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CASA needs child advocates

PAMPA — In an effort to recruit potential volunteers, CASA of the High Plains will host an informational meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 22 at its offices in Pampa, 600 W. Francis.

CASA of the High Plains, a United Way agency, provides trained, court-appointed volunteers to act as advocates for abused and neglected children who are in the custody of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

These volunteers attend a 30-hour training course to provide them with the tools they need to advocate for abused and neglected children. The program has grown from serving 40 children in 1999 to 64 children in 2000. Unfortunately there are more abused and neglected children that need their voices heard.

Truth policy set for police

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If you can't trust the police, who can you trust?

San Antonio Police Chief Al Phillipus says it's so important that officers be truthful that effective Feb. 1, officers caught violating the department's truthfulness policy will be fired.

The policy dictates on-duty officers must speak the truth at all times, and their reports and written communications also must be honest.

- William 'Bill' Foreman Stubbs, 90, retired insurance manager.
- Cloyce Dale Troxell, 66, farmer, rancher.
- Patsy Lou West, 71, homemaker.
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Starting date big question for schools

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Pampa school personnel are moving forward to set the school calendar for the 2001-2002 school year even though legislation is pending in the Texas Legislature on a uniform date to begin classes across the state.

Two bills have been introduced into legislation to set a uniform date for all Texas public school students. The two dates being considered by the legislature are Sept. 1 and Aug. 21.

Curriculum Director Jane Steele told the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees the most popular date under consideration with school districts is the Aug. 21 date.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently said that starting prior to Aug. 21 is costing Texas millions in tourism and means the children of migrant farm workers lose summer work time.

Senator Eddie Lucio of Brownsville, an advocate of a uniform school starting date, has filed a bill for a Sept. 1 uniform school start date.

Steele said she has gathered information from personnel about what their preferences are in relation to the school calendar.

She said later school starting dates will keep the first semester from ending before Christmas which she said is preferred by school

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TDCJ will hold meeting for those interested in jobs

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) officials plan a public meeting on Feb. 8 to discuss job opportunities at the prisons here.

A correctional officer career opportunity meeting is set for 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Jordan Unit, east of Pampa off U.S. Highway 60.

Dan Wallace of Plainview, a TDCJ recruiter, will be present at the meeting to answer questions and to provide information about the duties of a correctional officer, qualifications, salary, benefits, and how to apply. Correctional officer positions are available at prison units around the state, officials said.

TDCJ has recently approved a correctional officers class to be taught locally, said Assistant Warden Marianne Munselle. Job opportunities will be available at the Jordan and Baten prison units here for those who complete the class, she said.

Also, the Pampa Economic Development Commission (PEDC) has offered to pay tuition costs for persons interested in attending the local class, Munselle said.

The correctional officers course lasts approximately six weeks. Classes will be taught in the evenings, Monday through Friday, and will also include some Saturday classes, she said.

"We hope to start (classes) the first of March," Munselle said, adding that at least 20 participants are needed.

Energas adds lines for customer service

Additional customer service lines have been added to serve Energas customers' concerns about the increase in the cost of natural gas, according to the local company.

"Our number one goal is accessibility for all our customers in a timely manner," stated Energas President Tom S. Hawkins, Jr.

"Considerably colder-than-normal temperatures and the extraordinary rise in natural gas costs have resulted in call volumes at our Customer Support Center three to four times greater than normal," Hawkins added.

The company has installed more telephone lines to make it easier for customers to contact the company, said Hawkins. He said this should eliminate busy signals at the center and allow customers to choose the most convenient method for them to reach the company.

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Floral sunshine ...



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Surrounded by snow and drab wintery days, everyone could probably use a day brightener about now. Colleen Eskridge of Freeman's Flowers, 401 E. Foster, arranges a birthday bouquet destined to light up someone's special day. One morning last week Eskridge and fellow florists, Marcia Hoover and Holly Owens, were all working on brightly-colored floral arrangements — two for birthdays, one for a new mother and baby, and one headed to welcome a future sister-in-law.

Man cites property rights; wants county to stay off land

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

One Gray County farmer doesn't want county employees on his land, even if workers are making way for residents to get off their property during a major snow storm.

Citing his right as a private property owner, Steve Smith complained Monday to the Gray County Commissioners Court. He said county road crews went on his land to grade 1,050 feet of private road after the December snow storm. He said the road grading incident occurred on Jan. 4, 2001.

