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**First Assembly of God  
hosts musical drama**

"Exhortation" of Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie are to appear at First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler, on Sunday, April 7.

"Exhortation" is a music and drama ensemble of university students from unique spiritual, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. Representing Southwestern Assemblies of God University, the group travels and performs throughout the southwest on weekends and in two extended tours each year.

Pastor Leland Lewis of the First Assembly of God invites the public to attend the free presentation.

**Lefors ministry  
offers free clothes**

LEFORS — "The House of Lefors," an intra-denominational outreach ministry, is offering free clothing for the entire family, beginning at 10 a.m., Thursday and Friday, April 4 and 5, in the building across from the Taylor Mart. For more information, call 835-2454.

**LOTTERY**

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 4-5-17-35-46-50.  
Estimated jackpot: \$26 million.  
Number matching six of six: 0.  
Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.  
Estimated jackpot: \$34 million.

**DEATHS**

**Frances G. Atwater, 79,** mother of Pampan.  
**Glynda Martin, 59,** former bank employee.

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## Opportunity awaits

Energy official outlines Texas, Mexico business options

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

With privately owned energy sector business opportunities opening up in Mexico, Texas Economic Development officials are working to help state-based companies get a piece of the pie.

Julio Bastarrachea, director of the State of Texas' Mexico office in Mexico City, said private energy sector operations in Mexico are, however, still a "touchy issue" due to the long history of state-run monopolies.

Bastarrachea spoke to the Pampa Rotary Club Wednesday as the invited

guest of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce and its executive director Clay Rice.

Petroleos Mexicanos, or PEMEX, the state oil and gas monopoly handling exploration, refining and distribution, and Federal Electricity Commission or CFE, the state monopoly in charge of generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, are Mexico's two main players, he said.

"The Mexican government is dependent on taxes from their revenue," he said. "In 2000, PEMEX taxes accounted for close to 38 percent of the Mexican government's total tax revenue," he said. "That's why when

the price of oil goes down, the Mexican government gets squeezed."

But with problems such as the need for more natural gas transmission and distribution facilities and power generation, Mexico is opening those sectors to private investment.

That has Bastarrachea's office working to bring Texas companies into the Mexico market where European companies are now leading the pack. The office provides help to companies that want to get into the energy business or other Mexican endeavors.

To that end, a seminar and match-making session "Invest in Texas" (See MEXICO, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo)  
**Julio Bastarrachea discusses Mexico's energy sector at a Pampa Rotary Club meeting.**



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)  
**Gray County Commissioner Jim Greene reads a proposed letter to U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry as Commissioner Joe Wheeley looks on.**

## County asks that federal \$'s go to environment research

By NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

Gray County Commissioners are requesting tax dollars be allocated from the federal government for research into the effects of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) on the environment.

County Commissioner Jim Greene told the commission he has learned President Bush has set aside financial resources to determine if the CAFOs have any detrimental effect upon the environment.

Greene said that some of this money could be allocated to an already-established research facility at Bushland. He said he learned of this project when he attended a meeting last week of area county commissioners and judges.

Commissioners approved sending a letter to

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry to urge that federal funds be made available for the project.

Dr. John Sweeten, WYAMU professor and Resident Director, Agricultural Engineering Waste Management, told *The Pampa News* Wednesday that studies are ongoing under the direction of Texas A&M at Amarillo, Bushland and Etter.

The Cooperative Research, Education and Extension Triangle (CREET), West Texas A&M Agriculture Division and the USDA Ag Research Center are all involved in research at the facilities.

He said two feedlots are involved in the studies which include beef cattle nutrition, feedlot health, waste water, odor and dust emissions, run off and groundwater as well as environmental nutrition.

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## Gray County to manage forfeiture account

By NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

Gray County was designated Wednesday as the county within the 31st Judicial District to be responsible for managing the forfeiture funds of the District Attorney's Office.

In a 15-minute meeting of District Judges Lee Waters and Steven Emmert, the amicable decision to have Gray County to manage money and the proceeds of property forfeited as contraband under Chapter 59 of the

code of Criminal Procedure and establishing a depository for such money and proceeds was made.

District Attorney Rick Roach said the forfeiture funds were kept in the Wheeler County's county depository during the previous District Attorney's term of office. Former DA John Mann is a resident of Wheeler County.

Roach had been depositing them in the First State of Miami in Pampa since taking office in January 2001. Roach, who is a resident of Miami in Roberts County, maintains his office in

the same building as the bank is located.

Roach said there was not an official designation during Mann's term or prior DA's.

He told the district judges that, according to the statutes he has read and the Attorney General's opinions on the matter, he understands that an audit must be completed by the county auditor of the county designated as manager of the funds.

"Gray and Wheeler counties are the only ones in our five county, multi-

district who have auditors," he said. "Gray County's auditor has indicated a willingness to take this responsibility on."

County Judge Richard Peet told the district judges that it was the desire of the Gray County Commission to have the funds wherever it is convenient for DA Roach.

"In anticipation of your decision to designate Gray County, the commission gave approval for County Treasurer Scott Hahn to establish an

(See MONEY, Page 3)

## Local interest appears low in early voting for run-offs

By NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

Local voters are not showing much interest in the run-off election for either the Republican or Democratic primaries.

Only 10 voters have cast ballots in the early voting for the primary election now under way in the Gray County Clerk's Office, 315 N. Ballard, said Virginia Greer, who is conducting the early voting. No local elections are on either ballot, she said.

Two senatorial candidates are competing for the nomination in the Democratic U.S. Senate race primary. Victor Morales, a Mesquite school teacher, and Ron Kirk, former Dallas mayor, are both seeking the nomination.

Winner of the April 9 Democratic run-off will face Republican John Cornyn in the November general election.

In the Republican primary, four judicial positions will be decided.

Dale Wainwright and Elizabeth Ray are seeking the Justice, Supreme

Court, Place 2 position.

In the Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1 race, Tom Price and Tim Taft are vying for the judicial position.

Run-off candidates in the Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 are Paul Womack and David Richards.

Guyl Williams and Cathy Cochran are both seeking to be Judge on the Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3.

Early voting in the elections continues through Friday, April 5. Early voters may cast ballots in the election between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., today and Friday at the County Clerk's temporary office, 315 N. Ballard.

Polling places in the Democrat primary on Tuesday will be Precincts 4 and 5, McLean Library; Precincts 2, 7, 9, 10, 12 & 13, Pampa Library; Precincts 8, 11, 14, 15, First Christian Church; and Precinct 1 and 3, Lefors Community Center.

Republican polling places on Tuesday will be Precinct 1, Lefors Fire Station; Precincts 2, 10, and 13. (See VOTING, Page 3)

### ELECTION

## TCFA has no beef with McDonald's

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

While expressing disappointment that fast-food giant McDonald's is testing beef buying from overseas, a spokesman for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) in Amarillo said the regional and national organization plans to work with the company to keep the market here.

"McDonald's has historically bought all of their product domestically," said the TCFA's Burt Rutherford, who acknowledged there is a shortage of the U.S. meat that's lean enough to make burgers for the quick service industry. "And clearly, when you are in business there is always the incentive to find the least expensive product."

Hamburger chains make patties by mixing lean beef containing no more than 10 percent fat with low-cost fat trimmings that are a byproduct of packing plant, Rutherford said. It's pretty much the same mix as hamburger bought in supermarkets. Much of the meat comes from "cull cows and bulls" of which there are fewer in the U.S. market now. The cattle head count is down 2.2



(Pampa News file photo)  
**Cowboys round up a herd of beef cattle on the Darsey Ranch, south of Pampa.**

million from its 1996 peak.

Rutherford hopes the Beef Checkoff program, which has a big push on now to develop more uses for underutilized cuts like chuck and round, will allow the industry to add value and boost the quick service market supply.

According to the Associated Press, McDonald's is the biggest single buyer of both U.S. and Australian beef, which the chain uses extensively out-

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**OBITUARIES**

**SERVICES TOMORROW**

**BELT, Catherine** — 2 p.m., Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home, Denton.

**GLYNDA MARTIN**  
1942-2002

MIAMI — Glynnda Martin, 59, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at Amarillo, Texas. The body was cremated. Memorial services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Martin, a lifelong Miami resident, was born Dec. 9, 1942, at Pampa. She married Cecil Martin on July 9, 1961, at Miami. She worked at Citizen's Bank and Trust in Pampa for 16 years.

