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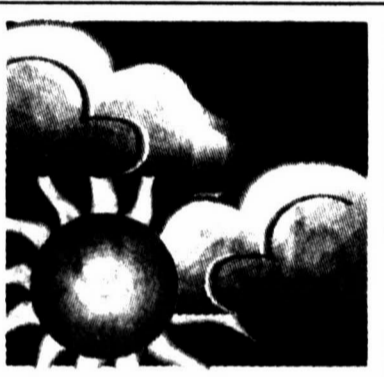
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PAMPA — Pampa Classroom Teacher's Association will host a school board forum with school board candidates Sue Fatheree and Nancy Coffee at 7 p.m. Monday, April 24 at Pampa Middle School Library. Incumbent Sue Fatheree and retired school teacher Nancy Coffee will be running in the May 6 school board elections and will air their views and opinions during the forum. Questions for inclusion in the forum may be submitted to Susan Slaybaugh at Austin Elementary School, 669-4760.

AMARILLO — Texas Plains Girl Scout Council will hold its annual meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 29 at its office at 6011 W. 45th Ave., Amarillo. During the annual gathering, a formal business meeting of the past year will be conducted, new board members will be elected and various awards will be presented to outstanding scouts and volunteers. The meeting will conclude around 12 noon. Brunch will be served at a cost of \$4.50 per person and proceeds will go towards a trip to Canada by the local organization. The public is cordially invited to attend. Participants must RSVP by April 25. For more information, call (806) 356-0096.

GALVESTON (AP) — A Houston man who authorities say was photographed dangling a pit bull puppy by an ear at a beach party has turned himself in to police on an animal cruelty charge. The photo sparked community outrage when it appeared in a newspaper.

No deaths were reported to The Pampa News today.

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Smashup sends four to hospital

Pickups collide on Highway 152

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

A two-pickup crash east of Pampa on Texas Highway 152 sent three members of one family and a Tejas Feeders employee to Pampa Regional Medical Center emergency room early today.

At 7:50 a.m. today, emergency personnel were called to the scene of a traffic accident with "mass casualties" on Texas 152 near Moody Farms, 10 miles east of Pampa.

Martha Miller of Borger, a witness to the crash, told investigating officers that she was traveling east on Texas 152 when she saw a white pickup traveling west slow down and begin to turn onto a dirt road. A green and white pickup traveling behind the white truck was attempting to pass on the left when the collision occurred, she said.

Department of Public Safety Troopers David O'Brien and Daimon Jones identified the vehicles as a 1998 white GMC, owned by Tejas Feeders and driven by Kevin Gene Roda, 35, of Miami, and a green and white 1994 Ford pickup driven by Johnnie Lee Wyant, 33, who lives east of Pampa.

A Tejas employee at the scene told The Pampa News that Roda was turning off of the highway onto a dead-end dirt road that leads to a wheat field where cat-

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Joe Millican, Hoover Fire Department, and two unidentified emergency workers stabilize Allene Wyant, 7, center, at the scene of a two-vehicle collision 10 miles east of Pampa early today. Standing, center left, is Allene's father, Johnnie Wyant, holding her sister Emily, 5. At right is Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Derek Peters. Three members of the Wyant family and a Miami man were treated at Pampa Regional Medical Center emergency room. Troopers said all those involved wore seat belts.

Celebration of Lights sets meetings on Monday nights

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Christmas is only eight months away, and the Celebration of Lights crew is busily getting lighted displays ready for viewing at Recreation Park.

The lighted displays are popular not only with local residents but also people throughout the Panhandle. Numerous visitors stream into the Pampa-area between Thanksgiving and Christmas to view the lighted displays. Many visitors return year after year to enjoy not only the displays from previous years but also the newest displays in the popular Celebration of Lights.

Volunteers are refurbishing some displays. They are also rewiring those scenes which require wiring replacement for the upcoming Christmas season. Some changes and additions

are also being made to some of the displays which have been newly purchased.

Volunteers will be gathering at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at 822 E. Foster (the site of the former Handy Hammer building) to work on the displays to be set up in November. The volunteers are pleased to have acquired a building which is suited to their needs to work on the projects.

The city is allowing Celebration of Lights to use the city-owned building which has been vacant, said City Manager Bob Eskridge. No commercial ventures are using the building.

As time goes by the volunteers hope to build some new displays for the holiday viewing. The group is welcoming any volunteers who have experience or skills and would be interested in working on the displays.

Anyone interested is urged to attend the work night on Monday.

Band's UIL ratings lower than hoped for

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa Harvester band members returned home Wednesday a little disappointed in the ratings received at University Interscholastic League contest held at Randall High in Canyon.

The varsity band received a Division I in sight reading competition and a Division II rating in concert. Pampa High band director Bruce Collins said he was very proud of the local students. "Our goal is always to make Division I, but I am very proud of the students. I've been proud of them throughout the year."

He said the judging in Wednesday's contest was very strict and the judging standards were quite high.

Collins related nine different judges have judged the band in their competitions throughout the year, and seven have given them Division I's.

Harvester band members are judged by three judges in each of the competitions—marching, concert and sight reading.

Collins said all three judges in the sight reading competition gave the band members a Division I rating. In the concert competition, two of the three judges rated the musicians as Division II while the

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Watching as County Judge Richard Peet, seated, signs the proclamation proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month is Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene, Child Welfare Board president Leona Willis, Greg Turner, board member; Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley, Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley, all standing, and Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright, seated, support Judge Peet in making the countywide proclamation.

(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)



Conservation loan approved

A \$300,000 agricultural water conservation loan has been approved for the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District (GWCD) by the Texas Water Development Board.

The GWCD in White Deer will use the loan proceeds to make low-interest loans to area farmers for the purchase and installation of more efficient agricultural water conservation equipment. These include high-efficiency sprinkler systems, underground pipelines, tail water pits, flow meters and low-pressure drip irrigation systems.

Panhandle GWCD serves all or parts of nine counties in the Texas Panhandle including Gray, Armstrong, Carson, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Potter, Roberts and Wheeler counties.

The district's area of jurisdiction covers 5,433 square miles.

From The Board And Staff Of The Pampa Chamber Of Commerce
Have A Safe And Happy Easter!!

Daily Record

Ambulance

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

Thursday, April 20
 10:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.
 5:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger and transported one to BSAW.
 5:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to BSAW.
 6:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.
 6:40 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Loop 171 and transported one to PRMC.
 10:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to a local nursing facility.

Police report

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

Wednesday, April 19
 Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa Super Playground, 1000 block of North Frost. An unknown person or persons spray-painted the tunnel slide.

Thursday, April 20
 An employee for Mr. D's, 854 W. Foster, reported forgery.
 Spencer Ray Boyd, 47, 445 Graham, was arrested at the residence on a warrant for delivery of a controlled substance.
 Willie Don Preston, 57, 1340 Garland, was arrested in the 900 block of East Scott on instanters for no valid driver's license and no liability insurance.
 Teresa Rae Arguijo, 22, 1000 Wilks, was arrested in the 200 block of Kingsmill on two warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Fires

No fires were reported to the Pampa Fire Department during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported no arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Police: Man pushes former girlfriend's car on tracks; 4 die

SINKING SPRING, Pa. (AP) — A man who chased his estranged girlfriend through town used his car to push hers into the path of an oncoming freight train after both had stopped at a railroad crossing, police said. She and three others in the car were killed.

Candace Wertz made a frantic 911 call on her cellular phone and was talking to a dispatcher when her car was struck by the train, state police Cpl. Bruce Edwards said.

The man, who fled, was being sought today. The car he was believed to be driving was found late Thursday in Reading, about five miles away.

"We feel that we have a good idea who is responsible for this tragedy, and we're pursuing that person now," Edwards said. The man's identity was not released.

State police today were interviewing friends and relatives of Wertz and the other woman who was killed. Police say they also expect to talk to friends of Wertz's estranged boyfriend.

Tammy Wertz said that her sister-in-law had planned to move to another town because her boyfriend was physically and verbally abusive.

"She just couldn't get away from him," she said. "I hope they find this man. No one should get away with something like this."

The crash happened about 4:30 p.m. Thursday at a crossing on the main thoroughfare in Sinking Spring, a town of about 2,400 people 50 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

It followed a half-hour chase in and around town that reached speeds up to 90 mph, police said.

Wertz, 20, of Sinking Spring, went around a car that was parked at the crossing — the gates were down because of the oncoming train — and then stopped in the oncoming traffic lane, state police Lt. Ed Snyder said.

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struck her in the rear. The second vehicle then pushed the first vehicle onto the tracks," Snyder said.

The Norfolk Southern freight train was going about 40 mph at the time of the collision, Edwards said. He said the engineer applied the brakes but was unable to stop in time, dragging the woman's car nearly 60 feet before coming to a rest.

Wertz and her 2-year-old son, John Michael Cortez, were pronounced dead at the scene. Another woman in her 20s and a girl about 6 years old died after being taken to hospitals. Their names were not immediately released.

A 14-year-old girl who was at a playground near the crossing said the two cars slammed on their brakes and stopped before the second car revved its engine and shoved the first car onto the tracks.

"It happened really fast and at first I thought it was an accident," Katie Connors said. "But I could hear screaming for just one split second and then the train tried to brake, but it was too late."

The train was carrying mixed cargo including lumber, concrete and syrup, police said.

Said Wertz's cousin Scott Wertz: "Everybody is more or less in shock, and no one knows what happened. She was a good person and she must have gotten into some kind of bad situation."

Police say man stole bracelet, swallowed it; coughed it up

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — A Texas man stole a \$17,000 bracelet and swallowed the 9 1/2-carat piece of jewelry in an attempt to hide the evidence, police said.

Rudolf Nyari, 64, of Hurst, Texas, was in the Franklin County Jail on Friday charged with one count of theft, a fourth-degree felony, police said.

Nyari was traveling through central Ohio on Tuesday when he stopped at Leo Alfred Jewelers in this Columbus suburb, police said.

Employees discovered the most expensive tennis bracelet in the store missing soon after Nyari left.

Nyari's car was stopped on a Columbus-area highway. Police didn't find the bracelet in Nyari's

vehicle or on him.

He was taken to the police station, where he was questioned by detectives, who came up with the theory that Nyari had swallowed the bracelet.

Nyari refused an X-ray. So, after obtaining a search warrant, detectives took him to an outpatient clinic, where an X-ray showed a bracelet in his throat.

"At first he denied he had the bracelet," detective Kevin Rickenbacher said. "But once we told him we had the X-ray, he chuckled and joked. "He drank several glasses of water and smoked cigarettes to build up enough phlegm to cough it up. It took about an hour."

The now-sanitized bracelet is back on display.

"I think it's probably for Easter," she said.

Last year, pig-nappers stole 140-pound Callie Mae from the school's barns. Black Velvet is described as a black pig with a white belt of hair around her shoulders.

The thieves left no clues — no tire marks, broken locks, or evidence of butchering. If caught, the thieves could be charged with grand theft.

"I want my pig back," said Allen. "I really do."

Jaws used on unusual call
 SOMERSET, Mass. (AP) — Ready or not here we come — with the Jaws of Life.

Firefighters used the extrication tool to free an 11-year-old girl from a washing machine, where she got stuck for more than 90 minutes while hiding from her brother and friends during a game of hide-and-seek.

The girl, who was not identified, was not hurt in the incident Monday. She had crawled into machine and became jammed inside with her legs wrapped around the agitator and her back wedged against the bucket.

The girl's mother first called a repairman, who worked for an hour but could not free the girl. She then called the fire department, which cut the girl free within five minutes, Chief Stephen Rivard said.

Could it be an Easter pig?
 FAIRFIELD, Calif. (AP) — Some thieves possibly in the market for Easter hams may be trying to bypass the supermarket altogether.

For the second time in two years — again around Easter — thieves have made off with a pig from the barns at Armijo High School.

"It hurts, you know. A pig is like a baby to me," said 17-year-old Brenda Allen, whose 86-pound pig, Black Velvet, was last seen Sunday night.

Allen had hoped to show and sell the pig at the Solano County Fair this summer. She suspects thieves were after one thing: a juicy dinner.

'Cleaning' up the buses
 CLEVELAND (AP) — Transit officials here are cleaning up public buses with nothing more than little strips of vinyl tape.

The tape is being used to hide advertising people to a racy Web site.

The ads promote Shoptalk Lingerie, a company with two stores in suburban Cleveland that sell erotic apparel, and include a Web address for the store.

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority officials decided to cover up the Web address after they were informed of the site's contents by The Plain Dealer.

The site's home page features partly-nude women in lingerie with slightly blurred body parts and disclaimers telling viewers they should not continue on the site if they are under 18.

Daryl Greene, manager of Shoptalk, disagreed with the move, but set up another Web site that simply advertises the store's products. "It's very non-pornographic," she said.

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They were grazing. Roda was going to open a gate so the cattle could reach water, he said, adding that he thought the early morning sun may have glared on the pickup's turn signal making it hard for the other pickup driver to see it.

Trooper O'Brien said that Wyant, his wife, and three children were on the way to Pampa in their recently-purchased Ford extended cab pickup when the wreck occurred.

Four people were transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center emergency room by Rural Metro

Ambulance. At press time today, Terry Barnes of PRMC said that Roda was being treated and was expected to be released. Gaylene Wyant, 32; Isaac Wyant, 9; and Ailene Wyant, 7, were all treated and released, Barnes said. Johnnie Wyant and a second daughter, Emily, 5, were not treated at the emergency room.

The two wrecked vehicles, which had landed on the south shoulder of the state highway, were towed away and the scene cleared at 8:48 a.m. Trooper O'Brien said there would "probably" be citations, but no citations had been issued at press time.

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BAND

third judge rated them with a Division I rating. If two of the judges had rated the Harvesters as Division I in concert, the local band would have received a I and would have been named a sweepstakes band, he said.

The non-varsity band group from PHS also competed at the contest, and received Division II ratings in both concert and sight reading.

Purchase of new uniforms for the Harvester band were recently approved by the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees. The uniforms are to be received locally Sept. 1 for use in the 2000-2001 school year.

"The students in both bands performed very well at the contest. I am very proud of them," said Collins.

City stunned by random murder of 8-year-old boy as he played

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Flowers, a stuffed Easter bunny and a plastic duck now mark the site where an 8-year-old boy was stabbed to death in an apparent random attack that has police and residents baffled.

Officers fanned through the neighborhood Thursday, questioning residents, reviewing surveillance tapes from businesses and passing out fliers, hoping to find information that may lead them to whomever killed Kevin Shifflett.

