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PAMPA — Attention, Junior Parents! There will be a meeting regarding the Vespers Tea for PHS Seniors. It will be in the PHS Cafeteria on April 11 at 7 p.m. Please attend. For information call Vicki Nachtigall at 669-2337 after 6 p.m.

PAMPA — The Gray County Extension Service will conduct a water screening day beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 12 at the Gray County Annex east of Pampa on Hwy 60. This screening is designed to inform private water well owners and users of the presence of two common contaminants — fecal coliform and nitrate which can cause a number of waterborne diseases such as cholera, typhoid and dysentery. The cost of the screening is \$3 per sample. Participants will need to stop by the Gray County Annex and obtain an approved water sampling bag and instructions for taking a well water sample. To insure accurate results, it is vital that only the approved sample bags be used and that proper instructions are followed. For more information, call the Gray County Extension Office at (806) 669-8033.

AUSTIN (AP) — Employers can still fire workers — and employees can quit their jobs — for any reason or no reason at all, the Texas Supreme Court said in a recent ruling. The high court confirmed that employers do not have a legal duty to act with "good faith and fair dealing" in their relations with workers. The case considered involved five current and former Midland police officers.

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Voters go to polls Tuesday for runoff

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Voting places open at 7 a.m., close at 7 p.m.

Campaigning is drawing to a close as the runoff election in both Republican and Democratic primaries is Tuesday in Gray County and across the state. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Early voting at the Gray County Courthouse last week saw about 400 voters cast ballots the first four days. Friday's numbers were not immediately available. A county clerk's spokesman said the runoff turnout number of early voters was a good one. The Republican nomination in the hard-fought 31st District Attorney's race which pits incumbent John Mann and challenger Rick Roach will be decided. In the March 14 primary Mann received 47 percent of the vote with 2,408 votes. Coming in second was Roach with 34 percent of the vote. He received 1,769 votes

in the primary election to put him in the runoff with Mann. Third in the race was Shamrock attorney Phil Pendleton with 907 votes. Pendleton has endorsed Mann in the runoff election. Five counties—Wheeler, Gray, Roberts, Lipscomb and Hemphill—comprise the 31st District. Mann and Roach were contenders in the 1996 General Election for the district attorney position. Only 500 votes separated the two attorneys in that campaign. Mann was elected to the position on the Democratic ticket while Roach ran as a

Republican. In the March 14 primary election, Mann carried Gray, Hemphill and Wheeler counties while Roach carried Lipscomb and Roberts counties. Gray County vote totals in the DAs race were Mann, 1,721; Roach, 1,248; and Pendleton, 614. Voters in Hemphill County gave Mann the edge with 436 votes. Roach was second with 135 votes while Pendleton came in third with 85 votes. Roberts County favored Roach with 222 votes. Mann was second with 106 votes and Pendleton third with 57 votes in the

county. Roach lead the voting in Lipscomb County with 109 votes. Pendleton had 68 to Mann's 30. The Republican winner Tuesday will face Charles L. Kessie in the November General Election. The Canadian attorney was the only candidate to seek the Democratic nomination in the March primary. In Constable, Precinct No. 2 runoff, incumbent Chris Lockridge will face challenger Paul Sublett in the runoff. Lockridge received 244 votes to Sublett's 229. Coming in third was Robert Douglas with 181 votes. In the Constable, Precinct No. 1 & 3 race, incumbent James H. Lewis captured 813 votes in the Republican primary to lead the field of four, but it was not enough votes to decide the winner. Randy Stubblefield will face Lewis in the runoff (See RUNOFF, Page 2)

Pampa, Borger police hold joint tactical training

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Pampa and Borger police departments joined forces recently in a tactical training exercise at the now-closed Baker Elementary School. "We set up a scenario of the school being taken over with two hostages," said Lt. Terry Young of the Pampa Police Department. The two police departments have begun the joint training in order to "hone skills and improve performance," said Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris. "We feel it is important to train with (the Borger police)," Morris added. "Then we have another resource to call on if we should ever need it." Young said the Pampa officers designed the exercise and played the role of the hostage takers. The Borger department's tactical unit were responsible for rescuing the hostages. Paint ball guns added an element of realism to the exercise, Young said. "We'll probably do the same thing there with them," Morris said. He said the training prepares officers in case they are ever called to a situation such as the Columbine High School shootings. (See POLICE, Page 2)

Tiptoe through the ...



Tulips at the home of Jane Radcliff, who lives in the 700 block of Bradley, are one of the nice things about spring in Pampa. (Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

It's show time! Act I busy this week

Pampa Area Community Theater-Act I will have its final show of the season on April 14, 15 and 16, starting at 7 p.m. in the Act I theater, on the west side of the Pampa Mall down from Homeland. Due to the mall being closed entrance is through the back doors of the theater. The show will consist of three one-act plays. A comedy titled, "When God Comes For Breakfast You Don't Burn Toast," stars Tim Andorfer as Harry Katzman, Sheila Lindsay as Beatrice Katzman, and Scot DeMaras as God. The Melodrama is titled "Unhand her, You Villain," and features cast members Jimmy Lindsay as Henry Menchen, boy reporter; Bill Hildebrandt as Squire Rancid; Berinda Turcotte as the Widow Glob; Jessica Blandford as Perdita Glob the widow's daughter, and Sheila Lindsay as Agnes-Rose. A Drama titled "Forward To The Right," stars Mary Fetter as Joan of Arc, and Jimmy Lindsay as the guard. (See ACT I, Page 2)

Churches to unite for special day

Saturday, June 3, many of the churches in Pampa, Texas will be participating in "Jesus Day 2000." The Pampa Area United Ministerial Alliance (PAUMA) has organized an effort to reach the community for Christ through food and service projects. Saturday morning, many of the churches will gather in Central Park at 10 a.m. for a one-hour march through the city. PAUMA's goal is to show that the churches in Pampa are united under the same cause, which is to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior. After the march, PAUMA will provide a free meal to everyone who is at Central Park during lunch. This will be a great opportunity for people from all walks of life to have food, fun, and fellowship. Once lunch is over, the participating churches will do service projects throughout Pampa. The projects will range from yard work to removing debris from people's property. If you need the services provided through the "Jesus Day 2000," please contact Danny Winborne at 669-5740 or your local pastor by May 26. PAUMA extends an open invitation to any church that has a desire to reach the people of Pampa to participate in the "Jesus Day 2000," where we can show how much we love by how much we care.

Sunday snapshot



Name: Steve Raymond.

Occupation/activities: Car salesman.
Birth date and place: May, 19, 1952, Pampa.
Family: Daughter, Sharla; son, Josh.
When I grow up I want to be: A car salesman.
My personal hero: Greg Boyd.
The best advice I ever got was: Get out of Shamrock.
People who knew me in high school: Think I should have played football.
The best word or words to describe me: Friendly.
People will remember me as being: Happy.
The four guests at my fantasy

dinner party would be: Doug, Greg, Michele, Shania Twain.
My hobbies are: Reading, eating, selling cars.
My favorite sports team is: Dallas Cowboys.
My favorite author is: Moses.
The last book I read was: The Bible.
My favorite possession is: Family.
The biggest honor I've ever received is: Becoming a father.
My favorite performer is: Shania Twain.
I wish I knew how to: Square dance.
My trademark cliché or expression is: "Ask for 'Steve'."

My worst habit is: Forgetting names.
I would never: Say never.
I stay home to watch: "Who Wants to be a Millionaire."
Nobody knows: And they never will.
Someday I want to drive a: A Pontiac Sunfire Speedster.
My favorite junk food is: Ice cream.
My favorite beverage: Water.
My favorite restaurant is: Applebee's.
My favorite pet: My bird "Twenty."
My favorite meal is: Fried chicken, pork chops.
I wish I could sing like:

Pavarotti.
I'm happiest when I'm: At work.
I regret: Not taking better care of myself.
I'm tired of: Being lied to.
I have a phobia about: Snakes.
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: Vacuum cleaner.
The biggest waste of time is: Time wasters.
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Take the day off.
If I had three wishes they would be: Peace on earth, everyone I talked to would buy a car.

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Business Expo, June 17, 2000!! More Details To Come!!

Daily Record

Obituaries

ROBERT D. FUGATE

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Robert D. Fugate, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, April 6, 2000. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Burial will be in White Haven Memorial Park under the direction of Anthony Funeral Chapel in Rochester.

Mr. Fugate held a Ph.D. and was an expert in the field of fluorescence. He had been a Rochester resident since 1995. He worked in sales and marketing for Spectronic Instruments and later for Varian Analytical Instruments. He enjoyed restoring classic cars and sailing, holding membership in Rochester Yacht Club.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Fugate; his children, John Fugate of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Jim Fugate; his father, Robert A. Fugate of Amarillo; and a sister, Judy Fugate of Amarillo.

The family will receive visitors from 2-4 p.m. and from 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and requests memorials be to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 10609, Rochester, NY 14610.

Accidents

The following accident report was turned in at the Pampa Police Department during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, March 31

Joshua Lee Waystaff, 18, 1601 W. Somerville, No 1208, was cited for failure to control speed after the 1996 white Chrysler Concord he was driving in the 600 block of Starkweather jumped the curb and struck a guard rail. Waystaff suffered a possible injury as did one of three teenage passengers in the car.

Police report

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

Friday, April 7

Johnathon Paul Munn, 18, 1601 W. Somerville, charged on a warrant for expired registration and no insurance.

Andrew Aaron Heiskell, 17, 1928 N. Christy, charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Winston Whitsett, 78, 1120 Sierra, arrested for Potter County on a theft charge.

John Paul Smith, 43, 210 N. Gillespie, arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

Sheriff's Office

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

Friday, April 7

Shawleen Brown, 24, McLean, charged with forgery.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 25-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, April 7

4:28 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to a carbon monoxide check at 521 S. Ballard.

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RUNOFF

as he came in second with 401 votes. Curtis Dalton was third with 298 votes and Michael Ray was fourth with 236.

Statewide races will be held in each primary in the runoff election.

Gray County voters will have six voting locations in Tuesday's runoff. Precinct 1 will be at the Lefors Fire Station, 115 N. Main in Lefors. Pam Greene is election judge.

Precinct 2, 10 and 13 voters will vote at Gray County Courthouse. Election Judge is June Thurman. Precinct voters in 3, 7, 11 & 12 will vote at the M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1200 N. Sumner. Esther McAdoo will be election judge.

Precinct 4 and 5 voters will cast ballots at McLean Senior Citizens Center, 1900 N. Duncan, with Catherine Dorsey as election judge. Austin

Elementary School will be the voting location for precinct 8 and 9 voters. Election judge is Maxine Hawkins.

Travis Elementary School, 2300 Primrose, will be the voting location for precinct 14 and 15. Clara Quary is election judge.

Two Democratic runoff polling places have been designated.

Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, will be the official polling place for precincts 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. Zetha Dougherty is election judge. Precincts 4 and 5 will cast ballots at the McLean Library. Election judge will be Bill Gramm.

Voters who did not cast ballots in either primary election may cast their votes in either election. However, if a voter cast a ballot in the March 14 election in the Democrat Primary, they may not cast votes in the Republican primary, or vice versa. The General Election will be in November.

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POLICE

"We've had tactics training for officers for a long time. We usually take two at a time and work with

them," Young said. "We try to make it as life-like as possible."

Young said the next tactical training will involve innovative ways to make safer vehicle stops.

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ACT I

This will be a dinner theater, with steak, potato, salad and dessert served prior to the shows' performances. Dinner is at 6 p.m., with reservations needed in advance. The show starts at 7 p.m. The cost for both dinner and show is \$15 per person

for adults and \$11.50 for students. For the show only, tickets are \$7.50 per adult and \$3.50 per student.

For more information about the shows, or to reserve your ticket for dinner and the show call Sheila at 665-3266.

Reservations are required for the meal.

Cowboy Aikman to have tied knot

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman was to add another ring to his collection yesterday: a wedding ring.

Aikman, who has accumulated three Super Bowl rings, was to marry former Cowboys public relations staffer Rhonda Worthey in a private ceremony in neighboring Plano, The Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday editions.

The two, who met at the Cowboys' practice facility where Worthey once worked, have been dating about 18 months.

The wedding was planned as an intimate gathering including only the couple's family and close friends. A much larger group was invited to a reception to follow.

"The organization is not in a position to confirm any details," said Rich Dalrymple, Cowboys director of public relations. "It's something we would

not do. We respect Troy's privacy in this, and we hope everyone else will, too."

Aikman, 33, has been considered one of Dallas' most eligible bachelors. Worthey, who is two years younger and has a 9-year-old daughter from a previous marriage, quit her job last spring to spend more time at home.

The News reported that the wedding date was kept out of the public eye until it was inadvertently leaked by Fox broadcaster John Madden. The football commentator was attending the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga., when he made an offhand comment to a reporter that he was leaving after the first two rounds so he could return to Dallas for Aikman's wedding.

It wasn't until later that he learned that the Aikman and Worthey had wanted to keep the date secret.

Jury awards \$40.6 million; says hospital knew doctor posed risk

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury on Friday ordered a hospital and two physicians to pay \$40.6 million in a case called the first in which a Texas jury concluded that a hospital acted with malice by knowingly hiring a doctor who posed a danger to patients.

Dr. Merrimon Baker was accused of having an addiction to prescription sedatives and previously committing gross malpractice, such as operating on a wrong leg two different times. The hospital's chief of staff testified that the hospital knew Baker may have posed a risk to patients but still hired him, the Houston Chronicle reported in Saturday's editions.

A state district court jury found Baker and Columbia Kingwood Medical Center were each 40 percent responsible for the actual damages of \$28.6 million for a brain injury to 42-year-old patient Ricardo Romero, who underwent surgery on July 15, 1998, for a herniated disk. The anesthesiologist, William Huie, was found to be 20 percent responsible. The hospital is solely responsible for paying \$12 million in punitive damages.

The two doctors had previously settled the case for a total of \$2.2 million, so the maximum award from the hospital will be \$25.6 million, which could be reduced further according to state laws limiting punitive damages.

The hospital and physicians denied any wrongdoing, saying the surgery was performed correctly and the large amount of bleeding that occurred was a rare but known complication of the procedure.

Dolores Romero said her husband of 20 years worked as a shipdock foreman and was very active before the surgery. He now has limited mobility. He recognizes family members but has little short-term memory.

"I would absolutely give back all the money to have my husband back the way he was and have our marriage the way we planned," she said tearfully.

The family's attorney, Richard Mithoff, a specialist in medical malpractice, called the verdict important.

"This is the first case I'm aware of that a hospital

has been found to have committed malice for retaining a physician on its staff with the knowledge that his ability was impaired," Mithoff said.

He said Baker underwent counseling for his drug problem in 1995, and open packages of the drugs were found in his office. Though Mithoff said no direct evidence showed Baker was under the influence of drugs when he performed the back surgery, he argued that it might be a reasonable assumption. In a prepared statement, Chuck Schuetz, chief executive officer of Columbia Kingwood, said, "Our deepest sympathies are with the Romero family."

"We firmly believe our hospital did nothing wrong, and we stand behind our history of providing quality care to the community," the statement continued. "Furthermore, (Baker) is no longer a member of the hospital's medical staff, effective November 1998."

Baker's lawyer, Deanna Dean Smith, said her client did not testify before the jury because of the settlement. She said the jury would have exonerated him had he done so.

"Dr. Baker is an extremely well-trained physician and is regarded as having a very good surgical technique," Smith said.

She said Baker was falsely accused of using prescription sedatives by "ex-wives and ex-girlfriends," but there was no credible evidence that he did so. She said that state medical regulators examined the drug use allegations but took no action. She said many respected physicians are sued, and this is no indication of their abilities.

Smith said she could not comment on the alleged botched operations because of confidential settlements. She also said the chief of staff's testimony was tainted because he had a previous business dispute with Baker.

Mithoff said Baker is currently practicing in the Liberty County area.

Attorneys for Huie, the anesthesiologist, could not immediately be reached.

The jury deliberated two days after a two-week trial in state District Judge Tracy Christopher's court. Several jurors declined to be interviewed.

Government proposes raising Medicare rates to nursing homes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Health Care Financing Administration proposed raising Medicare payment rates for nursing homes by almost 6 percent and directing more money toward the care of acutely ill seniors who need expensive treatments.

Medicare program administrator Nancy-Ann DeParle said payment rates would increase by 5.8 percent starting Oct. 1 under a proposal that was published for public comment Friday.

HCFA's plan calls for categories of payments that would make more funds available for nursing home residents with multiple serious health problems that require intensive care and treatment.

"These changes, based on extensive research of real world experiences, will ensure that Medicare pays nursing homes fairly and appropriately for caring for those beneficiaries with complex medical needs," DeParle said.

The rate hike would translate to an estimated \$15.5 billion for nursing homes in fiscal year 2001, an increase of more \$900 million over the current year's allocations.

Medicare would pay more than \$700 per day for seniors who require the most expensive care under the proposed changes. That's more than five times the rate for residents who don't require intensive care.

Government auditors and private experts have warned that unless some cuts in Medicare financial support cuts are restored, the sickest senior citizens may be denied the care they need.

Cuts in Medicare spending have led to a shortfall in money to cover care of the most expensive patients. Older Americans with serious illnesses sometimes can't find nursing homes or home health care agencies that will care for them.

Congress restored some Medicare funds as part of the Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999. HCFA's proposal would refine the payment system and direct more money toward caring for acutely ill seniors.

The rate updates are based on increases in the cost of covered care, changes in local wages and provisions of the balanced budget act, HCFA said.

Massive iceberg breaks off; drift in Antarctic

WASHINGTON (AP) — A massive iceberg has broken off the Ross ice shelf in the Antarctic.

The National Ice Center announced the emergence of iceberg B-18 Friday. The iceberg, which tore away from the ice shelf April 2, measures four miles wide by 11 miles long, twice as wide and almost as long as New York's Manhattan Island.

The iceberg has moved slightly westward since breaking off the ice shelf but is not a threat to shipping lanes, officials said. The center said the iceberg

is at 78 degree 3 minutes south latitude, 159 degrees 22 minutes west longitude.

The National Ice Center, in suburban Suitland, Md., is jointly operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Coast Guard and the Navy. It tracks icebergs via satellite in the event warnings need to be issued to mariners.

On the net: National ice Center: <http://www.natice.noaa.gov>

Queen Elizabeth II joins dot-com millionaires

LONDON (AP) — Britain's newest dot-com millionaire probably won't blow the money on a new car, diamonds, antiques or a big house.

Queen Elizabeth II, who made nearly \$1.5 million with Friday's public offering of Getmapping.com PLC, is not lacking in worldly goods.

The queen had invested \$160,000 last year for a 1.5 percent stake in the company, which is taking aerial photographs of the whole of Britain. The stock closed at \$3.58 a share after Friday's public offering, making the queen's stake worth \$1.6 million — more than nine times her initial investment

when computed using British pounds.

The stock was up 38 cents in Friday's trading, from an opening price of \$3.20.

The queen became involved with Getmapping.com after she agreed that its facsimiles of the Domesday Book, the 11th-century survey of England commissioned by William the Conqueror, could be dedicated to her.

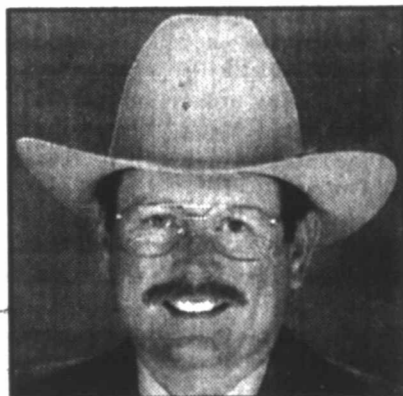
The company, set up in 1998, says it has photographed 85 percent of England and expects to complete the whole of the United Kingdom this year.

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Thank you, Curtis Dalton

I am Michael Ray and I am asking you to help me in supporting Randy Stubblefield. If you voted for me in the primary election, I would ask you to now vote for Randy. Randy served the citizens of Gray County and especially Lefors with concern while he was sheriff. I know he will continue to do this as constable.

Sincerely yours, Michael Ray

Pd. Pol. Ad by Randy Stubblefield, 1936 N. Christy, Pampa, Tx. 79065

Weather focus

Partly sunny today with a high of 82 and south winds at 15-25 and gusting higher. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low of 45-50. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and a high near 80. Friday's high was 62 and the Saturday morning low was 32.

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Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB

Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 12 in the conference room of Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss books by Fulton J. Sheen. Visitors are welcome.

CCPC

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer the following continuing education courses: "Bible as Literature," instructor Linda Haynes, 6-7 p.m., March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2 and 9; and "Microsoft Access '97," instructor Tex Buckhauls, 1-3 p.m., April 3, 10, 17 and 24. Cost for each course is \$25. For more information, call 665-8801.

AHA ART GALA

The local chapter of the American Heart Association will hold its annual Art Gala and Auction fund-raiser at 7 p.m. April 8 at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

PANTEX PUBLIC MEETING

A Pantex Public Meeting is slated from 4-7 p.m. Monday, April 10 at Square House Museum in Panhandle. The meeting is part of a continuing series of discussions on groundwater at Pantex co-hosted by the Department of Energy and the Texas National Resource Conservation Commission. The draft special report to the secretary of energy on the Pantex groundwater issue will be available for comment on Thursday, April 6. It will be available at www.pantex.com on the Internet; from Carson County Library, the AC Lynn Library 4th Floor DOE Special Collection room, Pantex Bldg. 16-12; or by calling Brenda Finley at 477-3120. Comments will be accepted at the meeting. Deadline for comment is Friday, April 21.

WORTH THE WAIT

Worth the Wait will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 17 in Pampa Middle School Library. Last year's survey results will be discussed as well as a proposed new survey tool to be administered to students in May. The meeting is open to the general public, most especially parents of sixth-12th grade students. The information will be presented in both English and Spanish. For more information, contact Worth the Wait at 669-6222.

BUSINESS SEMINAR

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has announced a meeting for small business owners is slated from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 6 at Frank Phillips College in Borger. The program will feature the following speakers: Don Taylor, WTAMU College of Business; Dick Novotny, FPC Business Instructor; and Joe Frank Wheeler, Borger Chamber of Commerce. Cost of registration is \$15 and covers cost of materials and lunch. For more information, call the Gray County Extension office by Tuesday, April 4 or contact Tom Benton at (806) 878-4026.

HOSPICE CELEBRATION

Crown of Texas Hospice families, volunteers and staff will gather to celebrate the memories and lives of loved ones at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at St. Mary's Church, 1200 S. Washington, Amarillo. A reception, hosted by Crown of Texas Hospice volunteers will follow. For more information, call (806) 372-7696.

AMARILLO AREA PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

Amarillo Area Panhellenic Council will hold a Rush Information Meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at 700 S. Avondale in Amarillo. All senior high women interested in going through Rush should attend the meeting to receive important information on Rush packets and deadlines. A short video and discussion will be presented. For more information, call Helen Benton, (806) 353-9139 or (806) 679-5808.

INVESTMENT SERIES

Greg Brown and Richard Russell, A.G. Edwards and Sons, Inc., will present a series of investment topics during the noon hour each Thursday in April in Room #102 of Clarendon College-Pampa Center. The series is free and the public is cordially invited to bring a lunch and attend the sessions. The series will cover: "Stock Market History and Trivia," April 6; "Mechanics of the Stock Market," April 13; "The Federal Reserve System and the Stock Market," April 20; and "Stock Analysis - Technical vs. Fundamental," April 27.

CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Top O' Texas CattleWomen will award one \$500 scholarship and two \$250 scholarships to high school seniors who are planning to major in an agricultural, nutritional or health-related field in college. These scholarships are available to students living in Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts or Wheeler Counties. Applications — now available at schools in these counties — must be received by April 28 and should be mailed to Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. The winners' schools will be notified in early May prior to graduation.

BEEF AMBASSADOR COMPETITION

Top O' Texas CattleWomen is seeking youth between the ages of 15-19 to participate in its Beef Ambassador Contest. To be eligible, youth must have turned 15 as of Jan. 1, 2000. Participants will present a 5-8 minute illustrated lecture about beef and/or the beef industry. The local CattleWomen will provide information packets and all information must be referenced at the conclusion of the presentation. Local competition will be held in April. The local winner and runner-up will compete in the state contests June 5 and 6 in San Antonio. Assistance for travel will be available. State prizes will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 for first place and \$500 for second place. In addition, \$1,500 will go towards the state winner's travel expenses to compete nationally Nov. 3-5 in San Francisco. For more information, call Berklee Clements, (806) 274-6073; Sally Wicker, (806) 323-6962. The local contest will cover the following counties: Hutchinson, Carson, Gray, Roberts, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hemphill, Wheeler, Collingsworth.

SKY CAMP

Crown of Texas Hospice Foundation will present the

third season of "SKY Camp," a camp for grieving children, June 30-July 2 in Ceta Canyon Camp and Retreat Center, 40 miles southeast of Amarillo. The camp is free to all participants and will focus on children between 7-17 grieving the death of a loved one. For more information or to make application, call (806) 372-7696 or 1-800-6365. The deadline for application is May 15.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a four-week "Life After Loss" seminar for those who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one from 5:30-6:30 p.m. April 4, 11, 18 and 25 at Crown of Texas Hospice, 10000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo. To register or for more information, call (806) 353-4306.

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

A Bluegrass Festival sponsored by Washington Cattle Co. will be held April 14-15 at Flomot. For reservations or for more information, call (806) 469-5278 or (918) 605-2444.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1 p.m. throughout April. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Shirley Sheldon, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105. (See Page 7 for more COEs)

YOU DESERVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH!!!

Our current part-time DA says that he is highly sought after as a special prosecutor in other districts because of his trial ability and that is why he spends so much time away from our district. Below are the results of the most recent cases our DA has accepted to prosecute outside our district.

Briscoe County - John Mann agrees to 5 years probation for murder of restaurant owner from Quitaque.

Wichita County - Jury finds defendant not guilty on murder charges - murder defendant acquitted.

Randall County - John Mann recommends 4 years probation, no restitution for \$15,000,000.00 theft - defendant stole \$15,000,000.00 by selling bogus bonds to churches and church members.

Potter County - John Mann recommends dismissal of 5 felony charges (including indecency with a child and kidnaping) again Amarillo millionaire in exchange for misdemeanor plea - no jail time.

As of Feb. 2000, the District had a backlog of 295 felony cases, some over 8 years old!

County	# of pending cases
Gray	161 - drug offenses (50); indecency with child (3); felony DWI (9); attempted murder (11); burglary (11) - some over 6 years old.
Wheeler	71 - drug offenses (16); indecency with child (1); felony DWI (4) - some over 7 years old.
Hemphill	42 - sexual assaults (2); burglaries (6), thefts (11); felony DWI (1) - some over 8 years old.
Roberts	4 - theft (2); felony DWI (1) - some over 6 years old.
Lipscomb	17 - indecency with child (3); drug offenses (2); felony DWI (1) - 13 to be presented to grand jury.
Total	295

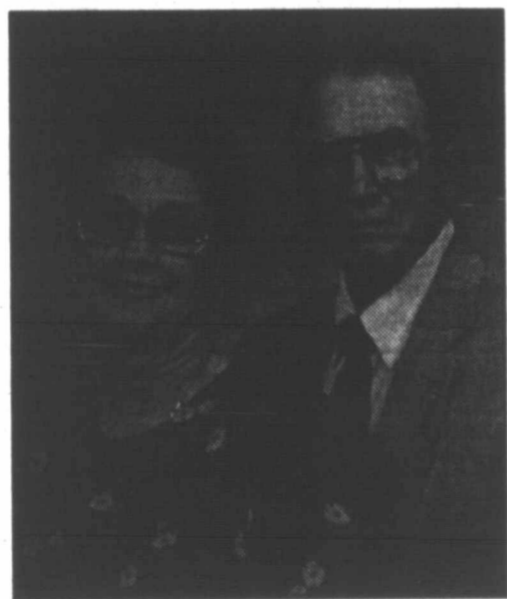
Our part-time DA blames this situation on the antics of various defense attorneys, law enforcement officials, or our District Judges when in fact the responsibility for prosecution is his and his alone. We need a full-time district attorney who is available and committed to our district!!

