

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

LAW, Ruth Eugene "Jean" — 10 a.m., Balko Apostolic Faith Church, Balko, Okla.

Obituaries

ALBERTA M. HUFFHINES

Alberta M. Huffhines, 91, a longtime Pampa resident, died Sunday, March 11, 2001, at Glendora, Calif. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mrs. Huffhines was born Feb. 1, 1910, at Havana, Kan. She married Oliver Q. Huffhines on Nov. 6, 1926; he died Oct. 3, 1971. She had been a Pampa resident since 1944, moving from California, and had worked in the kitchen of Highland General Hospital of Pampa. She returned to California in March of 1998. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include a daughter, Doris Scott of Covina, Calif.; two sons, Oliver Huffhines and Everett T. Huffhines, both of Pampa; nine grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Church of the Nazarene, 510 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065.

RUTH EUGENE LAW

BALKO, Okla. — Ruth Eugene "Jean" Law, 80, died Tuesday, March 13, 2001, in Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Balko Apostolic Faith Church with Edwin Waterbury officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery under the direction of Clark Funeral Service of Beaver, Okla.

Mrs. Law was a lifetime Beaver County resident and belonged to Balko Apostolic Faith Church for 60 years.

Survivors include two sons, Herman Law of Pampa and James Law of Balko; a daughter, Twanda Jane Miller of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.74	
Milo	3.26	
Corn	3.62	
Soybeans	3.59	

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion.

Occidental	24.30	dn 0.05
Fidelity Magelln	105.09	
Puritan	18.10	

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

BP Amoco	49.80	up 0.40
Celanese	17.63	dn 0.46
Cabot O&G	29.76	up 0.35
Chevron	87.94	dn 1.59
Coca Cola	47.22	dn 0.45

Columbia/HCA	36.18	dn 0.12
Enron	64.40	up 1.65
Halliburton	40.40	dn 0.46
KMI	54.00	up 0.09
Kerr McGee	67.68	dn 0.38
Limited	16.15	up 0.05
McDonald's	26.80	dn 0.75
Exxon Mobil	82.51	dn 0.13
New Atmos.	23.52	up 0.12
XCEL	28.00	up 0.46
NOI	37.60	dn 0.75
OKE	42.41	up 1.46
Pemco	17.00	up 0.05
Phillips	54.40	dn 0.30
Pioneer Nat.	17.27	dn 0.08
SLB	64.51	dn 0.59
Tenneco	33.15	up 0.08
Texaco	66.12	dn 1.98
Ultramar	37.00	up 0.60
Wal Mart	48.49	up 1.29
Williams	42.18	up 0.38

New York Gold	263.15	
Silver	4.46	
West Texas Crude	26.96	

Police report

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

Wednesday, March 14

David Jackson, 35, no address listed, was arrested in the 800 block of South Barnes on Texas Department of Public Safety warrants for speeding and not wearing a seat belt.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Theft under \$50 was reported in the 700 block of North Roberta. A fake video camera valued at \$3 was reported stolen.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of East Foster. Items valued at \$200 were taken from a 1991 Dodge.

Thursday, March 15

Police were called to Pampa Regional Medical Center to take a report of an assault in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

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Sheriff's Office

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

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Kevin Todd Howe, 31, Lefors, was arrested for violating probation.

Aquilla Lyan Duck, 26, McLean, was arrested for violating probation.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, March 14

9:19 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

1:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

4:11 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Evergreen; no transport.

Thursday, March 15

12:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of East 26th and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

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

Wednesday, March 14

1:17 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

3:54 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a hazardous material spill, a small amount of oil on the dirt in the alley, in the 800 block of West Foster.

Thursday, March 15

12:45 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 100 block of East 26th.

Gray Co. court report

January court report
Criminal trespass was dismissed against Randall Leighton Williams due to insufficient evidence.

Theft o/\$50-u/\$500 was dismissed against Joseph Michael Engel due to complaining witness requested dismissal.

Lucal Shane Turner was found guilty of theft o/\$50-u/\$500. The fine was \$500, 40 days in jail and court costs.

Theft of property by check was dismissed against Carla Pursley, Becky Scoggin and Dustin Jefferis because court costs and restitution have been made.

Evading arrest was dismissed against Bobby Ladell Dorsey, Sr., due to him being convicted in another case.

Johnny Ray Wildcat was found guilty of DWI. The fine was \$800, 45 days in jail, 2 years probation, court costs and 30 hours community service.

Theft o/\$50-u/\$500 was dismissed against Justin Lehman because restitution has been paid.

Bobby Clayton was found guilty of theft of property by check. The fine was \$400, 30 days in jail, 1 year probation, court costs and 30 hours community service.

Gabriel N. Hernandez was found guilty of DWI. The fine was \$1,200, 60 days in jail, 2 years probation, court costs and 80 hours community service.

Marcy Dawn Miller pled no contest to possession of marijuana. The fine was \$1,200, 90 days in jail, court costs and 90 hours community service.

Sandra Kay Ford pled no contest to possession of marijuana u/2 oz. The fine was \$1,000, 45 days in jail, 1 year probation, court costs, restitution and 40 hours community service.

Gary Schulyer Wyatt was found guilty of DWI-2nd offense. The fine was \$2,000, 100 days in jail, 2 years probation, court costs and 80 hours community service.

Donald Wayne Perry was found guilty of assault causing bodily injury. The fine was \$1,200, 90 days in jail, 1 year probation, court costs and 40 hours community service.

Jean Berlyn Janzen was found guilty of DWI. The fine was \$900, 45 days in jail, 2 years probation, court costs and 85 hours community service.

David Ray Mitchell was found guilty of speeding. His fine was \$150 and court costs.

Resisting arrest, search or transport was dismissed against Emmit Ray Calfy, Jr., due to insufficient evidence.

Texas round up

Authorities to announce results of forensic tests on remains

AUSTIN (AP) — Led to a shallow grave in the Texas Hill Country, federal investigators pulled from the ground human remains they believed to be missing atheist activist Madalyn Murray O'Hair and two of her family members.

After two trials and a plea bargain from a third suspect, investigators believed they had solved the 1995 disappearance of O'Hair, her son Jon Garth Murray and her adopted daughter and granddaughter, Robin Murray O'Hair.

The bodies were partially dismembered and no cause of death could immediately be determined.

Seven weeks later, authorities have scheduled a Thursday news conference to release the results of forensic tests on the remains.

The O'Hair family disappeared from San Antonio in 1995 along with \$600,000 in gold coins.

Prosecutor: Mother injured toddler with father-in-law's insulin

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman charged with injecting her healthy toddler with insulin allegedly got the drug from her diabetic father-in-law, prosecutors said Wednesday during the woman's initial court.

Kimberly Sue Austin, 33, allegedly has a history of child abuse caused by Munchausen's Syndrome by proxy, a disorder that causes a parent to harm a child to gain sympathy and attention.

Free on bond after her Sunday arrest, Austin was given two weeks to decide whether she wanted to hire a lawyer or have one appointed.

Her arrest came 11 months after her son Noah Daniel, now 2, was hospitalized in a comatose state with extremely low levels of glucose.

Doctors determined the amount of insulin in his system could not have occurred naturally. Noah survived but his brain was damaged by the dosage.

Senator, comptroller to urge reforms for transportation department

AUSTIN (AP) — The hard feelings still lingering

after a recent dispute between Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander and the Texas Department of Transportation are bound to surface as the Senate Finance Committee reviews proposals to reform the department.

The dispute caused the committee to put the department's budget proposal on hold until members weighed the arguments of both sides. The full transportation budget is expected to be approved at the meeting Thursday.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, who had accused the department of violating state rules that prohibit agencies from lobbying lawmakers, said he would let that issue go for now.

"I'm not after anyone," Lucio said. "I don't want to discredit anyone at this point. I want to get road construction done for Texas."

Friction mounted between Rylander and the department several months ago when she released a performance review blaming the department's poor business practices for much of Texas' traffic congestion problems.

Two kids back with mom after spanking

HOUSTON (AP) — Two children have been reunited with a mother under investigation for spanking one of them after he called 911 for help in loosening a cord from his neck.

"We're not calling it child abuse," said Judy Hay, a spokeswoman for Children's Protective Services. "We're going to be visiting them in the future."

Police said Wednesday it was too early, however, to tell whether the woman was negligent. An investigator first has to listen to a recording of the 911 call.

The 24-year-old woman lives with her 6-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter. Her children and four young cousins were playing Tuesday night, supervised by a 20-year-old physically and mentally handicapped distant relative, Hay said.

"He doesn't have the mental capacity to be babysitting," she said in Thursday's editions of the Houston Chronicle. "He's not a dangerous person, but we didn't feel he was appropriate for watching kids 6 and under."

People in the news ...

NEW YORK (AP) — Who's that new comedian doing stand-up on David Letterman's "Late Show"? Or, more specifically, that old comedian.

It's Jerry Seinfeld, who next Wednesday will make his first TV appearance doing his stand-up act since his HBO special in August 1998.

Seinfeld has made 41 guest appearances on the Letterman show, most recently singing "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" from "The Sound of Music" with "Seinfeld" pal Julia Louis-Dreyfus.

The rock band Aerosmith will also appear on the show, two days after being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Singer Kenny Rogers has sued his manager of 33 years after firing him two months ago.

Rogers last week filed a lawsuit in Davidson County Circuit Court against Ken Kragen, who also has guided the careers of Trisha Yearwood, Travis Tritt, Lionel Richie, Olivia Newton-John, Burt Reynolds and the Smothers Brothers, among others.

The suit claims Kragen had been disloyal and lured away new teen trio 3 of Hearts from Rogers' Dreamcatcher Management Co. to Kragen's own management company. That group is scheduled to release its first album on RCA Records this summer.

Rogers charges Kragen tried unsuccessfully to steal country acts Diamond Rio and Sara Evans from Dreamcatcher.

The 62-year-old singer fired Kragen on Jan. 22 as his personal manager and as president of Dreamcatcher Management.

A phone call Wednesday to Kragen's Los Angeles office was not returned.

Kragen attorney Stanton Stein told The Tennessean newspaper that Rogers owes Kragen 50 percent of the management company's profits from record sales, concert tours, personal appearances and other items, as well as damages for interfering with other Kragen clients.

Rogers' lawsuit seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages, as well as "any and all profits Kragen received through his wrongful conduct," and an injunction to prevent Kragen from benefiting from "his breach of the duty of loyalty he owed" to Dreamcatcher.

The two men never had a written contract, according to the lawsuit, but had agreed Kragen would be paid a commission as long as he provided services, but not afterward.

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — The widow of Dr. Benjamin Spock plans to scatter some of his ashes off the Santa Cruz coast in a ceremony involving leis, surfers and an outrigger canoe.

Mary Morgan plans to ride in the canoe, circled by surfers off Cowell Beach, in scattering the author's ashes Thursday.

Although Spock, author of "Baby and Child Care," had no real connection to the coastal town, Morgan, 58, lives there part time.

