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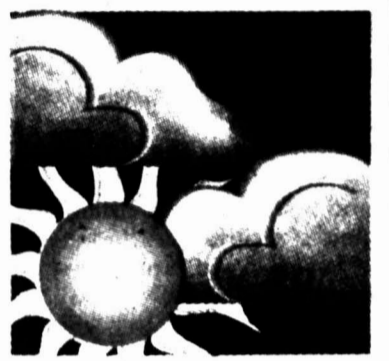
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**Flood relief helper crushed to death**

HOUSTON (AP) — American Red Cross officials are mourning the death of a volunteer who was crushed while helping victims of flooding caused by Tropical Storm Allison.

Sharon Mateja, 57, of Warsaw, Mo., was helping another volunteer move bags of ice from a tractor trailer to a Red Cross van at a church in nearby Humble on Wednesday when the unoccupied vehicle moved backward.

The van, which possibly slipped out of gear, pinned her against the tractor trailer, Humble police said. Mateja died at the scene.

Mateja was one of about 1,000 out-of-state volunteers who came to Texas to help with relief efforts following Tropical Storm Allison.

Mateja had been a Red Cross volunteer since 1999.

"It is hard to put into words the feelings this tragic incident has created in our Red Cross family," said John McDivitt, head of the Greater Houston Chapter of the American Red Cross. "We are saddened by the loss — but so grateful and proud for Sharon's selfless work in bringing aid to our stricken community."

- Eileen Russell Snow Cox, 82, homemaker.
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## 'Safety reasons' prompt inmate's move to Pampa

### Charged in deputy slaying

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Staff Writer

Texas Rangers moved a Canadian man charged with the murder of a Hemphill County Sheriff's deputy to Gray County Jail Thursday for "safety reasons," officials said today.

Christopher Chad Britton, 26, of Canadian was transferred from Hemphill County Jail to Gray County Jail at 6 p.m. Thursday by Texas Ranger Gary Henderson. Britton remained in jail today on capital murder charges stemming from the June 17 shotgun slaying of Hemphill County Deputy Jim Bruce Graham.

Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Randy Langwell said this morning that Britton was transferred to the Pampa jail for "safety reasons." He said that Britton had been segregated from other jail inmates and was on suicide watch. Britton is being held without bond on the capital murder charge.

Authorities said Deputy Graham was on his way to a Canadian residence early Sunday to arrest Britton on outstanding misdemeanor warrants when the deputy apparently met Britton's blue 1985 Chevrolet Blazer on the street.

The two vehicles stopped, and as Graham got out of his patrol pickup, he was shot in the head with a saved-off weapon, Hemphill County Sheriff Dean Butcher said.

Area, state, and federal law enforcement officers, with dogs and helicopters, conducted an intensive manhunt that spanned the Texas Panhandle after Graham's body was discovered.

Britton was arrested late that afternoon, hiding submerged in a pond east of Canadian on land his grandfather had once farmed.

The sheriff said a man had seen someone in the area covered with heavy brush. Dogs from the Childress prison were brought in and immediately led officers to the pond where they found Britton hiding under the water. He was arrested without incident at the scene and taken to Hemphill County Jail in Canadian.

Hundreds of law enforcement officers from throughout the area (See INMATE, Page 2)

## Animal shootings prompt more patrols

Gray County Sheriff's deputies have stepped up late night patrols as they continue to investigate the shooting of several farm animals in a pen east of Price Road.

Four Yorkshire pigs, several turkeys and chickens were shot with a small caliber gun sometime between 8 p.m. Tuesday and early Wednesday. A turkey and several chickens died from the wounds and one pig that had been shot in the side had to be destroyed. Three pigs all shot in the hindquarters may also have to be euthanized, officials said.

Deputy Randy Langwell said the animals' owner last saw the animals alive when he left the pen at 8 p.m. Tuesday. He found the dead and injured livestock when he returned the next morning to feed them, Langwell said.

Deputies believe the animals were shot with a small caliber gun, such as a .22 caliber or pellet gun.

Langwell said the sheriff's department have increased their patrol of the area, known as "Horse Alley," and are stopping and questioning anyone in the area late at night.

Luis Baca, owner of the animals, told *The Pampa News* that he believed the vandals used a .22-caliber rifle taken from one of his buildings. He said this type of vandalism has happened several times in the past.



(Courtesy photo)

Selena Renteria and Sky Balay of Pampa take a leisurely paddle boat ride at The Salvation Army Camp Hoblitzelle at Midlothian. Capt. Guy Watts of the Pampa Salvation Army said the camp provides a structured experience for at-risk children. Pampa United Way donations help provide funds for children to go to the camp.

## At 74, there's little slowing down for cancer survivor

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of stories about cancer survivors.

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

"I think the Lord has something else for me to do," observed 74-year-old Monrow Finney, about his successful long-term battle with cancer.

Looking at Monrow today, it is hard to believe he has battled cancer on several occasions over the past 16 years. He is a survivor in the truest sense of the word.

One morning in October, 1985, he said he went to the breakfast table and his wife, Pat, asked him, "What on earth is wrong with your arm?"

He said when he looked at his left arm and it was swollen about double the size of his right one. He said he had no soreness and had not detected any problem.

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Monrow Finney, 74, has fought cancer for 16 years. He says keeping busy, faith in God and a positive attitude along with the medical procedures have kept him going.

## Relay For Life starts tonight

### Survivors group meets each week

Cancer survivors seeking a support group are invited to attend the local Pampa Area Cancer Support Group on the third Thursday of each month. The group meets from 7-8 p.m. at the cafeteria of Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Kathy Gist, 665-4742.

Any cancer survivor wanting to participate in the Relay for Life Survivors Walk Friday should be at the Recreation Park area at 6 tonight to preregister for the walk at 6:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Following the lap, a Cancer Survivors Celebration will be held. Snacks will be provided by the Circle of Friends.

All survivors of cancer are encouraged to participate.

"A survivor is anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer—whether it be one day or 80 years," said Pam Dalton, chairman of the event.

Dalton said anyone needing a wheelchair should contact her at 665-0356.

"We welcome everyone to attend," she said. The Relay for Life fundraising event begins immediately after the Survivors Walk. "We have 18 teams participating from local businesses, churches and organizations," she said. "Last year the Gray/Roberts unit provided approximately \$33,776 to Gray/Roberts residents." She said the money raised goes to help with transportation, educational and support programs, lodging, and supplies.

