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Traffic group meets Thursday

A proposal for single-lane markings on Cuyler, Foster and Francis Streets heads the Traffic Commission agenda at 7 p.m. Thursday when it meets on the third floor of City Hall. Also to be discussed is the prohibition of 'Jake Brakes' - noisy air brakes on truck tractors. Doug Locke is chairman of the Traffic Commission. The meeting is open to the public.

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By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

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Sen. Brown, in a meeting in Miami earlier this month, said the bill he introduced was written quickly to meet a legislative

deadline and many things had to be changed in committee. Brown said he himself had introduced more than 40 amendments to correct measures in the bill.

Williams said that working with the Senator's staff and others involved in the bill, the amended version is much better. "We really turned that around," Williams said.

Much of the language was changed to reflect a consensus committee Brown had organized from various interest groups last year.

Williams said that a water committee mandated by the bill that many interests felt only added another layer of bureaucracy was changed to an advisory committee.

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Sister act ... Four sibling sets spark PHS team

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

Pampa High School's softball team boasts of something few, if any, other teams possess — four sets of sisters.

"I've never heard of any other team having four sets of sisters on a team. I think it's really unique," said Lady Harvesters Softball Coach Jamie Green.

"We've all played together ever since Optimist Club (elementary age)," said Stacey Johnson.

These softball sisters — Alexis and April Amador, Cali and Abbi Covalt, Sabrina and Stacey Johnson, Chastity and Charity Nachtigall — have helped propel the Pampa softball team to its current position, tied for third in district.

Only the Nachtigalls are twins. The other sister combinations consist of an older and younger sibling.

Chastity Nachtigall, 17, maintains an after school job, but makes time to serve as team manager, she says, "because my sister didn't want to be separated."

"I wanted my sister to be on the team, too," explained her twin Charity, who plays center field. "I needed someone to talk to about the games and all. I love the sport. I play basketball, too. I can't do without a sport."

"I like being with my sister," says Alexis, 17, the older of the Amador sisters. "It gives me someone to gripe at and beat up on. We played volleyball together, too." Alexis plays second baseman.

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa High School Lady Harvester Softball Team features four sets of sisters, top row, from left: Sabrina and Stacey Johnson, Cali and Abbi Covalt; bottom row, from left, Alexis and April Amador, and Chastity and Charity Nachtigall.

Speed, no seat belt prompts stop; 31 pounds of 'pot' seized

Two incidents involving speeding vehicles this weekend yielded 31 pounds of marijuana and a driving while intoxicated arrest, according to Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reports.

Friday the 13th lived up to its name for a Wisconsin pair after a DPS trooper found 31 pounds of marijuana after stopping the vehicle they were in for speeding on Interstate 40.

As a result, the two, James Scott Deam, 35, and Dawn Ellen Burdick, 43, both of Jamesville, Wis., spent the weekend in Gray County Jail on felony charges for possession of marijuana. Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond at \$10,000 for each.

According to DPS reports,

Trooper Jason Henderson of McLean spotted a speeding 1998 Dodge Intrepid traveling east on Interstate 40. The driver was not wearing a seat belt, the report stated.

After stopping the vehicle, Henderson obtained a verbal consent to search the vehicle. In the course of the search, officers found 31 pounds of marijuana under the back seat and in the door panels.

Two days later, Trooper Jesse Cerda clocked a 1993 Accura Integra at 60 miles an hour in a 40 mile an hour zone on FM 282, 1 mile south of Pampa.

The driver of the Integra apparently lost control and the car began to skid clockwise to the

right, DPS reports state. The vehicle continued to travel in the ditch on the east side of the roadway until it hit the fence.

According to the accident report, the car came to rest facing east "connected to the fence." The driver left the vehicle and attempted to leave the scene, the report said, but was stopped and arrested by the DPS trooper. No one was injured in the accident.

Jesse Dennis Stamp, 24, of Panhandle, listed as the owner and driver of the Integra, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. A passenger in the car, Craig Thomas Stamp, 21, of Panhandle, was arrested for public intoxication. Both men were placed in Gray County Jail.

Election, bids top PISD agenda

Pampa school board members will consider declaring the election of the board's two unopposed candidates at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 19, in the Carver Center board Conference Room, 321 W. Albert.

The positions of Place 6 and Place 7, now held by Joe Martinez and Bill Jones, respectively, were to be filled in the May 5 elections. Martinez and Jones both filed for reelection without opposition.

Provisions 2.052 and 2.053 of the Texas Election Code allows the school board to declare an unopposed candidate as elected if the candidate is unopposed and no proposition will appear on the ballot.

Other matters to be considered by the school

board during their regular meeting Thursday include bids for asphalt materials and a walk-in freezer/cooler; a request for high school early release waivers for the 2001-2002 school year; and tax delinquent property for sale and demolition.

Board members plan to set priority performance goals for the coming year and consider an extension to a bank depository contract with FirstBank Southwest for an additional two years.

Items listed in the administrative report include salary schedule review for 2001-2002, a request for an assistant band director, legislative and Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) updates, and a spring school board workshop at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.



(Special photo)

Jessica Howe recently received the Commissioner's Sunbeam Award for her involvement in Sunbeam, a group similar to Brownies. Congratulating her is Salvation Army Lieutenant Delores Watts. "This is the first time we have had a Sunbeam receive this award in Pampa," Watts said.