The boy was slain Wednesday as he played with other children in front of his great-grandmother's home. Police said the attacker casually walked up behind the boy and began stabbing him.

"This can unsettle a community for a long time, and we have to make something happen quickly," Deputy Police Chief David Baker told The Washington Post. "We're really concerned about the community and we know they're scared. We,

too, are stricken by the senselessness of it."

It was the first homicide of the year in the city of 120,000 near Washington, D.C.

The boy's 80-year-old great-grandmother and a 51-year-old woman passer-by who came to the boy's aid were also wounded. The passer-by was hospitalized today in fair condition. The great-grandmother had cuts to her hand and arms.

The man fled after the attack, and police said there was no apparent motive. No weapon was recovered.

"I miss him so much," said the boy's father, Arthur Shifflett.

The boy's parents both work for the city — the father in the maintenance department and the mother in the finance division. The attack had workers at City Hall "walking around in shock," Mayor Kerry Donley said.

"Their co-workers are taking this pretty hard. It has cast a pall over City Hall," the mayor said.

Dove Awards handed out

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Steven Curtis Chapman, a longtime Dove Awards favorite, dominated again with six awards — including best artist — at the ceremony honoring Christian music.

In his acceptance speech Thursday, Chapman, 37, spoke of a topic close to his heart — adoption. The singer brought his wife and three children on stage to share the best artist award, and introduced a new fourth child — 7-month-old daughter Shaohannah Hope, whom he recently adopted in China.

"If other folks go, 'Hey the Chapmans are crazy enough to do this,' then maybe they'll consider that too, and one or two more little babies will find a home," he said.

Chapman has won 44 Dove Awards, more than any other performer. He has won for best artist five previous times.

This year, Chapman also garnered best male vocalist, best pop-contemporary album for "Speechless" and best pop-contemporary single for "Dive." He won two awards apiece in the single and album categories, because he produced as well as performed on them.

Last year's best artist Michael W. Smith won best song for "This is Your Time," a song inspired by the Columbine High School shootings. He performed it during the awards show, which took place exactly a year after the tragedy in Littleton, Colo.

St. Louis Rams quarterback Kurt Warner presented the best song award to Smith along with Tennessee Titans coach Jeff Fisher.

"I think I'll let you handle this trophy. I got the last one," Warner said to Fisher, referring to the Rams victory over the Titans in this year's Super Bowl.

In other major categories, Sixpence None the Richer was named best group, Jaci Velasquez won her second straight best female vocalist award, and Ginny Owens won best new artist.

"What a strange thing it is to be rewarded for a gift that only God could have given," Owens said.

Country star Glen Campbell was awarded best country album for "A Glen Campbell Christmas." George Jones won a Dove for best country recorded song for "Angel Band," his duet with Vestal Goodman.

Kathie Lee Gifford, the awards show's hostess, performed a duet with Dolly Parton, "Only My Pillow Knows," and said she hoped the show would "remind people of the incredible diversity that make up gospel music in the year 2000."

"The message hasn't changed, but the music certainly has," she said.

Awards were passed out in 43 categories at the Grand Ole Opry House, seven during the television show scheduled to air in more than 100 markets over the next week. Dove Award winners are nominated and selected by 5,500 members of the Gospel Music Association, which was founded in 1964 to promote Christian music.

City Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy today with a high of 80 and south winds at 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy tonight and breezy with a low near 50 and south-southwest winds at 15-25 mph. Partly cloudy and windy tomorrow with a 20 percent chance of thundershowers and a high of 80-85. Yesterday's high was 71; the overnight low 43.

STATEWIDE — Predawn temperatures hovered in the 40s and 50s over much of the state, on the way to a warm day.

In South Texas, winds this morning were variable at less than 10 mph, except along the immediate coast where north winds at 10 to 15 knots prevailed. Temperatures were in the 50s and 60s in some areas and 70s in other parts of the area.

At 4 a.m., temperatures ranged from 46 at Junction to 76 in McAllen.

It was clear and cool in North Texas.

Skies were clear to partly cloudy this morning as a ridge of high pressure dominated the weather picture in West Texas. The wind was variable in direc-

tion at 5 to 10 mph.

Sunny to partly cloudy skies today with warm temperatures and lower humidity were expected in South Texas. Inland high temperatures will be in the 80s areawide with a few lower 90s possible in the Del Rio area.

Much of the rest of the state was expecting warm weather, as well, with a possible high of 78 in North Texas.

Windy conditions were predicted on Saturday in West and North Texas, with showers and thunderstorms possible late Saturday for much of the region.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

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

ST. MARK CME CHURCH

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

MACEDONIA CHURCH

Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. L.L. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

CPCP

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.

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.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will hold its monthly luncheon from 11:45-1 p.m. Wednesday, April 26 at Furr's Cafeteria. Visitors are welcome.

FPQG

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.

PAMPA ART SHOW

Pampa Art Club will hold its annual Art Show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, May 4 in Lovett Memorial Library auditorium. The exhibit will feature works from 18 current club members as well as former member Sophie Vance. The show will include paintings, hand-painted china, jewelry, one-of-a-kind stationery, paper sculptures, clay art, stained glass creations, pottery, enamel art, hand-made baskets and more. Admission to this special event is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

ST. JUDE'S TRAIL RIDE

This year's 10th annual Saddle Up for St. Jude's trail ride is slated May 6 at the Rocking Chair Ranch west of Pampa. Sign-up will begin at 8 a.m. and the ride will start at 9 a.m. A minimum \$15 fee is necessary to ride as well as an original certificate of negative Coggins dated within the last 12 months. In case of inclement weather, the ride will be postponed until May 13. For more information or for an entry form, call Sharon Williams at (806) 669-0176.

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.

DIALOGUE

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

WOMEN IN TOUCH

The Women's Center at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Women in Touch," a monthly support group for women living with breast cancer. The group will meet from 5:30-7 p.m. April 17 at the cancer center amphitheatre, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at the cancer center, (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or 1-800-274-4673.

STRAIGHT TALK FOR MEN

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will host "Straight Talk for Men" from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings throughout the month of April. The program is a wellness series for men living with

prostate cancer. For more information or to register, call (806) 359-4673 or 1-800-274-4673. Wives and friends are welcome.

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIPS

President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities is hosting three scholarship competitions for post-secondary students with disabilities for the 2000-01 academic year. Two competitions are open to candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for undergraduate study at a four-year college or university. The third competition is open to female candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for graduate study. For more information, visit the President's Committee website at www.pcep.d.gov and click the "Scholarships" link on the home page.

AMERICAN YOUTH ABROAD

American Youth Abroad offers study abroad opportunities to high school students in the U.S. AYA is a not-for-profit program sponsored by American Institute of Foreign Study Foundation. To receive the AYA 2000 Brochure, call Andrea Baskinger at 1-800-322-4678, ext. 5164 or e-mail abaskinger@aifs.com. The deadline is April 15.

MSAA

A wide range of free, direct support services is available to local residents suffering from multiple sclerosis through Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. Services include general information, therapeutic equipment, educational literature, national lending library, no-cost MRIs, cool suits, wheelchairs and scooters, support groups and more. For more information, contact MSAA at 1-800-LEARN-MS or access www.msaa.com on the Internet.

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furr's 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

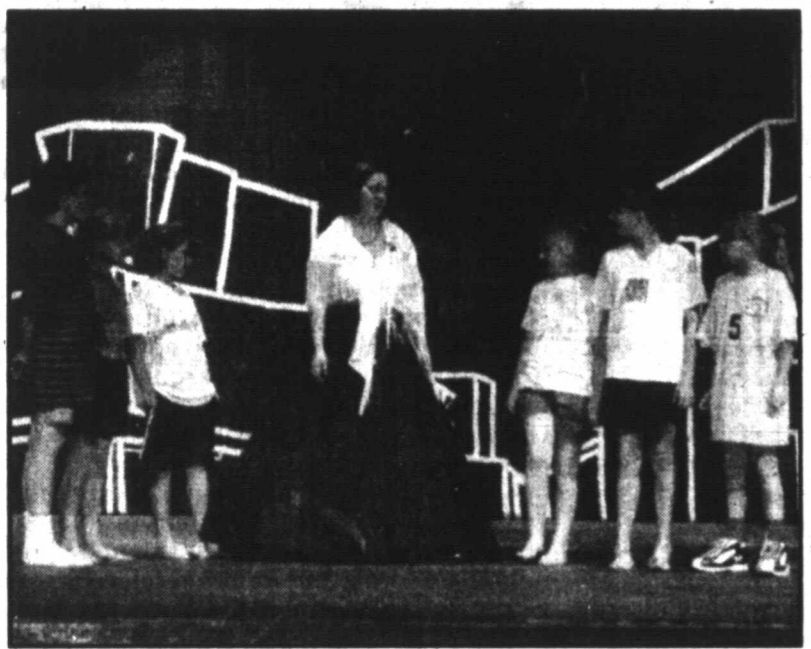
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

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.

PAMPA ELEMENTARY CHORUS

The Pampa Elementary Chorus will present "The King and I" at 7:30 p.m. April 28-29 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door.



(Special photo)

Tabby Lane of Pampa rehearses a scene from Clarendon College's upcoming spring presentation "Broadway Nostalgia" slated April 28-May 1.

Clarendon College announces spring musical revue

CLARENDON — Clarendon College will feature its Fine Arts students in the spring musical presentation of "Broadway Nostalgia" at 7:30 p.m. April 28, 29 and May 1 and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30 in Harned Sisters Auditorium. The musical revue under the direction of Jim Stewart will feature the sounds of over 25 Broadway musicals including "My Fair Lady," "Grease," "The Wizard of Oz," "Oklahoma," "Fiddler On The Roof" and many more.

Cast members include Laura Bailey, Mari Carter, Barbara Collins, Sam Gerald, Jaelyn Griffin, Mary Hoggatt, Christi Jackson, Ian Jones, Tabby Lane, Jaime May, Aimee Monroe, Jason Myers, Donny Owens, Michele Ray, Sarah Ray, Jenny Roberts, Nathan Sloss, Crystal Solis, Doug Stewart, Josh Talley, Lachell Todd, Brian Ward and Euraline Williams.

Community children appearing on stage will be Dakota Hill; Charlea, Chelsea, Kaylea and Kelsea Hoeltzel; Jeremy Jeffers, P.J. and Rebekah Ray; and Janea and Jenci White.

Technical manager for the production is Jason Bailey with support from Jason Archuleta, Susan Grecian, Charbra Lee, Dana Davis, Sharla Odhams, Layce Cates, Robert Benson, Jauron Moreland, Wendy Russ, Kevin Thomas, Michele Cork, Byron Dixon, Lacey Lee, Itayi Chingham, Yasuko Tomimura, Betty Stewart and Jo Shelley. The public is cordially invited to attend this special performance.

Texas State Humanities Council seeking grant proposals

AUSTIN — The Texas Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities, recently announced issuing a Request for Proposals on two themes for 2000-02:

"The Future: Past and Present." For centuries, the concept of progress toward "the future" has influenced Western cultures perhaps more than any other construct. TCH invites proposals for grant projects that examine how this idea has affected our collective values, attitudes and public policies — and that seek to envision anew what kind of future we wish to shape for coming generations.

"Science and Human Values." How do assumptions about Newtonian physics, quantum mechanics or chaos theory impact the imagination and influence human interaction? How do new technologies affect the way we relate to one another and form communities? These are a few questions driving important conversations between the sciences and the humanities. TCH invites proposals that explore how scientific discoveries and rapidly developing technologies affect how we interpret

Funds will be awarded through three grant lines:

—Packaged programs and speakers grants provide up to \$1,500 for lectures, exhibit rentals, and reading and discussion programs. Application deadlines are May 15 and Aug. 15.

—Community project grants provide funds in the \$3,500-\$10,000 range for public humanities projects and events developed by local sponsors. Application deadline is Sept. 15.

—Media grants provide funding in the \$5,000-\$15,000 range for the pre-production, production and postproduction of significant media products. Application deadline is Sept. 15.

Executive Director Monte Youngs stated, "The humanities involve the exploration of ideas, values, meaning, and the human experience. They are reflected in academic disciplines such as history, literature, philosophy, religious studies, folklore, and ethics, and inform every type of human activity, influencing even our most mundane endeavors. An education in the humanities encourages one to become an interpreter of life, soci-

RFP themes will inspire nonprofit organizations to develop public programs of local interest that will encourage Texans to explore the impact of powerful ideas on human action."

Complete grant guidelines, and application forms with-instructions, are available at <http://www.publichumanities.org>. TCH program officers may be reached at brandall@public-humanities.org or (512) 440-1991 ext. 126, and jmcclung@public-humanities.org or (512) 440-1991 ext. 133.


For over 26 years, TCH has provided funding to a broad range of Texas cultural organizations to develop public humanities programs of local interest, primarily for the adult, out-of-school, general public. Such projects have included lectures, panel discussions, conferences, reading and discussion programs, town forums, K-12 teacher workshops, exhibitions, documentary film and radio programs, and interactive Internet sites.

The TCH serves as a statewide advocate, and sponsors the Texas

Humanities Resource Center; the annual Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Awards; Summer Workshops for Teachers; Humanities Interactive, a website featuring on-line humanities exhibits and print materials (www.humanities-interactive.org); a magazine, the "Texas Journal of Ideas, History and Culture"; and a friends organization, the Texas Humanities Alliance.

Founded in 1972, the TCH is a private nonprofit and state partner of NEH. It is supported by appropriations from the U.S. Congress and by gifts and grants from foundations, corporations, and individuals. It is the only statewide organization in Texas seeking to promote the study of history, literature, ethics, foreign languages and related fields in schools, colleges and universities and communities. It has an annual budget of \$1.1 million. The TCH is governed by a board of 21 members, including five people appointed by the governor, and is headquartered in Austin.

