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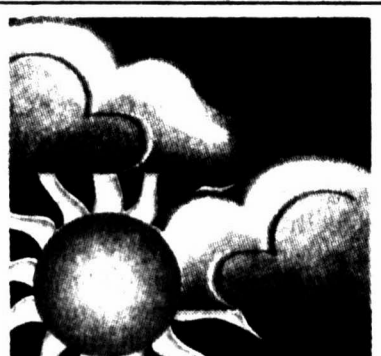
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PAMPA — Pampa Shrine Club members will meet April 21 at 6 p.m. at the Sportsman's Club. Everyone should bring a covered dish.

PAMPA — Pampa ISD schools are closed Friday for the Easter holiday and are open Monday as usual, said Assistant Superintendent Jane Steele. Originally, Monday was to be a snow day holiday but the day had to be used earlier for a bad weather day.

PAMPA — Gray County Appraisal District's (GCAD) Appraisal Review Board members are to elect officers and conduct hearings during regular session Tuesday, April 25, at the GCAD conference room, 815 N. Sumner.

The meeting is to begin at 2 p.m., with election of new officers following the call to order. Hearings on appraisal protests will be conducted after the election. Board members are also scheduled to approve changes to the appraisal roll and hear the chief appraisers' report.

AMARILLO — Crown of Texas Hospice 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 and will focus on children between 7-17 grieving the death of a loved one. For information or to make application, call (806) 372-7696 or 1-800-6365. The deadline for application is May 15.

- Lawrence J. 'Ebie' Ebenkamp, 77, retired Getty Oil field supervisor.
- Earlene Hernandez, 60, nurse's aide.
- Effie Mae Smith, 81, retired former restaurant owner.

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Lost ... and found



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Pampa Police Officers Keith Morris and Cory Powell weigh packages of suspected marijuana that were found by railroad crews near Panhandle.

Officials think 'pot' bundles fell from under BNSF train

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Authorities are looking for the owners of two packages found along the railroad tracks west of Panhandle, but it is more than a case of lost property.

William Merrick, track supervisor for the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railway, found two wrapped bundles of what appears to be marijuana between the railroad tracks about six miles west of Panhandle shortly before 9 a.m. Friday.

Merrick turned the packages over to Pampa

authorities later that morning.

Pampa police officers said the packages were wrapped in Spanish language newspapers and covered with plastic tape. Officers said each package weighed slightly less than two pounds. There was some writing on the side of the packages, including a name, officers said.

From the strings and tape on the packages, officers think they may have been attached to the underside of a rail car and may have fallen off.

Pampa Police Lt. Terry Young said that anyone who may have lost the packages can claim them at the Pampa Police Department.

Demolitions gain approval

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Gray County Commissioners Court unanimously approved the demolition of six structures in Pampa.

Judge Richard Peet told the four county commissioners last week he has personally looked at all the structures, and told them he felt all six structures should be demolished.

The six structures are at 517 N. Christy, 925

Murphy, 811 Denver, 201 E. Ford, 533 Maple and 1117 Huff Road. Judge Peet added that there are several more structures in need of demolition.

The City of Pampa first identifies the structures to be demolished — an act which must also be approved by the taxing entities of the county and school district.

Leona Willis, chairman of the Child Welfare Board, and Greg Turner, a board member, requested the court proclaim April as Child Abuse

(See DEMOLITIONS, Page 2)

Mann awaiting recount details from state GOP

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Incumbent 31st District Attorney John Mann said this morning he will make a request for a recount in last week's Republican Primary runoff election that had challenger Rick Roach winning by six votes.

Mann said he is awaiting detailed information from the Republican Party on recount procedures. He expects to have the information this afternoon.

The incumbent DA said he planned to have the request filed a few days ago, but was busy preparing for the Justin Sober intoxicated manslaughter trial which was to have begun yesterday. A continuance was granted the defense and the trial was postponed to a tentative date of May 8.

A Republican Party official at state headquarters told *The Pampa News* the deadline for state party headquarters to receive Mann's request for a recount is 5 p.m. Monday.

He said the Republican Party has 48 hours to approve or disapprove.

(See RECOUNT, Page 2)

Two pit bull dogs attack Welsh pony

A Welsh pony and two pit bull dogs are sore today from injuries suffered in a fight over the weekend.

Officers said two pit bull dogs escaped from the yard of their owner, Nancy Pool, at 533 Doyle and attacked a 12-year-old Welsh pony in his pen across Red Deer Creek. The pony belongs to Cheryl Lester, who lives near the intersection of Doyle and Gwendolyn.

Law enforcement officers used pepper spray to separate the animals after Pampa police and Gray County deputies were called to the pen at a stable off Gwendolyn about 2 p.m. Sunday.

Authorities said the pony suffered wounds to the jaw and nose. The dogs suffered kick wounds. One of the dogs and the horse required multiple stitches to close their wounds.

Pampa Animal Control Officers cited Pool for two violations of animals at large and two violations of failure to display rabies tags.

Police have warrant in child sex assault

Law enforcement officers are searching today for Stephen Michael McMahon after he was indicted by a Gray County grand jury on charges of sexual aggravated assault involving a 5-year-old girl.

Officers said following the arraignments last week of others indicted by the grand jury that there is a warrant out for McMahon, 41, of 701 N. Zimmers.

Arraignments for Daniel Hoffman, 39, of Florida; Jason Alton Carlson, 28, 116 W. Foster #36; Kevin Wayne Jacoby, 31, 510 N. Zimmers, and Joe Steven Fleetwood, 25, of Border, were rescheduled.

Leonard Jay Kane, 29, 529 N. Wells, was free on \$10,000 bond today after pleading not guilty Friday morning on charges of engaging in criminal activity.

Michelle Andra Burnley, 19, 1105 Neel Road, was free on \$10,000 bond after pleading not guilty to charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Daylon Kirkland, 31, 110 N. Illinois, was free on \$5,000 bond after pleading not guilty to theft charges.

Bryan Del Austin, 28, 1811 Dwyer, was free on \$5,000 bond today (See WARRANT, Page 2)

Quite frankly... Have you completed and mailed your Census 2000 form?



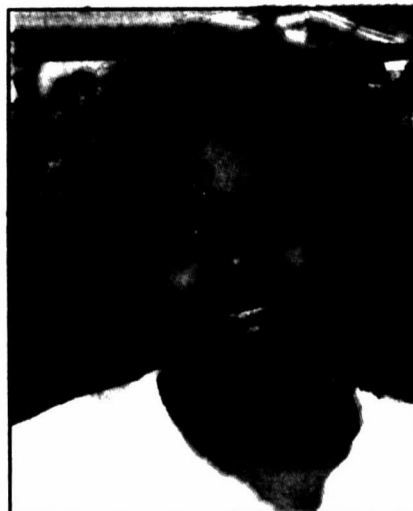
"Yes. I sent it (short form) back right after I got it. Completing it helps the city to know what to do."

— Barbara Pipkin



"Certainly. It was the long form and I completed it and sent it in right after I got it."

— Winnie Flowers



"Yes. I sure did. As soon as I got it, I returned it. It was the short form."

— Jessica Hunnicutt



"Yes. I mailed it back about two days after I got it. It was the short form."

— Mary Harrison



"Yes. I mailed it right back in to them, too. I received the short form."

— Loretta Turner



Get Out And Enjoy The Easter Lights!!

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

CROWE, Ina — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Wimberly Cemetery, Wimberly.
EBENKAMP, Lawrence J. "Ebie" — Vigil services, 7 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors, Pampa.

Obituaries

LAWRENCE J. 'EBIE' EBENKAMP
 Lawrence J. "Ebie" Ebenkamp, 77, of Pampa, passed away Monday, April 17, 2000, at Cripple Creek, Colo. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. John Valdez officiating. Additional services are pending. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Ebenkamp was born Aug. 2, 1922, at Penola, Kan. He married Mary Ann Panek on Sept. 8, 1947, at St. Leo, Kan. He had been a Pampa resident since 1958 and worked for Getty Oil for 41 years, retiring as field supervisor in 1983. He belonged to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Frank Keim Council Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Pampa Senior Citizens.

He was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran, serving during World War II as a first lieutenant. He was preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Rohling; and a brother, Edward Ebenkamp.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann, of the home; six sons, Ronald "Ron" Ebenkamp of Albuquerque, N.M., Michael "Mickey" Ebenkamp of Leawood, Kan., Robert "Bob" Ebenkamp and Allen Ebenkamp, both of Amarillo, and Mark Ebenkamp and Kevin Ebenkamp, both of Pampa; five sisters, Lucy Rohling of Cunningham, Kan., Elanora Rohling and Sister Mary Cassian, both of Wichita, Kan., Mary Anna Urban of Larned, Kan., and Martha Strong of Nashville, Kan.; and 11 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church or to Good Samaritan Christian Services.

EARLENE HERNANDEZ

Earlene Hernandez, 60, of Pampa, died Monday, April 17, 2000, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hernandez was born May 23, 1939, at Prague, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident since 1969, moving from Duncan, Okla. She married Cuco Hernandez in 1982 at Lawton, Okla.; he died in 1997. She was a nurse's aide, a waitress at Dos Caballeros and a licensed beautician. She belonged to Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Tim Fletcher, in 1995.

Survivors include a son, Clifton Fletcher of Amarillo; a sister, Sharon Lane of Marlow, Okla.; four brothers, Valice Reames and Warren Reames, both of Duncan, Howard Reames of Piedmont, Okla., and Tom Reames of Pampa; and two grandchildren.

EFFIE MAE SMITH

McLEAN — Effie Mae Smith, 81, died Sunday, April 16, 2000, at Winnie, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Alanreed Cemetery at Alanreed with Jerry Nance officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Smith was born Dec. 10, 1918, at Panhandle, to R.H. Worsham and Vera Whitsel Worsham, and had lived in the panhandle most of her life. She was the retired former owner of The Falcon Restaurant in Stinnett and belonged to First Christian Church of Eastland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy B. Smith.

Survivors include two daughters, Vera Dulaney of Kansas City, Kan., and Linda Stutes of Winnie; two sons, Bill Smith of Longview and R.H. Smith of Ranger; a brother, Hubert Worsham of Fort Worth; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	1-888-Energas
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	1-800-750-2520
Water.....	669-5830

Police report

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

Monday, April 17

A burglary was reported in the 100 block of West Albert. Speakers worth \$250 and video games worth \$65 were reported stolen.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of South Dwight.

Criminal mischief was reported about 7 p.m. Monday in the 900 block of South Faulkner. Officers said a window was broken. They estimated the damage at \$250.

An offense against family and children was reported about 12:30 p.m. Monday near Kentucky and Hobart.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, April 17

Jason Carlson, 28, of Clifton, Tex., was arrested on a grand jury indictment charging him with possession of a controlled substance. He was also being held on warrants out of McLennan County charging him with speeding and failure to yield.

Dean Lyle Bolen, 31, 417 Rose, was arrested in connection with a protective order and injury to a child.

Carlos B. Regalado, 54, 1029 S. Wells, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

Tuesday, April 18

Darrell D. Baston, 39, 320 N. Zimmers, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Ambulance

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

Monday, April 17

8:18 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Mary Ellen on lifting assistance.

1:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Mary Ellen on lifting assistance.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, April 17

3:29 p.m. — A carbon monoxide check was requested in the 2500 block of Mary Ellen. One unit and four firefighters responded.

Court report

The following divorces were recorded in District Court in March and through April 12:

- Johnny Roe and Beverly Roe
- Shaun Matthew Daniels and Melissa Cecile Daniels
- Heather Suzanne Moreno and Michael Anthony Moreno
- Maria R. Ramirez and Eladio Ramirez
- Edwina Elaine Reeb and James Dirk Reeb
- Phillip Joe Reed and Toni Kay Reed
- Jimmie John Welch and Dustie Welch
- Angela M. Winkleblack and Thomas R. Winkleblack
- Max Dean Bridges and Sharon Darlene Bridges
- Brandi K. Coomer and Terry Christian Coomer
- Cynthia Ann Graef and Michael Harvey Graef
- Rhonda Ann Graham and John Martin Graham
- Betty Word McNutt and Joe Thomas McNutt
- Marcéline M. Rogers and Doyle Edward Rogers
- Sharon Elaine Shaw and Larry Wayne Shaw

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		Coca-Cola.....47 1/2	dn 1/2
		Columbia/HCA.....25 3/8	up 3/4
		Enron.....65 5/8	dn 1 1/8
		Halliburton.....39 1/16	up 5/8
		IRI.....8 1/8	up 3/16
		KMI.....31 1/8	up 3/4
		Kerr McGee.....52 5/8	dn 3/8
		Limited.....43 7/16	up 1/2
		McDonald's.....33 9/16	dn 1/8
		Exom Mobil.....76 5/8	up 1 1/8
		New Atmos.....14 13/16	dn 3/16
		NCE.....31 1/2	dn 3/16
		OKC.....25 1/4	dn 7/16
		Penney's.....13 1/4	up 1/16
		Phillips.....47 5/16	up 1/4
		Pioneer Nat.....9 7/8	up 5/16
		SLB.....70 7/16	up 2 1/8
		Tenneco.....8 3/4	NC
		Ultramar.....24 7/8	up 1/16
		Wal-Mart.....54 5/16	up 5/16
		Williams.....37 5/16	up 5/16
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		New York Gold.....	282.00
		Silver.....	5.10
		Chevron.....84 1/8	up 1 3/16
		West Texas Crude.....	25.87

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RECOUNT

prove Mann's request. If approved, a recount will be held within seven days, he said.

Mann has the option of requesting all polling places be recounted or to designate certain ones for the procedure.

The five counties involved in the 31st District race are Gray, Lipscomb, Roberts, Wheeler and Hemphill.

The state party official said in recounts the Republicans contract people in each county to conduct a recount. He said it can be the county

Republican party or local officials who conduct the procedure.

Vote count from the April 11 runoff was Roach with 1,263 votes over Mann with 1,257.

Mann led the March 14 primary with 2,408 votes while Roach was second with 1,769. Wheeler attorney Phil Pendleton received 907 votes.

As the 31st District Attorney position encompasses five counties the state has jurisdiction in the recount.

The winner of the recount will face Canadian attorney Charles Kessie in November's general election. He is the democratic nominee.

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WARRANT

after pleading not guilty to charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Donna Lee Phillips, 19, 808 S. Reid, was free on \$2,500 bond after pleading not guilty to charges of theft.