Spock died three years ago at age 94, after suffering a stroke and battling several bouts of pneumonia. Morgan said this week's ceremony seems more real to her than the one at the time of his death, when she was in shock.

A portion of Spock's ashes remain buried in Maine.

Morgan and Spock met in 1974, when she was 30 and he was 70. They married two years later.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Alexei Sultanov, the youngest pianist ever to win a gold prize at the prestigious Van Cliburn competition, is recovering from several strokes he suffered after a head injury.

It's too early in Sultanov's recovery to know whether he

will be able to play again, Dr. Edward Kramer said Tuesday. Kramer is a close friend of Sultanov and his wife and has been involved in his treatment.

Sultanov, 31, was hospitalized at the Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas in Fort Worth, Kramer said. The pianist fell Feb. 19, striking his forehead in the bathroom of his Fort Worth residence. A week later, he began to have difficulty speaking.

At 19, Sultanov took first place at the 8th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 1989. In 1995, he won top prize at the 13th Frederic Chopin International Competition in Warsaw, Poland.

Sultanov's left side is paralyzed. He has spoken a few words in Russian to his wife as well as a few English words.

"He's made some remarkable gains in the time that he's had to deal with this," Kramer said.

HERSHEY, Pa. (AP) — Peter Yarrow is singing a new tune these days — about ending bullying in school.

Yarrow, 62, of the folk group Peter, Paul & Mary, took his crusade to a conference of Pennsylvania middle school teachers and administrators Tuesday.

He sang an anti-bullying song, "Don't Laugh at Me," written by Allen Shamblin and Steve Seskin. The song includes the lyrics, "Don't laugh at me, don't call me names/Don't get your pleasure from my pain."

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, very windy with northwest to north winds 25 to 35 mph with higher gusts. Winds diminishing this afternoon. Partly sunny with highs 50 to 55.

Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Northwest winds diminishing to 5 to 15 mph. Friday, partly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. North winds 5 to 15 mph. becoming southeast.

STATEWIDE — A break from rain and showers was expected in most parts of Texas on Thursday after strong storms swept through earlier in the week.

In North Texas, windy conditions were expected for most of the day Thursday. Afternoon highs should be in the 60s, forecasters said.

Partly sunny skies and gusty winds were forecast in the Texas Panhandle on Thursday. Winds were predicted to

diminish by nightfall with low temperatures in the 20s. Showers and thunderstorms are expected Friday evening.

Wet weather is expected to return Saturday in most part of the state, including South Central Texas and North Texas.

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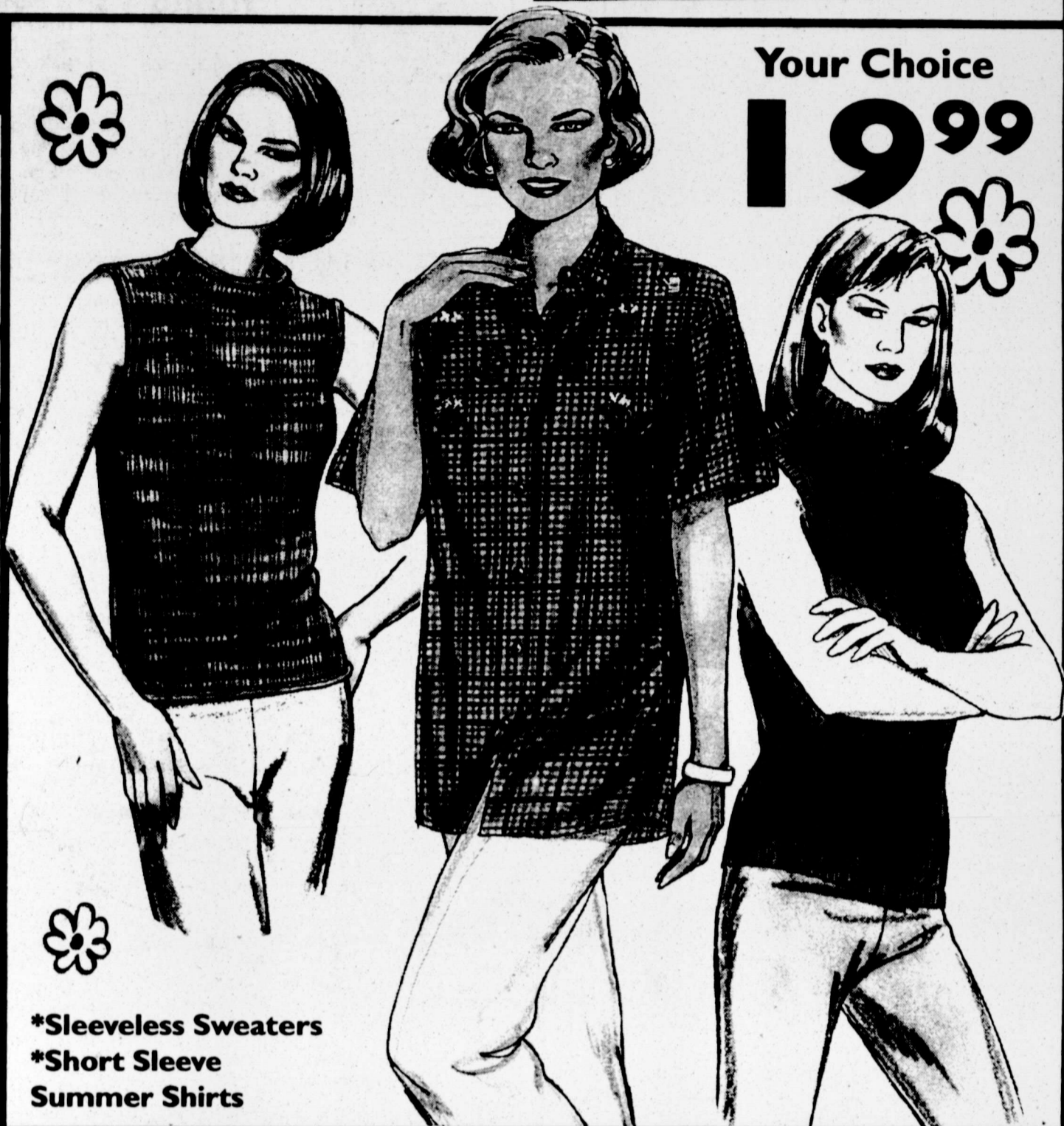


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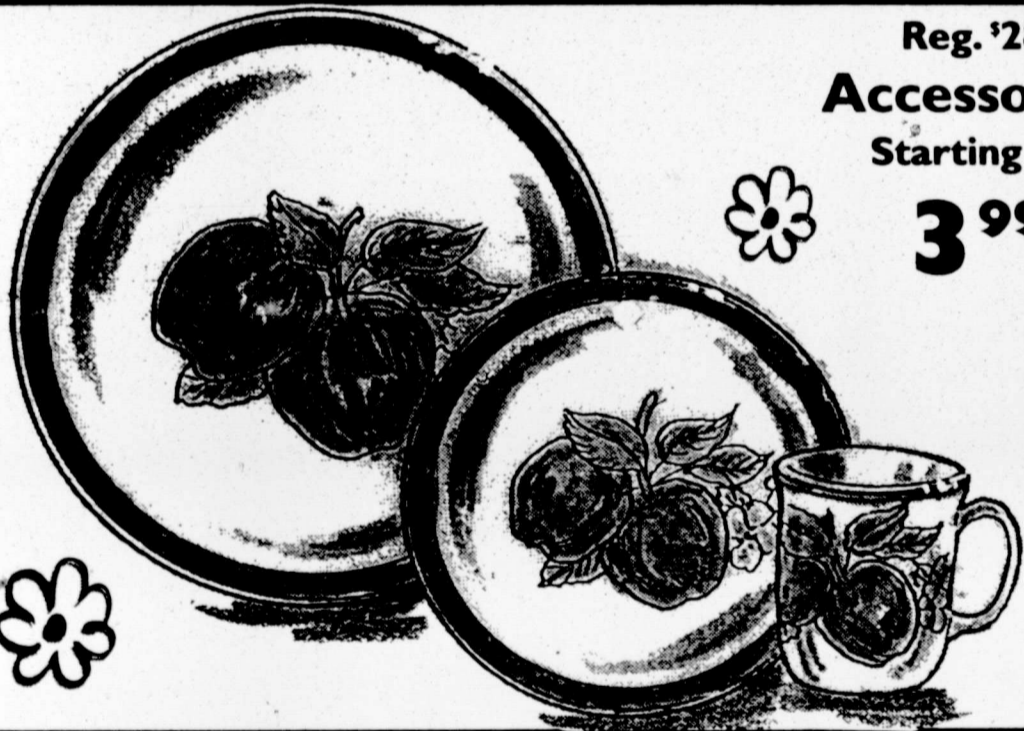
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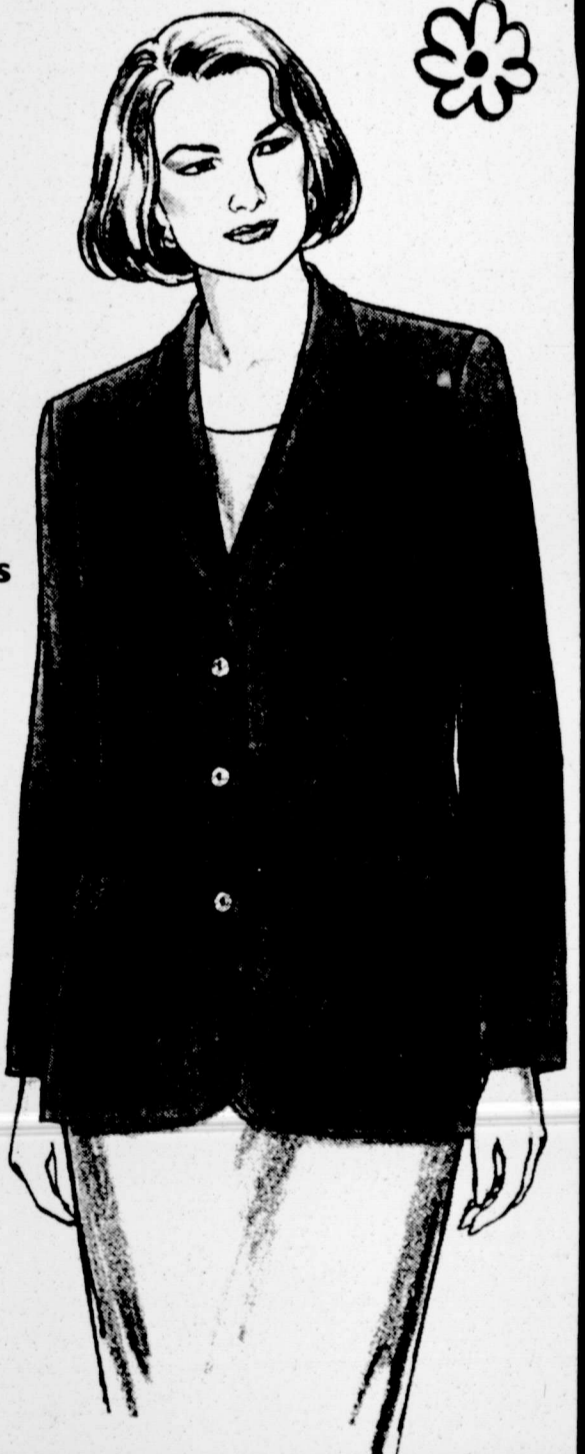


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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: Fort Worth Star-Telegram on let's not extend sales tax holiday: When retailers reduce the cost of an item, they call it a sale.

