

UT accused of favoring the wealthy with organ donations

HOUSTON (AP) — A former University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston official is accusing the hospital of steering donated livers toward wealthier patients, *The Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal* reported today.

Ousted transplant chief Thomas Broughan also alleges in a lawsuit against the hospital that he was told to remove livers on at least two occasions from patients who were not yet declared brain-dead. Broughan said he refused.

The lawsuit was filed last month in U.S. District Court in Houston against the school and three school officials, the newspaper reported.

Broughan alleges in the lawsuit that he was demoted in January 1996 for complaining about the alleged practices. He seeks reinstatement and unspecified damages.

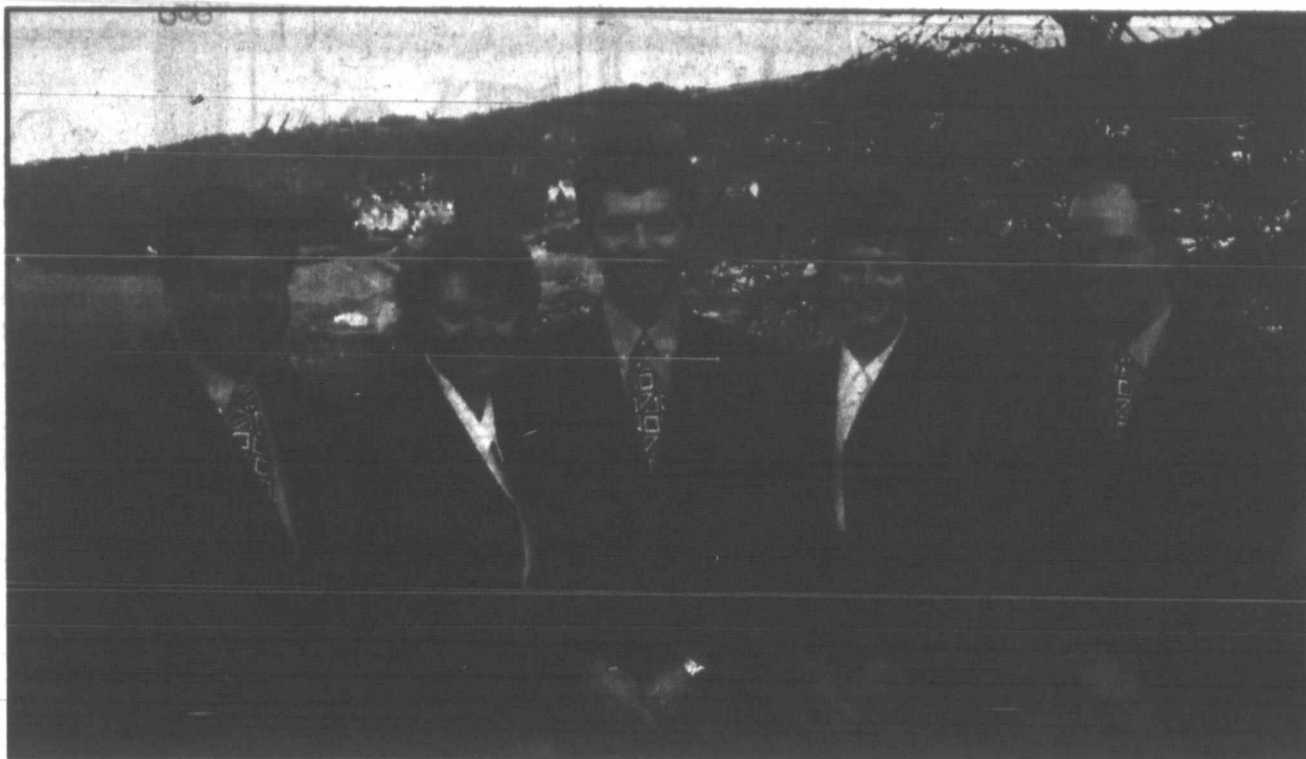
UTMB officials declined comment on the allegations, saying policy prohibits discussing litigation.