"I didn't request it, and it put me in a precarious situation," said Smith. "If they're doing this (grading private roads) out here, they should be doing

it for residents in the City of Pampa."

"I don't want them grading roads on any land I own or lease," said Smith.

He said the crews knocked caliche and rocks into his field when they were grading. "I don't want to be damaged by the county and I don't want any special treatment," he said. He said he wanted to know what the county policy was on the county doing work on private property, and if it was legal.

He said county crews stacked snow on his property when they graded, and it caused him problems.

Smith said he had complained previously to his county commissioner about the county grading private roads.

(See LAND, Page 2)

Trumpeter to play in concert

Trumpets will be sounding in Pampa Thursday night as part of Community Concerts.

Joe Burgstaller, a well-known trumpeter, will be appearing in concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, in Pampa's M. K. Brown Auditorium.

The popular trumpeter has returned for a third season after two sold-out tours. He is with the Rafael Mendez Project, which combines a salute to one of America's greatest trumpeters with an exciting educational project.

During a two-day residency in Pampa he will conduct two clinics for the Pampa High School Band trumpeters. The first clinic will be Wednesday and a second will be Thursday morning, according to Ronnie Holmes, PHS Band

Booster President.

As a special offering, student tickets will be available for the Joe Burgstaller concert for \$3. Parents may obtain tickets for \$5 and while a family ticket will be \$10. These tickets will be available at the door.

Vocalist Roslyn Kind will present a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, in the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Membership information may be obtained from Lilit Brainard and may be bought at the auditorium on concert day. Members also may attend performances elsewhere by reciprocal agreement with associations in Borger, Plainview and Hereford.

Sunday snapshot

Birth date and place: April 29, 1988, Pampa.

Family: Dad Bill, mom Cindy and brother Seth.

When I grow up I want to be: WNBA player.

My personal hero: My Ta-ta.

The best advice I ever got was: Don't do drugs.

My classmates think of me as: Nice, fun.

The best word or words to describe me: Caring.

People will remember me as being: Skinny.

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Tina Thomson, Chelral Swoops, Cynthia Cooper.

My hobbies are: Collecting beanie babies.

My favorite sports team is: Houston Comets (girls basketball).

My favorite author is: J.K. Rowling.

The last book I read was: "Riding Freedom."

My favorite possession is: Cleo, a stuffed animal I got when I was little.

The biggest honor I've ever received is: Best all-around basketball player.

I wish I knew how to: Ice skate.

My trademark cliché or expression is: Don't have one.

My worst habit is: Biting my fingernails.

I would never: Do drugs.

The last good movie I saw

was: "The Patriot."

I stay home to watch: Nothing.

Nobody knows: And nobody ever will.

My favorite junk food is: Chips.

My favorite beverage: Coke.

My favorite restaurant is: Don't really have one.

My favorite pet: My kitten, Zoey.

My favorite meal is: Spaghetti.

I wish I could sing like: Whitney Houston.

I'm happiest when I'm: I'm with my best friend.

I regret: Lots of things.

I'm tired of: People drinking and driving.

I have a phobia about: Spiders.

The electrical device I couldn't live without is: Stereo.

My most embarrassing moment: Not telling.

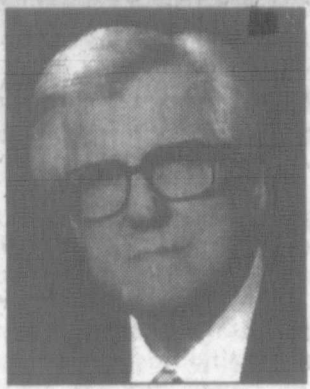
The biggest waste of time is: Doing nothing.

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: To pay off all my mom's cancer bills and to find a cure for my Nana's cancer.

If I had three wishes they would be: 1) For my mom to get better; 2) for all the homeless to get homes; 3) no more violence.

If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: Nothing because I don't live there.

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Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

PHS SCHOLARSHIPS

Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Gray County Genealogical Society will not meet in the month of December. The January meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library and will feature a hands-on orientation to the Internet.

DALLAS CHILDREN'S THEATRE

The Dallas Children's Theatre will present three performances of "Heidi" for local school children in third- through sixth-grade Thursday, Feb. 1 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Outlying school districts have been invited to attend the program as well. The project is sponsored by Texas Commission on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, Pampa ISD and other small independent school districts and the Nona Payne and H.E. and Inez McCarley Foundations.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

During January, Lovett Memorial Library will offer four introductory hands-on computer workshops: "Computer Comfort I" for beginners; "Computer Comfort II" for individuals who can open and close files and use the mouse; "What is the Internet?"; and "Introduction to E-Mail," for individuals who wish to learn how to establish a free web-based e-mail account. All classes are free but registration is required. Class size is limited to 10, so space is limited. For information, contact the library at 669-5780. The workshops will continue monthly through the spring.