## Ford new chair-elect of SMU board

Former Pampa Gerald J. Ford was recently named chair-elect of Southern Methodist University's Board of Trustees. He was unanimously elected.

Ford, who earned an economics degree and law degree from SMU, has served on the board since 1992 and is chair of the board's finance committee. He is also involved with other university activities.

In addition to giving of his time, Ford provided the lead gift of \$20 million for the new campus football stadium. He also has supported the SMU Annual Fund, Law Alumni Fund, President's Scholars program and Dedman College programs.

"Gerald Ford is a loyal alumnus who has given generous support and leadership to programs throughout the university ...," said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "As chair of the Board of Trustees beginning next year, he will continue the traditions of outstanding leadership that strengthens and guides our programs."

Ford, of Dallas, is chair of the board and chief executive officer of Golden State Bancorp Inc., headquartered in San Francisco. It is a sliding company for the nation's second largest financial institution. He's also CEO of Liberte Investors Inc., an investment firm.

## New twist to DPS drug seizures; cough syrup

### 353 'sticky' bottles found in bags

A Texas Department of Public Safety officer encountered a new twist to illegal drug trafficking Wednesday when they found 353 bottles of prescription cough syrup in a sports utility vehicle he had stopped for speeding.

Trooper Daimon Jones of Pampa clocked a rented 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe at 76 miles per hour on Interstate 40 East near Groom at 5:21 p.m. Wednesday.

Jones stopped the SUV for speeding and after he received conflicting stories from the vehicle occupants, he asked for a consent to search the vehicle, officials said.

After being given permission to search, he found four large "sports" bags in the back of the vehicle. Inside the bags were 353 bottles of prescription cough syrup containing a total of 333.9 grams of codeine. Labels on the bottles showed the medicine had been prescribed to several different people from four pharmacies in California, officials said.

"It was a sticky mess," said Sgt. Don Cameron, explaining many of the bottles were leaking syrup.

Cameron, Troopers Jason Henderson and Jerome Ingles, both of McLean, and Sgt. Todd Snyder of the DPS Narcotics Unit in Amarillo, were called to assist Jones.

"One of the bags had 129 bottles in it. It was so heavy it took two grown men to lift it," Cameron said.

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# Houston mom tells police of methodically killing children

By PAM EASTON  
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The mother who allegedly drowned her five children one by one in a bathtub told police the oldest one tried to escape but she chased him through the house, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Andrea Yates appeared early Friday before State District Judge Belinda Hill, saying she could not afford a lawyer. The judge agreed to court-appointed counsel, then recessed the hearing to allow Yates to meet with her attorney.

In the videotaped interview with police, Andrea Yates described how she methodically killed the children Wednesday, the newspaper said Thursday in its online edition. It quoted an unidentified police investigator as saying she spoke in a "zombie-like fashion."

Ms. Yates, a former nurse, told police that 2-year-old Luke was the first child to be drowned, followed by Paul, 3, and John, 5. After each child died, Yates recounted on the videotape, she carried their bodies into a bedroom, put them on a bed and covered them with a sheet.

She said 7-year-old Noah walked into the bathroom and saw her holding the youngest child, 6-month-old Mary.

"What's wrong with Mary?" Noah asked his mother, according to the account.

Ms. Yates told police she chased Noah through the house, dragged him back to the bathroom and drowned him next to Mary, the investigator told the newspaper.

Noah's body was found in the bathtub, the others in the bedroom.

The 36-year-old mother was charged late Wednesday with one count of capital murder covering the deaths of Noah and John. Ownby said other charges may be yet to come.

"It's not an everyday occurrence anywhere. It's not an everyday occurrence in the world. I've been here 15 years. I've not seen the cases others have seen, but this is the most horrendous thing that I've ever seen," Harris County Assistant District Attorney Joe Ownby said.

On Thursday, her husband, Russell Yates, clutched a family portrait as he talked about how postpartum depression had gripped his wife after the birth of their fourth child and again after Mary was born. Yates works as a computer specialist at NASA.

"She loved these kids," Yates said, recalling how on Valentine's Day she gave her children handmade heart-shaped booklets filled with coupons for hugs or favorite games. "I want to show her I love her and support her."

He said he and Noah had posted a list of techniques to help her deal with her stress on a board inside the family's suburban Houston home. He thought the medication his wife was taking would help her snap out of it.

"I think that she obviously wasn't herself and that will come out," Yates said. "Everyone who knows her knew she loved the kids. She is a kind, gentle person. What you see here and what you saw yesterday, it's not her."

Yates said his wife didn't show signs of depression until Luke was born. She attempted suicide, but eventually was put on medication and made what he thought was a full recovery, he said.

"She was fine from that time until a few months after she had our fifth child," he said. "Her dad passed away about three months after we had our baby girl and that just sent her spiraling down."

Ann Dunnewold, a Dallas psychologist, said postpartum depression may evolve into postpartum psychosis if something dramatic occurs, such as marital problems or a death in the family.

Postpartum psychosis, the most severe form of postpartum depression, affects mothers after one or two of every 1,000 births, said Laurence Kruckman, a professor of medical anthropology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

"If you are in that category, there is a high likelihood of hallucinations," said Kruckman, who heads Postpartum Support International. "Mothers hear voices that say kill yourself or kill the baby, or both."

## Bus trip turns into rejection of 3 children

DALLAS (AP) — Three children were placed in foster care Thursday after their grandmother and mother refused to take them after they got off a Dallas Area Rapid Transit bus.

The children — 9-year-old twin boys and an 8-year-old girl — were put on a DART bus by their 14-year-old sister who told the bus driver that their grandmother was waiting for them at a bus stop near her south Dallas home.

DART spokesman Morgan Lyons said that when they reached a bus stop near the grandmother's house, the woman showed up but refused to take the children. She put them back on the bus before leaving in her car, Lyons said.

The bus driver called DART police, who contacted the children's mother on her mobile phone. The mother also refused to pick them up. When officers told her they would contact Child Protective Services to take custody of them, she said she "didn't care" and hung up, Lyons said.

"Their mom told one of the officers, 'You can keep them; I don't want them,'" he said.

The 61-year-old grandmother told The Dallas Morning News in its Thursday editions that she had refused to let the children stay at her house Wednesday afternoon because she taken care of them much of this year. She said she had recently sent them to live with her daughter-in-law for the summer.