The lawsuit also says the Southwest Organ Bank, a Dallas organ-supply group, intentionally sent unusable livers to Galveston for transplants while saving better organs for Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

The organ bank, which is responsible for routing about 100 livers a year in Dallas and Galveston, is not a defendant in the lawsuit, and a spokeswoman denied any bias in assigning organs.

Broughan referred all questions to his attorney.

Broughan, head of the UTMB transplant program since 1992, was demoted to his current job as a general surgeon for prison inmates at UTMB's John Sealy Hospital. He unsuccessfully appealed his demotion before filing the lawsuit.



(Special photo)

The Rotary Group Study Exchange team members from England visiting in Pampa recently are, from left, Milton Frary, Victoria Haslam, David Wright, Emma Harris and Andrew Tunstall.

English Rotary exchange group visits in Pampa

Five young English people, three men and two women, spent the week of April 12 visiting the Pampa area in a Rotary friendship and information exchange program.

The Group Study Exchange was led by Milton Frary, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Castleford, England.

Accompanying Frary were Victoria Jane Haslam from Leeds, who is the 28-year-old marketing manager for the West Yorkshire

Police; Emma Harris, who is a manager of the English Automobile Association; Andrew Tunstall, a manager of St. James University Hospital in Leeds; and David Wright, the 31-year-old manager of the West Yorkshire Branch of the National Australia Bank.

The group members were hosted by Pampa Rotary Club members Mayor Bob Neslage, Chuck LaBarr, Paulette Hinkle-Kirksey, Jerry Lane and Curt Beck.

The English visitors visited Rotarian Rex McAnelly's cattle feeding operation and were given a review of Pampa and Gray County history by Pampa City Assistant Personnel Manager Lynn Thornton. The group also received packets of information on Pampa from the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

The group toured areas of interest in Panhandle, Berger and Groom before returning to England.

'Clot-buster' drug used to revive stroke victim

BOSTON (AP) — There must have been a time when Dr. Wayne Clark was looking forward to telling the American Academy of Neurology about a brain-dead stroke patient he'd brought back to life.

But the ink was barely dry on his announcement — "Therapy brings brain-dead patient back to life" — when Clark was hammered for his words.

Colleagues claimed the patient Clark revived was not actually brain-dead, and that Clark was giving false hope to the families of coma victims. Others charged that Clark's claim will make it harder to obtain badly needed organs

from people in irreversible comas.

While Clark admits his patient may not have been technically brain-dead, he and others hope that fact will not overshadow the possibilities of the so-called "clot-buster" drug.

The debate centers around a 41-year-old Oregon farmer who suffered a stroke and arrived eight hours later at the Oregon Stroke Center in Portland, where Clark is director.

The man was in a deep coma and had many of the signs of brain death: no response to light, no movement in his arms or legs.

Clark decided to try the clot-

buster, which had been used in Germany since 1986 to revive people who suffered strokes from a clot in the brain stem — the area that controls basic body functions like breathing. The drug is injected in an artery in the groin and dissolves the clot.

Clark was pessimistic it would work, but by the next morning the man was breathing on his own and able to move his arms and legs. Six months later, he walks with the help of a cane and is starting to do tasks around the farm, but still has vision problems and slurred speech.

Other comatose patients have responded to the drug, Clark said, but the farmer's condition was by far the most serious.

NBC bank employees to promote National Teach Children to Save Day

Employees from National Bank of Commerce will make a presentation to fourth and fifth graders at Baker Elementary School in Pampa on Thursday, April 17, on "National Teach Children to Save Day."

NBC will be joining 5,000 bankers nationwide to teach elementary school students the importance of saving money for the future.

"National Teach Children to Save Day" is sponsored by the American Bankers Association Education Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C.

"Savings Day is a unique opportunity to help children develop responsible money-management skills," said Gladys Vanderpool, vice president and cashier of National Bank of Commerce. "Our employees are excited about working with the youth and helping them to get started on the right foot when it comes to financial management."

"Many adults have missed out on the growth potential of earning interest on money saved at a young age," said

ABA Executive Vice President Donald G. Ogilvie. "The sooner you start saving money, the greater the impact. If you save \$5 a week at 4 percent interest, you'll have \$1,439 dollars in five years."