PPQG MEETING

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Various members will demonstrate round robin and other quilt-related techniques. For more information, call (806) 779-2115. Visitors are welcome.

GRAIN SORGHUM SEMINAR

National Grain Sorghum Producers will host a Regional Grain Sorghum Seminar beginning at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7 in the Moore County Community Building in Dumas. For more information, call 1-800-658-9808.

TRAVELING EXHIBIT

The Borger branch of Amarillo National Bank will host the traveling exhibit "Experience Your America" Jan. 22-Feb. 2 in the main lobby of the bank. The exhibit is designed to enhance awareness of the more than 380 units that comprise the National Park System including Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries

National Monument. For more information, call (806) 857-3151.

3D PROGRAM

Free weekly classes for the Christ-centered 3D program featuring the three Ds — Diet, Discipline and Discipleship — will begin soon. The program will tailor an eating plan to suit the individual tastes and lifestyles of each participant. For more information, contact Judith Loyd, 665-6127; Jamee McCarty, 669-7869; or Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713.

DISCOVERY CENTER

The Don Harrington Discovery Center in Amarillo is introducing the exhibit "Air Discovery: Soar to New Heights" this month. For more information, call the center at (806) 355-9547.

MS. TEXAS SENIOR PAGEANT

Ms. Texas Senior Pageant officials are currently seeking participants and corporate sponsorships for the 14th annual Ms. Texas Senior pageant scheduled March 23-24 at the Ramada Market Center in Dallas. For more information, contact Nell Coleman, state director, at (972) 239-3342, or Red Walker, executive director, (972) 270-5944.

TEXAS VACATION PACKAGES

The Musical Drama "TEXAS" is continuing its fall, winter and spring vacation packages showcasing area attractions such as Amarillo Rattlers, Amarillo Opera, Amarillo Symphony, Lone Star Ballet, American Quarter Horse Association and much more. The packages include hotel/motel accommodations, dining in the best western tradition and one-stop shopping. For more information, call 1-800-655-2181 or visit www.texasmusicaldrama.com on the Internet.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-

profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org> on the Internet.

ACT

ACT, Inc., education and career planning organization has announced the following do-it-yourself college planning resources on the Internet: www.act.org, www.collegenet.com, www.finaid.org, www.ed.gov/finaid.html and www.fafsa.ed.gov (financial aid sites), and www.bls.gov/oc/home/hum (career planning).

STUTTERING FOUNDATION

Stuttering Foundation of America is offering a free copy of its brochure "The Child Who Stutters at School: Notes to the Teacher." For more information, contact the non-profit foundation by mail: Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111; or phone 1-800-992-9392. The brochure is also available at www.stutteringhelp.org on the World Wide Web.

JAGER MP3 CONTEST

Jagermusic.com is currently sponsoring Jager MP3 Song Contest. Deadline for entry is 9 a.m. Dec. 30. For more information or for contest rules, call (914) 633-5630 or visit alechner@sidneyfranko.com on the Internet.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a four-week "Life After Loss" seminar for those who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at Crown of Texas Hospice, 10000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo. To register or for more information, call (806) 353-4306.

TWC WEBSITE

The Texas Workforce Commission recently unveiled its new website located at www.texasworkforce.org on the Internet. The new site is designed to meet the needs of five customer groups — businesses and employers; job seekers and employees; service providers; boards and network partners; and researchers and policy-makers.