She held membership in First Christian Church of Miami, Meet Your Neighbors Club, Christian

Women's Fellowship and Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Survivors include her husband, Cecil Martin, of the home; a daughter, Vicki Ray of Mobeetie; a son, Stephen Martin of Miami; her mother, Florence Dodson of McLean; a sister, Connie Holland of Pampa; a brother, Dr. Jerry Dodson of San Angelo; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Panhandle Chapter, 6222 Canyon Dr., Amarillo, TX 79109.

**FRANCES GUFFREY ATWATER**  
1923-2002

MIDLAND — Frances Guffrey Atwater passed away Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at a Midland care facility.

Frances was born in Midian, Kan., on Feb. 25, 1923. Her parents are the late Emmett and Loleta Guffrey. She lived in Kansas, Bartlesville, Okla., and Wink, Texas, before moving to Midland, Texas, in 1934.

She is a 1940 graduate of Midland High School. While attending MHS, she was active with the Band and Student Council. She attended Draughn's Business College and McMurry College until the outbreak of World War II.

During World War II, Frances worked as a secretary at the MAAF Station Hospital at the Bombardier School where she met her husband, Howard Atwater. They were married 51 years before his death in 1998. Frances worked for American Trading Oil Company and West Texas Abstract Company. She then established and published "The Bulletin Board" in 1960 until her retirement in 1993.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, the Homer Fort Fellowship Sunday School Class and was the Historian of FUMC. A member of Beta Sigma Phi, Frances was a Lifetime Member of the Lee High School PTA where she served as President. She helped organize the Ex-Student's Association of Midland High School in 1985. She also served on the Homecoming Parade Committee, Hall of Honor Committee, Reunion 2000 and was responsible for the memorabilia case at MHS. Frances also

helped organize memorabilia for the Bombardier School displayed at Midland Airport.

Frances is survived by her children, Connie Atwater Foote and her husband Jerry of Pampa, Tex.; Jim Atwater and his wife Mary of Midland, Tex.; Bonnie Atwater of Midland, Tex.; grandsons, Lee Atwater of Midland, Tex., Chad Atwater of Midland, Tex., Lt. Michael Foote and his wife Danielle of Fort Bragg, N.C., Brian Foote of Amarillo, Tex.; SPC, Trey Atwater, U.S. Army Rangers, of Fort Bragg, N.C.; great-granddaughter, Candice Atwater of Midland, Tex.; and great-grandson, Micah Atwater of Midland, Tex.

A visitation will be held Friday, April 5, 2002, at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland between the hours of 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 3 p.m., Saturday, April 6, 2002, at First United Methodist Church, Main and Ohio Streets, Midland, Texas, with the Rev. Lane Boyd officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy., Midland, Texas.

Pallbearers will be Lee Atwater, Chad Atwater, Michael Foote, Brian Foote, Trey Atwater and Jeremy Anderson. Honorary pallbearers will be Marian Reeder, Fay Smith, Lou Bliss, Joyce Elder and Ted Johnson.

Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church, 305 N. Baird St., TX 79701; or Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.

**Tony Blair may use Texas visit to sway Bush against Iraq attack**

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Tony Blair is likely to tell President Bush at their weekend summit that he agrees Iraq poses a serious threat to the West, but now is not the time to launch an offensive against that country.

In fact, given Britain and Europe's widespread concern over the escalating violence in the West Bank, Blair may recommend that the Bush administration make that crisis, and the final phases of the war in Afghanistan, the top priorities of U.S. foreign policy for now.

"I think Prime Minister Blair is going to say, 'Let's weigh anchor for a moment on Iraq while we see what we can do about the Israeli-Palestinian crisis,'" said Steven Simon, assistant

director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London.

Blair travels to Bush's home in Crawford, Texas, on Friday, for a summit on a wide range of topics, including Iraq and Afghanistan, where British forces have played a major role in the U.S.-led alliance.

On Thursday, Blair's spokesman said the violence in the Middle East will top the agenda in Crawford.

Blair is appalled by the "most explosive" situation in Israel in years and believes the main challenge is to break the cycle of violence, the spokesman said on condition of anonymity. Therefore, Bush and Blair will try to implement a cease-fire leading to talks aimed at ending the crisis, the spokesman said.

There is no doubt that Britain remains America's closest ally in the war against terrorism, and that Blair will continue his long-standing support for U.S. policy.

But growing skepticism about U.S. foreign policy in Britain and other European countries such as France and

Russia recently prompted Blair to tone down calls for Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to be toppled.

The most striking example of that hesitation involved Blair's decision to scrap his government's plans this week to publish an intelligence dossier on Iraq's secret arms program aimed at disclosing efforts by Saddam to develop biological, chemical and nuclear weapons of mass destruction.

Europe's concerns about the Middle East, and Washington's failure to negotiate a cease-fire in Israel, were evident Thursday, when the European Union sent a high-level mission there, despite Israel's refusal to let it meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Blair also faces growing unease at home and within his Labor Party. More than 120 members of Parliament have signed a motion opposing suggestions by Blair and Bush that Saddam must be removed from power, either in a military attack or support for an inside insurrection.

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**ON RECORD**

**ACCIDENTS**

The Pampa Police Department filed the following accident reports.

**Monday, April 1**

A 1999 Ford Crown Victoria city police unit driven in the 600 block of East Frederic by officer Alvin D. Johnson, 54, collided with a 1986 Ford pickup driven by Clarence Nichols, 66, 535 Sloan. No injuries were reported.

**Tuesday, April 2**

A 1996 Ford Mustang owned by Chris Brawley, 926 Cinderella, and parked in the Wal-Mart parking lot was struck by an unknown vehicle.

**Thursday, April 4**

A 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven in the 500 block of North Hobart by Robbie Wayne Broggle, 82, Paris, Texas, veered left across traffic lanes and hit the curb, struck a wooden post, hit a fire hydrant and a pole. The driver fell asleep at the wheel, the report said. The driver refused medical treatment.

**SHERIFF**

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

**Tuesday, April 2**

Lindsey Michelle Terrell, 17, 1117 Crane Road, bond surrender/forgery of a financial instrument.

**Wednesday, April 3**

Gary Don Foster Wheat, 34, 532 N. Powell, violation of probation and theft by appropriation. Picked up for Robertson County.

Julie Ann Phillips, 29, Borger, violation of probation.  
Eric Herrera, 25, Las Vegas, burglary of a habitation.

**STOCKS**

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.		VLO	46.90	-0.17
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		OKE	20.88	+0.25
		New York Gold	302.55	
		Silver	4.68	
		West Texas Crude	27.56	

**AMBULANCE**

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

**Wednesday, April 3**

7:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Williston and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

3:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to a local residence.

5:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Jupiter and transported one to PRMC.

8:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Barnard and transported one to PRMC.

**Thursday, April 4**

4:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Montague and Hobart; no transport.

**POLICE**

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrest and incidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Saturday, March 23**

A wedding ring set and necklace valued at \$800 was reported stolen in the 900 block of North Gray.

**Monday, April 1**

Making alcohol available to a minor in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen was reported.

**Tuesday, April 2**

Shonda Darrs, 31, 524 Lefors, no rabies vaccination, public intoxication, dog at large, failure to appear, failure to control speed.

A set of keys with a remote was reported stolen in the 2400 block of North Charles. The loss is valued at \$100.

A domestic disturbance involving threats, a broken window and broken telephone was reported in the 400 block of Hill.

**Wednesday, April 3**

A bottle of cologne was taken at Dunlaps, 1229 N. Hobart, and later was retrieved.

A stolen street sign was recovered in the 400 block of Pitts.

Harassment/foul language was reported in the 800 block of West Foster.

A runaway was reported from Genesis House, 615 W. Buckler.

**FIRE**

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

**Thursday, April 4**

4:59 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Montague and Hobart streets. Firefighters cleaned up a small antifreeze spill at the scene.

**WEATHER FOCUS**

**PAMPA**

Today's forecast is mostly sunny with highs in the mid-60s and southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, increasing clouds. Lows 40 to 45. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Friday night, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows 45 to 50. Saturday, partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs around 70. Saturday evening, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Sunday and Monday, partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the mid to upper 40s. Highs 70 to 75. Tuesday and Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows 45 to 50. Highs in the middle 70s.