"I just had to have time to have a rest," she said. "I had them for eight or nine months and I was wore out. I raised my kids and needed her to take her own kids."

The children were taken to Child Protective Services offices where they were placed in foster care. Agency records show that it has dealt with the family before.

Lyons said he did not know whether the mother or grandmother would face criminal charges.

## Court appoints lawyer for mom

HOUSTON (AP) — A mother accused of drowning her five children in a bathtub received a court-appointed attorney during a probable cause hearing Friday.

Her arms folded and wearing an orange jumpsuit, Andrea Yates appeared before State District Judge Belinda Hill.

Yates, 36, faces one count of capital murder, prosecutors said. The charge was filed after Yates confessed to law officers that she killed all five of her children, who ranged in age from 6 months to 7 years.

"That's not a final decision — that's a preliminary decision," said Harris County Assistant District Attorney Joe Ownby. "It is possible that we could prosecute just that case, or charge other cases, or charge different cases."

More evidence could be presented at a future hearing, Ownby said.

"We'll be reviewing police files, meeting with investigators, and making decisions on what exactly to charge," he said. "We'll be preparing, as always, for an eventual trial, whether there is one or not."

During the brief court hearing, Yates told the Hill she could not afford a lawyer. The judge agreed to court-appointed counsel, then recessed the hearing to allow Yates to meet with an attorney yet to be named.

A motion for a gag order was filed. But the judge took the motion under advisement, saying she would rule later on the question.

Yates' husband, Russell, said Thursday that his wife suffers from postpartum depression. He said she showed no signs of depression until the birth of the couple's fourth son, Luke.

She later attempted suicide, Russell Yates said. He said his wife got better and was fine until a few months after their fifth child, Mary, was born on Nov. 30. He pointed to the death of his wife's father as a turning point, saying she spiraled downward after that.

Police said the mother called them to the family's suburban Houston home and told the officer at the door that she had just killed her children. She led the officer through the house, where the bodies of four of the children were found on a bed and the fifth in the bathtub.

She also called her husband, a computer specialist for NASA. Russell Yates said his wife told him he needed to come home. He said he was concerned by the tone of her voice. Police kept him outside the home, where he watched as his wife was led away in handcuffs.

On Thursday, Yates' husband, Russell, said his wife suffers from postpartum depression. He said she showed no signs of depression until the birth of the couple's fourth son, Luke.

"It was very serious then," Russell Yates said. "She attempted suicide and she gave her medication. It took a while, but she just snapped out of it. ... She was fine from that time until a few months after she had our fifth child."

The fifth child, Mary, was born Nov. 30. "Her dad passed away about three months after we had our baby girl and that just sent her spiraling down," Russell Yates said of his wife. "We were all hopeful she would respond to the same medications she had the first time, but she never responded that well."

Ann Dunnewold, a Dallas psychologist, said postpartum depression may evolve into postpartum psychosis if something dramatic occurs, such as marital problems or a death in the family.

Laurence Kruckman, a professor of medical anthropology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, said there are three levels of postpartum depression — the worst of which is postpartum psychosis. The hormonal condition affects mothers after one or two of every 1,000 births, he said.

"If you are in that category, there is a high likelihood of hallucinations," said Kruckman, who heads Postpartum Support International. "Mothers hear voices that say kill yourself or kill the baby, or both. My thinking, from what I've heard, is from the fourth child she had a psychotic episode. The husband, who seems to be the insight to that history, is certainly laying out what leads me to believe it is psychosis."

"She was probably hallucinating and hearing voices and couldn't take it any more," he said. "Could it be criminal? Sure it could be."

Once a mother falls into postpartum psychosis with one child she has a 70 percent likelihood of relapsing the next time she gives birth, said Dr. Shari I. Lusskin, a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at New York University Medical Center.

"Most of the women who commit suicide and infanticide postpartum tend to use highly lethal means," Lusskin said. "These are not women who take a handful of Tylenol."

Russell Yates said he could tell his wife was depressed, but thought medication would help her to snap out of it like she had following Luke's birth. Russell Yates said he and his son Noah posted a list of ways for Andrea to deal with her stress on a board inside the family's one-story, brick home.

"I think that she obviously wasn't herself and that will come out," he said. "I want to help her through this. I want her to know that I love her and support her."

"She is a kind, gentle person."

## Teachers vie for housing

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Special-education teacher Christine Williams sat anxiously by herself on a metal folding chair as the names of fellow teachers were drawn in a housing lottery.

"You'd think a teacher could be able to find a house — not Beverly Hills, of course," Williams said. "Prices haven't come down as much as I thought they would."

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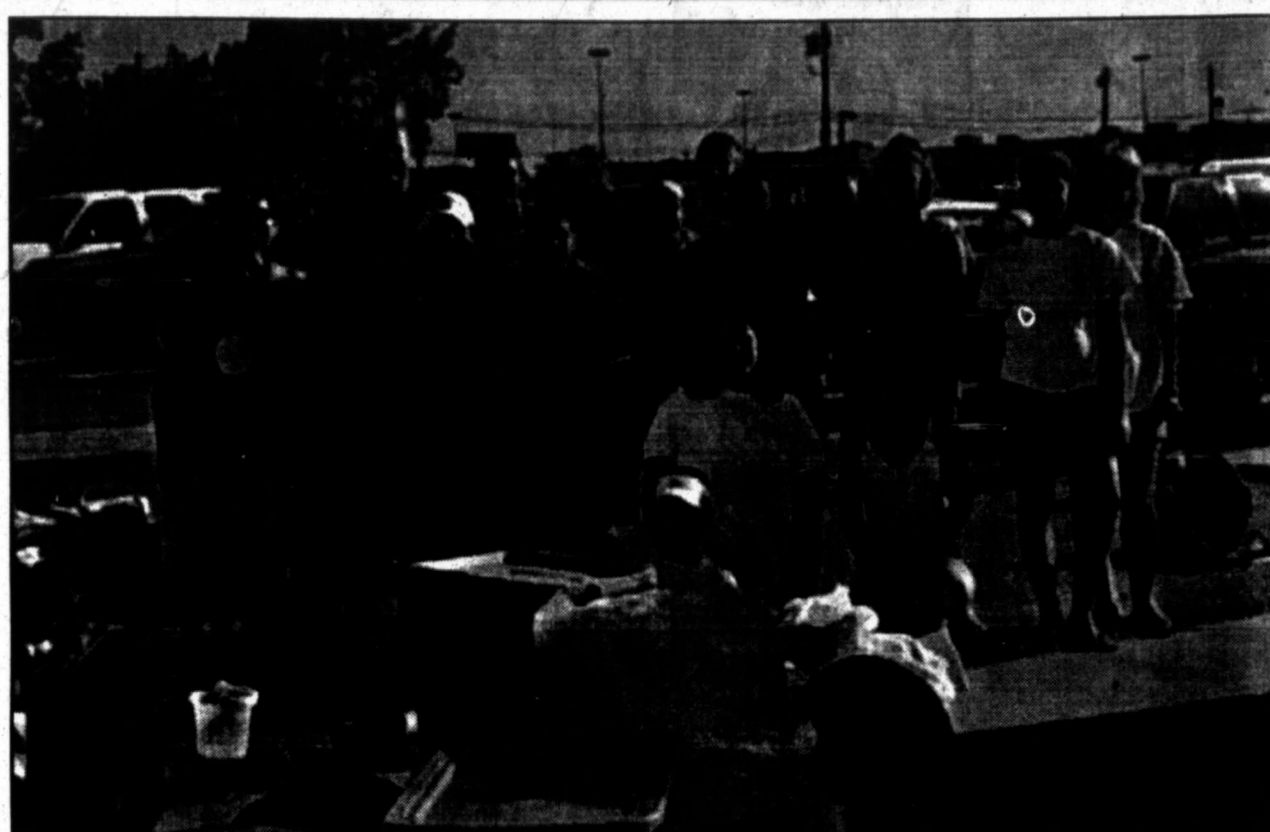
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## RELIGION