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SISTERS

Shortstop April Amador, 14, said she's already feeling sad as her sister's graduation day approaches.

"We've played together since we were little," she said. "It's sad because it's the last year we'll get to do that."

"I like having my sister on the team because it makes it more competitive and fun," says Abbi Covalt, a freshman centerfielder.

"Yeah, you keep trying to outrun me," interjects her sister, 17-year-old Cali Covalt.

"No, I am faster than you!" Abbi claims.

"They argue all the time," other team members agree.

"It does make it more competitive and it makes it

more fun," Cali adds. "Also, we can help each other out. Abbi hates other people telling her what to do. She takes it better from me."

"(Having a sister on the team) makes you try harder to impress your parents by outdoing your older sister," Stacey Johnson, 15, confides.

"It's been fun. We get to spend more time together," says Stacey's sister, Sabrina, 16. Sabrina, hobbling up to the field on crutches, recently underwent surgery to repair a broken ankle. She broke it sliding into base, she explains.

"They put in five screws, a metal plate and 11 stitches," Stacey explains.

"Competitive?" Sabrina says. "I'd say we were."

Whose best? a reporter asks.

"Me!" Stacey exclaimed.

"Whatever..." Sabrina responds.

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Fed cuts rate by half point

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve, demonstrating it still has the capacity to surprise, cut a key interest rate by one-half percentage point Wednesday. Stocks immediately soared.

The rate cut was the fourth this year and the second outside a regularly scheduled Fed meeting. It took investors by surprise because Wall Street had given up hope that the central bank would cut rates before its next regularly scheduled meeting in May.

At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 440 points and the Nasdaq had gained 170 points, topping the 2,000 level for the first time since

March 15.

The Fed cut its target for the federal funds rate to 4.5 percent.

The Fed's action was quickly followed by an announcement from Bank of America that it was cutting its prime lending rate by one-half point, to 7.50 percent. Other commercial banks were expected to follow suit.

The decision by the Fed's chief policy-making group, the Federal Open Market Committee, came during an emergency conference call.

"The Fed evidently has decided that the risk of an economic downturn had increased; therefore, they decided to take out an extra insurance policy to make

sure that the economy does not slide into a recession," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist for Wells Fargo.

"They sprung an element of surprise. What the market needed was a positive shock," he added.

The Fed cited a number of reasons for its action, including sluggish business investment, eroding corporate profits, economic turmoil overseas and a slide in the stock market, which could make business people and consumers feel less wealthy and less inclined to spend and invest. Consumer and business investment has been a main engine of economic growth in the past.

Rancher buys herd, plans to nurse malnourished cattle back to health

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A Panhandle rancher has saved a herd of malnourished cattle by buying them from the owners accused of mistreating them.

The new owner says he plans to nurse the herd back to health.

The cattle were sold to the rancher two days ago after the original owners, Robert and Mary Wineberg of Dumas, backed out of a tentative agreement with Sherman County officials to sell them at auction on Friday.

The deal was made after allegations that some of the cattle were starving. Dozens of cattle in the 140-head herd died, county officials said.

Sherman County Sheriff Jack Haile told the Amarillo Globe-News in Wednesday's online edition that the buyer, who wanted to remain unidentified, arrived Monday and began loading the cattle from the pasture about six miles north of Sunray.

Two charges of animal cruelty were filed against Mary Wineberg when the couple allegedly failed to honor the deal. Robert Wineberg was facing one charge of cruelty to animals.

Sherman County Attorney Kim Allen said she hopes something can be worked out with the Winebergs to keep them from

buying more cattle and forcing them to give up about 20 horses kept on their land.

A local veterinarian is preparing a report on the health of the horses, although they appear to be in better shape than the cattle, Allen said.

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Girl's battered body found

TYLER, Texas (AP) — An East Texas woman's battered body has been found, two days after her Easter Sunday disappearance.

A suspect was held Wednesday in the abduction of Julie Anna Sanders, whose remains were located on an oil lease road about a mile from the man's house near Henderson. She had been missing since Easter Sunday.

Jason Landon Lanus remained at Rusk County Jail on Wednesday in lieu of bond on aggravated kidnapping charges in the 23-year-old Sanders' disappearance.

"A patrolman went to (Sanders' residence) and found she may have been forcibly removed from her bedroom," Henderson Police Lt. Ronnie Walker told the Tyler Morning Telegraph in Wednesday's editions.

EEOC settles with railroad over secret genetic testing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad has settled a federal lawsuit that challenged its secret genetic testing of employees.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said Wednesday that as part of the settlement, the railroad will not conduct any more tests or analyze any test or blood previously obtained, and will not retaliate against employees who complained about the practice.

The agreement allows employees who were tested "to work free of retaliation and future invasions of privacy," Commission Chairwoman Ida L. Castro said in a statement.

The EEOC's lawsuit claimed the company violated the Americans with Disabilities Act by threatening to fire a worker who refused to provide a blood sample.

The test was designed to determine whether employees were predisposed to developing carpal tunnel syndrome, which is believed to be caused by repetitive hand motions.

Of the 125 workers who filed claims for carpal tunnel syndrome since March 2000, 18 were tested, the company has said.

The Fort Worth, Texas-based Burlington Northern agreed in February to stop the tests after the EEOC sued — its first challenge to genetic testing.

