to take oath Thursday

PANHANDLE — A new Carson County sheriff will be sworn in this week, replacing the former sheriff who is leaving to take a job with the state's prison system.

Gary Robertson, 48, will be sworn in by Carson County Judge Lewis Powers Thursday morning, July 1. Robertson was named Monday by the county commission to replace Sheriff Loren Brand, who is taking a job with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Brand announced his resignation earlier this month. "I had an opportunity to go to work for the state," Brand said. Brand was offered a job with the TDCJ in their internal affairs division. He said it came up suddenly and unexpectedly. "It was too good to pass up," he said.

"It's going to be tough to follow in Loren's footsteps," Robertson said today. "He's done a good job."

Robertson, born in Amarillo, has lived in Carson County for about three decades.

"My parents moved to Carson County in 1967," Robertson said. "I went to ninth grade here and have been here ever since except for my time in the military."

Robertson served in the U.S. Army before going to work in the security department at Pantex, the nation's nuclear weapons assembly plant in Carson County.

"I spent 18 years at Pantex," Robertson said. In 1990, the plant management decided their security force should have their law enforcement certification.

"One thing led to another," Robertson said today. He joined the Carson County Sheriff's office as a reserve deputy while at Pantex. Three years later, he was hired full time as a deputy sheriff. In 1996, he was appointed jail administrator for the Carson County sheriff's department.

When the Carson County commission named him, Robertson told them he would keep the consistency and integrity of the office for the next 18 months as Brand had established it.

(See SHERIFF, Page 2)

## 'Big Boy'... Dog mystery solved

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

The mystery surrounding the German Shepherd dubbed as "Big Boy" by two White Deer women has been solved.

After receiving numerous calls following the story which appeared in *The Pampa News* last week, attempting to locate the dog's owner, Vicki Hillis and Amber Walker determined the dog had been abandoned before he was found on a county road by Carson County Commissioner Kevin Howell on June 8. She said she had received at least 15 calls regarding Big Boy before *The Pampa News* was delivered in White Deer at 4 p.m.

Hillis said one of the many callers was from a Pampa dog breeder. Terry Hall described the numbered tattoo and location of the tattoo — with an additional number.

Hall told *The Pampa News* Monday he saw the picture and story concerning the dog's dilemma in the newspaper. He said he knew the identify of the animal immediately when

he saw the picture, and confirmed it by checking his records before contacting Hillis by phone.

Relating the sequence of events, Hall said he read the dog's tattoo number to Hillis and she said it was correct with the exception of one less number. Hall told her the number would

be there. After trimming some hair from the inside of the dog's ear, the beginning number of the tattoo was located and the numerical series identically matched the Hall's records.

Hall said the dog's correct name is Ando—to be absolutely correct, his name is Ando von Forsterhaus. The Pampa man originally sold the dog to an individual as a sport dog and guaranteed the animal as he always does. He said the animal was x-rayed as a routine matter after he turned 1 year old. Upon receiving the results, it was learned the dog had a hip joint which had not developed perfectly.

As he had guaranteed the dog, Hall bought (See DOG, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Several members of Triad Hospitals, Inc., parent company of Pampa Regional Medical Center, were here yesterday meeting local officials. From left, Triad Senior Vice President Chris Holden, Pampa School Board President John Curry, Triad CEO Denny Shelton, Chairman-elect of the Chamber of Commerce Paulette Kirksey, PRMC pathologist Dr. Joe Lowry, and Triad's Chief Operating Officer Mike Parsens.

## 2 Pampans die in fiery collision

### One other killed, one hurt

Services will be this week for two Pampa men killed in a fiery head-on collision over the weekend in Clarendon.

Migel Shorter, 20, and Timothy Albert Luna, 18, died about 5:30 a.m. Sunday when the four-door Toyota sedan they were in was in collision with a Dodge van of a Fort Worth couple.

Scott Purtell, 30, of Fort Worth, a passenger in the van, died about an hour after the crash at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Mass will be said for Shorter at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. John Valdez officiating. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Shorter was to be buried at 2 p.m. today at Memory Garden.

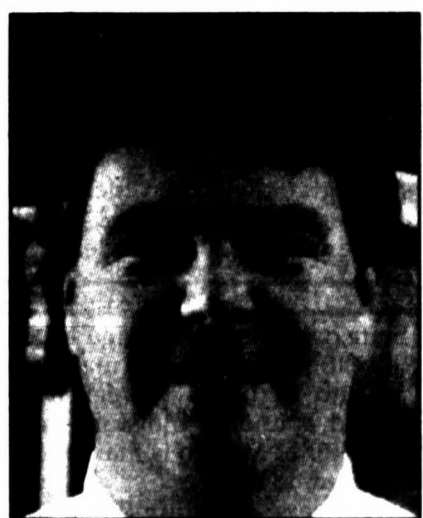
Vigil services for Luna will be at 6:30 p.m. today in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Wednesday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. John Valdez officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Shorter was born May 11, 1979, in Pampa. He attended Pampa High School.

Luna was born Aug. 14, 1980, in Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1998. He planned on attending Amarillo College this summer.

Shorter and Luna died in a head-on collision Sunday morning (See PAMPANS, Page 2)

Quite frankly... What are your plans for the Fourth of July holiday?



"We'll be in Pampa."  
-- Clay Rice



"I'm going to be in Guyana, South America, with a Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ medical mission."  
-- Marie Mason



"Probably working. We've got a Boy Scout camp starting the sixth of July. I've got to get ready for that."  
-- Doug Cooper



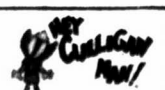
"I'm going to be in Tulsa, Okla., for an antique marble show."  
-- Gayle Rohde