(Community Camera photo)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa recently sent 21 members of its youth group on a mission trip to San Antonio. The theme of the trip was: "Here I am Lord, I have come to do your will." Above: Michael Grajeda, Adam Gonzales, Jeremy Rios, Justin Sealman, Eric Brown, Sara Albracht, Carleigh Pearson, Jordan Albracht, Katherine Zemanek, Jackie Gerber, Danielle Martinez, Berta Bocanegra, Josh Perez, Jason Hillman, Jay Gerber, Lindzi Schaible, Jeremy Rios and Valerie Velez. Sponsors were: Pam Zemanek, Sherri Schaible, Doretta Gerber and Daniel Dreher. Not pictured: Matthew Robben.

## Local youth take mission trip to help needy in San Antonio

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa recently sent 21 members of its youth group on a mission trip to San Antonio.

The youth volunteered with Society of St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, SAMM, Habitat for Humanity and St. Mary Magdalen Church.

St. Mary's hosted the group, providing lodging throughout its stay.

While visiting the soup kitchen, which serves three meals a day to the city's homeless, the Pampa youth helped dish up food, carry trays for the crippled, peel potatoes, cook food and even count beans! The soup kitchen averages 250 meals each mealtime, often exceeding that amount at supper when the homeless who work come back for the night.

Another organization serving the homeless, SAMM is a volunteer-run service offered by the city.

The Pampa group sorted clothes and lent a hand to CAMP SAMM, a two-week summer camp for homeless children. The youth were able to do arts and crafts and to take the campers on field trips. The joy in the little campers' eyes when the youth reached out to them was a moving experience for the young Pampans.

In addition to CAMP SAMM, SAMM provides the homeless with an emergency shelter, a clothing donation center, a family center, a rehabilitation center and health care and counseling from professional volunteers in their respective fields.

Habitat for Humanity, open to youth 15 and over, kept the older teens busy for two eventful days. Habitat helps families who have been rehabilitated. It provides housing interest-free, at cost, to families striving to regain total independence. The youth spent one day painting trim — the finishing touch

to one of the houses — and the second day either caulking the attics of nine houses or painting, all in 100-degree weather.

While the older members of the mission group participated in Habitat, the under 15-year-olds remained at St. Mary Magdalen where they performed maintenance to the church and facility.

They trimmed bushes, cleaned gutters and shrubbery, painted the curbs of fire zones and no parking areas around the church, and repainted the exterior of the church gym marred by graffiti. While the graffiti was still fresh, the youngsters painted over it along with the inside of the gym.

The youth returned home the following week after their departure tired but filled with the love and excitement of helping others. This is not the first time the group has participated in mission trips to San Antonio or other locations.

Other mission trips have included: An Indian reservation in Arizona; Oklahoma City inner-city mission, tornado relief; and San Antonio. The youth also stand firm in the ideal that mission work should not only be done in other towns but also their own. Thus, they continue to work at the local Good Sam and with Meals on Wheels, delivering meals in the summer — along with many other projects throughout the year.

The following youth attended the mission trip to San Antonio: Michael Grajeda, Adam Gonzales, Jeremy Rios, Justin Sealman, Matthew Robben, Eric Brown, Sara Albracht, Carleigh Pearson, Jordan Albracht, Katherine Zemanek, Jackie Gerber, Danielle Martinez, Berta Bocanegra, Josh Perez, Jason Hillman, Jay Gerber, Lindzi Schaible, Jeremy Rios and Valerie Velez. Sponsors were Pam Zemanek, Sherri Schaible, Doretta Gerber and Daniel Dreher.

## Churches join for 'Polar Expedition'

July 16-20 makes the third consecutive year that four Pampa churches — First Presbyterian, St. Matthew's Episcopal, First Christian and Hi-Land Christian, will pool resources to present "Polar Expedition".