America lags behind other industrialized nations in personal savings. According to the U.S. Commerce Department, Americans saved only 4.5 percent of their disposable income in 1995, compared to 1970 when they saved 8 percent. Japanese households save at three times the rate of American households and Germans save at twice the U.S. rate.

The ABA Education Foundation, a subsidiary of the American Bankers Association, believes that education is the key to responsible consumerism and a responsible banking industry.

The Foundation promotes understanding of basic banking and financial services by enhancing the public's knowledge of economic systems, specifically as they relate to banking and personal financial management.

Committee moves to protect burial grounds

AUSTIN (AP) — Grave-robbing of ancient Indian burial grounds in Texas has become a profitable black-market business, according to testimony given to senators.

Under a bill approved 4-0 Tuesday by the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, penalties would be increased for disturbing an unmarked burial ground.

The measure, by Sen. Gonzalo

Barrientos, D-Austin, would make it a third-degree felony — punishable by up to ten years in jail and a fine up to \$10,000 — to take objects from unmarked burial sites.

"I know that sounds a bit severe, but we have a small group of grave-robbing, human-remains poachers who know exactly what they are doing," Barrientos said.

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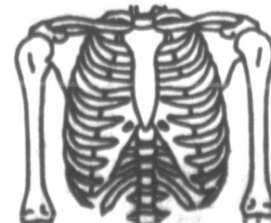
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Mom Wants To Block Boyfriend From Doing Daughter More Harm

DEAR ABBY: My 17-year-old daughter (I'll call her Carrie) was dating a young man I'll call Brad for approximately nine months. Carrie has a part-time job that pays for her entertainment and also her gas and minor repairs to the car her father and I gave her. When the two of them went out, Carrie would drive because Brad did not have his license, let alone a car. He also did not have a job. He managed to find the money for tennis shoes that cost \$150 a pair, but he never offered to put gas in her car.

About a month before Brad's birthday, he asked to borrow \$50 from Carrie. He said he'd pay her back when he received money for his birthday. Well, his birthday came and went, and he made no attempt to pay back the money. He avoided her when she went to his house to collect. Neither would he return her phone calls. I was very upset and told her so. After a month of this, Carrie got fed up and finally told Brad to keep the money — he was not worth it!

I recently found out that she has been seeing Brad behind my back. When I asked her about it, she said she did not tell me because she knew I would be angry. I told her that since her father and I were paying for the car, Brad was not to ride in it, and I did not want him calling my house. I put a block on my phone so that his calls would not be received. When Carrie found out about this, she became quite upset.



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Now his family's phone has been disconnected and Brad goes to a friend's house to call her. Every time he calls, I block that number also.

I have talked to Carrie about having respect for herself and not allowing others to take advantage of her. I know that this is not my fight, but by accepting Brad's behavior, she is allowing him to think he can continue to do this to people. (I have heard through the grapevine that this is not the first time he has done it.)

How can I convince her that Brad is no good and she should have more respect for herself?

FRUSTRATED MOM IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR MOM: Carrie is almost an adult, and you are not going to teach her self-respect by blocking her telephone calls. All you have accomplished with this tactic is to make yourself the "enemy" and drive your daughter into the arms of the young man who victimized her

in the first place. I doubt the lines of communication will open very far if you continue trying to block them behind your daughter's back. Some lessons can be expensive, and Carrie may have to learn them for herself. I wish you both luck.

DEAR ABBY: My parents got divorced when I was 11 months old. My dad got married again, and he and his wife live in Pennsylvania and I live in New Hampshire.

I have called my stepmother "Auntie" since I was old enough to talk, and I am sick of it. I would like to call her by her first name like everybody else does. I asked my dad if it would be OK, and he said, "No. It is disrespectful for children to call adults by their first name." Abby, I don't want to call her "Auntie" anymore.

What should I do? Sign me ...

CONFUSED 11-YEAR-OLD IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR CONFUSED: Your father is right. It is disrespectful for children to call adults by their first name unless the adult has asked the child to do so.