"We're going to be in San Antonio on the Riverwalk."  
-- Ethan McCracken

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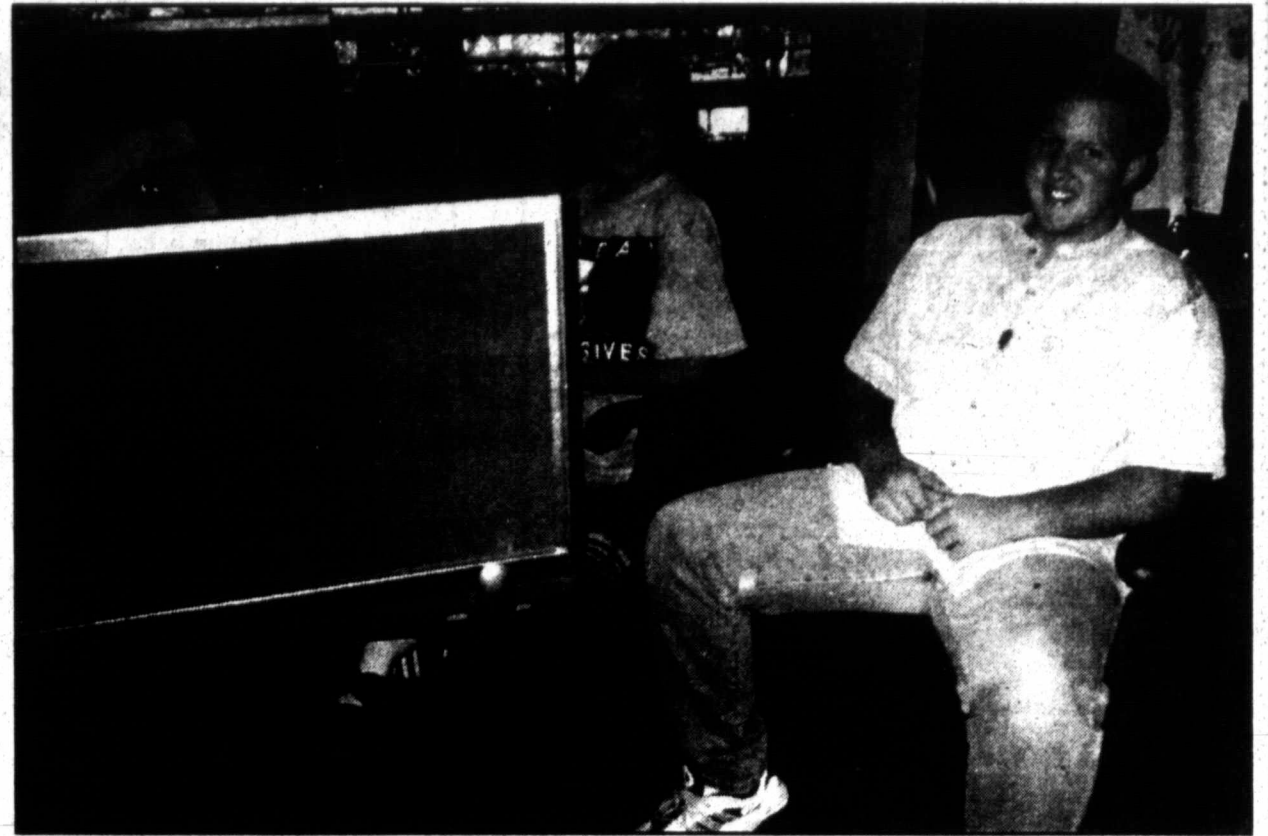
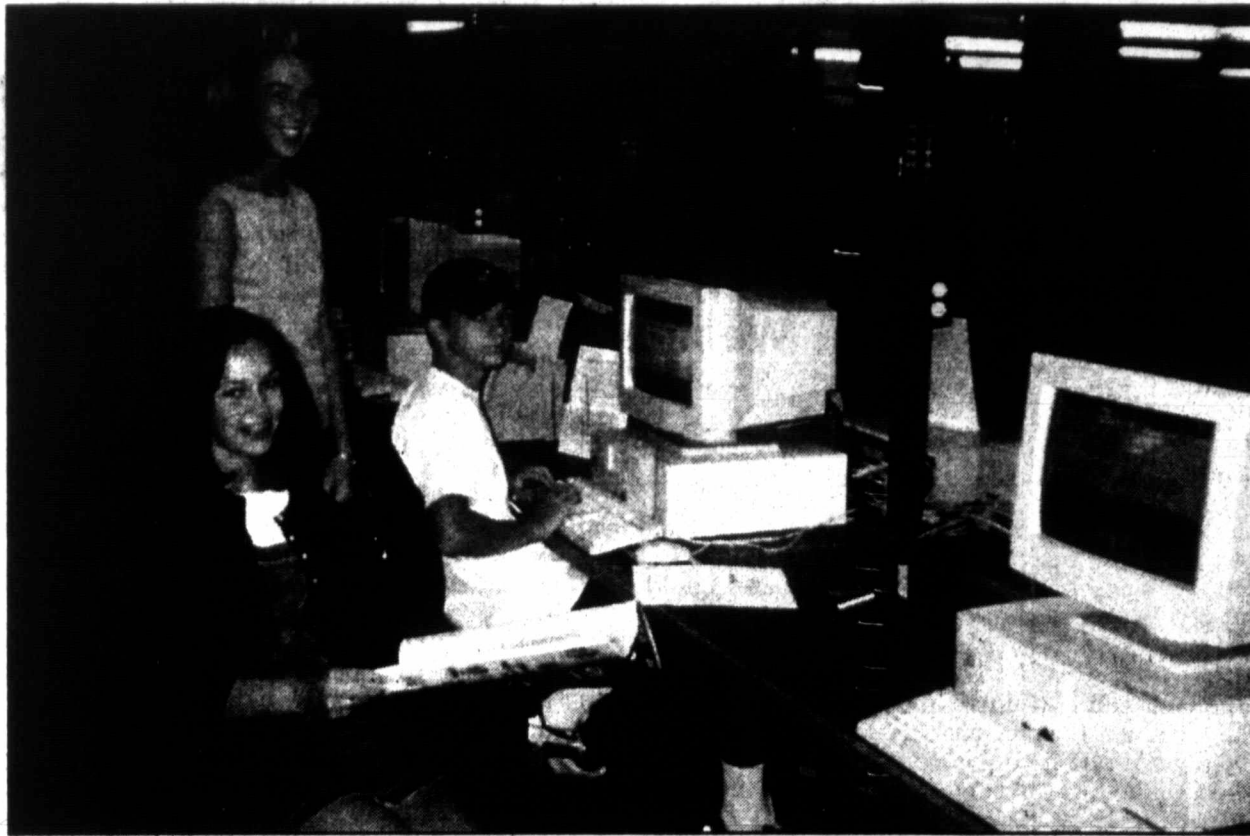
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### Trivia Tracking



(Special photos)

Some incoming Pampa High School freshmen recently participated in the Superintendent Enrichment Program "Trivia Tracking: Session I" at Lovett Memorial Library. Top, left: (left-right) Bonnie Holmes, Abby Bradley and Kevin Turnen plan a trip on the Internet. Top, right: (l-r) Staci Searl and Joel Hornsby look up authors on the Internet. Bottom, left: Luke Bailey and Stephanie Fisher learn about the library and on-line catalogue; and bottom, right, Charles Hearnon and Michael Eskridge solve a mystery using reference material.

## Drilling Intentions

#### Intentions to Drill

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Conoco, Inc., #A27RH Burnett, 2100' from South & 1670' from East line, Sec. 76,5,1&GN (BHL: 1980' from North & 2080' from West line of Sec.) PD 3000'. Horizontal well

HANSFORD (WILDCAT & HANSFORD Mississippian) J.M. Huber Corp., #3 Steele Collard 'F', 1250' from South & East line, Sec. 1,4-T&NO, PD 8100'.

HEMPHILL (GEM-DANDY Douglas) Questar Exploration & Production Co., #1 Abraham #1-48, 467' from North & 1230' from East line, Sec. 48,41,H&TC, PD 8100'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPILL Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #2-55 Fillingim, 2100' from North & East line, Sec. 55,A-1,H&GN, PD 8300'.

#### Amended Intention to Drill

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & NORTH HOWE RANCH Upper Morrow) Phillips Petroleum Co., #3-4 McQuiddy, 817' from North

& 1488' from East line, Sec. 4,1,G&M, PD 12400'. Amended to change well location

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HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Unit Petroleum Co., #1 Shell, 467' from South & West line, Sec. 57,41,H&TC, elev. 2582 kb, spud 4-2-99, drlg. compl 4-20-99, tested 5-28-99, potential 12800 MCF, rock pressure 1579, pay 7994-8005, TD 8650', PBTD 8570', tops: Wolfcamp 4300, Douglas 7755, 8 5/8" csg. 1597' (565 sx) 4 1/2" csg. 8650' (300 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. - depth set 7940' - API# 42 211 32342

HEMPHILL (SOUTH HIGGINS Morrow) Spring Resources, Inc., #3 Crane, 1320' from South & West line, Sec. 3,43,H&TC, elev. 2580 kb, spud 1-26-99, drlg. compl 2-19-99, tested 4-5-99, potential 4647 MCF, rock pressure 2946, pay 11910-11934, TD 12100', PBTD 12049', tops: Tonkawa 7690, Cleveland 8878, L. Cleveland 9207, Cherokee 10042, M. Morrow 11711, Higgins SS 11897, 9 5/8" csg. 2250' (835 sx) 4 1/2" csg. 12095' (265 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. - depth set 11895' - API# 42 211 32328

### ASC to hold public forum, Governing Body meeting

AMARILLO — Amarillo State Center recently announced a meeting of the Governing Body will be held Wednesday, July 7 at ASCI-Dumas, 310 E. 1st, #200, in Dumas. The meeting will include key management from both the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Central Office State-Operated Community Services Division and Amarillo State Center. The Governing Body requested a public forum which is tentatively set to be conducted from 9-10 a.m.