**STATEWIDE**

Cloudy skies were expected across much of Texas on Thursday.

In the Dallas area, Thursday afternoon should be mostly cloudy with highs in the lower 60s. Thursday night lows were expected in the upper 40s.

In the panhandle, skies Thursday were expected to be mostly sunny with highs in the lower to mid-60s. Thursday night lows were expected from 35 to 45.

In the Guadalupe Mountains and Big Bend area, mostly cloudy skies were expected with highs from the upper 60s in the mountains to near 80 along the Rio Grande. Partly cloudy skies were expected at night with lows from 40 to 55.

In Hill Country and South Central Texas, cloudy skies with a slight chance of light rain or drizzle were expected with highs in the 60s. Cloudy skies were expected at night with a slight chance of light rain or drizzle and lows in the 50s.

In deep South Texas, cloudy skies with a chance of showers or thunderstorms were expected with highs from 68 near the coast to 75 inland. Cloudy skies were expected at night with a chance of showers or thunderstorms and lows from 60 to 65.

**Economy: Jobless benefits technical fluke**

WASHINGTON (AP) — New claims for unemployment insurance shot up last week, but the layoffs picture was distorted by federal requirements related to how laid-off workers who exhausted their benefits may seek to get them extended.

For the work week ending March 30, new claims for jobless benefits jumped by a seasonally adjusted 64,000 to 460,000, the highest level since the beginning of December, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

Many analysts had expected new claims to fall.

A government analyst said that a portion of the big rise in claims resulted from a federal provision requiring workers whose benefits had run out to file a new claim in order to become eligible for an extension of federal jobless benefits.

Because of this requirement, the weekly claims figures could

be volatile in the next few weeks.

Congress recently passed legislation signed into law by President Bush that provided a 13-week extension of jobless benefits.

On Wall Street, investors shrugged off the report. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 32 points and the Nasdaq index gained 9 points in morning trading.

The more stable four-week moving average of new claims, which smoothes out week-to-week fluctuations, also rose last week to 403,750, the highest level since the middle of January.

Thursday's report, economists said, doesn't change what they believe to be improving labor market conditions.

The jobless claims increases "are technical and do not reflect underlying economic fundamentals," said Merrill Lynch economist Gerald Cohen.

Many economists are predicting companies added jobs to their payrolls in March.

The nation's unemployment rate dipped to 5.5 percent in February. But many economists believe the rate will rise to 5.6 percent when the government releases the employment report for March on Friday. "That's likely to happen because job growth won't be strong enough to take care of a large wave of people expected to have entered the labor force that month.

Businesses had slashed thousands of jobs to cope with a recession that began in March 2001. Companies' profits took a real hit during the slump, as did capital investments.

Economists project companies will be reluctant to quickly hire back laid-off workers until profits recover and business executives are convinced that the economic recovery is here to stay.

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**MEXICO**

for Mexican companies seeking to expand operations in Texas and for Texas companies seeking a Mexican market is planned for May 15-17 in Mexico City, Bastarrachea told Rotarians.

Bastarrachea believes European companies gained the foothold they have through Mexico's history of political corruption coupled with the fact many European companies are financially backed by their countries and have lower financing costs than U.S. firms.

Europeans also have "been more aggressive" than Texas and other U.S. firms in "setting up shop there," he said.

"If the European companies can offer a (financial) break," the Mexicans will take it," Bastarrachea said noting a lower cost of doing business with those companies. "American laws are more restrictive on companies that deal with foreign countries."

Bastarrachea believes the corruption issue is much less of a factor now under the new administration of President Vicente Fox.

Many of the officials at PEMEX and CFE

have changed since Fox took office and companies that encounter any corruption are encouraged to "go to the newspapers," he said, adding, "Corruption has not disappeared but it is more at the lower levels."

Bastarrachea has been director of the state's Mexico office since October 1999.

As such, he's implemented specialized searches for Texas companies exploring the Mexico market and the promotion of investment opportunities in Texas. He organized the Texas Trade missions to Mexico in 2000 and 2001.

He is a former Mexico career diplomat in San Antonio where he was the press and public affairs attache' of the Consulate General of Mexico, promoting trade and education exchanges between South Texas and Mexico.

Bastarrachea has also worked as an architect and urban planner in Mexico City, London and Frankfurt.

He has an advanced degree in Development Economics from the University of London, and a degree in International Affairs from the Institute Romero of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico. His first degree is in architecture from the University of Yucatan.

**PHS One-Act Play goes to area UIL competition**

Cast and crew of Pampa High School's One Act Play will participate in area UIL competition at Snyder Friday.

"The Shadow Box," directed by Dean Birkes, PHS theatre arts teacher, and Heather Fuentes, Pampa Middle School theatre arts teacher, was one of two plays to advance to area from the district contest March 28 at Amarillo College.

"The Shadow Box" is the story of three terminally-ill patients and their relationships with their families at the end of their illnesses, according to Birkes.

"This play really deals with the aspect of death and how we handle it," he said. "It is a very difficult play to do, and the critique judge at district told us that he was glad we tackled such a hard play."

Written by Michael Cristofer and published by Samuel French Inc., the play was cut from the original three acts to one 40-minute act to fit UIL requirements. Students have seven minutes to set the stage before the performance and

seven minutes to strike the stage afterwards. Directors are not allowed backstage or in the lighting booth during the performance.

At the district meet, several PHS students received individual awards. Seniors Richard Conner and A.J. Swope received All-Star Cast awards. Senior Vanessa Orr and freshman Ben Briscoe received Honorable Mention All-Star Cast honors.

At zone competition at Boys Ranch on March 20, cast members received numerous awards including Best Actor, Richard Conner; Best Actress, Vanessa Orr; All-Star Cast, A.J. Swope, and Honorable Mention All-Star Cast, Amber Bowers and Sammie Parsley.

Other members of the cast and crew include Chris Johnson, Brianne Hopkins, Chelsea Dyer, Ashley Freeman, Kelly Tripplehorn, Price Hall and Luke Dyer.

Canyon High School students are presenting the other play advancing to area from this district. They will be performing "Our Country's Good."

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**STUDY**

Sweeten said studies are currently under way on reducing the nitrogen and phosphorous in the animals' diets to determine the effects.

"Swine studies are getting started," he said. He said the local area is cooperating with five other states and universities in those states in these studies. Universities in Iowa, North Carolina, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota are also involved.

Emission studies of the effects of swine confinement in buildings is one of the areas being studied.

Sweeten said long-term data should produce information regarding the design and planning for the swine facilities.

Air quality of CAFOs are also being studied, said Sweeten. He said they have not studied the effects of swine lagoons as yet, but will when the current studies are completed.

Sweeten emphasized the cooperation between many universities in the area in addition to West Texas A&M, Texas Tech University, Kansas State University, Texas A&M, and New Mexico State University along with the USDA are all involved in the various studies of the confined animal feeding operations, he said.

**Top O' Texas Rodeo seeks concession bids**

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is making changes for the new millennium.

The association is currently accepting bids for all concession of the Top O' Texas Rodeo and Kid Pony Show to be held nightly July 7-13.

There will be no performance on Wednesday, July 10, unless one of the Kid Pony Show performances is raised out.

All organizations, clubs,

or any individual are eligible to bid on any of the concessions.

Available for bid are five concession stands on the west side of the arena and four stands on the east side. Various items to be sold include hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, candy, snow cones, ice cream, nachos, iced tea and cold drinks.

Concessionaires will furnish all of their own equipment and utensils. Selected

concessionaires will be allowed to sell their products in the seating areas.

All bids must be submitted to the rodeo office by 5 p.m., June 3, with the bid opening scheduled for 7:30 p.m., June 3, in the Pampa Community Building.

For a complete diagram of the booths, a copy of the bid contract or more information, please contact the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-0434.

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**BEEF**

side of the United States. Lean beef from Australia and New Zealand sells for 5 cents to 20 cents per pound cheaper than U.S. product.

For now, McDonald's is testing the imported beef in about 400 of its 13,000 U.S. restaurants, all in the Southeast. The company joins Burger King, Wendy's and other fast-food chains in buying beef from overseas.