However, there might be a chance for you and your stepmother to become good pals. Tell her that you would like to call her by another name; perhaps the two of you can work on it together. I think she would be flattered to be taken into your confidence.

to take financial gambles today on obscure enterprises. Your lack of knowledge could turn out to be rather expensive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you and your mate disagree about something today, resolve it between yourselves. The opinions of outsiders may cloud your otherwise clear judgement.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is the wrong day to be openly critical about others. Even if you feel you have constructive suggestions to offer, keep them to yourself!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Restrict your shopping today to small, cash sales. You might have to deal with some extravagant inclinations that could propel you into new debt.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Being your own person and doing your own thing has its merits today, but take care that companions do not find you offensive. Think before you act.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Guard against tendencies today to predict the outcome of events pessimistically. If you think

you're a loser, it could be a self-fulfilling prophecy. Think "win".

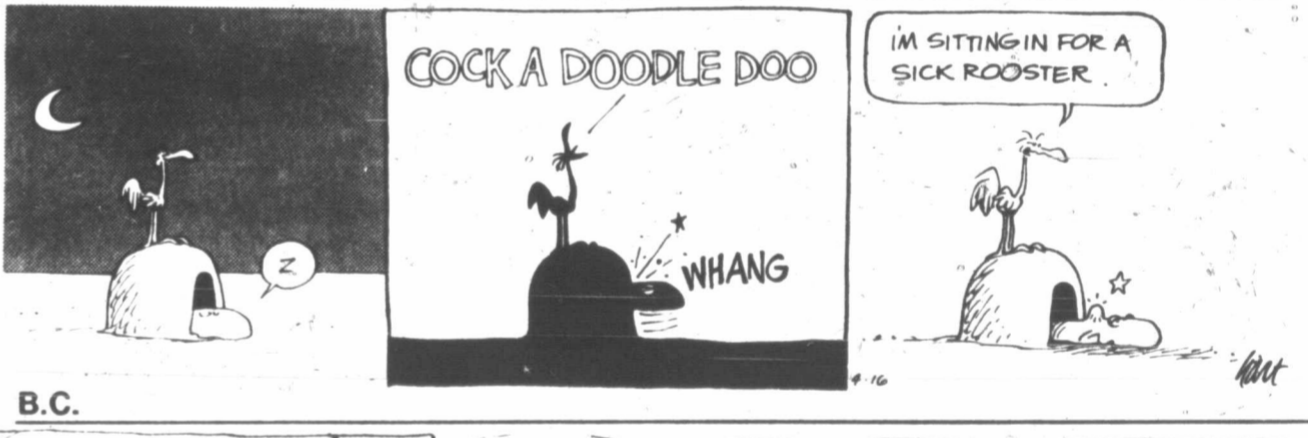
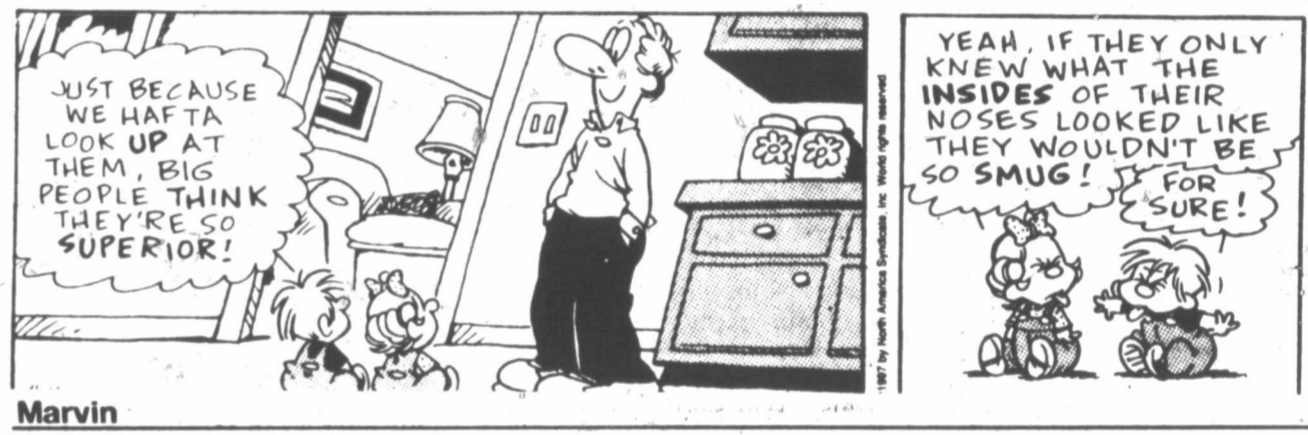
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A crafty acquaintance who knows how to manipulate the generous nature of others might try to pull something cute on you today. Be on guard.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In order to achieve your objectives today, plan all of your moves in advance. Your blueprint must be complete to accomplish something worthwhile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Self-doubt and caution are not one and the same, so be careful not to confuse them today. Tread wearily, but keep hope in your heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Usually you operate well in partnership arrangements, but today, joint ventures might not be too promising. Function independently when possible.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In order to make sensible decisions today, a cool head is essential. If you react to pressure, your judgment might be impaired.



