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County's former health insurance firm owes debts

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Gray County commissioners are still trying to get the medical bills paid by the county's previous medical provider. Medical bills of two Gray County employees were discussed by the commission during their Tuesday meeting. One road and bridge employee incurred a medical bill in November, 1999, which has not been paid. Commissioner Hefley said West Texas Rural Counties Association has admitted they are responsible for the bill, but apparently do not have the money to pay it. Hefley said the bill was processed in a timely manner by the employee.

The second unpaid bill was incurred at an Amarillo physician by a sheriff's department employee in the amount of \$4,900 in October, 1999. The hospital bill and other related bills incurred at the same time have been paid. Peet said the doctor's bill was also properly submitted.

Commissioners authorized Peet to contact both medical providers to explain that WTRCA is not longer medical carrier for Gray County, but to request that the discount on medical bills given by WTRCA be honored.

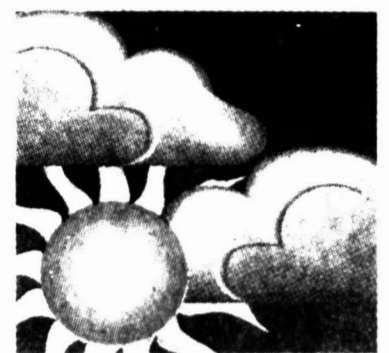
Insurance Management Systems has provided medical insurance coverage for county employees since January, 2000. The commission has reported satisfactory results in the self-insured plan.

Making a promise ...



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Pampa High School students are joining high school students across the nation in signing Prom Promises this week. Jason Kilhoffer, Calvin Parsley and Paul Conaway, all freshmen, signed pledges Wednesday at PHS promising not to use alcohol and other drugs. The PHS prom is Saturday.



High today 82
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Retired Teachers group to meet

PAMPA — Pampa Retired Teachers Association will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 21 at Furr's Cafeteria.

Open House at PCS Friday

Pampa — Panhandle Community Services is holding an open house from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Friday, May 18, in observance of National Community Action Month in May. The public is invited to visit the local facility and visit with the staff-members to learn more about the services offered to the public. PCS is located at 411 N. Cuyler.

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Pampa child getting rabies shots for bite

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Local authorities were awaiting word this morning on the results of rabies testing on a dog that bit a 22-month-old child Sunday.

Dr. James Alexander, Zoonosis specialist with the regional Texas Department of Health in Canyon, said Wednesday the child was taken to a local physician on Monday for treatment of injuries to the face. He said the physician then contacted the TDH office in Canyon.

Health authorities did not identify the child. State officials recommended the child begin rabies shots immediately as the dog that bit the child had not been vaccinated against rabies.

Alexander said the dog's owners reported the dog had never bitten anyone before. The dog belonged to family friends, he said. The dog was euthanized and sent to the Austin TDH lab for testing.

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Many Pampans Internet wired Report: PEDC sales tax receipts up

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

It's estimated that "better than half" the households in Pampa have computers with Internet access," Pampa Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Susan Triplehorn told PEDC board members.

Triplehorn said Tuesday she learned that fact recently while talking with the representatives of the city's two Internet service providers during a recent telecommunications seminar in Pampa. The providers are Pampa Cyber Net and Centramedia Online Services.

The seminar, described by Triplehorn as a sort of "Telecommunications for Dummies," was sponsored by State Rep. Warren Chisum through the Legislature's Rural Affairs Committee. She also attended a similar seminar in Lubbock.

"We can truly be proud of the telecommunications systems we have," Triplehorn said, noting there is "very little we don't have available."

As a case in point, Triplehorn noted the many communication needs that were met for United

Medicorp, a PEDC-aided hospital and physician group billing and collection service.

Additionally, she said, the PEDC "hit a home run with United Medicorp." She was referring to the fact the company now has 72 employees. UMC is located downtown next door to Texas Furniture.

UMC's success was also mentioned when some board members brought up the subject of a question that was posed in the Tuesday *Pampa News* feature "Quite Frankly."

The respondents were asked to pick a question each would like to see posed. Christi Honeycutt said she would like to see the question: "What is the PEDC doing for Pampa?"

The PEDC is funded by a half cent city sales tax that was put in place by the voters of Pampa.

Triplehorn reported the May sales tax figures, which reflects sales made in March, were up. She said the PEDC's revenue is on line to bring in about \$700,000 this fiscal year. That's about \$70,000 more than budgeted. The amount received for May sales was \$82,210.

While some of the increased sales tax is the result

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Emilio Moyola, left, and Roy Mendez, employees of Leeds Clark Historic Preservation & Consulting of Midlothian, begin the \$5.3 million renovation of Gray County Courthouse by restoring a ground floor window in the northeast corner of the venerable building. Officials estimate the project will take at least one year before completion.

Fair Defense Act clear hurdle Lawmakers busy in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Court-appointed attorneys in Texas would have to be selected within three days of a defendant's request and meet minimum statewide standards under a bill given preliminary House approval.

The Texas Fair Defense Act would for the first time set aside up to \$19.7 million for grants to the state's 254 counties, which already spend about \$90 million a year on trial counsel for the poor.

Final approval was expected Thursday. After the Senate and House work out differences, the measure would head to Gov. Rick Perry.

Texas, the nation's No. 1 death penalty state, does not have a uniform system for representing poor defendants; court-appointed lawyers are chosen under a myriad of local rules.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

A bill that would have stripped away the power the State Board of Education has to award charters to schools and given it to public universities was pulled from the Senate floor Wednesday when it was met with fierce opposition from a few lawmakers.

The sponsor of the bill later admitted he may have overreacted. When asked if he would bring the bill up again on Thursday, Sen. Teel Bivins said: "I'm sure I'll probably have a cooler head in the morning."

Gov. Rick Perry later Wednesday urged Bivins, R-Amarillo, to bring the bill back, saying there are important reforms the state can make to improve charter schools.

Bivins' bill already had been given preliminary approval and needed final approval when Bivins became irritated with a few Democratic lawmakers criticizing the legislation.

Some said they favored the House version of the bill, which would impose a two-year moratorium on new charter schools.

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Gymnastic recital



(Special photo) Students of Gymnastics of Pampa will present their "Blast to the Past" spring recital at 5:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 18 at the gymnasium located on Loop 171 north of Pampa. Top: Mighty Mite Team students (back row, left-right) Karami Rice, Calli Hampton, Taryn Eubank, Emily Nicklas, Kolbi Furgason, Kirsten Kuhn; (front row, l-r) Kendle Ramey, Kaylene Wyatt, Madisyn Martinez, Ellen Cambren, Tara Garcia and Robin Doan. Bottom: Pre-school students (back row, left-right) Tristen Broggin, Caragan Niccum, Emily Terry, MacKenzie Parks, Jaycee Devoll; (front, l-r) Megan Brock, Hallie Williams, Taylor Eubank, Marlee Youree and Cade Engle.