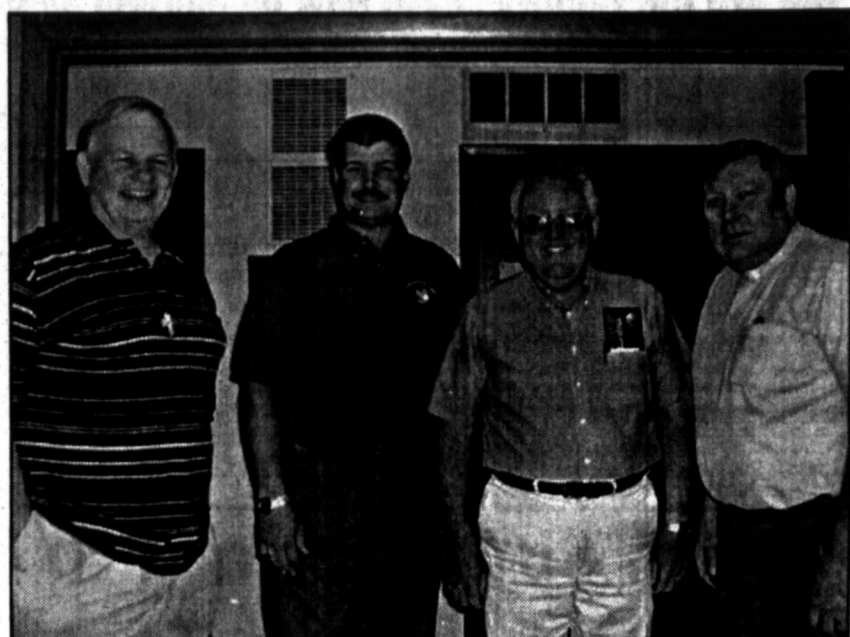
Polar Expedition Vacation Bible School features a week of singing, playing, and learning for local youth age 4 to fifth grade.

"What an exciting time it will be, not only for all four of our churches, but for each of the children from all over Pampa who come," said the Rev. Jake Clements, pastor of St. Matthew's.

"This year it is Hi-Land Christian Church's turn to serve as the host church for the joint VBS (vacation Bible school). Each evening's activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.," said Mike Sublett, pastor of Hi-Land Christian.

Rev. Barry Loving, senior pastor of First Christian Church, added, "We want all of Pampa's children between 4 years of age and the fifth grade to feel welcomed. We want them to know that Jesus loves them and that we do, too."

"It is a special week for the children of Pampa to take center stage in our four churches," said Dr. Ed Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian. "Every child will



(Special photo)

Four local ministers meet recently to discuss "Polar Expedition" a joint Vacation Bible School project of their four churches planned July 16-20 at Hi-Land Christian Church. Pictured from left are Pastor Mike Sublett of Hi-Land Christian; the Rev. Barry Loving of First Christian; Dr. Ed Cooley of First Presbyterian; and the Rev. Jake Clements of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

leave having had a great time and, even more importantly, knowing that they are special in the eyes of God."

Each evening includes a fast-paced, upbeat music program, creative crafts, dramatic productions of famous Bible stories and snacks. "Polar Carnival" on

Friday, July 20, promises to be the highlight of the week.

"What I am most excited about is for all of the children to see four very different churches working together in the name of Jesus Christ," Sublett said.

"It is time for the Christians in Pampa to put the needs of everyone, especially the children, ahead of our own church's personal wants and plans.

"After all," he said, "that is what being a Christian is supposed to be all about. We are supposed to make a real difference for good in the name of Jesus right here in Pampa."

For further information about Polar Expedition Vacation Bible School, call 669-6700.

## Soldier for Christ



(Special photo)

Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning, will host "Soldiers for Christ" Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m.-12 noon, June 25-27 for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The bible school, based on Ephesians 5:10-17, will include crafts, games and music. For more information, call the church at 669-2923. Above: Scott Langford standing with "Goliath."

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When life gets heavy, humor lightens the load.

I have heard, for example, that in Russia peasant farmers enjoy telling this story:

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"Oh, it was wonderful," replied the farmer.

"Good, good," said the official. "Just how big was it?"

"Oh, it was so big it reached up to the very foot of God."

The commissar's countenance changed.

With a scowl, he said, "But comrade, this is a communist

state and we are atheists. You must not forget, there is no God!"

"That's right, commissar, that's what I mean. No God, no potatoes."

A deep truth lies hidden in this humorous tale.

God is the source of all things, whether we admit it or not.

The apostle Paul went so far as to tell his pagan audience,

"For in Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

And he focused the great creating and sustaining work of God in the person of His Son,

Jesus Christ (Col. 1:16-18).

Without Him, we could not draw a single breath, our bodies could not function, and we would have no provision for our daily sustenance.

Atheists may have convinced themselves that God does not exist.

Yet we who are His children through faith in His Son know otherwise.

But do we show it by the way we live? That is the key question.

Each day we must depend on Him, so that we recognize every blessing as coming from His gracious hand.

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## Presbyterians to discuss creation, women in combat

DALLAS (AP) — What did biblical authors mean when they wrote that God created the world in six days?

Is that six 24-hour days? Or is it six "figurative" days, which some see as a concession to evolution and modern science?

Presbyterian Church in America leaders are debating the issue in Dallas this week, during their 29th General Assembly, which also may include discussion on whether women should serve in combat positions in the military.

The more conservative PCA, with 300,000 members, is the smaller of the country's two main Presbyterian denominations.



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# Mom Finds It Hard to Stomach Her Daughter's Taste in Boys

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter, "Kristen," is almost 17. She's always been a good kid — keeps her grades up and makes the honor roll regularly. She's never been a problem.

What worries me is Kristen's choice of boyfriends. I know parents are not supposed to like the boys their daughters date, but it's worse than that. The guy she is going with is so far below the standards her dad and I have set for her, it terrifies me.

This boy is only 16, but has dropped out of school and comes from a family that has nothing, including pride. Their house is filthy and falling apart. Frankly, I am embarrassed their name is associated with ours in this small town.

How can we get our daughter to understand she is playing with fire by associating with this guy? Should I forbid her to see him, or would that backfire? Don't tell me to have a heart-to-heart talk with her, Abby; she knows all too well how I feel.

## Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

ever happened to him.

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Frightened Mom in Arizona" is sure to generate a huge response. My mouth literally dropped open upon reading what happened to her little boy at the day-care center.

Your response regarding reporting the incident to the police immediately was right on. However, adding that you have received letters from day-care providers complaining that parents pick up their children late was a big *no-no*.

Parents are frequently caught in traffic, bad weather, late meetings, etc. In these instances, parents should call the day-care center or provider and notify them he/she is running late and is en route, or if necessary, should arrange for someone else to pick up the child, if possible. We don't know the reason why "Mom" was late, but you

almost made it sound as though if the parent was late, it was her fault if something happened to the child.

A responsible day-care supervisor would never let an employee's boyfriend or girlfriend supervise a child. Which brings me to my next point: Children should be informed that no one is to touch or look at their "private parts" ever in a day-care or baby-sitting setting. Parents need to let children know what is permissible and what is not.

My heart goes out to "Frightened Mom," and I will pray for her son.