Even if you didn't vote in the primary, you can still vote in the run-off on April 11.

If you are serious about law enforcement, please take the time to vote for a full-time felony prosecutor!!

On April 11 cast your vote **Richard J. "Rick" Roach** as your Full-Time District Attorney - Your vote is very important!!

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Teens: Parents aren't really clueless

Having only hung up the phone a few minutes ago I am still laughing. Not being the parent of a teenager, or the parent of anyone for that matter, gives me the right to laugh.



Kate B. Dickson

associate publisher/editor

Actually, my friend, even though he was talking about his senior-in-high-school daughter, was able to laugh as well.

And it's a good thing, too, because the two of them are not exactly on the same wave length.

He's not a totally button-down shirt and tie kind of guy, but then he has never had blue hair or a nose ring like his daughter.

He wants her to go to college. He has the money and wants to help.

She doesn't want to go. She wants to go to a vocational-type school for a few months. It seems she says she isn't interested in making money.

My suggestion to him was that next time she asks for money he should remind her she isn't interested.

Now, isn't that just so tacky of me. I catch myself sounding more like a geezer every day.

And if I did have children, I'm afraid that now I'm so bad I might use the dreaded

phrase — "Because I'm the mother and I said so."

I hate that.

But one friend who said she'd never use the 'I said so' line with her children did it one day. She caught herself arguing with her 4-year-old over something then finally snapped back into a reality mode.

"Here I was," she said, "arguing with Katie. Then it dawned on me how ridiculous it all was ... she's 4 and I'm grown, so I just said it."

That may work with a 4-year-old but not with a 17-year-old. Four-year-olds still think parents know some things; many 17-year-olds figure their parents are well, like, you know, like clueless.

My friend with the nose-ring daughter says she's really a "good kid" and he does have blessings to count. "She doesn't drink or do drugs that I know of ... but there's just this general lack of ambition that I worry about."

The other day his daughter had an auto accident and, he said, "she did all the right things. She made sure no one was hurt and she called the police."

The mishap was the teen's fault and she was required to go to court on the following too closely charge.

Dad said he couldn't stay out of it. "I reminded her to take her nose ring out before court and to be sure and say yes-sir and no-sir to the judge."

Then his voice began to get louder as he tensed up. The agitation was clear as he continued to talk.

"And I told her not to wear those stupid Gumby pants to court. So what does she do? She comes in with white hair the day before court. Can you believe that — WHITE HAIR!"

He pauses for a moment to hear what someone who walked into his office is saying.

"Look. I gotta go. I'm getting a call back that I've been waiting on."

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Sunday, April 9, the 100th day of 2000. There are 266 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

On this date:
 In 1682, French explorer Robert La Salle reached the Mississippi River.

In 1947, a series of tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 169 lives.

In 1959, NASA announced the selection of America's first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton.

In 1963, British statesman Winston Churchill was made an honorary U.S. citizen.

In 1965, the newly built Houston Astrodome featured its first baseball game, an exhibition between the Astros and the New York Yankees. (The Astros won, 2-1.)



Inside the Beltway with Rep. Mac Thornberry

Washington was right about Armed Forces

George Washington once said that "the willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceived the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."

While America's first president made that observation over 200 years ago, it still rings true today.

Young men and women thinking about a career in the military are watching to see if the government keeps its word. Nowhere is this more true than in the area of health care.

I've been working for over four years now to help the government keep its commitment in this area. I recently introduced a bill that will take a strong step in this direction. The bill is called The Military Retiree Health Care Options Act. It would expand the health care options retirees and their families currently have by, among other things, providing them with coverage for prescription drugs.

This bill comes closer than just about any other plan to meeting our commitment to military retirees. As important as it, it does it in a way that treats all retirees the same — regardless of age, and regardless of the date they enlisted.

The federal government should not pit one group of retirees against another by offering one a different level of benefits than the other — which is what a few other bills try to do.

President Washington was right. If we want to get and keep top quality men and women for our Armed Forces in the future, the federal government has got to show them that it can keep its promises of the past.

From our files ...

1960 —Sergeant E.G. Albers of the Pampa office of the Department of Public Safety said today there were eight people killed in seven fatal accidents last year in Gray County.

—Mrs. Henry Frazer, U.S. Census crew leader for Pampa, said two of her enumerators have received reports of men gaining access to homes by telling the housewife they are census takers.

—This year Pampa's Little League baseball players will be able to play all of their games on three modern, lighted fields, thanks largely to the 800 club.

1975 —The derrick will be the first exhibit of the Oil and Gas Museum planned for the Pampa area.

—The Pampa Classroom Teachers Association endorsed two Constitutional Amendments and voted to actively support school finance bill number 420 at 4 p.m. meeting Tuesday at Pampa Junior High School.

—Almost 1,000 Boy Scouts representing 58 units from the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles are expected in Pampa Saturday.

1990 —Region I UIL Band Contest will be held in Pampa on Wednesday. Bands from Borger, Dumas, Randall, Pampa and Hereford will participate.

—Lefors City Council discussed two letters received from the Texas Department of Health at the regular meeting on Monday evening regarding the well water situations.

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Dangerous precedents have been set

Whenever there's a tragedy involving gun use, Bill Clinton, Al Gore, the gun-control lobby and the news media seize it as another opportunity to exploit the emotions of uninformed American people for political gain.

Unfortunately, most Americans don't have the foggiest notion of why the Framers of the Constitution, through the Second Amendment, guaranteed our right to keep and bear arms. Our leftist establishment would like us to believe the Second Amendment was written to protect our duck- and deer-hunting rights. Don't take my word — read what was actually said during the constitutional debates.

Thomas Jefferson said: "No man shall ever be debarred the use of arms. The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government." Tench Coxe, assistant secretary of the treasury (1789), said, "The unlimited power of the sword is not in the hands of either the federal or state governments, but, where I trust in God it will ever remain, in the hands of the people."

Noah Webster said, "The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword, because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops."

In Federalist Paper No. 46, James Madison said the Constitution "preserves the advantage of being armed which Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation, the existence of subordi-



Walter Williams

Syndicated columnist

nate governments, to which the people are attached ... forms a barrier against the enterprises of ambition. ..."

Numerous sentiments like these were expressed during the constitutional debates. Here's my question to you: Which one of those statements sounds like the Framers had deer- and duck-hunting in mind when they wrote the Second Amendment? The Framers gave us the Second Amendment so we could have at least a last-ditch fighting chance against government encroachment on our liberties.

Who are the people who desperately want to disarm law-abiding Americans? The answer doesn't require rocket science to figure that one out. The strongest advocates of gun control are the very people who seek greater and greater control over our lives. They're the people who want to take away our rights to property, freedom of speech and religion, and other liberties. They're cowards and want to feel safe doing so. They figure if we're first disarmed they can

trample over our liberties with impunity.

If these people had guts and a modicum of respect for the Constitution, they'd seek repeal of the Second Amendment. Instead, they pursue an agenda to repeal it by stealth. The latest attempts are the suits against arms manufacturers for crimes committed with guns.

Gun manufacturer Smith & Wesson caved in to this pressure by signing a voluntary gun-control agreement with the Clinton-Gore administration. That "voluntary" agreement seeks to force arms manufacturers to do what today's laws do not require and create an "oversight commission" to ensure compliance.

Arms manufacturers Glock Inc. and Browning refused to sign the agreement. In response, New York's Attorney General Eliot Spitzer told them, "If you do not sign, your bankruptcy lawyers will be knocking at your door." That kind of official threat is an indication of just how bold and emboldened America's tyrants have become in the wake of our acquiescence — threatening destruction of people who refuse to go along with "voluntary" agreements.

We Americans have set dangerous precedents. We can rest assured that those pushing for gun control have no intention of stopping short of total gun confiscation. At some point, we who cherish liberty must summon the courage of our forefathers and tell America's tyrants, "Give me liberty, or give me death!" The longer we wait, the greater the ultimate bloodshed.

Your vote is important — don't waste it

Here it is, not yet April, and George W. Bush and Al Gore have their respective nominations locked up. Lord have mercy on us if we have to listen to them taking potshots at each other for the next seven months.

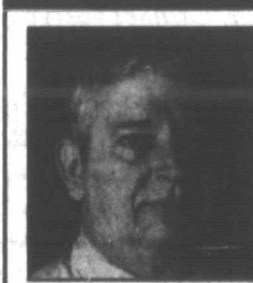
I plan to take a vacation from presidential politics and not think about it until the end of August or so. After all, I've said about all I can say, which is that Bush is by far a lesser evil than Gore.

A lot of folks, noting the similarity of my views and those of Pat Buchanan, keep asking why I don't support Pat. The answer is that he can't win. He can, however, elect Gore. Buchanan has had two shots at national office and got a good airing of his views in both of them. He came up short. A majority of Americans disagree with him, or at least disagree with what they believe he stands for.

For some strange reason, many conservatives continue to delude themselves that out there in the mists is a great American conservative majority, thwarted in exercising its will by the dastardly Republican and Democratic parties.

Alas, that is a myth. There is no majority out there. Why do people persist in their belief in it? Do they not realize what effects have been wrought by 50 years of liberal entertainment, liberal media, liberal politicians and liberal public education?

The fact is that Americans today are, on the whole, dumber than Americans were 50 years ago. They might have credentials up the kazoo,



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

but most are poorly educated and are especially ignorant about political philosophy other than socialism. And far too many are sucking on the government teat.

And yes, on the issues dear to the heart of the international establishment, the candidates of the two major political parties are just about Tweedledee and Tweedledum. Nevertheless, the differences that do exist are very important.

Hey, folks, I learned this the hard way. I was disillusioned with George Bush, the current candidate's father. He broke his promise not to raise taxes, and he seemed too arrogant to bother to explain it, much less apologize for breaking his word. And I didn't like his involving us in the Gulf War.

So I voted for Pat Buchanan, and when he fell, I voted for Jerry Brown, and when he fell, I voted for Bill Clinton. I have bitterly regretted that ever since. Whatever faults I thought Bush had, the

country would have been a thousand times better off with Bush in office than with Clinton. I'm not going to make that mistake again.

The only reason I can sleep nights is that my vote did not help Clinton get elected. Fortunately, a majority in Florida, more sensible than I at that time, nullified it, and the state's electoral-college votes went to Bush.

But if the race is close, Buchanan's 5 percent or 6 percent of the vote, which will all come from Bush's side, could be just enough to tip the state toward Gore. And remember, it's a winner-take-all system, so a close second doesn't count.

And think about this: The left knows the difference between Gore and Bush. It is united behind Gore. Does this mean that people on the right who say there are no differences are not as smart as those on the left? One could certainly infer that.

There are plenty of differences. Bush opposes abortion on demand except in the cases of rape, incest or danger to the mother's life. Not complete, but it is a whole lot better than Gore's support for abortion for any reason.

Gore has already said he won't appoint federal judges who are bound by the original intent and meaning of the Constitution. This is a powerful difference.

Bush wants to cut taxes. Gore wants to spend more of your money. Another big difference.

A vote is for choosing leaders, not making statements. Don't waste it.

News shorts

Reno readies plan to transfer custody

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno plans to arrange for the transfer of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez to his father next week after receiving advice from outside experts on how the exchange can be carried out with a minimum of disruption.

But given the passions the issue has generated in Miami, it is not clear whether an orderly transfer is possible to Elian's father from Cuba.

Asked about a report in today's Washington Post of a contingency plan to remove the boy by force, Reno said late Friday that she knew of no such plan.

"I haven't seen such a plan, nor do I have such a plan that has been prepared," she said via satellite hookup during an ABC Nightline town hall meeting broadcast from Miami. "I want to work this out so force is not used, so that we do it in a way that is fair to all concerned."

On Friday, Reno invited the Miami relatives with whom Elian has been staying to meet Monday with two psychiatrists and a psychologist to determine how, not if, the transfer should take place. According to the plan, Juan Miguel Gonzalez would reclaim his child later in the week.

Reno's announcement that there would be no immediate custody change prompted Cuban-American leaders intent on maintaining the status quo to call off a plan to tie up roads leading to the Miami Airport.

The cancellation seemed to offer only a temporary respite in the custody dispute, as Reno sounded unyielding in her determination to move Elian out of his great-uncle's home in Miami and into the care of his father, now staying in a Washington suburb.

Jury rules against Big Tobacco again

MIAMI (AP) — Her body ravaged by cancer, Mary Farnan still managed to give her 10-year-old daughter a powerfully long and strong hug.

"You can imagine how I feel," a tearful Farnan confided after a jury on Friday ordered the tobacco

industry to pay her and another smoker \$6.9 million in a landmark case against Big Tobacco.

The verdict sets the stage for a possible multibillion-dollar punitive-damages verdict that cigarette makers fear could bankrupt them.

A third smoker was awarded \$5.8 million in the case but the jury decided he couldn't collect because the four-year statute of limitations had run out. The judge said he would decide later how to handle that award.

"I'm smiling, I'm smiling, I'm smiling," plaintiff Frank Amodeo said, even though the jury blocked his award.

The three smokers represent an estimated 500,000 sick Floridians in the first class-action lawsuit against Big Tobacco to reach trial.

Friday's verdict represents just compensatory damages, which cover medical expenses, pain and suffering. Once a jury decides compensatory damages are warranted, it can consider ordering punitive damages, which are meant to punish.

Senate-passed budget leaves big changes for next president

WASHINGTON (AP) — The \$1.83 trillion budget for 2001 approved by the Senate will let both parties draw election-year contrasts with each other, but leaves major policy changes for the next president to make.

After four days of debate, the Senate approved the Republican-written package Friday mostly along party lines in a 51-45 vote. While it contains less domestic spending and deeper tax cuts than President Clinton wants, it makes no fundamental changes in the shape or scope of government.

"We're in a presidential election," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., the plan's chief author. "And somebody next year, a new president, will tell us what changes they want."

Likely GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush has proposed a \$483 billion tax cut for 2002 through 2006, more than the Senate budget plans. Vice President Al Gore, the presumptive Democratic nominee, is likely to prefer a smaller tax reduction and more domestic spending than Bush.

Friday's passage puts the GOP on track to move a final House-Senate compromise through Congress next week.

The budget, which does not need Clinton's signature, sets broad tax and spending targets but leaves

details for later legislation. Those bills will become political battlegrounds as the two parties draw contrasts over school spending, cutting married couples' taxes and dozens of other issues.

Clinton wasted little time in attacking the GOP plan, accusing Republicans of crafting a plan that "undermines our efforts to strengthen Social Security and Medicare, makes it harder to pay off the debt and rests on dramatic cuts in education, law enforcement, the environment and efforts to promote peace and national security."

Architect of victories over Americans, French credits human factor

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — The Vietnamese general who orchestrated military victories over the French and Americans said today that Washington has an obligation to help Vietnam rebuild and must take the initiative in further normalizing relations.

In a rare meeting with a large group of foreign journalists, Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap reminisced about the battlefield successes and said there was no great secret — Vietnam's occupiers simply failed to consider the "human factor."

"We can put the past behind, but we cannot completely forget it," said Giap, 88. "As we help in finding missing U.S. soldiers, the United States should also help Vietnam overcome the extremely enormous consequences of the war."

Vietnam and the United States re-established relations five years ago. The United States has avoided the issue of war reparations, although negotiations are under way on sharing research into the effects of Agent Orange and other toxic defoliants that U.S. planes sprayed to strip away cover for communist forces.

Giap's views on Vietnam's victory over U.S.-backed South Vietnam have been highly sought by foreign media as the 25th anniversary of the end of the conflict looms on April 30.

He is showing some signs of age — a facial twitch here and there, and a need for thick glasses occasionally to check his notes — but it is clear that the revolutionary fires still burn bright.

"In a little over decade I will be 100, but my communist spirit still remains that of a youth," he claimed with a grin.

Oklahoma school ends dancing ban with first prom

WELEETA, Okla. (AP) — It had never happened at Graham High School: The gym lights went off. Students hurried to the floor's edge. A strobe light started and parents cheered.

The first dance in the school's 85-year history was under way.

"We have a new millennium and a new tradition!" the disc jockey yelled.

And with that, the first song began — "Footloose" from the 1984 movie about teen-agers rebelling against a small town's ban on dancing.

Slowly, they walked out onto the floor, a few barefoot girls at a time. A pair of boys slid across the floor. Other couples began to bounce.

It wasn't just the students' inaugural dance. It was also a first for many of the parents and faculty watching, those who graduated from Graham in years past without ever a fox-trot or twist, disco or moonwalk.

"I have never been to a dance in my life. I don't even know how to dance," said Debbie Puckett, class of 1971, whose daughter, Melissa, helped organize the event.

High-tech scooters, two-wheeled surfboards at Taipei bike show

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — The cherry-red mountain bikes with spring suspensions and the carbon-fiber racers lighter than laptop computers were among the coolest items displayed at the Taipei International Cycle Show.

But some of the hottest new products weren't bikes — though they did have two wheels.

Mixed in with more than 600 exhibitors from 22 countries, Toby Bellegarde of Fremantle, Australia, showed off what he called a "Dirtsurfer," which looked like a snowboard on wheels.

About four feet long, the Dirtsurfer had an aluminum frame with a small, spoked wheel attached to each end. Riders stand on it much like they would on a snowboard.

"We released the product about nine months ago," Bellegarde said Friday. "In Australia, it's really catching on. In Japan, too."

Bellegarde had different models for street and off-road use, and said Dirtsurfers, which cost about \$380, were safer than skateboards and more comfortable to ride.

"A skateboard's wheels get speed wobbles, but a Dirtsurfer gets tighter with speed, more stable," he said, as he showed a video of Dirtsurfers speeding downhill on an Australian dirt road.

Letters to the editor

Crime Victim's Week April 9-15

To the editor,
Imagine a world where you are hurt by crime, your life falls apart, and nobody is there to help you put it back together. Imagine that nobody tells you anything about the criminal case that arises out of your victimization or about the status of the offender. You are barred from the court room; you have no opportunity to tell the judge about the devastating impact that the crime has had on you and your family. Imagine feeling totally terrified, with no significant protections offered to increase your feelings of security. Financial restitution? Not a chance!

Such an imaginary scenario was the painful reality that crime victims in America endured a mere 20 years ago. This week, April 9 through the 15 marks the 20th anniversary of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and yet it marks so much more. Today in America, victims of crime are afforded both rights and respect that they so richly deserve. They are, for the most part, informed about and involved in criminal and juvenile justice processes that determine not only the fate of their offender, but their very future as people who have been hurt by crime.

This year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week theme, "Dare to Dream," reflects on the tremendous strides that have been made toward victim justice that emerged from victims who dared to share their personal pain so that others might learn from their experiences; from vic-

tim service providers who dared to push for significant reforms that have resulted in more consistent and comprehensive assistance for crime victims; and from justice officials who dared to pursue a system of justice that balances the rights of accused and convicted offenders with the rights of crime victims.

During National Crime Victims' Rights Week, we take a break from the hubbub of our hectic lives to say "thank you." To the police officer who spoke to that rape victim with kindness and concern, we say "thank you." To the prosecutor who insisted upon a restitution order from the "indigent defendant" who could "not afford to pay," because he knew the victim who suffered financial losses could not afford to pay either, our gratitude is yours. To the probation officer who ensured that the victim was able to define the harm caused by the crime and tell the court the devastating impact the offense had on his/her family, we appreciate your diligence. And to anybody, anywhere in our community who has taken the time to help a victim who needed support — both at the time of the crime and in the weeks, months and years after — we salute you. We thank you all for sharing our dream of a world where "justice" includes crime victims, and where every time we help a victim of crime, we know we are doing our community justice.

This new century of ours offers an opportunity for reflection about our shared past, and the hopes and visions we share together for our future. As Eleanor Roosevelt said, "The

future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of our dreams." The beauty of our dream for victim justice is one that requires a renewed commitment to a sense of justice that refuses to ignore any child, woman or man who is hurt by crime. Their pain and suffering are our incentives to continue efforts to prevent crime, and to help those who are harmed by violence. Their tremendous losses are our collective gain in understanding that when one person in our community is hurt by crime, we all feel the pain.

This is our pledge. This is our hope. This is our dream that we dare to share not only during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, but throughout the year.

Ann Hamilton, Victim Services coordinator
Tralee Crisis Center

Old building is dangerous

To the editor,
On several occasions, my husband and I have called the City Inspector's Office to complain about the old Sexton's Grocery Store in the 900 block of East Francis.

We have lived next door to this dilapidated structure for more than six years now. It is currently being used for storage by some individuals, who do not keep up the maintenance on it. The structure is bowing at the sides, the back door remains open (it cannot be shut unless the door is replaced.) I have ran children out of the structure more than several times over the years

than I would like to remember! I fear for their safety as well as my own.

Wildlife make nests, I have seen mice and other vectors run in and out of it. Can you say, "Hantavirus?" Hello! What will it take to get some attention to this situation? Please understand that we as citizens of this neighborhood are concerned about the safety of the building as well as the possibility of exposing anyone who may enter the structure to a deadly virus. Are you willing to enter a

building that may collapse without warning, or have your children play in a mice infested dump?

Feel free to drive by this Sunday and decided for yourself, then call the City Inspector's Office if you agree with this neighborhood, or if you have an unsafe structure in your own neighborhood! Let's all prevent a "bad situation" from killing or seriously injuring someone you love.

Jill Moxon
Pampa

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Attention Kmart Shoppers
During the week of April 9, 2000 in the Kmart ad circulars, the Panasonic 13" TV is on sale for \$139.99. The regular price is incorrectly shown as \$169.99. The regular price is \$149.99.
We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.



VOTERS: On April 11th you have a chance to speak out against the way criminals are being prosecuted in the 31st District. Below is a letter to the voters in the 31st District printed March 9th, 2000 in several local newspapers. All children are precious. Don't let this injustice happen to another child or family!! Make a difference NOW!

Letter to the Editor,

My name is Melissa Reynolds and I am the mother to two of the victims in the sexual molestation case with a signed confession in Lipscomb County. I am disputing against remarks given by District Attorney John Mann in last weeks paper. If any one has facts in this case, it would be me. I have fought to stay on top of this case since the sheriff's office finished its investigation the end of June 1998. I was with my now ex-husband, when he gave his confession on June 12, 1998, at the sheriff's office in Lipscomb. At that point I gave a written statement for what I had learned. All the girls involved, including one more, were taken to Amarillo, Texas to the "Bridge" for taped interviews on June 17th, 1998. I even had one of my daughters examined by our pediatrician on June 18th, 1998. I was at the court house the day the indictment was handed down, but John Mann wasn't there. He sent his assistant, Matt Martindale to do the work and see my tears. I was told by many that John Mann didn't usually mess with doing this part of the cases. I found out through the next several months that John Mann doesn't answer or return phone calls or seem to really care. Many people thought that this case was over and that no punishment was or would be given. I finally quit calling the District Attorney's office and started calling Matt Martindale. He was pretty good to answer my calls. I believe it was in the early fall, 1999, Matt stated to me that all the Lipscomb County cases had been turned over to him to be handled and that he would try to act quickly to my case. He said he would send his investigator out to get all the information. I was beginning to wonder what John Mann did and why he had such a hang-up dealing with crimes in Lipscomb County? As the many months went by, I often wondered why I hadn't been contacted by the DA's office investigator? As we read in the paper last week, John Mann stated he had the case in August 1998. Guess what? I was finally contacted by investigator Bill McMinn on February 23, 2000. Look at the time frame here. This case is now 20 months old. I hate to tell John Mann but he is not going to play politics with my family. He has not been there for me or my daughters over the last 20 months so why the sudden interest? ELECTION YEAR!! He down plays the Lipscomb County Sheriff's office stating they don't do proper investigations. Well, I disagree with Mr. Mann. He hasn't cared until now. Any district attorney who upholds five counties and really wants to stay on top of the crime needs to give 100 percent if not more for the safety of the citizens. If he isn't willing to do this then he should get out of the way of the candidates that will!

I may not be a citizen of Texas anymore, but I can guarantee that my voice will be heard from town to town, house to house, and city to city. I don't ever want a person (single mother) to go through the many months of heartache and frustration that John Mann has allowed me to suffer, as well as the citizens left for many months with drug abusers, child molesters, domestic violence, etc., walking around the neighborhood, driving by the schools, living next door, just awaiting the next crime or victim.


I am a nurse who deeply cares for my patients. They are all important and take priority. If we waited for election year to fix them medically or surgically, then many would die or suffer. That is not a good practice, right? Please think about the facts to the one of many cases neglected by your District Attorney, John Mann.

Sincerely,
Melissa Reynolds.

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TDH: Beware of tick-borne diseases

AUSTIN — Mild weather for months at a time means outdoor activities in Texas are often at the top of the "to do" list. Camping, hiking, backpacking, picnics or just walking outdoors highlight the spring, summer, fall and sometimes winter seasons.

But warm days, especially in the spring and summer, can also bring out ticks along with the diseases they can transmit.

■ *Treatment is with antibiotics. Untreated, Lyme disease may result in severe damage to joints, the heart and nervous system. In Texas, more than 1,680 possible cases of Lyme disease have been reported since 1990. Of those, just over 580 cases met the case definition for Lyme disease. Rawlings also notes where studies have been conducted "about 1 to 2 percent of ticks carry the Lyme disease bacterium."*

A bite from an infected tick can cause illnesses such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis.

Ticks are especially prevalent in wooded, brushy and grassy areas, but animals may also carry ticks.

Julie Rawlings of the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division at Texas Department of Health points to the Lone Star tick, common throughout the south and central United States, as one to watch for.

"In Texas, this is the tick likely to carry disease," she said. While many tick species prefer attaching to an animal and staying there, this variety readily feeds on human blood. An adult Lone Star tick is about the size of a watermelon seed.

Lyme disease, which is the most frequently diagnosed tick-borne problem in the country, is a bacterial infection that can cause skin, joint, heart and nervous system problems. Named after the town of Lyme in Connecticut where it was first described in 1976, the disease usually begins with flu-like symptoms such as fatigue, headache, fever, stiff neck and joint pain. Occasionally there may be skin lesions or rashes, usually around the site of the tick bite. People usually are infected April through June, months when the Lone Star tick is most active.

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Both Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis, other diseases carried by ticks, can be fatal if not treated quickly. Symptoms resemble flu with high fever, headaches, muscle aches and high fever. There also can be a measles-like rash.

"The best prevention for any of these diseases is to avoid

ticks," Rawlings said. She advises keeping fleas and ticks off pets — animals also can get Lyme disease — and discouraging unwanted animals such as rats, mice and stray dogs and cats around the home.

To protect from ticks: —If you are in an area with ticks, check your body carefully for them every few hours. Ticks are small and easy to miss. They attach to any part of the body — head to toe.

—Stay on trails outdoors; avoid areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.

—Wear light-colored clothes to easily spot ticks. Protect skin from tick bites; wear a hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks.

—Use insect repellent containing DEET or permethrin (follow package instructions).

If you do find a tick on your skin, remove it right away. To remove an attached tick, use tweezers to grasp the tick on the skin surface. If tweezers are not available, use a tissue to protect fingers from possible exposure to the tick's body fluids. With a steady motion, gently pull the tick straight out. Do not crush the tick's body. Have patience; it may take time to remove the tick properly. Using petroleum jelly or touching the tick with a hot match may be common practices but are not the best procedures, Rawlings said.

Live ticks may be submitted for identification and testing to the TDH Laboratory. "The ticks should be placed in a small container such as an old pill bottle with the cap tightly on," Rawlings said. "They should never be placed loose in an envelope." Call the TDH Lab at (512) 458-7615 for information on proper ways to submit live ticks.