That price reduction benefits the stores because it helps move merchandise; it helps consumers because they are able to purchase goods at lower costs; and presumably it benefits the economy because it helps keep money in circulation. Two years ago, state legislators passed a measure that did all the above.

The "sales tax holiday" was designed specifically to aid families with school-age children by suspending the sales tax on certain items bought during a three-day period just before the start of the school year.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander liked the idea so much that she wants to expand the holiday to five days.

Many key legislators have rightly turned a cold shoulder to that suggestion.

The state lost \$37 million in revenue last year because of the sales tax holiday. By extending the tax-free buying period to five days, Texas would lose an additional \$6 million in 2001 and perhaps as much as \$20 million in each of the next two years, based on Rylander's projections.

Pressing state needs — ranging from inadequate Medicaid money to underpaid prison guards and public school teachers — coupled with a slowing in economic growth make this a bad time to be considering a cut in sales tax revenues.

Although we do not favor a two-day extension, we are not opposed to a few minor alterations. Lawmakers would be wise to use this opportunity to ensure that certain items now excluded — such as school backpacks — be added to the list of merchandise that would be tax-free during that special three-day holiday.

But it simply is not prudent to extend the tax cut period at this time.

Longview News-Journal on judges' conflict of interest:

Judicial selection remains the number one impediment to the Texas judiciary's ability to deliver fair and equal justice to all and to have full public confidence of our citizens.

Those are the words Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips used last week in his biennial State of the Judiciary address. He spoke to a joint meeting of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee, the House Civil Practices Committee and the House Committee on Judicial Affairs.

Phillips said the current partisan election system "has long outlived its usefulness and now dangerously impedes public respect for the administration of justice."

Texas election system has been criticized because judicial candidates must raise campaign cash from the lawyers and business interests most likely to appear in their courts. That raises questions of conflict of interest.

Even then, Texas voters seem to pay little attention to the judicial elections and in many cases, rely on nothing but party affiliation in deciding their vote, regardless of qualifications or experience of the candidate.

Phillips long has advocated an appointive system with retention elections. He also supports public funding of judicial elections.

Another recommendation by Phillips would require judicial candidates to file petitions signed by a certain number of voters. That would discourage frivolous campaigns for judgeships. This has been a recurring problem in state judicial elections. People with names that are appealing to the public, such as Daniel Boone, Sam Houston Clinton and Gene Kelly, often pay the filing fee to put their names on the ballot. Sometimes they are elected.

Phillips is on target. Lawmakers need to make some serious changes in the way judicial selections are done and remove the appearance of impropriety for Texas' judicial system.

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I don't have all the answers

"Big mean people make little mean people" — I saw that bumper sticker on a car recently, and it certainly caused me some thought. After the shooting at the California High School a few days afterwards, I continued to think about it and shared the message with a couple of co-workers.

It seems as though everyone has a theory as to why there are school shootings and the root cause of the reported instances of violence in the school setting in today's world.

I don't have all the answers. If I did, I'd market it and be rich. It does seem to me the adults of this world have really fallen down on the job of providing decent examples for children. There are many reasons, and some are valid. The biggest reason, in my opinion, is that too many people out there who are parents don't know how to parent. Many are parenting the same way their parents did, and the cycle just continues.

Whether they are rich or poor, educated or not, they just don't have any business having children.

There is nothing that disturbs me more than to hear parents constantly yelling at these children, especially small ones and in public. Those children grow up to yell at their children.

Then there are those who see absolutely nothing that goes on with their children and allow them to run wild as small children, and then they are totally out of control by the time they are 12 years old. When they have children, they do the same. These children are learning little, if any, self-discipline, values or limitations. How



Nancy Young
Managing editor

could it be? They never learned it.

I've listened to all the reasons - lack of education, poverty, illiteracy, violence on television, children from one parent homes, and on and on and on. Many times these are excuses, not reasons.

A few months ago a young teacher was telling me a story about a student she had in her special education class at the first of the school year. The child was in the second grade, but could not begin to do the work. The child had been in nine different schools during the second semester alone of his first grade year.

When the teacher sent notes home to the mother, she had to use very basic elementary words and phrases because the mother had only gone to the fourth grade. At times, the "parents" kept the child out of school weeks at a time. This past fall the child had missed a month of school when the parents sent him back to class. The teacher sent a note home, explaining how much the child had missed in his education and asked for a conference with the mother. The following morning the mother went to the school and withdrew the child from school, saying that she was going to "home school" the child. She didn't like the

"interference" from the teacher! The teacher has never seen the child in school again.

A friend of mine related the other day something her mother, who is a teacher, said recently. Her mother said she had gone to college and obtained her teaching certificate to teach children, not raise them. Schools and teachers are being expected to take over the responsibility of providing many functions parents should be doing.

It seems to me there's too much blaming going on. No one seems to want to take responsibility for anything that goes wrong. It's always someone else's fault with some people. And lack of respect. What happened to respect? Self-respect as well as for other people. What happened to plain old fear of having to take consequences of your actions?

It's no wonder when you have a U.S. President in the White House for eight years who won't take responsibility for his actions that you have so many messed up adults and children. Adults are examples - some are good, some are bad. The President of our country is a leading example - good or bad.

Children are learning what they live in this world. And they will pass it on to their children. Where will it lead? It's up to us.

It seems it could start with people returning to reference children as children and not as "the kid," "my kid" or other similar phrases. A kid is a goat. Respect our children by referring to them as children.

Yes, big mean people make little mean people. But big nice people make little nice people. Let's all take a little more responsibility for the children of the world and try it.

Dilulio's difficult task just beginning

Light streamed into the high-ceilinged offices on a surprisingly bright late February afternoon. One month into a new administration, President Bush's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives opened for business next door to the White House, and its staffers were padding around on clean carpets with new badges on chains around their necks.

The badge photos captured the deer-in-the-headlight look of driver's license art. That was appropriate, since office head John Dilulio and his fellow bucks sensed that vehicles from many directions were intent on running them down. Pundits on the left were pressing Uncle Sam-I-am: Will you fund green eggs and ham? Is all this faith-based stuff a sham? Will some church get a new computer? Will that be OK with David Souter?

The left's play-it-both-ways argument was clever: Churches are so strong that they'll take over government, and so weak that government will take over them. Then The New York Times front-paged a new dimension with a scare story about Scientologists possibly tapping federal funds. Pat Robertson jumped at that bait: What if cultists want a grant? Should my taxes fund their rant?

Nonstop flak-catching has its hazards. Dilulio, planning to hop a plane to give a speech in Florida, saw that when the spirit is willing the flesh may still be weak: A 103.5 degree fever made him forego his travel south. But the next day, he was back at work and trying to head off more criticism from the right by emphasizing his immediate priorities and his



Marvin Olasky
Syndicated columnist

long-term emphasis on objective criteria rather than discretionary grant-making.

The goal over the next half-year, he emphasized, is to audit federal agencies to find out which rules and practices hinder faith-based groups. Sub-offices in five Cabinet departments have 180 days to identify existing barriers. Regulatory reform has priority over grant-making, and that is as it should be: The Clinton administration policy of stopping food deliveries and yanking back grants to evangelical homeless shelters needs rapid reversal.

Tax code changes are also part of the Bush plan, which includes expanded deductions for charitable contributions and incentives to create state-income-tax charity-tax credits, as well. That's a great approach, one that could be expanded to include federal income tax credits for poverty-fighting. That way, theists will not be compelled to support Scientology and non-Christians will not be compelled to support Christian efforts. I much prefer individual taxpayers rather than government officials deciding where social services money should go.

Later this year, attention will turn to some

modest grant-making, and that's when the pressure from those puckering up to power will become intense. Dilulio, who knows statistics the way Pedro Martinez knows pitching, preaches the gospel of performance-based grants, with scientifically valid pre-testing and post-testing of the clients of recipient groups, comparisons to control groups and all that jazz. Whether and how often groups pray or preach is their business; Dilulio's business is management by testable result.

Of course, the goals of a Christian anti-poverty program are likely to be broader than governmental goals. For the government, success is the single mother getting off welfare or the ex-convict not committing more crimes, no matter how miserable the newly freed remain. By comparison, the Christian goal is holistic: socioeconomic improvement, yes, but that is likely to last only when the ex-con is convicted by Christ and the mother develops a relationship with the Heavenly Father.

The Dilulio approach could work, if discretionary grants are strictly based on measuring objective, common-denominator outcomes, and if they are restricted in ways — no overhead, for example — that minimize the possibility of organizational capture. All those are big ifs, and the historical record suggests that it's as difficult to get a government grant-making program right as it is for a camel to fit through the eye of a needle. But Dilulio is a big man, and I and many others are praying that he can keep the faith-based initiative from getting stuck.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 15, the 74th day of 2001. There are 291 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 15, 1919, the American Legion was founded in Paris.

On this date:

In 44 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles including Brutus and Cassius.

In 1493, Christopher Columbus returned to Spain, concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1767, the seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, was born in Waxhaw, S.C.

In 1875, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, John McCloskey, was named the first American cardinal by Pope Pius IX.

In 1913, President Woodrow Wilson held the first open presidential news conference.

In 1956, the Lerner and Loewe musical "My Fair Lady" opened on Broadway.

In 1964, actress Elizabeth Taylor married actor Richard Burton in Montreal. It was her

fifth marriage and his second.

In 1965, addressing a joint session of Congress, President Lyndon B. Johnson called for new legislation to guarantee every American's right to vote.

In 1975, Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis died near Paris at age 69.

Ten years ago: An indictment was unsealed in Los Angeles, charging four police officers with beating black motorist Rodney King. Soviet pole vaulter Sergei Bubka cleared a record 20 feet during an international meet in San Sebastian, Spain.

Five years ago: The Liggett Group agreed to repay more than \$10 million in Medicaid bills for treatment of smokers, settling lawsuits with five states.

One year ago: Their presidential nominations secured, Al Gore and George W. Bush dug in for the eight-month battle to Election Day, with Bush saying he was braced for Gore's "politics of personal destruction and distortions," and Gore arguing that Bush's "risky tax scheme" would hurt the economy. TV funnyman Durward Kirby died in Fort Myers, Fla., at age 88.