James Lee Middleton Sr., 45, 738 S. Barnes, was free on \$2,000 bond after pleading not guilty to charges of theft of a firearm.

Charles Wesley Cannon, 44, of Amarillo, was free on \$2,000 bond after pleading not guilty to driving while intoxicated - subsequent offense.

Enid Lyle Morris, 54, of Canadian, was free on \$1,500 bond after pleading not guilty to charges of driving while intoxicated - subsequent offense.

Delena Joyce Doan, 24, 1918 Beech, was free on \$1,500 bond after pleading not guilty to charges of tampering with government records.

Connie Denise Ballard, 31, 1072 Prairie Drive, was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$1,500 bond after being indicted on theft charges.

Michael Jerome Anthony, 36, of Arizona, was in jail in lieu of \$7,500 bond after being indicted on

charges of possession of a controlled substance after waiving arraignment.

Charlie David Flowers, 36, of Borger, was in Gray County jail in lieu of \$2,000 bond after being indicted on forgery charges.

Alvin Ray Stokes II, 44, 709 N. Zimmers, was in jail in lieu of \$2,000 bond after being indicted on charges of forgery.

Joy Bybee Brown, 37, 617 N. Christy, was in Gray County jail in lieu of \$1,500 bond after being indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated - misdemeanor.

Kay Lynn Miles, 21, 720 Malone, was free on \$7,500 bond after waiving arraignment on charges of engaging in criminal activity.

Terry Allen Helm, 38, and Leslie Edna Helm, 39, 733 N. Nelson, were free on bonds of \$5,000 each after waiving arraignment on charges of possession of marijuana.

Martin Merkie Martinez, 36, 956 Terry Road, was free on \$5,000 bond after waiving arraignment on charges of aggravated assault.

David Edward Heuston, 43, 1824 N. Banks, was free on \$5,000 bond after waiving arraignment on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

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DEMOLITIONS

Prevention Month.

The Commissioners Court approved the resolution urging all citizens to observe Child Abuse Prevention Month during April by working to prevent abuse and neglect of all children in Gray County.

A budgeted amount of \$800 for Sweetwater Creek Fire Fighters Association was approved for payment. Commissioner James Hefley said if called to assist someone in fighting a fire outside their first response area, the Sweetwater Creek group will not charge.

Road crossing permits were granted to Eagle Gathering System of Longview. All are on dirt roads.

Commissioner Gerald Wright said the company advised the road shall be bored and not cut. Steel casing will be installed.

The permits were granted for the following three locations:

-North/South County Road between Sections 220 & 201, Block B-2, H&GN

-North/South County Road between Sections 220 & 231, Block B-2, H & GN

-North/South/East/West County Roads between Section 215, 216, 235 & 236, Block B-2, H & GN

District Clerk Gaye Honderich and County Clerk Susan Winborne were recognized by the commission for earning 20 continuing education hours in connection with the duties of their offices.

A line item budget transfer was approved for Honderich's office. Transferred from employee salaries to part-time/temporary employees was \$5,500. Peet advised the commissioners court that a fulltime employee had terminated in the district clerk's office and that Honderich was currently utilizing part time help.

Another \$700 was approved for transfer for Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene's precinct. The budgeted amount was transferred from auto liability to capital purchases.

Doctor: Elian being psychologically abused

MIAMI (AP) — A pediatrician advising the federal government says Elian Gonzalez is being psychologically abused by his Miami relatives and should be removed from their home immediately. It was the first time someone on the government side has criticized how the boy is being treated.

"Elian Gonzalez is now in a state of imminent danger to his physical and emotional well-being in a home that I consider to be psychologically abusive," Dr. Irwin Redlener wrote to Attorney General Janet Reno and Doris Meissner, the commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The INS released the letter Monday. "The child needs to be rescued," Redlener, professor of pediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City, said today on NBC's "Today" show.

Redlener, who assembled the panel of mental health experts that met last week with Elian's great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez, said he was particularly disturbed by the videotape the relatives made of the boy that was released last week, which Redlener likened to a hostage video. He also said the family was making unfounded allegations against the boy's Cuban father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez.

Justice Department officials handed out copies of the letter, as they have virtually all correspondence in this case, and told reporters that Redlener offered his views on his own initiative, not in response to a government request. Nevertheless, it serves to strengthen the government's hand in its battle with the Miami family for public opinion.

The family reiterated its argument that government experts

can't form any valid opinions since none of them have talked to Elian.

"I don't know how one can reach decisions and express them in language as strong as this without seeing the boy," Jose Garcia-Pedrosa, an attorney for the Florida relatives, told ABC's "Good Morning America."

"Radical hysteria" is the way he describes this environment," Garcia-Pedrosa said. "He hasn't been there. He hasn't spoken with anybody who lives there."

City Briefs

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YARD SERVICE. Call for quote, 665-0491 lv. message.

Warrant issued in beating case

An arrest warrant for a 22-year-old Pampa man was issued Monday in connection with several fights Friday night, one of which left an officer injured.

Police were searching for Ashley Reagan, 22, 1116 E. Browning, after an arrest warrant charging him with assaulting a peace officer, was issued today.

Reagan was released Sunday from the intensive care unit of Pampa Regional Medical Center after being treated for wounds suffered in fights Friday night.

Authorities said that officers responding to a call concerning a fight about 11:15 p.m. Friday in the 1100 block of East Browning found Reagan with a bloody face.

As Pampa Police Lt. Kenneth Hopson tried to

question Reagan, police officials said Reagan became belligerent. A scuffle ensued, and Hopson, the first officer on the scene, suffered minor eye and ear injuries.

A second officer, David Conner, came to the aid of Hopson. A third officer, Fawnsa Burrows, arrived and called for assistance.

Joined by Officers Shawn Water and Danny Stewart, police said Reagan was handcuffed and taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center. Authorities said Reagan was abusive to the hospital staff during treatment for his wounds.

Officers said today that in addition to an attack on police officers, they want to question Reagan concerning the results of drug and alcohol tests administered after his arrest.

Rabid animals on the rise in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — After a warm winter, skunks are flourishing, prompting a springtime warning from health officials that Texans should vaccinate their pets against rabies.

In the first three months of this year, the Texas Department of Health has confirmed 209 cases of

rabid animals in the state, 153 of them skunks. That compares to 97 cases for all animals during the first three months of 1999 and 417 for the year.

No human infections have been reported so far. "This year it seems to be the year of the skunk," said Joe Garrett, an epidemiologist.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy today with a 30 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms (some severe) with a high in the upper 80s and winds from the south at 20-30 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, windy and a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms (some severe) with a low in the mid 50s and south winds from 20-30 mph. Tomorrow, a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms (some severe) in the morning, partly sunny with a high of 80-85. Yesterday's high was 76; the

overnight low 53. **STATEWIDE** — Higher temperatures were expected through midweek as a warm front advanced today across Texas.

Several stations in the Waco area had upper 60s for early-morning readings. They combined with high humidity levels from prevailing winds off the Gulf of Mexico to create a sticky early morning in North Texas.

Other temperatures were on the mild side, ranging from the mid 50s in the Panhandle to mid-70s along the Gulf coast.

Elsewhere in North Texas,

temperatures were only slightly cooler. North of Waco, temperatures rose into the low 60s with high humidity levels.

Winds were light and southeasterly, increasing moisture in the air under mostly clear skies, with only occasional high cloudiness.

Skies were mostly clear across all but part of the Panhandle and along the Gulf coast, where low clouds developed.

Winds were expected to continue out of the south to southeast, with variable speeds across the state.

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Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furrs Cafeteria.

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Pampa ISD Kindergarten pre-enrollment will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. April 19 at the elementary campuses. Kindergarten students must be 5-years-old by Sept. 1. Parents should bring student's shot records, Social Security Card and birth certificate.

PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have been touched by cancer will meet at 7 p.m. April 20 in the cafeteria of the Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. Program for this month's meeting will be "Healing Through Art" to be presented by Darcy Lynn, artist and non-Hodgkins lymphoma survivor. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The public is invited. For more information, call 665-4742 or 665-2654. For a ride, call Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654. In case of inclement weather, call ahead in case meeting is canceled.

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 Buckhaults, 1-3 p.m., April 3, 10, 17 and 24. Cost for each course is \$25. For more information, call 665-8801.

FLAG CEREMONY

Lakeview ISD will host a special flag-raising ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. April 22 in honor of ex-students and all area veterans. Former news commentator Bob Izzard will serve as MC. Activities will include bagpipers, a wing of vintage World War II airplanes and a hamburger meal fund-raiser. The public is cordially invited to attend the special event.

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 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.

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-1:30 p.m. this month (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.

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.

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). Pneumococcal vaccines are also available. The IDH 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., April 6 and 19, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 10 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3 p.m., April 25, White Deer school, White Deer; 1-3:30 p.m., April 26, Skellytown school, Skellytown.

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.

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.

TEACHERS CONSERVATION INSTITUTE

Registration is currently under way for Texas Forestry Association's week-long Teacher's Conservation Institute summer workshop to be held June 25-30, July 9-14 and July 16-21. Teachers will receive a first-hand look at forestry in East Texas by touring forest product mills, a Tree Farm, a logging operation, a nursery and a seed orchard. They will also be trained in Project Learning Tree and Project WILD. The first session is currently full but spaces are still available for the other two sessions. Registration is \$75 and includes all food, lodging and materials for a week. For a free brochure or for more information, call TFA at (409) 632-TREE; e-mail ccalhoun@texasforestry.org; or write P.O. Box 1488, Lufkin, TX 75902.

MRS. TEXAS PAGEANT

The 2000 Mrs. Texas Pageant will be May 11-12 at

the Holiday Inn Select in Dallas. The pageant is a preliminary to the Mrs. United States Pageant. For more information, call David Aguilar or Gary Young at (214) 339-4788; 2910 E. Perryton Dr., Dallas, TX 75224.

LAMAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Students accepted into the Texas Academy of Leadership in Humanities, a two-year residential honors program at Lamar University in Beaumont, are eligible for full tuition scholarships for up to 15 credit hours per semester. Enrollment is currently underway for the fall 2000 semester. For more information, call (409) 839-2995, fax (409) 839-2991 or e-mail TALH@hal.lamar.edu.

COAF WEBSITE

The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Lovett Memorial Library's Spring Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. The program, which includes crafts and stories, is open to all children 18 months to 5-years-old. Story hours are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

TRASH DAY

The first Lakeshore Cleanup of the 21st Century will be the 17th Annual Lakeshore Cleanup at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument will be from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15. Marked items will be placed among the real trash in cleanup areas and will be exchanged for door prizes. For more information, call Lakeshore Cleanup 2000 Coordinator Laura Illige at (806) 857-3151.

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.

'BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S'

The Canadian Arts Alliance is bringing the classic movie "Breakfast at Tiffany's" to the Palace Theatre in Canadian at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20. Tickets - \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 - will be available at the door. The 1961 movie, based on a novel by Truman Capote, was directed by Blake Edwards and stars Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard.

PAS DANCE

Pampa Area Singles will hold a potluck dinner and dance April 22 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the dance will be from 8-11 p.m. Entertainment will be Mike Porter. Cost is \$5 per person. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 27 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. The program will be a demonstration on making chenille. For more information, call (806) 779-2115. Visitors are welcome.

PSC 'WALK FOR LIFE'

Pregnancy Support Center will hold its annual "Walk For Life" beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at the Pampa High School track. For more information, call 669-2229.

GARDENFEST 2000

Potter-Randall County Master Gardeners, a volunteer network affiliated with the Extension Service's Texas Master Gardener Program, will hold its annual fund-raiser "Gardening with the Masters Gardenfest 2000" from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. May 6 at Texas A&M Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West. The event is being sponsored by PRMG in association with Amarillo Botanical Gardens. For more information, call Linda at (806) 355-6608 or Teresa at (806) 359-3036.

BSA HOSPICE PROGRAM

BSA Hospice will offer a class for anyone interested in becoming a BSA Hospice volunteer from 1:30-4:30 p.m. every Monday and Thursday, March 20-April 13 at Amarillo BSA Hospice Building, 600 N. Tyler. The training is free and CEUs will be awarded by Amarillo College. To register, call Deborah Andrews, LSW, (806) 212-8715.

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

Wheeler Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a "Citywide Garage Sale and Car Show" fund-raising/community project Saturday, May 6. For more information, contact the Chamber at (806) 826-3408.

ERGONOMICS CONFERENCE

American Society of Safety Engineers and Amarillo College will co-sponsor "Ergonomics Conference" April 28 at AC Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk, Amarillo. For more information or to register, call Bob Pearce at (806) 371-5207 or Rick Paris at (806) 355-9253.

All-Star Kids



(Special photo)

Jenna Munsell and Jonah Munsell, above, competed in All-Star Kids national competition held recently in Borger. Jenna won first runner-up in talent in the 7- to 9-year-old division with a lyric routine to "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Jonah won Handsome Beau in his age division. They are the children of Paul and Shauna Munsell and are the grandchildren of Madeline Graves and Mrs. A.J. Carubbi. Both have qualified to compete in All-Star Kids national competition to be held over the summer in Dallas.

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Inside the Beltway
with
Rep. Mac Thornberry

Current tax code needs reforming

After figuring his taxes, a man called my office to let me know that if he and his wife divorced, they could save \$1,100 a year. Fortunately, he said, the extra money was not enough incentive to force him and his wife apart. But it was enough for him to call me with his concerns about this marriage tax penalty and ask whether the U.S. tax code will ever be reformed. The short answer is — some of us are trying. The House

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passed a bill a few weeks ago to reduce the marriage penalty and will hopefully consider a plan soon to completely eliminate another unfair tax that penalizes too many families — the inheritance tax. There's also an effort underway to draft a new taxpayer bill of rights to strengthen privacy, reduce penalties and interest, and simplify the process of paying taxes.

Now all this is well and good, but more needs to be done. In short, something has to be done to get rid of the monstrous 17,000-page tax code and replace it with something that's flatter, fairer and

easier to understand. That's why the House will be holding a summit on tax reform to look at all possible options for reform, including a national sales tax and a flat tax. We'll also vote on a bill to sunset the current tax code in about three years to give the new president and Congress the opportunity to replace it.

This is never an easy time of year for those of us who pay taxes. But if there's any good news, it's that Congress is talking about ways to reduce your tax burden and tear the tax code out by its roots.