Earlier this month the railroad reached a settlement with two unions in a separate lawsuit over the issue. Burlington Northern also agreed to press for federal laws prohibiting companies from using genetic information in employment decisions.

But the EEOC said it still has not resolved discrimination complaints that dozens of workers filed and may seek damages. In the settlement, the railroad agreed to preserve blood samples, test results and all other data related to the testing until the discrimination complaints are resolved.

On the Net:
EEOC: <http://www.eeoc.gov>

Gas price spikes 16 cents in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — The average price of a gallon of self-serve, regular gasoline in Texas spiked 16 cents from a month ago to \$1.49, AAA Texas reported Tuesday.

The April figure is up from the March average of \$1.33 and is 11 cents higher than the \$1.38 per gallon price in April 2000.

Nationally, the average price of a gallon of regular gasoline was \$1.59.

reintroduce a variety of cleaner-burning reformulated gasolines on June 1 in many major markets, including Houston and Dallas.

The state's two largest metropolitan areas had the most expensive gasoline, according to AAA Texas. An average gallon was \$1.56 in Dallas-Fort Worth and \$1.55 in Houston.

El Paso had the cheapest gasoline at \$1.42 per gallon.

Other averages in the AAA Texas survey were Abilene, \$1.46; Amarillo, \$1.52; Austin, \$1.45; Beaumont, \$1.51; Brownsville, \$1.47; Corpus Christi, \$1.44; Laredo, \$1.47; Longview, \$1.53; Lubbock, \$1.48; Midland, \$1.51; Odessa, \$1.48; San Antonio, \$1.44; and Waco, \$1.48.

District tells hearing-impaired girl to stop using sign language on bus

BRANCHBURG, N.J. (AP) — A 12-year-old girl with impaired hearing was ordered to stop using sign language on her school bus because administrators said it was creating a safety problem.

Danica Lesko's parents said they are filing a complaint with the state education department.

The Leskos have already over an incident they said caused the girl's hearing damage, when another student set off a bottle rocket in a hallway in November.

Stony Brook School Principal J. Harry Westerholm told the couple in a letter March 30 that the girl would be suspended for three days if she did not stop signing.

"Sign language, or any behavior, is not permitted if it is going to cause a disturbance on the bus," Westerholm said Tuesday.

He said Danica was the only student reprimanded because she was the only one who refused to stop signing.

Westerholm said he could not describe how using sign language could cause a disturbance and referred the question to the district's transportation office, which would not comment on the matter.

The Leskos said they may sue over the ban. "It's absurd," Mary Ann Lesko told The Star-Ledger of Newark for Wednesday's editions.

On the Net:
Stony Brook School: <http://www.branchburg.k12.nj.us/StonyBrk/Index.htm>

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AHA Hawaiian Heart Gala



(Community Camera photo)

Veronica Kirkwood and Suzanne Courtney, board members of the local chapter of the American Heart Association, admire some of the merchandise to be auctioned at the Hawaiian Hearts Gala fund-raiser slated at 7 p.m. April 20 at Pampa Country Club. Everyone is invited to come out and support the AHA with an evening of dancing, music by Bangora, food and fun. Tickets are available for \$15 per person or two for \$25. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Kirkwood at 665-0356.

Randel Chamber Orchestra to appear with Symphony Youth Orchestra

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Symphony's Randel Chamber Orchestra will close its 2000-01 season with a performance at 8 p.m., Friday, April 27, at First Baptist Church in Amarillo.

This program will include music for string orchestra, wind orchestra and full orchestra, and will feature David Jacobs, grand prize winner of the Amarillo Symphony Guild's Young Performers' Competition and the Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra I.

"The Randel Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Music Director/Conductor James Setapen, will perform 'The Little Threepeppy Music,' a suite for winds which composer Kurt Weill arranged from his opera of the same name. It includes the famous song 'Mack the Knife.' The strings of the orchestra will play African-American composer George Walker's 'Lyric for Strings' and Jean Sibelius' engaging

suite called 'Rukastava' (The Lover)."

Jacobs, a junior at Randall High School, will perform the first movement of Saint-Saëns' "Piano Concerto #2 in g minor." Jacobs is also the principal French horn in the Randall High Orchestra.

The Randel Chamber Orchestra and the Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra will join together for the performance of "In the Hall of the Mountain King" from "Peer Gynt Suite #1," Aaron Copland's "Letter from Home" and Brahms' "Hungarian Dance #5," orchestrated by Martin Schmeling.

Conductor Setapen said, "This is a program with something for everyone."

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available for \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. For more information or for tickets, call the Symphony office at (806) 376-8782.

Easter packages



(Community Camera photo)

Pastor Richard Bartel of Calvary Baptist Church accepts Easter feast packages from Furr's Family Dining employees Kelli Lambert and Raquel De Leon. Furr's donated the packages to needy families over the Easter holidays.

Clarendon College to host 63rd annual Alumni Reunion

CLARENDON — The 63rd annual Clarendon College Alumni Reunion will be held April 21 and 22 in Clarendon. The event is scheduled to get under way beginning with registration at 9 a.m. the 21st in Bairfield Activity Center.

Campus tours will be available courtesy of CC Student Ambassadors, and brunch will be served from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon.

The Bulldogs will face New Mexico Junior College in a double-header homecoming game and the spring intramural rodeo will be held in the afternoon at Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Arena.

An honors banquet will be held at 5:45 p.m. in Bairfield Center. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Participants are encouraged to RSVP.