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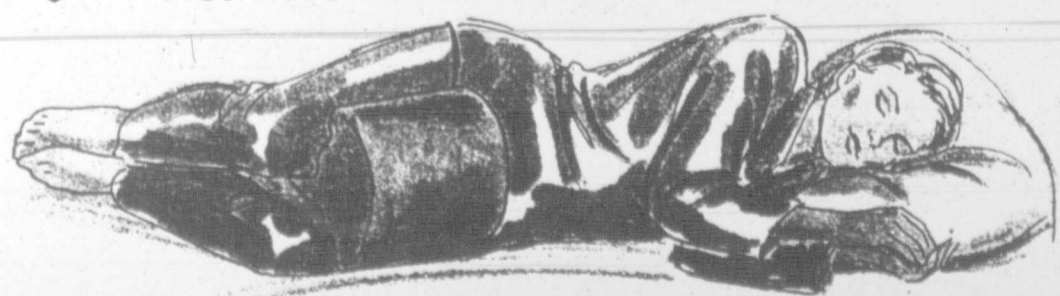
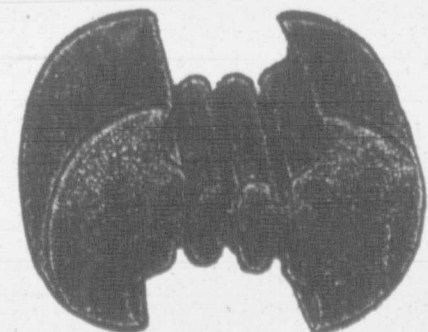
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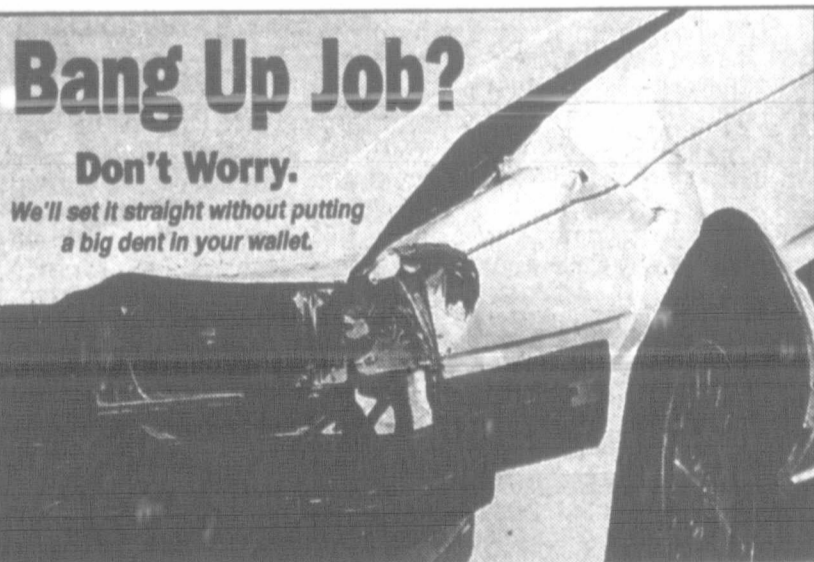
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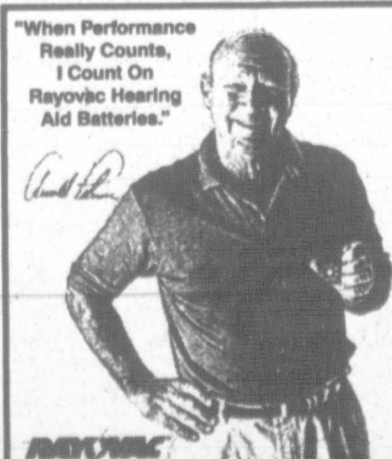
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Clinton pardons brother, Whitewater business partner, former Cabinet official

WASHINGTON (AP) — In one of his final acts, President Clinton on Saturday pardoned more than 100 Americans, including former Whitewater business partner Susan McDougal, brother Roger Clinton and former CIA Director John Deutch, officials said.

Deutch's pardon spares the one-time spy chief and top Pentagon official of facing criminal charges in connection with his mishandling of national secrets on a home computer.

Clinton also pardoned a former Cabinet member, ex-Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros, who was convicted in a controversy over payments to an ex-mistress.

The president granted clemency to Patty Hearst, the 1970s kidnap victim who later went to prison in connection with a bank robbery, and former Navaho Nation chief Peter MacDonald.

The list, released less than two hours before Clinton turned over the White House to President-elect Bush, was also notable for the number of people seeking pardons it did not include.

Among them: Webster Hubbell, a former law partner of Hillary Rodham Clinton; Jonathan Pollard, a former Navy analyst imprisoned for spying for Israel; one-time Wall Street financier Michael Milken; and Leonard Peltier, convicted of killing two FBI agents on an Indian reservation in 1975.

McDougal's pardon came just one day after the Whitewater investigation was closed down under a deal in which Clinton gave up his law license and admitted false testimony under oath in the Monica Lewinsky in return for prosecutor agreeing not to indict him.

"She's absolutely delighted," said her lawyer, Mark Geragos. "She is speechless for once in her life. And I think it is especially poignant that it was one of the last acts of Bill Clinton's administration."