MOM IN  
SAGAMORE HILLS, OHIO

DEAR MOM: I received a stack of mail from readers who were offended that I wrote, "Let this be a warning." They felt I was blaming the mother for her son's possible abuse.

Perhaps I should have been more clear: It was intended as a warning to parents to have an emergency plan in place in case they are detained, so they know who will be responsible for their child until they arrive. Also, it is mandatory that the day-care center be licensed and that all personnel have passed background checks.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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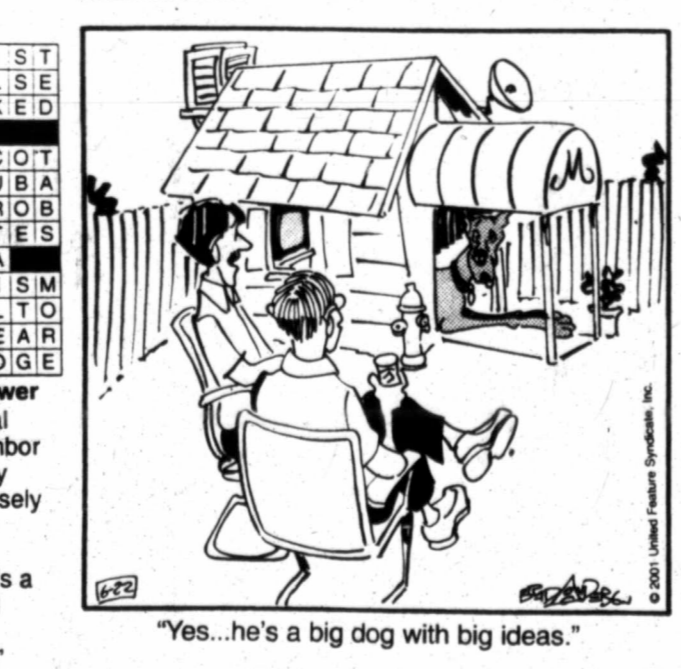
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"Yes...he's a big dog with big ideas."

### The Family Circus



"Hi, Mommy! I bet this is the first phone call you ever got from a tree."

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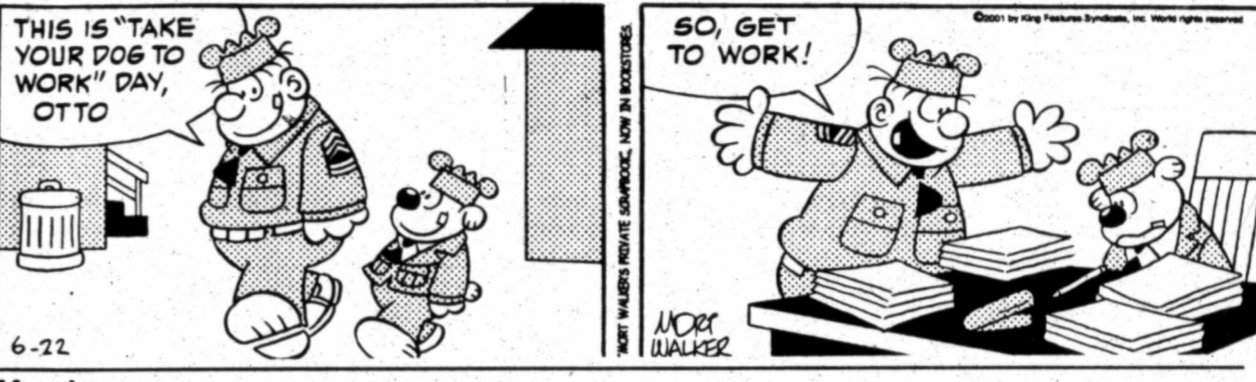
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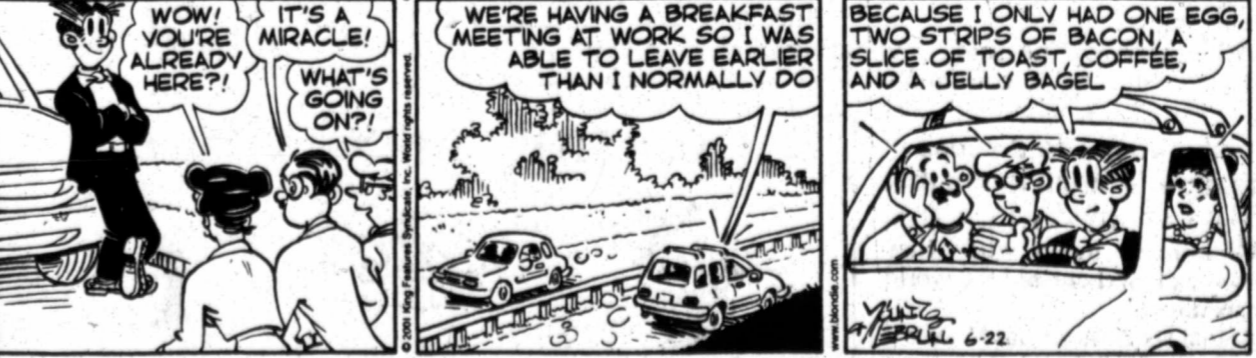
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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### BASKETBALL

CLOVIS, N.M. — Pampa native Terry Ferguson has taken the head boys basketball coaching job at Weatherford. Ferguson has coached the past three seasons at Clovis, N.M.

The 36-year-old Ferguson compiled a 52-26 record at Clovis and led the Wildcats to back-to-back tournament appearances. Clovis reached this year's Class 5A championship game, losing to Hobbs. The Wildcats finished the season with a 20-8 record.

Ferguson was a member of the 1981-82 Harvesters who advanced to the state tournament semi-finals.

Ferguson replaces former Pampa coach Robert Hale at Azle. Hale is taking over coaching duties at Azle High School.

### FOOTBALL

DENTON, Texas (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin was indicted on a felony charge of possessing less than a gram of cocaine stemming from an arrest last summer.

The charge carries a penalty from six months to two years in jail and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Irvin was arrested Aug. 9 at a North Dallas apartment where law officers said they found marijuana and other drugs.

### SOCCER

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Here are some words seldom strung together: pacesetter U.S. soccer team.

The Americans, last among the 32 nations at the 1998 World Cup, are 4-0-1 at the midpoint of the regional qualifying finals and are a virtual lock to advance to next year's tournament. But they aren't there quite yet.