The CC Fine Arts Department will produce "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" on Saturday night and a lunch and business meeting is slated Sunday.

For more information, contact Darlene Spier at CC at (806) 874-3571 or toll-free at 1-800-687-9737.

National Donor Awareness Week

AMARILLO — LifeGift Organ Donation Center in West Texas will celebrate National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week April 15-21 in Amarillo.

A special tree-planting ceremony hosted by Coffee Memorial Blood Center is slated at 10 a.m. Friday, April 20 at the center located at 1915 Coulter in Amarillo.

The tree will be provided by Pete's Greenhouse and will be planted by Transplant Recipients International Organization and LifeGift. Guest speakers will be Jim Rutledge, president and CEO of CMBC, TRIO-Texas Panhandle President Janice Davis, volunteers LeeAnne and Ben Ed Hillhouse and liver recipient Tex Nolan.

LifeGift volunteers will staff booths and distribute information about organ donation at BSA Hospital and Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo throughout the week.

Currently, more than 75,000 people wait for a life-saving transplant. Sixteen people die every day waiting for an organ that does not arrive in time.

To become a donor, first talk to your family — make sure they know what your wishes are; second, fill out a donor card complete with your signature and a family member's signature to serve as a witness then place the red donor sticker on your driver's license. Be sure and carry the donor card at all times.

For more information, call (806) 353-4334 or visit www.lifegift.org on the World Wide Web.

Mental health topic of seminar at WT

CANYON — "Mental Health Emergencies and Ethical Considerations" will be the focus of a seminar presented from 9 a.m.-12 noon Friday, April 27 by Student Counseling Services at West Texas A&M University.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Virgil Henson Activities Center Ballroom.

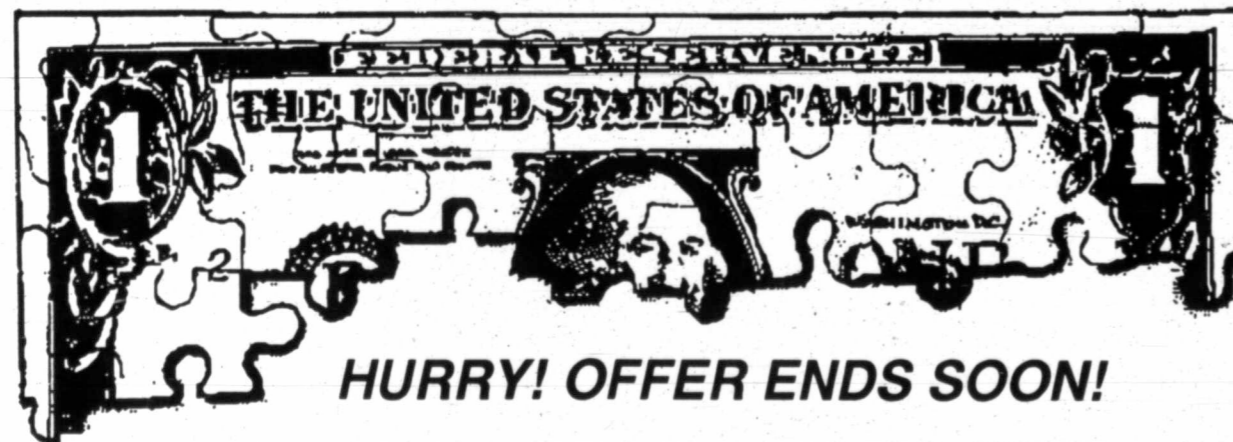
The half-day seminar is designed for mental health professionals, public school counselors and students in the areas of psychology, social work and nursing. Topics will include clinical documentation and ethical guidelines; ethical dilemmas and mental health crisis; and suicide assessment. A panel discussion will close out the day's events.

Speakers scheduled for the seminar include Vicki D. Eder, director of the Suicide and Crisis Hotline at Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation (TPMHMR) in Amarillo; C. Kent Keith, director of authority services at TPMHMR; Connie J. Logan, quality management analyst for TPMHMR; Libby Moore, director of assessment, screening and intake at TPMHMR; and Edward "Bud" Schertler, director of quality management at TPMHMR.

Continuing education credit is available for those attending.

Cost is \$15 before the 5 p.m. April 20 deadline or \$20 at the door. The seminar is free of charge to WTAMU students. For more information, call (806) 651-2340.

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Art club show and sale



(Community Camera photo)

Polly Benton, above, of Heritage Art Club, recently opened her Secret Pal gift at the club's April meeting. Benton was among members addressing invitations to Heritage Art Club Show and Sale slated from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 21 and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at Lovett Memorial Library. The event is open to the public.

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P.E.O. Chapter CS members are preparing for their annual book review fund-raiser to be delivered by Carol Headrick at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 6 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky. Headrick will be reviewing a biography of Madam Curie. Left-right: Carolyn Miller, Lora Baggerman, Ruth Riehart and Sherry Carlson. To obtain tickets, contact a chapter member or call Judy Sutton at 665-7064.