The challenge will be to convert all this talk into action which, in Washington at least, is often a difficult thing to do.

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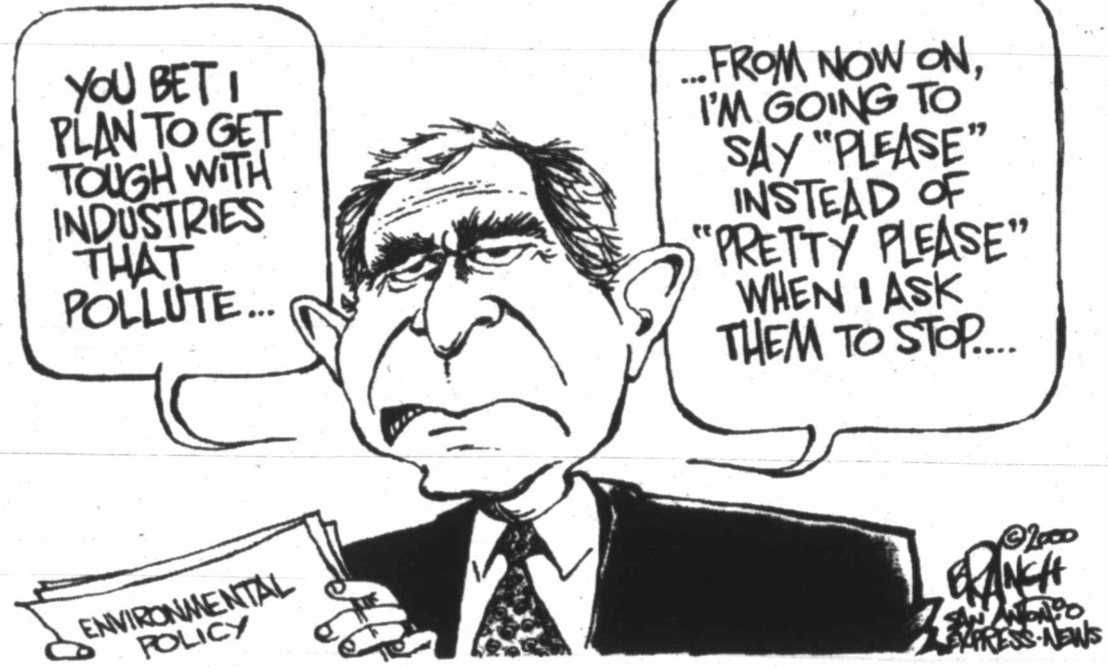
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There's no place like dear old Texas!

"There's no place like home. There's no place like home."

Those words kept coming back to me as I endured the 10-hour flight back from London last month. I may not have had the ruby slippers, but I certainly had a deeper appreciation for the United States and Texas and home after an eight-day visit to England.

I had dreamed of traveling the world all my life. I thought I would be a foreign correspondent and live the life of my idol, Ernest Hemingway — "Carpe diem." Seize the day. Live life to the fullest.

Finally, a small part of the dream was fulfilled when the opportunity arose to travel to England with my son's college theatre group.

So much happened in those eight days it will take a lifetime to sort it out. For now, though, I'd like to share my thoughts about the differences and similarities I encountered in Great Britain, homeland for most of us white-anglo saxon-protestants who populate this country.

Somehow, the 5,000-mile distance has warped the English language. Texans speak English and Londoners speak English, but it's not the same language. I wish I had a five-pence for every time an Englishman would say something to me and I would say "Huh?" or I would say something to an Englishman and he would say, "Beg pardon?"

Finally, I began to learn that an elevator was a lift, that a bus was a lorry, that a traffic circle was a turn-around, that a subway was a tube, egg salad was egg mayonnaise, and on and on. You notice that most of these words have to do with



Dee Dee Laramore

Staff writer

transportation. That's because I spent 20 hours a day going from one place to another as quickly as possible.

Londoners do not waste time. They walk at a pace of approximately 20 miles per hour. Texans walk at approximately five miles per hour, much to the consternation of our tour guide, Chris Vincent. Poor Chris spent 90 percent of his time trying to round up 16 slow Texans and keep them headed in the right direction. He had a good taste of what it was like to be a cowboy and never knew it.

We spent much of our time either woefully mispronouncing words or practicing the correct pronunciation. It became a game to ask Chris how to pronounce a word, or to teach him to speak in a Texas drawl.

Leicester Square is pronounced "Lester" Square. Southwark is "suth-erk." I have always wanted to know how to say "Worcester." "Woo-stuh," Chris patiently told me. "Wor-ster," I repeated. "No! No!" he corrected. "Woo-stuh." "Ya'll," I responded.

U.S. would do well to keep eye on Castro

Will Cuban leader Fidel Castro, the world's last Stalinist dictator, go out with a whimper or a bang? Most people who know him predict he will go out with a bang by attacking the United States.

Surely I jest, you might be thinking, but too many people close to Castro have said the same thing. This megalomaniac's ego simply cannot cope with being an old man discarded by his own people. He would rather commit the international equivalent of cop suicide by attacking the United States.

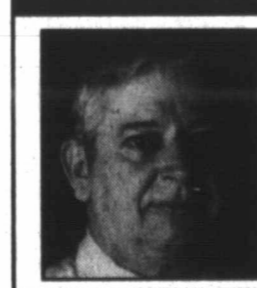
Here is a paragraph from a paper written by Ernesto F. Betancourt of the Institute for Cuban and Cuban American studies:

"Finally, the third scenario is advanced by those who think Castro would rather end in an apocalyptic last ditch struggle against the hated Americans, thus provoking a Godterdammerung to seek a place in history for himself. In a letter to Celia Sanchez in June, 1958, Castro referred to a war with the United States as his true destiny. All those who over the last decades have been close to him in moments of crisis, coincide in concluding that an apocalyptic finale is his most likely choice."

Here are a few more bits of evidence offered by Betancourt:

A March 1996 article in Jane's Defence Weekly revealed Castro was training special forces for a pre-emptive attack on the United States.

In September 1998, the FBI arrested 10 mem-



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

bers of a Cuban spy network in Florida. Bits of the indictments indicate that the spy network was considering sabotaging planes or hangers at undisclosed locations in Florida. An FBI affidavit states that one of the men had been tasked to provide information on: "deployment of aircraft, base daily routines, descriptions of the interior and exterior of buildings, particularly one being prepared for a highly secret activity; the use of plane equipped for electronic warfare and the home addresses of hundreds of military personnel stationed at the base." The bases targeted included Boca Chica Naval Air Station at Key West and Air Force bases in Tampa where the Southern Command is located.

Dr. Luis Roberto Hernandez, who defected from Castro, has reported in a published article that he worked on a Cuban biological-warfare project that included identifying and producing virus strains that could be injected into migratory

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, April 18, the 109th day of 2000. There are 257 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:

On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

On this date:
In 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires. About 700 people died.

In 1942, an air squadron from the USS Hornet led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

In 1945, famed American war correspondent Ernie Pyle, 44, was killed by Japanese gunfire on the Pacific island of Ie Shima, off Okinawa.

In 1946, the League of Nations went out of business.

In 1949, the Irish republic was proclaimed.

In 1955, physicist Albert Einstein died in Princeton, N.J.

In 1978, the U.S. Senate voted 68-32 to turn the Panama Canal over to Panamanian control on December 31, 1999.

In 1980, Zimbabwe Rhodesia became the independent nation of Zimbabwe.

In 1983, 62 people, including 17 Americans, were killed at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, by a suicide bomber.

In 1994, former President Nixon suffered a stroke at his home in Park Ridge, N.J.; he died four days later at a New York hospital, aged 81.

Ten years ago: The Soviet Union shut off a pipeline that supplied the rebellious republic of Lithuania with crude oil; a day later, the Soviets severely reduced the flow of natural gas. The Supreme Court ruled that states may make it a crime to possess or look at child pornography, even in one's home.

English children are the most well-behaved I have ever seen. You never heard an English child whining or crying or begging for something. If you did hear a child, it wasn't an English child. It was a French child or Italian or, unfortunately, an American.

I have often heard that Americans are regarded by Europeans as loud and obnoxious. Having seen Americans in England, I'm inclined to agree. The English are not an outgoing people. They are formal and proper in every way. In contrast, Americans do speak loudly compared to the low and moderate tones of the English. Texans tend to steer away from formality, which offends many English people.

Texans could teach the English a few things — like how to make iced tea. Every part of a meal in England costs separately — no refills on drinks and all-you-can eat specials. The English eat strange things for breakfast. They call pork and beans, "baked beans" and they eat them cold on toast for breakfast. Their sausage isn't anything like Jimmy Dean's and they also eat a concoction of onions, potatoes and cabbage called "bubble and squeak." (That's pretty good, actually.)

I failed to drink hot tea with milk and sugar the whole time I was there. I needed good of 'ol coffee to get me started for the next 20-hour marathon! I didn't partake in "tea" until the flight home, when it was served on the plane.

As much as I enjoyed my trip to London, as much as I want to travel to Europe again, I still feel with all my heart, "There's no place like home!"

birds. The West Nile virus that killed some people in New York City this past summer has been found in some dead migratory birds in the area.

On May 13, 1999, a false report that seemingly came from three C-130 U.S. military planes was made to a New York airport. The broadcast was tracked by the Federal Communications Commission back to the Pinar del Rio province west of Havana.

Americans should never underestimate the malice and malevolence of Castro. Years ago, I interviewed Huber Matos, who was one of Castro's original lieutenants in the Sierra Maestra Mountains.

Matos said the same thing. He compared Castro to Adolf Hitler. He said that Castro had simply cut a deal with the communists who had offered him permanent power.

Americans are far too lachardaisical about Castro, in part because American leftists never cease painting him as a democratic socialist. He is far from being a democratic anything. He is a killer with a pathological hatred for America and Americans.

The United States had better increase its surveillance of Castro, especially now that he has allied himself with the Chinese. He has allowed the Chinese to build electronic surveillance stations similar to the Russian one that is still operating. I have a feeling that American complacency is in for a big shock one of these days.

WT bestows community service awards

CANYON — Due to their efforts on behalf of the homeless at an Amarillo emergency shelter, four West Texas A&M University students have been chosen to share the President's Community Service Award for April.

The foursome, each of whom is a regular participant at the University's Baptist Student Center, are Jarrod Babbitt, a sophomore physical therapy major from Amarillo; Eric Hunter, a junior speech communications major from Amarillo; James

"It's a ministry God laid on our hearts to help people," Hunter said. "We usually serve food, preach before meals and just talk to the people there, trying to get to know them."

Martinez, a sophomore general studies major from Brownsville; and Cameron Reeves, a sophomore general studies major from Amarillo. Individually, and as a group, the

students have paid regular visits — about twice a month for the past year or so — to Amarillo's Faith City Mission.

"It's a ministry God laid on our hearts to help people," Hunter said. "We usually serve food, preach before meals and just talk to the people there, trying to get to know them."

Babbitt said the group became acquainted through their ties to church.

"As a college group, we all just came together to think of a project we could do to help the community," Babbitt said. "We called Faith City and told them we were coming down to help out. We also volunteered at the High Plains Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity."

The President's Community Service Award was established by University President Russell C. Long to recognize the good-faith community efforts of WTAMU students, faculty and staff; offices and departments/divisions; and chartered/registered student organizations. To obtain a nomination form or for more information, contact the Office of Communication Services at (806) 651-2121.

West Texas A&M to hold 10th Annual Storytelling Festival

CANYON — West Texas A&M University will sponsor the 10th Annual Storytelling Festival at 7 p.m. Friday, April 28 in the Intimate Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. The festival, featuring tall tales by professional storyteller and banjo player Dan Gibson, is produced by the WTAMU Panhandle Storytelling Guild with support from the Campus Organization Funding Committee.

In addition to the festival, Gibson will conduct a storytelling workshop for adults and teenagers from 3-5 p.m. on April 28 in the Atrium of Mary Moody Northern Hall. This workshop is designed to teach participants storytelling techniques.

"We are very excited to have Mr. Gibson perform at this year's festival," Judith Grotegut, a graduate student in mass communications from Hereford, said. "It is always good to have a professional storyteller at these festivals because it makes for a more well-rounded event."

Featured storytellers from PSG will use an assortment of works ranging from intriguing fairy tales to timeless legends. Those reading include Rita Crockett, a senior speech communication major from McLean.

Texas Multiple Listing Service reports rise in new existing home sales record

COLLEGE STATION — Broken records were in abundance last year. However, these tunes were more enjoyable to real estate licensees than an old Beatle's album. The Texas Multiple Listing Service reported a new existing home sales record of 181,955 in 1999, up from 170,683 in 1998.

The average and median prices of an existing home sold through Texas MLSs also were records — 132,300 and 101,000, respectively. Total MLS sales in the state of Texas exceeded \$24 billion, another record, according to the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.

A little more than ten years ago, Texas MLSs were bursting with 95,962 unsold existing homes — more than a year's supply at the sales pace prevalent at that time. Ten years later, the state's MLSs reported 67,715 listings — only a 4.6-month supply.

While Texas Realtors were busy selling the highest number of homes on record, they were selling more expensive homes, too. Existing homes in the \$100,000 to \$119,999 price range accounted for 11.1 percent of all 1999 MLS sales in Texas. Every price range of \$90,000 or higher set a record for percent of sales in 1999.

In 1999, more than half of all existing homes sold through the Texas MLSs were sold for \$100,000 or

more. That was the biggest percentage of \$100,000-plus home sales ever recorded for Texas. Ten years ago, only 25.3 percent of existing home sales were in that price range. Of course, inflation had something to do with the shift. In 1999, the Consumer Price Index was 164.3, compared to 121.1 in 1989.

More Texas homes are being built and sold in the ultra-high price range of \$500,000 and more. Last year, another record was set with 1.6 percent of existing Texas homes sales in Texas were in that range, compared to 1.3 in 1998.

Real estate professionals are gearing up for the busiest time of the year. From now through July, the pace will increase steadily. The Texas market typically peaks in June. Last year, for example, a record 19,832 MLS sales totaling more than \$2.75 billion were reported that month. Last year, MLS listings peaked in July at 71,132.