McDougal went to prison rather than testify in the Whitewater investigation.

Convicted at a 1996 trial where Clinton testified in her defense, McDougal remained an unabashed supporter of the president, appearing on national television in her orange prison jumpsuit to insist that Clinton never engaged in illegal loans or other improper conduct as prosecutors in Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's office sought to prove.

Her former husband, failed Arkansas savings and loan operator James McDougal, also was convicted at the same trial but took a markedly different path. He chose to cooperate with Starr's office and implicated the Clintons in wrongdoing before his sudden death in prison.

Susan McDougal never wavered, embarking on a campaign to portray Starr, a Republican, as politically motivated, on a "personal vendetta" to pursue the Clintons and disinterested in the truth. Starr and his staff repeatedly denied those allegations.

She only served 3 1/2 months of a two-year prison term for her four felony convictions before a federal judge released her because of a back problem.

But her freedom was short-lived. She defied a judge's order to answer Whitewater prosecutor's questions before a federal grand jury and was returned to jail for 18 months for civil contempt.

Frustrated she still wasn't cooperating, Starr's office decided to prosecute McDougal for criminal contempt for obstructing the grand jury investigation. The jury deadlocked, and prosecutors decided not to retry her.

Roger Clinton was sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty in 1985 to conspiring to distribute cocaine. He cooperated with authorities and testified against other drug defendants.

He was focused on an entertainment career. The president was best man at his brother's wedding back in the mid-1990s. Deutch had been considering a deal with

the Justice Department in which he would plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge of keeping classified data on his home computers.

He got in trouble when CIA security officials discovered, as he was stepping down in 1996 as CIA chief, that he had written and stored highly classified intelligence reports on home computers linked to the Internet.

Deutch publicly apologized. Pentagon officials later discovered Deutch had similar security lapses during his tenure as the No. 2 defense official.

Cisneros was Clinton's first housing secretary. He resigned in 1996 amid an investigation into allegations that he lied to the FBI about payments he made to a former mistress, Linda Medlar. In 1999, he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge.

Since leaving office, Cisneros served as head of Univision, the nation's largest Spanish-language television network. Last year, he returned to his native San Antonio to launch an organization to provide housing for low-income families.

At age 19, Hearst was kidnapped in the 1970s by the radical Symbionese Liberation Army. She later served part of a prison sentence for a bank holdup in San Francisco before it was commuted by President Carter. She is married to her former bodyguard, Bernard Shaw.

MacDonald, 72, the former leader of the Navajo Nation, has been in a Fort Worth, Texas, medical prison since his 1992 sentencing for his role in a Window Rock, Ariz., riot that resulted in the deaths of two of his supporters in 1989.

MacDonald was removed from office for taking bribes and kickbacks. The two supporters were killed on July 20, 1989, by tribal police during a march to protest what they considered a coup against their leader. MacDonald, his health deteriorating, has been serving a 14-year sentence for inciting the deadly riot.

Bush calls on citizens to be more involved in community service

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush called on Americans on Saturday to be "citizens not spectators" and to become more involved in the service of their communities and nation.

"What you do is as important as anything government does," Bush said in his inaugural address to the nation. The Bush transition team released excerpts of the address several hours before he was to be sworn in as the nation's 43rd president at 12 p.m. EST.

"I will live and lead by these principles: to advance my convictions with civility, to pursue the public interest with courage; to speak for greater justice and compassion; to call for responsibility, and try to live it as well," Bush said.

He promised a "new commitment" to fulfill the promise of the nation.

"I ask you to seek a common good beyond your comfort; to defend needed reforms against easy attacks; to serve your nation, beginning with your neighbor," Bush said after winning one of the closest elections in American history.

"I ask you to be citizens. Citizens, not spectators. Citizens, not subjects. Responsible citizens, building communities of service and a nation of character," Bush said.

In promoting volunteerism, Bush was following one of the themes sounded 12 years earlier by his father, former President Bush. Bush began work on the speech in late December.

Oaths taken by incoming president and vice president

WASHINGTON (AP) — The oaths of office administered to the incoming president and vice president. The language of the presidential oath is specified in the Constitution, while the vice president takes the same oath as other high-ranking federal employees.

Presidential Oath
I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

Vice Presidential Oath
I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

Cheney expected to have much influence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dick Cheney, former Pentagon chief and veteran of three Republican administrations, is returning to government as vice president.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist was administering the oath of office to Cheney on Saturday before swearing in George W. Bush as president.