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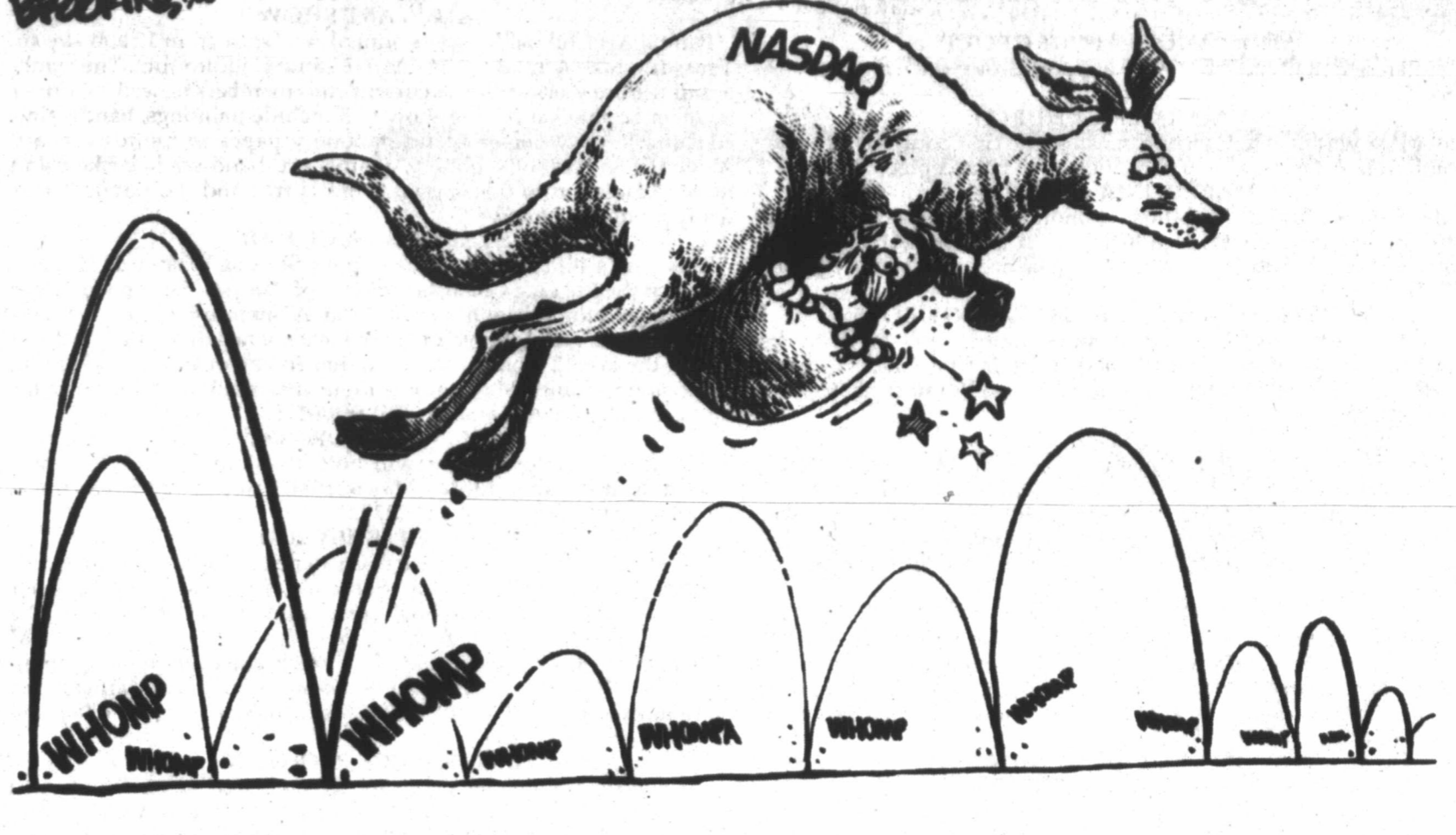
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Breaking News



Inside the Beltway
 with
 Rep. Mac Thornberry

Government impersonal bureaucracy

Kevin is a 10-year-old Amarillo boy with an impish smile and a smattering of freckles across his face. Like most of his friends, Kevin likes NASCAR and playing with his Nintendo. Unlike his friends, Kevin has to check his blood sugar four times a day and inject himself with insulin twice daily.

Kevin is one of the nearly 16 million people in the United States with diabetes. While it's meant major changes in his life, Kevin is fortunate that he was diagnosed almost two years ago.

There are over 5 million people who have diabetes and don't even know it. There is no cure for diabetes, and potential complications include blindness, kidney disease and nerve disease. Over 193,000 people died of diabetes in 1997. Direct and indirect costs of diabetes reach \$98 billion annually, making it one of the most costly health problems in America.

Education and testing are important in the fight against this disease, but research is essential. Scientists are developing ways to administer insulin through nasal sprays rather than injections, and to sample blood sugar levels without having to prick a finger. Research is being done to cure or prevent diabetes and the complications of the disease.

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, Congress has made medical research a national priority and has dramatically increased spending in this area over the past few years. I think the federal government has a special duty to continue to support and fund ground-breaking research.

All too often, government seems like a large, impersonal bureaucracy. But to a small boy like Kevin and others who will benefit from medical research, it can be the key to a longer and better quality of life.

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Controversy surrounds Census

Have you completed your census form and mailed it? It's not too late. Controversy seems to be surrounding the Census 2000 as it seems as though everyone has an opinion about the census this year. There have been numerous outcries from congressional members about the length of the long form and some of the questions which were asked.

Of course, Congress approved the forms before they were distributed to our citizens, but those members haven't elaborated on that point.

Many are complaining that the census was originally set up for one purpose and that was to count people in order to determine federal legislative districts and how much representatives' states would have.

Complaints above the inclusion of race, income, work habits and other details have been voiced.

While the short form only takes about 15 minutes to complete, the long form takes considerably longer. I know, I received it.

At first I thought the form wasn't worth it. Then I thought about the benefit the Texas Panhandle area would have if the count was accurate.

Nancy Young
 Managing editor

Let's face it. The rural areas have had a decline in population and we need every human counted for our congressional representation. Every ten years we face this redistribution and it seems as though our representatives get larger and larger areas to cover.

Our U. S. Congressman currently not only represents the Panhandle but also represents areas several hundred miles away due to this reapportionment. We need everyone listed.

Billions of dollars in federal money are distributed based on the population formulas which are calculated from the information collected in the census.

Some of the local benefits are the distribution of federal monies for highways, playgrounds, and many other public used facilities. The ethnic mix is often figured

in applying for these grants. The census bureau mounted an intensive campaign across the country to encourage people to complete their forms and get them in. The government has said 65 percent of American households have returned the 2000 census forms, tying the 1990 return rate.

Forms are still being received at the census bureau. Those who haven't sent theirs in will be contacted at their homes and offered assistance in completing the forms in upcoming months.

About 120 million census questionnaires were mailed or handwritten in March to homes across the country. Residents who did not return forms and do not receive their mail at a street address will be contacted at their homes.

If you have misplaced your form, lost it, or thrown it away you may get another one and get it into them. Perhaps your grandchild spilled tea on it or maybe the dog ate it - you can still get another one. Just contact the Amarillo office, and you will be advised where to obtain another one.

Remember, it is to Pampa's advantage, as well as the surrounding area that you are counted. Get counted today! I did mine.

Today in history

- AP - Today is Friday, April 21, the 112th day of 2000. There are 254 days left in the year. This is Good Friday.
- Today's Highlight in History: On April 21, 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn.
- On this date: In 1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, which provided for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.
- In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.
- In 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.
- In 1918, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace known as the "Red Baron," was killed in action during World War I.
- In 1955, the Jerome Lawrence-Robert Lee play "Inherit the Wind," loosely based on the Scopes trial of 1925, opened at the National Theatre in New York.
- In 1960, Brazil inaugurated its new capital, Brasilia, in place of Rio de Janeiro.
- In 1972, Apollo 16 astronauts John Young and Charles Duke explored the surface of the moon.
- In 1975, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu resigned after 10 years in office.
- In 1980, at the Boston Marathon, Rosie Ruiz was the first woman to cross the finish line; but she was disqualified as a fraud when officials discovered she had jumped into the race about a mile from the finish.
- Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II was greeted by hundreds of thousands of people as he visited Czechoslovakia to help celebrate the nation's peaceful overthrow of communist rule.
- Five years ago: The FBI arrested former soldier Timothy McVeigh at an Oklahoma jail where he had spent two days on minor traffic and weapons charges; he was charged in connection with the Oklahoma City bombing two days earlier.
- One year ago: A day after the mass killing at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., investigators continued their work, while memorial services were held across the city and dozens of counselors offered support to grieving students, parents, friends and family. Actor and bandleader Charles "Buddy" Rogers died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 94.
- Today's Birthdays: Actor Anthony Quinn is 85. Ice skater Werner Groebli ("Mr. Frick") is 85. Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is 74. Actress-comedian-writer Elaine May is 68. Actor-turned-talk show host Charles Grodin is 65. Singer-musician Iggy Pop is 53. Singer-songwriter Paul Davis is 52. Actress Patti LuPone is 51. Actor Tony Danza is 49. Actress Andie MacDowell is 42. Rock singer Robert Smith (The Cure) is 41. Rock musician Michael Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 41. Actor John Cameron Mitchell ("Party Girl") is 37. Rapper Michael Franti (Spearhead) is 32. Comedian Nicole Sullivan ("MAD TV") is 30.

America needs more Bill Gateses

I'm trying to figure out how Microsoft hurt me. I'm a consumer, and U.S. District Judge Thomas P. Jackson says that Microsoft is a monopoly and that its practices harmed consumers.

I must have been asleep. I do recall that, when I bought my first computer, I had a choice between an IBM clone, using a Microsoft operating system, or an Apple, using an Apple operating system. There might have been others, for all I know, but how can consumers who have a choice between competing operating systems be harmed by one of them? And how can Microsoft be a monopoly when it has competitors?

At any rate, I chose the clone system and have used MSDOS and the subsequent Windows operating systems. I'm happy with them. They do pretty much what they say they do, and the cost is reasonable.

But aha, says the judge. Microsoft 44 "unlawfully" linked its Web browser to Windows. Well, so what? What's unlawful about packaging software programs? Maybe the judge doesn't realize that lots of software companies do that. The last time I bought Quicken, it included Netscape, one of Microsoft's competitors.

I might agree with the judge if Microsoft had designed its Windows to work only with Microsoft software. It didn't, though. Any software works on it. In fact, that was one of the original selling points: More software

Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

worked on the Microsoft system on IBM clones than worked on the Apple system.

Despite all that, the good judge is certain that if Microsoft had not succeeded so well in pleasing its customers, an untold number of other wondrous programs would have appeared. That is, as they say, very problematic. It is pure speculation, without any foundation in fact.

And that's the trouble with the antitrust laws. They have strong elements of fiction in them, they are used very selectively, and they never make sense. The old-fashioned definition of a monopoly is a business that has 100 percent of the market and, as a result, gouges its customers. That has never been the case with Microsoft. It has never controlled 100 percent of the market, and it has never gouged its customers.

As for Microsoft being a fierce competitor, hey, I'm a Coca-Cola kid. My dad worked most of his life for the soft-drink giant, and it was and is rabidly competitive, and, no doubt,

if possible, Coca-Cola would grind its competitors into the dust.

So how is an American entrepreneur who develops a good product, markets it successfully and is fiercely competitive to know when he or she is breaking the law? I suggest the entrepreneur will know only when he or she fails to contribute enough money to the right politicians and gets attacked by his or her own government.

America desperately needs more Bill Gateses and fewer Janet Renos and that gaggle of cheap, political hacks who are state attorneys general, trying to get in on the kill.

Gates has created thousands of jobs, made tremendous innovations in his chosen field, made hundreds of honest millionaires, contributed a fortune to his chosen charities — and done it all without costing the taxpayers a red cent.

And what has Janet Reno done? Well, let's see. Oh, yes, she oversaw the destruction of a group of religious people in Waco, Texas. There are not many military snipers who can claim as many kills as Reno. Otherwise, her contribution to America is just about bloody zilch.

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Texas round up ...

DuPont Co. to appeal \$69 million fungicide verdict
 WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — DuPont Co. officials said they will appeal a Texas jury's \$69 million award to pecan farmers who blamed the company's Benlate 50 DF fungicide for damage to three pecan orchards.

Caps on punitive damages under Texas law will likely cut the award in half, lawyers for the two sides said Thursday. But even with the cap it is among the biggest ever returned against DuPont in connection with Benlate 50 DF.

Delaware-based DuPont has paid more than \$1 billion in legal fees and settlements since the 50 DF formulation of Benlate was pulled from the market in 1991. Other forms of Benlate remain for sale.

In the Texas case, DuPont maintained the same position it has since 1992: The Benlate fungicide wasn't responsible for the growers' damage.

"DuPont is saddened that the jury found for the plaintiffs in the face of strong scientific evidence that Benlate did not damage these orchards," said spokesman Michael Ricciuto. "The punitive award is particularly misguided."

The verdict, returned after a three-month trial in Eagle Pass, Texas, was a victory for H & L Farms, Roseta Farms and the Tim Leonard Pecan Farm. The jury found there were defects in the design and manufacturing of Benlate and awarded punitive damages after agreeing with the plaintiffs that DuPont engaged in false, misleading and deceptive acts and fraudulently concealed facts in the case, according to the verdict.

Texas farmers push to open trade with Cuba

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas farmer is making contacts in Cuba — even visiting the island — in hopes of cultivating a market for his rice, soy and corn.

But despite the interest of Cubans he met there, Curt Mowery is unlikely to sell even one grain of rice from his Rosharon farm to Cuba for a while — that because of a nearly 40-year U.S. trade embargo with the communist-run country.

So Mowery, along with several dozen other Texans, is pushing Congress to open trade with Cuba.

"It's going to open up sooner or later, and we might be in a position to take advantage of the contacts we made there," Mowery told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions.

To Mowery, Cuba's market of 11.2 million residents and a booming tourist sector is worth courting because it could mean the difference between profits and losses for rice farmers. Cubans consume 600,000 tons of rice annually, but the island can produce only 200,000 tons, he said.

Houston area police examine new investigative tool

HOUSTON (AP) — Area police officials will meet today to examine a new investigative tool authorities hope can be used to help catch serial killers and other habitual criminals.

It's called geographic profiling, and the computer software program processes the details of crimes and pinpoints the most likely residence or workplace of offenders, according to a report in the Houston Chronicle.

A steering committee composed of representatives of municipal and county law enforcement agencies, as well as the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education, will meet today at the University of Houston to learn more about it.

UH hopes to make geographic profiling a part of its master's degree program in criminal justice as well as build a first-of-its-kind database for area law-enforcement agencies.

"It's so very promising," said Bob Glazier, assistant professor of criminal justice at UH-Downtown. "I think it would be a great partnership in so many ways."

Vacationers make annual trip to the border region

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The annual sighting of green-and-white license plates is drawing smiles along the Texas border.