Annual P.E.O. Book Review fund-raiser in offing

P.E.O. Chapter CS Book Review fund-raiser is slated for 3 p.m., Sunday, May 6 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center. Light refreshments will be served. Carol Headrick will review a biography of Marie Curie, the Polish-born French physicist famous for her work on radioactivity and twice-winner of the Nobel Prize. This is the fifth year for Texas native Carol Headrick to come to Pampa. She is a speech language pathologist and professor emerita from Oklahoma State University. While raising three sons, she taught for 14 years at OSU, retiring in 1997. She now reviews only one book per year, memorizing the book and presenting the story in first-person. Tickets are available for \$10 from any Chapter CS member or by calling Judy Sutton at 665-7064. Seating is limited. Proceeds will benefit the organization's scholarship fund.

Calendar of events

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.

LAS PAMPAS WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The local Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

GED TESTING

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will conduct GED testing at 9 a.m. Feb. 26 and March 26. Test-takers must bring a government-issued picture ID such as a driver's license and a Social Security card. Pre-registration is not required. Cost is \$45 or \$10 for each re-test.

ACT EXAM

The next ACT Assessment will be administered nationwide June 9. College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions and placement exam

by May 4, the postmark deadline. A late postmark deadline of May 18 is also offered for an additional fee. The regular test fee is \$23. For more information visit www.act.org on the World Wide Web.

RED CROSS CLASSES

The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer community CPR and first aid class from 6-10 p.m., Tuesday, May 22 and Thursday, May 24. For more information or to register, call the local Red Cross at 669-2171.

AHA HEART GALA

The American Heart Association will hold its annual Heart Gala fund-raiser April 20 at Pampa Country Club. The theme of this year's art show and sale is "Hawaii." The event will feature a live art auction and a silent auction. Tickets are \$15 per person or two for \$25. All proceeds will stay in the panhandle area. To purchase tickets, contact Veronica Kirkwood at 665-0356.

DEVIL'S ROPE MUSEUM

The Devil's Rope Museum in McLean will hold its annual Barbed Wire and Collectors' Show and Sale from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21. There will be something for everyone at this 10th anniversary event. For more information, contact the museum at (806) 779-2225.

ARMOR OF GOD

Carol Peet Ministries will present "Armor of God Conference" at 7:30 p.m., April 27 and at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., April 28. Pre-regis-

tration is \$20 on or before April 20 and \$25 after that date. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP due to limited seating. To register or for more information, call 669-1738.

MENSA

Panhandle Mensa, a chapter of American Mensa, the High IQ Society, will be offering a membership test at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 28 at Amarillo Public Library for a \$30 fee. No reservations are necessary. Members must rank in the top 2 percent of the general population on a standardized intelligence test. For more information, call Francis Jones at (806) 353-1895 or visit www.usa.mensa.org/ on the World Wide Web. Membership is based solely on IQ.

WHEELER CAR SHOW

Wheeler Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Fifth Annual Wheeler Car Show and the annual Wheeler City-wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 5 in Wheeler. Registration for the car show, which will be held on the Square in Wheeler, will be from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Awards will be announced

at 4 p.m. Entry fee for the show is \$10. Competition is divided into seven classes: Pre-40, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-up, Pickups and Special Interest. To pre-register or for more information, contact Wheeler Chamber of Commerce at 826-3408.

PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have been touched by cancer will meet at 7 p.m. April 19 in the cafeteria of the Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. Program for this month's meeting will be "Healing Through Art" to be presented by artist Darcy Lynn, non-Hodgkins cancer survivor. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The public is invited. For more information, call 665-4742 or 665-2654. For a ride, call Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654. In case of inclement weather, call ahead in case meeting is canceled.

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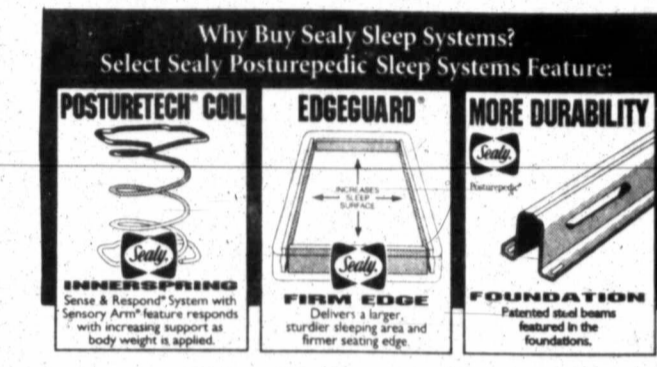
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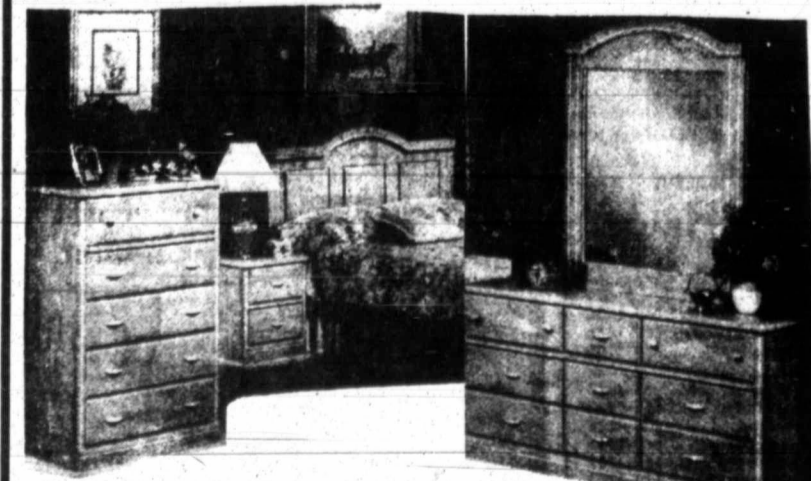
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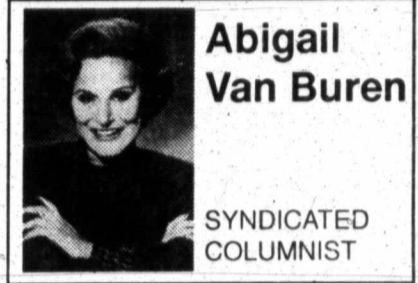
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Family's Aggressive Action Rescues Dad From Trickster

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Worried About Dad in New Mexico," I had to tell you about our year from hell.