Cheney said he was "humbled, privileged and delighted to have the opportunity to serve the people and George W. Bush."

Some believe that Cheney, 59, could be one of the most influen-

tial vice presidents in recent memory. He ran Dallas-based Halliburton Co., an oil services firm, for five years until he joined the GOP ticket.

Before that, Cheney had been in government jobs for 25 years. He worked in the Nixon White House under his mentor Donald Rumsfeld, who is Bush's defense secretary designee.

When President Ford tapped Rumsfeld to become his chief of staff, Rumsfeld made Cheney his deputy. Cheney later became Ford's chief of staff, the youngest ever, at age 34.

He served as a House member representing Wyoming from 1979 to 1989; that year he was chosen by President Bush to be secretary of defense. Cheney is perhaps best known for his role as the steady, calm co-architect of U.S. strategy in the Persian Gulf War.

Cheney has a history of heart problems and in November suffered a slight heart attack, his fourth. He had surgery to open a clogged artery.

The heart attack didn't seem to slow him down. He was a central player in the formation of

Bush's Cabinet, heading his transition effort and taking a high profile at the outset.

Cheney says he expects to play a significant role in defense and foreign affairs and in working with Congress. With an evenly divided Senate, he may be called upon to break ties in his constitutional role as Senate president.

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Senate ready to confirm three top Cabinet officers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate was ready to confirm Colin Powell and at least two other Cabinet officers, the first top members of the new Bush administration to get lawmakers' approval.

Just hours after President-elect Bush was to take the oath of office, the Senate was holding a rare Saturday session to begin piecing the new government together. Votes were planned on Powell, 63, the former chairman of the military Joint Chiefs of Staff, to become secretary of state; former Alcoa Inc. Chairman Paul O'Neill, 65, to be treasury secretary; and Donald Rumsfeld, 68, to be defense secretary, a post he also held a quarter-century ago.

In a mark of the three men's sturdy resumes and lack of controversy, the trio seemed likely to be approved unanimously, despite the Senate's 50-50 division between Democrats and Republicans.

Also possible were votes on others who have stirred little opposition. These included Houston schools chief Rod Paige, 67, to be education secretary; former Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., 48, for energy secretary; and oilman and Bush confidant Donald Evans, 54, to head the Commerce Department.

Some of Bush's more controversial picks were likely to have to wait until at least next week. These included Gale Norton, the former Colorado state attorney general, for interior secretary, and former Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., the attorney general designee.

"I would hope that by the end of next week, if possible, all of the nominees could be confirmed," Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi said Friday.

The early flurry of confirmations mirrored the Senate's action in January 1993, when President Clinton first took office.

On Jan. 20 of that year — the

day Clinton was sworn in — the Senate approved Warren Christopher as secretary of state, Les Aspin as defense secretary, and Lloyd Bentsen to be treasury secretary.

The next day, the Senate confirmed 13 other top Clinton aides.

This year, the Senate will take Sunday off but be back in action — with perhaps more confirma-

tions — on Monday. At least one senator was planning to miss Saturday's votes, which were the first of the new 107th Congress.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., was choosing to perform her role as first lady for one last time, accompanying her husband back to their home in Chappaqua, N.Y., for his first day as former president.