The plates, which depict the silhouette of a mountain, are from the state of Nuevo Leon across the border and a sure sign that Mexican vacationers have arrived.

The Mexican economy has strengthened, and the Texas border area has noticed.

"They just started to come in. It has picked up quite a bit," downtown clothing store owner Harry Holzman told The Brownsville Herald.

"We are seeing people from Mexico coming in. Hopefully, they will keep coming in," Holzman said. "But it's not only here in downtown. They are everywhere."

Elsewhere:

FAMILY INDICTED: A Houston family of nine was indicted Thursday, suspected of taking part in an insurance fraud scheme. The family was charged with mail fraud and conspiracy for allegedly filing insurance claims for fake or exaggerated injuries suffered in staged automobile accidents between 1991 and 1997. ...**TAAAS SCORES:** Texas education officials on Thursday said 90 percent of 10th-graders who took the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills in February passed two of the exam's three sections. Jim Nelson, commissioner of the Texas Education Agency, said it was the highest passing rate in the standardized test's 10-year history. ...**LOAN DISCRIMINATION:** Low-income and minority borrowers in Texas are denied home purchase and refinancing loans at a higher rate than whites, according to a statewide study released Thursday by a consumer advocacy group. The Consumers Union and Austin Tenants' Council study examined Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data on Texas home mortgage loans from 1996-98. ...**CENSUS CITIES:** Of the state's six largest cities, El Paso has the highest ratio of residents to mail back their 2000 Census forms. Through Wednesday, seven of 10 El Paso households had responded to the survey.

Texas Motor Speedway examines alcohol-sales

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Texas Motor Speedway officials are considering whether to sell alcohol at future racing events after losing money on the beverage sales three weeks ago during the DirecTV 500.

Speedway General Manager Eddie Gossage said \$50,000 worth of beer and margaritas were sold during four days of Winston and Busch series events, about \$20,000 less than the vendor's break-even point.

"I really expected as much," Gossage told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "Race fans aren't likely to leave their seats and go somewhere else to drink a beer while the races are going on."

Race fans could buy alcoholic beverages at four places at the track as a result of a Feb. 5 vote in the precinct that contains the speedway. Voters chose to allow the sale of alcohol in the previously dry part of Denton County.

The alcohol was sold away from the grandstands, and fans had to finish their drinks in the designated areas. But spectators were also allowed to bring alcoholic beverages in coolers, and many chose to do that.

Texas law allows fans to bring alcoholic beverages in coolers, or stadiums can sell it in the grandstands — but they cannot do both. To comply with the law, the speedway created separate areas where alcoholic beverages could be sold and consumed.

"The perfect situation would be that we could sell beer at the seats and people could bring beer in," Gossage said.

If the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission permits it, Gossage said he would like the speedway to sell alcohol in the stands — and prohibit it in coolers — during the Motorcycle Mania National Dirt Track series races May 6.

More than 65 percent of the people coming to the races will ride motorcycles, making it difficult to carry a cooler, he said.

Whether alcoholic beverages will be sold June 10 during the Casino Magic 500 Indy Car race has not been decided, Gossage said.

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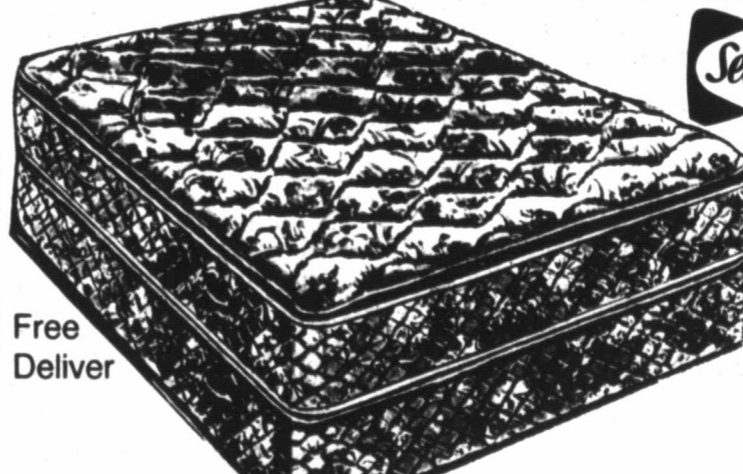
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RELIGION

Minister's musing ...

How long has it been since you knew a religious person who was so happy they couldn't hold it inside? My uncle Arthur who was a bed-fast Christian, when asked, "How are you?" would reply, "Still rejoicing in the Lord!"

How long has it been since we sang, "Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll —" or "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart"?

Some church services are so somber one would think they were mourning the death of Christ instead of celebrating his resurrection. Then we are in other services where people are laughing, dancing and rejoicing in the Spirit. The Bible speaks of this life in Christ as the "New and living way". (Hebrews 10:20) (Lord deliver us from an old and dying way!) People are attracted to that which is new and alive but they are repulsed by outworn and dead religion.

Certainly there are times when we are heavy-hearted-weeping and mourning. But the counter-melody that flows like a river throughout the life in Christ is a song of love, joy and peace. "Weeping may last through the night but JOY comes in the morning." (Psalm 30:5)

External circumstances cannot stop the flow of joy that the faithful know. That happiness springs forth from the condition of the heart. So—if we have lost the joy of the Lord, we need to look inside ourselves to

By Rev. Sam Godwin
Foursquare Gospel Minister

find out why. Then we can look upward to the Lord for the cure. When God's people were captives in a foreign land, they lost their song and "hung their harps upon the willow trees." (Psalm 137:2) Only when we are free from the guilt of the past and the fear of the future will our hearts sing the songs of the Lord. Only then are we truly happy.

It is distressing to see loved ones and friends who are sad and unhappy. They are good, faithful, moral people. But what has happened that caused that artesian well of joy to dry up? Why are they no longer excited about their life in Christ? If we are not vigilant, the struggles and trials of life in this world will drain us of Christ's peace and joy. We will be squeezed out until we are dry. That's why we need to return daily-often- to the place of refreshing. "In thy presence, O, Lord, is FULLNESS of JOY." (Psalms 16:11)

The Holy Spirit, on the day of Pentecost, poured out upon that little band of believers such a flood of love, joy and peace, they went forth to turn the world upside-down (or right-side up). But soon such persecution arose they felt the need to return to the fount of all blessings. They needed a fresh refilling of that same endowment. So they had a prayer meeting. They prayed earnestly and they were AGAIN filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 4:23-31) Now when we twentieth century saints are beaten down, drained out and depleted, we too can return to that "Upper Room" and be refilled with the joy of the Lord.

The apostle Paul urges us to "REJOICE" in the Lord always." (Philippians 4:4) Always means rich or poor, sick or well, bound or free. Rejoice IN THE LORD for outside of Christ there is no real happiness. Then Paul emphasized the importance of having a positive, up-beat spirit, "I'll say it again-REJOICE." Godly rejoicing or the lack of it can be a barometer of our spiritual condition. David asked himself, "Soul, why are you cast down?" (Psalm 42:5) "Hope thou in the Lord." Joy is near you. It is Christ IN YOU, the HOPE of glory." (Colossians 1:27) "The JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH." (Nehemiah 8:10) So, lay your life at the feet of Jesus and let him fill you with his blessedness-happiness-JOY.

—Amen

Religion briefs...

St. Theresa to host annual dinner

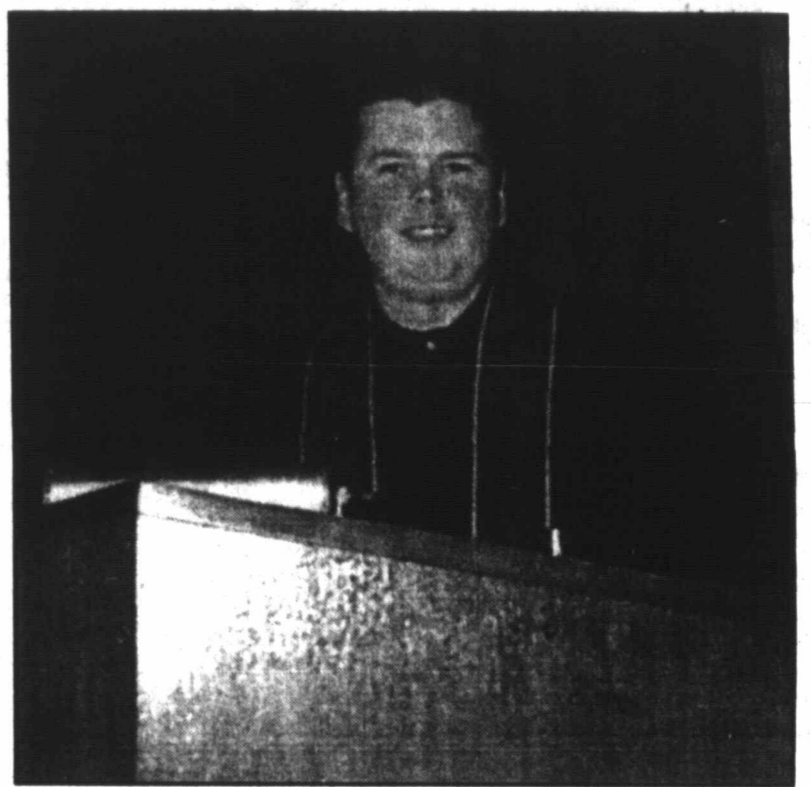
St. Theresa Catholic Church in Panhandle will hold its 45th annual Barbecue Dinner from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30 in the parish hall of the church. Cost of the meal is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children six and up. Children under six eat free. Other activities will include a Cookie Walk and a Children's Activity Room. St. Theresa's is located on Spur 293 off Hwy 60 in Panhandle.

Sunrise services at Palo Duro Canyon

Easter sunrise services will be held at 7 a.m. April 23 in the Pioneer Amphitheater at Palo Duro Canyon. Fees will be waived for the service only.

Highland Baptist to host special service

Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, will hold "Service of Darkness" at 7:30 p.m. today. Service of Darkness will focus on the seven steps leading up to the crucifixion of Christ. For more information, call 669-6509. The public is cordially invited to attend.



Stacey Smith joins staff at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

First Christian gets new youth minister

Stacey Smith joins First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Pampa as its new youth minister. Smith will be directing all activities for young people and assisting the Rev. Barry Loving, senior minister.

"We are adjusting to the new area and learning about each and everyone at First Christian Church of Pampa," said Smith.

Smith and his wife Anna are newlyweds, marrying on Jan. 8. They recently moved to Pampa from Missouri.

Smith is a native of Branson, Mo., growing up near St. Louis. He earned a bachelor of science degree in youth ministry from St. Louis Christian College in May 1999. Anna, born in Wichita, Kan., has lived in the Joplin, Mo., area most of her life. A 1997 high school graduate, she studied business administration at the College of the Ozarks.

"A few months after the wedding, we felt that God was calling us to a new ministry and that brought us all the way to Texas," Smith said. "We feel that this is where God's work is being done and we look forward to many years of doing God's work here in Pampa."

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is at 1633 N. Nelson. Sunday worship services begin at 10:45 a.m. Sunday school classes for all ages are offered each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. On Wednesdays, a snack supper is served at 6:30 p.m., followed by youth programs and chancel choir practice.

For more information about First Christian Church and its programs for children and adults, call 669-3225.

Pausing for atonement ...

Today is the day of death when the veil was rent, the graves mysteriously opened and Jesus' disciples and family made hopeless. We know their hope need not have been spent, for life was to come again, but we have historical perspective unavailable to those on the first Good Friday.

We know in the Easter story, life triumphs over death, though the three days must have seemed interminable to the weary, frightened disciples. They feared the joy of resurrection would be denied them while we celebrate its certainty. Our happy lesson is that life triumphs death with its temporary sting.

At the heart of the Easter message is the injustice of grace, the idea we can get something for nothing, eternal life, because

From the Back Pew...

By Cheryl Berzanskis

someone loved us enough to taste death on our behalf. The key is to accept the gift of grace with open-handed pleasure because a closed fist can gather nothing to itself but only keep the giver at bay with its threat of violence. Conversely, the open hand, with

its tender sensitivity, can relish and caress every nuance of the beauty inherent in grace. The closed-fisted recipient cheats himself of the full measure of the giver's beneficence by denying the intimacy of mercy.

Receiving Easter grace requires us to open our hand to death and life feeling each in its reality, first the sting of loss and then the balm of resurrection. It is that way with our lives as sin stings then forgiveness soothes in a parallel to the events of that first Good Friday to Easter cycle.

As the quiet of the Crucified's death settles over today, and we wait for Sunday's dawn, the pause of life is a time to consider atonement. On Sunday, the work is done.

Pampans take part in Stinnett services

First Christian Church of Stinnett will offer an unusual series of services beginning Easter Sunday evening. Seven guest pastors from seven Christian denominations will explore various aspects of the topic "What is a Christian?" during Praise Week at the church.

Guest speakers and musicians from all across the Panhandle will offer their talents and insight. Guests from Pampa will include Paul Nachtigall of Hiland Baptist Church, Dr. Ed Cooley of First Presbyterian Church, I. L. Patrick of Macedonia Baptist Church, and musician Chris Crow.

A full schedule of activities includes: Sunday, Gary Smith, pastor of First Christian Church of Spearman. Special music will be offered by the First United Methodist Church Choir of Stinnett.

Monday Paul Nachtigall of Hiland Baptist Church in Pampa. Music for the service will be provided by Devin and Becky Burrus of Higgins. Prior to the service, at 5 p.m., a Teen Jam with food, fellowship, and worship will be held on the parking lot of the church with music by Chris Crow of Pampa.

Tuesday, Dr. Ed Cooley of First Presbyterian Church in Pampa will speak. Music will be by the Rev. I.L. Patrick of Macedonia Baptist Church of Pampa and the First Presbyterian Church praise worship team.

Wednesday, Ken Cole of First United Methodist Church of Spearman will speak. Special music will be led by Rejoice of the First United Methodist Church of Canadian.

Thursday's message will be given by Robert Moore of the Church of Christ at Thirteenth and Jefferson in Perryton. Music will be by Mac and Jon Conaway of Stinnett and Stanley and Jeri Aylor of Borger.

On Friday, Becky Nienstiel of New Hope Assembly of God in Panhandle will speak. The New Hope music team of Panhandle will provide the music.

Evening services will conclude Saturday, April 29, with Dale Travis of Family Fellowship of Amarillo. The Praise Band of Central United Methodist Church in Dalhart will lead the music.