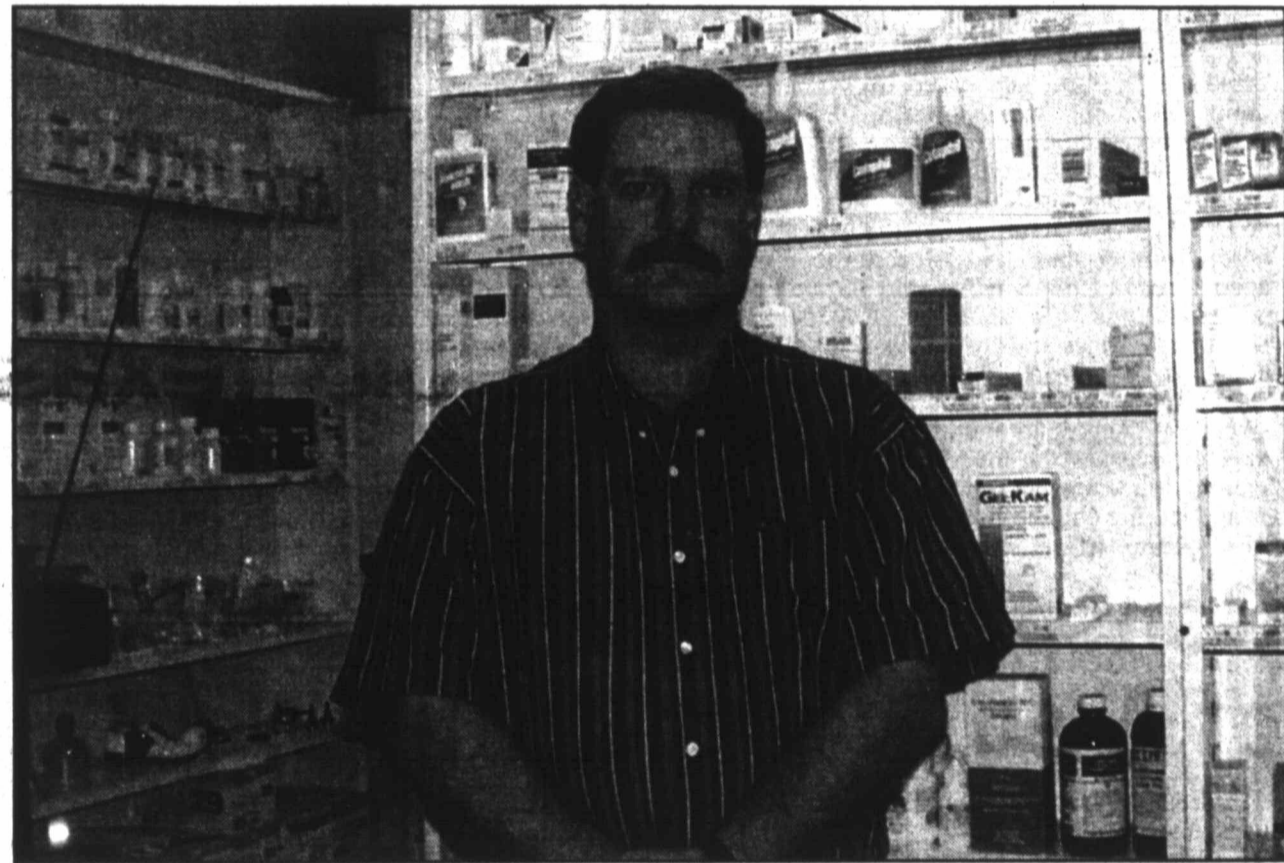
Permits for new homes in Texas were about the same in 1998 and 1999 — 92,964 and 93,621, respectively. The most permits ever recorded for single-family homes — 9,769 — were issued in March 1999.

"If you are contemplating selling your home, now is the time to get serious," says Jack C. Harris, research economist for the Real Estate Center. More buyers will be in the market from now through July than any other time of the year. Conversely, if you are thinking about buying, the selection will be best during this same time. Perhaps 2000 will continue to break the records set in 1999."

The Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University has been providing solutions through research for more than 25 years. Funded solely by Texas real estate licensees, the Center was created by the state legislature to meet the needs of many audiences, including the real estate industry, instructors, researchers and the general public. A free publications catalog is available by calling 1-800-244-2144.

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Dennis Roark, pharmacist at B&B Pharmacy in Pampa, is always ready to answer customers questions regarding medication. He and his wife, Debbie, are owners and managers of the local pharmacy.

B&B Pharmacy ...

A small town pharmacy offers services the larger pharmacies cannot provide. Home-owned and home-operated, B&B Pharmacy strives to provide personal service to all its customers.

Dennis Roark, owner of the pharmacy along with his wife, Donna, said, "We try to make customers feel comfortable. They feel comfortable coming in and visiting and asking questions. We try and stay away from the big chain impersonal-ness where you're just a number," Roark said.

He said it is important to get to know the customers, and customer needs. He said some drugs have interactions that can cause serious medical problems.

"We have all the latest drug interaction updates in our computers, and we know our customers," said Roark.

Owners and operators of the local B&B Pharmacy since 1988, the Roarks plan to stay in Pampa for a long time.

Roark believes Pampa has a

chance to grow.

"I think it does if the city fathers and the PEDC make the right moves," Roark said. "I'd like to see Pampa grow a little bit. You've got to have an influx of young people."

"I don't see myself doing anything else but this. Pampa is a nice town to raise kids in. I've seen worse," Roark said.

Roark and his wife, Donna, met while both were students at Phillips High School. He was a defensive end for the Phillips Blackhawks while Donna was a member of the basketball team.

The school ceased to operate in 1987 after many company town residents began moving their homes out of the community following a refinery explosion several years before.

The school then consolidated with Plemons and Stinnett school districts.

Built around the Phillips Petroleum Company plants, the small town's residents were pri-

marily Phillips employees and their families.

After high school, Dennis decided to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State to follow in his big brother Ken's footsteps to become a pharmacist.

Fourteen years older than Dennis, Ken has a pharmacy in the Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger. Dennis' parents, Ernie and Virginia Roark, are both retired and living in Borger.

Dennis and his wife, Donna, have two sons: 19-year-old Justin, who attends Amarillo College, and 17-year-old Jason, a Pampa High student.

Jason is a quarterback and safety for the Harvesters. Older brother Justin was also a quarterback at Pampa High.

With Dennis and Donna being the owners, where did the B&B name originate?

"The pharmacy used to be at the intersection of Ballard and Browning," said Roark.

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Odds and ends ...

Neighbors object to free 'exotic' show

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Neighbors of an exotic dancer don't appreciate the free show they've been getting.

Still, county officials say it's up to police and prosecutors to decide whether to stop her from practicing her routines in her front yard.

Kim Mattes' "performances" have threatened public safety because motorists often drive irresponsibly while gawking at the dancer, neighbor Sherri DesEnfants said.

"When something gets done about this, I guess, is when there's an accident and somebody gets killed," DesEnfants said.

The practices have gone on for two years, but got out of hand recently when Mattes incorporated a 10-foot flagpole into her routine, said neighbor Mitch Robbins.

Neighbors have complained to Tippecanoe County officials, who say they can't do a thing about it.

"It's in the jurisdiction of the law enforcement," commission president Ruth Shedd told the (Lafayette) Journal and Courier.

Mattes' attorney, William Wendling, said some of the allegations were "half-truths." And a friend of the dancer said the neighbors haven't approached her directly with their concerns.

"If someone had asked her to stop rather than taking it to the media, she would have done something to accommodate them," Jeff Taylor said.

The sheriff's department says it has forwarded the complaints, and turned over videotape of Mattes' practices to the prosecutor. Prosecutor Jerry Bean said Monday he hopes to decide by the end of the week whether Mattes has broken the law.

Attorney left his briefs behind

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — An attorney has gotten in trouble for going without his briefs.

Police say lawyer Stuart A. Thompson stripped off his clothes and went skinny-dipping in a pool of a couple, without the homeowners' permission.

Thompson was allegedly discovered near the home hiding naked in some bushes by Officer Robert Russell, who was responding to a burglar alarm. Authorities say the man ran away and jumped into the nearby Gulf of Mexico, but was captured by two officers who dove in after him.

They took Thompson to the Collier County Jail, where he was booked on numerous charges, including indecent exposure, resisting arrest and — after he helped officers find the appropriate charge — attempted burglary.

He was released after posting bond and did not return calls for comment Monday. Naples is about 150 miles south of Tampa.

Squeals at ham store not pig

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — When Clinton McNeill heard squeals coming from a HoneyBaked Ham store near his house, he figured it wasn't a pig.

He was right. It was a 32-year-old man calling for help after he got stuck in an air vent leading from the roof into the business.

"When they got him out, he was real embarrassed, but he thanked me for answering his call for help," said McNeill, who summoned police for the rescue on Sunday.

The man was not immediately charged, but police suspect he crawled into the shaft from the roof in an attempted burglary and got stuck at the bottom. A ladder was found on the side of the building.

The man told police he was stuck for nearly eight hours before help arrived.

He was briefly hospitalized for treatment of minor cuts and bruises, and later jailed. His name was withheld pending the filing of charges.

"All I kept thinking as police led him away was that line from 'Forrest Gump': 'Stupid is as stupid does,'" McNeill said.

A bicycle made for ...

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP) — Bob Heintz enjoys taking his girlfriend and her two children on a bicycle ride — all on the same bike.

"You don't have to worry about leaving anyone behind," he said of his new quad bicycle. "I love it. It's a lot of fun."

Heintz, 43, of Eau Claire, took a serious interest in bicycling about six years ago. For the past three years he's been riding tandem bicycles, built for two, almost exclusively.

While riding last summer, he spotted three cyclists on a triple-seater, and inspiration struck.

"They were having a terrific time on it," he said in Monday's Eau Claire Leader-Telegram.

Heintz custom-ordered a red quad bicycle for just under \$10,000 from a California company that specializes in tandem, triple, quad and quint cycles. It arrived last December.

The four-seater has four handlebars and is 13 feet long but rides on just two wheels.

Steering can be a challenge, said local bike dealer Terry Hintz, who ordered the bicycle for Heintz.

"You have to use your brain on this one," he said. "There's definitely a learning curve."

Man has drive-through ministry

ISLE OF WIGHT, Va. (AP) — When you worship at Sweet Holy Haven Church of God, all you need is your car.

Since April 1, Bishop Nathaniel Johnson has been standing in front of his church offering drive-through prayer to anyone who stops by from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., seven days a week, rain or shine.

"We've got drive-through banks and drive-through hamburger joints. Why not drive-through prayer?" Johnson says.

The hours of Johnson's drive-through ministry come from the Bible, he says. On the day of Jesus' death, darkness fell over the earth from the 6th hour until the 9th hour, when Christ gave up his spirit and died, Johnson says.

Johnson admits it's not easy to get out of bed at 5:15 every morning and head outdoors before dawn, especially on days when few people bother to stop by.

But when business is a little slow, he says he just waves to the passing cars.

Teacher of the Year ...



(Special photo)

Lamar Elementary kindergarten teachers Pat Ford, left, and Lorine Cash, far right, recently presented a spring bouquet to Lamar Teacher of the Year Jan Cory. Cory is the school's TAAS coordinator. She and other Pampa Teachers of the Year will be honored at a banquet the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association is sponsoring on May 2.

Osprey will resume flights over objections of victim's kin

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Marine Corps plans to resume flights of the MV-22 Osprey following a fatal crash in Arizona have infuriated Texas relatives of victims.

Investigators are still trying to determine a cause for last week's crash and explosion that killed Pfc. Alfred Corona and five other Texans stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif. A total of 19 Marines died northwest of Tucson.

Antonio Corona said his mother, Maria Cervantes, and other family members were dismayed to learn the Osprey would return to service.

"My mother and my grandmother were outraged," he told the San Antonio Express-News in today's editions. "It's a shame. It's a shame they used 19 young Marines and their lives didn't mean anything."

Resumption of service for the aircraft that can hover like a helicopter and also fly like a plane was expected even as the investigation continued. The Osprey dipped, veered right and nose-dived into the ground during a nighttime training mission April 8.

That prompted concern that a mechanical problem

or flaw in the craft itself may have caused the accident, the third in the past decade.

William D. Nelson, the father of a Marine killed in the crash, told the Express-News last week that his son had called the Osprey "fragile" and problem-plagued. Top Marine leaders have denied those contentions.

Survivors of crash victims attended a memorial Monday at Camp Pendleton, Calif., as the Osprey's flight data recorder was being analyzed, said Sgt. Bill Lisbon, a Marine Corps spokesman. Data from the recorder is not expected to be immediately available, but Lisbon said flights likely would resume.

"You could criticize anything, but we see nothing that points to that particular technology as being the reason why the aircraft crashed," he said. "We think the V-22 is proven technology. It is a safe aircraft, it is not an experimental aircraft as a lot of people have said it is."

But Corona said he was angered by the Marines' "fancy certificates" and "condolences in the mail." "My brother deserved more than that," said Corona. "I want an explanation."

Conspiracy? Satellite images of Area 51 put on the Web

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Buildings. Roadways. Buses. A swimming pool. No little green men.

The first detailed satellite images of Area 51, the top-secret Air Force test site in Nevada, apparently reveal nothing out of the ordinary. Then again, UFO buffs might just think it's another trick.

Raleigh-based Aerial Images Inc. — in collaboration with Microsoft, Kodak, Digital Equipment Corp., Autometric Inc. and the Russian agency Sovinformspunitik — posted five images Monday on the Web of the hush-hush location.

The partners launched a Russian satellite from Kazakhstan in 1998 to map Earth's surface. An openness agreement signed in 1992 by 24 nations, including the United States and Russia, made the effort possible.

"The site is being hammered," said John Hoffman, president of Aerial Images. "This is the first glimpse into the most secret training and testing facility for the Air Force."

The Air Force only recently acknowledged that Groom Dry Lake Air Force Base even exists. The 8,000-square-mile base is 75 miles northwest of Las Vegas, in the arid, rugged Nellis Range.

Beginning with the U-2 spy plane in the 1950s, the base has been the testing ground for a host of top-secret aircraft, including the SR-71 Blackbird, the F-117A stealth fighter and B-2 stealth bomber.

The base's airspace is restricted; aircraft aren't allowed to fly over it. But satellite overflights are

allowed as part of an agreement to verify arms-control compliance.

Among UFO aficionados, the site has long been known simply as Area 51, the base's designation on old Nevada test site maps. They believe unidentified flying objects are hidden at the base, where their parts are copied for U.S. prototypes.

The images, with resolution good enough to distinguish a car from a truck, are better than earlier telephoto shots from nearby mountains. The only other known image purportedly was shot by a satellite in the 1960s.