ASC executive staff urges the public to attend the forum portion of the meeting to present any comments to the Governing Body about its services. The group would like to know the public's perspectives concerning ASC activities and performance.

For more information, call Sue Lutes at (806) 351-3284.

# Who says everything in Texas has to be bigger?

### Summer II Class Schedule

General Registration Until July 5

#### \*Clarendon-July 5 - August 12

Human A&P II	BIOL 2402	MW	5:00-9:00	PM
Writing Fundamentals	ENGL 0306		TBA	
World Literature II	ENGL 2333	MW	6:00-10:00	PM
US & TX Government	GOVT 2302	TTh	1:00-5:00	PM
Fine Arts Apprec.	HUMA 1315	TTh	8:00-12:00	AM
Developmental Math	MATH 0306		TBA	
Music Literature II	MUSI 1309	TTh	1:00-5:00	PM
Reading Fundamentals	READ 0306		TBA	
Maternal & Neonatal	VNSG 1230	Daily	9:00-3:00	AM
Pediatric	VNSG 1234	MT	9:00-3:00	AM
Clinical VII	VNSG 2161	W-F	6:45-3:30	AM
Clinical VI	VNSG 2263	W-F	6:45-3:30	AM

#### \*Pampa-July 5-August 12

Eng Comp/ Rhetoric I	ENGL 1301	MW	8:00-12:00	AM
Eng Comp/ Rhetoric II	ENGL 1302	TTh	8:00-12:00	AM
Eng Comp/ Rhetoric II	ENGL 1302	TTh	6:00-9:50	PM
World Literature II	ENGL 2333	TTh	6:00-9:50	PM
US & TX Government	GOVT 2302	TTh	1:00-4:50	PM
US History to 1865	HIST 1301	MW	6:00-9:50	PM
US History to Present	HIST 1302	MW	8:00-11:50	AM
Beginning Algebra	MATH 0307		TBA	
College Algebra	MATH 1314	TTh	8:00-11:50	AM
General Psychology	PSYC 2301	TTh	6:00-9:50	PM
Child Psychology	PSYC 2308	MW	6:00-9:50	PM
Interpersonal Speech	SPCH 1318	TTh	6:00-9:50	PM

#### \*Childress-July 5-August 12

Human A&P II	BIOL 2402	MW	5:00-9:00	PM
Microeconomics	ECON 2302	MW	6:00-10:00	PM
Writing Fundamentals	ENGL 0306	MT	5:00-6:00	PM
Eng Comp/ Rhetoric II	ENGL 1302	MW	6:00-10:00	PM
US & TX Government	GOVT 2302	TTh	6:00-10:00	PM
Developmental Math	MATH 0306	MT	5:00-6:00	PM
Plane Trigonometry	MATH 1316	TTh	6:00-10:00	PM
Business Calculus	MATH 1325	MW	6:00-10:00	PM
Child Psychology	PSYC 2308	MW	6:00-10:00	PM
Reading Fundamentals	READ 0306	MT	5:00-6:00	PM

#### \*Shamrock-July 5-August 12

Maternal & Neonatal	VNSG 1230	MT	9:00-3:00	AM
Pediatric	VNSG 1234	MT	9:00-3:00	AM
Clinical VII	VNSG 2161	W-F	6:45-3:30	PM
Clinical VI	VNSG 2263	W-F	6:45-3:30	AM

#### \*Wellington-July 5-August 12

Accounting II	ACCT 2302	MW	6:00-10:00	PM
Botany	BIOL 1411	TTh	6:00-10:00	PM
Computer Apps I	COSC 1301	TTh	6:00-10:00	PM
Writing Fundamentals	ENGL 0306	MT	5:00-6:00	PM
Eng Comp/ Rhetoric II	ENGL 1302	MW	6:00-10:00	PM
US & TX Constitution	GOVT 2301	TTh	6:00-10:00	PM
US History to Present	HIST 1302	MW	6:00-10:00	PM
Fine Arts Apprec.	HUMA 1315	TTh	6:00-10:00	PM
Developmental Math	MATH 0306	MT	5:00-6:00	PM
General Psychology	PSYC 2301	TTh	6:00-10:00	PM
Child Psychology	PSYC 2308	MW	6:00-10:00	PM
Reading Fundamentals	READ 0306	MT	5:00-6:00	PM
Intro to Sociology	SOCI 1301	TTh	6:00-10:00	PM
Family in Society	SOCI 2301	MW	6:00-10:00	PM

#### \*McLean-July 5-August 12

Human A&P II	BIOL 2402	MW	5:00-9:00	PM
General Chemistry II	CHEM 1312/1112	TTh	5:30-9:30	PM

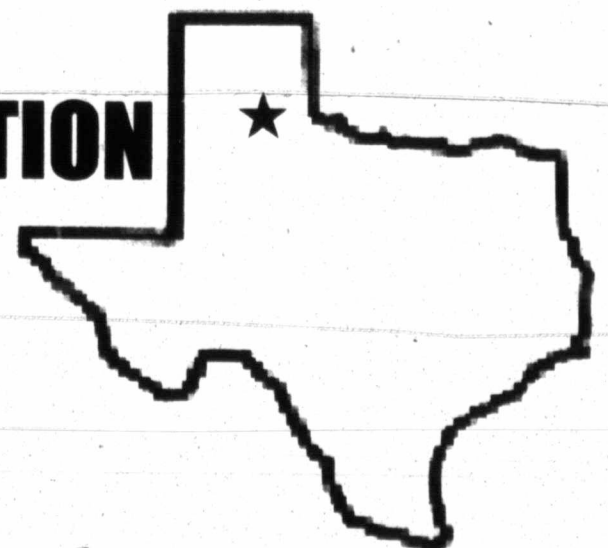
#### \*Memphis-July 5-August 12

General Chemistry II	CHEM 1312/1112	TTh	5:30-9:30	PM
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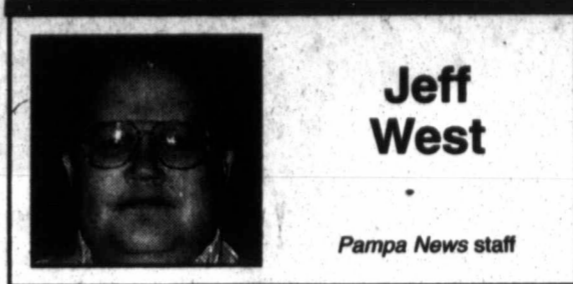
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**I think I've lost something**

I think I've lost something. I was sitting at home Saturday night watching a pay-per-view movie, by myself, which is probably another subject to explore, later. I picked the movie "You've Got Mail" with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. It's a good movie and should have done better at the box office but I have never been able to figure why a mediocre movie is a big hit while a better one bombs.

The story revolves around a chain bookstore executive and a little book shop owner. Some of the movie revolves around books naturally, and watching it I remembered that I used to love books. I think I've lost that somewhere.

By loving books I don't mean I'd go and get one occasionally and read it. I have a two bedroom "modular home," before that I had two bedroom apartments. Some people think that's a little strange since I live by myself. But I always needed the extra bedroom for my books and records. By records I mean lp's. They are all gone now, but the books remain. Almost every available inch of the second bedroom's walls are lined with bookcases. I used to have a chair in there. I used to read some of those books.



**Jeff West**  
Pampa News staff

Not all of them of course, I don't read that fast. I had a set of the "Great Books" that I owned since before this year's graduates could read and I never read Darwin or Pascal or even Freud, but I could have. I gave those away to the Amarillo Library a few years ago, but the room is still full of books. Besides, the books I own I kept a running tab at the public library. At one time you could owe \$15 in fines before they would cut you off. I got cut off occasionally. Now you can't owe over a \$1, takes part of the fun out of it.