Regarding reduced U.S. herd sizes, Rutherford said cattle supplies generally run on a 10-year cycle and said the "economic signals" are there for increased production.

But economics isn't the only factor involved in production cycles, he said, noting that weather is another. And it is weather conditions, that include droughts in several parts of the country, that are helping to create a slowdown of herd buildups.

The TCFA represents cattle feeders in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, Rutherford said. It is a region that supplies about seven million fed beef, or 30 percent of the U.S. supply, annually. A portion of that area, the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles and Eastern New Mexico account for more than 90 percent of that number and the Texas Panhandle alone accounts for 25 percent of TCFA-region's fed beef.

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**MONEY**

account for the monies," said Peet.

Hahn explained to the

judges that the account would be a Gray County account with the county tax ID for collateralization of the funds in the account. Gray County's designated depository is Bank

of America.

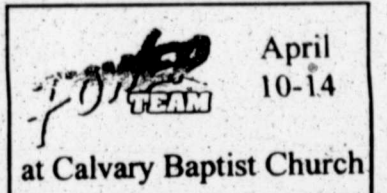
Waters and Emmert included in their motion that the DA's forfeiture funds would be located wherever Gray County's depository is located in the event the location of the depository is changed in the future.

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**VOTING**

Sheriff's Office; Precincts 3, 7, 11 and 12, M.K. Brown Auditorium; Precincts 4 and 5, McLean Senior Citizens Center; Precincts 8 and 9, Austin School; and Precincts 14 and 15, Travis.

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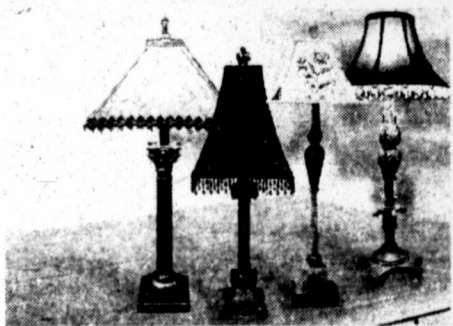
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### TEXAS EDITORIALS

## Women should be pushing insurance industry reforms

From the *Dallas Morning News*:  
 With this being National Women's History Month, it's right that women should carry on the work of previous generations in pressing for improvements that benefit society. Just as women were in the forefront of the abolition movement and led campaigns for temperance, suffrage, libraries, homeless shelters and changes in drunken driving laws, women can make a difference in the health insurance issue.

An opportunity is at hand. Rep. Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth, wants to end tax discrimination against people who do not get their insurance from an employer. Her forthcoming bill would make prepayable, refundable tax credits available to all Americans, regardless of their employer or employment status, for the purchase of health insurance. She suggests a tax credit cap of \$1,000 per individual up to \$3,000 per family, plus 50 percent of any premiums paid above these amounts.

Now, people who get health insurance through an employer can pay their portion of the cost with before-tax dollars. Those tax benefits are not available to those who have to buy health insurance on their own. Is it any wonder that about 40 million Americans are uninsured? During 2001, an estimated 2 million Americans lost their health insurance, the largest one-year increase in the number of uninsured in nearly a decade, according to the group Covering the Uninsured. And, the organization points out, most people who are uninsured live in working families.

Celeste Colgan with the National Center for Policy Analysis supports Rep. Granger's plan, saying, "Women more than men feel the effects of our health care system."

Women are less likely to be offered employer insurance. They tend to be part-time and minimum-wage workers with small employers. Even when employers offer insurance plans, many families find them too expensive. And families where women are single heads of household tend to be poorer.

Health care is the most basic part of our national security. Rep. Granger's proposal, which will no doubt be costly, resurrects and expands the president's effort on health tax credits. And women in Congress who understand their legacy should rally for the improved access to health care coverage her idea represents.

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## Care to join me in a smile?

Earlier in the week I read a story on the wire service that said people feel Americans are much more rude than they used to be.

When I read this story, I must confess that I agreed. It seems as though consideration for others' feelings and beliefs is not nearly as much a priority with people as their own wants.

Driving behavior by motorists, according to the study, have shown significant signs of increasing anger and rage.

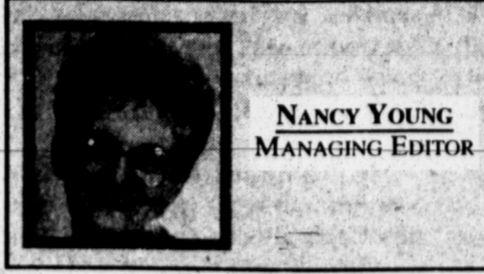
As I travel 100 miles a day on the highways of the Texas Panhandle, I can believe it. The shooting-in and shooting-out of traffic at high rates of speed is commonplace. EVERYONE is in a hurry. Why they are traveling so fast escapes me.

Traveling home yesterday, I noticed everyone was passing me. I checked the speedometer and I was going 67. They weren't. And this is frequent.

It seems as though people have very little patience in today's world. Tolerance appears to be at an all-time low, and acceptance of people appears to be at the bottom of the barrel.

It seems to be a ME, ME, ME World — not just a ME Generation.

According to figures released by several polling groups, church attendance has also declined. I wonder if there is a correlation there? You know — Golden Rule, Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, Psalms, prayer and spiritual music — those type



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MANAGING EDITOR

things. Could be the loss of those effects on recent generations has made its mark.

Now an aunt of mine reminded me recently that older people can be fairly rude because some, not all, are quite miserable. I stopped to think about that, and I believe she is right.

What can be done to stop this rudeness and abruptness in our society? My first thought is to teach children to be nice to each other — to have tolerance, respect and acceptance. But who is going to be the teacher of these qualities if the parents don't possess them?

So much is expected of schools, and the children should have these qualities before they arrive in school. Children do learn what they live. As we look in the mirror, they are our reflections.

Who will it be to teach them? Are we going to wait for Jack to do it? Or are we going to wait for Jane? John? Jim? The change has to come from each and every one of us.

As I was thinking of the contentious situations I have dealt with the past days, weeks and months, I realized how I had

allowed some of these people and situations control me and my behavior. I, too, have been rude. It is so contagious! Some of my co-workers have cut a wide swath around me lately.

I remember a saying my mother had. She had many — wear clean underwear in case you're in an accident, always be a lady, like everyone and they will like you, new friends are great but old friends are wonderful, and on and on and on.

Mothers seem to have a saying for everything.

The one that comes to mind today is: "A smile is worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a cent." She's been gone seven years, and I can still hear her saying it. When I do, I smile.

I think that today I will be consciously aware of what I can do to stomp out rudeness and work on my contentious behavior.

Maybe if I stop worrying about everyone else's, mine will improve, and perhaps someone else's will, also. Example is the best teacher.

Anybody want to join me? My thought for today is: The biggest difficulty with mankind today is that our knowledge has increased so much faster than our wisdom.

Believe it's time for a Grandchild Fix for me. And lots of prayers for contentious people, myself included.

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## Jive-talking about airport security

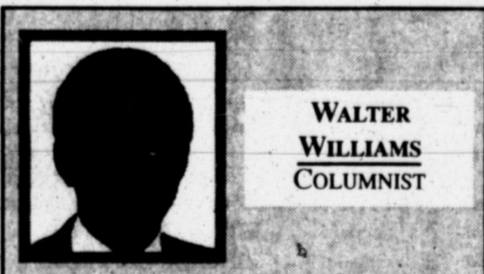
Let's think about airport security.

It seems as though the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) and Department of Transportation's (DOT) operative assumption is that there's an equal chance that any person, including pilots and crew members, who boards a plane is a potential hijacker. That's why FAA and DOT security regulations require that everyone, including pilots and crew, be searched and "hijacking weapons" — like fingernail files, wire cork screws and knitting needles — be confiscated.

You say: "That's stupid, Williams. They can't think that my 88-year-old grandmother, carrying her knitting needles, would hijack a plane!" While that might be true, we can't put anything past Washington's bureaucrats. They might think that a hijacker with no hijacking tools might search the plane, find granny's knitting needles and stab his way through the steel reinforced cockpit doors.