Stock-car racing is a Southern thing

OK, I confess. I had a huge belly laugh when so many people discovered that stock-car racing is dangerous.

No kidding. Have we gotten so detached from reality that people thought that 30 or 40 guys driving around a track at 180 mph was actually a risk-free sport? Good grief, Charlie Brown.

Stock-car racing is dangerous. Sports-car racing is dangerous. Speedboat racing is dangerous. Around-the-world yacht racing is dangerous. Driving around the city and on the highways is dangerous. For that matter, living a completely sedentary life is dangerous.

One thing is for sure: Nobody but astronauts gets off this planet alive. At least the NASCAR drivers are professionals and superb athletes. If you doubt that, you try driving a car 180 mph on a crowded track in often-blistering heat for hours at a time. It's the amateur motorists who kill themselves by the thousands year in and year out. These NASCAR drivers can thread a needle with a car, but even the best sometimes run out of luck.

I don't know why the press went crazy over the death of Dale Earnhardt. Most likely he got killed on a slow news day. He was not the first, and he won't be the last, though inevitably some liberals started talking about making racing a risk-free sport.

Can't be done. Driving and flying share one thing in common: It isn't the driving and flying that kills you, it's the sudden stop. Few bodies will



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ever survive instant deceleration from 180 mph to zero.

A lot of the snide remarks about stock-car racing, of course, are just another example of Northern prejudice against Southerners and all things Southern. Many Yankees still think that we Southerners are a bunch of low-life, beer-drinking yahoos. Fortunately, it is so wonderful to be a Southerner that we simply don't care what other folks in more disadvantaged parts of the country think.

Still, stock-car fans would win a ladies-and-gentlemen contest hands down against boxing fans. Northerners seem to think that boxing is a legitimate sport. In fact, it isn't even honest. The only professional gambler I ever knew flatly refused to bet on any boxing match.

Southerners just admire fine-tuned cars and great drivers. I don't know how it was that

Southerners came to love cars so much, but it's a fact.

Years ago, I rented a garage apartment to a young man and his wife from Alabama. One Sunday, I heard an awful banging coming from the back yard and walked out to see what it was. There was my tenant on his back, knocking a dent out of the fender of my wife's Falcon. He came out from under the car with a sheepish look on his face.

"I sure hope you don't mind, but I just can't stand to see a dent in a car. I just can't stand it," he said. "Considering my wife's skill in acquiring dents in any car she drove, I certainly didn't mind. I told him that it would probably be better for me to buy a cover for my wife's car or else all his weekends would be consumed in taking the dents out of it."

My dad loved cars and driving. His idea of recreation was to "go for a ride." He drove fast. I can remember him out-running the state troopers. He could also do the bootlegger's turn, and he knew how to hit another car and turn it over without damaging his car.

I'm sorry he didn't live to see the interstates completed. Because he habitually drove 80 to 90 mph on two-lane roads, I'm sure he would have zipped along the interstates at 120 mph. To sum up, stock-car racing is a Southern thing. We love it. We don't care if you don't. Watch what you like with our blessings.

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"I am not out to punish anyone," Bivins responded. Bivins said the bill is meant to save lives. In 1998, more than 320 Texans between 15 and 18 died in automobile crashes and another 40,324 were injured, he said. Single vehicle collisions represent nearly half of fatal crashes involving 16- and 17-

year-old drivers, he said. Under the bill, the teen drivers could be alone in the car between 5 a.m. and midnight. Everyone in the vehicle must be wearing a seat belt at all times, including in the back seat. Violations would result in a \$500 fine for the first offense. A second offense would cause the loss of the license for 90 days. The teen-age driving bill is SB577

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plan Nov. 1, 2000, to allow county residents to obtain flood insurance if the residents desire to do so. Lenders must require borrowers whose property is located in a designated flood hazard area to purchase flood insurance as a condition of receiving a federally backed mortgage loan in accordance with the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973. The National Flood Insurance Program was

established by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. In 1979, the Federal Emergency Management Agency was established as a single point of contact within the federal government for emergency management activities. The NFIP, implemented through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is a self-supporting program, requiring no taxpayer support to pay claims and operating expenses. There are over four million flood insurance policies in the more than 19,000 participating communities nationwide.

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RIDE

Butler was thrown and landed on his head, breaking his neck where the back joins the neck, and making him a quadriplegic. He has some use of his right arm, but cannot use his hands. After a lengthy hospital and rehabilitation stay, he was sent home and told to learn to live with it, it's not going to get any better. Kim sings with a group called Jesus First, and when singing at a church in Borger, a woman in the church told them about a Dr. Carl Kao in Washington, D.C., who performs an innovative back surgery that he developed in 1980. In the surgery, Dr. Kao takes nerves from the leg and grafts them to the injured area of the spine. The area is then allowed to heal and the nerves regenerate. Dr. Kao has examined Butler's medical records and found him a suitable candidate for the surgery. The surgery will be performed in Ecuador because of medical costs and the fact that the FDA has not approved human research on the treatment in this country. Cost of the surgery and the hospital stay will be in the \$30,000 to \$40,000 range.

A trail ride is scheduled on March 17, (storm date March 24) in Lipscomb, Texas, to help Butler's cause. The ride starts at 9 a.m. and requires a \$25 donation to The Kelley Butler Fund. Riders will gather near the show barn and arena. Some people are coming on Friday night and plan to camp out. The money will go into a fund that was started by the Darrouzett and Follett Lions club to help Butler get his chance. Wayne Paul has donated a pair of custom-made sterling silver double mounted spurs to be raffled at the ride. Tickets will be available for \$10 each on the day of the ride until 1 p.m. when the drawing will be held (before the afternoon loop leaves the arena). You need not be present to win. Tickets are also available at The Follett National Bank and the First National Bank in Higgins or by mail from Kathryn Paul, Silver Pump Ranch, HCR Box 25, Lipscomb, Texas 79056. Contact Kathryn at (806) 862-4573 for drawing tickets or more information on the ride. If you cannot attend the ride, and wish to donate to Butler's cause, donations can be sent to the Kelley Butler Fund, % Follett National Bank, PO Box 8, Follett, Texas 79034.

Two children back with mom after spanking; call to 911

HOUSTON (AP) — Two children have been reunited with a mother under investigation for spanking one of them after he called 911 for help in loosening a cord from his neck. "We're not calling it child abuse," said Judy Hay, a spokeswoman for Children's Protective Services. "We're going to be visiting them in the future." Police said Wednesday it was too early, however, to tell whether the woman was negligent. An investigator first has to listen to a recording of the 911 call. The 24-year-old woman lives with her 6-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter. Her children and four young cousins were playing Tuesday night, supervised by a 20-year-old physically

and mentally handicapped distant relative, Hay said. "He doesn't have the mental capacity to be baby-sitting," she said in Thursday's editions of the Houston Chronicle. "He's not a dangerous person, but we didn't feel he was appropriate for watching kids 6 and under." As the children pretended to be animals, the boy apparently tied a cord from a pair of sweat pants around his neck — to simulate a leash. He couldn't remove the cord, so he called 911 for help, Hay said. Houston Fire Department paramedics removed it. The boy's mother arrived as paramedics were preparing to leave, and the boy later told them he had been spanked for

calling 911. "He told them, 'I got spanked for calling you,'" Hay said. The paramedics reported the incident to Houston police and took him to Children's Medical Center for an examination. The other children, who were taken into custody by CPS officials, have also been returned to their families. "This was a very bad choice of baby sitters," Hay said.

Dyslexia particularly difficult for English-speakers, study say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some people in all cultures may have dyslexia, but the reading disorder is particularly tough for English-speaking children because of the complexity of their native language. Studies have shown that the rate of identified dyslexics in Italy is about half the rate found in England, and a new study in the journal Science suggests the difference may be in the language of the two countries. The researchers conducted brain scan studies of dyslexics among university students in England, France and Italy and found that the neurological markers for dyslexia were about the same. "Although Italian dyslexics read more accurately than French or English dyslexics, they showed the same degree of impairment" on imaging studies designed to ferret out reading impairment, the study found. The difference, the authors found, was in the language that the students learned as children. Dyslexia is a disorder that makes it difficult for a learning reader to connect verbal sounds with the letters or symbols that "spell" that sound. Such connections are essential to learn to read. For that reason, the researchers said, learning to read is much more difficult for English-speaking children than for Italian speakers. English has 40 sounds, but there are more than 1,100 different ways to spell those sounds.

For instance, the words "mint" and "pint" differ by only one letter, but the pronunciation in English is completely different. In Italian, there are 25 sounds and they are all represented by just 33 letters or spellings. Thus, when Italian dyslexics learn to read, they struggle with fewer variables.

Woman who gave birth in coma going home to healthy infant

DALLAS (AP) — When Shannon Kranzberg came out of a two-month long coma induced by a car accident, her one-week-old daughter — who was born during the coma — was there to greet her. There was a time when Michael Kranzberg thought his daughter, Alexis, would never be born and his wife might never regain consciousness. But, the 18-year-old Garland woman gave birth to the healthy baby girl while comatose, after a Staph infection apparently triggered labor. Shannon Kranzberg plans to go home Thursday from the Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation so she can join 2-month-old Alexis, who went home from Methodist Medical Center shortly after she was born Jan. 14. "I just woke up and the baby was there," Shannon Kranzberg said in Thursday's editions of The Dallas Morning News. It took 10 hours of labor for Kranzberg, who had miscarried twice, to give birth to Alexis. Because

the baby was about two months premature, she weighed only 4 pounds, 12 ounces. Doctors say that although it's rare for a woman in a coma to give birth, natural delivery is even rarer. Though mom and daughter came through the high-risk delivery fine, dad fainted in the delivery room. "She's my hero," Michael Kranzberg said of his wife. "She's just awesome." Shannon Kranzberg will continue treatment on an outpatient basis as she continues to gain strength, her doctor, Mary Carlisle said. For now, Shannon Kranzberg still has some weakness on her left side that makes it hard to hold Alexis. Michael Kranzberg hopes their story will inspire others. "I just want to say to people who are in our position that you've just got to keep the faith," he said. "You can't get beat down."