LAWMAKERS

DEATH PENALTY

The Senate gave final approval to a House bill that would prohibit the state from executing capital murderers who are mentally retarded.

The bill was approved on a non-record vote and now goes back to the House, where lawmakers will either accept the Senate changes or meet in committee to work out a compromise.

Under the bill, a person deemed mentally retarded could receive a life sentence rather than death. A judge would determine in a pre-trial hearing whether a person was mentally retarded.

SCHOOL START

A bill that forces school districts statewide to start their year during the week of Aug. 21, a date later than most districts now use, was finally approved in the House.

The bill by Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, takes effect in the 2002-2003 school year.

It also forces school districts to notify local residents in the newspaper at least 60 days before they apply for a waiver of the law. The notice must include the day the district intends to begin instruction and information about a public hearing on the issue.

Lucio said the public hearing provisions added by the House are acceptable to him.

"I think it strengthens my bill," he said. "It really calls for public control."

In some cases, he said, a small group of local school officials are deciding school start dates without public input.

Gov. Rick Perry's spokeswoman could not say whether he will sign the bill.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Low-income Medicare recipients could participate in a state assistance program that could help them save money on prescriptions under a bill approved by the Senate.

The bill, which could cost the state about \$273 million, would take effect if money is appropriated.

Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, said the state should try to provide medicine to people who can't afford it.

Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, opposed the bill, saying the state should take on its existing obligations before taking on new ones.

REDISTRICTING

A deadline loomed and a partisan standoff persisted in the Senate as lawmakers butted heads over how to redraw political boundaries.

But Sen. Jeff Wentworth, a San Antonio Republican who chairs the Senate Redistricting Committee, predicted "some kind of action" on Thursday or Friday.

He said he remained two votes short of the 20 needed to bring his redistricting bill up for Senate floor debate. Wentworth said he was hopeful two of the four uncommitted Republicans in the chamber will agree to vote to debate his plan.

Wentworth's committee redistricting plan is favored by the Senate's Democrats, who view it as less threatening than an alternative advocated by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco.

Sibley said he is prepared to negotiate with Democrats but said he makes no apologies for putting forth a Republican-oriented plan.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

The Texas Senate gave final approval Wednesday to a bill increasing driver's license suspension periods for Texans who fail or refuse breath tests.

The bill passed on a voice vote. It previously passed the House and now goes to Gov. Rick Perry.

The bill by Rep. Steve Wolens,

D-Dallas, also allows police officers to take away licenses immediately from drivers arrested for DWI or refusal to take a breath test. Officers usually give licenses back to drivers, who may or may not choose to relinquish the license at a formal hearing within 40 days of the arrest.

TELEMARKETING

Tired of telemarketers calling?

Under a House bill approved by the Senate, consumers could sign up for a "no-call" list that would prevent telemarketers from calling them. Under the bill, people would pay \$3 to stay on the list for three years. The list would be updated quarterly and be maintained by the Public Utility Commission.

The bill would target telemarketers who complete their entire financial transactions over the telephone, House sponsor Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton has said.

CRIME MEMORABILIA

Gov. Rick Perry signed into law a bill that would prohibit convicts and third-party brokers to profit from the sale of crime memorabilia. The money, instead, would be handed over to the state and the profits would be put into a fund from which victims' families would have five years to collect damages they have been awarded.

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Infant well; officers think mom's dead

HOUSTON (AP) — A 5-day-old infant abducted from his Houston home was back safe with relatives Thursday but his mother, who also was abducted, was believed to be dead, police said.

Authorities were questioning four men and a woman but could not confirm a motive for the abduction, police spokeswoman Sandra Aponte said. No charges were filed immediately.

Broadcast reports, however, said the abduction of Joana Rodriguez and her baby was masterminded by a woman who wanted a child.

The infant, Ray Cabrera, was found about 11 p.m. Wednesday in a car next to a home in northeast Houston on the opposite side of the city and miles from where the abduction occurred almost 24 hours earlier. A body believed to be that of the boy's mother was found in another car parked next to the home.

The cause of the woman's death was not immediately determined and police did not expect to be able to confirm her identity until after an autopsy later Thursday, Aponte said.

The baby and his mother were taken at gunpoint from their home at about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday by four men who broke into their apartment.

The men demanded money, ransacked the place, then tied up and pistol whipped Rodriguez's husband, Ramundo Cabrera, and his cousin, Rigoberto Cardenas.

The abductors — three in ski masks — forced Rodriguez and her infant son into a car and fled.

Houston radio station KTRH reported one of those in custody, after being questioned, led police to the home where the woman and child were found.

The infant was taken to Texas Children's Hospital for an examination and later released to his father.

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Inside the Beltway
 with
 Sen. Hutchison

Texans address superpower role

Earlier in the year, I sought Texans' opinions about the unique role America plays on the world stage. Texans weren't shy in sharing with me their ideas on how to best use our military and diplomatic power. As has been the case with previous questionnaires, your answers were overwhelming, and I would like to thank this newspaper for allowing me to communicate with you this way.

The first question I asked on this topic was, "The United States has deployed troops in response to humanitarian crises in countries such as Bosnia, Somalia and Haiti in recent years. How do you think our country can best meet its responsibilities in the world, and how broad do you think those responsibilities ought to be?"

A whopping 89 percent of you who responded said the United States should cut back significantly on these kinds of military assignments, and encourage our allies to take on more of this responsibility. Only 7 percent said we should maintain the same level of peacekeeping commitments as we did the past eight years, and even fewer of you, 4 percent, said we should expand our role in peacekeeping missions.

The second question I asked dealt with the need for our country to develop a missile defense system. This question resonated with Texans, as 85 percent of you said we should proceed with the development of such a system, and only 15 percent of you rejected the idea.

The final question I asked was, "What, in your opinion, is the most significant foreign or national security matter now confronting the United States?" (This poll, remember, was taken before the incident in April in which an American aircraft was forced to land in Chinese territory, and the Chinese government detained its crew for 11 days.)

The Middle East, for 50 percent of you, remains the most important foreign policy and security issue facing our country; 38 percent of you said China should be our first priority, followed by 3 percent of you who indicated the North Atlantic Treaty Organization should be at the top of the list. Only 1 percent said the Balkans ought to occupy that spot. The remaining 6 percent indicated various other areas of primary concern, the most often listed being illegal immigration. Others cited the stability of Latin America, the Philippines and Indonesia, the security of the Panama Canal, and Africa (in regards to the problem of modern slavery in Sudan). Many said threats of domestic terrorism ought to be higher on our list of defense priorities.