It's both stupid and costly for the FAA and DOT to treat each person who boards a plane as a potential hijacker. Suppose Air Force One was in the shop for a tune up and George Bush had to fly with us plebeians. Should he be subject to the same treatment? You say, "C'mon, Williams, that's the president."

OK, what about Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Sen. Ted Kennedy or Walter Williams? In each of these cases, there is a zero chance that the person would hijack a plane. Since cockpit doors have been reinforced, and with random



WALTER WILLIAMS  
COLUMNIST

assignment of sky marshals and passengers not likely to be docile in the face of hijacking, we could return to the passenger screening methods in place on 9-11, with added measures to detect firearms and explosives on persons and their baggage.

Americans have been bamboozled into believing that with federalization of airport security we'd be safer. After all, according to media reports, Europeans who have a much longer history of dealing with terrorists have government-controlled airport security. Nothing can be further from the truth.

According to Robert Poole, a Reason Foundation air transportation expert (reason.org), 33 out of 35 European airports use private companies for passenger and baggage screening, and that includes high-risk airports such as: Amsterdam, Belfast, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Paris and even Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. At these European and Israel airports, the government sets security standards. A private for-profit contractor performs the security screening. There's strong oversight and penalties exacted for not meeting the standards.

So what has the new Transportation

Security Act (TSA) mandated, and even if the mandates made complete sense, will they be achieved? TSA mandated 100 percent baggage screening by Jan. 18, 2002. That was not achieved. TSA mandated federal takeover of existing security contracts by Feb. 17, 2002. Again failure. TSA mandates that 30,000-plus passenger and baggage screeners be federalized and trained by Nov. 19, 2002. There's no chance that goal will be achieved. TSA mandates that all baggage be screened by Explosive Detection System machines (EDS) by Dec. 31, 2002. EDS machines are computerized tomography (3-D) X-ray machines. They cost about \$1 million a piece to produce, and about that much again to install. They're about the size of a minivan, weigh 4 tons and require airport terminal reconfiguration to handle them. That target won't be achieved, either.

There's a far more intelligent way to produce air security. Poole recommends sorting passengers and their baggage into three classes: pre-screened "trusted travelers," who'd face pre-9-11 type screening; "innocuous travelers," who'd receive enhanced screening; and "suspicious travelers," who'd receive rigorous screening. That would improve air safety, and reduce its costs and inconvenience, but it might smack of profiling and fail the "political correctness" test.

There's hope for change because nobody's happy with the present bungling system — and that includes passengers, airport directors, pilots and crew, and airline companies.

### BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, April 4, the 94th day of 2002. There are 271 days left in the year.  
 Today's Highlight in History:  
 On April 4, 1968, civil

rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was shot to death in Memphis, Tenn.  
 On this date:  
 In 1818, Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red-and-white stripes and 20 stars,

with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.  
 In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to

die in office.  
 In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated.  
 In 1887, Susanna Medora Salter became the first woman elected mayor of an American community — Argonia, Kan.

## South

SEOUL, South — Despite a North Korean overture for dialogue, the United States, in peace talks ran in after the North accused Seoul and of plotting to invade Korean officials said.

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## Protesters Jewish bu

MONTPELLIER (AP) — Assault on a Jewish synagogue in the town of Montpellier, France, Thursday into a synagogue located in the region's top office.

Three youths, some 200 yards were detained for police said, with more details.

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# South Korea: Inter-Korean peace talks not going well

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Despite a North Korea overture for dialogue with the United States, inter-Korean peace talks ran into difficulty after the North vehemently accused Seoul and Washington of plotting to invade it, South Korean officials said Thursday.

The first day of talks in the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, ended without progress Wednesday, South Korea's Unification Ministry said. Officials from the two sides met again on Thursday to try to bridge differences.

"Both sides put out all of their views freely but differences continue to remain," ministry spokesman Kim Hong-je said. "North Korea again held South Korea and the United States responsible for tension on the peninsula."

South Korean presidential envoy Lim Dong-won is in Pyongyang for three days of talks to encourage the North to restart a stalled dialogue with Seoul and its main ally, Washington.

U.S.-North Korea relations

## Protesters target Jewish buildings

MONTPELLIER, France (AP) — Assaults threw a barrage of Molotov cocktails Thursday into a building they mistook for a Jewish synagogue located next door, the region's top official said.

Three youths picked up some 200 yards from the site were detained for questioning, police said, without providing more details.

The fire-bombing followed a string of attacks on Jewish targets in recent days that has coincided with heightened tensions in the Middle East. Two synagogues in Marseille, on the Mediterranean coast like Montpellier, were among the targets.

In the Thursday attack, two offices of the building that houses the Hérault region's environmental offices were badly burned, police said. There were no injuries since the assault took place in the early morning when the building was empty.

Jewish leaders joined Prefect Daniel Constantin and Montpellier Mayor Georges Freche at the site.

"It's probably an act by young delinquents," Constantin said. "Visibly, there was no preparation ... since they mistook the building."

Late Wednesday, a bus belonging to a Jewish school in the Paris suburb of Aubervilliers was set afire in an attack that also damaged two cars, local officials said.

deteriorated after President Bush in January branded North Korea — along with Iran and Iraq — as part of "an axis of evil" nations with ambitions to develop weapons of mass destruction.

In a broadcast monitored in Seoul, North Korea's Central Radio quoted the North's delegate on Thursday as denouncing what he called "belligerent forces" in South Korea and the United States for creating tension on the Korean peninsula.

The North's delegation demanded that South Korea scrap its policy of regarding

Pyongyang as its "main enemy" and stop a northward "war drive" being waged with the United States, it said.

North Korea has been South Korea's "main enemy" since the 1950-53 Korean War. The communist country argues that such designation goes against the spirit of conciliation the two countries have been pursuing since a historic summit of their leaders in 2000.

About 37,000 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea as a deterrent against the North.

On Wednesday night, in what

was seen as an overture toward Washington, North Korea said it would resume dialogue with a U.S.-led international consortium building two nuclear reactors in the isolated country.

The decision did not mention the prospect of dialogue with Washington. But U.S. officials welcomed the North's decision to reopen talks with the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization.

"Our position has always been and will continue to be that we welcome dialogue with North Korea anytime any-

where," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

The two nuclear reactors being built in the North are part of a 1994 deal under which North Korea has frozen its suspected nuclear weapons program. The CIA suspects that North Korea may have extracted enough plutonium to make one or two atomic bombs before the 1994 freeze.

The \$4.6 billion reactor project is several years behind schedule. Citing the delay, North Korea has refused U.N. inspections of its nuclear program.

Washington fears that the North is developing missiles and weapons of mass destruc-

tion. The North is known to have 5,000 tons of chemical weapons and missiles capable of reaching Hawaii, Alaska and part of the western U.S. continent.

During Wednesday's talks, the South Korean envoy urged North Korea to address such U.S. concerns through dialogue, Seoul officials said. They did not say how North Korean officials responded.

In the final months of President Clinton's administration, U.S.-North Korea relations warmed. Then-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright visited Pyongyang in October 2000 and held talks with the North Korean leader.

## British troops ready for funeral procession

LONDON (AP) — Leading a horse drawn gun carriage draped in the British flag and topped with a mock crown, more than 1,600 soldiers marched through central London Thursday, preparing for the Queen Mother's funeral.

Troops gathered at St. James's Palace before dawn to prepare for Friday's official procession, which will take the royal matriarch's coffin to Parliament's Westminster Hall. It will lie there in state for the public to pay their respects until the funeral at Westminster Abbey on April 9.

The Queen Mother died Saturday at age 101.

As the sun rose Thursday, four black horses drew the carriage from the palace, where the Queen Mother's coffin lies in the private

chapel, along The Mall and past Whitehall to Parliament. Many of the capital's streets were sealed off to traffic for the rehearsal.

"It went very well considering it's the first time the parade has been put together," said Royal Air Force Squadron Leader Ian Smith who took part in the procession.

"The contingency plan has been in place for some years but because of sensitivity we don't go out and practice it," he added.

The gun carriage that will carry the coffin, the same used for her husband King George VI's funeral in 1952, will be drawn by the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery and escorted by troops from Britain and the Commonwealth.

As the procession leaves

for Westminster Hall, a 28-gun royal salute will be fired from nearby Green Park — one salvo every minute of the journey.