Census: Men still outnumber women in higher-income jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although nearly as many women as men have college degrees, men still far outnumber women in higher-income jobs, new Census Bureau estimates show. Thirteen percent of full-time, year-round working men age 15 and older — 7.5 million workers — earned more than \$75,000 a year, compared with 4 percent of women — or 1.5 million — in the same category, according to census figures being released Thursday. The data in Thursday's report were not from the 2000 census, but from a separate annual survey taken last March. A gap also existed among those earning \$50,000 to \$74,999 a year — nearly 19 percent of men, compared with 9 percent of women. Even though educational attainment is comparable, the figures show that women "have a long way to go before income equality happens," said Kirsten Ross, founder of Womans-Work, LLC, which helps women find alternative arrangement to balance job responsibilities with family. About 24 percent of women age 25 and over — or

21.6 million women — had at least a bachelor's degree, compared with 28 percent of men, or 23.3 million. The percentage of women and men with at least a high school diploma was equal — 84 percent. While there have been some improvements, male-dominated corporate hierarchies must still be more flexible with women — especially those in executive and managerial roles — who leave to have a baby, and then return, Ross said. "As women in general begin to look for life balance, there are still misguided stereotypes that if you want life balance you can't have it," she said. Other findings in the report: —Overall, women outnumber men, 51 percent to 49 percent. —14 percent of employed women age 16 and over were in executive or managerial positions, while the largest proportion were in administrative support positions — 24 percent. On the Net: Womans Work: <http://www.womans-work.com/> Census Bureau: <http://www.census.gov/>

Inspectors scrutinize travelers; U.S. fights livestock disease

CHANTILLY, Va. (AP) — The Agriculture Department has increased its scrutiny of travelers arriving from Britain and other European points to keep out foot-and-mouth disease, which was eradicated from the United States in 1929. In addition to disinfecting the shoes of passengers who have been on European farms, the department also is devoting more of its inspectors and food-sniffing dogs to checking luggage from incoming

European flights for contraband meat products. Foot-and-mouth disease, which spread this week from Britain to France, is harmless to humans but could be devastating to the huge U.S. livestock industry. Unchecked, an epidemic would cause billions of dollars in damage, federal officials say.

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Husband Happy in Farmhouse Couldn't Move to Townhouse

DEAR ABBY: I just finished the letter from "Living Single in Des Moines," the bride of three months who still lives apart from her husband because he refused to get rid of the "filth and clutter" so she could move in.

My husband was also a farmer. I was a city gal. For the first five years of our marriage he lived in the farmhouse, and I lived in town 50 miles away. We finally built a house in a town near him. He had a difficult time deciding to go ahead with the construction. During the construction, he wanted to quit and leave the house unfinished. My college-age son and I completed the inside of the house.

My husband delayed moving in as long as possible. He was never happy there and constantly harped on selling it, which we finally did. I moved back to the city. He returned to his old farmhouse, which is filthy and filled with clutter, rodents and bugs. He has a space heater in one room for the entire house and the water is contaminated, but this is where he wants to be.

I spent countless hours trying to clean up the farmhouse, but he didn't like it that way. If I had been smart, I would have gotten an annulment right away as you suggested to the bride, because this type of man does not change. That poor woman is setting herself up for years of heartache.

KNOWS BETTER NOW (ALSO FROM IOWA)

DEAR KNOWS BETTER



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

NOW: When I advised the disillusioned bride to talk to an attorney about an annulment, I thought I might catch some flak from readers. Interestingly, not one of the many people who commented on that letter disagreed with my answer. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Good for you! You told "Living Single" to get an annulment after marrying a man who reneged on his promise to clean up his cluttered, dirty home so they could live together. You are so right. She should run to the nearest lawyer.

I am on my second marriage — now 10 years in duration — to a junkaholic. My first husband encouraged me to take a job in a distant city, but when he saw that the apartment I found was large enough for our family but not for his broken lawn furniture, flat-tired bicycles and rusting tools, he made a U-turn on the next plane home and divorced me.

The man who became my second husband seemed much more intelli-

gent and reasonable (he is much more successful than my first). I thought he'd surely see that the relocations involved in getting promoted in his field would be much more work if we hauled around every piece of paper, every warped record, every broken chair he had in college. I was wrong.

If "Des Moines" finds the clutter jarring now, wait till it has a few years to marinate. A guy who does nothing about the mess now never will. And time ensures it will only get worse.

I probably should get counseling to find out why I keep marrying men who would be happier living in a Dumpster, but I won't. I'm too tired to remarry. I hope that poor woman takes your advice.

BURIED IN WEST PALM BEACH

DEAR BURIED: So do I. While help is available for obsessive-compulsive disorders, the first and most obvious step in resolving a problem is admitting there is one and seeking help. Since living with his bride of three months isn't incentive enough for the man, I see little, if any, happiness ahead for her with him.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2001

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)

***** Surprises and excitement start your day, but the need to resolve problems could end your day on a down note. The challenge remains to not let the ups and downs get to you and for you to remain optimistic. Others need your leadership. You're a role model! Tonight: Invite others to join you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Dealing with someone in your day-to-day life always proves to be a challenge. Why would today be any different? Your abilities to bypass problems and to maintain a high profile bring long-term gains. Acknowledge another's "bright" idea. Tonight: Do something special with your significant other.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Deal with someone carefully and understand more of what is important to him. News spurs actions. You discover that nearly anything is possible if you go with spontaneity and use your intelligence. The combination proves to be a winner. Tonight: Go on an old-fashioned date.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** You might feel like someone dropped responsibilities on you. Your

steadiness encourages this behavior. Learn to say no. Establishing boundaries will actually make both of you happier. Carefully review a situation that involves joint finances. Tonight: Take a nap, then decide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Greet another's enthusiasm and quirkiness with a smile. This person certainly is unique. Deal directly with those in charge. Assuming responsibilities gracefully helps you work out problems with others who need to understand where you come from. Tonight: Find the person you have the most fun with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** If you can bring your work home, do it. You need time away from the office. Others will seek out your opinions. Your feedback opens doors. Hop on the Internet or seek answers from an expert. You will like what comes up. Allow your imagination to speak. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Continue to experiment. Ask questions, and you'll get answers. Your ability to work through contorted situations allows a partner to respect you and want to be with you. Recognize another for his support and caring. Allow your sense of humor to come out. Tonight: Return calls first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Deal with finances head-on. Do not sell yourself out. Consider what others say, but stay centered on what is possible. Creativity surges with different thoughts. Security and stability come through this process. Be positive with others. Tonight: Treat another.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You know how to greet surprises and work with them. For that matter, others consider you innovative and creative. When a situation proves to be dull, you know how to give it that extra zip. Return calls and catch up on e-mail. Think in terms of completing the week. Tonight: Just smile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Someone inadvertently tests your limits. If you share more of what is going on with you, another will respond in kind. You find that two minds work better than one. Discussions draw steady, concrete results. Your intuition leads you financially. Tonight: Make a decision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You continue to see what others don't. Listen to feedback from a trusted family member. You can get more of what you want financially. Network and listen to a dear friend's advice. Anything is possible. You gain through a meeting. Tonight: Join friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Others point to you. Run with the moment and work with others. Communicate with others and find out what their impressions are. Get a group decision. You find solutions with ease. Another gives you unusual respect. Tonight: In the limelight.

BORN TODAY

Former president James Madison (1751), entertainer Jerry Lewis (1926), actor Erik Estrada (1949)

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Celebrity heads

5 Ready to swing setting

10 Early president

12 Hag

13 Allowed to accumulate

14 Cares for home

15 Swelled head

16 Gerry and the Pace-makers hit

18 Peaceful

20 Raps Dr —

21 Opposed to fishing aid

23 Fishing aid

24 Allie's pal

26 Actress Nell

28 Badge material

29 Clinton's attorney general

31 Archaic

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36 Red Skelton film

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40 Caterpillar, e.g.

41 "My Fair Lady" heroine

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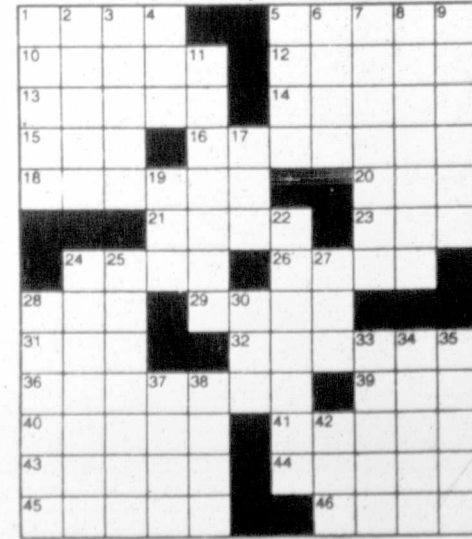
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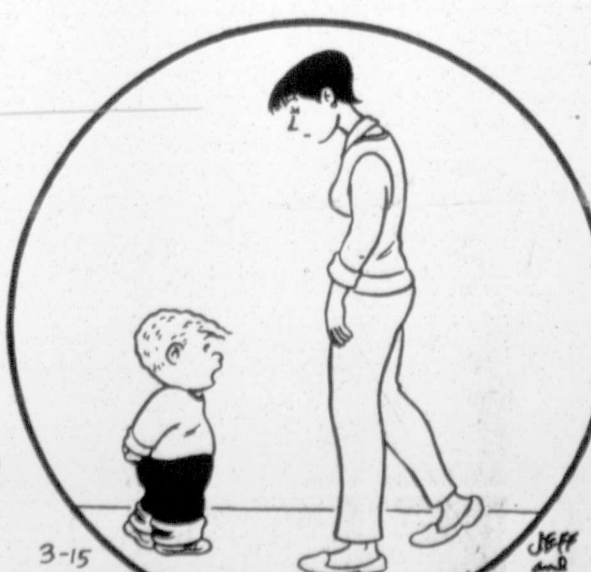
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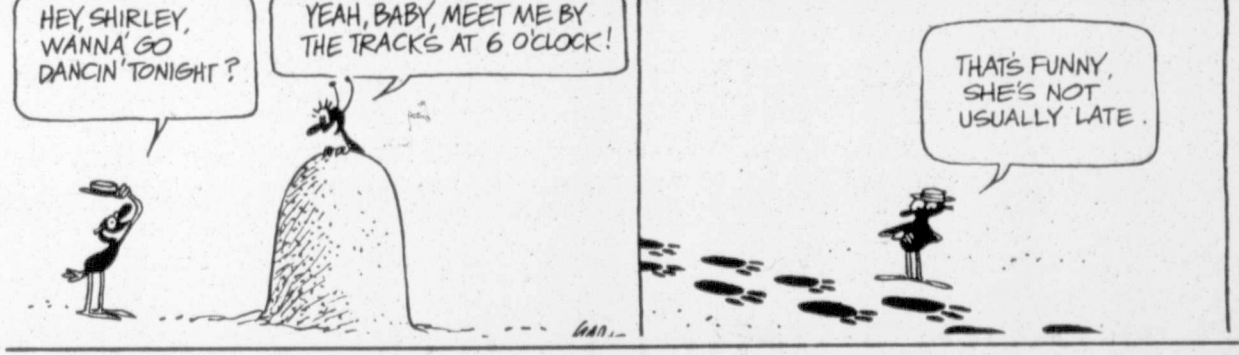
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SPORTS

Four managers return to Babe Ruth League program

PAMPA — Bill Simon, Charlie Miller, Billy Willingham and Larry Craig are four of the returning managers for the 2001 Optimist Babe Ruth Baseball League.

Sign-ups and tryouts are scheduled for March 19-21 at the new Babe Ruth park.

Simon and his wife, Robin, are the owners of Pampa Office Supply. Simon has coached Optimist baseball for 10 years. He has coached Optimist basketball for nine years.