Here are some of the comments I received regarding U.S. national security priorities:

- From Hereford: "We need to keep our nose out of places not directly related to our own national security."
- Liberty: "We must pay our soldiers better and provide them better benefits. This includes our National Guard and Reserve soldiers."
- Huntsville: "We need to look at Central and South America. While we weren't paying attention, Venezuela has elected a socialist government that is allying itself with Cuba, and Peru is going in the same direction. The Sandinistas are trying to take over Nicaragua. All the good work Reagan and Bush did in this neighborhood is being rolled back."
- Fort Worth: "It is time the American people learn what it is costing them to protect our 'friends' in the Middle East while they hold us up on the price of oil. What do they pay us for defending them?"
- Fair Oaks Ranch: "It is counterproductive to involve ourselves in missions such as the Balkans. They are bad for our troops' morale, reduce our readiness and are endless. Their true cost is hidden in the defense budget."
- Boerne: "It is my understanding that the communist Chinese now have control of both ends of the Panama Canal, the Panama railroad and former U.S. military bases there. This is a cause for concern."
- Hondo: "The Clinton administration was hoodwinked by the Chinese dictatorship, the next big threat to world stability."
- Helotes: "Bring our troops home. Yugoslavia is a European problem and has been since 1914."
- Wake Village: "Rebuild our military to the level of strength it was for the Gulf War."
- Bonham: "Adults with integrity are finally back in charge in the White House. They have the judgment to decide how to best use our resources."
- Ozona: "The biggest threat to national security is the National Democratic Party."
- Gainesville: "Missile defense is extremely important. The Iranians are completely unpredictable."
- Winnboro: "Star Wars has been tested twice and it has failed both times. Forget it."
- Lockhart: "Terrorism and treason right here in the United States are my biggest worry."
- San Antonio: "Full speed ahead on missile defense. We need to let other countries know there will be a high price to pay if they threaten us."
- Tyler: "I've been paying taxes to support NATO my entire life and I think those dues are paid. Let Europe take care of itself. Ditto the United Nations."

I was proud to read the thoughtful replies of so many who responded to this survey. Texans have always been prepared to do more than their fair share for their country. Service is important to Texans, which is why nearly one of every 10 serving in uniform today calls Texas home. America must weigh its national security responsibilities and put them in proper perspective in order to maintain the ability to defend our interests at home and abroad.

What is a child's life is worth?

What is a child's life worth? Is it worth \$10? \$20 \$100 or a \$1 million?

During the past seven weeks, I have learned more about rabies than I ever thought I would have to know.

I've lived in the Panhandle all my life, and I have never seen rabies be this widespread. I have written numerous stories about the rabies problem in Pampa and the surrounding area in recent weeks. As of this writing, six skunks found within the city limits have tested positive for rabies.

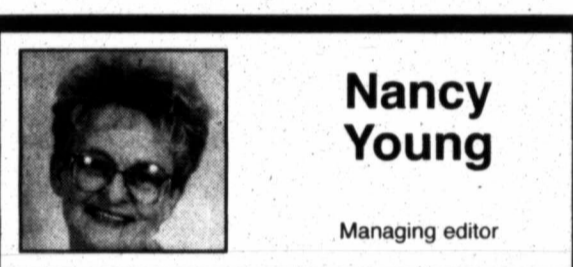
Two dogs, a cow and six skunks have been sent off and they were not rabid.

The verdict is still out on two more skunks, a prairie dog, and a dog. Hopefully, when the results come in later today or tomorrow, all will be negative. So far, no domestic animals have been confirmed to have the disease.

However, I learned Wednesday that a small child - 22 months old - is having to undergo rabies shots in Pampa. The dog that bit the child has not had its rabies vaccine. It was sent to the lab in Austin. The animal had never bitten anyone before, but the child was bitten in the face.

The wound was not serious, but Texas Health Department authorities said it could be too late for the child if rabies was confirmed later in the week in the animal and shots had not begun. TDH said the shots had to begin immediately. If the animal did not have rabies, the shots will be discontinued.

Regrettably, skunks are not uncommon here, and these wild animals seem to be bringing this disease to town.



Nancy Young
 Managing editor

Last Friday our Circulation Manager Dean Lynch and I drove by the locations where the rabid skunks have been found in the city. What we found was a breeding ground for these animals.

In the southeast edge of town we found many properties in need of mowing, numerous junk cars, a large amount of overgrown vegetation and several vacant, dilapidated homes.

These areas are perfect for skunks and other wildlife in search of a habitat. Also, it would be absolute "heaven" for mice, and other rodent population.

I'm sure some of the properties belong to local residents, while others belong to non-residents. I don't know who owns what.

Being the owner of some vacant properties, I know the problems faced by the owners. Cost of clean up is very expensive, and then some real clogs will dump ANYTHING on ANYBODY'S property. Appliances of almost every variety can be found on vacant lots. Part of this problem increased when the dumps closed, but that's no excuse.

There are many things individuals, the city

and county can do. First, and foremost, is to recognize Pampa is sitting on a time bomb! Some people are just poo-pooing the rabies outbreak as something that just happens in life.

I was one of those who had not had my dog vaccinated. For \$12, she has now been vaccinated. Why hadn't I done it? I thought it wouldn't happen to me. And I was being irresponsible and a clod!

Then, I thought about the skunks that come into town—uninvited. I have had them in my yard. Any one of these skunks could be carrying rabies. With the percentage of those testing positive being 50 percent, chances are even as to which skunk would get my dog — a rabid one or not rabid. I preferred not to gamble anymore with her life. A rabid one could get into a fight and transmit this disease to my dog. Then, unknowingly, the dog could transmit it to me or, even worse, one of my grandchildren, a neighbor's child, the boy who mows my yard or anyone else in the neighborhood.

It has been estimated there are about 16,000 animals in Pampa. According to the local veterinarians records of rabies vaccine administered since Jan., only 2,000-2,500 have been vaccinated. Are you in the minority or majority?

We insist that our children be buckled in their seat belts. We won't let them play in the middle of North Hobart. We give them swimming lessons so they won't drown.

What about giving the animals the rabies vaccine to protect the children. How could you better spend \$10 or \$12?

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Thursday, May 17, the 137th day of 2001. There are 228 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 On May 17, 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in its Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka decision that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal.
 On this date:
 In 1792, the New York Stock

Exchange was founded by brokers meeting under a tree located on what is now Wall Street.
 In 1875, the first Kentucky Derby was run; the winner was "Aristides."
 In 1938, Congress passed the Vinson Naval Act, providing for a two-ocean navy.
 In 1939, Britain's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth arrived in Quebec on the first visit to Canada

by reigning British sovereigns.
 In 1940, the Nazis occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War II.
 In 1946, President Truman seized control of the nation's railroads, delaying a threatened strike by engineers and trainmen.
 In 1948, the Soviet Union recognized the new state of Israel.
 In 1961, Cuban leader Fidel Castro offered to exchange prison-

ers captured in the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion for American heavy tractors.
 In 1973, the Senate opened its hearings into the Watergate scandal.
 In 1987, 37 American sailors were killed when an Iraqi warplane attacked the U.S. Navy frigate "Stark" in the Persian Gulf. (Iraq and the U.S. called the attack a mistake.)