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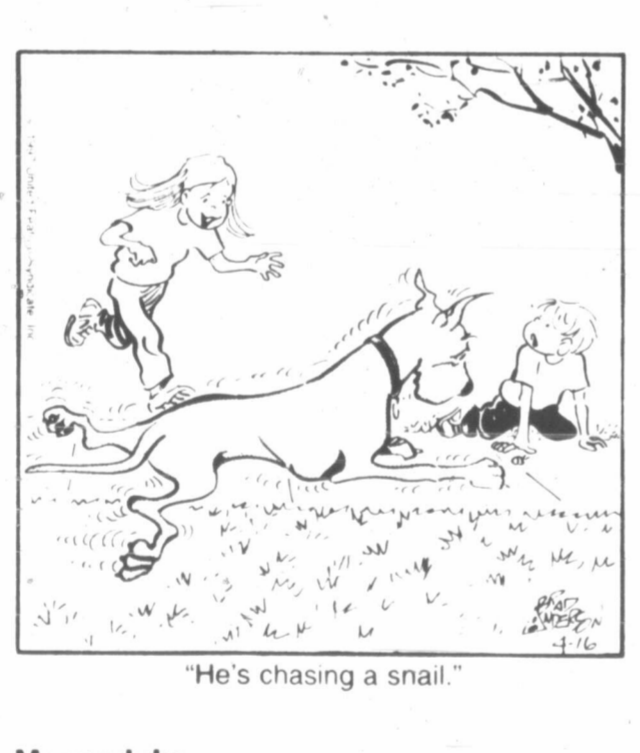
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Thursday, April 17, 1997