I would check out as many books as I could carry, which is why they were late a lot. I've

only checked out books here once or twice and one of those times was because they were closing for a month, and they were photography books.

I can't tell you what the last novel I read was. I haven't read anything on the best seller fiction list, haven't read anything by most of the authors there. The books are still in their own bedroom but I don't visit them often. Junk is piled in the middle of the room. I'm not sure what happened or when.

I guess it's partially because I changed from a bookworm to a computer geek. Part of it happened because I now tend to only read things that don't run longer than 15 column inches (about the length of this column). I still read news and magazine articles, if they aren't too long. I have read how-to books (although I still don't know how to). But novels, can't say that I've had the pleasure in a while.

I love technology, more than most I guess, but somehow I think I've lost something when I lost touch with books. Maybe I'll try to get it back.

Be good to one another and be good to yourselves.



**Inside the Beltway**  
with  
**Rep. Mac Thornberry**

**Federal Disaster policy could stand some beefing up**

As we move into summer, we're not only reminded about how hot it can get in our part of the country, but how unpredictable the weather can be.

It was just over a month ago that F5 tornadoes tore through Oklahoma City. While our area has been spared this kind of devastation so far this year, we have seen our share of hail and thunderstorms, and the possibility of worse weather remains an everyday threat.

In part because of this threat, I'm supporting a bill to provide better homeowners' insurance for disaster victims. The bill is called "The Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act." It offers a good way for the federal government to provide disaster relief, while at the same time saving taxpayers money.

The bill would provide competitive reinsurance contracts to companies which insure homes in high-risk areas. In this way, federal aid can be provided for a fraction of what Congress has been paying when other disasters have hit parts of the country. This bill will stop Congress from making big, direct disaster payments with money that is sometimes borrowed from programs like Social Security.

As our nation grows both in people and wealth and as more and more Americans realize their dream of owning a home, we've got to make sure our government disaster policy provides an adequate and responsible safety net. We can never predict exactly when or where a disaster will strike, but we can try to be as prepared as possible.



**Gore: Impervious to evidence**

Well, the presidential race of 2000 has arrived, and you know what that means — infidel practice for columnists.

The candidates will consult their focus groups and polls and then offer up the "scientifically" proven recipes voters will respond to. Political reporters will ignore these proposals utterly, focusing exclusively on how the candidates are doing in the polls and how much money they are raising.

It falls to your servant, and others like her, to examine the policies of our would-be leaders.

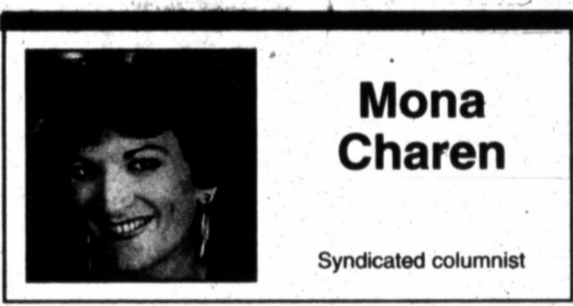
Let's start with Vice President Al Gore's recent call for "universal preschool." Speaking in Iowa, the vice president said preschool should no longer be voluntary but should encompass "every child, in every community in America."

His generous friends at the National Education Association must be smacking their lips over that one. (They will savor his whole package, which also includes hiring 2.2 million new teachers and paying college students a \$10,000 bonus if they elect to become teachers.) Providing preschool education to 20 million new captives, er, clients per year would mean more work and greater pay for teachers.

As with so many Democratic proposals for more government, this one sounds pleasant enough. Preschool programs like Head Start have achieved the status of totem in American politics. Question them, and you are certain to be deemed a heretic.

They are totems because they appeal to the very soul of the liberal project: to equalize life's outcomes for everyone.

Liberals and conservatives look at the lamentable gap between the academic performance of



**Mona Charen**  
Syndicated columnist

whites and Asians on the one hand, and blacks and Hispanics on the other, and see quite different solutions. The first liberal solution is to deny the truth: Kill the offending tests. The Clinton Education Department has proposed to make reliance on tests like the SAT, on which Asians and whites outperform "minorities" (though Asians are, of course, a minority), illegal.

The liberals' second solution is to expand and increase big, federal spending programs that sound benevolent but make absolutely no difference. Exhibit A: preschool intervention.

As the Cato Institute's Darcy Olsen relates, when Head Start was launched 33 years ago, Lyndon Johnson and his bevy of reformers were certain that they could prevent "poverty's children" from becoming "poverty's captives." By providing early schooling, Head Start would get poor, disadvantaged children ready for kindergarten, would raise their IQs, would divert them from a life of unemployment and crime, and would make them more productive citizens.

The program has had a 33-year run, and has been reauthorized and expanded again and again. It has achieved immortality despite the

fact that it doesn't work.

In 1997, the General Accounting Office reviewed all of the studies that had been done on Head Start around the nation and found that while some benefits were found among Head Start kids vs. a control group while the children were enrolled in the program, those benefits disappeared very soon after the children began their formal schooling. Within five years, no difference was found between Head Start and non-Head Start kids.

It's a shame. The world would be a much easier place to live in if well-intended programs like Head Start could really obliterate the effects of poverty, poor parenting and bad schools. But just because the news is unwelcome does not give us license to ignore it.

Conservatives look at data like this and other data — such as the fact that we are now spending twice as much (inflation adjusted) on primary and secondary education as we did in the 1960s and yet students' performance has plummeted — and conclude that more spending isn't the answer. More radical yet: Maybe more spending makes the problem worse. If our primary schools are already failing at their principal task — to teach grades kindergarten through eight — by what logic shall we hand them ages 3 and 4 to similarly deserve?

Regarding the varying performance of blacks and whites (broadly speaking), perhaps black scores could be improved if so many black children were not trapped in poor schools.

Al Gore wants his education proposals to show his seriousness as a candidate. Instead, what they show is his imperviousness to evidence.

**Thought for today**  
 "Liberty exists in proportion to wholesome restraint."  
 —Daniel Webster

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**Mall shoppers, travelers beware ...**

NEW YORK — A friend who is a cop says most people don't realize how dangerous shopping mall parking lots, airports and hotels can be. Not only are your money and other valuables at risk, but your personal safety is as well.

"In some ways, in a lot of places around the country, these are among the most dangerous locations you can be in," he says.

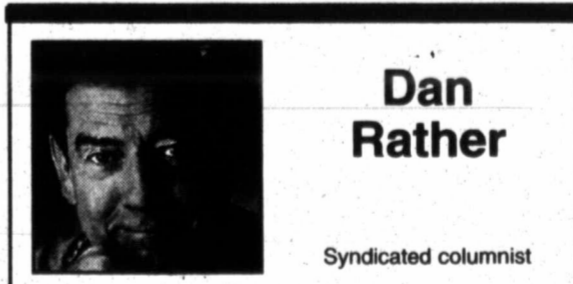
When a reporter expressed mild surprise, the policeman went on at some length.

"Your average shopping mall parking lot is ideal for thieves. They're big, frequently not well-lighted at night, and even more frequently not patrolled by regular police. And, of course, people with money and all kinds of goods to steal come and go there. Especially women."

"This is an attractive environment for thieves. And more often than people think about, also for rapists and others with violent intent."

"Hmmm," mulls your reporter. "Lots to ponder in that. First off, what's this about not having regular police protection?"

"Well," replies the policeman, "that's the arrangement in many, if not most, places. Mall and store security are to handle it. The police come in only when there's a call for help, and, unfortunately, sometimes not even then — at least not immediately, or if it is deemed a so-



**Dan Rather**  
Syndicated columnist

called minor case."