"There is still some work to do," said Ante Razov, whose goal after just 74 seconds started the U.S. team to a 2-0 victory over Trinidad and Tobago on Wednesday night. "We know we have difficult games, and it is hard to play down there in the CONCACAF region."

Three nations qualify from among the six in the finals of the North and Central American and Caribbean region, and it appears the Americans cannot clinch in their next game, even if they win at Mexico on July 1.

After that, qualifying takes a break until Sept. 1, when the Americans play Honduras at Washington. The U.S. team then plays at Costa Rica on Sept. 5.

"We are very excited. You couldn't have asked for a better start, really," said U.S. captain Claudio Reyna, suspended for the next qualifier after getting his second yellow card. "We've done the business at home, and away as well. We are going into each game with the right attitude."

After missing the tournament for 40 years, the United States was among 13 nations to play in the last three World Cups. Then came an 0-3 wipeout in France.

Just three years later, the Americans have numbers to be proud of:

— The United States is unbeaten in nine straight qualifiers since a last-minute, 2-1 defeat at Costa Rica last July 23.

— During that span, the Americans have outscored opponents 19-1.

— They are 14-0-5 in home qualifiers since the Costa Ricans beat them 1-0 on May 31, 1985, at Torrance, Calif.

"We've grown since 1994 and 1998," said Earnie Stewart, who scored the second goal in the 20th minute Wednesday night. "You can see this team has come a long way. I didn't think we'd have this many points at this time."

## Reds edge Astros, 8-7

HOUSTON (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. says he's still not 100 percent after battling through a torn left hamstring much of this season.

But he was good enough to single home the go-ahead run in the 11th inning Thursday night as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Houston Astros 8-7 in a game that featured an Enron Field-record nine home runs.

Griffey was starting only his seventh game since coming off the disabled list last week. He tore the hamstring during spring training March 26 and was limited to pinch-hitting roles the first month of the season before going on the DL May 18.

"He hasn't reached his stride yet, but that last at-bat was a beautiful thing to watch," manager Bob Boone said. "You can certainly tell that he's a thoroughbred."

Griffey hit safely for the seventh straight game and came up in the 11th against Joe Slusarski (0-1). Griffey was 5-for-9 with two home runs and a double lifetime against Slusarski before the tiebreaking hit.

"I didn't know I had that much success against him," Griffey said. "Every at-bat is a new at-bat."

"I was just trying to get a pitch that I could handle. Slusarski battled his rear off and didn't give in at all. I fouled off a couple of pitches. I finally got one I liked and wasn't trying to do too much at the plate at that time," he said.

Griffey says he takes physical therapy on the hamstring every day and doesn't know how long it will be before he's 100 per cent.

"It's tough to come in like this after being out and coming off the bench so much," he said. "It's especially tough early in the season. I've been used to coming off the bench in situations which could tie the game or put us ahead. But it's nice to play every day."

The Astros left 11 runners on base, including five in scoring position.

"We had a lot of chances to win," manager Larry Dierker said. "We just couldn't get a key hit."

Michael Tucker homered twice for the Reds. Pitcher Danny Graves and Sean Casey also connected for Cincinnati.

Craig Biggio, Jeff Bagwell and Richard Hidalgo all homered in the first inning for Houston. Lance Berkman hit two homers for the Astros.

There had been a pair of eight-homer games at Enron Field since the park opened last year.

Jim Brower (4-5) pitched 3 1-3 innings for the victory. He also singled and scored on Griffey's single, with Casey later adding an RBI single.

Berkman had his fifth consecutive multihit game, going 4-for-6. He hit a solo homer in the 11th.

Biggio hit his 10th home run of the year to lead off the Astros' first against rookie Lance Davis. Julio Lugo walked on four pitches and Bagwell hit his 17th homer. Hidalgo's 12th homer made it 4-0.

Tucker homered in the second and connected in the eighth to make it 6-0. Of his seven home runs this year, four have come against Houston.

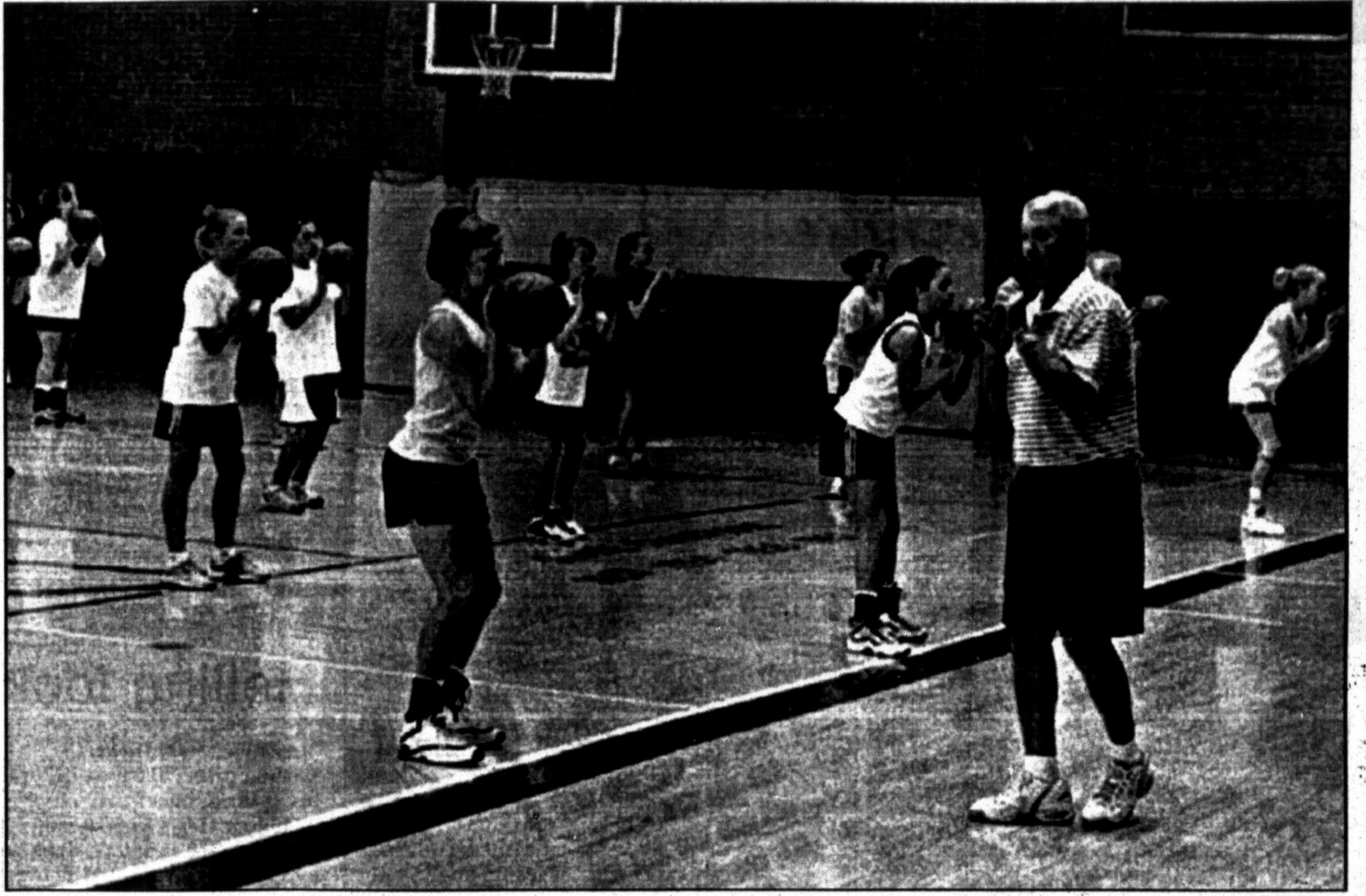
Vinny Castilla's RBI double upped the Astros lead to 5-2 in the third.