"We all want to have fun and play a little baseball this season. He will manage Foto Time for the fourth year. "Our team went from the cellar to a contender to being the champion in the last three years," Simon explained proudly.

Foto Time was runner-up for the league championship in 1999 and won the championship in 2000.

Simon is a former president of the Pampa Optimist Youth Club. The Simmons have two sons, Alex 16, and Aaron 15.

Assisting Simon will be Jimmy Barker and David Teichmann.

Miller will manage Holmes Sporting Goods for the fourth year. He and his wife, Jeannette, have two sons Evan 17, and Heath 13. He has coached Optimist baseball for 11 years. He has been involved in Boys Scouts attending camp outs and summer camp.

The Miller family attends Calvary Baptist Church.

"I look forward to the season. I'm always ready for it," Miller said. "My kids have always enjoyed talking about games with their friends the next day in school. The more kids involved the more fun we will all have."



(Pampa News photo)

Blake Nusser of the Triangle team takes a big swing at a pitch during Optimist baseball action last year. It's that time to play ball again as sign-ups and tryouts for the Babe Ruth League are scheduled Monday through Wednesday at the new Babe Ruth Park.

Working with Miller will be Scott Lewis and Rick Foster.

"I can't wait to get started," was the reaction of Willingham who is back as manager of the Bank of America team for the second year. Willingham grew up in the Optimist baseball program. He also coached for two years in the 11-12 league. His son, Eric, is 14. Willingham is the manager of J&M Machine, a member of the First Assembly of God Church and serves on the Cable Advisory Board for the City of Pampa.

Larry Lenderman will assist Willingham.

Rounding out the returning managers is Craig, who will manage Cree

Companies, the 1999 Babe Ruth League champion, for the fourth year.

Craig has for 10 years worked at Celanese where he is a training coordinator. He has coached in the Optimist baseball program for nine years, and in the Optimist basketball program for six years. Coaching with Craig will be Ricky Joe Martin.

Managers and coaches for four additional teams are needed. Kevin Davis, the president of the Pampa Optimist Youth Club, has announced that the Optimists will have a 13-year-old Babe Ruth League this year if there is enough interest, and another league for the 14s and 15s.

Big League injuries keep piling up

By The Associated Press

The losses keep piling up for the Boston Red Sox.

Manny Ramirez became Boston's latest big-name player to walk off the field with an injury, leaving Wednesday's game because of a mildly strained left hamstring.

"I don't think it's severe," Red Sox manager Jimmy Williams said in Fort Myers, Fla. "It's good he didn't take a chance out there."

A day earlier, David Cone pulled himself after pitching only one inning because of soreness in his right shoulder.

Red Sox star Nomar Garciaparra has not played this spring with a split tendon in his right wrist. Infielder John Valentin is trying to come back from a ruptured tendon in his left knee, first baseman Jose Offerman is recovering from a

groin strain and third baseman Chris Stynes has a strained left calf.

Boston beat Minnesota 4-3, but still leads the majors with 12 losses this spring.

Ramirez, who signed a \$160 million, eight-year contract with the Red Sox, appeared to pull up while chasing Matt Lawton's deep hit, which fell in for a double, in the third inning.

Ramirez, hitting .143 with homer this spring, came out of the game after talking to center fielder Carl Everett.

"He asked my opinion and I said, 'Take it in,'" Everett said. "To avoid any seriousness I told him to leave the field. There's no sense staying out there with a tweak."

Last year, Ramirez pulled the hamstring with Cleveland and missed 44 games, but this injury is not in the same spot, the Red Sox said.

Atlanta catcher Javy Lopez will miss 3-to-4 weeks after breaking his left ring finger. He hurt himself in a game Tuesday, though the injury was not diagnosed until later in the day.

"What can you do?" Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said. "I'm trying to make him feel better, and he's trying to make me feel better. We cry on each other's shoulder, I guess."

Cox isn't optimistic that Lopez will be ready by opening day.

"That might be pushing it," he said.

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Lubbock wins NAIA opener

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Rick Henderson's 3-pointer with 27 seconds left lifted Lubbock Christian to a 63-62 win Wednesday over St. Xavier in the first round of the NAIA Division I tournament.

Henderson had 23 points on the night, including 18 from behind the 3-point arc. He had 15 points in the second half.

Dee Wilson had 14 for Lubbock Christian (20-9) and James Omondi contributed 12.

Juan Fulgencio led St. Xavier (30-5) with 20 points and Donell Ausley had 16. Nick Mikal contributed 14.

The game was tied at 30 at half-time and was knotted again at 60 with a minute to go.

Keith Hampton's bucket with 45 seconds left put St. Xavier up 62-60 when Henderson got his sixth 3-pointer of the game to give Lubbock Christian the win.

Volunteers needed

FRITCH — G.E. Merrell, president of the Lake Meredith Small Fry Tournament Association, and Win Bishop, vice-president, are seeking volunteers to assist with the annual fishing tournament to be held April 14.

Volunteers will be needed to staff a refreshment stand, assist with check-in of participants, management of the tournament and distribution of prizes.

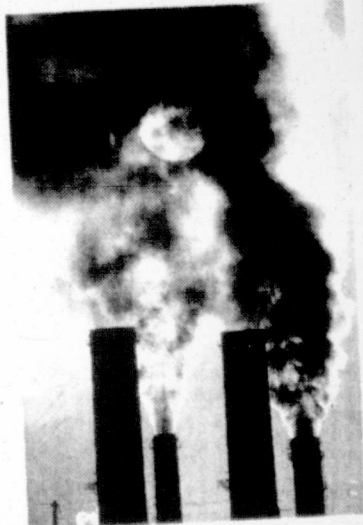
"We have had a tremendous response from area businesses donating money and prizes to the event, now we need people from area communities to donate their time on the day of the event," Merrell said.

A planning meeting will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Lake Meredith National Recreational Area Headquarters at 419 E. Broadway in Fritch.

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Knight to visit Tech

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Before Texas Tech officials decide whether to make an offer to Bob Knight, dozens of faculty members want to make their opinions known.

At least 58 faculty members have added their names to a petition against hiring the fired Indiana coach in advance of his three-day visit to the campus, beginning Thursday afternoon.

Asked about the petition Wednesday night on Bob Costas' "On the Record" show on HBO, Knight said it was the first he'd heard of it.

"I'm not sure I know a single person or have ever met a single person on the Texas Tech faculty," he said. "And I would certainly, if I coached there, reserve judgment about the faculty until I meet them."

A few hours earlier, associate professor of philosophy Walter Schaller turned in the petition at Tech president David Schmidly's office. Schmidly was not in Wednesday.

In the 2,000-plus-word e-mail, Schaller argues that Knight's ability to build a clean and winning program should not outweigh his repeated misconduct.

"Having Mr. Knight as the basketball coach at Texas Tech would bring much negative publicity and damage our reputation in ways that are completely unnecessary," Schaller wrote. "At a minimum, the announcement of his hiring would be accompanied by the film clip in which he throws a chair across the basketball court, except this time the name of Texas Tech would be attached to such antics."

Earlier in the day, athletic director Gerald Myers said he was not aware of the petition.

Knight, a Hall of Fame coach who led Indiana to three national championships, was invited to visit the campus by Myers, a longtime friend. He planned to address the media at an early evening news conference, but will not take questions.

Whether he ends up succeeding James Dickey, fired last week after Tech's fourth straight losing season, "depends on how they feel and how I feel about the things that we talk about," Knight told Costas.

"I obviously think there are some things that are necessary in the building of a basketball program that can be successful," he said. "If they think and I think that those are the same things, then we'll just see what happens."

Knight's 29-year reign at Indiana ended in September when he was fired for violating a zero-tolerance behavior policy when he grabbed a freshman student by the arm to lecture him on manners.

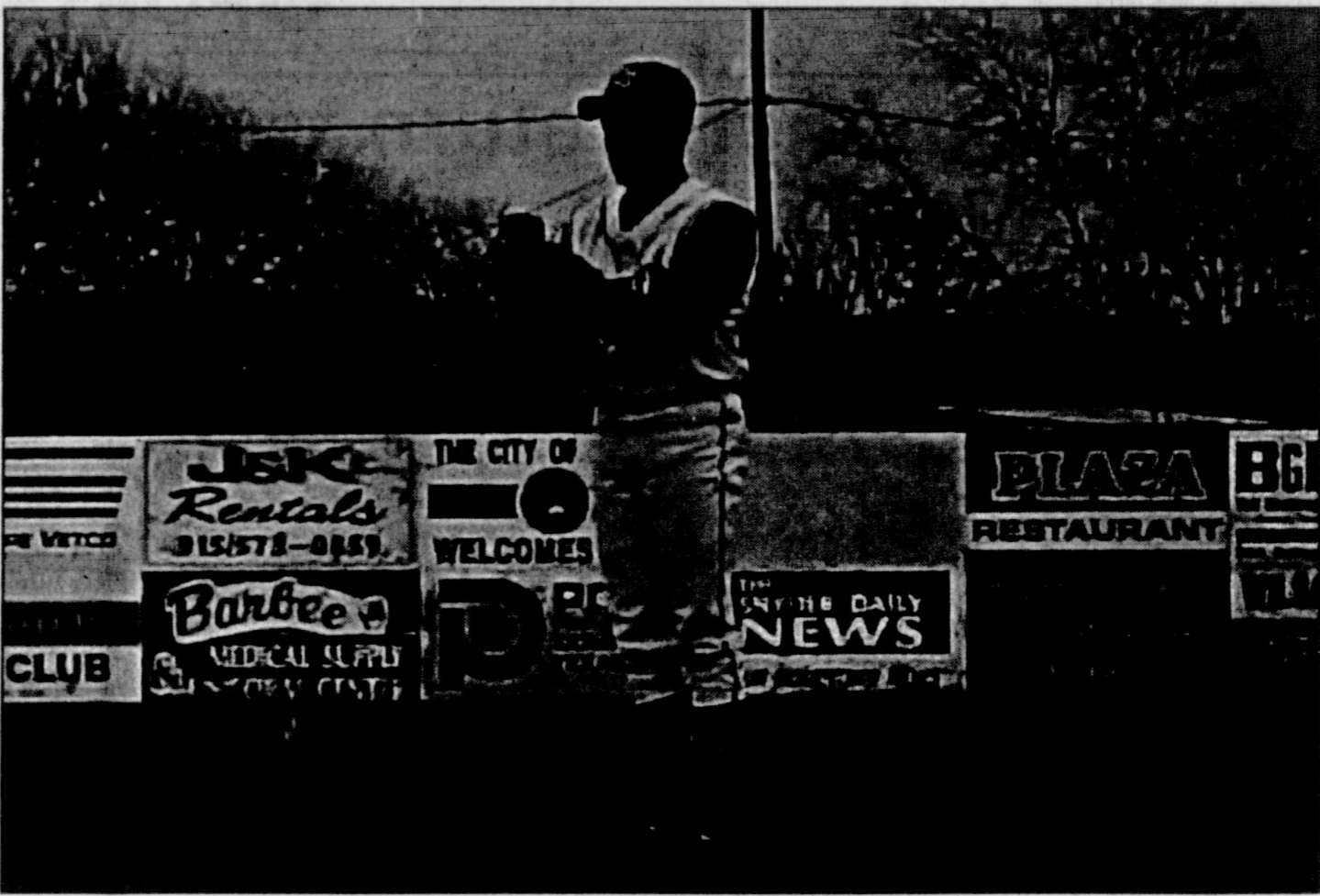
In Lubbock, T-shirt vendors began cashing in on the dispute.