My father, a severe stroke victim in his mid-80s, nearly lost everything. A woman half his age tricked him into a phony marriage, and into signing quitclaim deeds on his properties and automobile pink slips. She attempted to raid his checking account, savings account and Social Security.



such caring children. I urge all friends, relatives and neighbors who suspect an older person is being taken advantage of financially to report it before a tragedy occurs.

DEAR GRANDMA AND PA: Not being able to see your grandchildren is punishing you as much as the children. Punishment is not supposed to "hurt" a child; it is supposed to reinforce a lesson. Ask your son to relax the punishment and tell him you will talk to your grandchildren about their "misbehavior" and try to discover the root of it.

Abby, your advice to "Worried" to take Dad to a doctor for an examination, and to a lawyer to protect his interests, was excellent, but I would add: Report suspected elder financial abuse to the county adult protective services.

While our experiences are more complex than most, there are common threads in both of them and a course of action families can take.

Many elders experience isolation, loneliness, fear of dependence, fear of financial problems, and the tendency to trust people they don't know.

It may be necessary to be confrontational (the downside risk is small in comparison to what might happen), and, if legal action becomes necessary, go for it with gusto. Be sure your attorney is a litigator; cheats and frauds are not frightened off by paper pushing.

Fortunately, we have been successful in court. I now have conservatorship and the marriage is almost nullified. Because there is still ongoing litigation, please sign me...

DEAR ABBY: We have two adorable grandchildren, ages 8 and 10. They visit us once a week for three hours. We play games, they romp on the lawn, and I make hot chocolate.

For the last three weeks, our son has called at the last minute and informed us that the children have "misbehaved," and their punishment is not being allowed to visit us. When we suggested that he find another form of punishment, he said to leave it up to his judgment as to what will hurt the children most.

Is it fair to use "grandparent bonding" as a punishment tool? LONELY GRANDMA AND PA

DEAR ABBY: Would it be cheating on my girlfriend if I engaged the services of a prostitute? There is no emotional involvement. WONDERING IN WASHINGTON

DEAR WONDERING: Let me put it this way: Would your girlfriend be cheating if she engaged the services of a male hustler? There's no emotional involvement. Think about it.

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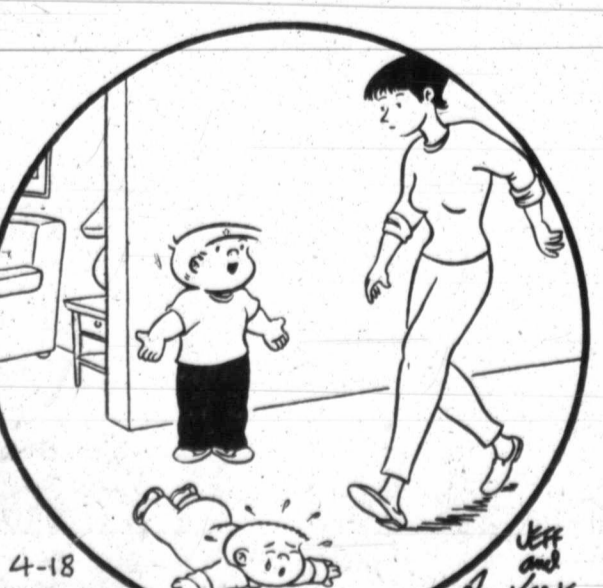
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GOLF

PAMPA — Golfers raised \$500 for the Hidden Hills course improvement fund during a 1-man scramble last weekend.

Results are as follows:

Tiger Woods Flight

1. Tim Davis 65; 2. Buster Kelly 70; 3. Bill Hammer 70.

David Duval Flight

1. J.K. Harrison 69; 2. Steve Williams 69; 3. Ken Harrison 73.

Phil Mickelson Flight

1. Bob Swope 72; 2. Benny Silva 75; 3. Jerry Stephens 76.

Sergio Garcia Flight

1. Jeff McCormick 80; 2. Bob Henderson 83; 3. Jack Davis 86.

BASEBALL

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Steve Dorneman's sacrifice fly drove pinch-hitter Paul Richmond home from third in the 15th inning as Baylor beat Southwest Texas State early Wednesday, 3-2.

That capped a four-hour, 19-minute game that began Tuesday night after a rain delay of almost 1 1/2 hours. It was the longest baseball game in Southwest Texas State (27-15) annals.

Richmond singled off reliever Dickie Gonzalez (0-3) to lead off the 15th. David Murphy walked, and Trey Webb bunted both up a base. That set the stage for Dorneman's sac fly.

Baylor closer Zane Carlson (1-2) pitched a career-high 62/3 innings of relief, striking out seven. Paul Thorp got the last out in the 15th inning for his second save.