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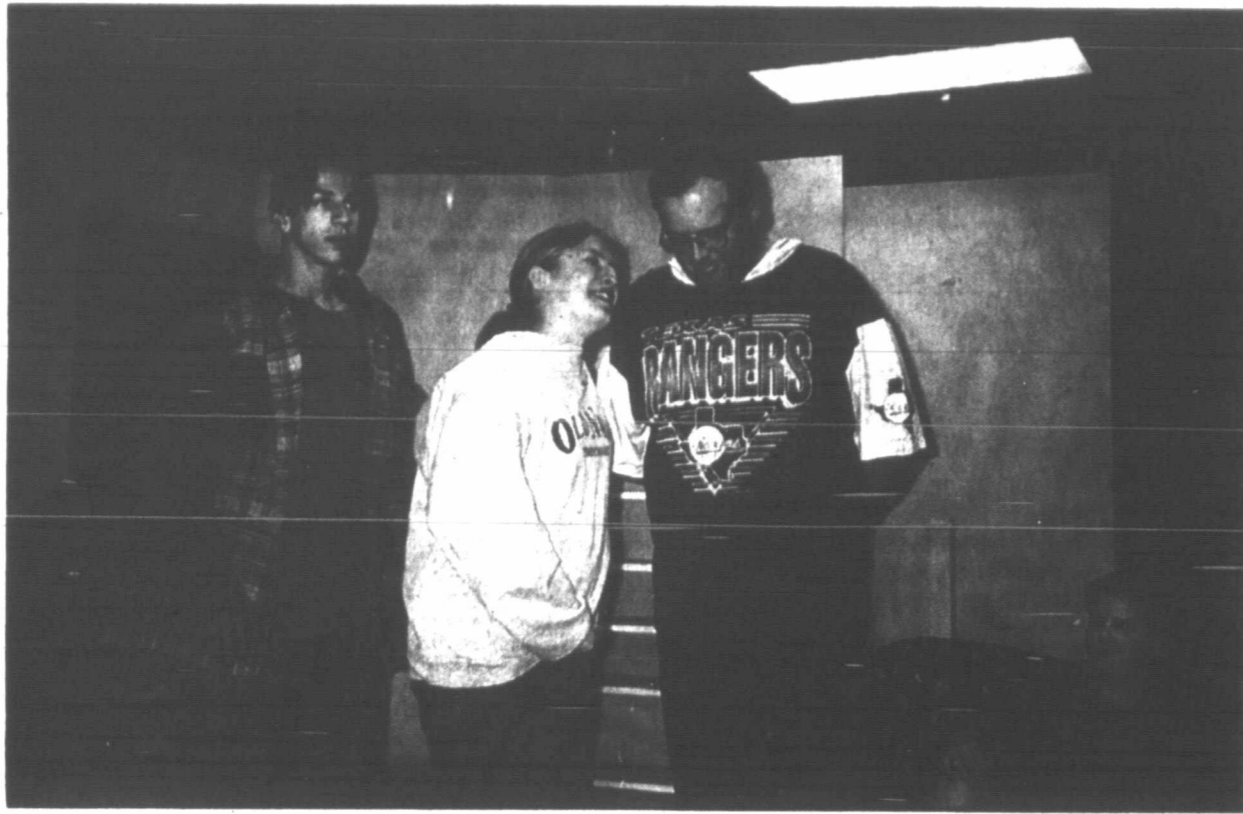
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be mindful of the fact that whatever you neglect today will eventually require attention or correction. Unfortunately, the tasks won't get easier. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It is best not



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Jimmy Lindsay (portraying Joe Benjamin), standing at right, discusses a situation with the butler and maid, Justin "Doc" Welch (Morris the butler) and Annie Kirstan (Mady the maid) as his son Ben Benjamin (played by Aaron Lindsay) sits on the couch in a scene from the ACT I production of Neil Simon's *God's Favorite*. The play, a humorous modern-day retelling of the story of Job, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19; at a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 20; and again at 7:30 p.m. on April 26 and 26 at the ACT I Theatre in the Pampa Mall. For ticket information and reservations, call 665-3710.

Friends of Planned Parenthood sponsoring annual community education presentation

AMARILLO - In an effort to promote a community-based teenage pregnancy reduction program, The Friends of Planned Parenthood are sponsoring their annual community education event, the "Blooming Geranium Luncheon."

Keynote speaker Dr. Henry Foster, founder of the "I Have a Future" teen pregnancy reduction program, will present "America's Children at Risk." The luncheon is to be held at noon Tuesday April 22, at Amarillo Country Club in the ballroom. Co-sponsors for the event are Amarillo National Bank, Katherine Seewald Living Trust, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ladd.

With almost 40 years of health care service, Dr. Foster is at the forefront of leading America to a healthy future. For his outstanding contributions in health care and his innovative educational programs involving youth, Dr. Foster was nominated for Surgeon General in 1995.

His "I Have a Future" program is designed to help youth realize academic and career goals, achieve positive self esteem, learn appropriate social skills and have healthier behaviors. In 1991, this highly successful program was selected by President Bush as one of America's "Thousand Points of Light" Point 404.

According to the latest Texas Bureau of Vital Statistics 1995, Texas is rated fourth highest among all states in the nation in teen birth rate, ages 15-17. Some Panhandle counties have the highest birth rates per capita in the entire state. In 1995, 9.3 percent of total live births within Gray County

were to teen mothers, ages 13-17. With teenage pregnancy comes significant health problems, affecting mother, child and the community at large.