"It is, after all, private property. And, face it, not every mall and every store is willing to risk bad publicity and possible loss of business by running bad police statistics about crime on the premises."

He's not trying to be overly alarmist or "cry wolf in any irresponsible way," he insists. But he does believe the public should know, think about and be alert to the situation.

He doesn't want his name used, because he might jeopardize his job talking this way to a reporter.

The policeman turns now to airports: "Especially at bigger airports, there is an enormous amount of pickpocketing and other stealing involving handbags, briefcases and suitcases."

"More often than is generally known, such thefts are committed by small teams of profes-

sional thieves, sometimes working with inside connections."

"The bigger the airport and the more foreign travelers, the more thievery. Much of it never gets reported. People often don't know they've been victimized until they've left the airport."

At airports, there are police. But usually they are "special airport outfits," and — according to this cop — usually undermanned and not always ideally trained and experienced.

As for hotels: "Most travelers have no idea how small most hotel staffs are. And at many hotels, security is a joke. Most hotel employees are not well-paid. Even so, overwhelmingly, most are honest. But there are enough of the other kind willing to steal, or to conspire with friends who do, to make stealing from guests a big problem."

"Always has been in the hotel business," he adds, "but, in my opinion, never has it been as bad a problem as now."

He said again that he didn't "want to be scaring people unnecessarily," but repeated that he thinks people need to be less blasé and naive about these things.

Now, does this policeman know what he is talking about? Is he exaggerating?

Frankly, your reporter isn't sure. But as one who frequents shopping malls, and as a frequent flyer who regularly stays in hotels, the suspicion here is that there is much truth in what this cop says.

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# Clean-up crew finishes PRMC acid removal

By JEFF WEST  
Staff Writer

Operations are back to normal at Pampa Regional Medical Center after cleaning up a spill of sulfuric acid yesterday.

A Fort Worth clean-up crew from Eagle Environmental arrived in Pampa about 8:30 Monday night to pick up and properly dispose of the spilled acid and the materials used by the Pampa Fire Department and a hazardous waste crew from Celanese.

The area is clear, all damage has been repaired and the air conditioner is running again.

The incident started Monday morning about 8:40 when maintenance workers discovered the acid leaking from a pipe in the area of the boiler room. The acid is used to clean a cooling tower at the hospital to kill bacteria.

Hospital workers used baking soda and blankets to slow the flow of the acid and when firefighters responded they used a product they have to "dike the spill", to keep the acid from spreading, according to Fire spokesman Randy Dunham. A haz-mat crew from Celanese was called in so they could go into the area wearing encapsulating suits. They were able to move furniture in the area and put down absorbent that was made for acid. They also patch a small leak that others couldn't get to.

Finally the Fire Department called and found the Fort Worth company was the nearest company able to clean up the area and dispose of the byproducts.

No one was hurt during the incident, and while some offices around that area were evacuated as a precaution, Dunham thought the clean up went "really well".

## Odds & ends ...

### Blind golfer hits hole in one

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Golfer Worth Delton never saw where his tee shot went, but it didn't take long for him to realize it was a hole-in-one.

"I didn't know it went in until everybody started yelling and hollering," said Delton, who is blind. "I wish I could tell you it was in the hole when I hit it, but I had no idea that I was even close to the hole."

The ace came Monday on the 125-yard, par-3 seventh hole at Tripoli Country Club.

Delton, 52, of Orlando, Fla., suffers from retinitis pigmentosa, a hereditary eye disease that has left him blind since 1980.

Delton was participating in a charity outing benefiting the Foundation for Fighting Blindness.

He was stationed at the seventh tee, hitting shots for each of the 25 fivesomes in the event. Each team had the option of playing their own best shot off the tee or Delton's shot.

But, at that hole only, all the players were blindfolded to show them what it is like to golf without eyesight.

### Woman hacks computer with cleaver

GRAFTON, Ohio (AP) — A woman tired of her husband's online chatting allegedly became a computer hacker — literally.

Police said Kelli Michetti grew so upset she hacked the computer terminal with a meat cleaver.

Mrs. Michetti, 29, first tried to cut the power on the computer and then attacked it as her husband fended her off early Sunday, deputies said.

She told police in this town about 20 miles southwest of Cleveland, that her husband had been online until 4 a.m. the last several days talking to women.

Mrs. Michetti pleaded no contest Monday to domestic violence and resisting arrest charges and was fined \$200.

### Job offer turned sting

BOSTON (AP) — The promise of high-paying construction jobs with union benefits turned out to be an empty one for 102 fugitives with outstanding arrest warrants.

After luring the job seekers to a convention center with the promise of a job, Boston police arrested them Sunday. All made appearances at local courthouses Monday.

The fugitives arrested were wanted for crimes that include assault, robbery, drug offenses, welfare fraud and child support violations. Some brought friends who also were wanted and were

promptly arrested, police said.

The scheme took three months to hatch. Police sent 14,000 local fugitives letters from "Madrid International Ltd.," which billed itself as a Boston-based employment agency looking for workers for the city's massive "Big Dig" construction project.

Those who took the bait were told to attend an orientation at the Bayside Expo Center and reminded to be on time and bring photo identification.

### Passenger brings smiles

CRABTREE, Pa. (AP) — When people on highways see Moe Ross ride his Harley Davidson, they do a double-take: It looks like there's an ape — or at least a really hairy passenger — in his sidecar.

The 72-year-old Crabtree resident travels with a companion, but it doesn't have a pulse. It's a plush orangutan dubbed Clyde, after Clint Eastwood's simian friend in the movie, "Every Which Way But Loose."

"Mostly children in the back of cars point and laugh at me," Ross said Monday. "But I have seen grown men laughing."

Ross has ridden with his stuffed companion for 20 years. They shared the front seat of Ross' 1978 Cadillac before Ross bought a Harley three years ago.

The only time Clyde stays home is when Ross has a human passenger. "I prefer the company of people, but Clyde is pretty good company," he said.

### Suit looms over hair color change

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A woman and her niece have threatened to sue a motel because chemicals in its pool turned their naturally blond hair green.

Debbie Rogers and 12-year-old Chasity Bartolovich, both of New Martinsville, are seeking unspecified monetary compensation from the Travelodge motel in Dunbar.

In a June 24 letter sent to the motel by Rogers' husband, lawyer H. John Rogers, the motel was "negligent in failing to notify patrons that the chemicals used in the pool would affect the change of golden blond hair to sickly green."

A lawsuit may follow if the motel does not respond within 10 days, Rogers said Monday.

Manager Michael Mullins told the family the motel uses a chemical called bromine, rather than chlorine, to keep the pool water clean, Rogers said.

Mullins and the motel's owner were unavailable for comment Monday.

## Great trip for youngsters ...



(Special photo) Thirty-three middle schoolers and three adult chaperones recently completed a tour of Williamsburg, Jamestown and Washington, D.C. Above are: (standing, far right) Congressman Mac Thornberry; (first row, left-right) Chelsea Dyer, Cara Pryor, Brianna Bailey, Morgan Ketchersid, Lauryn Langford, Katie Shaffer; (second row, l-r) Bonnie Holmes, Megan David, Kristi Farnum, Abby Bradley, Megan Shannon; (third row, l-r) Stacy Pepper, Brianna Hopkins, Kevin Turner, Zach Hucks, Nick Knowles, Aaron Simon, Charles Jarvis; (fourth row, l-r) Amanda Dyson, Jeanie Palmateer, Vanessa Orr, Carolyn Morse, Stewart Curry, Landon Ketchersid; (standing, l-r) Josh Nunn, Zach Windhorst, Tyler Howard, Colt Cox, Eric Scroggins, Kellen Ketchersid, Colin Howard, Dakotah Waldrop; (standing) adult chaperones Peggy David, Bobby Ketchersid, Dana Ketchersid. Highlights of the tour included Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian, Holocaust Museum, The National Archives and The National Cathedral.