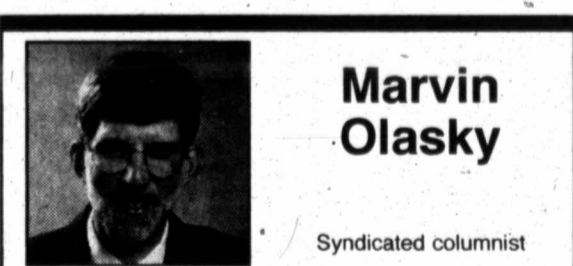
Harvard demonstration not noteworthy

Good cause? Maybe. Heroes? No way. New York Times columnist Bob Herbert went over-the-top recently in praising the 35 students occupying Harvard University's central administration building. Here was his lead: "You want heroes? Take a peek inside Massachusetts' Hall."

Since mid-April, the demonstrators have sat and given interviews to adoring journalists about Harvard's obligation to raise the wages of employees who make less than \$10.25 per hour. The students have received food from administrators, and opportunities to make up any tests they miss. The Los Angeles Times reported that as one student leaned out the window, "his government professor inquired: 'Got everything you need? Books? Class outlines? Deodorant?'"

Reporters and pundits eager to relive the late 1960s-early-1970s glory days of student protests are praising this protest. But give us a break, please. I was in college during those days, and they weren't so glorious. This month is the 30th anniversary of a five-day hunger strike that I and some other Yale students went on in 1971 as we camped outside the administration building, also in support of low-paid university employees.

In return for being hungry on the first and second days — the third, fourth and fifth weren't bad at all — we received great coverage from journalists and great sympathy from professors and administrators. By day, we read Karl Marx. At night, we could watch the Marx Brothers, thanks to the Yale Film Society, which projected films for us. The university health



Marvin Olasky
 Syndicated columnist

service provided a glucose solution to anyone growing faint.

What I could not read at that point was the story of a real hero, Armando Valladares, because he was being held incommunicado in one of Fidel Castro's prisons. Only in 1988, when Valladares testified before the U.N.'s Commission on Human Rights, did I learn what he went through as a political prisoner not for five days or several weeks, but for 22 years.

He told how one of his friends, Roberto Lopez Chavez, "went on a hunger strike to protest abuses. The guards denied him water. Roberto, on the floor of his punishment cell, delirious and in agony, asked only for water ... water. The guards entered his cell and asked: You want water? They urinated into his mouth and onto his face. He died the following day."

Valladares told of his own experience: "When they had me in a punishment cell, naked, my leg fractured in several places — fractures that were never treated and eventually fused into a mass of deformed bones. Through the wire mesh that covered the cell, the guards would pour over me buckets of urine and excrement that they had collected earlier."

Such abuses went on and on, through "eight thousand days of testing for my religious convictions, my faith, of struggling not to allow the hatred that my atheist guards sought to sow with their bayonets to flower in my heart." Guards sometimes showed him copies of U.S. newspapers like The New York Times with praise of Fidel Castro.

Valladares testified that, one night, "a political prisoner named Fernando Lopez del Toro came to my cell. In a tone of despair, he said to me that what hurt the most, out of all of the torment, was that our sacrifice might be in vain. It was not the pain, but the apparent uselessness of enduring it that was defeating Fernando."

Valladares described how "Fernando climbed up on his bunk, coiled a dirty towel around his neck and with a sharp piece of metal tore open his skin, searched with his fingers for the jugular vein, and in one stroke cut it. He died a few minutes later. Fernando was the victim of indifference, of silence, of that terrible echoless universe in which, in this century of horrors and violations, so many good men and women die."

Valladares is a hero. Lopez del Toro was a hero who could not take it any more, and Valladares' message to men like him is: "Do not take your life. Liberty will never disappear from the face of the earth."

My comrades 30 years ago were not heroes. We were pampered poodles rubbing up against people who treated us kindly. We read our press coverage and were very full of ourselves. I hope today's Harvard protesters don't take their press clippings seriously.

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Gymnastics of Pampa recital



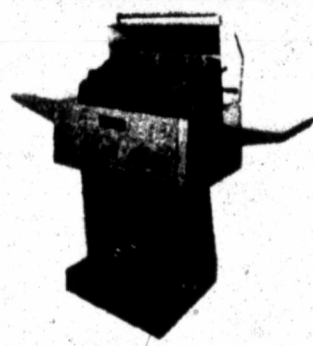
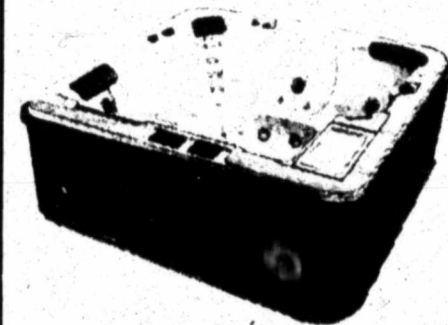
(Special photo)

Students of Gymnastics of Pampa will present their "Blast to the Past" spring recital at 5:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 18 at the gymnasium located on Loop 171 north of Pampa. Above: Cheerleading students (back row, left-right) Meg Noe, Roxan Alexander, Anna Johnson, Brianna Bailey; (middle row, l-r) Collin Lewis, Natalie McVay, Amber Asher; (front row, l-r) Krissy Holman, Tamera Keeton, Brittany Herriman, Katlin Passini and Katie Schafer.

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Madeline Graves recital



(Special photo)

Students of Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center will perform in the studio's spring recital slated Friday, May 18. Above: (front row) Cynthia Schepp, Abbey Rios; (back row) Jazmine Rose, Halie Ford, Rachel Wicker, Allie Hendrick, Keziah, Nelson. Among those performing will be Minnie Buckhaults, Karoley Villarreal, Kirstin Hood, Macey Hendrick, Ashton Duke, Ashley Stark, Edy Brainard, Bethany Strange, Hanna Brainard, Abbie Brainard, Indy Sullivan, Zoe Hulsey, Shannon Clay, Nicole Heersema, Jenna Munsell, Caylee Steward, Allison Cooper, Monica Schepp, Calli Brewer, Danielle Zuniga, Lara Heersema, Shelby Clay, Brianna Wallum, Dusty Michelle Armstrong, Stephanie Polasek, Leah Wilson, Samantha Finney, Amanda Bennett, and Elizabeth Fagg.