Along the route, military detachments, including cavalrymen from the Queen's Life Guards, will give royal salutes and there will be a guard of honor in Parliament Square.

The principal male members of the royal family will walk behind the coffin, while Queen Elizabeth II and other family members await the arrival of the procession inside the Palace of Westminster.

Draped in the Queen Mother's personal standard and adorned by a wreath from the Queen, the coffin will lie in state in Westminster Hall until Tuesday.

On Monday afternoon, the Queen Mother's four grandsons — Charles, Andrew, Edward and the late Princess Margaret's son Viscount Linley — are expected to hold a 15-minute vigil.

Thousands of people have signed books of condolence across the country, and hundreds of cards and bouquets have been left outside the Queen Mother's homes in England and Scotland.

## Lakeshore Cleanup in offing

FRITCH — Preparations are under way for the 19th annual Lakeshore Cleanup at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area (NRA) slated to take place from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, April 20.

This year's cleanup is more necessary than ever, since last year's event was canceled due to a deadly Bubonic Plague-infected prairie dog colony at Sanford-Yake campground.

Pre-registrations are currently pouring into park headquarters; however, it's still not too late to sign-up a crew for the annual clean-up at the panhandle's largest water recreation area.

A long list of participants come from as far away as Guymon, Okla., Booker, Stratford and Wellington. Volunteers come from Girl Scout troops, 4-H organizations, Boy Scout troops, church groups and more. They join participants from Fritch, Borger, Pampa and Amarillo

in a day dedicated to beautifying Lake Meredith and making it a better place to visit.

Lake Meredith NRA Superintendent Karren Brown said, "I am looking forward to helping with my first Lakeshore Cleanup. With the lake level so low, there's even more shoreline in need of cleaning. We are hoping for beautiful weather, lots of volunteers, and a trash-free park by the end of the day."

On-site registration and organization for the cleanup will kick-off at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. A Trash bash — a hot dog lunch with ice cream and soft drinks — will be served to all volunteers at 12 noon at the Fritch Fortress Amphitheater. Registered volunteers will be eligible for door prizes courtesy of business throughout the panhandle.

To pre-register or for more information, call (806) 857-3151.

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10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Dr. Jackson in Church Chapel. (Bibles will be provided)  
2:00 p.m. Bible study with Dr. Jackson in Church Chapel. (Bibles will be provided)  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship with "Sons of Light Quartet" and Dr. Jackson preaching. (Church Sanctuary)

Tuesday, April 9 - 7:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast in Lively Hall with Dr. Jackson continuing the Bible Study on Mark  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Dr. Jackson in Church Chapel. (Bibles will be provided)  
2:00 p.m. Bible Study with Dr. Jackson in Church Chapel. (Bibles will be provided)  
7:00 p.m. Evening worship with "Sons of Light Quartet" and Dr. Jackson Preaching. (Church Sanctuary). Following this service there will be a reception in Lively Hall sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

## Mom Who Flew Off Handle Deserved Plane Ticket Home

DEAR ABBY: I can't agree with your advice to "Poor Little Butterfly in Oklahoma," whose mother went on an eight-hour harangue after finding out her married daughter got a tattoo when she was 20.

I think the couple did the right thing to put Mom on a plane home. I do not agree with your advice to "mend fences" and take the "high road." This is 2002 — not 1940. Tell the mother to get over it. There is nothing she can do about it now.

**TATTOOED MOM IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR TATTOOED MOM: That's true. I may have been smoking the peace pipe for too long. Many readers agreed with you. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I feel strongly that Mom should apologize for making all of the fuss. An eight-hour attack from one's mother cannot be — and should not be — borne by an adult. Mom was out of line. "Poor" has a right to her life and beliefs. If her tattoo pleases her and her husband, that's good enough!

Abby, I, too, was a victim of attack by a relative — my daughter. She was so adamantly against my getting a tattoo that I decided it wasn't worth the hassle. (I had always wanted an ankle of roses and leaves.) Then, several summers ago, my daughter had an accident. Her truck was totaled, but fortunately she walked away unharmed. She came home and said, "Mom, if you want that tat-

too — go get it. Life is too short. I'll even buy it for you." And she did! I got my tattoo at the ripe old age of 69 — and have not regretted it.

**HAPPY WITH ROSES IN KINGMAN, ARIZ.**

DEAR HAPPY: Thanks for the input.

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Poor Little Butterfly" was wrong, wrong. This is an issue of the daughter preserving her self-esteem, not an argument over a tattoo. This butterfly had every right to ask her mother to take off!

**YOUNG MOM IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR YOUNG MOM: I suspect you're right that the mother was reacting to more than the tattoo.

DEAR ABBY: That couple did the right thing sending her mother home. They stuck up for each other in the face of adversity. That marriage is going to endure.

Unfortunately, mine will not. Ten years ago, on the morning of my first daughter's christening, my mother-in-law looked over her newspaper and proceeded to lecture me about how they do things in "their" family. She made the mistake of giving me this lecture while an overnight guest in our home (which, by the way, my wife and I bought with no help from her moth-

er). Abby, I sent her packing the next day. My mother-in-law proceeded to bad-mouth me to the rest of the family, trying her best to turn them against me. My wife never once took a stand against her mother. She let her mom criticize me to everyone without ever setting the record straight.

My wife made a decision that day about where her allegiance stood. The events of that day were the single greatest indicator of how the rest of our marriage was to go.

**GETTING DIVORCED 10 YEARS LATER**

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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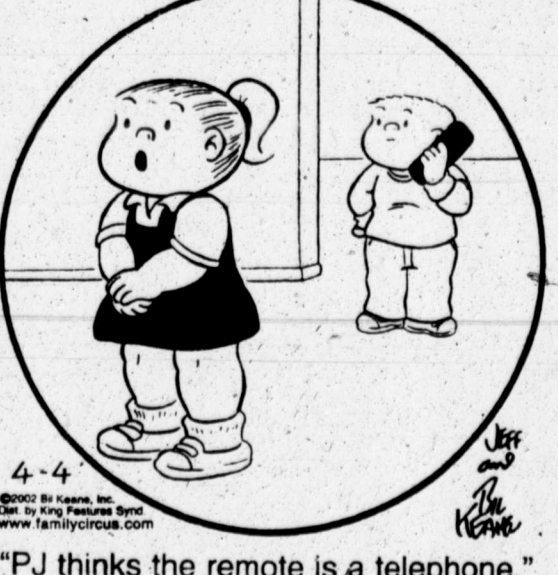
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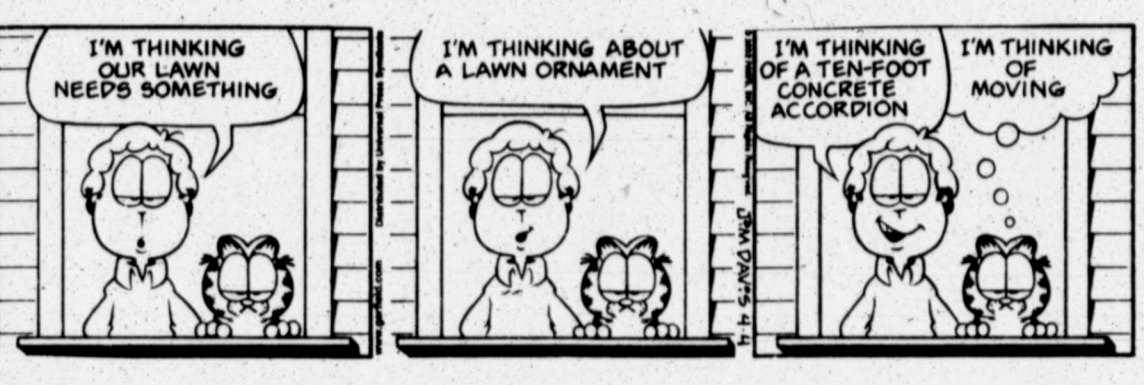
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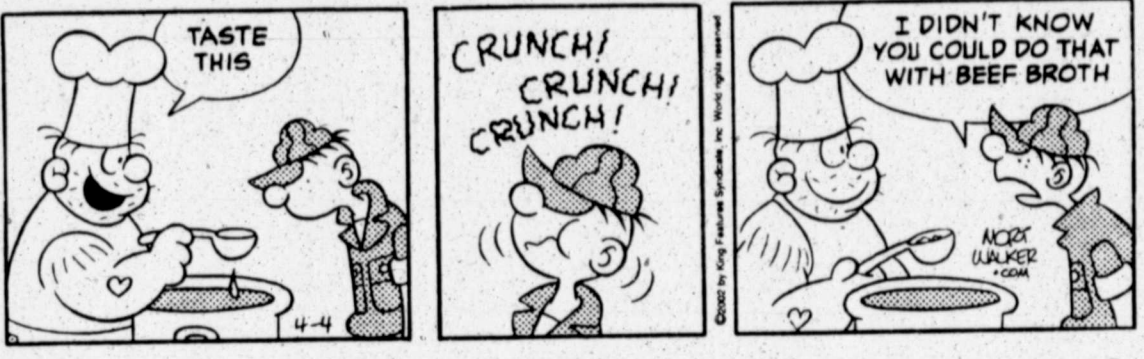
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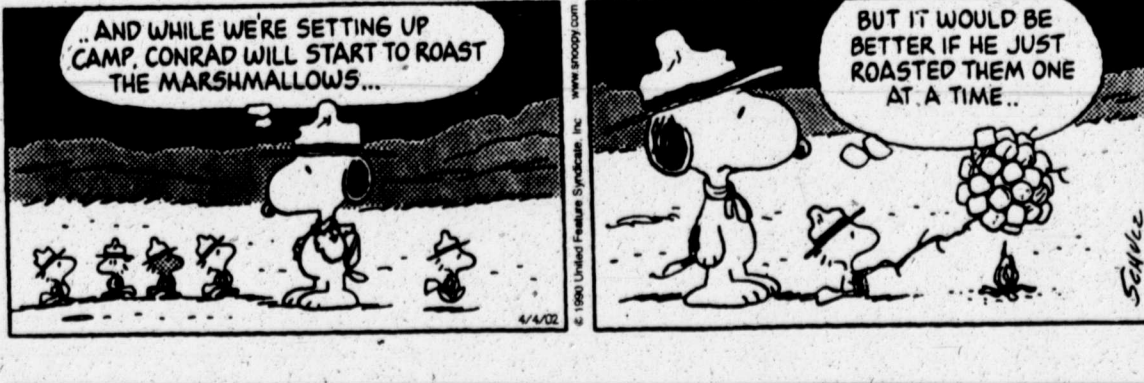
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**TRACK**