Pastor Billy Holland of First Christian Church will conclude the week on Sunday morning, April 30, at 11 a.m.

In other activities, Rex and Sherrell Burns, missionaries based in Amarillo, will speak at an 8 a.m. men's breakfast and a women's noon luncheon Saturday. A family supper will also be Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

Supervised activities for all children age 3 through fifth grade will also be offered each night under the direction of Darlene Cummings and Becky Dietz of Borger, and a nursery will be provided for younger children.

Visitors are welcome to all activities. All evening services begin at 7 p.m. Dress is casual and services should last approximately one hour. For more information, call the church at 878-3003 or 878-2073 or e-mail fccstinnett@altavista.com.

Aderholts new Southern Baptist missionaries



Mark and Kristie Aderholt

RICHMOND, Va. — Mark and Kristie Aderholt have joined the more than 4,800 Southern Baptist International Mission Board workers sharing Christ in 163 countries and among 336 ethnic people groups.

The Aderholts were among 41 people appointed by the International Mission Board during a service at Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

The new missionaries will fill diverse job assignments from starting churches to using sports, education and music as tools of ministry.

In 1999, International Mission Board missionaries helped lead 363,703 people to Christ. They and their overseas partners started 4,748 churches and reported more than 4.9 million members in 52,186 churches overseas.

The Aderholts will work as strategy coordinators in Hungary. They will witness, train Christian leaders and develop churches.

Currently, Aderholt is the pastor of Timber Ridge Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas. Mrs. Aderholt also works as a church

planter for Mission Arlington.

Other churches influential to their spiritual growth include: First Baptist Church in Pampa; North Sea Baptist Church in Stavanger, Norway; First Baptist Church in Rhome; Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio; and Lakeside Fellowship in Roanoke.

Aderholt was born in Canyon, to Pat and Nita Aderholt of Pampa. He received the bachelor

of business administration degree from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, and he will receive the master of divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth in May.

Growing up, Aderholt had two passions, Christ and sports. He would take both of those passions to Europe through the IMB International Service Corps.

For three years, Aderholt

served as a student minister, coach and volunteer coordinator in Norway and Romania.

Mrs. Aderholt was born and raised in San Antonio, to Larry and Kathy Roberson of San Antonio. She received the bachelor of behavioral science degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

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Safety Is Left in the Dust By Ads Celebrating Speed

DEAR ABBY: I have noticed that the majority of automobile commercials on TV today show speeding cars. One in particular shows two ladies in sport utility vehicles racing over curbs and bumps to win a race to a parking place. This is portrayed as something good and fun you can do when you drive a brand-new SUV. Another commercial portrays someone leaving his workplace and racing down a twisting road to unwind. On and on it goes with advertised cars speeding across the screen.

These commercials, and many others like them, imply that the better car is the "faster" car, and that it's cool and enjoyable to drive in this manner.

Abby, what is this teaching new drivers? Don't these commercials promote reckless driving?

**VALERIE S. RIVARD,
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DEAR VALERIE: Mature drivers (of any age) realize that obeying the speed limit is the best way to promote wreck-less driving. While it's obvious that speed is desirable and thrilling, I agree that an unintended subliminal message is that reckless driving is acceptable. That's dangerous and irresponsible.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: On June 1, 1999, my son died of an overdose. We went to visit relatives over Memorial Day weekend. He found a box of outdated prescription drugs while we were there.

Abby, he was only 18 years old. I hope you will share my letter with the public. He had made three suicide attempts prior. People told me it was all for attention.

Parents, take your sad teen-ager seriously or you'll end up like me ...
**A BROKENHEARTED MOTHER
IN S.F.**

DEAR BROKENHEARTED MOTHER: Please accept my condolences for the loss of your son. If there is one lesson to be learned from your letter, it's that a suicide attempt is not a bid for attention — it's a cry for help. And that means profes-

sional help. In most communities it's as near as the telephone, in the form of a suicide or crisis hotline.

DEAR ABBY: I started calling my in-laws "Mom" and "Dad." When my mother found out, she became very upset. She stated that it was an insult to her because "they were not the people who bore or raised me."

I did not mean to insult my mother. I just meant it as a term of endearment for my in-laws. I'm curious as to what other couples call their in-laws. Do they call them "Mom" and "Dad" or by their first names? I need to know the proper etiquette.

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DEAR TROUBLED: It's sad that your mother is so insecure that your gesture of love and respect for your in-laws was perceived as threatening. Many people address their in-laws as "Mom" and "Dad." Others use their first names. Occasionally people invent pet names to call their in-laws. The most inventive I can recall was "MIL" and "FIL" — for mother-in-law and father-in-law.

your presence. Getting together with family and friends always makes your day, and now is no exception. A partner or close loved one delights you. Tonight: Don't worry about the time.

This week: Let others play their cards first; you will ultimately be very pleased by facts gathered.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Let the kid in you come out. Children and loved ones delight in your light, fun ways. A partner could surprise you with his reaction. Share an important project or hobby in the afternoon. Make sure you incorporate something you find relaxing. Tonight: Put your feet up.

This week: Work, work, work! Demands abound, especially if you are having a hard time understanding another's views.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Deal with personal matters before family issues. You might want to play Easter bunny with a loved one. Joy comes out in imaginative, fun sharing. Visualize what you want, then share these ideas for the future. You find that others want the same. Tonight: Don't forget an important call.

This week: Creativity rages out of control! Try to plug some of it into your work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Others have plenty of suggestions. Make calls; socialize and visit with loved ones. Catch up with a neighbor. Make the effort to reconnect on a deeper level with those who make a difference in your daily life. Tonight: Take time with a partner.

This week: You're coming from a place of security on Monday and Tuesday. Why not take a leap of faith?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Treat others to breakfast or brunch. Let go of rigid plans and flow with what others want. Respond to another's call or inquiry. Something new

is brewing between the two of you. Be sensitive to another's wishes. Tonight: Just be open.

This week: Talk up a storm. Think about security, especially in your family.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You always deal well with the unanticipated. Once again, you get the chance to demonstrate it! Another's behavior could leave you stunned. Indulge and treat another well. Go out and do something you both adore.

Tonight: Let go of rigidity.

This week: You are a magician with money. Ask questions. Don't step back.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

As the day progresses, you feel better and better, until you feel that nothing can stop you. Your high-voltage energy translates into a lot of charisma and attraction in a relationship. Be a little impulsive; be less restrained. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

This week: You know what you are doing. You are captain of your ship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Make calls early in the day. Reach out for others. Schedule some downtime just for you, if possible. Take a nap; curl up with a good book; simply enjoy yourself. Though others might feel unusually gregarious and social right now, feel free to decline an invitation. Tonight: Vanish.

This week: Step back. Do needed, research. Take action from Wednesday on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Do what you need to do for others, who expect a lot from you. Your cheerful attitude and high profile attract attention. Get together with family and friends. Enjoying yourself comes easily, wherever you are. Make an effort toward a shy friend. Tonight: Where people are. This week: Move quickly on priorities. You won't be as effective after Tuesday.

Horoscope

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 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)

Make phone calls early in the day. Bring family and friends together. How you spend time isn't as important as the camaraderie and reconnecting that take place. Surprises surround loved ones and groups. Tonight: Your role is pivotal. This week: Take charge. Though the outcome might seem clear, you could have a delightful surprise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Take time with your partner or sweetie. Excitement surrounds an idea you come up with. Visit with others later in the day. Relax with friends. Your body and mind relax in a different setting. Socialize and get into the moment. Tonight: Take your time coming home. This week: Consider different points of view. Take a poll if you must. You are in command.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

News or a surprise call shifts your mood in a positive way. You can't complain about being bored! Getting together with a special friend adds to the caring feeling of the day. Share good news. Take time for a leisurely talk and meal. Tonight: Be with a special someone.

Associates whisper in your ear about this and that. Think about what is said.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

This morning, do what you must. By the afternoon, others request

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Favored
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- 13 — Gay (historic plane)
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- 16 Stage signal
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- 20 Battleship letters
- 21 Actor Erwin
- 22 Irritate
- 24 Dance feature
- 25 Florida racetrack
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- 32 Salt
- 33 Speedy plane
- 34 Spot
- 35 Before today
- 36 Leb. neighbor
- 37 Fire
- 38 Drank
- 40 Stood
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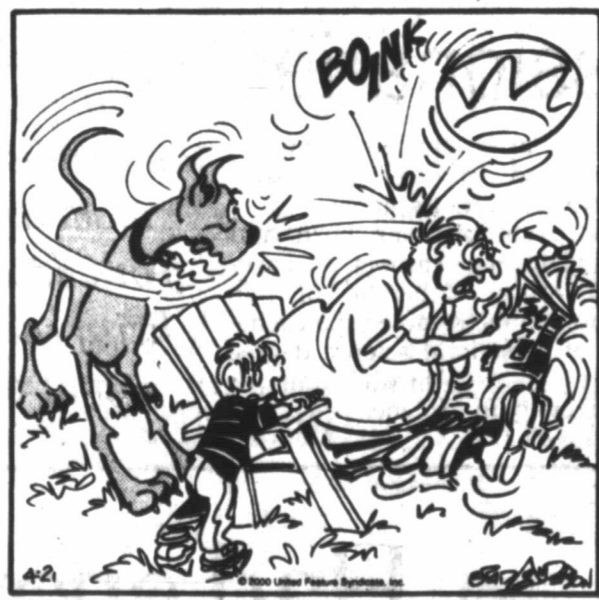
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- 27 Radio annoy-ance
- 28 Eastern temple
- 30 Basis
- 31 Beliefs
- 33 Move like crabs
- 39 Corrode
- 41 Future fish

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"That means he wants to play."

The Family Circus



"You're closin' the wrong eye."

For Better or For Worse



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Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



B.C.



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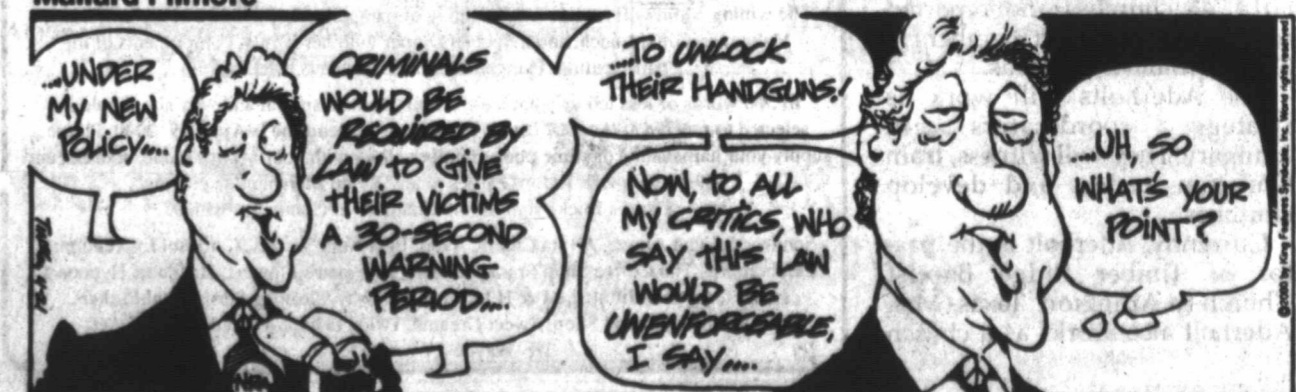
Peanuts



Blonde



Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

Notebook

BASEBALL

CLEVELAND (AP) — Kenny Lofton and Jim Thome homered in the first and Dave Burba pitched five innings before the rain came Thursday night as the Cleveland Indians avoided a sweep with a 9-5 win over the Oakland Athletics.

Lofton's leadoff homer, Thome's two-run shot off Tim Hudson (1-2) and Manny Ramirez's two-run homer in the seventh enabled the Indians to salvage the series finale and conclude a season-opening homestand at 2-4.

Roberto Alomar went 3-for-4 — he also hit a line drive off Hudson's chest that forced him to leave — as Cleveland finally broke out of a team-wide hitting slump at Jacobs Field. The Indians batted just .215 in their first five home games.

The Indians will begin a three-game series in Boston on Friday, their first meeting with the Red Sox since blowing a 2-0 lead in the AL playoffs last October. Pedro Martinez will pitch the opener for the Red Sox.

OLYMPICS

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — While IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch doesn't envision moving the 2004 Games from Athens despite an impending organizational crisis, neither did the Spaniard entirely rule out the possibility.

Samaranch delivered an unusually harsh warning to Athens organizers Thursday, saying the host's organizational problems could jeopardize the games and leaving his ominous threat hanging.

"I cannot imagine the games will not be held in Athens," Samaranch said following meetings between the IOC and the heads of Olympic federations. "They have the capacity to stage the games. We hope after this warning things will be in the right way. We are fully optimistic there will be changes very soon."

"If at the end of the year no measures have been taken, then we will see."

The IOC is troubled that Greece — birthplace of the Olympics — has failed to deliver and faces major problems and delays in preparations for the Games.

Jacques Rogge, who heads the IOC panel that oversees the Athens Games, listed problems in accommodations, traffic, security, communications, construction, venues and infrastructure.

"The whole structure must be revamped," Rogge said.

Samaranch said it was the worst organizational crisis faced by an Olympic city during his 20-year presidency of the International Olympic Committee.

Treading carefully, the IOC refused to suggest it was thinking of moving the 2004 Games.

"Frankly speaking, we have no backup plan," Rogge said. "A backup plan midstage is almost impossible. To start from scratch would be almost impossible."

"It would be most unfair for Greece to talk of backup plans."

Never in the movement's history has the IOC revoked the Olympic Games from a host city, though on four occasions war forced the event to be canceled.

In 1976, Denver backed out of hosting the games itself, troubled by a possible drain on taxpayers' wallets and worried about what the event might do to the environment.

In 1908, host city Rome fell into financial turmoil and gave up the Olympics, which were picked up by London.

But if the IOC refused to speculate about a change in venues, it never categorically ruled out the possibility.

Moving the games may not be advisable, said IOC vice president Dick Pound, but it is not impossible.

"It would have to be a major crisis, but, we can do that," Pound said.

Lady Harvesters win another district title

HEREFORD — The Pampa Lady Harvesters wrapped up the District 3-4A track meet Saturday, bring home the championship with 186 points.

"I was real happy with the win. The girls worked hard. We didn't qualify as many (for regionals) as I thought we would, but that's the way athletics are," said Pampa head coach Mike Lopez.

It was the 16th consecutive district title for the Pampa girls, who survived a strong challenge by Palo Duro.