# Dallas, Houston get more area codes bringing Texas total to 20

DALLAS (AP) — Some households in the region could end up with three area codes after this week, when the latest prefix becomes effective.

But the third major change to regional telephone dialing is expected to free up enough numbers to last until at least 2005.

The 469 area code goes into effect Thursday for new numbers in the region currently served by the 972 and 214 exchanges.

Numbers with the new code will thus be sprinkled into both of the previous areas. Because existing phone numbers stay the same, telecommunications executives say most callers will adapt to the change.

But analysts have said the growing need for new codes nationwide has more to do with the way phone numbers are assigned than growing consumer demand. Numbers have been assigned by administrators to telecommunications providers in blocks of 10,000, leaving many

numbers unused. New codes have translated into confusion and costs for callers.

The Federal Communications Commission, faced with the explosion of area codes, is trying to find more efficient ways of doling out numbers. The agency is expected to propose new rules.

Both Dallas and Houston, which got new codes about two years ago, are each getting third codes. The Texas Public Utility Commission had also approved the addition of an 832 code for Houston. That gives the state about 20 area codes.

"The explosion in the use of telephone lines for new services presents a challenge for the industry and for regulators," FCC Chairman Bill Kennard told The Dallas Morning News. "I am certain, however, that together we will find the most efficient

way to improve area code use and meet this challenge."

For Leo Mountjoy, the Richardson-based business director of the Southwest Rail Shippers Association, the new area code is not a welcome one.

"That would be a bad thing," he said. "I would not like that at

all, if I put in another line and had ... three prefixes that were different."

Vince Pryor, who manages a Radio Shack Superstore that sells phones and pagers, said, "This is going to make business difficult because people are used to a 972 or a 214 area code."

### Vial of tuberculosis stolen from hotel room

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Police searched trash bins and planned to warn the homeless after a doctor's bag containing a vial of tuberculosis was stolen from a researcher attending a medical conference.

The burglar probably didn't know what was in the bag, snatched Monday from the researcher's room at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, police said.

The vial was encased inside a metal cylinder in the inside pocket of the bag, which also contained clothes and jewelry. The vial is 8 inches long and 2 to 3 inches in diameter, and is marked with a biohazard label.

Police were searching nearby trash bins in case the thief took the valuables from the bag, and discarded the rest.

The bacterium is only dangerous to someone who opens the vial and inhales or touches its contents.

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# Man's AIDS Volunteer Work Makes Girlfriend Fearful of Sex

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating a woman for two months. "Sally" seems like a great match for me in a lot of ways. She has all of the qualities that I look for, and I can see a future with her. We're taking things slow because she's in the middle of a divorce and also for the reason I am about to relate.

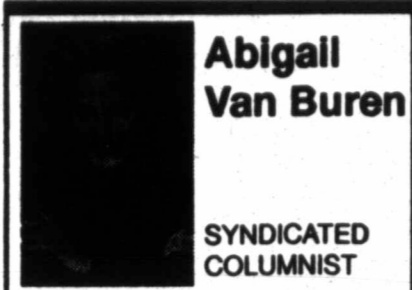
For the past three years I have been spending time with several children with HIV/AIDS. I take them out weekly to parks, movies, etc., and visit them in the hospital when they're sick. Some of their parents passed away or are sick, so it is important that they have a "big brother" to make them feel special and expose them to different things.

Sally is a very caring person and respects what I do, but she's scared to death to be intimate with me because she thinks I am at risk of getting the virus myself and then she would get it. She read that you can get HIV through saliva. I take precautions when I'm with the children, and if they get cut, I have gloves and bandages with me at all times.

I am going to ask Sally to consult with some experts on the disease, and then I thought I'd write to you to see what you think. If she can't get over this fear, we may both miss out on what could be something special.

"BILLYBOB" IN N.J.

**DEAR "BILLYBOB":** One cannot get AIDS from spending time with children with AIDS.



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

**Insist that Sally talk to a doctor with you so that she can put this fear to rest.**

**DEAR ABBY:** I hope it's not too late to offer a suggestion to "Looking for Privacy," whose in-laws copied their house key and used it as they saw fit. Do not key the locks on all your doors alike. With an attached garage, I changed the lock on only the garage side door and gave that key to my in-laws to keep. However, they do not have the key to get into my home from the garage; I leave that door unlocked only if I expect them.

Sound controlling? Perhaps, but I realized that if my mother-in-law had no qualms about barging into our bedroom and jumping into our bed (so we could all snuggle and watch TV), there were no measures too extreme to ensure our privacy from some people. The intrusions into our privacy forced me to face the fact that this type of situation only gets worse with time. I love my in-laws, but any attempt to gently

discuss this type of subject resulted only in wounded feelings. Some people just don't "get it," so do what you have to do.

MRS. JONES, ANYWHERE, U.S.A.

**DEAR MRS. JONES:** No need to apologize or to discuss it. Your thinking is A-O-K.

**DEAR ABBY:** What do you say to people when they are nosy enough to ask, "Isn't it about time you had kids?" if you aren't planning on having any?

ON THE SPOT, SAUK RAPIDS, MINN.

**DEAR ON THE SPOT:** You don't have to answer every question that is asked. Just tune them out. If it was any of their business, they would know!

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Financial choices could be daunting, at best. You might not know the complete story — not because someone is trying to deceive you, but rather because his perspective is warped. Get plenty of exercise; recognize your physical limits. Tonight: Hook up with friends. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your frustration comes out when dealing with a boss. This person loves to test his limits with you! Keep an overall view; recognize your objectives. Finances remain problematic. Another has a different idea of spending than you do. Use extraordinary caution with funds. Tonight: Pay bills first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Listen to and evaluate news, but make no decisions right now. You might feel you have a stronger handle on a problem later in the day. Do yourself a favor — continue to hold back. While trying to seduce you to his way of thinking, a partner reveals much more. Tonight: Be available for whatever comes next!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Others mean well as they come to you with ideas. Spending could be intense and could go overboard. You simply aren't sure of yourself, what you want or what you are thinking, at this time. Stay in touch with your feelings. Say little, but listen a lot! Tonight: Vanish.

BORN TODAY Comedian/actor David Alan Grier (1955), singer Lena Horne (1917), boxer Mike Tyson (1966)

## Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 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) Though you think your mind is scrambled this morning, your high vitality and hot temper soon help you clear it up. Energized, you go after what you want with little to stop you. Another's idealism forces you to question his life and your own hard-core approach. Tonight: Whooping it up with friends.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Listen to the tom-toms this morning; they take you down a very different path. Associates might wave a yellow or red flag, but they don't have your experience and vision. Follow your imagination, but deal clearly with one who has his head in the clouds. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) A child's behavior puts you on alert, if you are being honest with yourself. Know when another has pushed your buttons. Don't try to talk yourself out of it. Financial decisions need to be solid and not involve any risks. Seek others, make travel plans. Tonight: Buy that CD.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Others can easily divert your attention. Handle one thing at a time.

## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

- Euphoric
- Car
- Paint layer
- dealer's place
- Electronic component
- Fuss
- Volcanic flow
- Fix a shirttail
- Novelist Stanley
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- Investor's aide
- Storage site
- Toys with tails
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For answers to today's crossword, call 1-900-454-7377! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

## Marmaduke



"Uh-oh! I gave you a bigger meatball than I gave Marmaduke."