HOCKEY

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Most rookies dream about winning a playoff game in their hometown with an overtime goal. Mike Comrie did it — and tried his best to contain his excitement.

"It was nice," Comrie said after lifting the Edmonton Oilers to a 2-1 victory over the Dallas Stars on Tuesday night. "But the most important thing is the win, going into Dallas with the series tied."

Comrie, the 20-year old Edmonton native who grew up watching the Oilers win five Stanley Cups, couldn't hide all his emotions, however.

"You can't even describe how much fun it is to play in the playoffs," he said.

Edmonton's win sends the best-of-seven series back to Dallas tied at 2. Each game has been decided by one goal, three of them in overtime.

Comrie's score came on a power play at 17:21 of overtime. Jamie Langenbrunner high-sticked Comrie and was sent to the penalty box at 16:21. It took the rookie less than a minute to make the Stars pay.

"I'm sure it is a dream come true for him to score an overtime winner here," Mike Grier said. "He's had a ton of pressure on him being a local kid."

Comrie played in Doug Weight's spot after the Oilers captain received a game misconduct 10 minutes into the game for checking Stars defenseman Richard Matvichuk from behind.

Weight, Edmonton's regular-season scoring leader, was ejected and assessed a five-minute penalty for drilling Matvichuk into the boards. Matvichuk had to be helped off the ice and didn't return.

Harvesters win district golf title by 13 strokes

PAMPA — After so-so outings on the spring tournament circuit, the Pampa boys golf team hit their stride when District 3-4A play teed off.

"We had some good tourna-

ments and a few that weren't so good. We started playing better when district started," said Pampa coach Mike Self, who leads his Harvesters into the regional tournament in San

Angelo, starting April 23.

The Harvesters captured the district title for the second year in a row, beating second-place Randall by 13 strokes at the end of six rounds.

Pampa junior Daniel Heuston, who has been the district's dominating individual player the past seasons, again won medalist honors with a 460 total over six rounds. Heuston slipped to an 80

in the final round Thursday at Borger, but he still finished four shots ahead of Dumas' Charlie Romero and Palo Duro's Tray Latham in the medalist standings.

Heuston will be joined at regionals by seniors Cory Fowler and Anthony Tiedt, and sophomores Daniel Williams and Mitch Schilling. Tiedt was fourth-place medalist at 467. Williams tied for sixth place at 472 with Randall's Chris Brooks.

"There's a lot of good teams in our regionals this year. We've have to play our very best to have a chance," Self said.

The Harvesters will see some familiar opposition at regionals. That could be a good sign.

"Most of the teams we played against at the San Angelo Tournament will be in the regional tournament. We were in the top six at that tournament, so we held our own," Self said.

In the girls' division, Pampa made a strong run at a regional qualifying spot late in the season. However, the Lady Harvesters finished in third place, nine shots behind Hereford. The top two teams advance to regionals.

The Lady Harvesters did qualify junior Cortney Locknane for regionals. Her 439 total put her in fourth place in the medalist standings.

"The girls really improved as the year went along. I thought they did pretty good for a team that didn't have much experience," Self said.

Annie Sims is the team's only senior. She was sixth-place medalist with a 453 total.

"The girls should be in good shape next year. They're going to get there (regionals)," Self added.



Pampa boys golf team exhibit its District 3-4A championship trophy. Team members are (front row, from left) Ryan Black, Daniel Williams, Patrick Dunigan and Evan Ladd; (back row, from left) coach Mike Self, Craig Stout, Mitch Shilling, Anthony Tiedt, Cory Fowler and Daniel Heuston. The Harvesters also won the district title a year ago.

Pampa downs Dumas in high school baseball

PAMPA — Junior southpaw Adam Jones held Dumas hitless for six consecutive innings as Pampa came away with a 7-1 win Tuesday at Harvester Field.

Only Justin Kehoe's leadoff triple in the top of the seventh spoiled Jones' no-hitter. Kehoe would later score on a fielder's choice grounder for Dumas' only run.

The win gave the Harvesters a 4-6 record in district and 10-17 for the season. Dumas is also 4-6 in district and 11-10-1 overall. Both teams are tied for fourth in the district standings.

Jones struck out 13, walked one and hit two batters. Three Dumas batters reached base on errors.

With Pampa leading 4-0, junior second baseman Wes Martin put the Demons away

with the two-run homer in the sixth. Another run crossed the plate on a Dumas throwing error to give Pampa a 7-0 lead.

RBI singles by Adam Wright and Evan Miller off Dumas hurler Derek Skipworth gave Pampa a 2-0 lead in the first inning.

Another Pampa run crossed the plate in the fourth on Randy Tice's run-scoring single.

The Harvesters finished with eight hits. Martin added a single to his homer while Tice had a pair of run-scoring singles. Michael Galloway and Jones each had a double.

Skipworth went the distance on the mound for the Demons. He struck out seven and walked six.

The Harvesters play at Caprock at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Living out the NFL dream

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — As a child, LaDainian Tomlinson watched the NFL draft every year and imagined being part of it.

"I dreamed about being in the green room waiting for my name to be called out, be there wearing a suit and then putting on a team's hat," he said.

After leading the NCAA's in rushing the last two seasons and being a Heisman Trophy

finalist, Tomlinson will live out that scene Saturday.

The likely first-round pick from Texas Christian is among the players the NFL invited to New York for the draft.