Tour organizers seeking participants

An educational tour to London during Spring Break 2002 is currently being organized by Dean Birkes, theatre teacher at Pampa High School, and by Mrs. Johnna Birkes, English and journalism teacher at White Deer High School. The six-day tour, called "London City Stay," will include sightseeing tours to Windsor Castle, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace and the British Museum. The trip will also include an Elizabethan Banquet, where King Henry VIII welcomes participants to an evening of medieval pageantry and entertainment. An optional excursion to Stonehenge and to Bath is also planned or participants may elect to have a free day in London exploring the original Hard Rock Cafe, Madame Tussaud's Chamber of Horrors or the Tower of London. According to Mr. Birkes, the trip is through EF Educational Tours and includes round-trip airfare, four overnight stays in a hotel with a private bathroom, continental breakfasts and dinners daily, full-time EF tour director, three sightseeing tours, three visits to special attractions, one EF walking tour, a three-day visitor underground travelcard and a theatre performance. Current cost of the trip is \$995, plus airport fees and registration fees. Total approximate cost if \$1,200. If participants sign-up before June of this year, they will get this year's price. The trip is open to high school students and adults. For more information, contact Mr. Birkes at 669-4800, ext. 333, or Mrs. Birkes at 883-6411, or both at 669-3058.

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Woman's Strength of Personality Is Drained by Controlling Man

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter from "Been There in Texas," the woman who was married to a very controlling husband.

This past year, I found myself a prisoner of what began as the perfect relationship. During the first couple of months I dated my boyfriend, I was swept away by his charm and loving attitude. He deserves a standing ovation. He did an outstanding job of blinding me — and everyone in my life — to his true nature.

My once-active social life slowly disappeared before my eyes — leaving me with only him. It was a slow process. He patiently chipped away at my self-esteem until he created a relationship that satisfied his needs. I found myself trapped by someone who didn't allow me to speak to anyone. He took away my right to be me.

He constantly reminded me that he was a "real man." In reality, he was a scared little boy hiding behind a strong woman. That's why he chose me to be his victim. I had dignity, self-respect, a confident attitude — qualities he knew he would never have. "Boys" like him need women like me because we have lots of chutzpah. If they can subdue someone like me, they gain a sense of control within themselves.

I'm writing to let anyone who is presently involved with a controlling partner know one thing: These partners are scared. They are scared of being alone. Most of all, they are scared of themselves. Deep down they know they can't sugarcoat their personalities forever. They know people will eventually uncover the cruel intentions hidden temporarily behind their

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

mask of sweetness. My advice to victims: I hope that one day you will remember the strong person you once were. I hope you will realize that you still exist and have the right to come out and play. Whether you realize it or not, you have control over the next move. Change the rules of the game — and leave.

P.G. IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR P.G.: The man you describe is a narcissistic personality. He believes the world revolves around him and his needs, and nobody else matters. If you are not revolving around him, you are not in his orbit, and he will say and do anything to entice you in.

There is only one way out, and that is to make a safe escape plan to leave — and once you have escaped, never return. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: May I share a poem I wrote last year? It was derived from conversations I had with women who survived abusive relationships and gained the courage to leave.

DANNY COMSTOCK,
MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR DANNY: Thank you for giving me permission to print your poem, "Words of Love." If your painful words sound familiar to any of my readers, I hope they, too, will have the courage to leave.

You're fat! You're ugly! You're nothing but a b—! Clean the house! Take care of the kids! Can't you do anything right? You're not sexy! You don't turn me on! You're frigid, cold as ice! You don't appreciate my love! Why I put up with you, I don't understand!

But no one will understand you like I do! You need me to take care of you! You won't survive without me! If you don't listen to me, I will hit you again! And then you will understand how much I love you!

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ELL, THESE ARE NOT INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS! WHY ARE YOU MAKING YOURSELF CRAZY?!!

... I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!

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RING! RING! RING!

HI JEREMY, IS IT TOO LATE TO ASK YOU A QUESTION ABOUT THE BIOLOGY ASSIGNMENT?

NOT AT ALL...

...UNLESS YOU EXPECT AN ANSWER

Garfield

AND YOUR AVOCATION, SIR, IS?

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CERTAINLY

SQUISH!

NO FOLLOW-THROUGH AT ALL

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Beetle Bailey

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YOU'D NEVER FIND THIS IN A LIBRARY!

Marvin

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THIS IS MY REPORT ON SERFS..

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EVERY MORNING THE MASTER WOULD YELL, "SERFS UP!"

WELL, I'LL BET THEY DID IN CALIFORNIA...

Blondie

OH NO, HERE COMES THE RAIN! HOW COULD I HAVE FORGOTTEN MY UMBRELLA?!

WHAM!

SOME DAYS YOU JUST LUCK INTO THINGS!

Mallard Filmore

SO RUSH IS HOME STUDYING ON A SATURDAY?

YES.

I TOLD HIM THAT GOING TO BASEBALL GAMES WON'T HELP HIM GET INTO COLLEGE.

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TPWD looking for hunting leases

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GENERAL

PAMPA — The Youth Survival Club of Pampa will have a car wash at the Advance Auto Parts parking lot on North Hobart from 10 to 5 Saturday.

Proceeds from the car wash will go to the club to help purchase equipment and pay expenses to boxing tournaments.

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering Men's Open and Mixed Open Summer Softball Leagues this summer.

Entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is currently sanctioned).

The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open and Men's Masters, and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

Entry deadline is June 8 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

If you have any questions or would like information on the Summer Softball Leagues, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 during business hours.

HOCKEY

ST. LOUIS (AP) — It took the St. Louis Blues 60 shots to get to Patrick Roy, so they just kept firing.

Scott Young's goal at 10:27 of the second overtime gave the Blues a 4-3 victory over the Colorado Avalanche on Wednesday night, and new life in the Western Conference finals. The Blues twice rallied to tie it in the third period, and narrowed the Avalanche's series lead to 2-1 heading into Game 4 Friday night in St. Louis.

"I don't know how many pucks we had to throw on the net," coach Joel Quenneville said. "I think across the board, the guys wouldn't be denied."

Al MacInnis got off 10 shots, including a slap shot to the gut near the end of regulation that doubled over Roy, Chris Pronger had eight shots and Young six. Young, who had a career-high 40 goals in the regular season, took a pass from Pierre Turgeon at the blue line and beat Roy just inside the left post for his sixth goal of the postseason.

"I just threw it in the middle and I was hoping it wasn't going to hit any sticks or skates, and it was a great shot," Turgeon said. "Great release, big goal, big win, good feeling."

The Avalanche weren't blaming Roy for the game-winner, or the Blues' two tying goals. Defenseman Adam Foote said the strategy of sitting on the lead put too much pressure on Roy, who had allowed six goals in his previous six playoff games.

"He's always there for us," Foote said. "We can't let him see this many shots. We were in our end way too long."

Goals by Scott Mellanby and Jamal Mayers erased third-period deficits, and Alexander Khavanov also scored for the Blues, who totaled three goals in the first two games of the series at Denver. The goal ended the longest overtime of this year's playoffs, topping the Blues' victory in Game 3 of their second-round series against Dallas by 61 seconds.

The Blues overcame a shaky outing from goalie Roman Turek, who gave up three goals on only 16 shots in regulation.

Flashback

1986: Canadian lost a 36-35 squeaker to Friona in a girls bi-district playoff game.