A vaccine to protect against Lyme disease is available for people ages 15 to 70. Contact your health care provider for more information about the vaccine. "If people have any flu-like symptoms — with or without a rash — after contact with a tick, they should get medical attention," Rawlings said.

Pride of Pampa Band



(Special photos)

Members of Pride of Pampa Band competed in UIL Solo and Ensemble contests held recently at West Texas A&M University. Fifty-two students received First Division awards. Above: Soloists earning First Division awards included (left-right) Travis Leever, Price Hall, Reece Watson, Vanessa Orr, Bradley Stucker and Don Shuck on saxophone.

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Calendar of events

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are also available. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., March 15, Golden Plains Women and Children's Clinic, Pampa; 1-4:30 p.m., March 22, Rural Health Clinic, McLean; and 12-4 p.m., March 27, City Hall first floor, Canadian.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and BSA Health System will conduct breast cancer screening clinics April 10 at First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster in Pampa. 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) 359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673.

DHS

The Texas Department of Human Services will hold public hearings to seek citizen comment on program directions and services to be provided by agencies receiving federal block grants during State Fiscal Years 2002-03. The meetings are slated: 5 p.m., April 11, 12401 S. Post Oak, Power Center, Houston; 12:30 p.m., April 20, 6611 Boeing Dr., Region 19 Education Service Center, El Paso; 5 p.m., April 25, 3220 N. Botanic Gardens Dr., Auditorium, Fort Worth; and 1:30 p.m., April 27, 1901 S. 24th, Tropical TX Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, Edinburg. Written comments may be sent to Gary Bego, Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Austin, TX 78711 or via e-mail at gary.bego@hhsc.state.tx.us.

FAMILY LIFE MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Family Life Radio will sponsor Lubbock Family Life Marriage Conference April 14-16 at Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza in Lubbock. Early registration is \$75 per person until day of conference and \$90 at the door. A

special 'bring a friend' rate will be \$60 for two couples together. For more information, call (806) 767-4754.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN CLUB

The Butterfly Garden Club of America is offering free butterfly garden seeds (with growing instructions). To receive a packet, send a long SASE with two stamps to: The Butterfly Garden Club of America, P.O. Box 629, Burgin, KY 40310. Limit one free packet per household. Additional packets are available for \$1 each.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Midland Genealogical Society will host a "Spring Seminar" with John Philip Colette, a genealogist of Washington, D.C., from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. April 29 in First Presbyterian Church in Midland. Pre-registration is \$25 or \$30 at the door. For more information, call Jo Ann Clark at (915) 697-8113.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

The Texas Agriculture Extension Service and "Progressive Farmer" magazine will sponsor the following four two-day seminars on estate planning and taxes: March 22-23, Best Western Lubbock Regency, Lubbock; March 29-30, Fort Worth Chapter TSCPA Training Facility, Fort Worth; April 13-14, The Brazos Center, Bryan; and April 20-21, Thompson Conference Center, Austin. The registration fee is \$100. To register or for more information, call Sharon Wehring-Foster at (409) 845-2226 or e-mail swehring@tamu.edu.

CASE

Cultural Academic Student Exchange, a non-profit educational organization, is seeking host families for its foreign exchange student program. For more information, call (877) 846-5848.

THC AWARDS

Texas Historical Commission is accepting award nominations for individuals, groups or organizations who merit recognition for outstanding contributions to historic preservation. Awards are divided into a number of program areas and will be presented at the annual statewide historic preservation conference May 4-6 in San Antonio. Awards packets are available from THC History Programs Division, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX, 78711-2276. For more information call, (512) 463-5853.

POWER WHEELCHAIRS

Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify.

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Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo is now open on Saturdays and will take appointments for blood donations. The new donation hours are: 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday; and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday. The center is also promoting The Birthday Club. If a donor donates blood on their birthday, they will receive a Blood Drop Beanie. For more information, call (806) 358-4563 or 1-800-658-6178.

INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY OF POETRY

The International Library of Poetry will hold an International Open Poetry Contest. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free. To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style to: International Library of Poetry, Suite 19908, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less. The deadline is April 30. For more information, visit www.poetry.com.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The Official Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair is accepting scholarship applications through Feb. 1, 2000. Three scholarships in the amount of \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000 will be awarded respectively. High school seniors may enter in the following categories: fiber, glass, graphics/drawing, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, painting, photography, pottery, sculpture or wood. The winning works will be displayed in the 29th Official Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair May 26-29 on the Schreiner College campus in Kerrville.

For more information, contact your local high school or TACEF, P.O. Box 291527, Kerrville, TX 78029-1527 or visit www.tacef.org. on the World Wide Web.

ESSAY/ART CONTEST

The Center for a New American Dream and Citizens Funds, America's largest family of socially and environmentally responsible no-load mutual funds, are hosting an essay/art contest to give youth the opportunity to creatively express their non-material wants and desires. To qualify, contestants must be 17 or younger by June 31, 2000. To enter, write a short essay (250 words or less) or create artwork answering the question: "What do you really want that money can't buy?" Two prizes will be awarded — one for the artwork and one for the essay. The winners will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship through Citizens Funds and winning entries and runners up will be posted at www.newdream.org and in "Enough!", the center's quarterly publication. Winners will be announced on Aug. 1, 2000, and entries must be postmarked by June 31, 2000. For more information, call 877-68-DREAM or visit www.newdream.org.

USS MADDOX DESTROYER REUNION

USS Maddox Destroyer Reunion, DD731, 622 and 168, will be Sept. 10-15 at Las Vegas, Nev. For more information, contact Cliff Gillespie, 215 Wichita Ave., Apt. 605, Huntington Beach, CA 92648; e-mail, CGILLES@mail.arco.com; phone, (714) 960-5283.

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

The 82nd Airborne Division Association will hold its 54th convention Aug. 16-19 in the Cincinnati area of Kentucky. For more information, contact Airborne of 2000, 5459 Northcutt Pl, Dayton, OH 45414-3742; or call Shirley Gossett, 1-937-898-5977.

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Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families for foreign exchange students. For more information, call 1-800-631-1818.

USS CASCADE

The USS Cascade AD-16 reunion will be Aug. 6-13 at Holiday Inn Select in South Richmond, Va. For more information, contact Lyle Burchette, P.O. Box 566, Hollister, MO 65673, (417) 334-5627; or Bob Croghan, 7827 Cassia Court, St. Louis, MO 63123, (314) 849-3340.

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Other District Attorneys in the Panhandle and South Plains:

DA Name	District	Counties Represented	Full Time	Part Time
Clay Ballman	84 th	Hutchinson, Hansford	X	
Barry Blackwell	69 th	Dallam, Moore, Sherman, Hartley	X	
Bruce Roberson	84 th	Ochiltree	X	
Donald Davis	222 nd	Oldham	X	
Randall Sims	100 th	Carson, Hall, Collingsworth, Childress, Donley	X	
James Farren	47 th	Randall	X	
Roland Saul	222 nd	Deaf Smith	X	
Terry McEachern	64 th	Swisher, Hale	X	
Jerry Matthews	64 th	Castro	X	
Rebecca King	47 th	Armstrong, Potter	X	
Gary Goff	286 th	Hockley	X	
Mark Yarbrough	154 th	Lamb	X	
Becky McPherson	110 th	Dickens, Briscoe, King, Cottle, Floyd	X	
Bill Sowder	72 nd	Lubbock	X	
Dan Mike Bird	46 th	Hardeman, Wilbarger	X	
John Mann	31st	Gray, Roberts, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Wheeler		X

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Elect Richard J. "Rick" Roach as your full-time DA on April 11th.

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Technique removes hail dents without repainting

By TERRY BOX
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Two nights after a recent hailstorm pounded parts of Dallas, dent-man Ken Schmidt rolled into town, his red-handled rods rattling in the toolbox behind him.

Mr. Schmidt, a former golf-course manager from Evergreen, Colo., is a paintless dent repair technician — the back-shop sor-

cerers of the collision-repair business.

Although paintless dent repair has been around since the 1930s, it has long been viewed as a shadowy fringe trade, a technique that until the last decade or so was often practiced behind closed garage doors.

This storm could help change that perception, says Eddie Lennox, founder and president of Richardson-based Service King,

the largest chain of locally owned collision repair shops in the area.

Mr. Lennox, who became convinced of the legitimacy of paintless dent repair about five years ago, had summoned Mr. Schmidt and a dozen or so other paintless dent repair techs to the Dallas area to supplement Service King's conventional repairs. The techs typically spend about nine months a year on the road and gross about \$130,000 each.

Other area shops are also using paintless dent repair. But few — if any — will rely as heavily on paintless dent removal to repair the hail-pocked cars and trucks from this storm, Mr. Lennox said. He said paintless dent repair could account for half the storm repairs done by Service King — or as many as 1,500 vehicles.

"Five or six years ago, you would never get me to say this: But if my car was a candidate for

paintless dent repair, no way would I get it fixed any other way," said Mr. Lennox, a former conventional hammer-and-putty body man.

The process is most effective when the dents are no bigger around than a quarter and no deeper than one-fourth of an inch, he said.

But if a vehicle is a candidate for paintless dent repair, the repairs generally cost 40 percent to 50 percent less than conventional body work and take a few days to complete, as opposed to two weeks or more for body work.

Best of all for some vehicle owners, paintless dent repair requires no paint repairs, which means no color mismatches.

Service King, which has 12 area shops, keeps two paintless dent repair techs on staff year-round, mostly to smooth parking lot dings. But through a contract with Denver-based Paintless Auto-Body Repair Specialists, or PARS, additional techs are already arriving from across the country to spend three months or so repairing storm-damaged vehicles.

"Right now, we will have 12, 14 guys coming here, maybe more," Mr. Lennox said. Paintless dent repair "is not all that profitable for us, but when you have a hailstorm, a body shop can't keep up with the volume."

If paintless dent repair is used to repair some of the smaller storm damage, Service King's conventional body shops can get to the bigger jobs more quickly.

And there is considerable demand for repairs of all kind. The Southwestern Insurance Information Service recently upgraded its estimate of storm damage to \$200 million — most of it in East Dallas, Garland and Mesquite.

Estimates Nevertheless, many insurance companies still don't directly authorize paintless dent repairs, partly because they aren't sure how to estimate the cost or how many techs will be available to do the work.

"It's still fairly new to the industry and to consumers," said Sandra Ray, a spokeswoman for Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

Many will come to appreciate it, predicted Mr. Lennox, who has sponsored seminars for insurance-company representatives to help explain paintless dent repair.

"Back in '94 or '95, when we were getting all of those hailstorms, I really didn't believe in it either," he said. "My son's Mustang got damaged and I decided to take it to a paintless dent repair guy just to see what would happen. When he got done and I saw the car, I knew it was something we had to get into."

Mr. Lennox got one of his executives, Art Bodree, to help research paintless dent repair. Before coming to work for Service King, Mr. Bodree had spent 20 years with Geico Insurance and was familiar with paintless dent repair.

Years ago, some paintless dent repair techs would do demonstrations in tents, Mr. Bodree said. When it came time to actually remove the dents, they would pull down the flaps so no one could see what they were doing, Mr. Bodree said.

"They treated it like it was some kind of magic," he said. One of the concerns about paintless dent repair is that the quality of work tends to vary with the tech doing it. Rick

Kierstead, founder and owner of PARS, said he tries to deal with that by training and often overseeing the work of his techs. Last year, he said, he put 49,000 miles on his Suburban and spent \$20,000 on airfare.

'Memory' recall

Paintless dent repair techs use an array of rods to maneuver dents out of a surface.

They attack the dent from the back side of a damaged surface, seeking to restore the "memory" of a metal surface by pushing and massaging the dimple with the tip of the rods.

"If you push down lightly on a hood, the metal pops right back into place," noted Mr. Kierstead. "That ability is what we call memory."

Each dent can take 30 minutes or so to repair, and the tech must have a good vision and "feel" for the dent.

Mr. Kierstead, who has 25 techs he can dispatch to clients such as Service King, said he thinks that paintless dent removal is on the verge of becoming "totally mainstream."

"In '90 or '91, there were probably 40 or 50 of us doing this," said Mr. Kierstead, who got his start 10 years ago as a tech working out of his home. "Now there are probably 4,000 or 5,000 of us. It's a very good business."

Last year, his company had revenue of \$3.2 million, he said, and that has been growing in recent years by \$200,000 or \$300,000 annually. Mr. Kierstead said his techs must complete seven months of training before they can start earning a living.

But, he said, he guarantees them nine or 10 months' work a year. In recent months, his techs have popped dents on storm-struck vehicles in Minneapolis, New Orleans, Denver and Prescott, Ariz.

Those who work for Mr. Kierstead pay their own expenses, including health insurance.

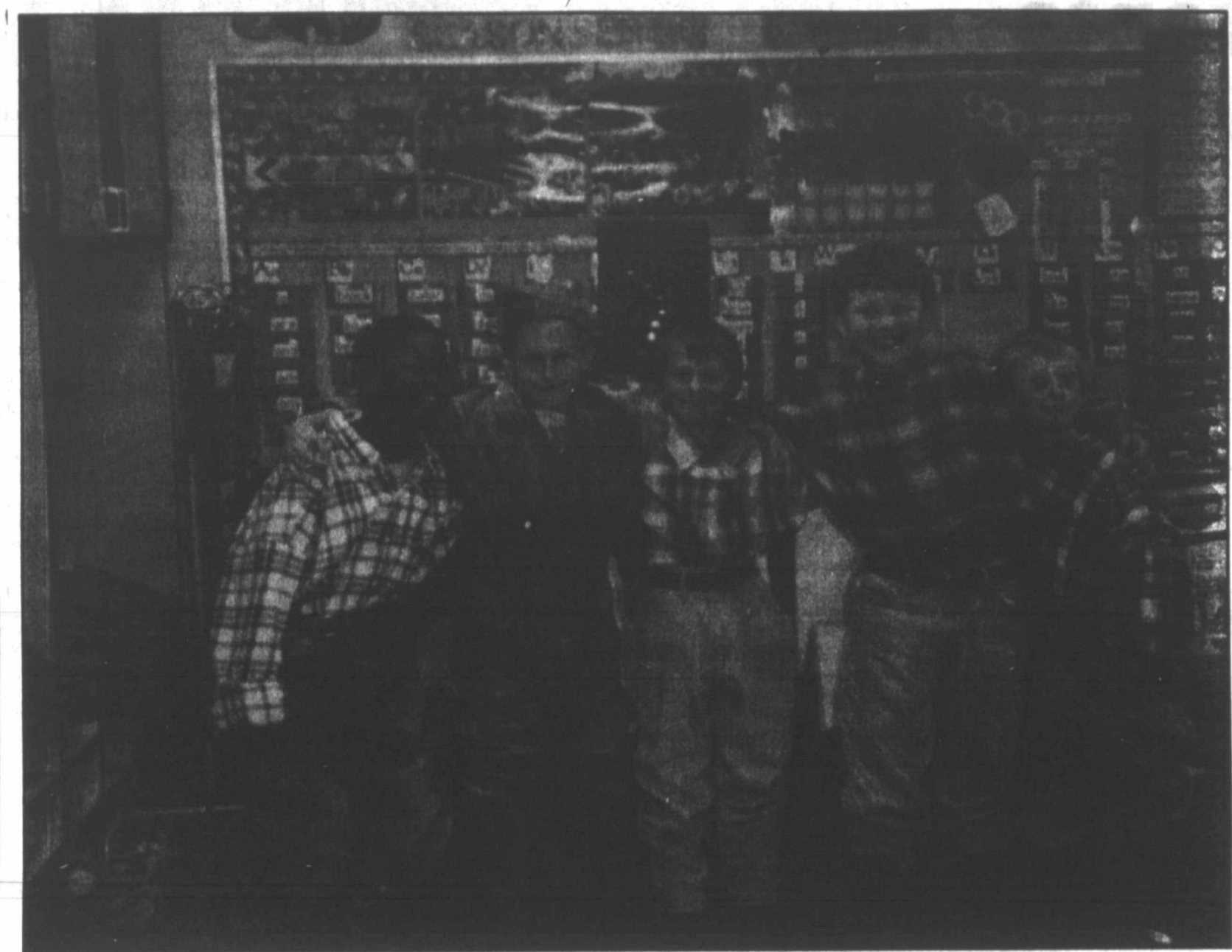
Like the average tech at PARS, Mr. Schmidt said he grossed about \$130,000 last year but spent only about three months at his mountain home in Evergreen.

He and his son, who also works for PARS, arrived in Dallas recently. Mr. Schmidt, 49, said he had just completed six months in Prescott.

"It can be hard, and it takes a long time to learn," he said of paintless dent repair. "But it's a good way to make a living, and it seems to be getting better."

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'One Big Happy Family'



Some students at Travis Elementary School recently participated in the presentation "One Big Happy Family." Above are Terrin Johnson, Clinton Taylor, Eric Likes, Kyle Keith and Colton Sweat. (Special photo)

Latest Carlisle Floyd opera opens in Houston

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — After three years of writing, composer Carlisle Floyd leans back in a red cushioned chair at Houston's Wortham Theater and appears totally at ease watching rehearsals for Friday's world premiere of "Cold Sassy Tree," his latest and perhaps final opera.

"At this point, I don't have any plans beyond this," says the 73-year-old Floyd, considered one of the eminent contemporary American composers and librettists of opera. "It's very likely my last opera. But you know, never say never."

The \$1.9 million Houston Grand Opera production is co-commissioned and co-produced with San Diego Opera, Austin Lyric Opera, Opera Carolina and Baltimore Opera.

"One always is concerned about success," he says. "You can't write with that in mind, but you put in

all the ingredients you can think of to create that... There's also the financial aspect. You certainly hope it's going to have a life beyond the world premiere."

Floyd has been a fixture on the American opera scene since his "Susannah" premiered in the mid-1950s. That opera has been performed hundreds of times in the United States and Europe, including a Metropolitan Opera debut a year ago. Another of his works, "Of Mice and Men," based on the John Steinbeck novel, also has become an American opera standard.

"I find him, at this point at the height of his powers and his experience, unmatched in living composers," says Houston Grand Opera General Director David Gockley.

He hopes Floyd reconsiders a retirement from composing.

"Although I can see at the end of this three-year stressful period, why he would think otherwise," Gockley says. "It is, as he will tell

you, a huge effort. It is a three-year gestation. It is an all-consuming effort."

There's no mistaking the American nature of "Cold Sassy Tree," named after the small Georgia town that's the setting for the story based on the novel of the same name by Olive Ann Burns.

Nowhere else in opera would some of the characters be known as "the Texas gawkers" or a difficult task be described as "like pushing mud uphill."

"The language of this piece took me back to my childhood, to my grandfather, to language I heard my parents use, which strikes us today in a sense of being archaic," says Floyd, who grew up the son of a Southern small-town Methodist minister. "But the expressions are so vivid."

What he hopes he's accomplished is creating characters and music with which an audience can identify.

"And to do that, you have to have really flesh-and-blood creations," he says.

The opera tells the story of a May-December romance between Rucker Lattimore, the town's leading citizen, and Love Sim like country music, even like jazzy country music. I think it's very close to an idiom people will identify with. I've never done anything quite as near pop as this. And by pop, I don't mean in a derogatory sense, but the material dictated it."

The presentation of new material is a deliberate strategy employed by Gockley, who in his 28th year at Houston Grand Opera is overseeing his 25th world premiere.

"We have what we have now from the European repertory because our forefathers in this business took chances with new works," he says. "I felt from the very start... we had a responsibility to replenish the repertoire."

"More specifically, I wanted to pursue an American musical language and style and subject matter so that American audiences could adopt American opera ultimately as their own rather than something exotic and imported." (See, FLOYD, Page 12)

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HOUSTON — A new website providing Texans with accurate and reliable information on cancer-related resources, publications and information is now available on the Internet.

The Cancer Gateway of Texas was launched in February 2000 in response to concerns about a lack of easily accessed, reliable cancer information on the Internet. Located at www.cancergateway.org, the Cancer Gateway of Texas provides links to reputable, non-commercial websites offering current information relating to cancer and the cancer experience free of charge.

The Cancer Gateway differs from other Internet health sites in that each link has been reviewed for quality and usefulness by the site's Texas Link Evaluation Committee. These members are drawn from the steering committee of the Physician Oncology Education Program of the Texas Medical Association.

Selected sites are organized in categories by disease type, such as lung, colon and breast, as well as topic area, such as prevention, treatment and support. Links to Texas-based sites are accessible through the Gateway and are designated by a small Texas icon. National organizations featuring credible information on rare cancers or general cancer-related issues that may be beneficial to Texans also are featured.

The Cancer Gateway of Texas can be contacted by e-mail at gateway@cancergateway.org, or by telephone at (713) 792-2277. Development and administration of the site is supported by the Texas Cancer Data Center and funded by the Texas Cancer Council through an interagency contract with the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

AGRICULTURE

Researchers develop genetic test for steak prospects

WOOSTER, Ohio (AP) — Two researchers have developed a genetic test to determine which young steers will produce prime rib and which will produce only ground chuck.

The DNA test can identify, with 99 percent accuracy, whether cattle have the genetic potential to produce tender, tasty beef if fed and raised properly, said Francis Fluharty, an Ohio State University feedlot nutritionist who developed the test along with molecular biologist Daral Jackwood.

Fluharty said the test would allow farmers and feedlot operators to avoid wasting time and money fattening up cattle that will never produce high-quality steaks. Tough-meat cattle could be eliminated through selective breeding, meaning consumers would get only quality choice cuts for their money.

"I think the potential is huge," said Jim Riemann,

executive director of the Certified Angus Beef Program, which plans to license the test for exclusive use in Angus cattle. "It should take a lot of variability out of the market."

The test would be done early in a steer's life. Inferior animals could be raised for hamburger or other ground meat whose tenderness isn't as important.

Savings could reach \$40 to \$50 per animal in the feedlot, Fluharty said. The technology, if widely used, could eliminate most tough beef from the marketplace within a decade, he said.

The test would require a few drops of blood, cost about \$10 per animal and take about a week, the researchers said. Further refinements to the test and finding labs to perform it could take up to two years.

The scientists said until now, there was no reli-

able way of predicting which individual cattle would produce flavorful meat.

An ultrasound scan can show how much fat has built up on a steer's back at a particular time, but it can't show how that fat is distributed or whether it is flecked throughout the animal's muscle in the desirable pattern called marbling.

Meat graders from the U.S. Department of Agriculture look for marbling when deciding whether to rate beef as prime, choice or select.

RALEIGH (AP) — A researcher is using DNA analysis of 150-year-old potato leaves to get to the bottom of Ireland's Great Potato Famine of the 1840s, which sent a huge wave of immigrants across the Atlantic to America.

Jean Ristaino, a plant pathologist at North Carolina State University since 1987, has identified

DNA from the pathogen, *Phytophthora infestans*, in the dried leaves of blight-stricken potatoes preserved from the famine.

The breakthrough could lead others to perform genetic analysis on preserved samples of plant life to track down other crop killers.

"We are the first group to successfully (replicate) plant pathogen DNA from old historic samples," said Ristaino. "Now what I want to do is track where it came from."

The famine killed more than a million Irish during the mid-19th century and dispersed a million more to other countries.

The potato originated in a part of South America that includes modern-day Chile and Peru. Spanish explorers brought the potato back to Europe and to North America, and it became a sustenance crop for the Irish.

Panel: Genetically-engineered crop review should be tighter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government should tighten its review and monitoring of genetically engineered crops to ensure that plants made toxic to pests won't prove harmful to human health or the environment, a panel of scientists said last week.

Although pest-protected crops can reduce farmers' use of chemicals, there is "a potential for undesirable effects," according to a study by the National Research Council, an arm of the National Academy of Sciences.

Biotech crops caught on quickly with farmers in the 1990s, including a variety of corn that is toxic to a major pest, the European corn borer.

The council said there is no evidence that biotech food now on the market is unsafe, but concluded better methods are needed to identify potential allergens in pest-protected plants. The council suggested conducting long-term studies of feeding the crops to animals to assess the potential impact on humans.

More research is also needed to prevent pest-resistant genes from spreading to weeds and to protect the biotech crops from hurting valuable insects, the council said.

The report "supports the need for stronger regulation," said Jane Rissler of the Union for Concerned Scientists. "It confirms that there are risks."

Brian Sansoni, a spokesman for the Grocery Manufacturers of America, said the study "reinforces the longstanding analysis that the technology is safe. It solidifies the fact that sound science and common sense should continue to guide the U.S. regulatory approach to biotechnology."

The study was conducted by a panel of university researchers and other scientists outside the

government.

Genetic engineering involves splicing one or more genes from one organism into a plant to give it specific traits. The biotech corn, known as Bt corn for a bacteria gene that it contains to make it toxic to the borer, became especially controversial last year after a Cornell University study suggested it could be killing monarch butterflies.

Potatoes have been engineered to be toxic to a virus.

Another popular line of biotech crops is engineered to resist a common weedkiller. They were not covered by the National Research Council study, which focused on pest-protected crops.

While U.S. regulators insist that all the crops they have approved are safe, biotech food has met consumer resistance in Europe — in Britain it's derided as "Frankenfood" — and in Asia. A few U.S. companies, including Frito-Lay Inc., have been turning down the crops.

Some farmers also are cutting their use of Bt corn and some biotech varieties of cotton. Farmers in major corn-producing states intend to plant 19 percent of their corn acreage this year with the Bt variety, down from 25 percent in 1999, according to an Agriculture Department survey.

Crops that are made toxic to pests through conventional breeding methods, such as cross-pollination, shouldn't be immune to concern, according to the council.

The study said there is a need to "significantly increase research" on the impact of conventionally bred crops. Crops that are made toxic to pests through genetic engineering aren't inherently riskier than conventionally bred versions, the council said.

Grain, Feed Association to meet April 12-14 in Arlington center

ARLINGTON — Texas Grain and Feed Association's annual Southwest Grain & Feed Conference and Exposition will be April 12-14 in the Convention Center at Arlington.

Attracting agricultural businessmen and leaders nationwide, the 2000 conference will play host to nearly 90 exhibitors displaying new products and innovations to the attendees.

Conference participants will enjoy all that TGFA and the city of Arlington have to offer. Featuring a unique opening session facilitated by Phil Steffen, of the Bottom Line Group, Inc., in Marietta, Ga., attendees will be enlightened and entertained, enabling them to analyze themselves, as well as their businesses.

Those looking for answers in today's ever-changing world of agriculture will find a series of breakout sessions designed to meet their needs. These sessions will address a variety of topics relating to today's challenges, including: GMO technology; balancing your life; the new world of e-business; and a look at ethics and its importance in business.

A variety of entertainment will highlight the conference. Thursday night, attendees will enjoy viewing spectacular artifacts when visiting the

Legends of the Game Baseball Museum, located in the Ballpark stadium, home of the Texas Rangers. Local country artist, Sonny Burgess, will be on tap to provide entertainment.

Those attending the Lone Star Luncheon Friday afternoon will have the pleasure of hearing former major league baseball player and manager Bobby Bragan speak. Bragan, whose life has been all about baseball, came to Wichita to play in the first NBC World Series and went on to manage some of the greatest players in the majors including Hank Aaron, Roberto Clemente and Felipe Alou.

Friday evening, attendees will be entertained by a performance featuring the Johnnie High-Music Revue. The show, which has been in continuous operation since 1974, has been permanently headquartered in Arlington since 1995.

The conference theme, "Putting the Pieces Together," describes not only the exhibitors, but the participants and their direct involvement in the networking process as they further expand the grain and feed industry. Come and join us as we enter the 21st Century. Your participation and involvement is one of the pieces that will help to make this event successful.

USDA covers 70 percent of farmers' disaster claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers are getting 70 cents for every dollar in claims they made for losses from drought and other crop disasters last year because the Agriculture Department doesn't have enough money to go around.