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Team totals: 2. Dumas 10; Randall 75; 6. Pampa 47; 8. Sanford-Dalhart 22; 14; 11. Tulia 7.

**Pamp**

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# SPORTS

## NOTEBOOK

### TRACK

**DUMAS** — Pampa placed sixth with 47 points at last week's Demonette Relays.

**Demonette Relays at Dumas**  
**Team totals:** 1. Canyon 116; 2. Dumas 102; 3. Borger 92; 4. Randall 75; 5. Plainview 61; 6. Pampa 47; 7. Panhandle 40; 8. Sanford-Fritch 26; 9. Dalhart 22; 10. River Road 14; 11. Tulia 11; 12. Caprock 7.

**Pampa results**  
**Long jump:** 5. Abby Cavalier, 16-4 1/2; 6. Teryn Stowers, 16-3 1/2.  
**Triple jump:** 3. Teryn Stowers, 36-8; 4. Abby Cavalier, 33-11.  
**Discus:** 3. Angela Phillips, 112-11.  
**Shot put:** 2. Angela Phillips; 4. Skye Niccum, 37-0; 6. Angie Cornish, 35-8.  
**800:** 4. T'Andra Holmes, 2:36.39.  
**100 hurdles:** 3. Kendall Stokes, 5. Anna Johnson, 17.31.  
**100:** 5. Teryn Stowers, 13.23.  
**300 hurdles:** 6. Shelly Sims, 53.09.

**PERRYTON** — Pampa's Ryan Nash won both the triple jump and long jump at the Ranger Relays.

Other Pampa winners were Greg Wiley (110 hurdles) and Matt Crow (400).

The Harvesters compete this weekend in the North Plains Relays in Dumas.

**Ranger Relays at Perryton**  
**Pampa results**

**Team totals:** 1. Perryton 134; 2. West Texas High 133; 3. Canadian 111; 4. Pampa 97; 5. Booker 38.

**Pampa results**  
**Long jump:** 1. Ryan Nash, 20-0.  
**Triple jump:** 1. Ryan Nash, 40-10.  
**400 relay:** 3. Pampa 45.18.  
**110 hurdles:** 1. Greg Wiley, 15.42; 2. Tanner Dyer, 15.46.  
**400:** 1. Matt Crow, Pampa, 52.06.  
**200:** 2. Matt Crow, 22.93.

### BASEBALL

**PAMPA** — Pampa Kids & Youth Club baseball signups will continue today through Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Baker School.

The baseball leagues are for boys and girls from kindergarten through the 12th grade.

Signup fees are \$20 for one child, \$35 for two children, and \$45 for three children.

If more information is needed, call Pampa Communications at 669-8236 or baseball commissioner Rick Nelson at 665-6190 after 5 p.m. Other contact persons are Danny Martin (835-2906), Dean Crockett (665-3927), Robert Cottrell (665-0335) or Steve Stillwagon (669-0535).

Players will be placed on a team by age through a blind draft. All games will be played at Hobart Street Park.

**PAMPA** — Optimist tryouts in the baseball and softball leagues are scheduled tonight from 5:30 to 7 at Optimist Park.

Tryouts will be held in the 9-10 league, Cal Ripken 11-12 league, 13-15 Babe Ruth League in baseball and girls softball for 11-12 and 13-15 leagues.

Registration in both baseball and softball will continue during the tryouts.

Players who will be on the same Optimist team from last year won't have to try out. Players in other leagues will be assigned to a team using a blind draft.

Players should bring tennis shoes, a glove and a light jacket to the tryouts.

## Pampa gymnasts have solid performances at Dream Catcher Classic

OKLAHOMA CITY — Gymnastics of Pampa team members were entered in the Dream Catcher Classic in Oklahoma City, and competed against teams from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and Arkansas.

Level 7 gymnasts competing were Kelby Doughty, Lacie Thompson and Lacie Long.

Ten-year-old Kelby Doughty had solid performances to place third on vault (9.2), ninth on floor exercises (8.5), 11th on bars (8.4), and 11th on balance beam (8.25). Her 34.35 in the 8-10 year-old All-Around was good for ninth place.

Lacie Thompson competed in the 11-12 year-old age group where she earned a 33.0 in the All-Around for 15th place. She was 11th on vault (9.1), 12th on bars (8.65), and 18th on floor (8.25).

In the 13 and older division, Lacie Long finished sixth place on floor exercise (8.75), seventh on bars (8.5), and 10th on vault (8.7). Her 32.2 in the All-Around

was good for 10th place.

Leading the Level 5 team was 7-year-old Madison Fatheree. Madison's 33.75 in the All-Around was good for ninth place. She tied for third place on floor exercise (8.6), was seventh on vault (8.15), eighth on bars (8.7) and 14th place on beam (8.3).

Rebecca Taylor competed in the 10-year-old Level 5's. She had solid performances to finish fourth on floor exercise (8.45), seventh on bars (8.7), 11th on vault (8.1), and 11th on beam (7.7). She was seventh in the All-Around with a 32.95.

MaKayla Hampton finished 19th placed in the 7-9 year-old All-Around with a 29.1 score. She earned 16th place on vault (7.45), 17th on bars (7.9), 17th on floor (6.7) and 19th on beam (7.05).

Competing in the 11-year-old division, Jordan Dodge finished 17th place in All-Around. She earned 13th place on balance beam (8.05), 17th on floor (6.65), 17th on bars (6.0), and 18th on vault (7.15).



Level 5 gymnasts (l-r) Madison Fatheree, MaKayla Hampton, Rebecca Taylor and Jordan Dodge share a happy moment at the Dream Catcher Classic.

### All-Star player



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa senior Lindsey Narron will be playing in the Golden Spread All-Star games this week in Amarillo. Narron is on the East girls team, which plays the South team at 6 tonight at the Amarillo Civic Center.