Jeanna Patton had 10 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Lady Wildcats. Teammate Stephanie Byard had 9 points.

PAMPA — Do you have property that attracts dove, pheasant, waterfowl or sandhill cranes? If so, Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) is looking for land to lease for its public hunting program in 2001 and 2002.

In 1994, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department began a pilot public hunting program to benefit both hunters and agricultural producers in Texas. This program, known as the Short Term Public Hunting Lease Program, sought to lease private lands during the dove season for use by purchases of the TPWD \$40 Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit. Approximately 35,000 APH permits are sold annually statewide.

Originally, leases were only

secured along the Interstate 35 corridor in Central Texas. In 1995, the program expanded to other areas of the state and to other game species. Last year, TPWD leased 130 dove hunting units providing over 48,000 acres of additional public hunting opportunity. Among these were dove, quail and pheasant leases located in Collingsworth, Hansford and Fisher Counties.

A short-term public hunting lease is a contract between TPWD and a private landowner. The landowner agrees to let APH Permit holders hunt certain game animals on their property for a specified period of time. In turn, TPWD pays the landowner a set fee for this access and agrees to post signs

on the boundary, designate roads and parking areas, restricted areas or other areas identified in the lease agreement. Activities such as off-road vehicle use, camping, building fires, fishing and consumption of alcoholic beverages are not allowed on these leased areas.

According to Mike Miller, TPWD Wildlife Biologist, landowners may view the program as a significant windfall. "In recent years, the lease prices have been between \$2 and \$5 per acre," said Miller. "The price of the lease is based on the size of property, game species and hunt dates provided, habitat quality, ease of public access and location."

Miller pointed out that

TPWD's goal is not to make money, but rather to provide additional hunting opportunity and demonstrate the economic value of hunting and wildlife management to landowners.

Potential dove leases should have a food source, such as grain, sunflower or other annual weeds, with roosting cover and/or a reliable water source. Sites must also have a public access point where hunter's vehicles can be parked and hunters can access the property. Sites that encompass 100 to 400 acres and located within 60 miles of Amarillo, Pampa or Borger are preferred. Any property that will provide a high quality hunting experience will be considered. Lands currently

enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program contracts can be leased with no effect on U.S. Department of Agriculture payments.

Although the program originally focused on dove hunting, TPWD is interested in leasing land for waterfowl and pheasant hunting seasons as well. The term of these leases can be for an entire hunting season or can be defined to allow public access only during a portion of the hunting season. Leases that offer hunting opportunities for more than one species will generally bring a higher lease payment, according to Miller.

The sign-up deadline is June 15. Interested landowners can contact Miller at (806)-665-5260.

Cabot gains split in 11-12 action

PAMPA — Cabot split its last two games in recent Cal Ripken 11-12 baseball action at Optimist Park.

Cabot won over Cyber Net 14-1 as Bradley Johnson and Alex Torres combined to pitch a one-hitter. Johnson, the winning pitcher, went three innings and didn't give up a hit or run while striking out seven and walking three. Torres pitched one inning and gave up one run on one hit while striking out two and walking two.

Cabot's leading hitters were Shane Davis, three singles and two RBI; Brady Eakin, double, two singles and one RBI; Dakota Gowin, three singles and one RBI.

Others with hits were Brad Johnson, single and RBI; Nick Dudley, single and three RBI; Skylar James, single and RBI; Alex Torres, single. Davis, Gowin and Eakin each scored three runs. Johnson scored two runs.

Shavious Kelley had the lone hit and scored the only run for Cyber-Net.

Cabot dropped an 8-4 decision to Duncan, Fraser and Bridges in the other game.

Matt Trusty and Brandon Crook pitched DFB to victory. Trusty and Crook each pitched three innings with Trusty picking up the win. He gave up one run on three hits while striking out six and walking three. Crook gave up three runs on four hits while striking out four and walking five.

Chris Smith led DFB in hitting with a triple and two singles. Others with hits were Brandon Crook, two singles and one RBI; Colby Greenhouse, two singles and one RBI; Chase Harris, single and RBI; Josh Mulkey, single and two RBI; Drew Williams, single and two RBI; Luke Raber, single.

In other 11-12 contests, Celanese slipped by Cyber Net 6-5.

Winning pitcher was Tyler Hall, who gave up three runs on five hits while striking out six and walking one in three innings. Tanner Dyson pitched two innings, giving up one hit while striking out three and walking one. Colby Copeland pitched two innings, giving up two runs on one hit while striking out two, walking two and hitting one batter.

Dyson, Taylor Smith and

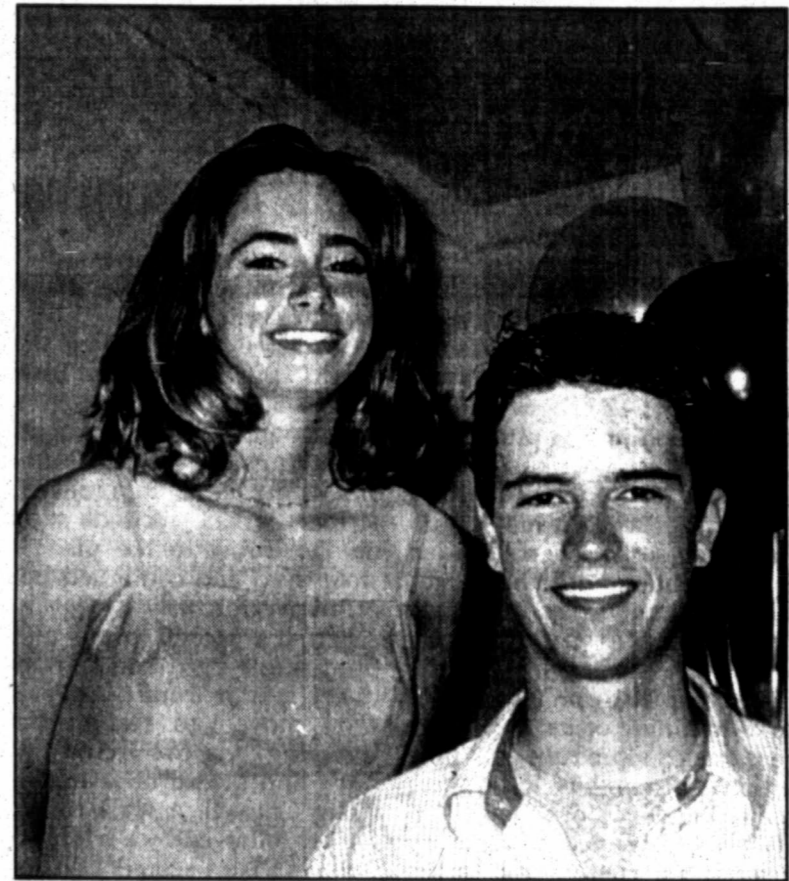
Russell Dougless led the team in hitting. Dyson had two singles, Smith a triple, single and two RBI, and Dougless two singles. Hall had a triple and three RBI; Copeland and Justin Sealman each had a single.