"We acknowledge having an operating site there, and the work is classified," Air Force spokeswoman Gloria Cales said. The work involves "operations critical to the U.S. military and the country's security."

From Aerial Images, at <http://www.terra-server.com>, surfers can click on the Area 51 pages. Viewing the images is free; downloading them costs \$8.95 and up. Kodak will print photographs for \$20 to \$30.

The images show craters, some seemingly formed by something dropped from the sky, others possibly by something coming out of the ground. There are hundreds of buildings, living quarters, tennis courts, a baseball field, a track and a swimming pool.

There are no paved roads and no parking lots; buses are the only visible vehicles, raising the question of how employees get to and from work. Unpaved roads disappear into cliffsides, suggesting a possible underground network.

OKC to get more jet service

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — American Airlines announced Monday that jets will soon replace some turboprop flights between Oklahoma City and Dallas-Fort Worth.

In addition, the airline will add one daily flight between the cities beginning in May, said Peter Bowler, president of Fort Worth-based American's affiliate, American Eagle.

American stopped its jet service from Oklahoma City five years ago, citing lost income. It eventually returned some jet service to the city.

The latest changes won't be complete until July.

"Once it is fully implemented, it will be the same service you will get through any major city in the United States," Gov. Frank Keating said. "This is a big step in the direction of solving a serious competitive challenge for us."

American Eagle makes eight daily flights with the turboprop. American Airlines makes three daily flights with full jets. In May, one turboprop flight will be added.

Beginning in July, American Eagle will begin replacing its Super ATR Turboprops. Four of the then-nine remaining daily flights will be made by the Brazilian-made Embraer RJ-145 regional jets. The remaining five flights still will be made by the turboprops.

The regional jets reach Dallas in about 60 minutes. It can take 75 minutes on a turboprop.

Eventually, all turboprops probably will be replaced, although Bowler said he's unsure when.

Keating said getting regional jets gives him another way to entice business to Oklahoma.

"The point is, we have enormous assets, and some few liabilities," he said. "The faster you remove the liabilities, the more you can accentuate the your assets. ... And this was a liability that had to be addressed."

The American Eagle regional jet has leather seats, a closet for hanging bags, larger overhead bin space, and a lavatory big enough to have a baby-changing table.

Second white farmer murdered in occupation by black squatters

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Hours after a second white landowner was killed, President Robert Mugabe told the nation today he was trying to broker a compromise to end the occupation by black squatters of about 1,000 white-owned farms.

But Mugabe, in a televised address marking the 20th anniversary of Zimbabwe's independence from Britain, presented no concrete solutions to the increasingly bloody crisis and gave different speeches in different languages, apparently trying to appease both sides of the conflict.

Squatters shot and killed cattle rancher Martin Olds today in Nyamandhlovu, 50 miles north of the western provincial capital Bulawayo. Olds, 42, had initially survived being shot and beaten and called for help on a radio, but his attackers kept medical workers away until it was too late, said David Hasluck, director of the Commercial Farmers' Union which represents white farmers.

Another group of squatters today abducted Kevin Tinker, a white farmer and opposition supporter, from his farm in Christon Bank, 10 miles north of Harare, said Hendrik O'Neill, a spokesman for the Movement for Democratic Change.

Squatters also set David

Stobart's farm ablaze in Enterprise Valley, 25 miles north of Harare after getting into a fight with his workers.

The farmers' union was advising farmers to leave the area.

The attacks came three days after squatters shot to death David Stevens, a white farmer and supporter of the Movement for Democratic Change, the main opposition party. Five other farmers who tried to help him were severely beaten.

In Mugabe's first version of his speech, delivered in English, he expressed regret for the deaths and said farmer resistance to land reform has "created frustrations leading to the current spate of farm occupations."

But in a second version of his speech, delivered in the native Shona language, Mugabe thanked the occupiers, reportedly led by veterans of Zimbabwe's independence war, for moving onto the farms.

Opposition leaders say Mugabe planned the farm occupations as a political ploy to rally support for his party ahead of parliamentary elections expected to be held in May.

Hasluck said his union has evidence that a top Mugabe aide, Border Gezi, arranged for supporters to move onto white-

owned land after voters on Feb. 16 rejected a referendum that would have let the government seize white-owned farms without paying compensation. Ruling party legislators passed the law anyway on April 6.

"This thing will escalate until somebody takes a stand to stop it," said Chris Jarrett, a white farmer who lived near Olds.

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Amarillo Symphony announces upcoming annual Palo Duro Canyon Pops concert

CANYON — The Amarillo Symphony will present the fourth annual Palo Duro Canyon Pops concert on Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13. "The Palo Duro Canyon Pops will feature Broadway star Craig Schulman and the spectacular setting of the "TEXAS" Pioneer Amphitheater in Palo Duro Canyon State Park," James Setapen, music director and conductor of the Amarillo Symphony, said. "If you've ever enjoyed music from Broadway, this concert is for you," Setapen added.

Craig Schulman is the first actor in the United States to have portrayed both the Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera" and Jean Valjean in "Les Misérables." He has portrayed Jean Valjean in four different companies in three countries for a total of over 1,900 performances. Widely recog-

nized from the PBS broadcast of The "10th Anniversary: Les Misérables in Concert," he has also played Che in "Evita," Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof," and Archibald in "The Secret Garden."

He joined the Broadway cast of "Jekyll & Hyde" in May 1999. His television credits include "The Guiding Light," "All My Children," "One Life To Live" and most recently "The Rosie O'Donnell Show," and NBC's "Weekend Today." Schulman has also appeared with many opera companies around the United States, singing leading tenor roles in "The Tales of Hoffmann," "Tosca," "Madame Butterfly," "Carmen," "Die Fledermaus," "La Bohème," and "La Traviata."

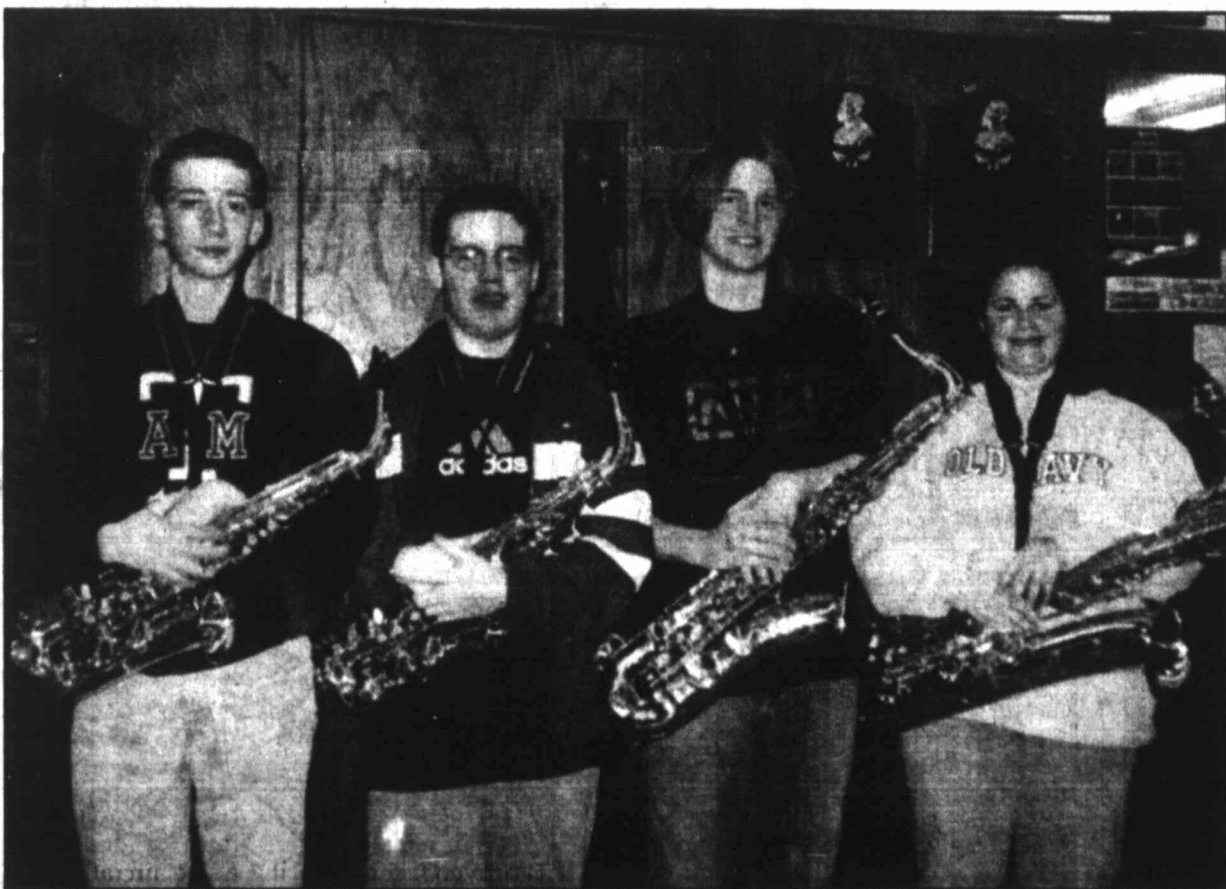
Highlights of the program include music from Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story," Stephen Sondheim's "Company," "The Music

Man," "Kismet," "Fiddler On The Roof," "Guys And Dolls," "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Les Misérables."

Tickets may be ordered by calling the Amarillo Symphony offices at (806) 376-8782. Tickets are \$20 each and the concert begins at 8 p.m. The Palo Duro Canyon Pops is not part of the Symphony's traditional seven concert subscription series in the Civic Center Auditorium. Tickets are also available for purchase at <http://www.actx.edu/~symphony> on-line.

In case of inclement weather the concert will be moved to the Civic Center Auditorium. The decision to move the location will be made on the day of the performance after 4 p.m. Updated information will be available by calling the Symphony's Globe-News IN-touch line at (806) 376-1000 ext. 1230.

Pride of Pampa Band



(Special photo) Members of Pampa High School's "Pride of Pampa Band" recently competed in UIL Solo and Ensemble contests at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Fifty-two students earned first division awards. Above: (top) Reece Watson, Price Hall, Travis Leeveer and Leslie McWilliams, ensemble, saxophone quartet; (middle) Tiffany Boyd, Michalla Mechler, Kristina Hartman and Kandi Garrison, ensemble, clarinet quartet; and (bottom) Angela Klein, John Johnson and Justin Myers, soloists, percussion.

Altrusa to observe anniversary this month

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa is celebrating its 83d anniversary. Founded April 11, 1917, Altrusa International is a volunteer service organization of executives and professionals dedicated to improving their communities through personal service. Members combine their talents to develop, finance and participate in service projects meeting specific community needs, especially those in literacy. There are 456 Altrusa clubs in 19 countries with nearly 14,000 members. Altrusa has 15 Districts worldwide and Texas is the only state that has its

own district. There are 35 clubs in Texas with 1,153 members.

Altrusa International of Pampa was established in 1952 and currently has 47 members. Kadda Schale serves as president. The club's major fundraiser is a style show usually in late summer to fund various community service projects including Lamar Elementary School, Tralee Crisis Center, Adult Sheltered Workshop, Adult Vocational Award, Senior Citizens Center, Schneider House and Salvation Army Angel Tree.

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Education Helps Autistic Kids Break Out of Their Isolation

DEAR ABBY: April is Autism Awareness Month. I'm hoping that with the number of people your column reaches, you will help us in the autism community spread the word about the need for research and education about this childhood disorder.

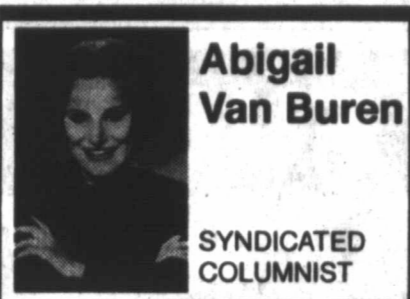
Autism is a neurological disorder that severely affects a child's ability to develop communication skills and social interactions. The child lives in a world of his or her own. Its rate of occurrence has increased to about one in 400 children. Autism shows up around 18 months of age or older. It mostly affects boys, at a ratio of 4-to-1. No one knows what causes autism, and as yet there is no cure.

I have a granddaughter who has this disorder. The need for research is great because, with proper education, these children can improve and lead much better lives than they did 20 years ago. My granddaughter has improved a great deal in the 18 months she has been going to school. There, she is trained by teachers with special education skills to help these kids along.

Please help our growing community of autistic children by letting people know that if they need any additional information, they can contact the Autism Society. Thank you, Abby.

ANDREA RUSSELL,
NEW CASTLE, DEL.

DEAR ANDREA: I am pleased



Abigail Van Buren

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to help spread the message. Since I received your letter, I have learned that through hard work and intensive education, people with autism can hold jobs, make friends and lead fuller lives. Autism is the third most common developmental disability, and more common than Down syndrome.

People who would like to learn more about autism should contact the Autism Society of America, 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 300, Bethesda, MD 20814. The toll-free number is (800) 328-8476, extension 150; the Web address is: www.autism-society.org.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Grateful Survivor," who felt she was in love with a man who had rescued her from drowning, instantly reminded me of an essay, "The Chemistry of Love" by Diane Ackerman, that I use in one of my writing classes at California State University-Fullerton.

The essay explains the chemical underpinnings of such human experiences as falling in love, giving birth, responding to danger, and finding security in long-term relationships. Ackerman points out that the human body economically uses those chemicals for many purposes. Such is the case with PEA (phenylethylamine), which gives an amphetamine-like "high" to new lovers and also surges during dangerous or thrill-seeking behavior.

According to Ackerman, the body's use of PEA "may help explain a fascinating phenomenon: People are more likely to fall in love when they're in danger. ... Danger makes one receptive to romance."

I'm no chemist, but it may relieve the happily married "Grateful" to know that what seemed like a puzzling and excessive response was caused by a chemical process over which she had no control.

JOAN SPANGLER,
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

DEAR JOAN: That's fascinating. I have always wondered why couples found it "romantic" to be married while skydiving, bungee jumping or diving 20,000 leagues under the sea. Ackerman's theory provides a clue.