Two of the Pampa winners, seniors LeVonne Evans and Tandi Morton, had personal-best marks at the meet.

Evans won the 200 with a time of 25.43 and her 24.50 in the prelims was her best time ever. Morton's 14.68 in winning the 100 hurdles was a personal best. She remains unbeaten in the hurdles this season.

"Evans had a great meet," Lopez said. "She came through



Beth Lee

for us in the relays."

Morton's 14.68 in winning the 100 hurdles was a personal best. She remains unbeaten in the hurdles this season.

PHS senior Beth Lee, the Lady Harvesters' only medalist at last year's state meet, won both the

1600 and 3200. In winning the 3200 Tuesday, Lee beat defending state champion Brionne Yosten of Hereford.

Yosten led Lee until there was about 800 yards to go. Lee caught up and went ahead on the final curve, winning by a comfortable margin.

Pampa's Angela Phillips won the shot Tuesday with a throw of 38-8. It was her fourth shot put win this season.

The top two finishers in each district event advance to the Region 1-4A meet April 28-29 in San Angelo.

District 3-4A Meet Thursday's final results Girls

Team totals: 1. Pampa 186; 2. Palo Duro 143; 3. Borger 103; 4. Hereford 82; 5. Dumas 61; 6. Caprock 9.

Pampa results
Discus: Diana Solis, third place, 10-2-1.

Long jump: LeVonne Evans,

third place, 17-3; Chasity Nachtigall, sixth place, 15-11.

High jump: Emily Hartman, second place, 5-0; Chelsea McCullough, third place tie, 5-0.

400-meter relay: Pampa, first place (Kristen Stowers, Joy Young, Cali Covalt and LeVonne Evans), 49.77.

800: Samantha Hurst, third place, 2:26.87; T'Andra Holmes, fourth place, 2:30.84; Vanessa Orr, fifth place, 2:33.85.

400: Randa Morris, fifth place, 64.14.

100 hurdles: Tandi Morton, first place, 14.64.

300 hurdles: Tandi Morton, second place, 48.08.

100: Joy Young, third place, 12.68; Teryn Stowers, sixth place, 13.28.

200: LeVonne Evans, first place, 25.43.

1600: Beth Lee, Pampa, 5:21.99; Rebecca Fathere, second place, 5:28.56; T'Andra Holmes, fifth

place, 5:56.98.

1600 relay: Pampa, fifth place (Tandi Morton, Samartha Hurst, Randa Morris, Beth Lee), 4:21.20.

Boys
Team totals: 1. Dumas 162; 2. Palo Duro 144; 3. Borger 133; 4. Pampa 58; 5. Hereford 32; 6. Caprock 26.

Shot put: Jeff Warren, sixth place, 42-9 1/2.

Triple jump: David Robinson, second place, 42-1 1/2.

High jump: Reece Hartman, third place, 6-0.

400-meter relay: Pampa, third place, 44.27.

110 hurdles: Tanner Dyer, fourth place, 15.95.

400: Orlando Madrid, fourth place, 52.21.

300 hurdles: Tanner Dyer, sixth place, 44.26.

200: Armando Tarango, third place, 22.70.

1600 relay: Pampa, third place, 3:30.42.

Gonzales — A short-time Tiger?

DETROIT (AP) — Could Juan Gonzalez be long gone from the Detroit Tigers after just one season? An ESPN report says he's saying as much.

ESPN baseball analyst Peter Gammons wrote in a report posted Thursday on the sports network's Web site that Gonzalez "is telling every opposing player he talks with that he has no intention of signing a long-term contract with the Tigers."

Published reports earlier this year said the Tigers have offered Gonzalez an eight-year, \$140 million deal — the richest total package in baseball history.

Tigers general manager Randy Smith told The Detroit News on Thursday he's not putting much stock in Gammons' report "until I hear it directly from the people involved."

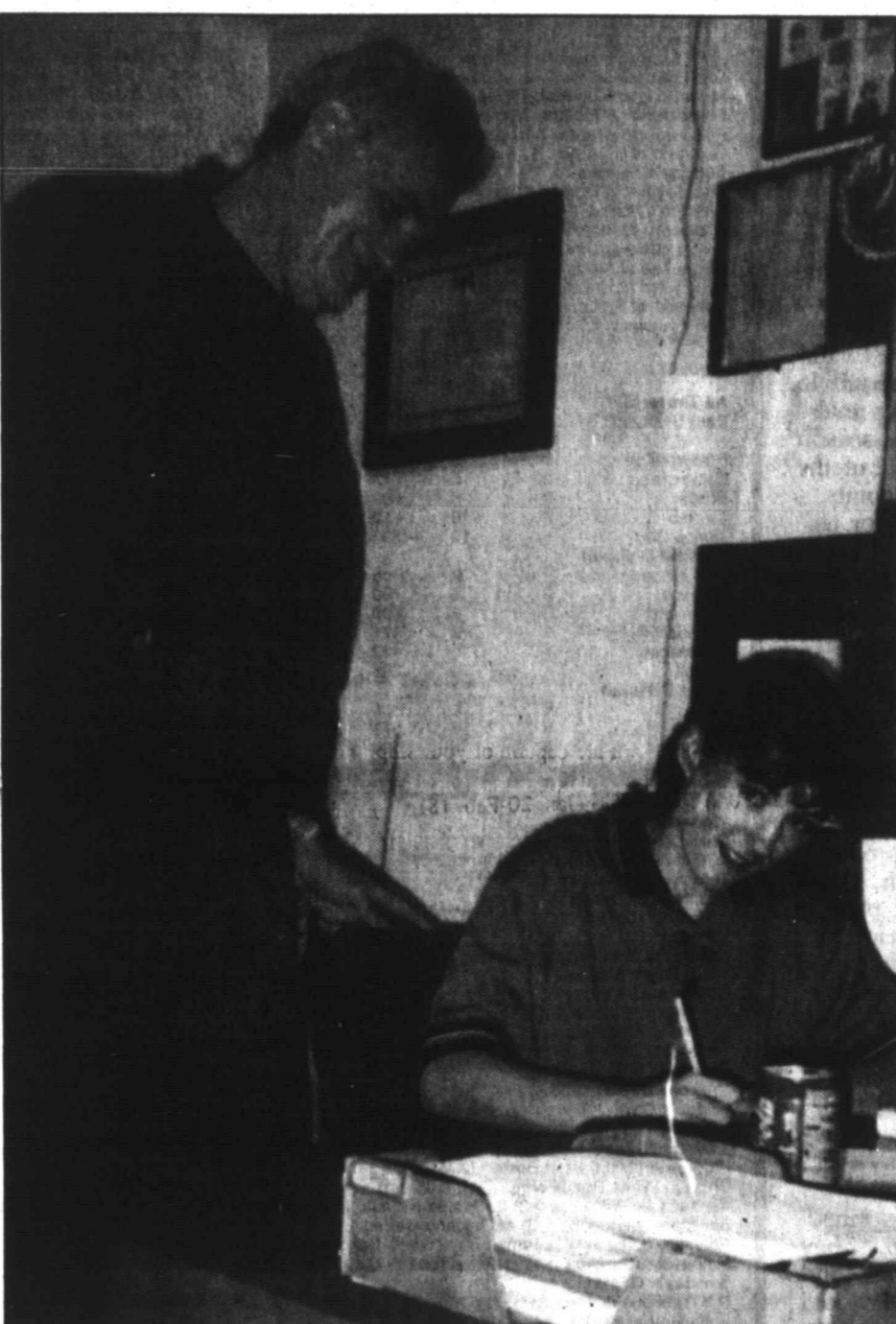
"Everything I've heard either directly or indirectly is that Juan still is very pleased with his relationship with this team," Smith said before the 4-10 Tigers — with the American League's worst record — left for Chicago for a weekend series against the White Sox.

"We have a good relationship with Juan and as I have said before, good relationships have a way of lasting," Smith added. "None of us is happy with the way the season has begun, but I doubt a decision like this would be made after as few games as we've played."

Smith, who has said neither he nor anyone in the organization would comment on the Gonzalez contract situation, did not immediately return telephone messages left this morning.

Two of Gonzalez's agents, Jim Bronner and Bob Gilhooly, said today they had not seen Gammons' report and could not discuss it.

Alabama-bound



Dr. Terry Hopper looks on as Stefanie Harwood signs a letter of intent to play golf for his University of Mobile Rams in Mobile, Alabama. Harwood helped lead the Pampa girls to the District 3-4A golf championship this season. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Lynn Harwood of Pampa.

Oilers like their chances against NHL champions

DALLAS (AP) — Despite facing an elimination game in a building where they've lost 11 straight, the Edmonton Oilers like their chances of taking out the Stanley Cup champion Dallas Stars.

"That's the feeling I have now, that there is no way we're ready to be done," Oilers center Jim Dowd said. "The feeling in the dressing room is that we've been in every one of these games. And everyone knows that the fourth game is the toughest game to win, to eliminate a team."

Dallas, though, is an expert at the postseason knockout punch. Since 1998, the last six times the Stars have won a third-playoff game, they've immediately followed with the fourth one.

With a 3-1 lead going into Game 5 tonight, Dallas is looking to do it again.

"It doesn't matter who we're playing against, we have the knowledge of what it takes to close out a team," coach Ken Hitchcock said. "That's very, very valuable. Now we've got to put it on the ice and get it done."

Added incentive for Dallas is brewing in the San Jose-St. Louis series. Should the Sharks, who lead 3-1, pull off the upset, then the Stars would become the top seed in the Western Conference.

The biggest incentive for Dallas, though, is to end

this series immediately and get a few extra days off no matter who it plays next.

"The teams are both so desperate," forward Mike Keane, said. "Edmonton doesn't want to go home and we don't want to go back to Edmonton."

"When teams are playing for their lives, that's when it's toughest. Momentum can change very quickly, so we've got to make sure we've got good jump and are ready to play from the get-go."

The Stars threatened to end this series early by winning the first two games rather convincingly. Edmonton didn't lead either game and was hardly able to get off shots against Dallas' hard-checking defense.

A frenzied home crowd helped the Oilers jump back into the series with three goals in the first period of Game 3 en route to a 5-2 victory. Another loud crowd was on hand for Game 4, but Dallas endured to win 4-3 and come home with a split in Edmonton.

Now the Stars hope to get the same raucous support from their fans.

The Reunion Rowdies, as they were known in the Dallas Mavericks' heyday, were great during last summer's Stanley Cup run, but may have been spoiled by success. There were lots of empty seats for the first two games of this series, and the noise level was ordinary.

Big Unit in midseason form, Griffey and Sosa hit stride

By **BEN WALKER**
AP Baseball Writer

Ken Griffey Jr. and Sammy Sosa broke loose in a big way. Even so, the most impressive numbers belonged to the Big Unit.

Randy Johnson pitched his second shutout of the season, a four-hitter that gave the Arizona Diamondbacks a 3-0 victory over the Colorado Rockies on Thursday night.

Off to an amazing start, the NL Cy Young winner is 4-0 with an 0.76 ERA. He has struck out 42 and walked five and is only one out short of having four complete games.

"I try not to think about it," Johnson said. "I try to stay focused and go out there and pitch as good as I can on a given day."

Griffey hit two home runs as the Cincinnati Reds beat San Francisco 11-1. Sosa hit a grand slam and matched his career high with six RBIs as the Chicago Cubs downed Montreal 10-6.

Griffey is slumping at .207 and Sosa is stuck at .232. Both sluggers have hit five home runs.

"I haven't been comfortable yet at home plate," Sosa said. "It's going to take time, but I'll be there."

In other NL games, John Rocker earned his first save of the season as Atlanta topped Philadelphia 6-4. Also, New York beat Milwaukee 5-4 in 10 innings. Florida edged Pittsburgh 3-2 in 14 innings and St. Louis defeated San Diego 14-1.

Johnson struck out eight, walked three and also delivered an RBI single at Bank One Ballpark.

The Rockies threatened in the eighth inning, loading the bases with two outs on a single by Neifi Perez and two walks. With the crowd chanting his name and the count full, Johnson threw a 97 mph fastball that struck out Mike Lansing.

"Mechanic-wise, I wasn't really on tonight," Johnson said. "Late in the game, it kind of came back again, and my concentration left me for a moment, and it could have been a situation where the game could have gotten out of hand very easily with Mike Lansing up there. Fortunately, I was able to throw a strike."

Cubs 10, Expos 6
Chicago ended its four-game losing streak, winning at Montreal behind Slamin' Sammy.

Sosa hit a two-run double in the fifth inning, then hit his fourth career grand slam in the sixth. It was the fourth time he had six RBIs in a game — he last did it Sept. 16, 1998.

Sosa batted cleanup for the third time this year and also made his first start in center field.

Reds 11, Giants 1
Cincinnati moved over .500 for the first time this year as Junior hit a pair of two-run homers into a swirling wind at Cinergy Field.

Griffey's first multihomer game with the Reds was the 41st of his career. Pokey Reese had five hits and Barry Larkin added a two-run homer.

San Francisco has lost nine of 10 games in its worst start since 1983.

Braves 6, Phillies 4
Andres Galarraga hit two home runs as Atlanta finished off a sweep of visiting Philadelphia.

Rocker preserved the win with his first save since the 1999 NL championship series.

He pitched a scoreless ninth inning and struck out two.

Galarraga drove in four runs with the 28th two-homer game of his career.

Mets 5, Brewers 4

Melvin Mora hit his first regular-season home run in the majors, winning the game with a drive in the bottom of the 10th inning at Shea Stadium.

Mora, who homered in the NLCS against Atlanta, gave New York its fourth straight victory when he connected with one out off Curtis Leskanic. It was Mora's 53rd at-bat in the big leagues.

The Mets completed a sweep and have won eight in a row against Milwaukee.

Brewers shortstop Mark Loretta left with dizziness after colliding with left fielder James Mouton while chasing Rickey Henderson's foul fly in the sixth.

Cardinals 14, Padres 1

Eli Marrero hit a grand slam and later connected with pitcher Rick Ankiel for consecutive home runs as St. Louis completed a three-game sweep of San Diego at Busch Stadium.

Ankiel worked around

seven walks while throwing five scoreless innings. He also went 3-for-3 — the rookie pitcher is 5-for-9 with a triple and two RBIs this season.

Marrero's first career slam capped a six-run first inning. Mark McGwire returned to the Cardinals after missing seven games with back problems and was 0-for-2 with two walks.