"Mr. Knight, we love your style!" read one shirt. "Techsans for Knight! Supporting discipline and the American Work Ethic!"

Shouted another: "Put the kids to bed and glue down the chairs, KNIGHT TIME, is coming."

One vendor said he had sold about 1,200 shirts in support of Knight at two Lubbock shops, by phone and online.

Harvester senior



(Special photo) Kyle Keith is one of four seniors on the Pampa High baseball team this season. Keith has started on the mound and in the outfield for the Harvesters, who are entered in the Boomtown Classic today through Saturday in Burkburnett. Their first-round game is at 8 tonight against Iowa Park.

Scoreboard

FISHING

BAYLOR Water clear, 49 degrees; black bass are very slow on white spinnerbaits and black/blue jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows.

GREENBELT Water clear, 49 degrees; black bass are fair on live bait and slabs on minnows. Smallmouth bass are slow on spinnerbaits on the outside tree lines. White bass are good on slabs near the aerator. Catfish are good on cutbait.

MACKENZIE Water clear, 48 degrees; black bass are slow on spinnerbaits and crankbaits.

MEREDITH Water clear, 49 degrees; black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and black/blue jigs. Crappie are fair around the marina on jigs tipped with minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on jigs and slabs at 15-20 feet. Walleye are fair on suspending Rouses.

PALO DURO Water clear, 46 degrees; black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows. Blue catfish are good on cutbait and minnows near the channel.

ALAN HENRY Water clear, 50 degrees; black bass are fair to good on white spinnerbaits, shad pattern crankbaits and green pumpkin or black/blue jigs. Crappie are fair on jigs with minnows.

ARROWHEAD Water lightly stained, 49 degrees; 7 low; black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs near the derrick. State Park boat ramps now open.

BRADY No fishing report.

COLORADO CITY Water clear, 58 degrees on the main lake; black bass and crappie are fair on jigs. Catfish are fair on cutbait.

FT. PHANTOM HILL Water lightly stained, 48 degrees; 5 low; black bass are fair on crankbaits and black/blue jigs. Crappie are good on jigs tipped with minnows. Blue catfish are good on shad and cutbait.

HUBBARD CREEK No boat ramps open-no report available.

NASWORTHY Water clear, 48 degrees; black bass are good on white spinnerbaits, crankbaits and dark green or brown jigs. Crappie are good on jigs tipped with minnows. Channel catfish are good on chicken liver and shrimp. Lake is being dredged of 2-feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000).

NOCENA No report available.

OAK CREEK No boat ramps open-no report available.

OH IOVIE Water lightly stained, 50 degrees; 13 low; black bass are fair on tequila sunrise soft plastics, crankbaits and white spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on jigs tipped with minnows. Blue catfish are good on cut shad. The road to Concho Park is under construction.

POSSUM KINGDOM Water lightly stained, 49 degrees; 75 low. Fishing is still slow-toxic algae bloom affecting all species of fish throughout the lake.

SPENCE Water clear, 49 degrees; black bass are fair on dark jigs. Catfish are good on cutbait and shad.

STAMFORD Water clear, 49 degrees; No boat ramps open-no fishing report available.

SWEETWATER Water clear, 49 degrees; 13 low; black bass are good on live bait near the marina and fair on crankbaits in the mouths of the creeks. Crappie are good on jigs tipped with minnows. Catfish are good on cut shad and chicken liver.

TWIN BUTTES Report temporarily discontinued-lake is less than 10% of capacity.

WHITE RIVER Water lightly stained, 49 degrees; 17 low; black bass are slow on spinnerbaits and soft plastics. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows near the dam around the stocks.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA Basketball Tournament

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

OPENING ROUND
Tuesday, March 13
At University of Dayton Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Northwestern State 71, Winthrop 67

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 15
At Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum
Uniondale, N.Y.
Kentucky (22-9) vs. Holy Cross (22-7), 12:20 p.m.
Iowa (22-11) vs. Creighton (24-7), 30 minutes after previous game
Boston College (26-4) vs. Southern Utah (25-5), 7:40 p.m.
Southern California (21-9) vs. Oklahoma State (20-9), 30 minutes after previous game
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Ohio State (20-10) vs. Utah State (27-5), 12:25 p.m.
UCLA (21-8) vs. Hofstra (26-4), 30 minutes after previous game
Duke (29-4) vs. Monmouth, N.J. (21-9), 7:40 p.m.
Georgia (16-14) vs. Missouri (19-12), 30 minutes after previous game
Second Round
Saturday, March 17
At Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum
Uniondale, N.Y.
Boston College-Southern Utah winner vs. Southern California-Oklahoma State winner, 5:30 p.m.
Kentucky-Holy Cross winner vs. Iowa-Creighton winner, 30 minutes after previous game
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Duke-Monmouth, N.J. winner vs. Georgia-Missouri winner, 1:10 p.m.
UCLA-Hofstra winner vs. Ohio State-Utah State winner, 30 minutes after previous game
At First Union Center
Philadelphia
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
Kentucky-Holy Cross vs. Iowa-Creighton winner vs. Boston College-Southern Utah vs. Southern California-Oklahoma State winner
Duke-Monmouth, N.J. vs. Georgia-Missouri winner vs. UCLA-Hofstra vs. Ohio State-Utah State winner
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At The Pyramid
Memphis, Tenn.
Virginia (20-8) vs. Gonzaga (24-6), 12:25 p.m.
Oklahoma (26-6) vs. Indiana State (21-11), 30 minutes after previous game
Michigan State (24-4) vs. Alabama State (22-8), 7:40 p.m.
California (20-10) vs. Fresno State (25-6), 30 minutes after previous game
At The Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans

Texas (25-8) vs. Temple (21-12), 12:30 p.m.
Florida (23-6) vs. Western Kentucky (24-6), 30 minutes after previous game
Penn State (19-11) vs. Providence (21-9), 7:50 p.m.
North Carolina (25-6) vs. Princeton (16-10), 30 minutes after previous game
Second Round
Sunday, March 18
At The Pyramid
Memphis, Tenn.
Oklahoma-Indiana State winner vs. Virginia-Gonzaga winner, 2:15 p.m.
Michigan State-Alabama State winner vs. California-Fresno State winner, 30 minutes after previous game
At The Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans
Florida-Western Kentucky winner vs. Texas-Temple winner, 2:30 p.m.
North Carolina-Princeton winner vs. Penn State-Providence winner, 30 minutes after previous game
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
Michigan State-Alabama State vs. California-Fresno State winner vs. Oklahoma-Indiana State vs. Virginia-Gonzaga winner
North Carolina-Princeton vs. Penn State-Providence winner vs. Florida-Western Kentucky vs. Texas-Temple winner
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At University of Dayton Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Illinois (24-7) vs. Northwestern State (19-12), 12:15 p.m.
Tennessee (22-10) vs. Charlotte (21-10), 30 minutes after previous game
Kansas (24-6) vs. Cal State Northridge (22-9), 7:40 p.m.
Syracuse (24-8) vs. Hawaii (17-13), 30 minutes after previous game
At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
Wake Forest (19-10) vs. Butler (23-7), 12:30 p.m.
Arizona (23-7) vs. Eastern Illinois (21-9), 30 minutes after previous game
Mississippi (25-7) vs. Iowa (22-10), 7:55 p.m.
Notre Dame (19-9) vs. Xavier (21-7), 30 minutes after previous game
Second Round
Sunday, March 18
At University of Dayton Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Kansas-Cal State Northridge winner vs. Syracuse-Hawaii winner, 12:10 p.m.
Illinois-Northwestern State winner vs. Tennessee-Charlotte winner, 30 minutes after previous game
At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
Arizona-Eastern Illinois winner vs. Wake Forest-Butler winner, 2:20 p.m.
Mississippi-Iowa winner vs. Notre Dame-Xavier winner, 30 minutes after previous game
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
Illinois-Northwestern State winner vs. Tennessee-Charlotte winner vs. Kansas-Cal State Northridge vs. Syracuse-Hawaii winner
Arizona-Eastern Illinois vs. Wake Forest-Butler winner vs. Mississippi-Iowa vs. Notre Dame-Xavier winner
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 15
At Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl
San Diego
Georgia Tech (17-12) vs. St. Joseph's (25-6), 2:42 p.m.
Stanford (28-2) vs. North Carolina-Greensboro (19-11), 30 minutes after previous game
Indiana (21-12) vs. Kent State (23-9), 7:55 p.m.
Cincinnati (23-9) vs. Brigham Young (24-9), 30 minutes after previous game
At BSU Pavilion
Boise, Idaho
Wisconsin (18-10) vs. Georgia State (28-4), 12:40 p.m.
Maryland (21-10) vs. George Mason (18-11), 30 minutes after previous game
Arkansas (20-10) vs. Georgetown (23-7), 7:50 p.m.
Iowa State (25-5) vs. Hampton (24-6), 30 minutes after previous game
Second Round
Saturday, March 17
At Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl
San Diego
Indiana-Kent State winner vs. Cincinnati-Brigham Young winner, 5:38 p.m.
Stanford-North Carolina-Greensboro winner vs. Georgia Tech-St. Joseph's winner, 30 minutes after previous game
At BSU Pavilion
Boise, Idaho
Maryland-George Mason winner vs. Wisconsin-Georgia State winner, 3:20 p.m.
Iowa State-Hampton winner vs. Arkansas-Georgetown winner, 30 minutes after previous game
At Arrowhead Pond
Anaheim, Calif.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
Stanford-North Carolina-Greensboro vs. Georgia Tech-St. Joseph's winner vs. Indiana-Kent State vs. Cincinnati-Brigham Young winner
Iowa State-Hampton vs. Arkansas-Georgetown winner vs. Maryland-George Mason vs. Wisconsin-Georgia State winner
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners

THE FINAL FOUR
At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Minneapolis
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 31
East champion vs. West champion
South champion vs. Midwest champion
National Championship
Monday, April 2
Semifinal winners

UConn closes out Fogler's run

By The Associated Press

Eddie Fogler went out quietly. Edmund Saunders is still making some noise in his final days at Connecticut.

Connecticut (20-11) ended Fogler's coaching career at South Carolina on Wednesday night, beating the Gamecocks 72-65 in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament.

"I wanted our kids to have fun and play hard. Win and we go on. Lose, we lose," said Fogler, who resigned Monday after his contract was not extended. "I think they played hard and had fun."