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 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)

***** Go with the tried and true as you check out financial information. Focus on making money. Opportunities strike, but the question is which way to go. Tempers flare when the unexpected occurs. Getting angry with another doesn't help. Tonight: Chill out with a partner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Others give you important feedback, whether you want to hear it or not. Stay on a steady, even course. You might find another's behavior a bit erratic. Ease up on your demands, if possible. Authority becomes a bone of contention. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas — for now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Clearly, you are out of sorts. Realize that limits might be self-imposed. Understand what is going on with another at a distance. You might need to discuss some strong feelings in order to deal with them. Schedule some time off. Tonight: Work off stress.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Aim for what you want. Know what you want when another puts a plethora of options before you. A partner could be testy or unsure of what he wants

or expects. Be supportive. Don't let problems occur. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** You quickly find out that you aren't the only one who is pressured. You could be overwhelmed by what is happening. Demands come from your family and career. An associate could easily become flaky. Try to surmount the current problem. Tonight: Work late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Make your best effort to touch base with others. Try walking in their shoes and understanding their feelings. Your empathy will be greatly appreciated. Conversations are animated. Take a walk or break if you feel your nerves are getting frayed. Tonight: Out and about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Your expenses could be out of whack, and a child could be costing more than you had anticipated. Avoid risk. You might find that one action causes a multitude of problems. A partner can be testy, especially if you don't run with one of his ideas. Tonight: Do your budget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Others turn to you for answers. Opportunities happen because of tension and outside reactions. Associates have many ideas, but they might have a difficult time focusing. Realize that you are in control. Tonight: Allow another to chill out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

** Lie low. You might not totally understand what is going on; others are somewhat explosive, and they do the unexpected. Deal with personal frustrations; realize your limits within a given work situation. Use your high energy to

work through stress. Tonight: Early to bed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Your sensitivity to others comes into play. You want to help, but raiding your checking account might not be the solution. Easy does it. Creativity is on the upswing. Keep yourself focused. You pick the financial wild card.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Maintain a high profile. Decide to bring others together; start making calls. Listen to your sixth sense with family. Another goes hog wild trying to pitch in and help you. Your foundations are strong. Pressure builds at work. Be careful about tension. Tonight: Go with spontaneity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Make calls. Get a different perspective. Many offers come to you. The real question is deciding what you want to do. Initiate change when you feel comfortable with it. Actions are sudden and dynamic. Tonight: Opt for mental relaxation.

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SPORTS

Lady Harvesters expected to win at Hereford

PHS girls unbeaten in five meets this season

PAMPA — Through five meets this season, the powerful Pampa Lady Harvesters track team have been without any flaws. Nobody has come close to stopping the Pampa girls.

With so much talent on the squad, the Lady Harvesters aren't expected to have any problems winning the District 3-4A meet at Hereford.

Some of the field events and running preliminaries will be held today with the remaining events set for Thursday, starting at 10 a.m.

Pampa victories came this year at the ABC Relays in Frenship, Top Of Texas Invitational, Borger Relays, All-American Girls Classic in Abilene and the Amarillo Relays.

The Lady Harvesters have a threat in almost every event. At last week's Amarillo Relays, Pampa

won 9 events, placed in 14 and finished with 155 points.

Second-place Palo Duro finished far behind with 89 points.

Both of Pampa's 400 and 800-meter relay teams have been unbeatable. Sprinter Vaughn Evans, distance runner Beth Lee and hurdler Tandi Morton have run away from the opposition this season. They also provide that senior leadership.

Evans is unbeaten in the 200 and has a best time of 25.17 at Pampa's Top Of Texas Invitational. The speedy senior has also won the long jump three times and placed second once.

Lee, who won a bronze medal at the state meet a year ago, set a new school record in the 3200-meter run this season with a time of 11:25.79 at the All-American Girls Classic. She's won the 1600 four times and the 800 three times.

Morton is unbeaten in the 100 hurdles and also has a first-place finish in the 300 hurdles.

Both Lee and Morton are headed for college on athletic scholarships.

Morton is going to Wayland Baptist University to compete in volleyball and track. Lee will attend South Plains College to compete in track and cross country.

Ashleigh Patton (triple jump), Kristen Stowers (400) and Emily Hartman (high jump) have each won two events this season.

Distance runners Rebecca Fatheree (3200) and Vanessa Orr (800) have each won a meet. Chelsea McCullough in the high jump and Joy Young in the 100 have been first-place medal winners.

Shot putter Andrea Phillips has given Pampa valuable points.

She's won three meets and placed second twice in the five meets.

Diana Solis has steadily improved in the discus with two seconds and a third in the last three meets.

Notebook

FOOTBALL

ATLANTA (AP) — Ray Lewis' lawyers filed motions saying that their client should not be tried by the same jury as his two co-defendants in the murder trial of two men.

Lewis, an All-Pro linebacker for the Baltimore Ravens, is charged along with Reginald Oakley of Baltimore and Joseph Sweeting of Miami in the Jan. 31 post-Super Bowl stabbing deaths of Jacinth Baker and Richard Lollar.

PHOENIX (AP) — The state House rejected a bill proposing a new stadium for the Arizona Cardinals, hours after the Senate approved the \$331 million financing package.

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Running back Natrone Means agreed to a one-year incentive-laden contract with the Carolina Panthers, his agent said.

BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — With contributions from up and down the roster, the San Antonio Spurs are finding ways to win without Tim Duncan on the court.

Avery Johnson was the latest to lift the Spurs while their All-Star forward is sidelined with an injured left knee.

Johnson scored a season-high 24 points, and David Robinson had 12 of his 27 in the fourth quarter, as San Antonio rallied for a 100-93 win over the Vancouver Grizzlies on Monday night.

San Antonio rallied from a 12-point second-half deficit in improving to 4-3 this season without Duncan, who has missed the team's last three games.

After a loss to Portland on Thursday, San Antonio beat Utah on Saturday behind a season-high 15 points from Sean Elliott, continuing his impressive comeback from a kidney transplant.

"We have a small margin of error with Tim out," said Robinson, who added 10 rebounds. "We have to take advantage of our strengths. We knew this game was not going to be easy. We picked it up in the third quarter and had spacing in our offense."

The Spurs clinched at least the No. 5 playoff position in the Western Conference and moved within a half-game of Phoenix for the No. 4 slot. The Spurs have one regular season game remaining, at home Wednesday against the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Suns play at home tonight against Houston, and at Golden State on Wednesday.

"I need my old team to do me a favor and win that game," said Spurs guard Mario Elie, who used to play for Houston. "In the playoffs, though, it doesn't matter where you start. If we get home-court advantage, great. If we start on the road, then we start on the road."

Antonio Daniels added 12 points for the Spurs, who trailed 74-62 with 3:31 left in the third quarter.

Vancouver, loser of seven straight games, was led by Michael Dickerson's 29 points. Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 27.

"This was our game to win tonight," Vancouver coach Lionel Hollins said. "I think we lost our poise a little bit when they made their run. I just want to cry for these guys because they gave themselves the chance to win this one and really played their hearts out. They left it all out on the court tonight."

Trailing 83-74 early in the fourth quarter, San Antonio rallied with a 15-2 run to take an 89-85 lead on a Daniels 3-pointer with 5:19 remaining.

Vancouver went back up 91-90 on Dickerson's jump shot with 3:34 to play.

San Antonio, which has won five of six games, then took the lead for good on consecutive baskets by Robinson and Daniels, the latter on a driving layup which gave the Spurs a 94-91 edge with 2:51 remaining.

Pampa 7th grade boys win district track title

PAMPA — Pampa boys finished with 175 points to win the district 7th grade track championship last weekend at Randy Matson Field.

Pampa's Mark Williams and Seth Foster each won two individual events to lead the Pampa 7th graders. Williams won both the 100 and 200-meter dashes while Foster claimed first in both the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles. Foster's time of 46.46 in the 300 hurdles was a new school record.

Williams and Foster were also members of the winning 400-meter relay team.

Dumas scored 134 points to win the 8th grade title.

Pampa placed fourth with 97 points. Andrew Curtis won the 200-meter dash and anchored the winning 400-meter relay team.

Middle School Boys District Track Meet (at Pampa)

7th Grade Division
Team totals: 1. Pampa 175; 2. Dumas 167; 3. Hereford 161; 4. Canyon 51 1/2; 5. Borger 42; 6. Westover 21 1/2.

Pampa results:
 Shot: Brittin East, second place, 33-0; Tyrel Bolin, sixth place, 31-10 1/4.
 Discus: Tyrel Bolin, first place, 118-

2 1/2; Janssen Eilenberger, fifth place, 102-5 1/2; Brittin East, sixth place, 97-6.

High jump: Mark Williams, second place, 5-0; Seth Foster, third place, 5-0.

Triple jump: Shea Brown, third place, 32-4 1/2; Austin Morton, fifth place, 30-8 1/2.

Long jump: Mark Williams, second place, 16-0; Seth Foster, third, 15-3.

Pole vault: Shawn Brown, sixth place, 7-6.

400 relay: Pampa, first place (Shea Brown, Seth Foster, Janssen Eilenberger, Mark Williams), 50.35.

800: Jamie Resendiz, third place, 2:33.68; Shawn Brown, sixth place, 2:38.00.

110 hurdles: Seth Foster, first place, 17.76; Clayton Hall, third place, 19.46.

100: Mark Williams, first place, 11.88; Janssen Eilenberger, fifth place, 12.76.

400: Brandon Johnston, third place, 62-64.

800 relay: Pampa, third place (Felipe Portillo, Shea Brown, Jamie Resendiz and Janssen Eilenberger), 1:55.10.

300 hurdles: Seth Foster, first place, 46.46, new school record.

200: Mark Williams, first place, 25.16; Felipe Portillo, third place, 27.43; Jarred Winegeart, sixth place, 28.65.

1600: Clayton Hall, fourth place, 5:51.44.

1600 relay: Pampa, third place (Austin Morton, Jamie Resendiz, Brittin East and Shawn Brown), 4:29.45.

8th Grade Division

Team totals: 1. Dumas 134; 2. Hereford 125; 3. Canyon 102; 4. Pampa 97; 5. Valleyview 83; 6. Borger 76.

Triple jump: Mac Smith third place, 36-4.

Long jump: Johnny Moore, third place, 16-10; Greg Wiley, fourth place, 16-9.

2400: Cody Locknane, sixth place, 9:13.54.

400 relay: Pampa, first place (Mac Smith, Derek Lewis, Johnny Moore and Andrew Curtis), 47.75.

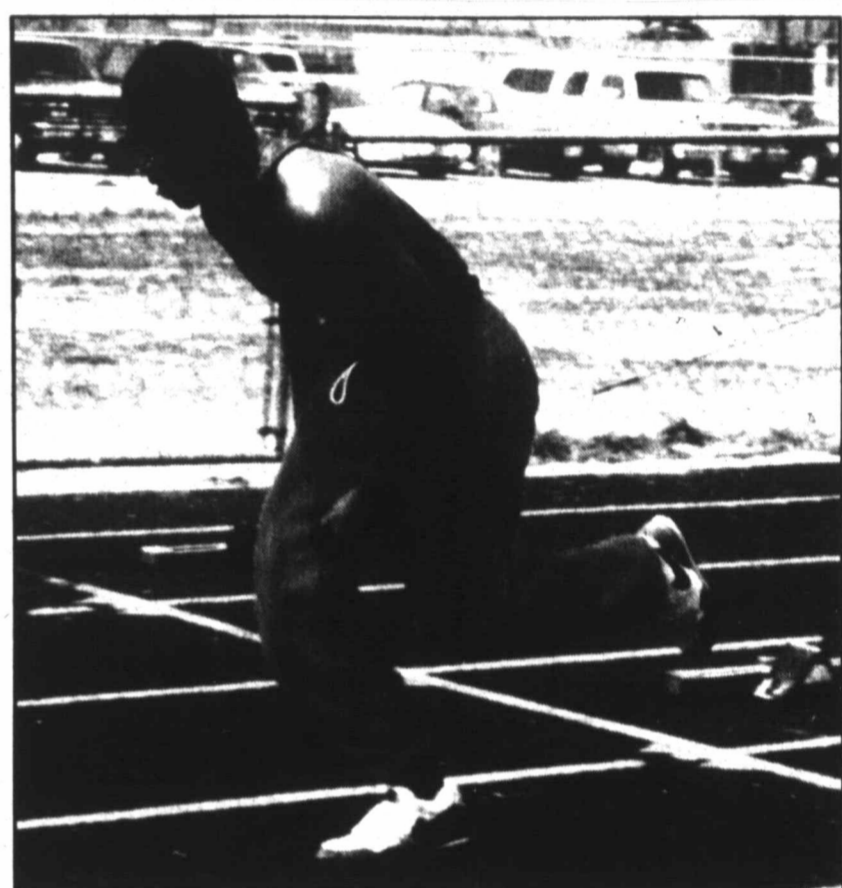
100: Derek Lewis, second place, 12.11; Mac Smith, third place, 12.38.

400: Johnny Moore, second place, 1:45.43.

800 relay: Pampa, second (Mac Smith, Johnny Story, Greg Wiley and Johnny Moore), 1:45.43.