Marlins 3, Pirates 2

Danny Bautista doubled to start the bottom of the 14th inning and raced home on Mike Lowell's sacrifice fly, lifting Florida over Pittsburgh.

Bautista hustled after doubling off the glove of shortstop Pat Mearns, then moved to third on a sacrifice. Lowell hit a shallow fly ball and Bautista made a head-first slide home.

Flashback

1981: Vinnie Schneider won the Pampa Women's Golf Association Tournament at the Pampa Country Club. Schneider had a two-round total of 166. LaVonna Dalton was second with a 171.

Heat, Pistons open the NBA playoffs

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

No two teams have less time to prepare for the playoffs than Pat Riley's team, the Miami Heat, and their opponent, the Detroit Pistons. They have the first tipoff early Saturday afternoon.

That'll be less than 72 hours after the teams ended the regular season, but like everyone else, the Heat and Pistons will find themselves waiting around in the ensuing days.

In a change from past practice, the first round of the NBA playoffs is being spread over 13 days so that games won't compete head-to-head for viewers on TNT and TBS.

For Riley's team and their opponent, the Detroit Pistons, it means a Saturday-Tuesday-Saturday schedule — that's eight days overall — for just the first three games.

"We are subject to the gods of television, but to stretch this out over two weeks is absolutely insane," Riley said Thursday. "It's losing its competitive edge. It's allowing guys to have more preparation. It's allowing people to almost get bored. You've made them wait all year long, 82 games, and now you're going to make them wait two weeks to get through five games?"

If the Miami-Detroit schedule is odd, consider the Lakers-Kings.

Game 1 is Sunday, Game 2 is Thursday, Game 3 is the following Sunday.

Even stranger is the Utah-Seattle series, which features four days off between Game 2 Monday and Game 3 the following Saturday.

"I don't think it's ideal, but that's the way it is," Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "It's for the benefit of TV. Whatever the schedule is, that's how we have to play."

The Phoenix-San Antonio, Seattle-Utah, Detroit-Miami and Philadelphia-Charlotte series begin Saturday, and the other four series — Raptors-Knicks, Timberwolves-Trail Blazers, Kings-Lakers and 76ers-Hornets — start Sunday.

There will be Game 2 double-headers Monday through Thursday, and there's only one Game 3 next Friday night — Hornets-76ers.

The downside of the new schedule is a big cut in preparation time before the openers. Teams used to have four or five days to rest weary limbs, break down videotape and study opponents.

Now, they have to get ready quick.

Of all the first-round matchups, the two most intriguing ones are Kings-Lakers and Raptors-Knicks. "We're expecting a war," Toronto's Vince Carter said.

The Knicks figure to have their hands full against a Toronto team that clobbered them in the season series, winning 3-1, with all the victories blowouts.

It will be the first postseason appearance for the Raptors and their young superstar.

The defending champion Spurs secured homecourt advantage for the first round by beating the Lakers on Wednesday night in the regular-season finale, but that was about the only good news to be

had in San Antonio.

The Spurs' franchise player, Tim Duncan, has torn cartilage in his left knee, and his availability for the series against Phoenix is uncertain.

Duncan's injury is one of several to strike playoff-bound teams and their stars.

No team is worse off than the Suns, who have lost two starters — Jason Kidd and Tom Gugliotta. Kidd was placed on the playoff roster Thursday, but it's unlikely he'll play.

Miami will have to try to get past Detroit with a rookie, Anthony Carter, playing point guard because Tim Hardaway has a foot injury that is expected to sideline him for at least the first round.

The Pistons aren't immune, either, with Grant Hill nursing a bruised ankle that kept him out of their final four games.

The Milwaukee Bucks, the last team to qualify for the playoffs, caught an injury break when they learned that Ray Allen's sprained left knee is OK. Allen even played Wednesday night — extending his consecutive games streak to 296 — and leaped off his left leg for a dunk.

The Bucks get a rematch with the top-seeded Indiana Pacers, who swept them from the playoffs in the opening round last season.

The big difference for Milwaukee this year is that Sam Cassell is healthy, while the Pacers will be entering the final postseason of Larry Bird's coaching career minus some of the toughness they had in years past with Davis. The Pacers also have four starters who will be free agents this summer, and the team could look a lot different next season if it again fails to make it past the conference finals.

Sacramento lost the season series 3-1 to the Lakers, but the losses were by 1, 7 and 3 points.

"They get pumped up for us," Shaquille O'Neal said. "Certain teams get pumped up against other teams, and they get pumped up for us."

The Lakers probably would have preferred to face Seattle in the first round, but the Sonics got the seventh seed Tuesday night by winning in Sacramento.

Seattle will instead face Utah, while the Lakers get an opponent that presents matchup problems in the frontcourt with Chris Webber and Vlade Divac playing alongside each other. Shaq can't guard them both, and Sacramento could provide a test of whether the Lakers are as invincible as they seemed during the final two months of the regular season.

The Lakers won 33 of 35 games before losing their final two. They will have homecourt advantage as long as they stay alive.

"The Lakers are the favorites," Utah's John Stockton said. "They have been terrific all year and have been dominating all year. I understand why they have been placed in that role, but you still have to play the games."

Two of the dark-horse teams heading into the postseason are Charlotte and Minnesota.

The Hornets won 14 of their final 16 games to gain homecourt advantage over the 76ers.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

National League At A Glance

All Times EDT East Division	W L		Pct.	GB
	W	L		
Atlanta	9	6	.600	—
Florida	10	7	.588	—
New York	9	7	.563	1/2
Montreal	8	7	.533	1
Philadelphia	5	9	.357	3 1/2

Central Division

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St. Louis	11	5	.688	—
Cincinnati	8	7	.533	2 1/2
Houston	6	8	.429	4
Milwaukee	6	9	.400	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	6	9	.400	4 1/2
Chicago	7	11	.389	5

West Division

W L	Pct.	GB		
			W	L
Arizona	12	4	.750	—
Los Angeles	8	6	.571	3
Colorado	8	9	.471	4 1/2
San Diego	7	9	.438	5
San Francisco	4	11	.267	7 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's Games

Montreal 7, Chicago Cubs 3
Pittsburgh 5, Florida 1
Cincinnati 5, San Francisco 4
N.Y. Mets 3, Milwaukee 1
Atlanta 10, Philadelphia 1
St. Louis 4, San Diego 3
Arizona 8, Colorado 7
Houston 10, Los Angeles 3

Thursday's Games

Cincinnati 11, San Francisco 1
Chicago Cubs 10, Montreal 6
Florida 3, Pittsburgh 2, 14 innings
N.Y. Mets 5, Milwaukee 4, 10 innings
Atlanta 6, Philadelphia 4
St. Louis 14, San Diego 1
Arizona 3, Colorado 0

Only games scheduled Friday's Games

Milwaukee (Haynes 2-0) at Montreal (Hermanson 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Ashby 0-1) at Florida (Nunez 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gagne 0-0) at Cincinnati (Farris 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Leber 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Ruch 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Parra 0-0) at Atlanta (Mulholland 1-2), 7:40 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 2-1) at Houston (Lima 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jimenez 3-0) at St. Louis (Hentgen 3-0), 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 1-2) at Arizona (Stottmeyer 3-0), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
San Diego at Houston, 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at Florida, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
San Diego at Houston, 3:05 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 4:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:35 p.m.

American League At A Glance

All Times EDT East Division	W L		Pct.	GB
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New York	11	3	.786	—
Baltimore	9	5	.643	2
Boston	9	6	.600	2 1/2
Toronto	7	10	.412	5 1/2
Tampa Bay	5	10	.333	6 1/2

Central Division

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Chicago	9	6	.600	—
Cleveland	9	6	.600	—
Kansas City	8	9	.471	2
Minnesota	7	10	.412	3
Detroit	4	10	.286	4 1/2

West Division

W L	Pct.	GB		
			W	L
Seattle	8	6	.571	—
Anaheim	8	8	.500	1
Oakland	7	9	.438	2
Texas	6	9	.400	2 1/2

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Chicago White Sox 5, Seattle 2
N.Y. Yankees 5, Texas 4, 10 innings
Toronto 12, Anaheim 4
Baltimore 3, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 10, Detroit 0
Oakland 10, Cleveland 5
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 6

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Detroit, p.p.d., rain
Minnesota 9, Kansas City 7
Baltimore 8, Tampa Bay 4
Toronto 12, Anaheim 11
Cleveland 9, Oakland 5

Only games scheduled Friday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 1-0) at Toronto (Carpenter 0-3), 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Witt 0-0) at Boston (P. Martinez 3-0), 7:01 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Parque 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Witasick 0-3) at Seattle (Garca 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 1-0) at Oakland (Heredia 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Yan 0-1), 4:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 0-1) at Texas (Loaiza 0-1), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Tampa Bay, 1:15 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 2:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
Baltimore at Oakland, 8:05 p.m.

TODAY'S MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—Reese, Cincinnati, .455; VGuerrero, Montreal, .418; Edmonds, St. Louis, .407; Sheffield, Los Angeles, .396; Vidro, Montreal, .390; Piazza, New York, .389; Vina, St. Louis, .388.

RUNS—Edmonds, St. Louis, 18; Vina, St. Louis, 18; Vidro, Montreal, 15; Lansing, Colorado, 15; Almarin, San Diego, 15; SFinley, Arizona, 15; Bonds, San Francisco, 15.

RBI—Tatis, St. Louis, 20; Helton, Colorado, 18; VGuerrero, Montreal, 18; Griffey Jr., Cincinnati, 18; Lowell, Florida, 17; Edmonds, St. Louis, 17; Galaraga, Atlanta, 17.

HITS—Vina, St. Louis, 27; Reese, Cincinnati, 25; EWYoung, Chicago, 24; Helton, Colorado, 23; Vidro, Montreal, 23; VGuerrero, Montreal, 23; Almarin, San Diego, 23.

DOUBLES—Ciriilo, Colorado, 9; Alfonzo, New York, 7; Brogna, Philadelphia, 7; 9 are tied with 6.

TRIPLES—Vina, St. Louis, 4; Shumpert, Colorado, 3; Cedeno, Houston, 2; Womack, Arizona, 2; Almarin, San Diego, 2; Goodwin, Colorado, 2; Grierson, Milwaukee, 2; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 2.

HOME RUNS—Nevin, San Diego, 6; Andrews, Chicago, 6; Edmonds, St. Louis, 6; SFinley, Arizona, 6; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 6; Bonds, San Francisco, 6; Galaraga, Atlanta, 6.

STOLEN BASES—Reese, Cincinnati, 6; Owens, San Diego, 5; BLHunter, Colorado, 5; EWYoung, Chicago, 5; Diackson, San Diego, 4; LCastillo, Florida, 4; Kendall, Pittsburgh, 4; Grissom, Milwaukee, 4; Larkin, Cincinnati, 4.

PITCHING (3 Decisions)—Jimenez, Colorado, 3-0, 1.000, 3.86; Reynolds, Houston, 3-0, 1.000, 2.88; Hentgen, St. Louis, 3-0, 1.000, 4.67; RDJohnson, Arizona, 4-0, 1.000, .76; Stottmeyer, Arizona, 3-0, 1.000, 5.06; Glavin, Atlanta, 3-0, 1.000, 2.57; Kile, St. Louis, 3-1, .750, 8.88.

STRIKEOUTS—RDJohnson, Arizona, 42; Dempster, Florida, 28; Hitchcock, San Diego, 26; Dotel, Houston, 21; Glavin, Atlanta, 21; GMaddux, Atlanta, 21; Lieber, Chicago, 20.

SAVES—Bentzen, New York, 6; Alonzo, Florida, 5; Shaw, Los Angeles, 5; Gomez, Philadelphia, 4; Veres, St. Louis, 4; 7 are tied with 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—Erstad, Anaheim, .492; Thomas, Chicago, .417; Olerud, Seattle, .400; O'Neill, New York, .396; CNLee, Chicago, .385; Bordick, Baltimore, .385; Chavez, Oakland, .382.

RUNS—AFRodriguez, Seattle, 18; TBatista, Toronto, 17; CGuzman, Minnesota, 16; Mondesi, Toronto, 16; Thome, Cleveland, 15; Konerko, Chicago, 14; Durham, Chicago, 14.

RBI—JaGiambi, Oakland, 20; Bordick, Baltimore, 20; Fulmer, Toronto, 18; TBatista, Toronto, 18; AFRodriguez, Seattle, 18; EMartinez, Seattle, 18; Lawton, Minnesota, 17; IRodriguez, Texas, 17.

HITS—Erstad, Anaheim, 32; AKennedy, Anaheim, 25; Mondesi, Toronto, 25; Thomas, Chicago, 25; TBatista, Toronto, 24; Lawton, Minnesota, 23; CGuzman, Minnesota, 22; Feibes, Kansas City, 22; Konerko, Chicago, 22; IRodriguez, Texas, 22.

DOUBLES—TBatista, Toronto, 8; Mondesi, Toronto, 8; Glaus, Anaheim, 7; Erstad, Anaheim, 7; Dye, Kansas City, 7; CDelgado, Toronto, 7; 7 are tied with 6.

TRIPLES—AKennedy, Anaheim, 2; CGuzman, Minnesota, 2; Koskie, Minnesota, 2; Thurter, Minnesota, 2; TMartinez, New York, 2; Polonia, Detroit, 2; DMartinez, Tampa Bay, 2.

HOME RUNS—TBatista, Toronto, 7; MSweeney, Kansas City, 7; JaGiambi, Oakland, 7; Dye, Kansas City, 6; Thome, Cleveland, 6; 8 are tied with 5.

STOLEN BASES—Deshields, Baltimore, 7; Damon, Kansas City, 6; AKennedy, Anaheim, 5; Jeter, New York, 5; Erstad, Anaheim, 4; Durham, Chicago, 4; McLemore, Seattle, 4.

PITCHING (3 Decisions)—Schoeneweis, Anaheim, 3-0, 1.000, 2.35; OHernandez, New York, 3-0, 1.000, 1.74; PMartinez, Boston, 3-0, 1.000, 1.27; Nelson, New York, 3-0, 1.000, 2.16; Appier, Oakland, 4-1, .750, 4.18; 11 are tied with 6.

STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 32; CFlinley, Cleveland, 25; OHernandez, New York, 22; Helling, Texas, 22; Musina, Baltimore, 22; DWells, Toronto, 22; Suppan, Kansas City, 21; Nomo, Detroit, 21.