USDA officials said Tuesday that they received \$1.85 billion in claims, and had \$1.3 billion appropriated by Congress to cover them.

The department covered 85 cents of every dollar

in claims on 1998 crop disasters.

About 260,000 producers are receiving payments for last year's losses of as much as \$55,680 per farmer.

USDA decided to distribute the disaster aid in two installments, knowing that the claims would have to be prorated. Payments totaling \$500 million were made earlier, while checks for the remaining \$800 million are going out this week.

Corn strain repels borers

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — The B-96 strain of corn is scrawny. Its stalks are weak; its roots, undeveloped. And its small ears have round kernels that resemble popcorn.

But B-96 — a strain from Argentina — has something that other corn lines covet: A chemical that deters female European corn borers from laying eggs. An Agriculture Department researcher made the discovery while seeking ways to protect corn from the pest without chemical or microbial insecticides.

"The struggle against the European corn borer has been tough for farmers, especially those who grow crops with little or no chemical pesticides," says Bradley F. Binder, an entomologist with USDA's Agricultural Research Service, who discovered the trait of the B-96 strain, an inbred corn line.

The European corn borer costs the nation's corn producers about \$350 million annually to the nation's corn crop. Without chemical or alternative treatments, losses could exceed \$1 billion. Currently growers have to use corn genetically engineered to contain larvae-killing chemicals. Binder says he can combine the strains for a stronger resistance to the borer.

"Unlike susceptible corn, B-96 has a chemical defense," he said in the April issue of Agricultural Research magazine.

The B-96 corn, possesses a chemical protectant that interferes with borer moth egg-laying. Meanwhile, the genetically engineered corn — known as the Bt strain — would control larvae hatching from any eggs that might be laid.

But Binder cautioned that approach is long-term: "Breeding this trait into corn could take 10 years."

There may be other corn lines related to B-96, but more research is needed, he said.

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Mild weather let Missouri farmers work fields last week, speeding the planting of corn fields

around the state, Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service reported.

In its first weekly crop weather report of the season, the agency reported corn seeding was 5 percent complete. That was slightly ahead of the 3 percent at this time

last year. The Bootheel led all districts with 23 percent planted.

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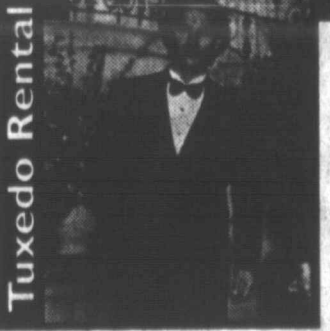
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Debate continues as to whether music makes people smarter

By CARL HOOVER
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas — It's a provocative statement, heard on public service announcements across the country, even in Central Texas: Music makes you smarter.

Some have made it even more focused, specifying that Mozart will boost your intelligence.

That's good news, for both those who struggled through years of schooling and for those who have children whose schooling lies ahead.

Just buy the right CDs from any of several suggested lists, pop them in the player, sit yourself or your child down and listen, listen, listen — voila! You even know what voila! means now.

But does music really make you smarter? That's been the topic of sometimes passionate debate among music educators, arts advocates, scientists, parents and school administrators. Recently, University of Texas at San Antonio professor Donald Hodges spoke on that specific subject at a convocation of Baylor University music students.

The answers, depending on whom you talk to, are yes, no and maybe. In a nutshell, it's a qualified yes if you or your child is willing to spend time and effort to learn music; an unqualified no if you think you can simply pop in the right tape or CD and listen.

Spurred by findings in brain research over the last decade, exactly how music affects the brain has become a hot research topic, with each new study prompting debate and follow-up studies.

In fact, it's the relative newness of the field that has some music educators advising caution. Scientific truth, they say, comes from the time-consuming cycle of theory-experiment-results-debate-new experiments, not the individual results of one set of experiments.

The spark that touched off a national interest in music and the brain was a 1993 study by Frances Rauscher, Gordon Shaw and Katherin Ky that found when a test group of college students was exposed to 10 minutes of a Mozart sonata, they scored higher on a test of spatial reasoning, a result popularly dubbed "the Mozart effect."

Spatial reasoning involves the ability to visualize and manipulate objects in one's mind, an important skill for mathematics, creativity and problem solving. One uses spatial reasoning to solve a jigsaw puzzle, for instance.

The finding was important in that it indicated a connection between listening to music and brain function, but in the media buzz over "the Mozart effect," crucial details from the study were omitted or overlooked: The effect measured lasted only 10-15 minutes; college students, not children, were tested; and the test measured spatial reasoning, only one component of intelligence.

That didn't stop a cottage industry from springing up on the subject. Music stores encountered runs on copies of the Mozart work used in the test, Sonata for Two Pianos, K. 448. Don Campbell's 1997 book *The Mozart Effect* planted the phrase firmly in the public consciousness, even though it covered a wider range of music-brain research than the Rauscher-Shaw-Ky study and its follow-ups.

In 1998, Georgia Gov. Zell Miller jumped

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into the discussion by recommending that his state spend \$105,000 to provide a CD of classical music for new Georgia parents to play for the benefit of their newborns. The Florida state legislature went one step further by requiring Florida public schools to expose young students to classical music.

Recording companies have leaped to the cause, turning out compilation discs with names like *Baby Needs Mozart*, *Build Your Baby's Brain Through the Power of Music*, *Beethoven for Babies — Brain Training for Little Ones*, *Baby Needs Baroque*, *Classical Baby: Mozart — Sleepy Time* and *Baby Needs More Mozart*.

(And you thought food, clothing, shelter and love covered the bases of baby's needs.)

The suggestion that a particular kind of music can create a smarter person, shape an emotional mood or affect behavior has led to countless high school projects and anecdotal findings that work their way into public attention.

The *Washington Times*, for instance, reported on July 2, 1997, that a Virginia high school student exposed mice to hard rock music and classical music for 10 hours a day over a three-week period. Afterward, the classical mice ran their mazes faster than before, while the hard rock mice not only did worse, but killed and cannibalized each other.

And Norman Weinberger, a researcher at the University of California-Irving's Center for Neurobiology of Learning and Memory, cites an anecdote about an unnamed woman who gave a teen-age mother of two a CD of Mozart, believing that it would increase her IQ and thus forestall more pregnancies.

Weinberger's article, "The Mozart Effect: Public Enchantment and Public Confusion," printed in the January 2000 issue of the *Music and Science Information Computer Archive* newsletter *MUSICIA*, raises the concern that many music educators have taken the popular claims of music's brain benefits beyond research findings. "Longtime benefits from music are best achieved by intensive study and music making," he stressed.

Hodges, who directs the Institute for Music Research at UTSA and who's a former orchestral conductor, worries that some music educators oversell the intelligence angle when trying to convince school boards and administrators of the value of music education.

"I have a particular concern about this 'Music makes you smarter,'" he said.

"If the value of music lies in improving SAT scores and those scores don't go up ... then what's to prevent a school board or administrator from saying, 'I guess we don't need music, do we? ... My concern is that we're building a house of cards.'"

The UTSA professor says common sense should show the limits of the "music makes you smarter" line of thinking. If this were true, then you'd expect the smartest students at a university to be in its music department, not in mathematics, not in computer science,

he said.

On the other hand, Rob Gibson, owner of Holze Music Co. and a passionate Waco arts advocate, argues that a "music makes you smarter" campaign, which is backed by the National Association of Music Merchants, does precisely what it's intended to: Get the public talking about music.

"It gets your attention. It begs you to ask the question, 'It does?' Then you can talk to them about all those other things that music does," said Gibson.

While those who've taken music lessons or studied music in some way can speak from personal experiences about the life-enriching value of music, communicating with those who don't have those experiences, such as some school board members and administrators, can be difficult, Gibson said.

Research on music and intelligence, test scores and other quantifiable data, on the other hand, proves "a starting point" for "the bean-counters," he said.

The Waco businessman and former band director points to his own life as proof positive of music's transformational power. It was music, specifically his clarinet playing, that enabled him to leave the small hometown of Altavista, Va., for the wider world, he said.

And it was music in the lives of his band and instrumental students that convinced him of its universal benefit. In one case, he told of an abused sixth-grader who had withdrawn into a shell of silence. Through a principal's urging, Gibson taught trombone to the student and by the end of the year, the shell had broken. "He was never a great trombone player, but that instrument became his voice," he recalled. "It was the first big revelation to me that music can do so much more. I then became a zealot for the arts."

Arts advocacy consumes a considerable portion of Gibson's time and energy. In addition to being a founding member of the Central Texas Coalition for Music Education, which he and Waco Symphony Music director and Baylor conductor-in-residence Stephen Heyde created five years ago, Gibson serves on the Texas State Coalition for Music Educators and the National Association of Music Merchants boards. He's also president of the Greater Waco Council for the Arts and is on the Waco Symphony Association and Waco Performing Arts Company boards.

Even outside the Mozart effect, Gibson says there's plenty of research and studies that show correlations between studying music and higher SAT scores, better academic performance, improved math ability and better behavior.

In fact, when Gibson talks about music making one smarter, his definition is broader than achievement test scores. "What is smarter? Is smarter a higher IQ? I don't think so," he said. "Is it getting good grades? Is it more effective management of your time? Music helps that."

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(Special photo)

Kathy Gist, right, president of Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art, and sculptor Gerald Sanders sit in front of the 8-foot bronze "Grandfather's Vision" designed by Sanders with materials and casting financed by the art foundation. The bronze is mounted at Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park in downtown Pampa. PAFOA received the area Golden Nail Foundation Award during the 18th Award Ceremony held in the Amarillo Civic Center. The event was sponsored by Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

PAFOA receives Golden Nail Award

By Darlene Birkes
For the News

The Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art received the area foundation Golden Nail Award at the 18th annual awards ceremony sponsored by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce at the Amarillo Civic Center Saturday night.

The award was given for Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art's donation of \$27,000 for costs of materials and casting of the 8-foot bronze "Grandfather's Vision" recently mounted in the downtown Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park. Sculptor Gerald Sanders, a 1991 Golden Nail award-winner, donated his time in designing and mounting the bronze.

Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art also organized and financed the art history wall and part of the landscaping south of M.K. Brown Auditorium. Most recently Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art financed eight Pampa postcards that feature 32 pictures and a collage of Pampa that is also printed as a notecard. These are available in Pampa stores and the Devil's Rope Museum in McLean.

Other Golden Nail nominees from Pampa included Ernest and Susie Wilkinson, Reed Echols, the M.K. Brown, Nona Payne and McCarley Foundations, Target Stores and Focus Magazine.

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Archeologists work to unearth settlement

By DEAN BORGWARDT
The Victoria Advocate

VICTORIA — Battling rattlesnakes, thick brush and aggressive wild hogs — descendants of French settlers' livestock — archeologists methodically work the site of ill-fated Fort St. Louis, having to barricade portions of the area with a battery of wheelbarrows to again defend the fort against marauders.

Garcitas Creek, in southeastern Victoria County, was the settlement of French explorer Rene Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle and 180 of his entourage, where the explorer had the ambitious plan to control the Mississippi River Valley and the Gulf of Mexico for France.

Spain had earlier laid claim to the uninhabited territory and anxiously sent several expeditions to stop La Salle, hoping to save their silver mines in northern Mexico and their shipping route in the Gulf.

More than 300 years later, scores of archeologists are toiling under the heat of the sun and braving the occasional chilling winter winds to unearth the remote and forlorn settlement, which marked the beginning of history for the great state of Texas.

From the location on the Keeran Ranch, a team of workers diligently uncover remains buried under several inches of Texas soil, and bring them to Victoria. There are older artifacts, too — ones that were buried when Texas was inhabited only by Indians.

A visual laboratory-headquarters has been established in the old J.E. Ryan funeral home building at 113 W. Santa Rosa in Victoria. There these artifacts are cleaned, processed, analyzed and displayed for public viewing.

The public archaeology laboratory, once empty and sterile, has blossomed into a fascinating world of history, housing artifacts of incredible significance to our state and rare by archaeological standards.

Michael W. Davis, director of Special Projects in the Archaeology Division, says that some of the findings are "once in a lifetime finds. To find all eight of La Salle's cannon together at one site is really incredible."

Fort St. Louis is very important in regard to empire building for France and Spain as the two nations jostled for control in the new world, Davis said.

Nancy Reese, laboratory director, says that every bag brought into the lab is different.

"We don't know what we will find from day to day and it's in our own back yard," she said, holding a small object once carried by a Spaniard to ward off the 'evil eye.'

Dr. Kathleen Gilmore had started on the Fort St. Louis project in the 1970s and had enlisted the aid of Canadian archaeological set-

tlement experts to help her identify the artifacts found at the site in Victoria County.

"The existence of green-glazed ceramic pottery shards verifies that Fort St. Louis is the original site," Gilmore said. "We have to differentiate the French artifacts from the Spanish. It is a matter of time to get through to the French artifacts."

The two levels of occupation are the French period, 1685 to 1688, and the time of Presidio La Bahia, 1722 to 1726.

Dr. James E. Bruseth, director of the Archaeology Division, explains that archeologists are also finding evidence of Karankawa Indian occupation, including artifacts from the Presidio structure that would indicate the Indians used it after the Spanish moved out.

Like the excavation of the French explorer La Salle's wrecked flagship, La Belle, from Matagorda Bay in 1996 and 1997, the work on the Keeran Ranch is considered to be among the more important archaeological studies to ever be conducted in Texas.

While two levels of occupation will make it more difficult to locate what may be left of the burned Fort St. Louis, the archeologists are hopeful of finding additional French items — and the burial site of the colonists who died there — in addition to Spanish artifacts.

They have already found hand-wrought nails, coins, a Spanish religious medallion, copper sheeting, daub used in the construction of the wooden buildings, several musket balls, bits of ceramics, and cow, buffalo, deer and fish bone. Iron cannon balls, bronze sword hilts, blue and white beads, and trade goods once again are exposed to light in a display after hundreds of years in hiding.

A rare and elaborate 800-pound bronze cannon sits majestically against one wall as French and Spanish colonial flags gently wave in the balmy breezes outside the laboratory.

In the public archaeology laboratory, fragments of pottery sit partially assembled in fine sand.

Maureen Brown, education coordinator for the Fort St. Louis Project, explained how these pieces of everyday life, which lay undisturbed for 300 years, are being cataloged and reassembled.

"Pottery tells us more than gold," she says, holding up a piece of off-white crockery decorated with blue patterns, once used to feed a European settler thousands of miles from home. "Patterns and manufacturing records are really helpful."

Admission to the public archaeology laboratory is free. For more insight on archaeology locally, visit the Web site at www.thc.state.tx.us to experience progress made at Fort St. Louis by video.

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Rauscher, one of the original researchers of "the Mozart effect," cautions the public to distinguish between correlation studies, which show relationships and patterns, and causal studies that show cause-and-effect.

Regardless of correlation or causal effects, some music educators say their experiences have convinced them that there's a connection between music studies and academic performance. That's enough to persuade some parents.

Waco piano teacher Doyce Edwards said he's seen a "resurgence" in parental interest in piano studies for their children in the wake of the Mozart effect and other music-brain studies.

From his own experience over 30 years of teaching, he said he's seen in students a correlation between reading and performing music and increased ability in academic subjects such as mathematics.

He surmises, as some researchers do, that performing music provides a whole brain effect: one side active in coordinating the muscle work needed to play an instrument, the other side active in the ongoing analysis of the music produced.

Heyde, a longtime advocate of music in education and public life, takes a middle path when it comes to music and intelligence. "I think there is a danger of overselling it. Music is not and should not be considered a study aid. Music has every reason still to exist and be listened to," he said. "(But) it seems there are some benefits ... People are quick to pooh-poo this,

including music educators, but I think there's too much circumstantial evidence to ignore it."

Georgia Green, associate professor of music education at Baylor University, says she makes her teachers-to-be aware of the music-brain research out there and how to evaluate it. Like Hodges, though, she feels any music-intelligence connection to be a secondary, not primary, argument for music education. Music's ability to enrich and deepen human experience is reason enough to teach it to children. Five years from now, the public's interest may focus on another hot topic, Green said.

"We should teach our children music for music's sake," she said. "If it makes them smarter, fine. If it doesn't, that's OK, too."

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Make-your-own Thai meal kits less hassle

By ELLEN SWEETS
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (AP) — Thai food is hot — and not just with those wicked little chiles that command attention.

Having worked its way into dozens of restaurants around town, Thai is now working its way into home kitchens. This infiltration is helped along by an explosion of convenience products that make it easy to serve Thai at home.

Kimberly Coatney, a legal assistant who works in the Turtle Creek area, drifted toward Thai because she and her husband enjoy a lot of different ethnic foods. So far, she's made chicken satay, coconut chicken, coconut chicken soup and different noodle dishes.

"Thai flavors are more subtle, yet very distinct," she says. "In some foods, the spiciness gets in the way. With Thai, the spiciness enhances."

Product lines like Ka-Me and Thai Kitchen minimize the probability of overseasoning because sauces are ready to use. Or, you can make jasmine rice without rinsing and re-rinsing until the water is clear. Just simmer, cover and serve.

"Sometimes I use packaged seasonings," Coatney says, "or I'll use packages of Thai rice that has seasonings already in them — you know, like you use taco seasoning for Mexican foods?"

Make-your-own-Thai meal kits with condiments bypass a lot of mashing, mincing, chopping and mixing. Asian Home Gourmet makes a Thai stir-fry rice that includes a spice paste of lemon grass, shallots, pineapple juice, lime and coriander. Just add shrimp, tofu or veggies and voila! shrimp-fried rice for two in less than 20 minutes.

Most of the packaged products include simple recipe ideas. Thai Kitchen offers boxed Thai basil noodles that cook up into dinner for two, complete with suggestions for finishing the dish out with stir-fried shrimp, fresh basil and asparagus.

Asian Home Gourmet makes an extensive line of Thai products, including tom yum soup mix for four. Just add water or seafood stock, shrimp, mushrooms, coriander and fresh lime. The package suggests squid, fish and chicken alternatives and such gourmet touches as lemon grass.

Canned sauces from Satay let you make a hot green curry or a medium yellow one. One even includes how to make a Thai-style pizza.

For the family weary of meat and potatoes, Thai is a pleasant, colorful departure. Although an authentic Thai meether easy dish to start with; it can be paired with jasmine rice.

"Thai food has become very popular," says Soon Chan, who has owned Thai Soon restaurant on Lower Greenville for 13 years. "And now it's easy to make it at home. They have lots of ingredients at Minyard and Tom Thumb, lots of places."

"Until recently, you found them only at small Vietnamese or Laotian markets or Hong Kong Market. Now people can pretty much cook the same as we did where I came from in Bangkok."

But even those who grew up making the real thing, like Thai-born Sandy French, admit to taking shortcuts from time to time.

"Sometimes, when I'm just cooking for me, I buy some canned things," says the cashier at Thai Soon. "The big difference is that at home in Thailand we would go and pick the food from the garden, wash it and cook it. It's the same for the fish. We catch it, clean it and cook it. You can't do that here."

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The debut of a new work also adds to the adrenaline rush in the preparation, the level of excitement and the hope for achievement beyond merely the revival of another "La Boheme" or "Madame Butterfly," he says.

"That's clearly where we've carved out our niche," Gockley says. "It is one thing that keeps the job continually new for me. I couldn't do it if we were simply recycling old things in old ways."

Soprano Patricia Racette, a University of North Texas graduate who has one of the lead roles as Love Simpson, says one difficulty performing something that never has been performed before is trying to figure out how an audience will react.

"You never know if they're going to applaud at this moment or not, or if they're going to be touched," she says. "We go with an intention and the other part of the equation is the reaction."

"We're hoping that we move them all beyond belief," she laughs.

The goal, she adds, is "that the sad moments are devastating and the funny moments are hilarious and that the whole overall flavor of the piece is just washed over them."

For Floyd, it's establishing a connection "that the audience will be absorbed in what's happening on the stage and feel they very much have a stake in what they're seeing," he says.

"I'm hoping for people to thoroughly enjoy themselves and be entertained."

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Statistics point to rampant inhalant abuse among today's youth

By MELISSA RENTERIA
The Kerrville Daily Times

KERRVILLE — The statistics are alarming and the effects are frightening.

Nearly one in every five children has abused inhalants by the time they enter eighth grade.

The abuse of household inhalants can cause irreversible damage before an abuser is even old enough to drive.

Recently, the Hill Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Kerrville kicked off a drug awareness campaign as part of National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week.

The annual campaign aims to increase knowledge about the dangers of inhalant abuse; its target audience is children and their parents.

Education, HCCADA officials say, is the key to preventing inhalant use, particularly when parents are the ones educated of its dangers.

"Parents are often out of the loop. Children discuss it and practice it, but adults stay in the dark. The goal of this campaign is to remedy that problem," said Harvey Weiss, National Inhalant Prevention Coalition.

Russ Million, HCCADA intervention specialist, said most parents are alarmed to find out their children have abused inhalants, especially when the inhalants are obtained in the home.

"They don't know where to turn," he said, and often are unsure of which household products to discard and which to keep.

"They can't get rid of all of them. What will they use to clean the house?" Million said.

Several household products, including hair spray, air freshener and deodorant, can be used to get high. Inhalant abusers intentionally breathe the gas or vapors, a practice often referred to as "huffing."

Although the highs of "huffing" are short-term, its damaging effects are long-lasting.

Abusers can suffer liver and kidney damage, hearing loss and permanent brain damage.

Million said one of the most compelling things he has seen is a video of a 15-year-old inhalant abuser who had lost control of his motor skills and who spoke incoherently.

If long-term damage isn't suffered, abusers can be victims of sudden sniffing death syndrome, which means an abuser can die the first, 10th or 20th time fumes are inhaled.

DebiAnn Pillatzke, HCCADA youth primary intervention specialist, said drug counselors seldom hear of long-term inhalant abusers because abusers are either dead or severely brain damaged.

Others, Million said, "graduate" to illegal drugs when it becomes more available. Abusers used inhalants for a period of time because they needed to get high and inhalants were the most accessible and affordable drug, he explained.

Because of inhalants' accessibility, abusers tend to be middle school-age youth. Inhalant abuse is commonly found among socioeconomically disadvantaged youth who live in rural areas with limited access to larger cities where they can "score" more illicit drugs.

But, Million said, inhalants' accessibility doesn't enhance their appeal.

"I don't think I've ever heard anyone say, 'Boy, inhalants were so great. I wish I could go back to them,'" Million said.

Education as prevention tool
Education of a community and communication within families is the key to preventing inhalant abuse, drug prevention experts say.

"If a family is an open family and can talk about what they see and hear, kids can live in the worst neighborhood and be OK," said Million.

He said although most parents do not think their children would abuse drugs, particularly inhalants, such abuse exists among Kerr County youth.

"I wouldn't call it a big problem, but it is a problem. It's happening," he said.

A child who abuses inhalants can "get away with it for a school year without anyone knowing," Million said.

But eventually the signs of drug damage become apparent, even to the abusers.

Some abusers stop using inhalants on their own because they feel the effects — headaches, loss of memory and endurance.

"That's a good testimonial of the harshness of this chemical, that an addict will quit doing it because it's doing so much damage to the brain," Million said. "A cocaine addict wouldn't quit, a heroin addict wouldn't quit."

Unfortunately, some inhalant abusers abandon inhalants for other drugs. But those who do receive treatment undergo rehabilitation programs similar to other drug treatment programs, with more emphasis on the harm inhalants do to the body.

Inhalants cause "the most damage in the shortest period of time" of all drugs, Million said.

Million said children with a strong sense of self worth and right from wrong can build resilience against drug abuse.

In addition to frank talks on drug abuse, Million suggests that parents not let their children have a lot of unsupervised free time.

Inhalant abusers often gather in small groups near home or at the house of one of their friends.

"Given the proper guidance, kids will walk right through that minefield," Million said.

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Growing shade trees takes time, time and more time

By ED HUTCHISON
For AP Special Edition

In a world smitten with speed, some things still take their sweet time to develop, and no amount of prodding will speed things along. Case in point: Shade trees.

A good shade tree grows only so fast each year, even with soil, weather, moisture, nutrients and other conditions to its liking, according to Douglas L. Caldwell, a horticulturist with The Davey Expert Tree Company in Kent, Ohio, which provides tree and related services to residential, utility and other markets throughout the United States and Canada.

"So fast" is pretty slow. That's 6 to 9 inches of twig growth each year for many of the most popular species of shade trees. That means growth up and out, so the tree is increasing its overall size, not just height.

Admittedly, some species grow more than that each year, Caldwell said. But most need 25 years or longer to reach their mature height. Outward growth slows as the tree grows older, but there is still plenty of growth going on in the roots and elsewhere.

Patience as a tree grows is well rewarded.

Most good shade trees provide spectacular autumn color in yellows, reds and oranges.

But what makes a shade tree a

good shade tree, in Caldwell's opinion, is its other virtues acquired by way of genetics that will stay with it for its life. Examples are a sturdy branch structure that isn't prone to twist and rip in storms, wood that is strong so the ground is not littered with twigs and stems after high winds, and the gumption to withstand stress brought on by insects, disease, drought and lousy weather.

In other words, a good shade tree is, well, a good overall tree.

This contrasts sharply with trees that may provide relief from the summer sun and look nice in the fall but are less desirable for a number of reasons. One is short life. The common birch, for example, begins to die out when it reaches 25 years of age. Cottonwood is messy because of its puffy seeds that float through the air in early summer and the brittleness of its stems. Weeping willow, while a dramatic sight with its shimmering yellow leaves in spring, also has brittle, messy wood and the added disadvantage of not dropping its leaves until around Thanksgiving — just when you don't want to be outdoors raking.

While there is no minimum height that a tree must reach to qualify as a true shade tree, Caldwell said that 30 feet is about entry level. That is tall enough so that its canopy provides cover from summer sun

when it is at its highest and most brutal.

Which trees, then, make good shade trees and have the other attributes of strength, good manners and fall color? Quite a few, actually. Divide the country into three climates (cold, warm, hot), and consider these on Caldwell's shortlist:

Cold, Warm and Hot

— Black tupelo, sour gum (Nyssa sylvatica) averages 40 feet in height with a slightly smaller spread. Autumn color moves from yellow to orange to scarlet and finally, purple. This tree is highly prized for its stair-step branch structure and very dependable fall color.

— Red maple (Acer rubrum) reaches about 50 feet tall and wide. Fall color can be pale yellow, yellow or brilliant red. Which color depends a lot on where in the country it is growing and if the tree is a hybrid or a species specimen.

Cold, Warm

— Sugar maple (Acer saccharum) reaches 60 to 75 feet tall and about two-thirds as wide. Fall colors are brilliant yellow, burnt orange and red; colors vary depending on climate and soil type.

— Franklin tree (Franklinia alatamaha) is small — 10 to 20 feet high and about half as wide — as shade trees go but is highly valued because it bears showy white flowers as the leaves

change to orange, red or purple in the autumn. The contrast is striking.

— Ginkgo (Ginkgo biloba) can top out at 100 feet; 80 feet is more typical and the spread is about one-half its height. It has bright yellow autumn foliage. However, a hard freeze can cause leaves to drop virtually overnight.

— Bradford Callery pear (Pyrus calleryana) reaches up to 50 feet tall with a spread of about one-half its height. Smaller trees on the order of 20 to 30 feet are more common. Fall color comes on late and is usually glossy scarlet and purple. This tree bears plenty of white flowers in spring.

— Thornless honeylocust (Gleditsia triacanthos) can grow up to 70 feet tall and about as wide, but seldom gets that high or wide. Leaves are small, arranged on a stem, giving the tree an airy look. Leaves fall early in the autumn and are yellow-green or brilliant yellow.

Hot

— Chinese pistache (Pistacia chinensis) grows about 35 feet tall and almost as wide. Dark green foliage turns orange and orange-red.

— American sweetgum (Liquidambar styraciflua) will grow in most zones and is one of the few trees that has exceptional autumn color in hot climates. It also grows pretty quickly — up to 3 feet a year. Deep green foliage takes on yellow, purple and red tones in the fall.