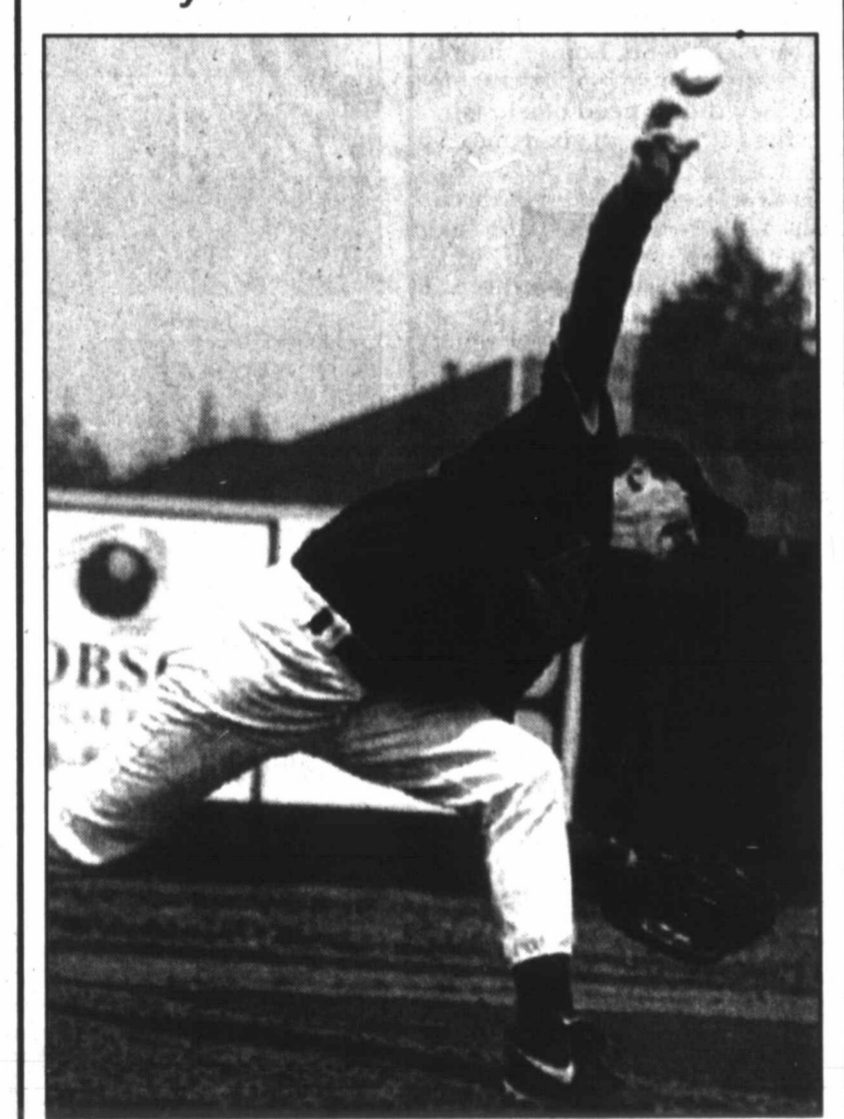
200: Andrew Curtis, first place, 24.84; Derek Lewis, second place, 24.88.

1600 relay: Pampa, fifth place (Garrett Johnston, Kit Koop, Cody Locknane and Johnny Story), 4:17.58.



Pampa 7th grader Mark Williams won two events and anchored the winning 400-meter relay team. (Pampa News photo)

Casey on the mound



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa righthander Casey Owens bears down against a Caprock batter in District 3-4A baseball action Saturday. Owens pitched a two-hitter as the Harvesters won 14-0.

Designer wants metal bats recalled

MOUNT PLEASANT, Texas (AP) — A former baseball bat designer for Louisville Slugger is asking the federal government to take high-performance metal bats off the market, saying they are unsafe.

J.W. MacKay Jr. of Mount Pleasant sent a petition to the Consumer Product Safety Commission last week saying the agency should rule that metal baseball bats perform like wooden bats "due to the unreasonable danger and risk of injury to consumers."

The agency should also recall metal bats that outperform wood baseball bats, he told the Mount Pleasant Daily Tribune for today's editions.

"There is no question that the aluminum bats today substantially outperform traditional wood bats, and the risk of serious injury to pitchers and infielders has become more prevalent," MacKay said.

Metal baseball bats are used mostly at the college level and recreationally. The major leagues exclusively use wood.

Rangers fall to Yankees in 11

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — There's no instant replay in baseball, and no luck for the Texas Rangers against the New York Yankees.

After Texas loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the 11th inning, the Yankees got help from an umpire's call and held on to beat the Rangers again — this time with aid from a strange double play that seemed appropriate in a wild 5-4 victory.

"In that situation, we are hoping for a double play. It worked out, though not the way most double plays happen," said Yankees reliever Todd Erdos, who earned his first major league save.

Luis Alicea appeared to foul a ball off his lower leg. The ball rolled in front of the plate and home plate umpire Jeff Kellogg ruled it a fair ball. Catcher Jorge Posada picked it up, stepped on home and tagged Alicea for a double play.

"I saw the ball in front of the plate. He didn't run, so I tagged him, then stepped on the plate. It's one of the weirdest games I ever caught," Posada said.

Kellogg and Yankees manager Joe Torre both said they never saw the ball hit Alicea. They obviously hadn't seen the television replay, which showed clearly that Alicea fouled the ball off his leg. It should have been a dead ball.

Texas manager Johnny Oates was predictably annoyed.

"Go ask the umpire. I saw a replay and the ball did hit him," he said.

While Alicea never felt the ball hit him, he knew it had to hit something or somebody to bounce into fair territory.

"After looking at the replay, it was clear that it hit me," Alicea said. "It's a tough loss. When a freak play happens like that it was a heartbreaker."

After the wild play, Erdos got Scott Sheldon to ground out to end the game.

The Yankees, who swept a two-game series against the Rangers last week, have won 34 of the last 45 meetings since the opening game of their 1996 playoff series. The Yankees also swept the Rangers out of the AL playoffs the last two seasons, holding them to one run each time.

In other games, Oakland beat Boston 1-0 and Toronto beat Anaheim 7-1. The Tampa Bay-Baltimore and Seattle-White Sox game were postponed because of inclement weather.

Tino Martinez tied the game with an RBI single in the ninth off John Wetteland and won it with another RBI single in the 11th.

Overshadowed by the strange ending and another Rangers loss was the performance of Texas starter Darren Oliver.

Oliver pitched 6 1-3 no-hit innings before Paul O'Neill hit a bloop single to left and Bernie Williams followed with his third homer to tie the game at 2. Those were the only two hits he allowed in eight innings, but Oliver still ended with his third straight no-decision.

Posada led off the 10th with a solo home run off Tim Lincecum (0-1). Texas got the run back in the bottom half against Mariano Rivera (1-0) when Royce Clayton led off with a single, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt and scored on a single by Ivan Rodriguez.

Rafael Palmeiro's two-out homer had broken the 2-2 tie in the eighth inning.

Yankees starter David Cone got his second straight no decision against the Rangers, leaving after allowing two runs and five hits in seven innings.

Athletics 1, Red Sox 0

Gil Heredia and two relievers combined on a four-hitter, and John Jaha had an RBI single in the sixth inning off Jeff Fassero (1-1).

Olmedo Saenz went 3-for-3 with two singles and a double for the Athletics, who split the four-game series by winning the annual Patriot's Day game in Boston.

Heredia (1-1), who escaped a one-out, bases-loaded jam in the fourth inning, allowed three hits, three walks and struck out four. Jason Isringhausen pitched a hitless ninth for his second save.

Blue Jays 7, Angels 1

At Toronto, Kelvim Escobar (1-2) pitched eight strong innings as the Blue Jays recovered from their worst pitching weekend ever.

Brad Fullmer hit a grand slam and Raul Mondesi hit a solo homer for the Blue Jays, who snapped a three-game skid.

Toronto allowed 47 runs in a three-game sweep by the Seattle Mariners over the weekend — the most runs allowed in any three-game stretch in team history.

Ramon Ortiz (1-1) took the loss.

Optimists signups top 700

PAMPA — Sign-ups for Optimist Baseball-Softball 2000 smashed the 700 barrier as a total of 734 players are now registered for the program, according to Jeff Skinner, a co-coordinator. There were a total of 620 players in the program last year.

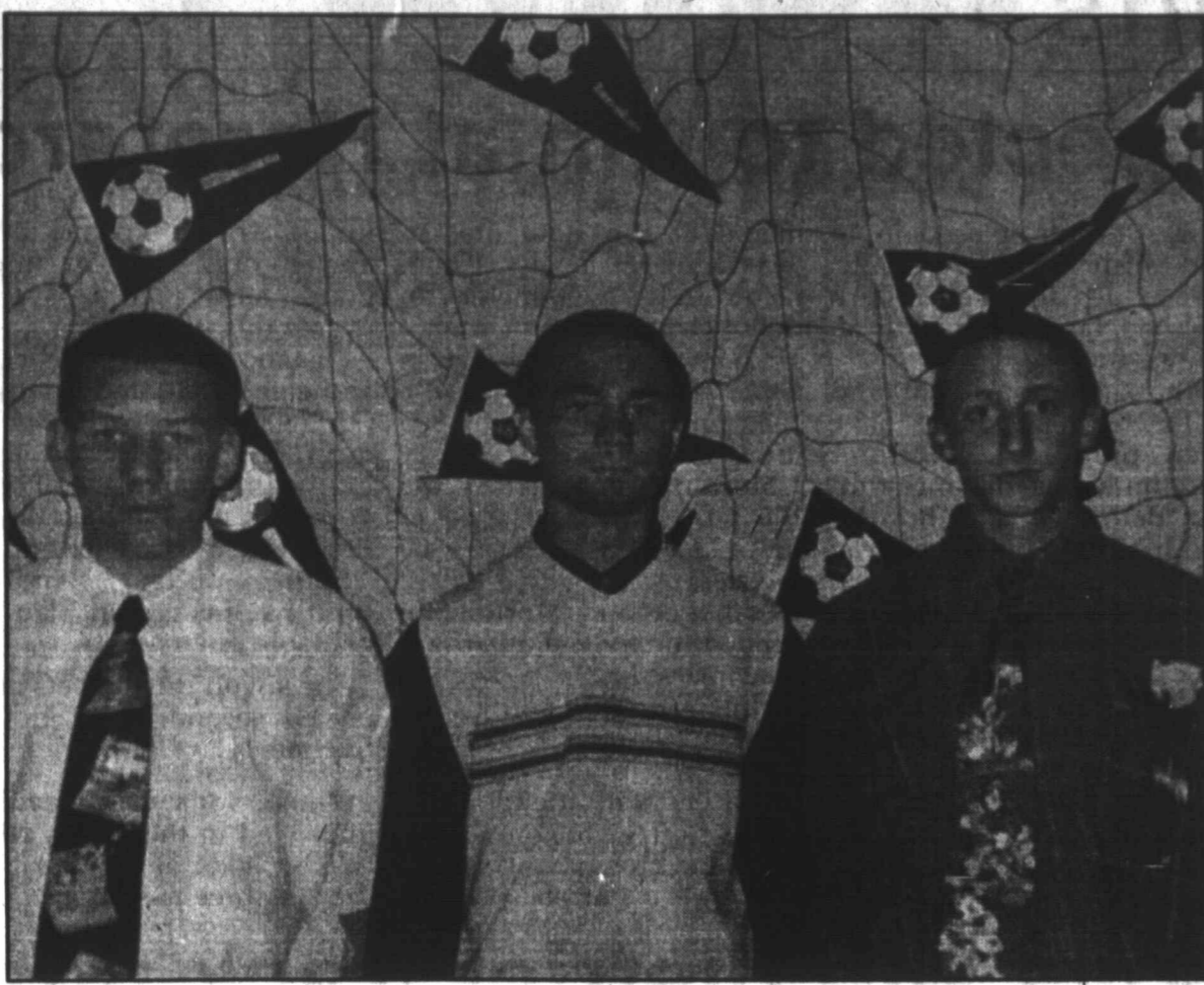
"We still need a coach for Little League girls softball," said Commissioner Sheri Tice. "All of our teams are nearing the maximum of 15 per team."

"We still have room for a few more kids in the 5-6 league and in the 7-8 league," said Richard Stowers, the commissioner for both leagues. "We have eight teams in the Beginner League and nine in the Rookie League."

Late sign-ups will be accepted as long as there is room on a team. Girls from 7 to 15 who are interested should call Tice at 665-3505. Boys from 5 to 15 and girls 5 to 6 years old should call 669-9817 or 669-3397 to enroll in the program.

"Practice has already started," reported Optimist president Monte Covalt. "Some of our leagues will begin games next week. Our official Opening Day will be May 6."

All-district players



(Special photo)

Pampa High soccer players (from left) senior midfielder Jeremy Hall, junior defender Ryan Sells and senior defender-midfielder Kyle McCullough were named to the All-District 3-4A Honorable Mention Team this season. Hall led the team in goals, assists and points and was a four-year varsity starter along with McCullough. Sells, a three-year varsity starter, and McCullough were outstanding defensive players.

Rocker returns to Braves after 2-week suspension

ATLANTA (AP) — While the Atlanta Braves might not agree with John Rocker's views on society, they clearly missed him on the field.

Rocker, suspended the first two weeks of the season for offending foreigners, minorities and gays, rejoins the roster tonight against the Philadelphia Phillies, hoping to bolster a bullpen that struggled during his absence.

"We try not to worry about all the other stuff that's going to arise from Rock coming back," fellow reliever Mike Remlinger said. "He's going to be a big help to us, because we haven't had the April we wanted to have yet. He'll be a big part of turning it around."

The Braves' bullpen went 1-4 with a 5.14 ERA and two blown saves while Rocker was suspended. Former closer Kerry Ligtenberg, coming back from a serious elbow injury, has two saves, but a 10.13 ERA. Remlinger has three saves, but is more comfortable in a set-up role.

Manager Bobby Cox has no qualms about giving Rocker his job back after splitting 12 games without him. A year ago, the left-hander had 38 saves — second most in franchise history — and struck out 104 in 72 1-3 innings.

"We won't avoid using him," Cox said. "He's a talented pitcher, and that's what this is really all about."

Rocker drew mostly cheers when he pitched at Turner Field in an exhibition game April 1, two days before opening day. No organized protests were scheduled in conjunction with his return, although a civil rights official once again called on the Braves to trade Rocker.

"It's still a blemish on the Braves organization ... and, to a certain degree, a shame for the city," said Michael Bond, deputy director of the NAACP's Atlanta chapter.

After his exhibition appearance in Atlanta, Rocker returned to Florida for extended spring training. He was back with the Braves in Milwaukee last weekend, working out during the games and doing everything else like a regular team member.

"They'll support him in Atlanta, but it won't be the same when we hit the road," third baseman Chipper Jones said. "People are going to be rough on him, and he understands that."

The Braves, who were off Monday, play their next nine games in Atlanta, easing the transition for Rocker. The team's next road trip begins April 28 in laid-back San Diego.

Rocker figures to receive his harshest reaction in places like Philadelphia (May 12-14), Chicago (May 29-31) and definitely New York, where Atlanta meets the Mets in a four-game series beginning June 29.

Already, photocopied fliers have been passed out at Shea Stadium advertising "John Rocker Battery Day" for Atlanta's first series in New York, where fans are still outraged by the pitcher's infamous interview with Sports Illustrated.

"Imagine having to take the 7 train to (Shea Stadium) looking like you're (in) Beirut next to some kid with purple hair, next to some queer with AIDS, right next to some dude who got out of jail for the fourth time, right next to some 20-year-old mom with four kids," Rocker told the magazine.

He also said, "The biggest thing I don't like about New York are the foreigners. I'm not a very big fan of foreigners. You can walk an entire block in Times Square and not hear anybody speaking English. How the hell did they get into this country?"