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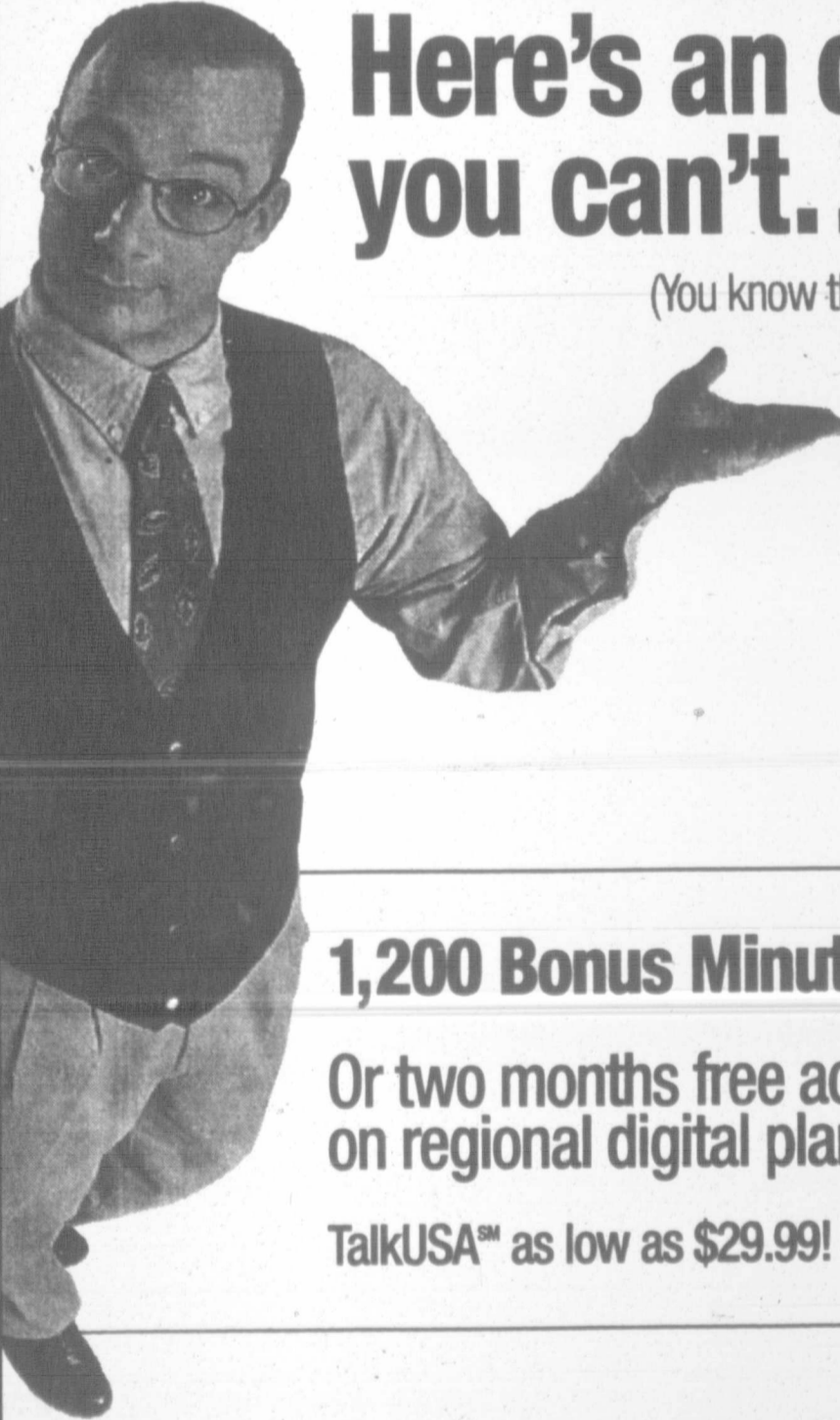
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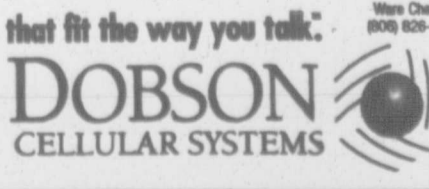
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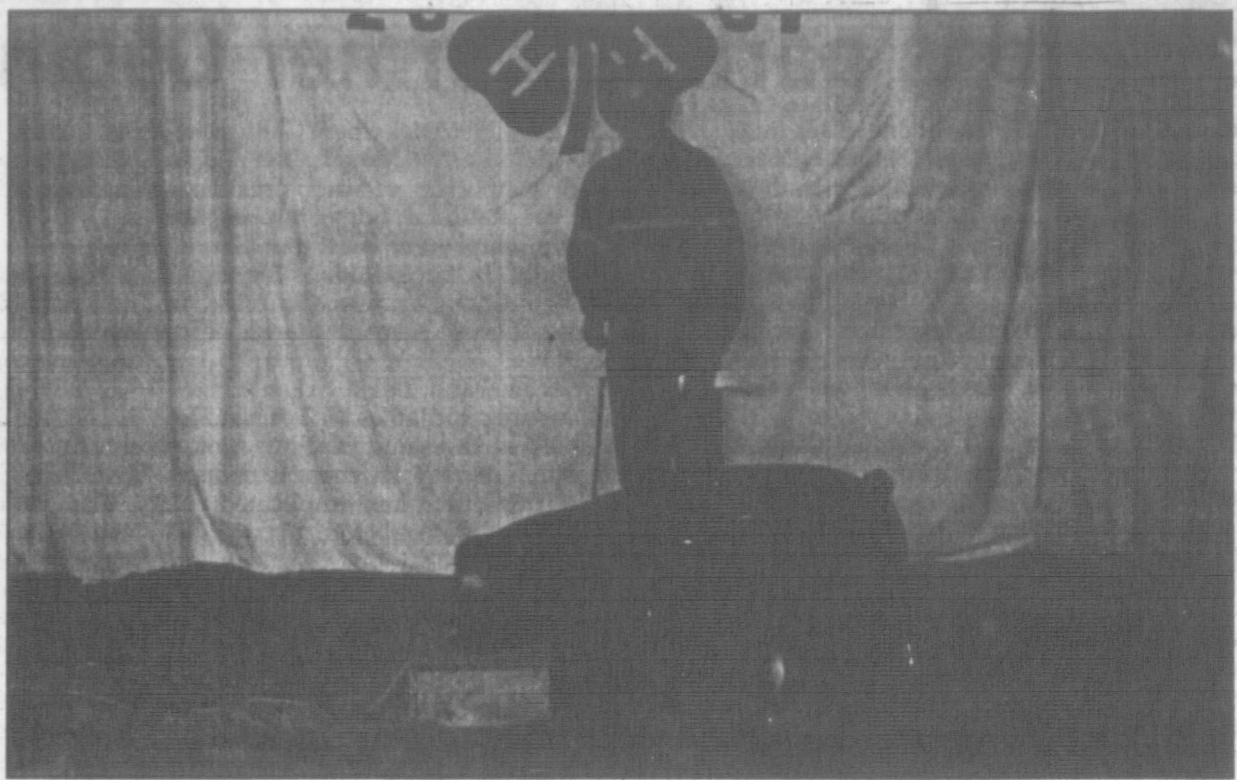
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4-H Stock Show winners