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FOOD

No, but we do the next best thing: buy it, drive home, cook it.

If you're cooking up a Thai meal after everybody's home from work, soccer, basketball, softball and dance class, take advantage of convenience to put something exciting and different on the table; help is only a grocery shelf away.

Thai Iced Coffee
This beverage is like a bracing latte on ice. Make it by brewing very strong French roast or espresso-style coffee. While the coffee's brewing, add canned condensed milk - between 2 and 3 tablespoons - to glass tumblers. Follow with ice to the top. Then pour the hot coffee over the ice.

Ins and Outs of Make-Your-Own

Thai food - a kind of fusion of Chinese, Indian, Indonesian, Vietnamese and Thai cultures - is generally understated, but

beware. An aromatic dish can be deceptive because of its fragrance. It isn't until a mouthful erupts like Krakatoa that tiny, fiery chiles make themselves known.

It's always a good idea to have lots of steamed rice standing by to cut the heat of too-fierce food. Sweet drinks and chunks of fresh pineapple also help neutralize the heat.

Some basic ingredients to have on hand besides the convenience foods include bottled fish sauce, called nam pla; limes; tamarind (don't worry; it's in stores); roasted peanuts and soy sauce (even Tabasco makes one).

If you run into other must-have ingredients, don't panic. When a recipe calls for burdock root, look to Whole Foods. If a recipe calls for palm sugar, brown sugar will do. Don't fret when you see "thin" soy sauce in a recipe; light soy sauce will work fine. Maggi, a liquid condiment that has been on pantry

shelves for ages, is now a popular ingredient in Asian cooking. You don't have to make your own coconut milk, either. It comes in cans.

Remember when treading unfamiliar culinary turf to proceed with caution. Use a little seasoning at first; if that's not enough, add more. Once it's in a dish, there's no getting it out, no matter what "it" is.

By the way, cooking Thai doesn't demand a wok. If you want to buy one, go ahead. But if you've got a sturdy iron skillet, you're in business. Chinese bamboo steamers are cool to cook with, but a metal one will do.

Thai dishes are traditionally eaten with a fork and a spoon, so when the kids ask for chopsticks, tell 'em Thai kids don't use 'em. (They do use chopsticks and spoons for traditional noodle soups served "big-bowl" style.)

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SPORTS

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BASKETBALL

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Final applications are being evaluated for The Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp in Commerce, Tex. Boys and girls ages 7-19 can apply for the camp.

Previous camp participants include Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Bobby Hurley and Antawn Jamison.

College basketball scholarships are possible for players named to the All-American Team.

For an evaluation form, call 704-372-8610 ANYTIME.

GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills seniors held a four-man scramble last week.

Results are as follows:
First place: Willie Nickelberry, Louis Haydon, Bob Conway and Gene Strother 61.

Second place: Bob Swope, Ken Williams, Irvin Williams and Bill Abernathy 63.

Third place: Dale Haynes, Glen Downs, J.T. Lamberson and Gabe Crossman 63.

Fourth place: Bill King, Charlie Rand, Jim Bridges and George Gambelin 63.

Closest to hole: B. F. Dorman, on No. 12.

Willie Nickelberry made a double eagle two on hole No. 4, which is a par 5 in the tournament.

TENNIS

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — John McEnroe was right. Weird things do happen in Davis Cup play.

The Americans found out just how bizarre when Jiri Novak shocked Pete Sampras in straight sets before Andre Agassi salvaged Friday's opening singles matches with a brisk victory over Slava Dosedel.

The split left the United States and Czech Republic tied 1-1 in their best-of-5 quarterfinal.

"Who would've thought that Pete would've lost the way that he did? I'm really surprised that happened," said McEnroe, the United States captain. "We were expected to be up 2-0. We're in a dogfight now."

Today's doubles match pits Jared Palmer and Alex O'Brien against Novak and David Rikl, who have two ATP Tour losses to the Americans this year.

"I'm very happy. I think we have a chance," Czech captain Jan Kukal said.

Novak defeated Sampras 7-6 (1), 6-3, 6-2 before a stunned and mostly silent crowd of 11,206 at the Forum, which included about 50 family and friends of Sampras, a Los Angeles native.

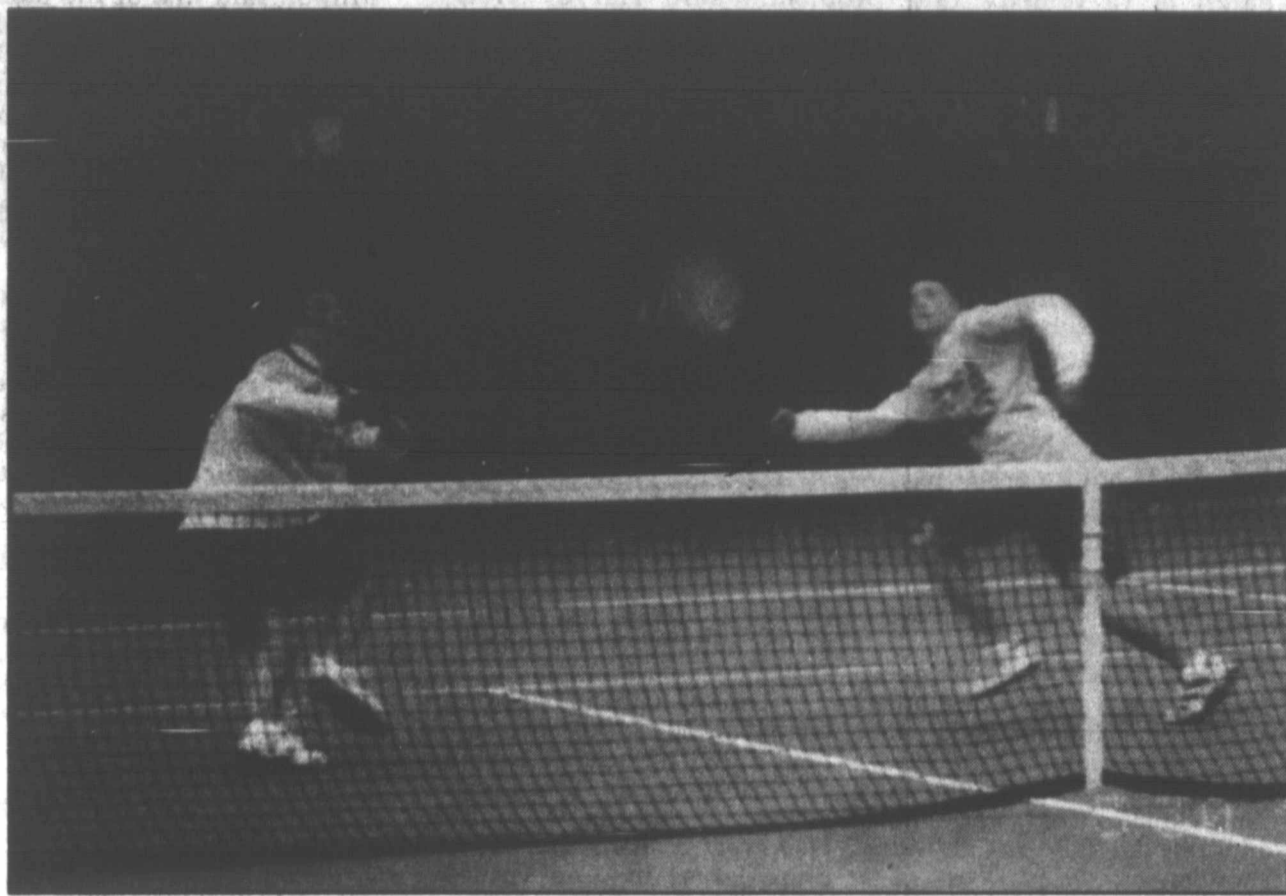
"I'm disappointed that I got us off to a bad start. It should be an interesting weekend, but I still like our chances," he said. "There's still a long way to go before this thing is put to bed, and hopefully we can come back."

Hustling around the fast, indoor hardcourt, Agassi was all business in dispatching Dosedel 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. The American lost just nine points on his first serve and had only seven unforced errors in the 1-hour, 30-minute match.

"My game is built around my work ethic and my discipline and really hustling, because when I'm in position I can then bring out the variety in my shots," he said. "If I can do that point after point after point, it's really difficult for my opponent to stay with me."

Sampras couldn't keep pace with Novak's deceptive game, in which the Czech appeared to be taking it easy, only to catch Sampras off-guard with pinpoint passing shots.

"His effort level is there, but it doesn't sort of appear that it is," McEnroe said of Novak. "Pete, at least probably 20 times, hit a ball and maybe thought Novak wasn't even going to get to it."



Seniors Matt Rains (right) and Ryan Mills are seeded No. 3 in the District 3-4A Tournament.

Pampa seedings announced for District 3-4A Tennis Tournament

PAMPA — Pampa tennis coach Carolyn Quarles was pleased with the seeding of her players for the District 3-4A Tournament during the weekend in Amarillo.

In boys' doubles, juniors Bryce Jordan and Michael Cornelison are seeded No.2 behind Coggins and TeBeest of Dumas.

"Michael and Bryce have improved so much since the fall," coach Quarles said.

They play a much more aggressive game. I like their chances to win district.

In the fall, Cornelison and Jordan lost three times to Dumas with all the matches going to three sets.

Seniors Ryan Mills and Matt Rains are seeded No. 3 in boys' doubles.

"This is a team with a lot of potential. When they're playing good they are very hard to beat," Quarles said. "They played great in Abilene last weekend. Ryan was a regional qualifier last year in doubles."

Seniors Emily Waters and Emily Curtis are seeded No. 1 in girls' doubles.

"These girls have dominated the district all year, but they are also very sensitive to always playing hard and respecting their opponents," said Quarles.

Sophomores Ashley Stucki and Michelle Lee are seeded No. 4 in girls' doubles.

"This team was undefeated all-district players at No. 3 for us. They have the ability to upset some teams," Quarles said.

In singles, sophomore A.J. Smith and senior Helen Orr both secured the No. 4 seed.

"Helen has a game style that is very tough in singles and she has a good draw," Quarles said. "A.J. is a very exciting sophomore player. He has the shots to play with anyone in the district or region. It's just putting it together at the right time for him."

The Pampa junior varsity also competed in a district tournament in Amarillo during the weekend.

Quarles said the junior varsity team has dominated district play, going undefeated all season.

"The JV does not go to regionals, but has a chance to win a team trophy and individual trophies," she added.

Duval atop Masters leader board

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — David Duval thought Augusta National was a pretty neat place to be as he walked down the 10th fairway and heard the crowd roaring for Jack Nicklaus' birdie a few holes ahead.

Tiger Woods didn't, as he struggled for a second day to try and bring sense to a game that was so dominant coming in, but has looked so ordinary at this Masters.

Duval had yet to run off his back nine streak of four birdies and an eagle when Nicklaus birdied the 13th hole Friday and the crowd went wild. Nicklaus was contending again at the age of 60, and players three decades younger were taking note.

"Everybody was going nuts," Duval said. "It was a lot of fun."

For Duval, though, the fun had just begun.

His 30 on the back nine gave him a 7-under 65 that put him into the midway lead of the 64th Masters.

On the leaderboard with him were a bunch of guys more than eager to challenge the domination of Woods. With Woods nine shots back after a 72 Friday, they have their chance.

"I devoted the last six months to this week," Duval said. "I feel like it's all coming together."

Duval was on top, but Ernie Els, Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh were just a stroke behind on a Masters leaderboard glaring only because of the absence of Woods.

Tom Lehman and Steve Jones were three shots back, and even Nicklaus was ahead of Woods after a 70 on Friday left him at even par, six shots back.

Play resumed today under threatening weather conditions with predictions of rain and strong afternoon winds.

"I believe in myself when I play here," the 60-year-old Nicklaus said. "I feel pretty young."

Having six green jackets can keep a guy young, even though Nicklaus won his last one with a remarkable final nine 14 years ago, before he ever had a ceramic hip installed.

A seventh probably isn't in the cards, not with the firepower stacked ahead of him on the leaderboard. And, perhaps, even with Woods just behind him.

"I'm still in it," Woods insisted. "If I can just get it going, everything will be great."

For Duval, everything was great as he shot his best round in a major championship. It came in a tournament he led coming down the stretch two years ago before faltering. He also was in contention last year before he put an iron into the water fronting the 11th green.

"I don't believe I gave the tournament away a couple years ago," Duval said. "Last year, I thought I had a chance and I had a mishap."

Mickelson, Singh and Els were lurking just a shot behind, waiting to pounce on any mishap.

Els and Singh had 67s, while Mickelson shot a 68 as he got in contention once again for his first major title.

"The leaderboard is very strong," Mickelson said. "It's going to be very difficult for players to separate themselves."

Augusta National played three strokes easier than the first round, as the breezes died down and the greens seemed to be a little softer. Duval's 65 was the round of the day, but Mickelson would have tied him for the overall lead if he hadn't stubbed a chip on No. 16.

Mickelson was confident coming into the tournament after winning last week down Interstate 20 in Atlanta. Rounds of 71-68 did nothing to change his frame of mind.

Winning a major championship, though, is different. Mickelson has won 15 times in eight years on the PGA Tour, but never in a Grand Slam event.

"I'm still nervous, but I feel a little more comfortable about the situation I'm in," Mickelson said. "And I feel very comfortable on the golf course."

While Duval and Mickelson have not won majors, Singh, Els, Lehman and Jones have. And that could keep the leaderboard crowded going into a weekend where the wind is supposed to blow and there is a

Optimists sign up more than 600 for summer sports

PAMPA — Registration for Pampa Optimist baseball and softball shattered the 600 mark as 648 players have enrolled for the 2000 season, Jeff Skinner, a Co-ordinator for the program announced following the third day of sign-ups Thursday.

"Our program continues to grow, allowing us to serve more young people in this area," said Optimist President Monte Covalt. "Last year we had 620 players. In 1998 we had 470."

Late sign-ups will be accepted on Monday and Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Optimist Building and by calling 669-3397 or 669-9817 at other times.

"More is definitely better, said an excited Richard Stowers, Commissioner of the 5-6 Beginner League and the 7-8 Rookie League. "We are increasing our leagues by three teams this year to make a total of 18 in this age group. It will be a challenge to find places for all these teams to play, but it's a problem we're glad to have."

Stowers said the leagues will have eight teams of five and six year old players playing T-ball and 10 teams of seven and eight year old players using pitching machines including teams from Miami and Lefors.

"Our Little League Girls Softball has 202 players compared to 191 last year," said Sheri Tice, the league commissioner. "We are adding a team in the 13 to 15 Senior League and in the 7-9 Minor League. We can continue to accept late sign-ups until the teams reach the maximum allowed by Little League rules."

Two teams are being added in the 11-12 Cal Ripken Baseball League and one in the 9-10 Cal Ripken Baseball League, according to Assistant 11-12 Commissioner Chico Ramirez and 9-10 Commissioner Mando Ramirez. Those leagues will have 7 and 10 teams respectively.

"We had 20 Babe Ruth players sign up the first day, 25 the second day and 20 more the third day," said David Hutto, Commissioner. "We are limited by Babe Ruth rules to 15 players on a team so we can only accept the first 10 late sign-ups." Drafts were expected to be completed Friday. Managers and coaches will be calling players to advise them when and where they practice over the weekend. Practice begins next week in most leagues. Games will begin the week of April 24. The games for most leagues will end by June 30.

O's Johnson strikes again

By The Associated Press

Charles Johnson and the Baltimore Orioles made some more noise. They weren't alone in an American League slugfest.

Johnson homered for the fourth time in three straight victories as the Orioles beat Detroit 14-10 on Friday night in a nine-homer game at Camden Yards.

"It's been a great start for me," Johnson said. "The biggest thing is that we've been able to come out and win these games. I know it's early, but these games count."

The Orioles and Tigers helped set single-day records for home runs in the majors (57) and one league (36).

The previous major league mark of 55 was set last Aug. 13 in 17 games, two more than there were Friday. The 36 homers in the American League broke the record of 30, accomplished twice in the AL (June 10, 1962, and June 14, 1964), and three times in the NL (May 8, 1970, last July 2, and last Aug. 13).

Cleveland's Omar Vizquel got into the act in Tampa, hitting his fourth career grand slam in the Indians' 14-5 victory over the Devil Rays.

Texas' Royce Clayton and Kansas City's Mike Sweeney came up big, too. Clayton hit two of Texas' five homers home runs in the Rangers' 11-5 victory over Toronto, and Sweeney had two homers in the Royals' 10-6 victory over Minnesota.

In the other AL games, it was Anaheim 7, Boston 3; Seattle 7, New York 5; and Chicago 7, Oakland 6.

Johnson's three-run homer highlighted a six-run fifth inning that put the Orioles ahead 11-7. The teams combined for five home runs in the inning, tying a major league record.

Johnson and Albert Belle both drove in four runs. Johnson has 12 RBIs in four games this season compared to one all of last April.

For the second time in two games, Mike Bordick followed a homer by Johnson with one of his own.

"That stuff is contagious," Bordick said. "Every time he's hit a home run it's been a big part of the game. Guys get excited about it. Me hitting right behind him, it's pumping me up too."

Belle and Cal Ripken also homered for Baltimore. Ripken's first homer of the season left him six hits short of 3,000.

7 PHS athletes are all-district

PAMPA — Pampa High had seven players named to the All-District 3-4A Soccer Team this season.

Sophomore Misti Northcutt and senior Mary Grace Fields were named to the girls all-district first team. Sophomore Desiree Vigil and freshman Sarah Porter were named to the second team.

The Lady Harvesters advanced into post-season competition for the third time in school history and won two playoff games.

Randall junior Ashley Mosely was named player of the year. Randall's Joy Ellis and Caprock's Beau Zennadi shared coach of the year honors.

In the boys division, senior midfielder Kyle Weller was a first-team all-district selection. Junior Ryan Chambers and senior Brad Gardner were named to the second team.

The Harvesters struggled with injuries throughout the season and failed to make the playoffs.

Canyon senior Nathaniel Cook was named player of the year and Caprock's Shane Bybee was named coach of the year.



Pampa senior Kyle Weller (9) was a first-team pick on the All-District Team.

District tennis champs



The District 3-1A Tennis Tournament was held last week at the Pampa High courts. Winners were (front, from left) Lauren Crowell and Brin Bergin, Groom, girls doubles; (back, from left) Nathan Hefley and Richard Bowe, Fort Elliott, boys doubles; John Dauselt, Lefors, boys singles, and Alice Tharichen, Miami, girls singles.

Wallace's 500th career start will come up front

By HANK KURZ Jr.
AP Sports Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — A great day for the Wallace family at Martinsville Speedway ended predictably enough, with Rusty Wallace king of them all.

How he managed to win the pole for Sunday's Goody's 500 is another story.

Forced to "drive the wheels off" his car when it wouldn't do what he wanted, Wallace won his 28th career pole Friday with a lap of 94.827 mph in his Ford.

"When we weren't real strong off the bat, I think it made me really dig down deep and struggle to find some more, and we were able to find some more," he said.

"I pretty well got it all."

Just two weeks after reaching a milestone with his 50th career victory, Wallace assured that his 500th start would be memorable, too, edging brother Kenny by 11 hundredths of a second for the top spot in the front row. Earlier, Mike Wallace had won the pole for Saturday's NAPA 250 Craftsman Truck Series event.

"Geez, what a great deal," Rusty Wallace said of his all-front-row family.

Rusty Wallace joined Dale Jarrett as the only drivers to win more than one pole through the first eight qualifying sessions of the season, and said two days of testing at the .526-mile oval a few weeks ago helped him in his run.

It also helped when Wallace could do no better than 15th in practice — his best lap in practice was 94.157 mph.

"I think that qualifying lap was a lot of adrenalin, too, because I knew I was in tough shape and had to drive the wheels off it. It turned out great," he said.

Kenny Wallace was pleased with his good showing, and the way the whole family qualified, but said he was disappointed that his older brother stole the pole.

"I'm such a competitor that I'm so aggravated by getting beat by him that I'm not really enjoying right now just how good I did," Kenny Wallace said. "I'm happy, but damn it, I just can't believe it."

Kenny Wallace's Chevrolet will be followed on the grid by the Chevy of Mike Skinner and the Ford of Brett Bodine. The start will be Bodine's best since a third in 1997 at New Hampshire

and is his first top-10 here since 1992.

"There's nothing better than to come to a track you like to try to pick up the spirits, and I think this is going to do it," Bodine said. After seven races, his team is 37th in points, has missed two races and finished no better than 16th.

Skinner said he struggled during practice to get the brakes right, then "went in there after practice and rolled the dice. It worked out good for us."

The third row has Jeff Burton, a native of nearby South Boston, Va., and Jerry Nadeau. The fourth includes Ricky Rudd of Chesapeake and Sterling Marlin.

Defending champion John Andretti, who followed his victory here last April with a last-place showing in the fall race, struggled again, finishing 26th.

Winston Cup points leader Bobby Labonte was 13th at 94.279. That was one spot behind Ken Schrader, who had the fastest Pontiac at 94.326.

Labonte's teammate, Tony Stewart, who set the track qualifying record of 95.275 last year, also struggled, coming in 37th at 93.553.

Second-round qualifying to set the last 18 spots is set for today.

Astros lose Enron Field opener

By The Associated Press

A new ballpark brings teams immediate cash, not necessarily wins.

"It was such a wonderful atmosphere," Astros manager Larry Dierker said after Houston lost 4-1 to the Philadelphia Phillies in Enron Field's opener Friday night.

"The most disappointing aspect of the loss was we couldn't get enough going to give our fans a chance to show their presence. We couldn't make those vibrations pay off with a win."

Scott Rolen broke up a scoreless game with a sixth-inning home run. Ron Gant added a two-run homer off Doug Henry in the eighth for the Phillies, who also opened the Astrodome in 1965.

"It's a great ballpark. We're going to have some great memories here," Jeff Bagwell said. "We're going to hit a lot of home runs. We just didn't do it tonight."

In other games, Chicago beat Cincinnati 10-6, New York beat Los Angeles 2-1, San Diego beat Montreal 10-5, San Francisco beat Atlanta 6-2, Florida beat Colorado 4-3, Milwaukee beat St. Louis 9-1 and Pittsburgh beat Arizona 7-2.

Houston's first outdoor home game since 1964 drew a sellout crowd of 41,583 that included former President George Bush and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the former Texas Rangers owner. The \$248 million, retractable-roof ballpark opened with a pregame ceremony that included skydivers and the raising of the NL Central flag. A sellout crowd of 41,583 filled the stands.

Octavio Dotel (0-1) allowed only three hits until Rolen led off the seventh with a drive over the left-field scoreboard, his third home run of the season. Mickey Morandini hit a sacrifice fly, and Gant added a two-run homer.

Randy Wolf (1-0) also allowed a leadoff homer in the seventh, a 408-foot drive to left by Richard Hidalgo. Wayne Gomes finished with hitless relief for his first save.

Cubs 10, Reds 6

Sammy Sosa hit a two-run homer deep to center field, stopping an 0-for-16 slide, and added a sacrifice fly to the warning track at Cincinnati.

Ken Griffey Jr. struck out, grounded out twice, popped out, and hit a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded in the ninth. In five

games for his hometown team, Griffey has gone 1-for-18, hitting only two balls out of the infield.

Andrew Lorraine (1-0) won, and Rick Aguilera got the final out for his second save. Damon Buford homered leading off the second and Ricky Gutierrez broke it open with a two-run double as part of a three-run fourth against Pete Harnisch (0-1).

Mets 2, Dodgers 1

Rick Reed (1-0) overcame New York's early-season offensive funk, allowing one run — Gary Sheffield's solo homer in the fourth — and four hits in 7 2-3 innings at Shea Stadium.

Mike Piazza hit a towering fly to right that Shawn Green could not track down and fell for an RBI double. Robin Ventura drove in his first run of the season on a groundout.

Darren Dreifort (0-1) lost and Armando Benitez got four outs for his second save.

Padres 10, Expos 5

Phil Nevin hit a three-run homer, Ryan Klesko added a two-run drive and Damian Jackson had a career-high four hits for visiting San Diego.

Brian Meadows (1-0) led 9-0 before he was chased in a four-run sixth.

Montreal third baseman Michael Barrett had two errors, giving him six this season. The Expos had five in all and have 12 in five games. Jeremy Powell (0-1) was the loser.

Giants 6, Braves 2

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"The last two times we played

Barry Bonds hit a two-run homer, one of three home runs off Terry Mulholland (0-1) at Turner Field.

Mark Gardner (1-0) allowed two runs and 10 hits in seven innings, leaving after Javy Lopez's eighth-inning homer. Marlins 4, Rockies 3

Brad Penny, backed by Kevin Millar's tiebreaking three-run triple in the sixth, won in his major league debut, allowing one run and six hits in seven innings. Mike Lansing homered twice for visiting Colorado.

Antonio Alfonseca pitched a hitless ninth for the save. Masato Yoshii (0-1) lost his first start for Colorado.

Brewers 9, Cardinals 1

Jason Bere (1-0) struck out eight in six innings at St. Louis, allowing five hits, and Jeremy Burnitz homered. Bere has won eight straight decisions and is unbeaten in 17 starts since Sept. 19, 1998.

Andy Benes (0-1) lost in his first game back with St. Louis following two seasons with Arizona.

Pirates 7, Diamondbacks 2

First baseman Erubiel Durazo's error opened the way for visiting Pittsburgh's six-run eighth.

Durazo's inability to field a grounder allowed the tying run to score, then pinch-hitter Kevin Young singled in the go-ahead run.

Jason Christiansen (1-0) won and Armando Reynoso (0-1) lost.

Rockets show positive signs

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Seattle we lost because we didn't close them out," Francis said. "The last two games we've won we have really closed them out."

Neither Gary Payton nor any of his teammates could slow down Francis, who scored 18 points in the first quarter and 11 more in the third. When the Sonics double-teamed Francis in the fourth quarter, Mobley and Williams took over, he worked the ball to Mobley and Williams who scored 18 of Houston's 28 points in the final period.

"I never felt like I needed to shoot because they were double-teaming me so I just passed the open guys the ball," Francis said.

Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich was surprised when Williams fired with time left on the clock.