### The Green Team



(Courtesy photo)

The Green Team participated in the Optimist Volleyball League this season. Team members are (front row, from left) Eden Green, Kenzie Allen, Kamie Doughty, Lauren Smith, Chandler Talley, Brandy Parks and Elizabeth DeLong; (back row, from left) assistant coach Donna Smith, Krystal Voyles, Texi Schaeffer, Haili Kotara, Kathryn Cree-Stevens and coach Laura Green. The league was for fifth and sixth grade girls.

## Carr will be Texans' No. 1 pick

HOUSTON (AP) — More than two weeks before the NFL draft, the Houston Texans have already decided they'll take Fresno State quarterback David Carr with the No. 1 pick.

The announcement Wednesday was made by owner Bob McNair, although the decision was made by general manager Charley Casserly and coach Dom Capers.

"To win, you have to have a good quarterback. Charley and his people have looked at this long and hard," McNair said. "We know enough about Carr

that we feel like we know who he is."

The Texans had been expected to go for Carr all along, although Oregon's Joey Harrington is regarded as good a quarterback prospect by some NFL teams.

In 37 games at Fresno State, Carr completed 62.8 percent of his passes for 7,849 yards, 70 touchdowns and 23 interceptions. As a starter, he had an 18-8 record.

As a senior, Carr led the nation with 4,308 yards passing and 42 touchdown passes, becoming only the sixth quarter-

back in NCAA history to throw for more than 4,000 yards and more than 40 touchdown passes in the same season. He led the Bulldogs to an 11-2 record last season.

Carr finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting and won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award as the nation's top senior quarterback.

Casserly had previously acknowledged that Carr was likely to be his choice over Harrington and others, like North Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers.

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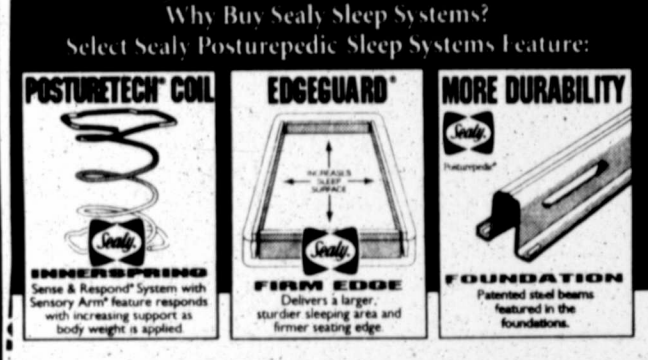
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## Powell rejects conference, says open to meeting with Mideast leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell is rejecting a European suggestion that the United States step down as the primary Middle East peacemaker. He says he might even intervene personally next week with Israeli and Arab leaders.

Responding to a proposal from the president of the European Commission for an international conference to mediate a cease-fire and peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians, Powell said: "The immediate problem is to get control over the terrorism and the violence in the region. I am not in a position to call for a conference, unless we know what purpose that conference would serve."

Until violence is stopped, Powell said, "conferences that lay out different kinds of political goals or new political initiatives just take us off the main point."

Powell's predecessor, Madeleine Albright, said Thursday that the Bush administration is not using its influence in the Middle East. "I do think Secretary Powell needs to go to the region," she said on NBC's "Today." "The bottom line is that the United States is the only power that will be listened to by both sides."

Albright said both Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat are making mistakes.

"I really do think we are watching two old, stubborn men who have had a lifetime hatred of each other being played out on a scene where hundreds of people are endangered and

people are dying," she said. "They need to forget their personal animosity and think about the national interests of their people."

Powell said, in response to intense pressure for a higher-profile Bush administration role in settling the conflict, "I would not rule out meeting with anybody where it would serve a useful purpose."

"My mind is open," Powell said. "We are examining all possibilities."

In a Wednesday interview with CBS' "60 Minutes II," Powell said he was reviewing what he should do. "It's not out of the question that I might go to the region," he said. "It depends. ... I have to go to the region if I have a purpose that I can serve, and there is something concrete to be done."

Also, Powell said, he intends to step up his efforts to have a Palestinian state emerge quickly, once negotiations are resumed.

"The Palestinian people have to see that there is a political process, and not just a cease-fire and security process, ... which will lead quickly to a Palestinian state," he said.

Declaring American mediation so far a failure, the European Union called for a broad alliance of nations, including the United States, to take over peacemaking.

European Commission President Romano Prodi, in Luxembourg for a meeting of EU foreign ministers, said, "It is clear that (American) mediation efforts have failed and we need new mediation."

Powell is due to meet with his European counterparts in Madrid, Spain, next week.

## Puppy Protection Act causing uproar

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prevention of Cruelty to Dog breeders and animal welfare groups are scrapping over a bill passed by the Senate that would require puppies to have plenty of human contact before they are put up for sale.

The Puppy Protection Act, part of a Senate-approved overhaul of farm programs, also would specify how often dogs could be bred.

The American Kennel Club says the rules could unleash federal inspectors to poke around private homes all over the country.

"If the people who are currently closest to dogs — breeders, veterinarians and animal behaviorists — don't have a consensus as to how is the best way to raise a dog, then how can the federal government have a way?" asked AKC spokeswoman Stephanie Robinson.

Backers of the bill, led by the Humane Society of the United States and the American Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, say puppies that have had human contact are easier to manage and less likely to be abandoned by their new owners.

"It's real important that animals be properly socialized and be able to fit within the family setting and the community," said the ASPCA's Lisa Weisberg.

The act, which the Senate passed on a voice vote, is one of several animal welfare provisions that were added to either the Senate or House versions of the farm bill.

They all are in trouble as negotiators write the final legislation.

One measure would ban trafficking in bear parts. Others would forbid the interstate shipment of fighting birds and stop the marketing of sick and injured livestock.

The Agriculture Department regulates 3,400 breeders of dogs and other animals and inspects them about once a

year to ensure they meet sanitary standards and other requirements.

The act includes a three-strikes-you're-out provision that would revoke a breeder's license after a third violation.

"We're talking about establishing a safety net to protect dogs, puppies, and the consumers who care about them against the poor treatment practices of the really bad dealers," said Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.

The department now regulates only breeders whose puppies are sold through pet stores. But the rules potentially could be imposed on many more breeders if animal welfare groups are successful in winning a lawsuit.

A federal judge ruled last year that the department should regulate breeders who sell directly to the public as well as to stores. The case is now on appeal. There would be an exemption for people who keep fewer than four female dogs.

## ORCA to stage annual rural health summit

AUSTIN — The Office of Rural Community Affairs, federally recognized as the State Office of Rural Health, has announced it will host the Fourth Annual Rural Health Summit May 22 at Temple, Texas.

The free annual one-day event is being staged to encourage the development of networks, partnerships and collaborative efforts designed to reinforce and support the healthcare infrastructure in rural Texas.

The 2002 Summit will address the broad scope of influence and responsibilities healthcare has in rural Texas

communities.

The event will include specific forums for the discussion of the interdependent role healthcare plays in community development. To ensure that all perspectives are represented, ORCA has extended an open invitation to rural healthcare representatives, stakeholders, policy makers, community leaders, economic development professionals, partners, and citizens to attend and participate in the day's discussions and activities.

Topics slated for discussion at the Summit include "Access to Services," "Workforce Issues," "Access to Funding"

and "Healthcare and Community Involvement." "We are looking forward to gaining a better understanding of the vital role healthcare plays in the development of our rural communities through these discussions," said Robt. J. "Sam" Tessen, MS, ORCA executive director. "To have healthy, productive healthcare we need healthy, productive communities. This Summit will help all of us learn how to better focus our rural healthcare and other important resources toward supporting the development of rural communities."

The first Rural Health Summit, held in 1999, initiated a dialog between a broad spectrum of rural health players, including key state leaders, state health regulators, policy experts and rural health professionals.

The second Summit focused on setting a rural health agenda for health care advocacy in Texas. The following year, the Summit provided a forum for all those interested in rural healthcare to determine top rural healthcare issues and concerns, and discuss actions needed to address those concerns.

Interested Texans are encouraged to contact ORCA to register to attend the Summit. ORCA will accept registrations until May 8, 2002. For more information, contact ORCA: P.O. Box 12877, Austin, TX 78711; (512) 936-6701; www.orca.state.tx.us.