Baseball is concerned about providing security for Rocker

outside of Atlanta.

"It won't only be New York," commissioner Bud Selig said. "He got booed (during an exhibition series) in Venezuela — a lot — and all over."

Initially, Selig banned Rocker from baseball until May 1 and imposed a \$20,000 fine for his controversial comments. But arbitrator Shyam Das reduced the suspension to the first two weeks of the season, cut the fine to \$500 and allowed Rocker to report to spring training on March 2.

The pitcher apologized to his teammates in a private clubhouse meeting and issued a statement expressing remorse for his statements. But he has refused to discuss the issue since that day.

"We've talked about this so much, that now it's just time to go out and get it over with," Cox said. "We're not making a big deal about it. That's (the media's) thing."

The Braves are hoping that Rocker will handle the wrath of the fans differently than he did during last year's playoffs, when he engaged in a verbal war with New Yorkers even before his magazine interview.

"I don't know what will happen," Jones said. "Hopefully the fans will accept him and we'll go on from there. There's not a whole lot we can do about it now. It will be interesting."

While no protests were planned Tuesday, Bond said the issue would likely be brought up again about the time of the All-Star game if Rocker is still with the team. The midsummer classic will be held at Turner Field on July 11.

"As long as that type of attitude prevails in society, we have to combat it," Bond said Monday. "He could say he was sorry, but once the cat is out the bag you can't retract that kind of hateful statement."

Baseball raises Glass ceiling; sale of KC Royals to David approved

HOUSTON (AP) — While baseball owners postponed a decision on realignment until June, they unanimously admitted David Glass to their club, approving his \$96 million deal to buy the Kansas City Royals.

"Everybody respects David Glass a great deal," Arizona Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo said after Monday's vote.

Glass took over as Royals chairman in September 1993, shortly after the death of founding owner Ewing Kauffman.

Under Kauffman's succession plan, the team was offered for sale to Kansas City-area individuals and companies, with the money earmarked for charity.

"It's been a long time coming," Glass said. "I've already raised the cash. Thank goodness I didn't have it in the Nasdaq."

Owners, who also approved a plan on how to handle disasters such as a team plane crash, needed just 40 seconds to approve Glass.

In November 1998, the Royals' board accepted a \$75 million offer from lawyer Miles Prentice, but commissioner Bud Selig convinced owners not to approve that deal when it came up for a vote last September. Glass, who had withdrawn from the lengthy bidding process when he feared the Kansas City area didn't support him, then made his offer.

"I know that Ewing Kauffman wanted me to wind up owning the team. He said that to me more than once," said Glass, who in January retired as chief executive officer of Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

To buy the Royals, Glass sold about 2 million shares of Wal-Mart last month, raising nearly

\$111 million, according to papers filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. He wants his 41-year-old son, David, to help run the team.

"Hopefully, long after I'm no longer around, our family will still be involved with the Royals," Glass said.

His purchase is set to close April 28 or May 1. He wants the Royals front office to know there won't be major changes in the way the team is run.

"For the first time in several years, they can stop worrying if new ownership will come in and change things," he said.

Glass sounded like a man who intends to offer the Royals' top young players multiyear contracts. He thinks the team, which last won the World Series in 1985, can get back to the postseason soon.

"I think it can be done fairly rapidly," he said.

As for realignment, it won't be taken up until June at the earliest.

Selig has floated a plan that would shift Arizona from the NL West to the AL West and move Tampa Bay from the AL East to the National League, which would then reform into four four-team divisions with no wild card.

Some have criticized the elimination of the wild card, which has allowed more teams to be competitive until late in the season.

"I'm very flattered, because I remembered the abuse I took seven years ago," said Selig, who proposed the wild card in 1993.

The biggest controversy is among AL teams. There would be four teams in the East and West, but six in the Central.

"It makes no sense," said Royals president Mike Herman, whose team would be in that division. "If everybody else has four, why shouldn't I have four? Just use your common sense. That doesn't always work in baseball."

Selig's goal is to have more teams grouped geographically, so travel and late television starts can be cut down. He remembered the September 1993 meeting in Boston, when he told the Texas owners the Rangers would move from the West.

"I promised, now Gov. George W. Bush, they would eventually come to the AL Central," Selig said. "I have a moral obligation to do that, it's bothered me ever since."

Moving to the Central would allow interleague games against the Houston Astros, currently in the NL Central.

"The Astros and Rangers are the only in-state rivals that haven't played a regular-season game," Houston owner Drayton McLane said.

Owners do seem intent on rotating the interleague play format. Until now, the AL East has played the NL East, the AL Central has met the NL Central and the AL West has gone against the NL West. While the matchups would rotate, natural rivalries — Mets-Yankees, Cubs-White Sox, etc. — would be maintained.

To allow more intradivision games, there would have to be an even number of teams in each division. Some AL teams would prefer than current 5-5-4 alignment.

"It's very, very destructive to the rest of the schedule," Selig said.

Rockies win

PHOENIX (AP) — Consecutive bunt singles by Larry Walker and Jeff Cirillo highlighted a five-run first inning Monday night as the Colorado Rockies pounded Omar Daal and the Arizona Diamondbacks 9-1.

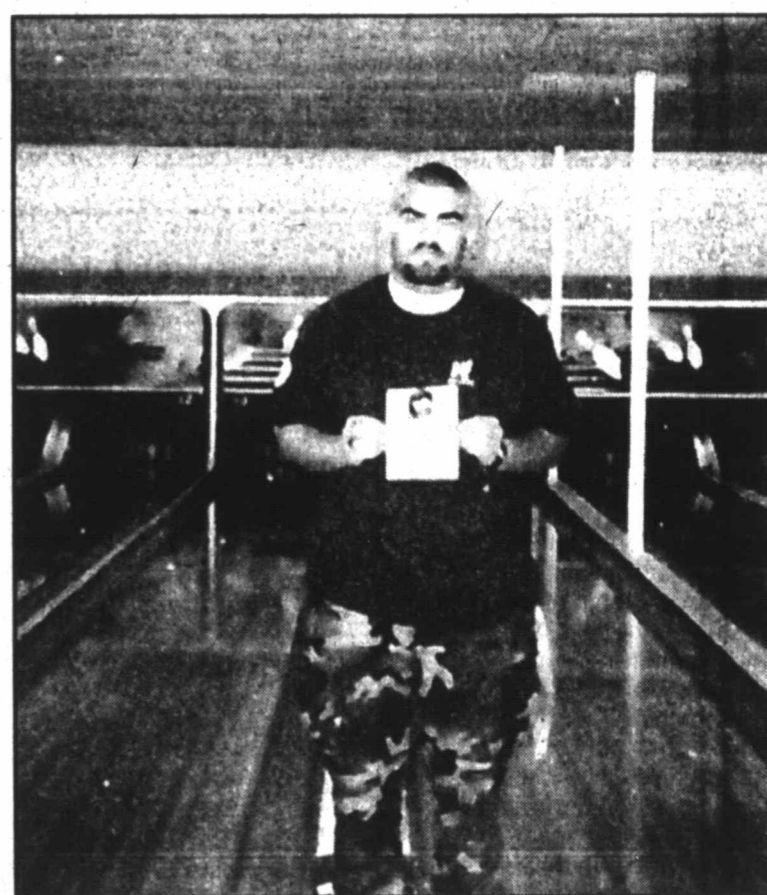
The Rockies, who scored 14 runs without a homer in Sunday night's 14-13 marathon victory over St. Louis, didn't get a home run Monday, either. But they didn't need one to win for the fifth time in six games.

Todd Helton knocked in three runs with two singles, and six other Rockies had two hits apiece, including winning pitcher Masato Yoshii. Terry Shumpert had a triple and double with two RBIs.

Yoshii (1-1) allowed one run and seven hits in seven innings. He struck out two and walked two.

Daal (0-1), who had strong performances but no decisions in his first two outings, allowed eight runs — seven earned — and 13 hits in 5 1-3 innings. He struck out two, walked two intentionally and hit Jeff Cirillo to trigger a bench-clearing incident in the second inning.

High game award



(Special photo)

Matt Gomez of Pampa participated in the Amarillo Area Youth Bowling Tournament earlier this year. He won the high game award with a 160.

Major League Standings																							
American League						National League																	
East Division			Central Division			West Division			East Division			Central Division											
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB								
New York	9	3	.750	—	Cleveland	8	4	.667	—	Florida	8	6	.571	—	St. Louis	8	5	.615	—				
Baltimore	7	5	.583	2	Kansas City	8	6	.571	1	Atlanta	6	6	.500	1	Cincinnati	6	6	.500	1 1/2				
Boston	7	6	.538	2 1/2	Chicago	7	6	.538	1 1/2	Milwaukee	6	6	.500	1 1/2	Houston	5	7	.417	2 1/2				
Tampa Bay	5	8	.385	4 1/2	Detroit	4	8	.333	4	Philadelphia	5	6	.455	1 1/2	Pittsburgh	5	7	.417	2 1/2				
Toronto	5	9	.357	5	Minnesota	4	10	.286	5	Central Division	—	—	—	Chicago	6	9	.400	3					
Monday's Games						Monday's Games						Monday's Games											
Oakland 1, Boston 0						N.Y. Yankees 5, Texas 4, 11 innings						Florida 6, Chicago Cubs 5						Montreal at Philadelphia, ppd., rain					
Toronto 7, Anaheim 1						Tampa Bay at Baltimore, ppd., rain						Colorado 9, Arizona 1						Houston at Los Angeles, ppd., rain					
N.Y. Yankees 5, Texas 4, 11 innings						Seattle at Chicago White Sox, ppd., rain						Only games scheduled						Only games scheduled					
Tuesday's Games						Tuesday's Games						Tuesday's Games											
Boston (Schourek 0-1) at Detroit (Milicki 0-2), 7:05 p.m.						Boston (Schourek 0-1) at Detroit (Milicki 0-2), 7:05 p.m.						Chicago Cubs (Tapani 0-1) at Montreal (Pavano 1-0) or Vazquez 1-0), 7:05 p.m.						Pittsburgh (Cordova 1-0) at Florida (Perry 1-1), 7:05 p.m.					
Oakland (Mulder 0-0) at Cleveland (Nagy 1-1), 7:05 p.m.						Anaheim (Dickson 1-0) at Toronto (Castillo 0-1), 7:05 p.m.						San Francisco (Nathan 0-0) at Cincinnati (Villone 2-0), 7:05 p.m.						Milwaukee (Navarro 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Hampton 0-3), 7:10 p.m.					
Tampa Bay (Trachsel 1-1) at Baltimore (Musina 0-1), 7:05 p.m.						N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 2-0) at Texas (Rogers 1-2), 8:05 p.m.						Philadelphia (Person 1-0) at Atlanta (Maddux 2-0), 7:40 p.m.						San Diego (Meadows 2-0) at St. Louis (Benes 0-1), 8:10 p.m.					
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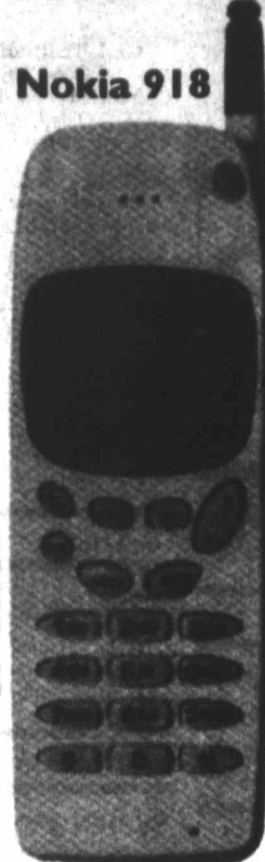
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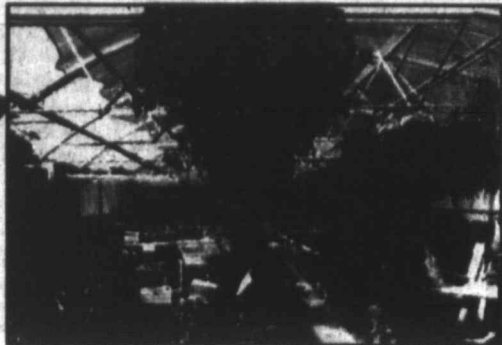
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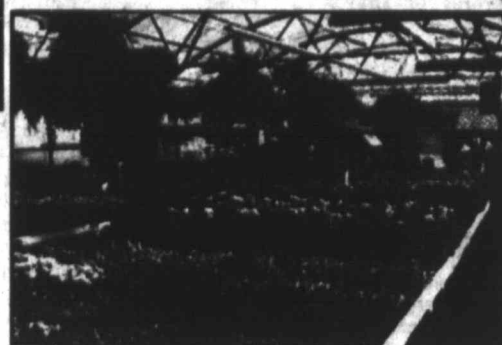
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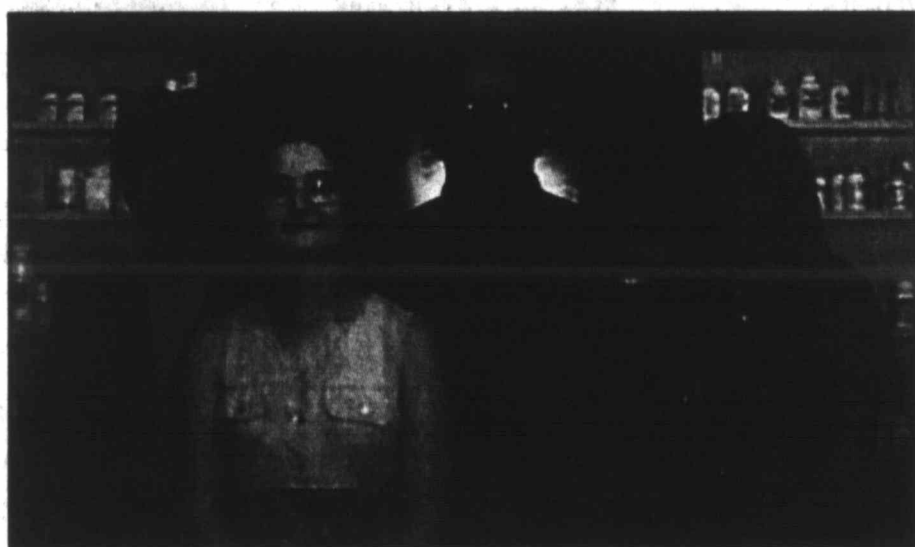
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