"I told the guys no shots unless it's a layup or a dunk before the buzzer," Tomjanovich said.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL				
National League				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Florida	3	2	.600	—
New York	3	2	.600	1/2
Atlanta	2	2	.500	1/2
Montreal	2	3	.400	1
Philadelphia	1	3	.250	1 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Milwaukee	3	1	.750	—
St. Louis	3	1	.750	—
Houston	2	2	.500	1
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500	1
Chicago	2	4	.333	2
Cincinnati	1	3	.250	2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Arizona	3	1	.750	—
San Diego	3	2	.600	1/2
San Francisco	3	2	.600	1/2
Los Angeles	2	3	.400	1 1/2
Colorado	1	3	.250	2
Thursday's Games				
Florida 5, San Francisco 4				
St. Louis 15, Chicago Cubs 3				
Pittsburgh 10, Houston 1				
Montreal 11, Los Angeles 3				
Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 1				
San Diego 8, N.Y. Mets 5				
Arizona 3, Philadelphia 2, 11 innings				
Only games scheduled				
Friday's Games				
Florida 4, Colorado 3				
N.Y. Mets 2, Los Angeles 1				
San Diego 10, Montreal 5				
Chicago Cubs 10, Cincinnati 6				
San Francisco 6, Atlanta 2				
Philadelphia 4, Houston 1				
Milwaukee 9, St. Louis 1				
Pittsburgh 7, Arizona 2				
Saturday's Games				
Los Angeles (Brown 1-0) vs. at N.Y. Mets (Mahomes 0-0), 1:10 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 0-1) vs. at Cincinnati (Bell 0-0), 1:15 p.m.				
San Diego (Hitchock 0-0) vs. at Montreal (Hermanson 0-1), 2:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Woodard 0-0) vs. at St. Louis (Kile 0-0), 2:10 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Brook 0-0) vs. at Houston (Gooden 0-0), 3:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 0-0) vs. at Arizona (B.Anderson 0-0), 4:35 p.m.				
Colorado (Karl 0-0) vs. at Florida (Fernandez 1-0), 7:05 p.m.				
San Francisco (Hernandez 0-1) vs. at Atlanta (Maddux 1-0), 7:10 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
Colorado (Astacio 0-1) at Florida (Dempsier 0-0), 1:05 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Park 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 0-0), 1:10 p.m.				
San Francisco (Ortiz 0-0) at Atlanta (Glavine 0-0), 1:10 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Downs 0-0) at Cincinnati (Neagle 0-0), 1:15 p.m.				
San Diego (Boehringer 0-0) at Montreal (Iraju 0-1), 1:35 p.m.				
Milwaukee (De los santos 0-0) at St. Louis (Ankiet 0-1), 2:10 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Ashby 0-0) at Houston (Reynolds 1-0), 3:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 0-1) at Arizona (R.Johnson 1-0), 4:35 p.m.				
American League				
at a glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Baltimore	3	1	.750	—
New York	2	2	.500	1
Tampa Bay	2	3	.400	1 1/2
Toronto	2	3	.400	1 1/2
Boston	1	3	.250	2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Kansas City	3	2	.600	—
Chicago	2	2	.500	1/2
Cleveland	2	2	.500	1/2
Minnesota	2	3	.400	1
Detroit	1	3	.250	1 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Seattle	3	1	.750	—
Oakland	2	1	.667	1/2
Texas	3	2	.600	1/2
Anaheim	2	2	.500	1
Thursday's Games				
Kansas City 9, Toronto 3				
Tampa Bay 7, Minnesota 6				
Baltimore 6, Cleveland 2				
Chicago White Sox 6, Texas 2				
Seattle 5, Boston 2				
Only games scheduled				
Friday's Games				
Kansas City 10, Minnesota 6				
Kansas City 10, Minnesota 6				
Baltimore 14, Detroit 10				
Cleveland 14, Tampa Bay 5				
Texas 11, Toronto 5				
Anaheim 7, Boston 3				
Seattle 7, N.Y. Yankees 5				
Chicago White Sox at Oakland (n)				
Saturday's Games				
Detroit (Nomo 1-0) vs. at Baltimore (Mussina 0-1), 1:35 p.m.				
Minnesota (Radke 0-1) vs. at Kansas City (Suppan 0-0), 2:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 1-0) vs. at Seattle (Meche 0-0), 4:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Siroka 0-1) vs. at Oakland (Mahay 0-0), 4:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Burba 0-0) vs. at Tampa Bay (Trachsel 1-0), 4:15 p.m.				
Toronto (Wells 0-0) vs. at Texas (Fogers 1-0), 8:05 p.m.				
Boston (Rose 0-0) vs. at Anaheim (Hill 0-1), 10:05 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
Detroit at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.				
Minnesota at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.				
Toronto at Texas, 3:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.				
Boston at Anaheim, 4:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.				
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.				
GOLF				
Masters, Graded Scores				
AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Graded scores Friday after the second round of the Masters on the 6,985-yard, par-72 Augusta National Golf Club course (a-amateur):				
David Duval	73-65	138		
Phil Mickelton	71-68	139		
Vijay Singh	72-67	139		
Ernie Els	72-67	139		
Tom Lehman	69-72	141		
Paul Azinger	71-70	141		
Bernhard Langer	71-71	142		
Jeff Sluman	73-69	142		
Loren Roberts	73-69	142		
Retief Goosen	70-72	142		
Sergio Garcia	70-73	143		
Steve Stricker	72-71	143		
Justin Leonard	72-71	143		
Bob Estes	72-71	143		
Darren Clarke	72-71	143		
Nick Price	74-69	143		
Fred Funk	75-68	143		
Paul Azinger	72-72	144		
Nick Faldo	72-72	144		
Jumbo Ozaki	72-72	144		
Dennis Paulson	68-76	144		
Ian Woosnam	74-70	144		
Jack Nicklaus	74-70	144		
Mike Weir	75-70	145		
Colin Montgomerie	76-69	145		
Rocco Mediate	71-74	145		
Scott Gump	75-70	145		
Larry Mize	78-67	145		
Padraig Harrington	76-69	145		
TRANSACTIONS				
BASEBALL				
American League				
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed RHP Mike Timin on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 2. Recalled RHP Gabe Molina from Rochester of the International League.				
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Accepted RHP Jared Camp back from the Florida Marlins.				
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Signed OF Bo Porter to a minor league contract and assigned him to Sacramento of the PCL.				
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Optioned OF Quinton McCracken to Durham of the International League.				
National League				
CHICAGO CUBS—Assigned INF Cole Linell and LHP Danny Young to Iowa of the PCL. Activated OF Glenallen Hill from the disabled list. Called up LHP Daniel Garibay from Iowa.				
CINCINNATI REDS—Traded LHP Gabe White to the Colorado Rockies for RHP Manny Aybar.				
NEW YORK METS—Placed OF				

Erie's catfish had tumors. Now they're healthier. Why?

By DAVID KINNEY
Associated Press Writer

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — It's a decadelong scientific whodunit. For years, researchers tried to figure out why so many bullhead in Presque Isle Bay had tumors. Now, they're trying to unravel a twist that is just as mysterious: Why has the cancer rate in the catfish dropped so precipitously since the late 1980s?

It might be the millions of dollars Erie has spent to cut sewage overflows. Or maybe it's that some of the big industrial polluters have closed. Or it could just be evolution: The catfish are adapting naturally to cope with the pollution.

"I could go on and on and on about all these theories," said Penn State's Eric Obert. "It's a pretty complicated case."

The bay is formed by a thin sand spit reaching into Lake Erie from the industrial city. Long polluted by direct discharge of industrial sewage and municipal sewer overflows, the bay is in the process of being cleaned up. The city has spent millions to upgrade a wastewater treatment plant and millions more to stop the overflows that sent untreated sewage into the bay during heavy rains.

The city was up for a national anti-pollution award, and Erie might be able to take credit for the improved health of the resident bullheads, too — if, that is, anyone knew what caused the tumors in the first place.

"We don't really have a clue why," said Obert, who runs the region's Sea Grant program, an arm of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The catfish, researchers have found, are a good tool for tracking pol-

lution. If the water isn't safe for the bottom-feeding bullheads, it might be a warning sign for humans.

"Bullheads are probably kind of a canary in a coal mine," said Jack Vanden Heuvel, a Penn State molecular toxicologist. "They're a sentinel kind of animal to tell us if there is a problem."

The latest research on the cancerous catfish suggests what was assumed from the start: Polluted sediment is to blame.

Vanden Heuvel examined 40 sediment samples collected last year and found "dioxin-like activity." Any number of thousands of industrial pollutants could be to blame.

But if the pollution is still there, why is the tumor rate down? Vanden Heuvel doesn't know. He still needs to test the samples from the early 1990s to determine whether toxin levels have decreased.

"We could see if the dioxin-like response is stronger in the past than it is now, which would be a sign that the area is cleaning up."

"The other possibility," he added, "is that the area is not cleaning up, but the fish have evolved. It's not necessarily that the bay is getting better, but the fish are getting better at dealing with it."

Like so many theories researchers have entertained, his may not stand up.

It was the 1980s when anglers first started noticing the tumors. The bullhead is ugly as it is, but in cancerous fish, red bumps clung to the barbules, their lips turned puffy and red, black spots dotted their bodies.

In 1990, Obert looked at 50 fish from the bay. An astounding 80 percent had skin tumors. Ten of the worst-looking fish were sent off to a lab in Maryland: Four of them had liver tumors, too. Two years later, a

study of 110 bullheads found that 61 percent had skin cancer, 22 percent had liver tumors.

Then, in 1995, a new study found that just 10 percent of bullheads had liver tumors. In 1997, the rate fell to the single digits, the normal range in the Great Lakes.

Researchers are still grasping for an explanation to explain that decline.

The first chemical to be investigated was a cancer-causing compound called nitrosamine. The bay had high levels of nitrogen after hot effluent from a power plant killed off thousands of gizzard shad. That plant has closed, but the connection to the cancer is murky.

Then they looked at PAHs, or polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, produced by the burning of fossil fuels. But catfish with high PAH rates didn't necessarily have tumors.

Next, they considered a virus. Then they looked for testing errors. No perfect answer popped up.

"It could be that all of them are problems," Obert said. "That's been my frustration."

On the Net: Pennsylvania's Sea Grant program: <http://www.pserie.psu.edu/seagrant/seagindex.htm>

Top O' Texas Gold Coats



(Special photo)

The Top O' Texas Gold Coats recently welcomed Celebrations of Pampa as a new member. Above, left-right: (back row) Clay Rice, Charlene Morriss, Ken Rheams, Jack Reeve, (front row) Blake Howard, Summer Ferguson, manager, Sharon and Jeff McCormick, owners, and Bob Marx. Celebrations is located in Coronado Center and offers gift baskets, party supplies, wedding rentals and balloon bouquets.

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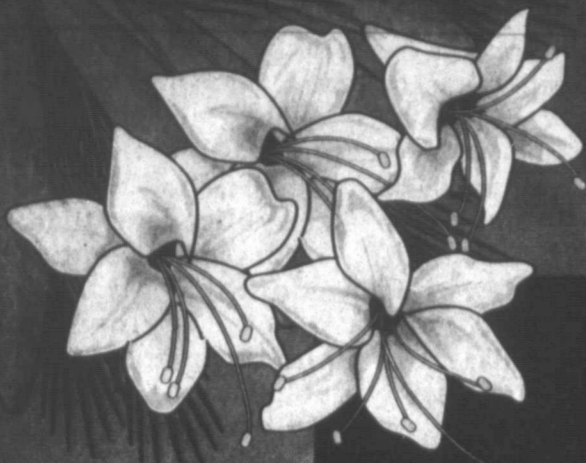
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THE PROMISE



The Lord's Supper

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa's annual Easter production portraying Christ's crucifixion on the cross will be presented to the public Saturday and Sunday at the First Baptist Church.

A cast of over 100 local individuals will present the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus in the annual presentation of "The Promise."

The annual production presents the passionate drama as well as the intense musical presentations. It is an event many Pampans and residents of the surrounding area anticipate viewing each year.

Cast members, production crew, choir members and soloists have volunteered many, many hours of dedicated work in preparation for the community endeavor.

Scheduled for Palm Sunday week-end, the performances are presented by the First Baptist Church each year. Other dramatic religious presentations throughout the year include Calvary Baptist's presentation, "Hallowed House", each October while Central Baptist depicts a Christmas presentation, "That Night," in December.

The annual performances are always free to the public. Tickets to "The Promise" may be picked up at the First Baptist Church office prior to the weekend performances. Additional information is available by calling 669-1155.

Cast members include Grampa, Jim Erwin; Lisa, Denise Mackie; Billy, Ben Gibson; Jesus, child, Chris Burns; youth, Michael Cornelison; adult, Lee Cornelison, Jared Minyard; Jeremiah, Larry Stephens; Micah, George Smith; Mary, Wanetta Hill; Isaiah, Ralph Peters; Zechariah, Mark Taylor; Joseph, Richard Hill; Gabriel, Larry Williams; Satan, Luis Naza; John the Baptist, Carl Meyer;

Apostles— Peter, Eugene Polasek; James, Terry Dunn; John, David Cory; Andrew, Frank McCullough; Thomas, Dale Ammons; Phillips, Rex McKay; Simon, Herb Smith; Bartholomew, Bill Giles; Matthew, Bob Ericson; James II, Joe Mabry; Thaddaeus, Larry Ogen; and Judas, Bruce Ferris;

Pharisees: Tim Hutto, Kit Grice & Mark Langford; Nicodemus, Wayne Wilson; Joseph of Arimathea, Terry Pittman; soldiers, Loney Wilson, Lance DeFever, Greg Story and Derek Peters; Bartimaeus, Mike McGivern; Barabbas, Gary Tabor; Man from Gadara, Russ Alexander; Martha, Lynn Smith; Pilate, Jeff Race; Pilate's Servant, Austin Pritchett;

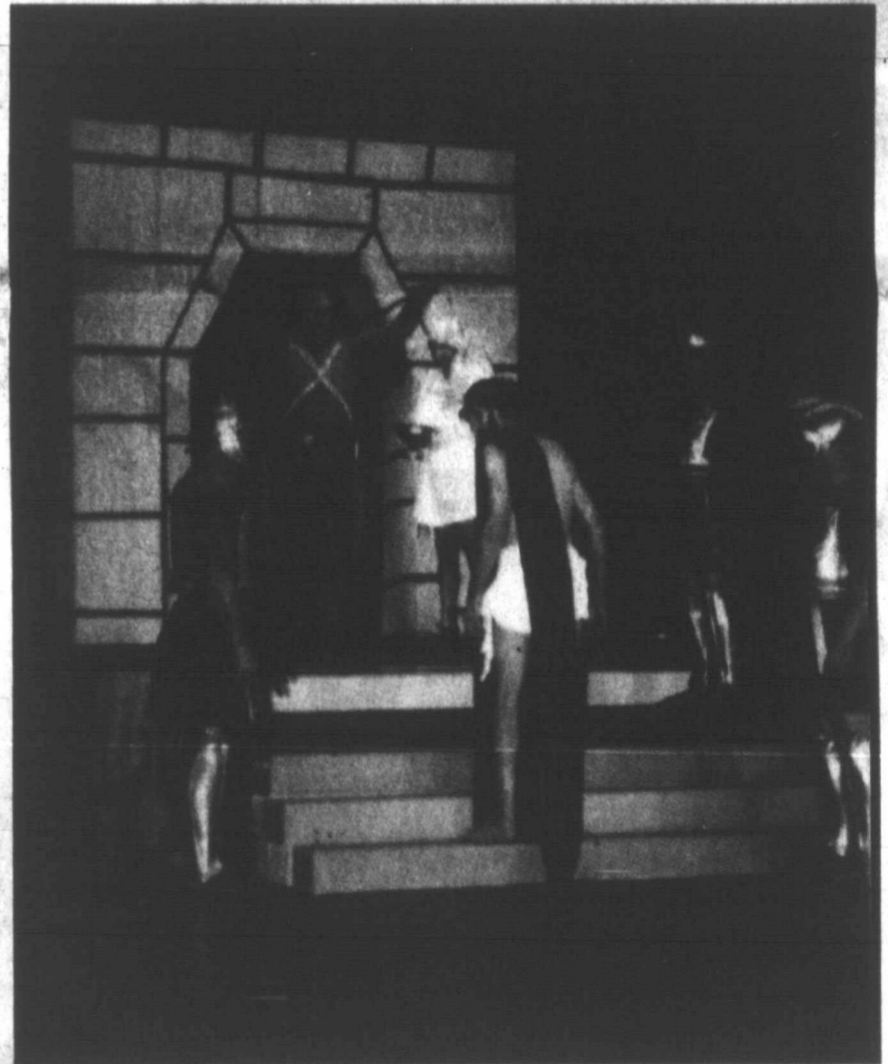
Youth, Mary Bennett, Carl Hinds, Kara Kidd, Sarah Langford, Stephanie Nelson, Jessica Smith, Lindsey Smith and Josh Tabor;

Children, Alison Alexander, Michael Alexander, Keisha Crowell, Annie Day, Jordan Dodge, Courtney Ericson, Garrett Ericson, Cali Gibson, Kebbi Hutto, Anna Julian, Kayla Kidd, Scott Langford, Mary McKay, Karlie Novian, Brodie Peters, Zachary Peters, Jonathan Polasek, Stephanie Polasek, Lindsey Riley, Nick Riley, Jessica Tabor, Stephen Taylor, Hannah White and Danielle Zuniga;

Three Maidens, Janice Mackie, Kim Crouch and Shanla Brookshire; woman, Becky Craddock; Centurion, John Crowell; Three Women, Brenda Condo, Roxanne Giles and Kay Newman; Simon of Cyrene, Mike Flynt; Lazarus, Dale McDaniels; thieves, Josh Gibson and Lyle Keith; Money Changers, Carl Hinds and Josh Tabor; Simon of Cyrene, Mike Flynt; and soloist, Lela Harris.

Production assistants are: Stage Engineer, Ron Nelson; Lighting, Randy Carter, Jerry Arrington, Cecil Newman and Jonathan Taylor; sound, James Winkleblack; Stage Assistants: Kent and Linda Lane; costumes, Pat Winkleblack, Kay Stephens and Brenda Condo; make-up, Brenda Cornelison, Dale Ann Novian, Shelly White, Karen William, Gretta Jean and Pat Winkleblack.

Numerous volunteers have worked many hours on set construction. Tickets are available at the First Baptist Church office. Additional information may be obtained by calling 669-1155.

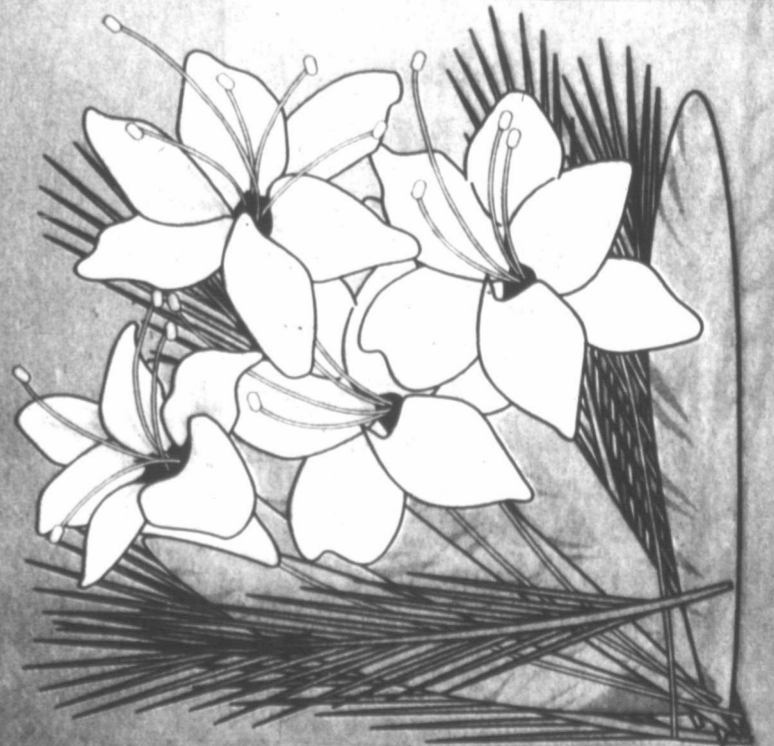


Jesus is being taken by Roman soliders to face Pilate.



"The Promise" is under the direction of Minister of Music John Glover. While the players and stages change with annual productions, Glover emphasizes the Lord does not. "What He did then, He does today. What He did for those in the past, He does for us. He invites us daily to participate in this divine drama of the ages," said Glover.

Photos by Herb Smith





Stephanie Porter and Shane Shankle

Porter-Shankle

Stephanie Porter and Shane Shankle, both of Arlington, were wed March 18 at First Christian Church of Amarillo with Stephen Porter of Pampa officiating.

The matron of honor was Jennifer Bailey Rodriguez of Amarillo. The bridesmaids were Courtney Burnett and Sarah Burnett, both of Lubbock, and Staci Beerwinkle of San Angelo.

The best man was Matt Leverett of Arlington. The groomsmen were Clay Leverett, Shane Poskon and Ethan Vickery, all of Arlington.

The ushers were Tod Preston of Amarillo, Chris Ray of Dallas and Carlton Hightower of Arlington.

Registering the guests was Michelle Holcomb of Houston. Music was provided by vocalist Judy Hale of Plano.

A reception was held following the service at Fifth Season Inn of Amarillo with Laura Hofman of Flower Mound and Kari Branch of Allen serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Stephen and Martha Porter of Pampa. She graduated from Angelo State University in San Angelo.

The groom is the son of Jim and Susan Shankle of Amarillo. He graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Nassau, Bahamas, and intend to make their home in Arlington.

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April 10-14

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MONDAY
Breakfast: Waffle sticks, syrup.
Lunch: Pizza dippers or pizza, English peas, macaroni and cheese, apple-sauce.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, tamales, flour tortillas.
Lunch: Turkey French fryz or steak fingers, whipped potatoes, spinach, pineapple, hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, sausage patty.
Lunch: Pigs in a blanket or Taco Bell burrito, tater tots, blackeyed peas, fresh fruit.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup.
Lunch: Oven fried chicken or peanut butter sandwiches with cheese portion, whipped potatoes, corn, mixed fruit, hot rolls.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage patty.
Lunch: Cheese nachos or hamburgers, refried beans, spiced apples, cornbread.

Lefors Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Fish and cheese, salad, tater tots, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Yogurt, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti or lasagna, green beans, cottage cheese, salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Hot turkey sandwiches, potatoes, peas, rolls, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Hamburger or barbecue, cheese, hamburger salad, pickles, crispy fries, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens
MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos with cheese sauce, mashed potatoes, beets, spinach, pinto beans, spice cake or pineapple squares, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Liver and onions or chicken leg quarters, tater tots, creme corn, broccoli, northern beans, ugly duckling cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, fried okra, carrots, butter beans, strawberry cake or apple/raisin cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Chicken strips or sausage and kraut, boiled potatoes, winter blend, beans, carrot cake or cherry cheesecake, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Fried cod fish or potato wedges, zucchini squash, beans, devilsfood cake or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
Shepherd's pie, lima beans, candied carrots, applesauce.

TUESDAY
Chicken and rice, casserole, tomatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches.

WEDNESDAY
Sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy, pineapple.

THURSDAY
Oven-fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, zucchini and tomatoes, vanilla wafers.

FRIDAY
Chopped sirloin, sliced potatoes, peas, fruit cocktail.

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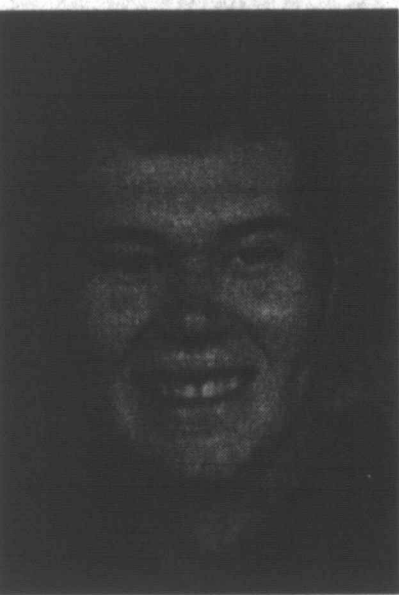
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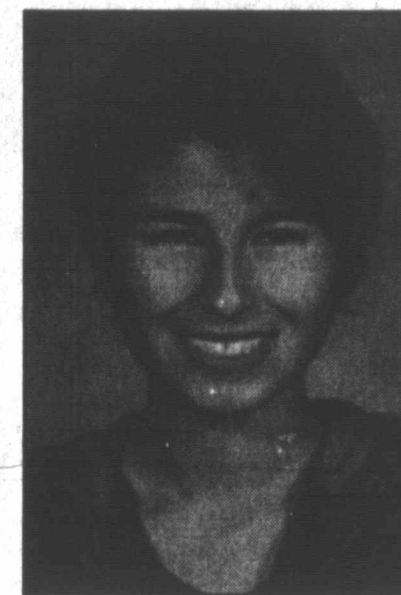
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Newsmakers



Ryan Black



Samantha J. Jasso

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Ryan Black and Samantha J. Jasso, both of Pampa, were recently named United States National Award Winners in Leadership.

The Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. Both Stowers and Jasso were nominated for the award by Starla Kindle, a counselor at Pampa High School, and will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Black is the son of Toddy and Kathy Black of Pampa and is the grandson of Peggy and D.P. Williams and Tom and Maureen Black, all of Pampa.

Jasso is the daughter of Sammie Cruz Jasso of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Steve and Oralia Alvarez of Tulia and Severino and Rosa Jasso of Tahoka.

EDMOND, Okla. — The University of Central Oklahoma will hold commencement ceremonies at the close of the 2000 spring semester May 5 and 6 on campus.

Students awarded degrees will include: Jane Brown Calfy, bachelor of science degree, of Pampa.

Bypass surgery decreases heart attacks in diabetics
By The Associated Press

Bypass surgery can dramatically reduce diabetics' risk of dying from a subsequent heart attack, according to a study in a recent New England Journal of Medicine.

Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh looked at 641 diabetics and 2,962 non-diabetics who had been treated for reduced blood flow to the heart with either bypass surgery or balloon angioplasty.

About 5 percent in each group had a first heart attack within the succeeding five years.

Among the diabetics, the differences in survival were dramatic. Only 17 percent of those who had undergone bypass surgery died after a heart attack, compared with 80 percent of those who had received angioplasty.

The study, like previous research, found that among non-diabetics, bypass surgery was no more effective than angioplasty in preventing deaths.

Diabetics with heart disease usually have much more extensive clogging of the arteries than non-diabetics, so when they suffer heart attacks their oxygen-starved hearts have a much harder time recovering. (See, BYPASS, Page 20)

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Selena Miller and Bryan Stout

Miller-Stout

Selena Miller of Pampa and Bryan Stout of Borger were wed March 4 in Briarwood Church of Pampa with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, of the church, officiating.

The matron of honor was Dori Miller, sister-in-law of the bride of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Angie Beyer of Pampa and Amy Morris of Dallas and Mandy Phillips of Mesquite, both cousins of the bride. The flower girls were Sloan Kay of Ashland, Kan., and Jayden Chestnut of Mustang, Okla.

The best man was Craig Stout, brother of the groom of Pampa. The groomsmen were Zach Camborn of Dumas and Jason Downs and Jeremiah Downs, both of Pampa. The ring bearers were Reid Miller and Trey Miller, both nephews of the bride of Pampa.

The ushers were Jerren Miller, brother of the bride of Amarillo, and Sean Calloway, cousin of the groom of Espanola, N.M.

Registering the guests was Suzy Rhoades, aunt of the bride of Pampa.

Music was provided by vocalist Lynnsee Hancock of Pampa and musicians Jean Allen of Clarendon and Tammy Greene of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service in fellowship hall of the church with Shannon Chestnut of Mustang and Karrie Kay of Ashland, both cousins of the bride, and Diane Jennings of Pampa and Vicki Calloway of Espanola, both aunts of the groom, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Walt and Brenda Miller of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1995 and from Clarendon College in 1998, receiving an associates in applied science degree. She is currently employed in the office of Dr. Whittington in Borger.

The groom is the son of Chris and Renee Stout of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1994 and from Amarillo Technical College in 1996, receiving an associates in instrumentation degree. He is currently employed with Sid Richardsons Carbon in Borger.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., and intend to make their home in Borger.



Katrina Hart and Joe Bob Kinnaman

Hart-Kinnaman

Katrina Hart and Joe Bob Kinnaman, both of Pampa, were wed March 17 at Schneider House in Pampa with the Rev. Keith Hart, grandfather of the bride of Oklahoma City, Okla., officiating.

The maid of honor was Kendra Hart, sister of the bride of Pampa. The bridesmaid was Joy Hart, sister of the bride. The flower girls were Nicole Brashears, daughter of the bride, and Alyssa Kinnaman, daughter of the groom, both of Pampa.

The best man was Corey Kinnaman, brother of the groom of Wheeler. The groomsmen were Dusty Walker of Amarillo. The ring bearers were Dalton Owens and Destrie Kinnaman, both sons of the groom of Pampa.