"That it is happening is overwhelming for me," he said.

The last two seasons, Tomlinson overwhelmed defenses, rushing for 4,008 yards and 40 touchdowns. His 2,158 yards as a senior were the fourth-most in NCAA history. As a junior, he gained

1,850 yards, including a Division I-A single-game record of 406.

The 5-foot-11, 220-pound Tomlinson ranks sixth on the NCAA career rushing list with 5,263 yards and eighth with 54 rushing TDs.

"He's got a combination of speed and power," said Jerry Angelo, director of player personnel for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. "And you just can't minimize production. He's been a producer."

PHS girls fall to Canyon

PAMPA - Canyon downed Pampa 12-2 in a District 3-4A softball game Tuesday at Optimist Park.

The loss evened Pampa's district record at 6-6. Overall, the Lady Harvesters are 15-10.

Shauna Broaddus had a double, single and a run-batted in to lead the Lady Harvesters.

Stacey Johnson also had a double and Charity Nachtigall had an RBI single. Morgan White and Lindsey Naron each had a single.

Stephanie Clark was the pitcher for Pampa. She gave up seven hits while striking out six and walking five.

Pampa and Canyon are both tied for fourth place in the district standings.

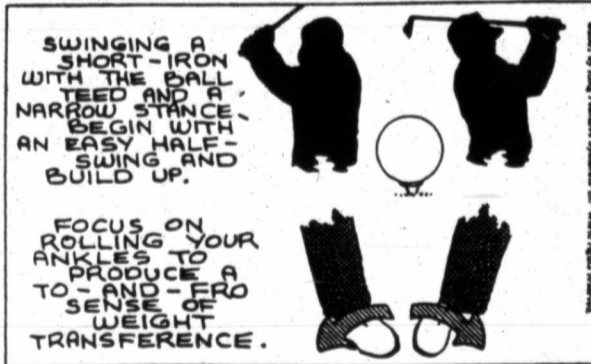
The Lady Harvesters are at Randall on Friday, Gametime is 4:30 p.m.

They close out the regular season Saturday at 1 p.m. against Borger at Optimist Park.

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Q Do childhood traumas inevitably twist and warp a person in the adult years?

A No. Difficult childhoods leave some people wounded and disadvantaged, but for others, they fuel great achievement and success. The difference appears to be a function of individual temperament and resourcefulness.

In a classic study called "Cradles of Eminence," Victor and Mildred Goertzel investigated the home backgrounds of 400 highly successful people. The researchers sought to identify the early experience that may have contributed to remarkable achievement. All of the subjects were well known for their accomplishments; they included Einstein, Freud, Churchill and many others.

The backgrounds of these people proved very interesting. Three-fourths of them came from troubled childhoods, enduring poverty, broken homes or parental abuse. One-fourth had physical handicaps. Most of those who became writers and playwrights had watched their own parents embroiled in psychological dramas of one sort or another. The researchers concluded that the need to compensate for disadvantages was a major factor in the drive toward personal achievement.

One of the best illustrations of his phenomenon is seen in the life of Eleanor Roosevelt, the former first lady. Orphaned at 10, she underwent a childhood of utter anguish. She was very homely and never felt she really belonged to anybody. According to Victor Wilson of the Newhouse News Service, "She was a rather humorless introvert; a young woman unbelievably shy, unable to overcome her personal insecurity and with a conviction of her own inadequacy."

The world knows, however, that Mrs. Roosevelt rose above her emotional shackles. As Wilson said, "... from some inner wellspring, Mrs. Roosevelt summoned a tough, unyielding courage, tempered by remarkable self-control and self-discipline." That "inner wellspring" has another appropriate name: compensation!

Obviously, one's attitude toward a handicap determines its impact on his or her life. It has become popular to blame adverse circumstances for irresponsible behavior, i.e., poverty causes crime, broken homes produce juvenile delinquents, a sick society imposes drug addiction on its youth. There is some truth in this assumption, since people in those difficult circumstances are more likely to behave in destructive ways. But they are not forced to do so.

To say that adverse conditions "cause" irresponsible behavior is to remove all responsibility from the shoulders of the individual. The excuse is hollow. We must each decide what we will do with inner doubt or outer hardship.

The application to an individual family should be obvious. If a child has gone through a traumatic experience or is physically disadvantaged, his or her parents need not give up hope. They should identify his or her strengths and natural abilities, which can be used to overcome the hurdle. The problem that seem so formidable today may become the inspiration for greatness tomorrow.

Q You have described two extremes that are both harmful to kids, being too permissive and being too harsh. Which is the most common error in cultures today?

A Permissiveness is still more common and has been since the 1950's. But harshness and severity still occur frequently as well. These dual dangers are equally harmful to children and were described by Marguerite and Willard Beecher in their book "Parents on the Run." This is how they saw the two extremes:

"The adult-centered home of yesteryear made parents the masters and children their slaves. The child-centered home of today has made parents the slaves and children the masters. There is no true cooperation in any master-slave relationship, and therefore no democracy. Neither the restrictive-authoritative technique of rearing children nor the newer 'anything goes' technique develop the genius within the individual, because neither trains him to be self-reliant. The way to raise healthy children is to find the safety of the ground between disciplinary extreme."

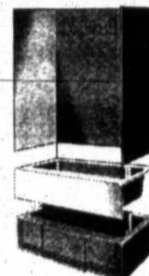
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