Jacob Jenkins was Cyber Net's leading hitter with two singles and two RBI. Others with hits were Sameer Kelley a double; Kyle Wheat a single; Shavious Kelley, a single and Ryan Adams, a double.

Blake Nusser batted in three runs with two doubles and a single as Triangle defeated Bill Allison Auto 13-1 in 11-12 action. Nusser was also the winning pitcher, giving up two runs on two hits while striking out five and walking five in two innings. Colden Fortenberry also pitched two innings, giving up one while striking out five and walking one.

Others with hits were Matt Furgason, two singles and two RBI; Jake Diggs, two singles and one RBI; Jacob Maciel, double, single and one RBI; Billy Bryan, single; Fortenberry, single and RBI; Phillip Rodriguez, single. Furgason and Nusser also scored three runs each.

Golf MVP's



Cortney Locknane and Daniel Heuston were named the Most Valuable Players of the Pampa High golf team this season. They were honored along with their teammates at the annual golf awards banquet Tuesday night.

Nebraska advances in Big 12 tourney

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — It looked for a while like Iowa State might detour Nebraska off its road to winning a third-straight Big 12 Conference tournament championship.

The Cornhuskers were down 2-1 going into the sixth inning as Cyclone pitcher Lincoln Mincks held Nebraska at bay. But Jeff Morris tied the game with an RBI-single and Nebraska went on to beat the scrappy Cyclones 5-2 in a game that stretched into the early-morning hours of Thursday.

"Iowa State played outstanding defense, and we played good defense for about four innings," Nebraska coach Dave Van Horn

said afterward. "We had a bad inning in the field and it costs us, they took advantage of it."

The Cornhuskers (42-14) will play an 8 p.m. game against Oklahoma State, which beat Baylor 18-4 Wednesday afternoon.

Iowa State (23-28-1) will meet Baylor in a losers' bracket game at 1 p.m.

The Cowboys (39-18) pounded out 18 hits off four Baylor pitchers. Jimbo McAuliff had three hits, drove in four runs and scored twice.

His two-run homer in the fourth inning put fifth-seeded Oklahoma State ahead for good at 5-4. Then his two-run double capped a four-run fifth that gave the Cowboys a 9-4

lead. Baylor (35-21) managed only eight hits off four Oklahoma State pitchers.

"We got embarrassed," Baylor pitcher Steven White said. "I know I didn't get the job done, but I know that we are going to come around."

In a battle of two Texas teams, Texas A&M edged Texas to advance to a game with Texas Tech. The Longhorns (34-23) will play Oklahoma on Thursday.

David Evans homered for the sixth-seeded Aggies (31-26), who also got four hits from Ben Himes. Evans hit a two-run homer in the second inning, when A&M scored four times off Gerrit Simpson (5-5) to take a 5-0 lead.

The Aggies added a run in the third, then scored three runs on five hits in the fifth inning to seemingly take control.

But Texas got on the board with Eric Sultemeier's solo homer in the sixth, then made had a seven-run seventh inning.

Kyle Parcus (2-1) retired the first batter in the seventh before giving up three straight singles, a walk, another single and a walk. Reliever Robert Ramsey got the second out, but allowed a run, gave up a two-run double and another run-scoring hits.

Chris Russ got the final out, then retired the side in each of the final two innings.

Rangers lose in 9th inning

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Cleveland Indians keep on winning. The Texas Rangers keep finding ways to lose.

Trailing 3-1 going into the ninth inning, Wil Cordero hit his first homer in 257 at-bats, a game-tying two-run shot, and Jolbert Cabrera added an RBI single to give the Indians a 4-3 win over the Rangers on Wednesday night.

"When things are going your way, good things happen for you. It happened for us tonight," Cleveland manager Charlie Manuel said. "It was a good victory."

The Indians have won 11 straight road games, their longest such streak since also winning 11 in a row in 1938. The Rangers have lost 14 of 16 overall, including seven of eight at home.

Alex Rodriguez homered, tripled, doubled and scored all three Texas runs.

"We had a great game until the ninth inning," said Rangers manager Jerry Narron, who is 2-9 since taking over after Johnny Oates resigned.

Marty Cordova, who had

already extended his hitting streak to 20 games with a single in the second, led off the Cleveland ninth with a single. Cordero followed with his 401-foot homer, on a 3-2 pitch off Tim Lincecum (0-2).

Cordero hadn't homered since last July 18, when he hit his 16th and final homer for Pittsburgh. Ten days later, he was traded back to the Indians, the team he played for in 1999.

"I wasn't really waiting for a good pitch, but was looking for one to drive," Cordero said. "I don't consider myself a home-run hitter."

Crabtree, who has blown both of his save opportunities since coming off the disabled list May 8, said Cordero hit a fastball "left up and left in the middle of the plate."

Russell Branan then singled, scoring one out later on the hit by Cabrera, who was in center field in place of the injured Kenny Lofton.

Bob Wickman pitched the ninth for his sixth save, allowing only a one-out double to Gabe Kapler before getting two groundouts.

State champs



The Wheeler boys golf team won the Class 1A state golf championship for the second year in a row. Team members were (from left) Dirk Chapman, Dee Alston, Gavin McQueen, Raymond Gentry, Brad Frame and coach Cecil Thomas.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

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

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.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood hosts "Dose of Reality" at 6 p.m. the second of Monday of each month in Suite 173A of the Hughes Building. The program is open to teens 13 to 19 years of age.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

PAMPA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

BEEF AMBASSADOR CONTEST

Top O' Texas CattleWomen is seeking youth between the ages of 15-19 to compete for the Beef Ambassador Award. For more information, contact Amy Brainard at (806) 323-6397.

PAMPA PARTNERSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament will be May 19-20 at Hidden Hills Golf Course and Pampa Country Club. For more information, contact David Teichman at Hidden Hills or Mickey Piersall at Pampa Country Club.

ERICK CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Erick, Okla., will be the site of a city-wide garage sale Saturday, June 2. Erick is combining its usual two sales per year into one, big annual sale. Visitors are cordially invited to attend.