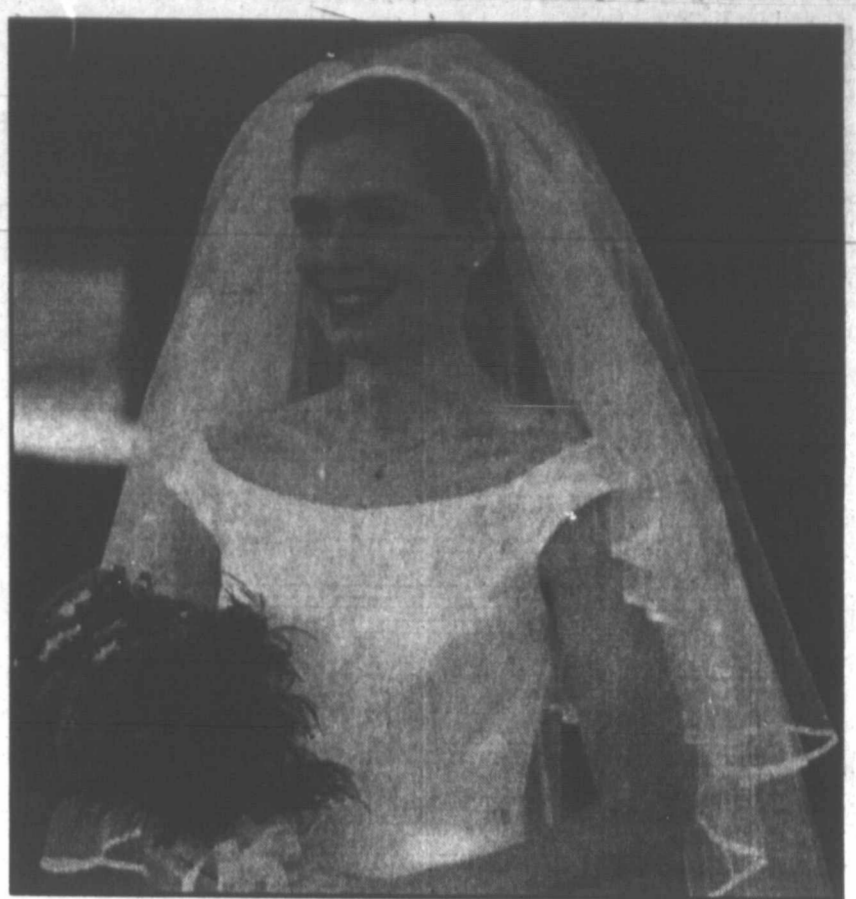
The ushers were Judah Hart and Caleb Hart, both of Pampa. Registering the guests was Kay Kirkham of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service at Schneider House with Jeree Woods, Joan Ellison and Aimee Corley, all of Pampa, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Keith and Judy Hart of Pampa. She graduated from Faith Christian Academy in 1990 and is currently a teacher at Community Day Care Center in Pampa.

The groom is the son of Bob and Debbie Kinnaman of Wheeler. He graduated from Wheeler High School in 1992 and is currently employed at Control Equipment Inc., of Pampa.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Taos and Red River, N.M. — Enchanted Circle of New Mexico — and intend to make their home in Pampa.



Shannon Gayle Ford and Jason Blake Chesser

Ford-Chesser

Shannon Gayle Ford and Jason Blake Chesser, both of College Station, were wed April 8 in First Street Church of Christ in Dumas with A. Gordon Clark, deacon of the church, officiating.

The maids of honor were Tammy Moeller and Karen Koonce, both of Sugarland. The bridesmaids were Stacey Weatherly of Pampa and Leslie Biggs of Lubbock. The flower girl was Holly Green, niece of the bride of Springtown.

The best man was Travis Bendele of Houston. The groomsmen were Jonathan Lloyd of Amarillo, Brandon George of Mesquite and Jason Lewis of Canyon. The ring bearer was Steven Smith, nephew of the bride of Amarillo.

The ushers were James Bussard of Lubbock, Chris Glover of College Station and Bryce Harrah of The Colony.

Registering the guests were Shelah Blair and Shannan Blair, both of Dumas.

Music was provided by Philip Jones of Lubbock.

A reception was held following the service at the church with Shawna Brundige of The Colony, Robyn Thomas of Flower Mound, Angela Birchfield of Stafford and Shelah and Shannan Blair serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of George M. and Janice Ford of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1993 and from Texas A&M University in 1998, receiving a bachelor of business administration degree in management information systems. She is currently employed as an Oracle Software Developer for Texas Engineering Experiment Station and belongs to A&M Church of Christ at College Station.

The groom is the son of Bryan and Cathy Chesser of Dumas. He graduated from Dumas High School in 1993 and from Texas A&M University in 1998, receiving a bachelor of science degree in bioengineering. He is currently pursuing a master of science degree in mechanical engineering at Texas A&M and is employed as a research assistant in the Two-Phase Heat Transfer Lab in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the university. After obtaining his master's degree, he plans to earn a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the University of California at Berkeley in the fall of 2000. He belongs to A&M Church of Christ.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Banff, Alberta, Canada, and intend to make their home at College Station and later at Berkeley.



Andrea Clark and Brandon Cox

Clark-Cox

Andrea Clark and Brandon Cox plan to wed July 15 at St. Stephen's Methodist Church in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Wanda Clark of Amarillo and is the granddaughter of Nona Gray of Pampa. She graduated from Dumas High School in 1998 and holds a degree in elementary education from West Texas A&M University.

The prospective groom is the son of Larry and Pam Cox of Dumas. He graduated from Dumas High School in 1996 and is currently employed at the Moore County airport.



Tera Rachel Hefley and Justin Lynn Wesbrooks

Hefley-Wesbrooks

Tera Rachel Hefley and Justin Lynn Wesbrooks plan to wed June 10 in United Methodist Church of Wheeler with Shawn Zybach, Church of Christ evangelist, officiating.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dennis and Brenda Hefley of Briscoe and is the granddaughter of Thurman and Bobby Horn of Briscoe and Frances Hefley of Wheeler. She is a 1998 graduate of Fort Elliott High School and is currently a sophomore at West Texas A&M University, pursuing a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is presently employed at Canyon Insurance.

The prospective groom is the son of Mike and Alice Wesbrooks of Pampa and is the grandson of Helen Dyer and the late B.B. "Bo" Dyer and C.W. and Eleanor Wesbrooks, both of Pampa. He graduated from Fort Elliott High School in 1995 and from West Texas A&M University in 1999, receiving a degree in finance and computer information systems. He is currently employed as a programmer for Anderson Merchandisers in Amarillo.

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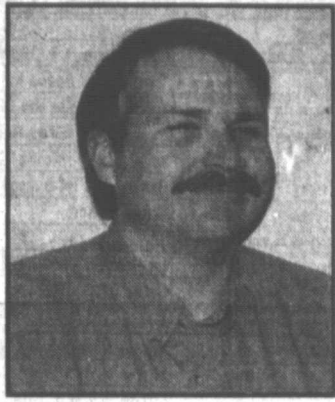
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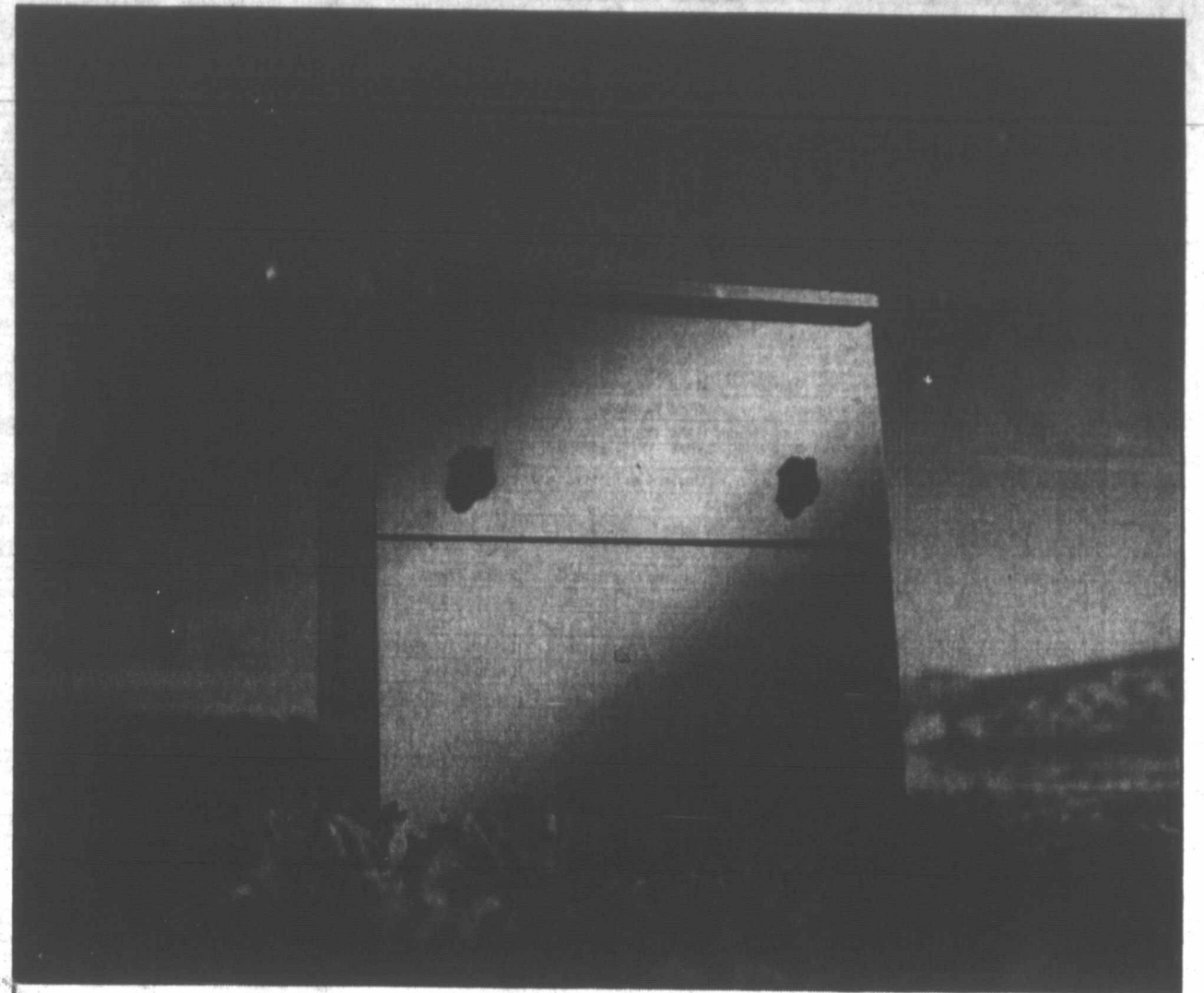
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SUNDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING TV schedule for April 9, 2000. Columns include time slots from 12pm to 11:30pm and various channels like KACV, KAMR, KVI, etc. Programs listed include 'NBA Basketball: Utah Jazz at Houston Rockets', 'The Sopranos', 'The X-Files', and 'The Simpsons'.

MONDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING TV schedule for April 10, 2000. Columns include time slots from 12pm to 11:30pm and various channels. Programs listed include 'Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood', 'The Sopranos', 'The X-Files', and 'The Simpsons'.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING TV schedule for April 11, 2000. Columns include time slots from 12pm to 11:30pm and various channels. Programs listed include 'Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood', 'The Sopranos', 'The X-Files', and 'The Simpsons'.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING TV schedule for April 12, 2000. Columns include time slots from 12pm to 11:30pm and various channels. Programs listed include 'Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood', 'The Sopranos', 'The X-Files', and 'The Simpsons'.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING		APRIL 13, 2000																							
CTV/Data	12pm	12:30	1pm	1:30	2pm	2:30	3pm	3:30	4pm	4:30	5pm	5:30	6pm	6:30	7pm	7:30	8pm	8:30	9pm	9:30	10pm	10:30	11pm	11:30	
KACV	Mr Rogers	Body Elec.	Alexander	Jenkins	Lions	Reading	Arthur (R)	Wishbone	Zoom (R)	Arthur (R)	Creatures	Wishbone	News-Lehrer	Life of Birds (R)	American President	An Office and Its Powers	Charlie Rose (R)	News-Lehrer	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)
KAMR	Days of Our Lives	Passions (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	Donny & Marie (R)	
KVPI	News (R)	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	General Hospital (R)	
KFDA	News (R)	Bold & B.	As the World Turns (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	Guiding Light (R)	
KCTI	Judge Mathis (R)	Forgive or Forget (R)	Divorce	Roseanne	Divorce	Roseanne	Divorce	Roseanne	Divorce	Roseanne	Divorce	Roseanne	Divorce	Roseanne	Divorce	Roseanne	Divorce	Roseanne	Divorce	Roseanne	Divorce	Roseanne	Divorce	Roseanne	
A&E	Law & Order (R)	Northern Exposure (R)	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	Night Court	
AMC	(11:30) Movie "Titanic"	(15) Movie "Nocturne"	(1946) Lynn Bari	Movie "The Kid From Brooklyn"	(1946)	Movie "The Kid From Brooklyn"	(1946)	Movie "The Kid From Brooklyn"	(1946)	Movie "The Kid From Brooklyn"	(1946)	Movie "The Kid From Brooklyn"	(1946)	Movie "The Kid From Brooklyn"	(1946)	Movie "The Kid From Brooklyn"	(1946)	Movie "The Kid From Brooklyn"	(1946)	Movie "The Kid From Brooklyn"	(1946)	Movie "The Kid From Brooklyn"	(1946)	Movie "The Kid From Brooklyn"	
BET	Hits From the Street	Jam Zone Music videos.	All	Rap City: The Basement	Movie "Toys"	(1992) Robin Williams	Movie "Toys"	(1992) Robin Williams	Movie "Toys"	(1992) Robin Williams	Movie "Toys"	(1992) Robin Williams	Movie "Toys"	(1992) Robin Williams	Movie "Toys"	(1992) Robin Williams	Movie "Toys"	(1992) Robin Williams	Movie "Toys"	(1992) Robin Williams	Movie "Toys"	(1992) Robin Williams	Movie "Toys"	(1992) Robin Williams	
COM	Saturday Night Live (R)	Kids in Hall	Whose? Ben Stein	Movie "The Sandlot"	(1993) Tom Guiry	Movie "The Sandlot"	(1993) Tom Guiry	Movie "The Sandlot"	(1993) Tom Guiry	Movie "The Sandlot"	(1993) Tom Guiry	Movie "The Sandlot"	(1993) Tom Guiry	Movie "The Sandlot"	(1993) Tom Guiry	Movie "The Sandlot"	(1993) Tom Guiry	Movie "The Sandlot"	(1993) Tom Guiry	Movie "The Sandlot"	(1993) Tom Guiry	Movie "The Sandlot"	(1993) Tom Guiry	Movie "The Sandlot"	
DISC	Home Matters (R)	Design (R)	Christopher Lowell (R)	Epicurious	Epicurious	Gimme Shelter (R)	Your New House (R)	Education About Hate	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	Evil Among Us: Hate in America	
DISN	Rolie Polie	Madeline	Mermaid	Ducktales	Sitters	Flash	Smart Guy	Famous Jersey (R)	So Weird	2 Hour Tour	Talk Soup	News Wkd	Fashion	Attractions	Talk Soup	Scandals	True Hollywood Story	Celebrity Profile (R)	Howard S. Howard S.	Wild On "Wild on Ball"	Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter (R)	Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter (R)	
EL	Model TV	Fashion	Talk Soup	Kate-Allie	Search	Scandals	True Hollywood Story	Pamela Lee	Senior PGA Golf	PGA Seniors' Championship	Sportscenter (R)	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA		
ESPN	(11:00) Senior PGA Golf	PGA Seniors' Championship	First Round (Live)	Outside the Lines (R)	NBA	Up Close	Sportscenter (R)	6th League	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA		
ESPN2	Motorcycle Racing	EA Sports Supercross Series	NFL's Greatest	Trout	Real Guys	ESPNNews	Athletes	NHRA Heat	RPM 2Night	NFL 2Night	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal - Teams TBA		
FAM	Bobby	Bad Dog	Monster	Candy	Kids	Angela	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	PGA Golf MCI Classic - First Round (Live)	
FSSW	Source	PGA Golf MCI Classic - Second Round (Live)	Big 12	Baseball	Snow Zone	Surf	Baseball	Baseball	Geniuses	Last Word	FOX Sports	NBA Basketball	Seattle SuperSonics at Dallas Mavericks (Live)	National Sports Report	Geniuses	Last Word	FOX Sports	NBA Basketball	Seattle SuperSonics at Dallas Mavericks (Live)	National Sports Report	Geniuses	Last Word	FOX Sports	NBA Basketball	
HIST	Lincoln Assassination (R)	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	
LIFE	"Love's Deadly Triangle: Texas Cadet Murder"	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	(1995) Judith Light	Movie "Lady Killer"	
NICK	Franklin & Kipper (R)	Doug (R)	Doug (R)	Hey Arnold!	Garfield	Rocko	Rugrats (R)	Double	Kenan-Kel	All That (R)	Catdog (R)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats (R)	Double	Kenan-Kel	All That (R)	Catdog (R)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats (R)	Double	Kenan-Kel	All That (R)	Catdog (R)	Hey Arnold!	
SCIFI	Twilight Z	Star Trek (R)	Quantum Leap (R)	Sentinel	"Deep Water"	Hercules-Jmys.	Movie "When Worlds Collide"	(1951) (R)	Movie "When Worlds Collide"	(1951) (R)	Movie "When Worlds Collide"	(1951) (R)	Movie "When Worlds Collide"	(1951) (R)	Movie "When Worlds Collide"	(1951) (R)	Movie "When Worlds Collide"	(1951) (R)	Movie "When Worlds Collide"	(1951) (R)	Movie "When Worlds Collide"	(1951) (R)	Movie "When Worlds Collide"	(1951) (R)	
TBN	Behind Casey	Robison	Benny Hinn	700 Club (R)	Hagee	Parsley	Praise the Lord (R)	Roseanne	Roseanne	Major League Baseball	Atlanta Braves at Milwaukee Brewers (Live)	Movie "Dracula: Dead and Loving It"	(1995)	"Modern Problems"	Movie "The Harder They Fall"	(1956)	Movie "The Harder They Fall"	(1956)	Movie "The Harder They Fall"	(1956)	Movie "The Harder They Fall"	(1956)	Movie "The Harder They Fall"	(1956)	Movie "The Harder They Fall"
TBS	Hunter	"Hard Contract"	Movie "Coogan's Bluff"	(1968, Drama)	Movie "Coogan's Bluff"	(1968, Drama)	Movie "Coogan's Bluff"	(1968, Drama)	Movie "Coogan's Bluff"	(1968, Drama)	Movie "Coogan's Bluff"	(1968, Drama)	Movie "Coogan's Bluff"	(1968, Drama)	Movie "Coogan's Bluff"	(1968, Drama)	Movie "Coogan's Bluff"	(1968, Drama)	Movie "Coogan's Bluff"	(1968, Drama)	Movie "Coogan's Bluff"	(1968, Drama)	Movie "Coogan's Bluff"	(1968, Drama)	
TCM	"Thin Man Goes"	Movie "Lady in the Lake"	(1946)	Movie "Lady in the Lake"	(1946)	Movie "Lady in the Lake"	(1946)	Movie "Lady in the Lake"	(1946)	Movie "Lady in the Lake"	(1946)	Movie "Lady in the Lake"	(1946)	Movie "Lady in the Lake"	(1946)	Movie "Lady in the Lake"	(1946)	Movie "Lady in the Lake"	(1946)	Movie "Lady in the Lake"	(1946)	Movie "Lady in the Lake"	(1946)	Movie "Lady in the Lake"	(1946)
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TNN	Waltons	"The Job"	McCoy's	Alice (R)	McCoy's	Alice (R)	McCoy's	Alice (R)	McCoy's	Alice (R)	McCoy's	Alice (R)	McCoy's	Alice (R)	McCoy's	Alice (R)	McCoy's	Alice (R)	McCoy's	Alice (R)	McCoy's	Alice (R)	McCoy's	Alice (R)	
TNT	(11:30) Movie "The Spitfire Grill"	(1996)	Kung Fu: Legend	L.A. Heat	"John Doe"	Dark Justice (R)	In the Heat of the Night	ER	"Love's Labor Lost"	Movie "The Witches of Eastwick"	(1987) Cher	(40) Movie "The Witches of Eastwick"	(1987) Cher	(40) Movie "The Witches of Eastwick"	(1987) Cher	(40) Movie "The Witches of Eastwick"	(1987) Cher	(40) Movie "The Witches of Eastwick"	(1987) Cher	(40) Movie "The Witches of Eastwick"	(1987) Cher	(40) Movie "The Witches of Eastwick"	(1987) Cher	(40) Movie "The Witches of Eastwick"	
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TVLAND	Gunsokete	Mannix	Airwolf	"Firestorm"	A-Team	Hawaiian Eye	Sanford	Maude	Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Emergency!	"Women"	Dragnet	Adam-12	Griffith	Leave	HoneyMn	Sanford	A-Team	P. Impact	Noticiero	Picardita	Mexicans		
UNI	Inferno en el Paraiso	Niño Vito Mar	El Gordo y la Flaca	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Fuera	Noticiero	Soñadoras	Rosalinda	Tres Mujeres	Aquí y Ahora	Movie "The Usual Suspects"	(1995)	Movie "The Usual Suspects"	(1995)	Movie "The Usual Suspects"	(1995)	Movie "The Usual Suspects"	(1995)	Movie "The Usual Suspects"	(1995)	Movie "The Usual Suspects"	(1995)	Movie "The Usual Suspects"	
USA	Foxworthy	Movie "Arlene"	(1990) Mel Gibson	Pacific Blue (R)	(R)	Baywatch	(R)	Crash (R)	Friends	JAG	"Sightings"	(R)	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie "Necessary Roughness"	(1991)	Movie "Necessary Roughness"	(1991)	Movie "Necessary Roughness"	(1991)	Movie "Necessary Roughness"	(1991)	Movie "Necessary Roughness"	(1991)	Movie "Necessary Roughness"	
WGN	News (R)	MacGyver	"Serenity"	(1990) Major League Baseball	Florida Marlins at Chicago Cubs (Live)	Inning	Fresh Pr.	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	
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ENTERTAINMENT

John Lithgow brings Don Quixote to TNT

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Don Quixote had Sancho Panza. John Lithgow, even luckier, had buddies like actor Bob Hoskins and megaproducer Robert Halmi Sr. join his quest to bring Cervantes'

classic tale to television.

The result is "Don Quixote," a beguiling, 2 1/2-hour TNT movie (8 p.m. EDT Sunday) which Lithgow co-produced and in which he plays the fabled Spanish dreamer. Hoskins co-stars as his sidekick, and Isabella Rossellini

and Vanessa Williams are featured.

"It was my idea," said Lithgow, whose weekly job is portraying an addled alien on NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun" sitcom. "I'd proposed it to Bob (Halmi); we're old friends. Within two days it was all set up

at TNT, and a year later we were shooting it."

Getting acclaimed British actor Hoskins on board was equally simple.

"I called him and said, 'Here's the deal, Bob. You play Sancho Panza. I'll be Don Quixote. We'll do it in Spain.' He said yes

immediately," Lithgow recalled. "Then it took agents months to thrash it out. But I knew it would happen because Bob said it would."

For Lithgow, the role itself seemed as inevitable.

"For a tall, middle-aged character actor, there's Don Quixote,

King Lear — and maybe Ichabod Crane," said Lithgow, laughing. "These are the great tall, skinny character parts, and Don Quixote is the best of them."

The actor, dressed for an interview in an elegantly tailored business suit, appears more dapper than gangly in person. The only evidence of his daft "3rd Rock" persona is the chortle that occasionally escapes his lips.

He's downright giddy over "Don Quixote." The project's impressive circle of collaborators included John Mortimer (screenwriter and author of the Rumpole courtroom novels) and director Peter Yates ("Breaking Away," "The Dresser").

"And I get credit for being executive producer of this," Lithgow said with a smile.

Miguel de Cervantes' enduring novel, published in Spain in two volumes in 1605 and 1615, tells of a country gentleman's fervid imagination and the misadventures he encounters in the name of chivalry.

Lithgow, who devoted months to reading the nearly 1,000-page work, said he was surprised by its "vastness."

"I wish I had some actual accounting, but it must include 200 adventures, and our movie is about 25 of them, a tiny fraction of the book," he said. "I became the great storyteller around the crew, telling, sort of wistfully, all these wonderful tales we couldn't squeeze into the movie."

The script that Mortimer culled out is "very tenderhearted, much more than the book," Lithgow said, and focuses on the affection between the don and the servant who becomes enamored of Quixote's "fantastical ways."

There is literal fantasy in the movie, courtesy of special effects sequences that bring Don Quixote's delusions to life. Producer Halmi has gotten tagged with effects overkill in other recent projects such as "The 10th Kingdom" miniseries, but more restraint is shown here.

"It was very intentional that they just be little grace notes," said Lithgow. "We didn't want it overwhelmed by effects."

Lithgow had a brush with a Quixote movie that never came together. So did Yates, who was set to direct another version about 20 years ago that also faltered.

"It was to star Richard Burton and Peter O'Toole, with O'Toole playing Sancho, which I thought was rather the wrong way around," Yates said. (O'Toole ended up as Quixote in a 1972 film that co-starred James Coco as Panza.)

Pairing the 6-foot-4 Lithgow as Quixote and the 5-foot-6 Hoskins as his loyal follower was more logical, the director said.

He also feels that Don Quixote's character has been subject to misrepresentation. The don is not necessarily insane when he tilts at windmills he mistakes for giants, Yates says.

"Is it mad to want to leave the place you're in if you feel it's small and can be frustrating and to want to live in another place? He admired the time when there was chivalry and knights," said Yates. "He wants adventure."

Quixote's quests, mad or not, struck a chord with Lithgow.

"The exploits of Don Quixote are a metaphor for an actor's career. Every role you play is another fantastic adventure," he said. "I hope I'm not quite as deluded as Don Quixote, but I do have that same crazed thirst for adventure."

"Certainly not me as a person," he added. "Which is probably why I pour all my adventure into acting."

Fans of the musical "Man of La Mancha" should brace themselves: There are no tunes in "Don Quixote." Lithgow can sing (he's recorded songs for children and performed at Carnegie Hall) but doesn't in this drama.

"We're trying to drive a stake through the heart of 'Man of La Mancha' and remind people this was a great novel 400 years ago," the actor said firmly.

Besides, says Yates, the stage musical is "not really 'Don Quixote.' It's about Cervantes and what mood he was in while writing 'Don Quixote.'"

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently remarried after 10 years apart. He is 70; I am 58. The subject is a delicate one.

During the last seven of our years apart, my husband was sexually inactive — and unfortunately atrophy has set in. This is a generous and giving man, Abby, and we have a lot of physical love-sharing. The problem? He opposes Viagra.

Not having "that" part of love-making available to us is an incredible loss for me. It is for him, too, I am certain. I pray about it and talk to friends, but nobody has offered us any help.

My questions for you are: Is it possible this male dysfunction thing will reverse itself? And are there other options besides Viagra? Given all the bad news, do you have any advice on how to cope with this? **LOOKING FOR MIRACLES, MERIDIAN, MISS.**

DEAR LOOKING: Male sexual dysfunction that persists for seven years rarely reverses itself without medical or psychological intervention. Your husband is long overdue for a complete physical examination, and if a cause isn't determined, he should ask for a referral to a urologist to determine the cause. And yes, there are other options besides Viagra. The doctor will be delighted to enlighten him.