SAVES—MRivera, New York, 5; Percival, Anaheim, 4; DLowe, Boston, 3; Iringhausen, Oakland, 3; TBJones, Detroit, 3; Sasaki, Seattle, 2; Koch, Toronto, 2; BWells, Minnesota, 2; Karsay, Cleveland, 2.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLAS—Optioned RHP AJ Reyes to Rochester of the International League. Recalled RHP Jason Johnson from Rochester.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Traded OF Dan McKinley to the Montreal Expos for OF Scott Hunter. Placed C Sandy Alomar on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of C Bobby Hughes from Buffalo of the International League. Designated OF Scott Morgan for assignment.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES—Placed RHP Kevin McElinchy on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 13. Recalled LHP Bruce Chen from Richmond of the International League.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Sent LHP Chris Peters and RHP Marc Wilkins to Nashville of the Pacific Coast League. Called up RHP Brad Clontz, RHP Mike Garcia and RHP Jose Parra from Nashville.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Optioned C Ben Davis to Las Vegas of the Pacific Coast League. Purchased the contract of RHP Vincente Palacios from Peoria of the Midwest League.

FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
ATLANTA FALCONS—Claimed WR Kamil Loud off waivers from the Buffalo Bills.
BUFFALO BILLS—Named Dwight Adams vice-president of player personnel.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Traded RB Fred Lane to the Indianapolis Colts for LB Spencer Reid.
CHICAGO BEARS—Fired Ken Valdesir, director of marketing and broadcasting.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed OT Jonathan Gray, K Rian Lindell, RB Dan Murphy and RB Phillip Rogers.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed DT Russell Maryland to a multiyear contract. Waived DE Jon Harris.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed WR Joe Peraz. WR Germaine Stringer, CB Brian Hinton, S Percy King, OT Josh Rawlings and DT Thomas Washington.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed OT Chris Bober, QB Bill Burke, OT Pita Elisara, LB Jack Golden, S Tinker Keck, CB Fred Lewis, RB Cordell Mitchell, DE Cedric Pittman, WR Jeremy Watkins and OT Chris Ziemann.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed DT Dan Gibbons, DE Brian Gil, DE Jon Michals, TE Jake Moreland, LB Kelvin Moses, WR Cory Peterson and LB Courtney Ladyard.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed LB Mike Vobes to a tender offer.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed DT Robert Brazillaukas, TE Joe Deane, Davenport, TE Terrence Dupree, LB Jim Emarus, DT Dan Goodrod, LB Lamar Grant, DB Ronnie Heard, DT Tyrion Johnson, RB Daryl McMillan, DE Ronnie Scott, FB Joshua White and RB Griff Yates.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled D Nolan Baumgartner, D Jamie Huscroft, G Martin Brochu, F Glen Metropolit and F Mike Peluso from Portland of the AHL.



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Bid specification may be obtained from the office of the City Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Pampa, Texas, Phone (806)669-5730. Sales Tax Exemption Certificates shall be furnished upon request. Bids may be delivered to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, Pampa, Texas or mailed to P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "REFUSE CONTAINER BID ENCLOSED, BID NO. 00.08.C" and show date and time of bid opening. Facsimile bids will not be accepted. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any formalities or technicalities. The City Commission will consider bids for award at the May 9, 2000 Commission meeting.

/s/ Phyllis Jeffers
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F-36 Apr. 14, 21, 2000

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J.W. Franks Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside) F-43 Apr. 21, 2000

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White House says GOP drug plan full of holes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is taking aim at a GOP proposal that would provide private prescription drug coverage to low-income seniors, saying it would leave many elderly Americans still struggling to pay for their medicines.

President Clinton's top economic and health advisers rebutted the "sketchy" GOP plan as inferior to the White House's own proposal, which would give prescription drug benefits to all Americans covered under Medicare.

"Republicans need to move from just the talk to walking the walk," Gene Sperling, head of the president's National Economic Council, said at a White House briefing Thursday.

The GOP plan, as outlined by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., calls for private health plans to offer drug benefits and government subsidies to pay drug costs for low-income seniors. While many of the details have yet to be worked out, Republicans said the plan would lower drug prices, give seniors more coverage choice and help the neediest Americans.

"To us it still seems like a Swiss cheese plan with more holes than substance," Sperling said.

Republicans said the administra-

tion was too quick to criticize a plan that has yet to be finalized.

"They're prematurely trying to play politics," said John Feehery, Hastert's spokesman. GOP leaders are waiting for a formal estimate of the plan's costs by the Congressional Budget Office.

"Once we complete those numbers we will give out more details. But we believe we have a comprehensive plan for seniors," Feehery said.

Sperling said the GOP plan to provide subsidies to cover drug costs for seniors at the poverty level would leave out 6 million Medicare beneficiaries who have no drug coverage but have incomes above the poverty line — which he calculated at about \$12,500 a year for singles and \$16,875 per couple.

The White House plan has an estimated cost of \$195 billion over 10 years. It would provide drug benefits to all 39 million Medicare beneficiaries regardless of their income, paying up to \$1,000 in drug costs annually for a \$26 monthly premium.

Republicans argue that aid should go to the neediest senior citizens and say they are opposed to a big government program that would displace private coverage

that many seniors now have through retirement benefits or HMOs.

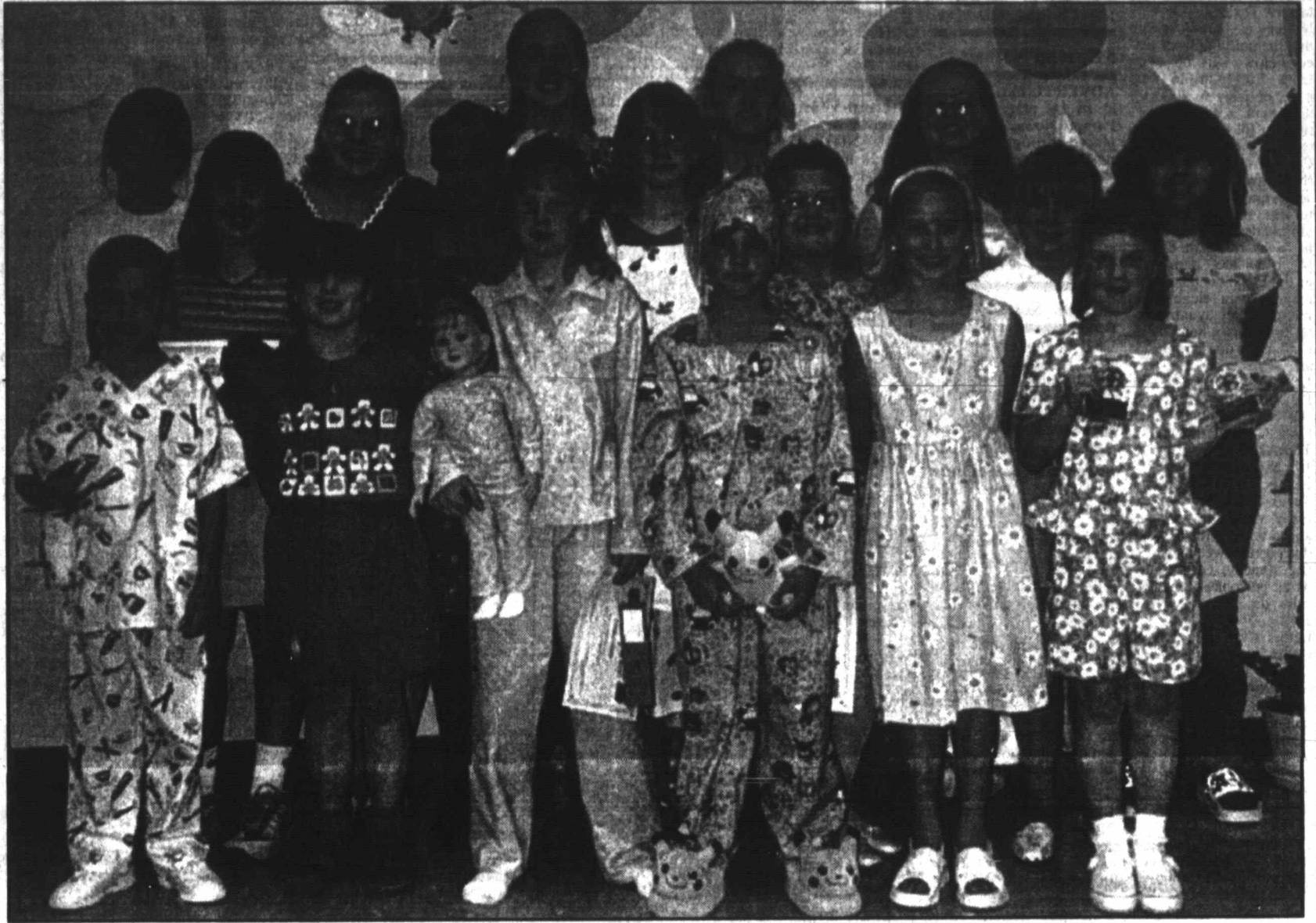
It is not yet known what premi-

ums would be under the GOP plan. Sperling predicted drug benefits provided by private insurers — a cornerstone of the GOP plan —

would probably end up being too expensive for many Medicare beneficiaries. The coverage would work much like drug benefits

under private supplemental policies such as Medigap, which charge high premiums that increase as policy holders age, he said.

Gray County 4-H Fashion Show



(Community Camera photo by Judy Elliott)

Participating in the Gray County 4-H Fashion recently were (back row, left-right) Jonelle Tinney, Kendra Strickland, Joy Hart, Lori Stephens, Sarah Schwab, Alexandra Long, (middle, l-r) Amanda Lawrence, Rachael Stubbs, Lindsay Duckworth, Jessica Baggerman, Megan Pettit, (front, l-r) Gabriel Miller, Rebecka Lawrence, Ashley Price, Erica Schepp, Emily Jackson and Misty Pairsh.

Quail Appreciation Day in offing

CANYON — The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Deaf Smith, Oldham, Randall and Potter Counties are hosting a Quail Appreciation Day Thursday April 27 at the Old Northwest Bank Building, 1401 4th Ave., in Canyon. The program will begin with registration at 8:45 a.m.

Ken Cearley, with the Extension Wildlife Department, will discuss "Getting to Know Your Quail." The afternoon sessions will be in the field at the Palo Duro Club with topics that include quail management to be presented by Joe Stephenson. Dr. Rollins and Cearley with further discuss quail habitat. Jodie Stockett with Dow AgroSciences will discuss "Brush Management."

Pre-registration will be \$5 and \$10 at the door. A catered lunch will be provided courtesy of High Plains Game Birds. Pre-registration is due Monday, April 24 at Potter County Extension Office.

For further information contact Jim Allison, CEA Potter County, at (806) 372-3829, Robert Devin, CEA Randall County, at (806) 655-6325, Jimmie Walker, CEA Oldham, at (806) 267-2692 or Dennis Newton, CEA Deaf Smith County, at (806) 364-3573.

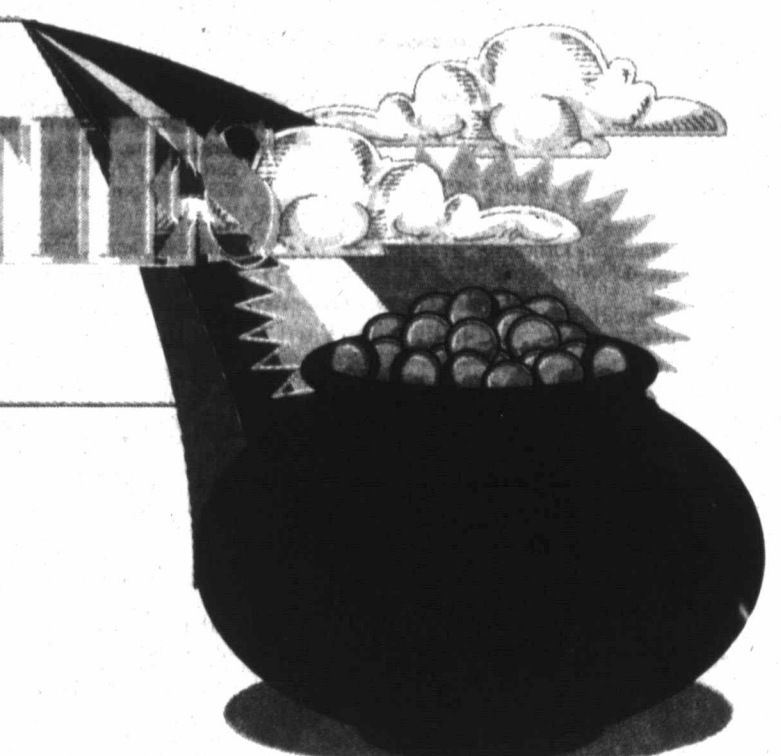
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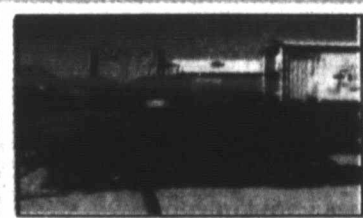
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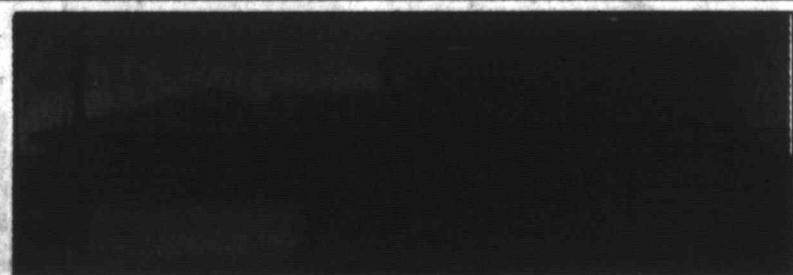
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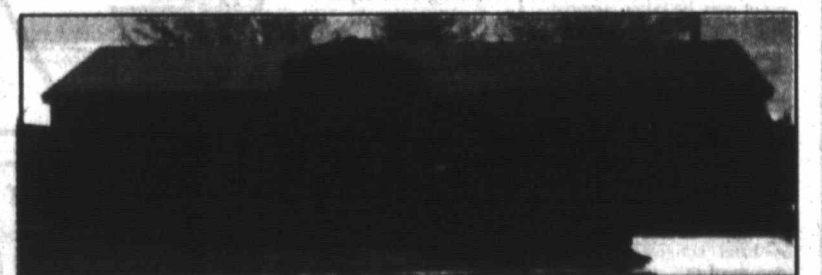
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