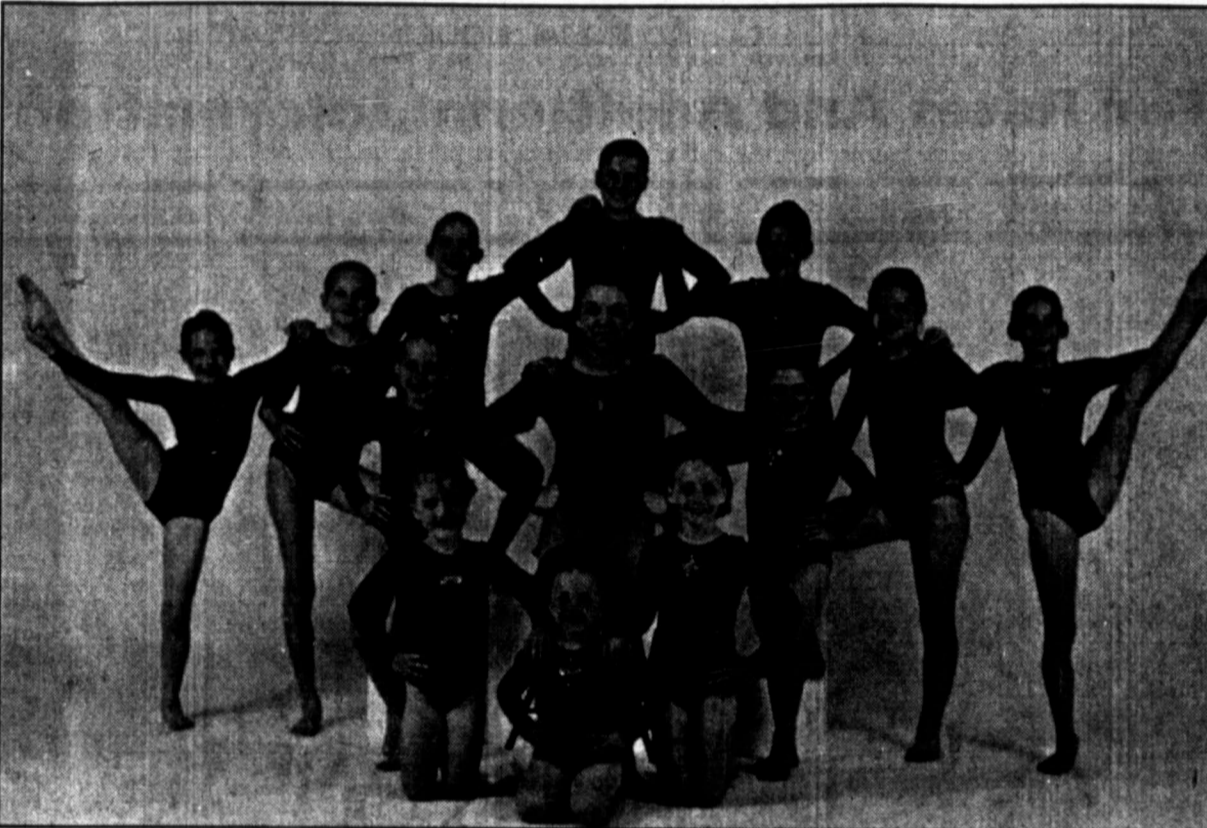
OUTWARD BOUND

North Carolina Outward Bound will offer three paddling adventures for teens during the 2001 summer break. In addition to outdoor activity skills, NCOB courses provide instruction for navigation, basic first aid, wilderness safety, camping techniques and environmental stewardship as well as teamwork and leadership. For more information on these courses or other NCOB summer offerings, call 1-877-77-NCOBS, e-mail challenge@ncobs.org, or visit <http://www.ncobs.org/summer.html> on the Internet.

CGC GRANT FUND

Consumer Guidance Corp. has established a grant fund to help people in financial difficulty due to high energy costs. The program is funded by private donations from corporations and private citizens who receive a tax exemption because of the organization's 501(c)3 non-profit status granted by IRS. To receive a grant application or for more information, call (202) 595-1035 or visit www.ConsumerGuidance.org on the Internet. To contribute to the fund, send tax deductible donations to: Consumer Guidance, P.O. Box 96051, Washington, DC 20090-6051.

Madeline Graves spring recital



Students of Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center will perform in the studio's spring recital slated Friday, May 18. Top: (first row) Inoy Sullivan, Ashley Stark; (second row) Ashton Duke, Kirstin Hood, Minnie Buckhaults, Bethany Strange, Zoe Hulse, Karoley Villarreal; (back row) Edy Brainard, and Macey Hendrick. Bottom: (first row) Calli Brewer, Abbey Rios, Lara Heersema; (second row) Caylee Steward, Carrie Clay, Danielle Zuniga; (back row) Jenna Munsell, Nicole Heersema, Shelby Clay, Allison Cooper, Monica Schepp, Leah Wilson, and Shannon Clay, all M.G. Flyers team members.

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Comptroller reminds parents deadline for TTF enrollment fast approaching

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander today reminded Texas families that the current Texas Tomorrow Fund enrollment period ends May 25, and they must enroll their children in the program by the deadline to take advantage of current contract prices.

Comptroller Rylander said the most convenient way to meet the May 25 Texas Tomorrow Fund enrollment deadline is to take advantage of the new on-line enrollment option. About 25 percent of the enrollment applications received so far during the current enrollment period have been submitted on-line.

"Parents and grandparents can go to the Texas Tomorrow Fund Web site and get answers to their questions about the program, and now they can also fill out an on-line application and

use their Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express card to pay the \$50 application fee," Comptroller Rylander said.

"Parents traditionally wait until the final days of Texas Tomorrow Fund enrollment periods to send in their applications, and this enrollment period is no exception," Comptroller Rylander said. "The Texas Tomorrow Fund will be flooded with applications during the next two weeks. Enrolling on-line will help ensure that your application arrives on time."

The Texas Tomorrow Fund is the state's prepaid college tuition program.

"For just a little bit of money each month, the Texas Tomorrow Fund locks down your child's college tuition and fees at today's prices, and the State of Texas guarantees those expenses will be paid when

your child is ready for college, no matter how much costs soar in the future," Comptroller Rylander said. "Main Street Texans don't have to worry about Wall Street volatility."

"Tuition and required fees at Texas colleges and universities are rising about eight percent per year," Comptroller Rylander said. "Texas Tomorrow Fund contract prices must also increase to keep pace. There will never be a better time than now to enroll your child in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, lock down tuition and fees, and get peace of mind from knowing those expenses are guaranteed to be covered when your child is ready for college."

For details about the Texas Tomorrow Fund, including contract prices and payment options, or to enroll on-line, visit the Texas Tomorrow Fund Web site at www.texas-tomorrowfund.com. Information is also available by calling 1-800-445-GRAD (4723).

JSL planning annual Funfest

AMARILLO — It's that time of year again. The Junior Service League of Amarillo will host its annual three-day outdoor Funfest from 12 noon-8 p.m., May 26-28 at Thompson Park in Amarillo.

The family-oriented "Funfest 2001: A Funfest Odyssey" will include daily performances by area bands, local talent and recording artists along with special games, great food and fun. The slate of entertainers will include Great Divide (6 p.m., Saturday), Aaron Tippin (6 p.m., Sunday), Rascal Flatts (3 p.m., Monday) and Honky Tonk Tailgate Party (6 p.m., Monday).

The event is being co-sponsored by Amarillo Parks and Recreation Department and will raise funds for JSL and PARD as well as 50 non-profits that sponsor food and game booths during the event.

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