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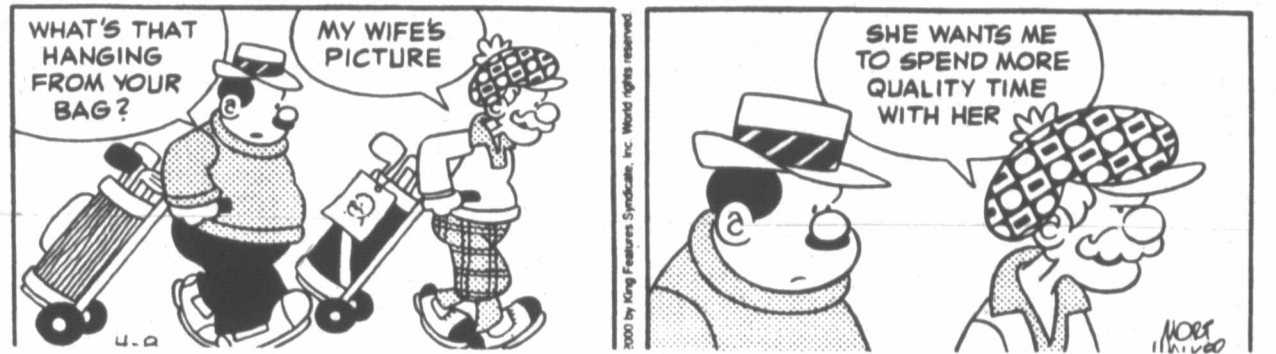
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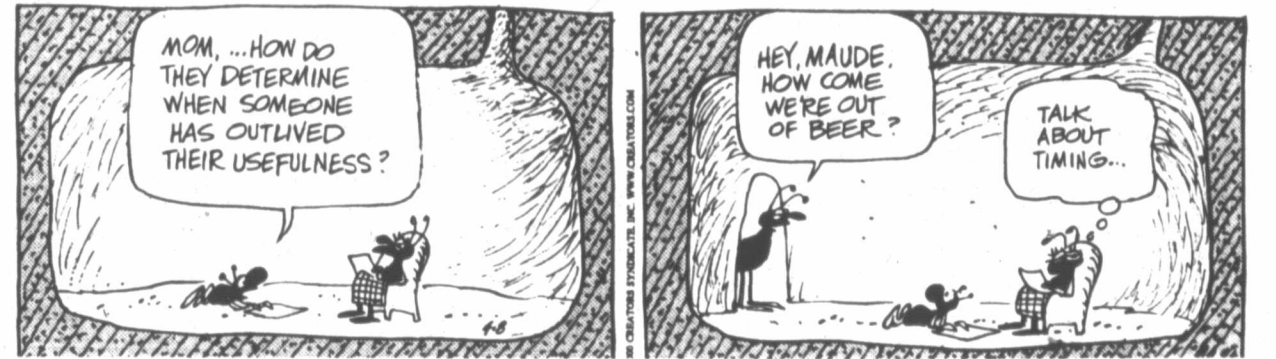
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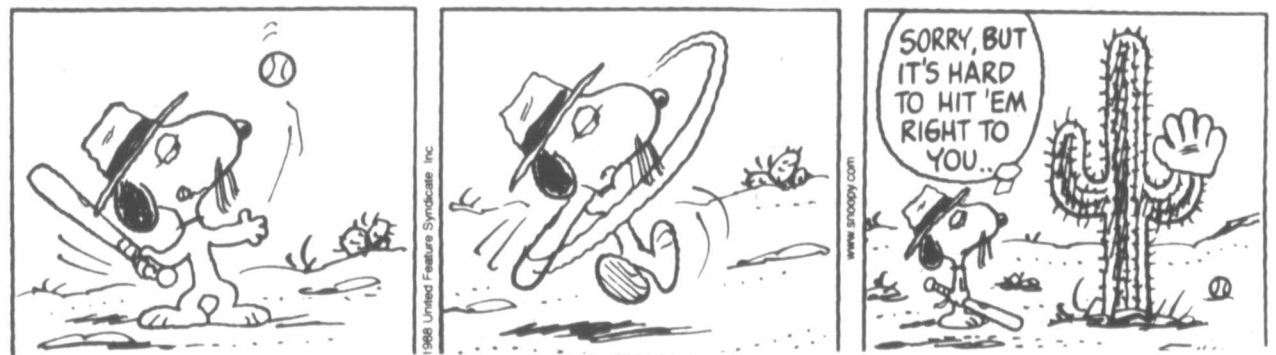
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Horoscope

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2000

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)

Others could be aghast at your moneymaking abilities. You are in a cycle where you could actually see dollars growing from your ficus tree. Your high drive and energy make you a winner. You might need to spend some to increase your funds. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You draw others to you. Your charisma speaks; others dance to your beat. If that doesn't work, you are more than willing to do whatever is needed to get the responses you need. You could be unusually gifted at making money. Tonight: Clear out errands.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Intuition helps build solidarity and security. On some level, you might want to take action immediately. But it will serve you to wait and feel out a situation. Spending comes a bit too easily. Hold yourself back and understand your motivation. Tonight: Revamp your budget.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Stay goal-directed. Another's direct stating of his motivations makes understanding easy. Don't be over-

whelmed; simply do what you must. Step up to the plate, and you'll hit a home run. Count on friends, who are supportive and excited. Tonight: Your call.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Another pulls rank. You have little choice but to go along with the program if you don't want things to "get postal." Take charge of your life. Do some serious thinking about a problem. You know what is best for you. Trust your judgment. Tonight: Take some time for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Seek out information; let others know exactly where you are coming from. This is no time to be a wallflower! State your case loud and clear. Others give the green light you are looking for. Make an important meeting. Tonight: Get what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Others ask a lot, but you seem willing to take action and respond. Your sense of responsibility is called upon. Having the kind of support you want from your partner is instrumental. Think about what is being said. Raise a red flag if need be. Tonight: Work late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Though an associate might overwhelm you, listen to his opinions. Absorb other viewpoints. They could be unusually lucky for you. Continue the pace you have begun. Stop for an occasional overview. You see others quite differently than most. Tonight: Break past self-imposed limitations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Be understanding. Do what you can to help another feel nurtured and relaxed. Take charge at work; get the job

done. You have reason for celebration. Your sense of direction sometimes intimidates others. Schedule time for some exercise. Tonight: Indulge a partner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Realize that what appeals to another might not be your first choice. Creativity and energy mix when dealing with key associates. Others often question your motives. Convince another that you are on the right track. Tonight: Be the social butterfly!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Your energy stems from an inner sense of direction. Though there might be something else you would prefer to do, direct your attention toward work. Let go of a domestic concern for the moment. Tonight: Buy the makings for a special dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You might not always be right, but you are unusually on target presently. Do not rush around. Use care as you complete errands and work. With your high energy, you could be easily distracted and accident-prone. Tonight: Let the kid in you out.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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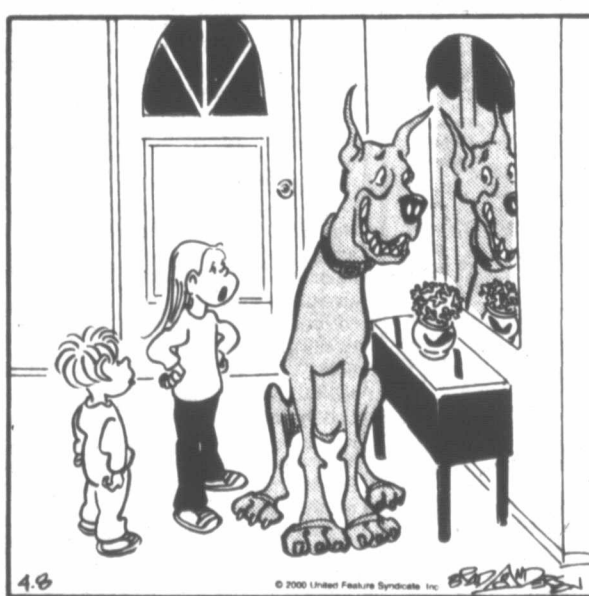
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"He always checks himself in the mirror before he goes on a Saturday night date."

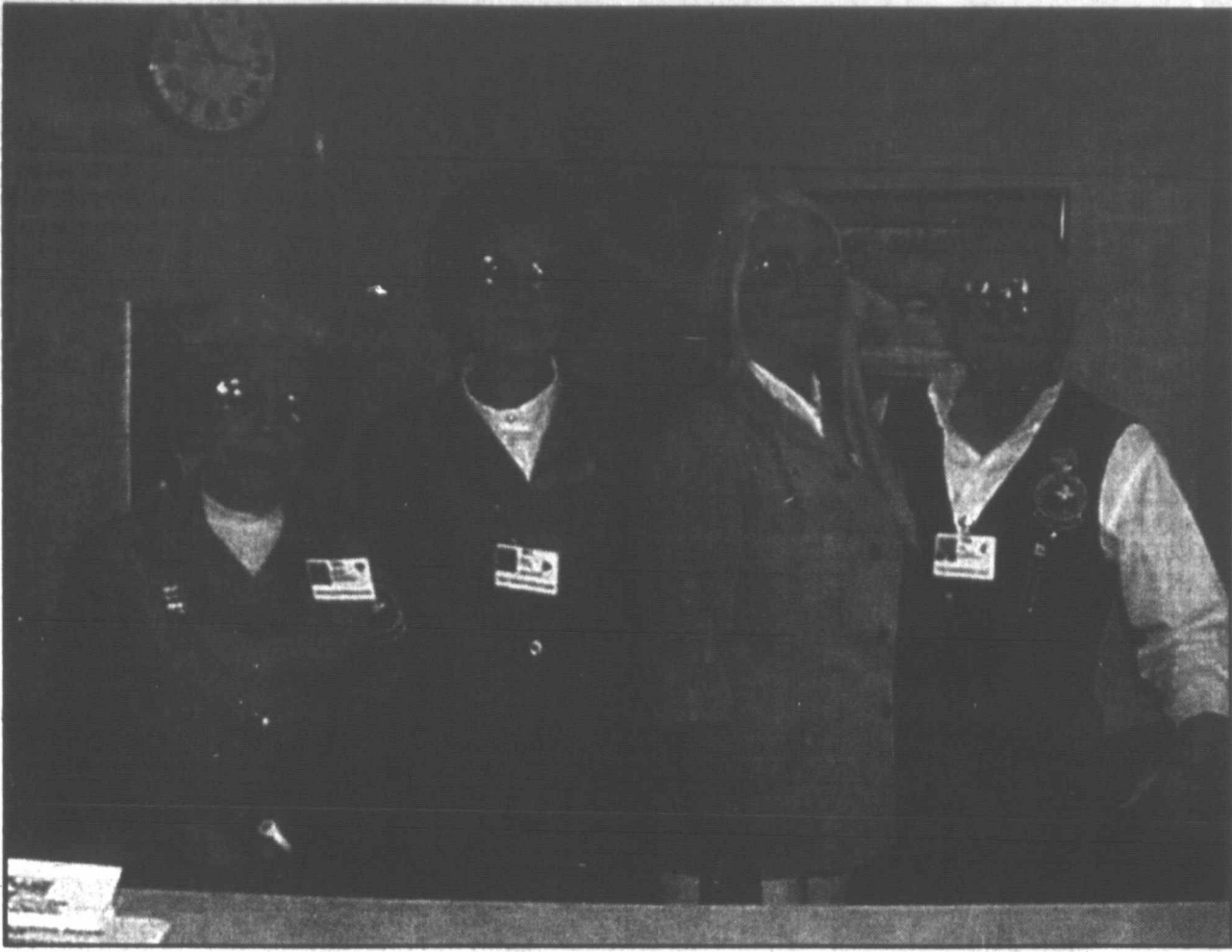
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It's Volunteer Week the week of April 9-15 and some of those who give their time at Pampa Regional Medical Center are (from left) Mickey Johnson, Cona Mays, Olivia Anderson and Joe Wheeley.

Odds and ends ...

More than one writer in the house

KEARNEY, Neb. (AP) — Carolyn Scheidies has had 10 romance novels published but she is not the only one in household with a flair for writing.

Her husband, Keith, recently won the Iowa Romance Novelists' first-line-of-a-novel contest. It was the second win in a row for the counselor at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center.

This year's winning entry reads: "It wasn't until mid-January when nurse Hansen's shift corresponded with that of both of the Thompson twins that she realized she'd fallen in love with not one, but two, and wondered how she'd gotten in this situation and given her heart to this pair o' medics."

His winning sentence last year read: "He wondered, as his mind wandered, why he was always wondering about things, but then it hit him like a bolt of lightning out of the blue, he was at it again." Keith said he writes with tongue planted firmly in cheek.

Children's books may be sales tax free

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — From class project to public policy: An effort undertaken by a group of fifth-graders could result in the elimination of the state sales tax on children's books.

In the five months since the class at Mary M. Walsh Elementary School began working on their proposed legislation, the pupils have gathered 3,200 signatures of supporters.

Backers include the Springfield Library and Museums Association, entertainers Oprah Winfrey and Bill Cosby and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. State Rep. Paul Caron of Springfield on Wednesday filed the class' bill to remove the 5 percent tax.

"This is the first time I've been approached by students with a public policy issue," he said, adding that most legislative projects by school children have involved such things as designating a state cookie or animal.

The children now plan to lobby state lawmakers. It's not known when, or if, the bill will get to the House floor.

They didn't get their man

HOCKINSON, Wash. (AP) — Police in Washington, D.C., thought they had their man — they even had photographic proof to back up their

citation accusing Don Tenold of running a red light.

The problem is, Tenold has never been to the nation's capital. And neither has his 1964 Studebaker.

Tenold found the ticket waiting for him last weekend, after he returned from a trip to Arizona. Police had issued the ticket using "photo red," a program begun last year to catch traffic scofflaws. It included a picture that purported to have caught Tenold's Studebaker in the act on the morning of Feb. 5.

Tenold said he looked at the photo, which was fuzzy, but knew that the car wasn't his. Tenold's Studebaker hasn't moved from the makeshift tent behind his southwestern Washington home in two years — a casualty of bad brakes and a dead battery.

"Things like this get me angry," Tenold said. "I think the idea is good, but they're going to have to perfect it."

Kevin Morrison, a spokesman for the district police department, said a technician apparently hit the wrong key when entering information for the citation and Tenold is off the hook.

He said the car that ran the red light had a Maryland license plate.

A low down, dirty deed

CLEVELAND (AP) — A man dressed in red sweatpants didn't seem to fit in at the funeral but mourners ignored him — until he made off with the deceased's brooch.

The 51-year-old Cleveland man stole the brooch when he leaned over to look at the body of Erma Bailey during her funeral Thursday at Liberty Hill Baptist Church, said police Sgt. Larry Hughes.

Police would not release the man's name because he has not been charged. The man was being held Thursday and was expected to be charged with burglary and gross abuse of a corpse, Hughes said.

"For the family, they were hurt as well as dumbfounded," said the church's pastor, Blanton Harper. People caught on to the theft after the man dropped the brooch, then grabbed it again and ran out the church with mourners in pursuit, Hughes said. He eventually was caught by police.

Bailey had to be buried without the brooch because it was evidence of the crime, Harper said.

Gingrich's divorce from second wife final

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — Newt Gingrich's divorce from his wife of 18 years was finalized Thursday when a judge approved a settlement agreement reached by the couple in December.

Marianne Gingrich appeared in court to answer routine questions, but the former House speaker wasn't present. Superior Court Judge Dorothy Robinson sealed the agreement, keeping its terms closed to the public.

"This is a very sad day for Marianne," said her attorney, John Mayou. "She intends to continue with her charity work, including the Red Cross, and she's going to take the next few weeks to examine various opportunities that are now available to her."

Gingrich's lawyer, Randolph Evans, did not

immediately return calls.

Gingrich, 56, separated from his wife last May and filed for divorce in July. His attorneys have acknowledged his relationship with Callista Bisek, a 33-year-old former congressional aide, that began in 1993.

The divorce is Gingrich's second. He married his former high school geometry teacher, Jackie Battley, when he was 18. They were divorced 19 years later, in 1981, after having two daughters. Within months, Gingrich married Marianne Ginther, 48, a county planner and business consultant from Ohio.

By reaching the settlement, the former speaker avoided a potentially embarrassing public airing of his relationship with Bisek and his financial affairs.

Kin of inmate drowned in stock tank sues Texas prison system

PALESTINE, Texas (AP) — The family of a Coffield Unit inmate who drowned last summer has sued the state prison system, alleging the agency was negligent.

Eric Jerome Hudson, 28, died Aug. 24 after reportedly trying to swim across a stock tank near the northwest corner of the unit, the Palestine Herald-Press reported. Another inmate, Rickey Lee Burney, 40, drowned trying to rescue him.

The inmates were part of a work team assigned to build a barbed wire fence.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of Denetrica Hardaway, also names the prison guard who was supervising the 10-man work crew. Hardaway is named as Hudson's wife, the lawsuit said.

Hardaway is seeking unspecified damages.

"We don't comment on lawsuits due to the pending court activity," Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd said.

Guards reported that Hudson stripped off his prison clothes and went for a swim while the

work team waited on a survey team. Hudson bank having difficulty about 30 feet from the bank, prompting Burney to go after him.

When Burney started struggling, their guard supervisor tried to rescue them and began having trouble, too. Another inmate pulled the guard to safety.

The lawsuit accuses the supervising guard of failing to maintain control of Hudson, who according to attorneys could not swim.

"In addition, this was a negligent activity being conducted by the defendants and was done on an unsafe premises. Defendant also sustained pain and suffering during his death," reads the lawsuit, filed last month.

At the time, officials told the Herald-Press that inmates were allowed to "cool off" in ponds or water troughs on hot summer days, though swimming was not allowed.

Hudson was serving a 20-year sentence out of Dallas County for dealing drugs, theft and burglary.

Texas man dies after fall during work

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — A Texas man died after falling from bleachers being built at the dirt track at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

Timothy Bruce, 20, of Graham, Texas, died at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte after suffering head injuries in the accident Wednesday.

Bruce was carrying aluminum planks for the bleachers at the dirt track being built across from

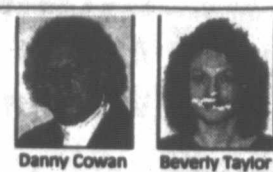
the speedway when he fell about 13 feet onto concrete.

Bruce was working for McWhorter Construction Co., a subcontractor on the site, said speedway spokesman Jerry Gappens.

The state Department of Labor's Division of Occupational Safety and Health began an inspection of the site, spokesman Greg Cook said.

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CHRISTY - Nice three bedroom home with 2 living areas. 1 3/4 baths. Central heat and air, storm cellar, new shower in master, double garage. MLS 5010.
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DOGWOOD - Lovely home with many amenities. Large master with pan ceilings, his & her closets & dressing rooms. 3 bedrooms, built-in hutch and desk in dining room, trash compactor and microwave, double garage. MLS 5057.
DWAYNE - Beautiful well taken care of three bedroom home. Hardwood floors thru out. New floor covering in kitchen and bath. Central heat and air, single garage. MLS 5048.
DWAYNE - Duplex one side has two bedrooms, large living area, woodburning fireplace. 1 3/4 baths, and utility area. Other side has large living area with woodburning fireplace, kitchen and dining area, 1 bath and utility area. MLS 5058.
EVERGREEN - Three bedroom brick home with open den/kitchen/dining area. Woodburning fireplace, covered patio, insulated workshop.
FIR - Three bedrooms with new carpet and paint. New dishwasher. 1 3/4 baths, RV parking, 10x20 shop building, Water softener, baths have new tile, double garage. MLS 5089.
RUSSELL - Classic brick with Austin stone and weathered cedar. Corner lot, three bedrooms, 2 living areas, breakfast area, fireplace, brick kitchen flooring, swimming pool and hot tub. Central heat and air. 1 1/2 baths, double garage. MLS 5094.
WALNUT DRIVE - Lovely tri-level home setting on 1 acre. 2 living areas, sprinkler system, parquet floors, 3 bedrooms, 2 utility rooms, large pantry, deck & patio, triple garage. MLS 5056.

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DOGWOOD LANE Owner will carry. Lovely brick home. Corner lot. 2 lv. areas, 3 bdrms., 2 ba. closets galore. Brand new carpet and paint. Dbl. garage. \$92.5K. Jannie Lewis, Broker / Owner. 665-3458.
FOR sale 3 bd, 2 b, fp, remodeled k & den, 2 storage barns-must see 2113 N. Zimmers. Call after 6 pm 665-9266.
FOR Sale By Owner, 3-1-1, possible 4-2-1, siding/central a/c. For appointment 669-7922
FOR sale by owner: 4 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath house in nice neighborhood - storm cellar, new cent H/A - \$85,000. 665-0247.
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LARGE 3 br, 2 ba, 1 3/4 baths, cent. h/a, steel siding, sprinklers, \$300,000. 669-3346, Realtor, Jim Ward.
LRG. 3 bdr., 1 1/2 ba., c. h/a, new roof, remodeled, carpet, fence. Century 21, Marie, 665-4180.
OWNER will carry 2 bd, 1 ba, att. gar, steel siding, f. backyard. 2128 Hamilton. 669-6881 or 665-8250. Will consider rent.
OWNER will carry note, 415 Wynne, 3 bedroom, unattached garage. Call 669-6615.
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104 Lots CORNER Lot @ 628 N. Russell. \$500 or best offer. 669-6602 leave message.

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1998 Chevy Tahoe 4x4, L/T Black, 38k miles, \$26,500.
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1999 Chevy Astro Van, 21k miles, Pewter, \$17,950.
1999 Pontiac Transport, 23k miles, Blue \$20,500.
1999 GMC Ext. Cab 4x4 L.S. W/Gold, 32k miles, \$24,900.
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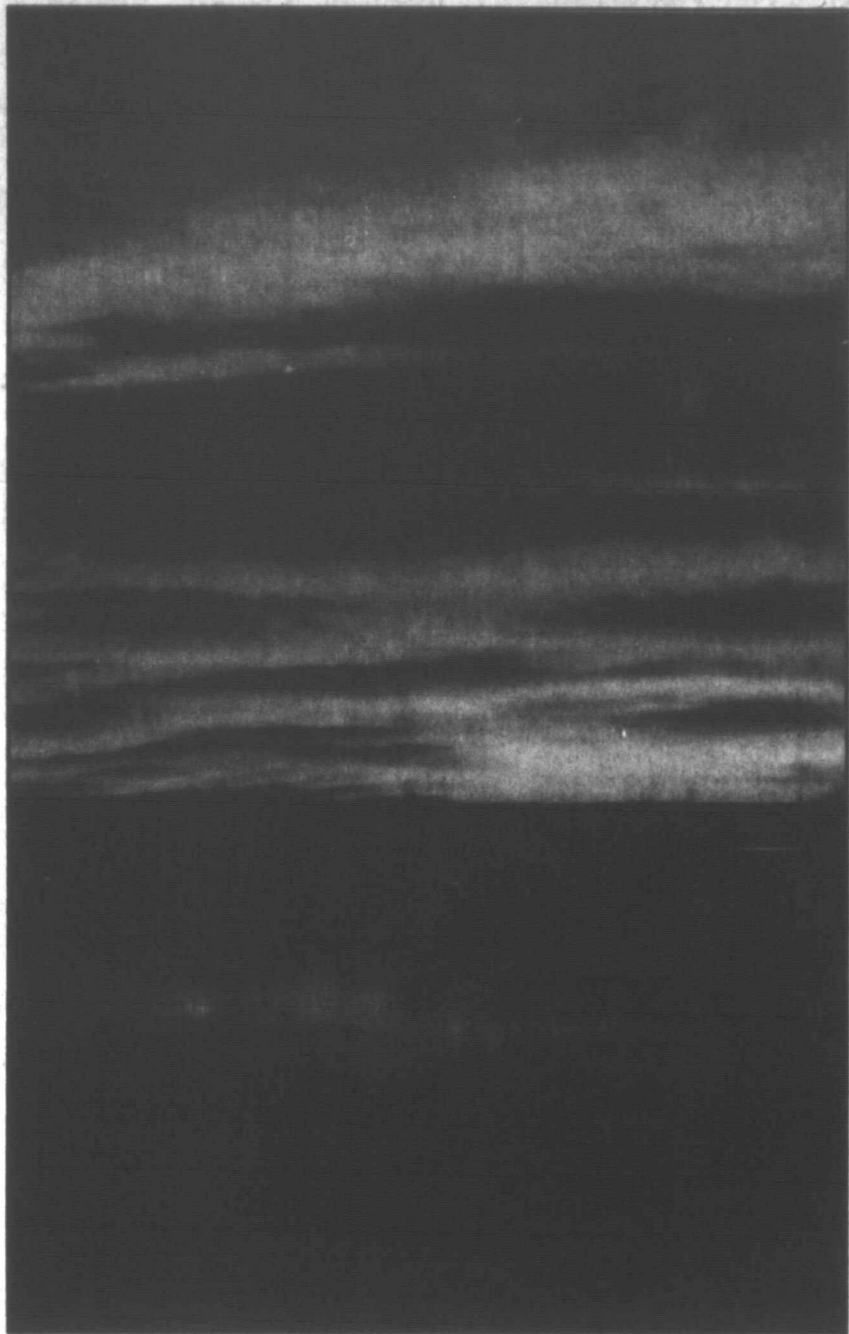
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124 Tires & Access. OGDEN AND SON Expen Electronic wheel balancing. 501 W. Foster, 665-8444.

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Bill Frost captured this horse drawn hay rake at sunset.

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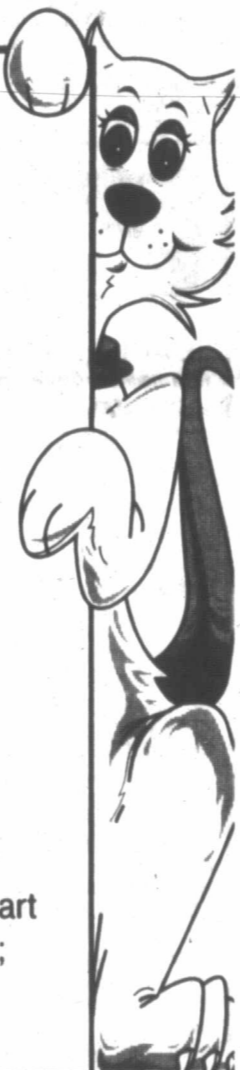
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Melody Baker took this picture entitled "Country Rainbow."

CattleWomen scholarships available

Top O' Texas Cattlewomen announce scholarship opportunities

Top O' Texas CattleWomen President Amy Brainard recently announced upcoming scholarship opportunities available through the local organization. The CattleWomen will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a qualifying college student and a \$450 scholarship to the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course slated Aug. 7-9 at College Station to a qualifying young beef cattle rancher between the ages of 20-39.

The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded a college junior, senior or graduate student for the fall semester. Applicants should come from a ranching family and plan to seek a career associated with the beef industry. The local organization covers the following counties: Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler. This scholarship is one of several made possible through the Ivomec Generations of Excellence program sponsored by Merial, manufacturer of Ivomec and administered by the Texas CattleWomen. For more information, write: Sandra Christner at P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096 or call (806) 826-3572. The deadline for applications to be returned to Christner is June 15, 2000.

The Young Rancher's Scholarship to Texas A&M's Beef Cattle Short Course is also made possible through Merial's Ivomec Generations of Excellence program. Applications are due June 15, 2000. For more information, call (806) 323-6397 or (806) 826-3572.

Texas CattleWomen have received approximately \$125,000 during the last four years from their partnership efforts with Merial, the manufacturer of Ivomec. The Ivomec Generations of Excellence program originated in 1996 and has become a national success with contributions to state cattle associations exceeding \$1,000,000. Monies are used solely for scholarships and leadership activities to benefit young people.

Purchasers of Ivomec can choose to have Texas CattleWomen administer scholarship and leadership funds by circling "Texas CattleWomen" on the back of the Ivomec rebate coupon. President Brainard and the Top O' Texas CattleWomen strongly urge everyone using the product to do so.

Top O' Texas CattleWomen is comprised of 48 members who work to support and promote the beef industry. For additional information on scholarship opportunities and other CattleWomen projects, contact Top O' Texas CattleWomen at (806) 323-6397, 826-3572.



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