Some concerning facts:

- Teenage mothers are twice as likely to have low birth weight babies substantially increasing the financial and health problems of mother and child. The infant death rate is twice as high for babies of teenage mothers.

- The risk of maternal death is 60 percent higher in teenage mothers than older women. Teens are 15 percent more likely to get toxemia; and 92 percent more likely to be anemic.

- 90 percent of teenagers who continue their pregnancies keep their babies. Although it is not inevitable, daughters of teenage mothers are more likely to become teen mothers themselves.

- 77 percent of teenage pregnancies are unintended; many are accompanied by significant emotional distress and family disruption. Due to stress and the immaturity of teen mothers, cases of infant neglect and abuse are more prevalent.

- Studies have linked a high risk of juvenile delinquency to children of teen parents.

- Teenage pregnancy not only affects the health and future of mother an child, it also imposes enormous tax burdens on the public. Consider these figures:

- Each year Texans spend an estimated \$47 million Medicaid dollars for child deliveries. Approximately \$118 million (26.5 percent) tax dollars were spent on teen deliveries.

- It cost the state an estimated \$9,943 in the first year to provide AFDC, Food Stamps

and Medicaid benefits to eligible mothers after birth of her child. Approximately \$6,987 of this cost was for delivery and newborn care.

- Nearly 75 percent of all unwed teenage mothers will receive welfare assistance within four years of giving birth. Texas spends approximately \$33.5 million in AFDC payments for teenage mothers and their children.

- 40 percent of Texas mothers and 33 percent of Texas fathers with children under the age of six have not finished high school. Pregnancy or marriage is one of the three leading reasons teens drop out of school. The dropout problem is projected to cost Texans over \$17 billion dollars.

Planned Parenthood of Pampa has been a one solution to the problem of teenage pregnancy since 1972. It provides the medical care, resources and education teens need to make responsible choices about sexuality. Planned Parenthood believes parents should be a child's primary source of sexuality education, and has a wide base of information to help parents open a line of communication with their children.

The education department provides abstinence and reality based sexuality programs which promote responsible decision making. Counselors are trained to counsel individuals and groups on sexually transmitted disease, HIV/AIDS, self esteem, peer pressure, date rape and sexual abuse.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 per person, \$20 per student. Reservations can be made by calling Joan Douthit at (806) 372-8731. Reservation deadline is noon Friday, April 18.

Rodeo Queen donations still being accepted

The 1997 Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen prize packages are being completed and donations are still being accepted to finish the pageant director's goals.

Pageant directors Sonja Longo and Jamie Greene have been working hard with the donations that have been received to date and have put together a prize package that any contestant would be excited to receive, they said.

Pageant director Sonja Longo said, "Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen will be receiving a custom-stamped saddle, specially designed queen's buckle, specially designed queen's tiara, 14 kt gold and diamond horseshoe ring, a \$500 scholarship, a title banner and flowers. Upon receiving the crown she will be eligible to compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas competition which is a prerequisite to the Miss Rodeo America Pageant."

"The Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Teen will also receive a custom stamped saddle, specially designed teen buckle, specially designed teen tiara, 14

kt gold and diamond horseshoe ring, a title banner and flowers. She will also be eligible to compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas Teen competition," Longo said.

"In each competition there will be many other prizes awarded to the first runner-up and to the individual winners of horsemanship, personality and appearance. The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association directors will be presenting the young ladies who have top advance ticket sales with an embroidery jacket. The horsemanship winners will receive a silver breast collar," pageant director Jamie Greene said.

"Although these prizes are great, Sonja and I are far from being through with the prize packages," Greene said. "We will continue to work on making the pageant as great as possible and increase the prize packages up until the entry deadline of June 1."

"The goals that we have set for ourselves and the pageant are within reach because the community of Pampa and the surrounding area towns have been very generous with their donations to support the Miss Top O' Texas Pageant," she added.

"The contestants will have a complete listing of the prize package given to them at the orientation meeting on June 14," Greene said.

Entries are being accepted for the Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen, ages 18-23, and Miss Top O' Texas Teen, ages 13-17. For more information, contact the pageant directors, Sonja Longo, (806) 665-1413, or Jamie Greene, (806) 665-8850.

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