## The Family Circus

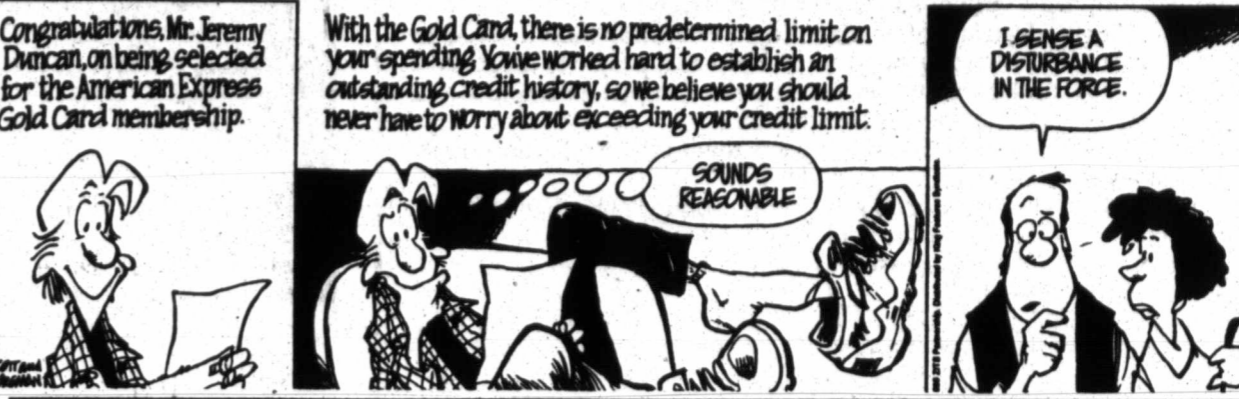


"The stories were easier to understand before you learned speed-reading."

## For Better or For Worse



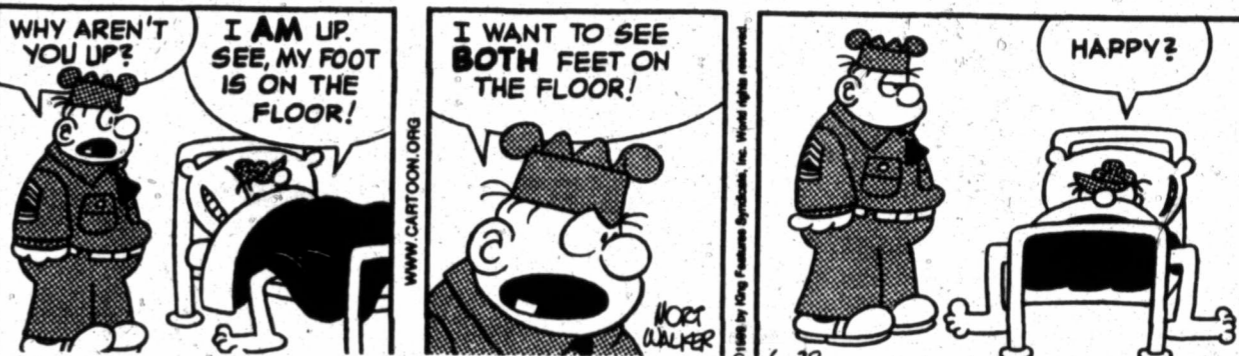
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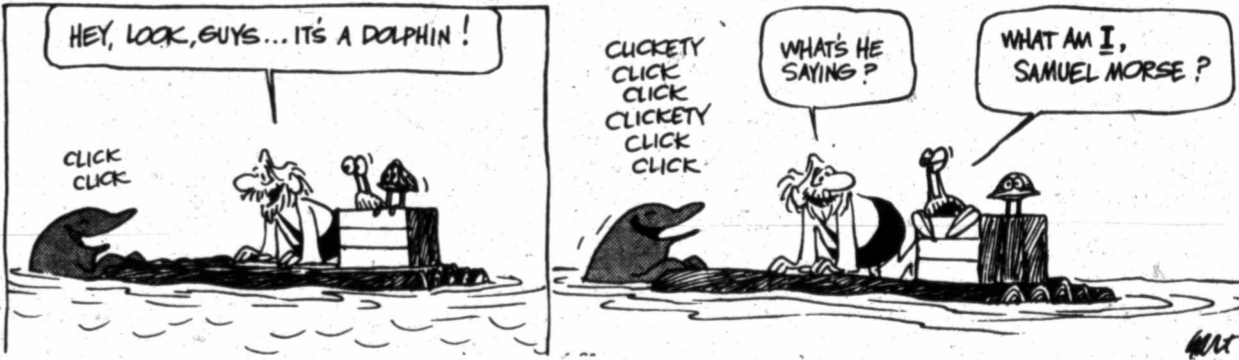
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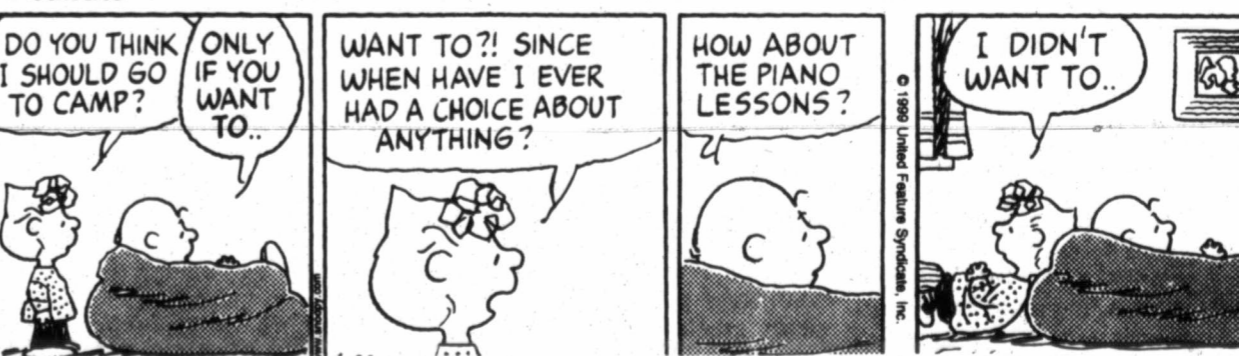
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**TFB 36th Annual Citizenship Seminar**



(Special photo)

Amy Spearman of Miami and Terra Hembree and Michalla Mechler, both of Pampa, recently attended Texas Farm Bureau's 36th Annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo. Sponsored by the Gray-Roberts County FB, they were among 350 high school juniors and seniors from over 150 counties across the state. Topics covered at the seminar included "Free Enterprise," "The Constitution," "The Price of Freedom" and "Press on Regardless." Farm Bureau representatives presented a program on "Farm Bureau Youth Activities" and students participated in a program called Congressional Insights, which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

**Independence Day fireworks display in offing at Meredith**

FRITCH — The superintendent and staff of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area would like to remind everyone to keep safety first during this year's celebration of our nation's 223rd birthday.

"We are thrilled at the success of the Lake Meredith Fireworks Association in raising the money to put on the Sizzlin' Summer Spectacular '99. It will be a great way for families to celebrate our nation's birth. The Park is here to provide safe recreation for everyone in the Panhandle, and this event shows how a community partnership benefits us all. We expect that a record number of people will come to the lake on Saturday evening to view one of the great summer spectacles of the Panhandle. Please remember that no one has a good time when a loved one gets hurt," said NRA Superintendent John Benjamin.

Some safety reminders:  
—Personal fireworks are not

allowed within the boundaries of LMNRA. Individual fireworks pose a fire hazard and people have lost hands, eyes and fingers lighting fireworks.

—Bring a flashlight. Be careful walking on uneven ground in the darkness and keep aware of the location of cliff edges.

—Check boat equipment before going out on the lake. Bring enough life jackets for everyone on board; children under 13 must wear a PFD at all times while on the water.

—Practice courtesy at the boat ramps. Thousands of people will be launching boats, approaching or leaving the ramps, all at the same time. Be alert and be careful!