Graves got only the second hit of his career — both homers — in the fourth to make it 5-4. His other homer also came at Enron on May 12, 2000, against Mike Maddux.

Casey tied it with his ninth home run of the season in the fifth. Berkman's 17th home run put Houston back on top 6-5 in the bottom half.

Houston rookie Tony McKnight went five innings and gave up five runs on eight hits in his second start of the season.

## Basketball camp



Dean Weese, who coached girls basketball at the high school, collegiate and professional levels, conducted a clinic this week at McNeely Fieldhouse in Pampa. Weese is a member of the the National High School Basketball Hall of Fame, Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame and the National Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

## Celanese claims city tourney win

PAMPA — Celanese made it to the city tournament finals Thursday night by defeating Pampa Cyber Net 13-7 at Optimist Park.

Celanese takes on Glo-Valve at 5:45 today to decide the championship of the Cal Ripken 11-12 City Tournament.

Tanner Dyson led Celanese at bat with three singles and an RBI. He also scored three times.

Tyler Hall knocked in three runs with a pair of singles and Jad McGuire had two hits. Colby Copeland had a single

and RBI while Michael Davis had a double and Josh Rios a single. Davis sparked Celanese when he led off the third inning with a double to deep center field. Davis, Hall and Dustin Forney each scored two runs.

Copeland, the winning pitcher, gave up two runs on two hits.

Collecting hits for Pampa Cyber Net were Jacob Jenkins (double, RBI), Ryan Adams (single, RBI), Matt Hathcoat (single, RBI) and Kyle Wheat (single, RBI).



Shavious Kelley of Cyber Net puts the tag on a sliding Tyler Hall of Celanese in the city tournament.

## Comets stop Sparks, 69-65

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Comets used their victory over the Los Angeles Sparks to send a message to the rest of the WNBA.

"This really makes the other teams take a look at us and say, 'Hey, they're still up there,'" Tina Thompson said after scoring a career-high 29 points as the Comets ended the Los Angeles Sparks' season-opening nine-game winning streak with a 69-65 victory Thursday night.

The Comets lost to the Sparks 66-63 in their season opener, then won five in a row. They had

been idle for 10 days because of repairs at Compaq Center from flooding caused by Tropical Storm Allison.

"I've been saying all along that we'd be fine," Thompson said. "It's not like we didn't play. We played games every day."

The Comets (6-1) trailed 63-62 before Janeth Arcain hit a turnaround jumper with 22 seconds left to give Houston the lead.

"It was a tough game. It was good for everyone," Arcain said. "I've been looking forward to this game for a long time and it's great to beat LA."

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Katina is the sister of linebacker Zach Thomas of the Miami Dolphins.

Both Katina and Zach are Pampa High graduates.

Taylor is one of Zach's teammates and an All-Pro lineman. He has been with the Dolphins for five years.

According to anonymous sources, Zach introduced the pair a few years ago.

Katina has a career of her own. She has a television show in Miami called "Katina's Korner, in which she interviews professional athletes and their families.

The Thomas-Taylor wedding will be held this weekend at a Pampa church, and an estimated 1,500 guests are expected to attend.

Among those guests will be most of the Dolphins' football team, including record-setting quarterback Dan Marino, now retired.

Presiding over the ceremony will be Father Emanuel Alfungo, a seminary professor from Pennsylvania.

Following the wedding, the traditional rice won't be thrown at the married couple.

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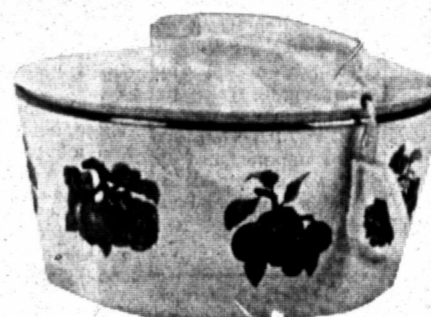
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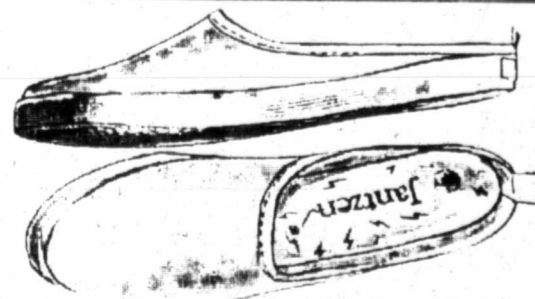
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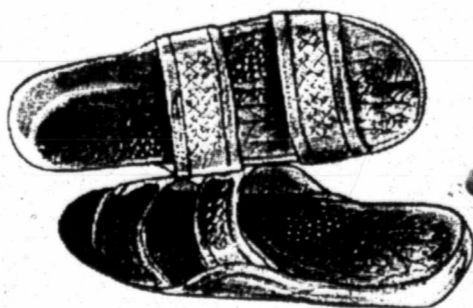
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