Saunders, one of three seniors who played on UConn's 1999 national championship team, had 15 points and 11 rebounds.

"I want to go out with a bang, get as many wins as I can," Saunders said. "We just have to keep going."

The Huskies (20-11) will play Detroit in the second round. The Titans advanced with a 68-49 victory over Bradley.

"We kept saying to the kids, 'It's a 32-team field and there's a championship to be won,'" UConn coach Jim Calhoun said. "It is not the one we aspire for, but right now it is the only one."

Jamel Bradley had 19 points for South Carolina (15-15).

A crowd of only 3,200 attended the game at the usually raucous 10,000-seat Gampel Pavilion.

In other games, it was Purdue 90, Illinois State 79; Auburn 60, Miami 58; Dayton 68, North Carolina-Wilmington 59; Pittsburgh 84, St. Bonaventure 75; Southern Mississippi 68; Minnesota 87, Villanova 78; Tulsa 75, UC Irvine 71; Texas-El Paso 84, McNeese State 74; Pepperdine 72, Wyoming 69; and New Mexico 83, Baylor 73.

In the final two first-round games,

South Alabama is at Toledo on Thursday night, and West Virginia will play at Richmond on Friday night.

Detroit 68, Bradley 49
At Peoria, Ill., Rashad Phillips scored 17 points, and Greg Grays added 13 for the Titans (23-10).

The 19-point loss was the worst ever in postseason play for Bradley (19-12). Eddie Cage led the Braves with 13 points.

Purdue 90, Illinois St. 79
At West Lafayette, Ind., Maynard Lewis scored a career-high 26 points, and Carson Cunningham had 22.

The Boilermakers (16-14) will play Auburn in the second round. Tarise Bryson led Illinois State (21-9) with 38 points.

Auburn 60, Miami 58
At Auburn, Ala., Kyle Davis set an NIT record with 13 blocked shots and Marquis Daniels scored 15 points.

The Tigers (18-13) held the Hurricanes (16-13) to 17 points in the second half. James Jones led Miami with 20 points and 15 rebounds.

Dayton 68, N.C.-Wilmington 59
At Dayton, Ohio, Keith Waleskowski scored 19 points, and Tony Stanley and Ramod Marshall added 11 apiece.

The Flyers (20-12) will play the winner of Friday's West Virginia-Richmond game. Brett Blizzard led the Seahawks (19-11) with 18 points.

Pittsburgh 84, St. Bonaventure 75
At Pittsburgh, Ricardo Greer scored 26 points as Pittsburgh (19-13) advanced to a second-round game against Mississippi State. J.R. Bremer led St. Bonaventure (18-12) with 26 points.

Mississippi St. 75, Southern Mississippi 68
At Starkville, Miss., Markell Patterson scored 18 of his 21 points in the first half for the Bulldogs (17-

12). Mario Myles led the Golden Eagles (22-9) with 20 points.

Minnesota 87, Villanova 78
At Minneapolis, Kevin Burleson scored a season-high 21 points, and Terrance Simmons added 16, all in the second half.

Minnesota (18-13), which won the NIT in 1993 and 1998, will play Tulsa in the second round. Ricky Wright scored a career-high 26 points for Villanova (18-13).

Tulsa 75, UC Irvine 71
At Tulsa, Okla., Greg Harrington scored 20 points, and Kevin Johnson added 17 points and eight rebounds for the Golden Hurricane (22-11). Jerry Green led the Anteaters (25-5) with 15 points.

UTEP 84, McNeese St. 74
At El Paso, Texas, Brandon Wolfram scored 24 points, and Brian Stewart had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

The Miners (23-8) will play Memphis in the second round. Demond Mallet led McNeese State (22-9) with 23 points.

Pepperdine 72, Wyoming 69
At Laramie, Wyo., Brandon Armstrong scored 29 points, including eight of Pepperdine's last nine.

Kelvin Gibbs added 15 points and 10 rebounds for Pepperdine (22-8), which will play New Mexico in the second round. Josh Davis led Wyoming (20-10) with 17 points.

New Mexico 83, Baylor 73
At Albuquerque, N.M., Ruben Douglas scored 27 points, spoiling the return of former Lobos coach Dave Bliss. Douglas hit five 3-pointers for New Mexico (20-12).

Baylor (19-12) had rallied from a 12-point second half deficit behind Terry Black and Greg Davis. Black scored 22 points, most of them on a variety of dunks. Davis, who played two years at New Mexico and transferred to Baylor when Bliss took the Bears' job two years ago, finished with 17 points.

Earnhardt photo debate continues

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt's widow arrived for a meeting Thursday with Orlando Sentinel executives to try to work out her family's dispute with the newspaper on whether autopsy photos of the racing great should be made public.

Circuit Judge Joseph Will ordered the meeting, hoping it will resolve the matter so he won't have to decide Monday whether to release the pictures. Earnhardt was killed in a crash Feb. 18 at the Daytona 500.

"On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone who has expressed support for our efforts to put closure on the death of my husband Dale Earnhardt," Teresa Earnhardt said in a statement released upon her arrival at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex for the meeting.

"I remain committed to protect my family's legal right to privacy and the privacy of all families who have faced or will face a similar situation," the statement said.

She also reiterated her family's position and expressed hope the meeting would be productive.

"We are convinced that if access is granted (to the autopsy photos) it is inevitable that the images will soon appear elsewhere, including on the

Internet, and cause permanent distress to my family and to Dale's legacy with no real public benefit.

Sentinel executives have said repeatedly they don't intend to publish or copy the photos but merely want a medical expert to review them as part of an investigation by the newspaper into NASCAR safety.

NASCAR fans have criticized the newspaper, and some have even made death threats.

On Wednesday, NASCAR chairman Bill France praised fans who have supported Earnhardt's widow and his son, Dale Earnhardt Jr.

The Earnhardts filed their lawsuit last month to prevent release of the medical examiner's photos, concerned they would wind up on the Internet.

The judge granted a temporary injunction, but the Sentinel has asked that the injunction be dissolved. A Web site, WEBSITECITY.COM, also has joined the case in seeking access to the photos.

A bill is moving through the Florida Legislature that would require a court order before autopsy photos can be made public.

Both sides are using high-profile cases, such as the 1990 Gainesville student murders and the 1997 slay-

ing of designer Gianni Versace, to buttress their arguments.

In the Gainesville case, a judge allowed photos of Danny Rolling's five murder victims to be viewed — but not copied — by the public at a courthouse under strict supervision.

Despite the privacy concerns of the families of Rolling's victims, a judge determined the public had a right to see the autopsy photos.

The Sentinel's attorneys argue that, unlike the murdered Gainesville students, Earnhardt was a public figure, and the courts have ruled that public figures have diminished expectations of privacy.

The Earnhardts' attorneys argued that, unlike the Earnhardt photos, there was a public interest in the photos of the Gainesville victims, since they could be used to evaluate the actions of police and prosecutors.

Citing the Versace case, attorneys for Earnhardt's family also wrote that the government isn't required to release autopsy photos just because the subject is famous.

Relatives of Versace, who was murdered outside his Miami Beach mansion, won a court order permanently sealing his autopsy photos.

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Pampan back in the saddle competing for Tri-State, Texas Rodeo Associations

A Pampa High School coed will be back in the saddle again this weekend.

Mandy Poole, 17, will be in Hereford Saturday to ride barrels aboard her horse Picaboo and Dana Lewis' horse Enga as the spring season opens for the Tri-State and Texas High School Rodeo Associations.

"They take a three month break in the winter," said Nancy Poole, her mother.

Mandy ended the fall season by being crowned Miss Rodeo Sandhills Teen Queen in November at Odessa.

Following personal interviews with the judges Friday night, Nov. 17, she competed in the horsemanship contest the next morning. Saturday afternoon, she and the other contestants taped a television commercial to promote a toy drive, before competing in modeling and speech categories.

Mandy was crowned Miss Rodeo Sandhills Teen Queen Saturday night, Nov. 18. Shawna McCarty of Roswell, N.M., was named



Mandy Poole

Queen in the Miss Division.

The Pampa High School senior reigned over the Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo in Odessa from Dec. 27 through Jan. 5, which included the livestock shows, the bull riding "Top Gun" performance, the performances of the Sandhills Rodeo, team rop-

ing and the special kid's rodeo and Christian youth night.

Mandy was also a guest at the dedication of the Parker House Museum in Odessa.

The Sandhills Rodeo Association will sponsor Mandy in June at the Miss Rodeo Texas Teen competition in San Antonio.

The Pampa High School senior is the daughter of Bob and Nancy Poole and the granddaughter of Florence and Don McCunn, Preston and Peggy Poole and Kenneth Elsheimer. Mandy will graduate with honors in May.

Mandy is a member of the Texas High School Rodeo Association, Tri-State High School Rodeo Association and a member of the 2000-2001 National High School Wrangler All Star Team. She's also a member of the National Barrel Horse Association, American West Barrel Racing Association, Panhandle Barrel Racing Association and the American Quarter Horse Wrangler Star program.

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Estelle Malone, education chairman of Magic Plains chapter of American Business Women's Association, recently presented Lindsey Mitchell, above, and Melody Seely, bottom, with a scholarship in the amount of \$375 courtesy of Magic Plains.



(Special photo)

John Wagner, Energas Operations supervisor, recently delivered a donation check in the amount of \$1,000 to Pampa United Way. Accepting the donation on behalf of the organization was Katrina Bigham, director of PUW.

Deadline for regional nursing conference approaching

LUBBOCK — The registration deadline for the annual Nursing Leadership Conference is fast approaching, and officials from the Texas Department of Health (TDH) are encouraging potential attendees not to miss out on the statewide event slated April 10-12 at the Civic Center Holiday Inn in Lubbock.

According to TDH Programs' Consultant Sheila Rhodes, RNC, M. Ed., the deadline for registration is March 21.

The theme for the conference is "Staking our Claim: Expanding Territories of Public Health Nursing."

Rhodes said the conference will include discussion on a wide variety of health care concerns.

Among the highlights of the conference will be a number of guest speakers, including keynote speaker and Texas Board of Health member Beverly Robinson, PhD, RN, C, FAAN. A professor and associate dean for Graduate Nursing at

the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Robinson will address conference attendees on "Public Health Nursing: The Perspective for Tomorrow."

Other events will include the annual Leadership 2001 awards, recognizing the contributions of public health nursing leaders and a series of Luncheon Roundtables to allow participants to network and brainstorm on important issues.

Many health care practitioners from the panhandle and South Plains will also be on hand to discuss important topics.

A "Taste of Lubbock" evening buffet reception will be held on the evening of April 11 sponsored by Bioject, Inc. and Retractable Technologies, Inc.

Nurses can earn up to 14.6 contact hours at the conference.

For more information about the conference or to register, contact Sheila Rhodes at (806) 767-0407 or conference coordinator Jay Todd at (512) 458-7771.

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