THE NPS will provide a continuous bus shuttle from the Fritch High School parking lot to Fritch Fortness starting at 7 p.m. Fritch Fortness Amphitheater loop road will be one way, counterclockwise, starting at 4:30 p.m. July 3.

The High Plains Road will be closed to all except local traffic after the fireworks conclude, according to Mickey Blackmun, Hutchinson County sheriff. Only visitors who live along that road will be able to use it. All other visitors will exit Fritch Fortness Road to either El Paso Boulevard, Eagle Boulevard or Hwy 136. Residents in Sanford will have to travel to Eagle, turn left and intersect FM 687 to return home.

High Plains Road will reopen after event traffic subsides.

Fritch Police Department will close Eagle Boulevard west of Fritch Fortness Road after the fireworks conclude, to reopen after event traffic subsides. Fritch residents will need to take Hwy 136 west.

Alcoholic beverages will not be allowed in Cedar Canyon or Spring Canyon (also known as Stilling Basin below Sanford Dam.)

**Free public forum on nursing home reform slated in Shamrock**

SHAMROCK — The National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform will present a free public forum concerning nursing homes at 6 p.m., July 1, in the Shamrock Community Center.

Topics to be covered in the discussion include rights of residents and their families, and the responsibilities of the facilities. Heightening awareness of patient and family member rights is an essential key in the decision-making process of placing a loved one in a rest home. Guests will also be able to participate in a question and answer session.

"The goal of the discussion is to inform and prepare to bring out the most desirable conditions possible for your family member," panelist Elma Holder, founder of NCCNHR, said.

The panel of speakers will include: Holder; Carol Engleman, RN, nursing home enforcement specialist and certified health facility surveyor; and Dick Gullledge, licensed private investigator. Others to be involved are Jeff Price, regional long-term care ombudsman; and June Blakemore, certified ombudsman volunteer for Shamrock.

**Race for a Cure cancer fund-raiser**

AMARILLO — The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for a Cure, sponsored by JC Penney, will be held at 8 a.m. Oct. 2 at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., in the Harrington Regional Medical Center in Amarillo.

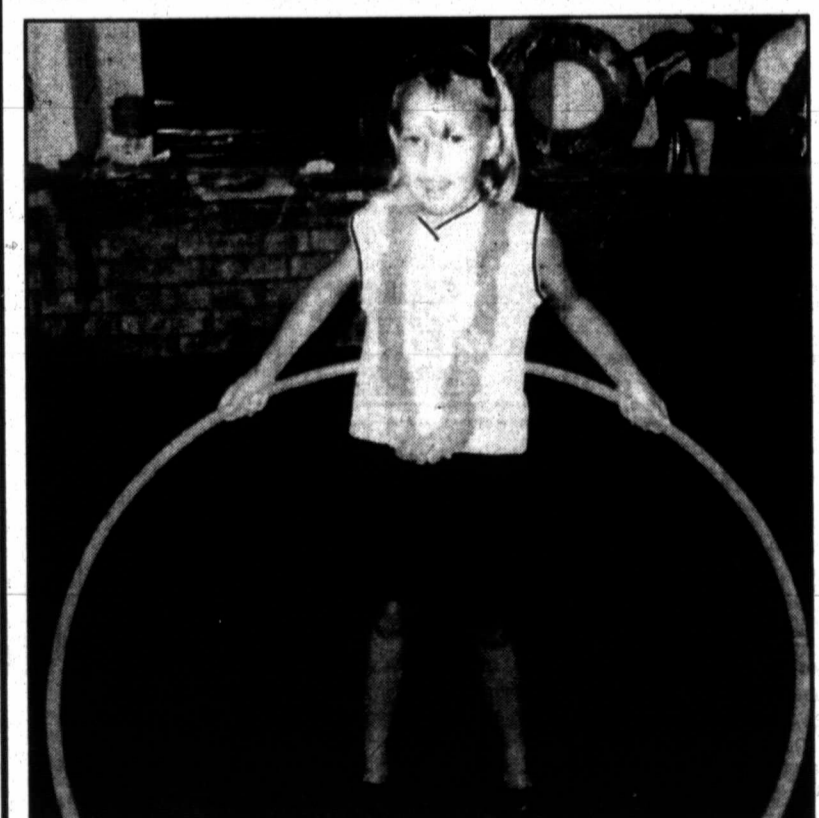
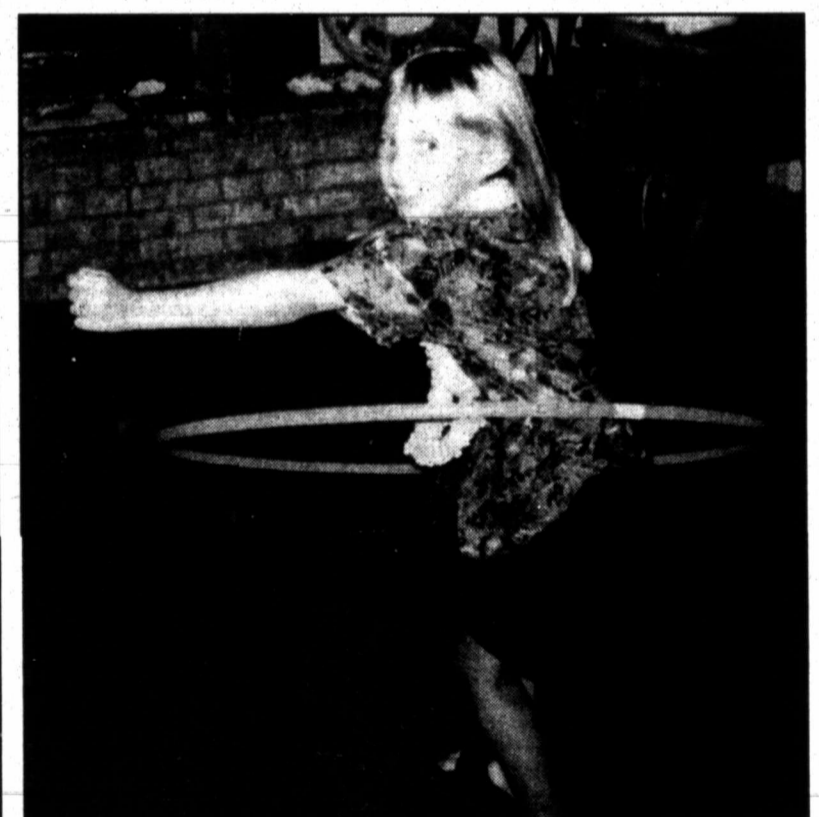
Walkers and runners participating in the 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk will benefit breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment.

During this decade, it is estimated more than 1.8 million women and 12,000 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer, the majority of whom have no risk factors.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of death, from all causes, of women between the ages of 35-54.

If breast cancer is not detected and treated early enough, women die; however, if the disease is detected and treated early the five-year survival rate is 97 percent.

**Meredith House**



(Special photos)

Tenants at Meredith House enjoyed fresh fruit, hula hooping, bubble blowing and games recently. Above are Shelby Watson, top, and Kelsey Watson.



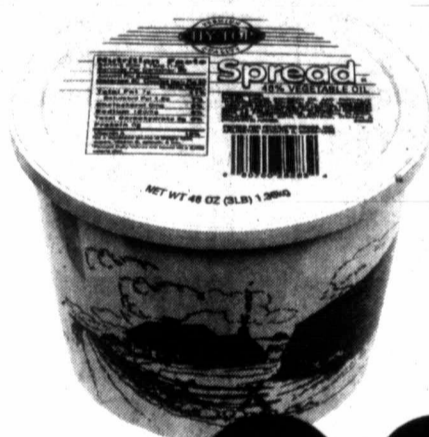
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