(Special photos)

The 4-H Livestock Show was held recently at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa. Top left: Tyler O'Neal won Reserve Champion Landrace. Top right: Jeremy Pritchett won Senior Showmanship Award. Bottom left: Chloe Smith took Grand Champion of

Show as well as Champion Fine Wool Cross and Champion Medium Wool. Bottom right: Travis Fish was Reserve Grand Champion of Show, Champion Fine Wool and Reserve Champion Medium Wool and took Junior Showmanship Award.

West Texas A&M University to host upcoming Summer Camp Fair at Canyon

CANYON — West Texas A&M University students seeking employment during the summer months may find a position with a summer camp — perhaps in their related field — thanks to the WTAMU Student Employment Services Summer Camp Fair slated from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Commons area.

Up to 20 different employers and representatives from various summer camps will be on hand to meet with students interested in summer employment.

"This is an excellent opportunity for students in almost any field," Elise Copeland, coordinator of WTAMU's Student Employment Services, said. "Summer camps offer employment in anything from counseling and activity instruction to work as trip leaders and office assistants. Summer camp staff can make anywhere from \$1,000-\$4,000

with practically no expenses." Some of the camps expected at the fair are Camp Champions in Marble Falls, Camp La Jita in San Antonio, Camp Texlake in Spicewood, Camp Rio Blanco in Lubbock, Ceta Canyon in Happy, Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Girl Scout Camp Kiwanis in Amarillo and Y.O. Adventure Camp in Mountain Home. Representatives of each camp will provide detailed information about

their camps, and many will have applications and other information. It is not necessary, but it would be helpful for students to bring a résumé, Copeland said. "I can't emphasize enough the valuable skills and leadership training you can receive from working at a summer camp," Copeland said. "It teaches relationship-building skills, decision-making skills and how to resolve conflicts in a positive way."

Other participating sponsors of the fair include WTAMU's Career and Counseling Services, Recreational Sports and Residence Hall Association. For more information about the Summer Camp Fair, contact Copeland at (806) 651-2397.

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Ninth Annual Lad n' Lassie Pageant in offing

SHAMROCK — In addition to the annual Lad n' Lassie Pageant, held each year during the St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Shamrock, a new Pre-Teen Pageant has been added. Events will kick-off at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, March 18 in Shamrock. The Lad n' Lassie competition is open to boys 0-9 years of age and girls 0-13 years of age. The "lads" may either come in casual or formal wear.

The Pre-Teen Pageant is open to girls between the ages of 10 and 13. Contestants will be competing in both casual wear and Sunday best as well as photo judging, short interview and public speaking. For more information or to obtain an entry form, contact Betty Lee at (806) 256-5337 or Lynette Kidd at (806) 256-3044.

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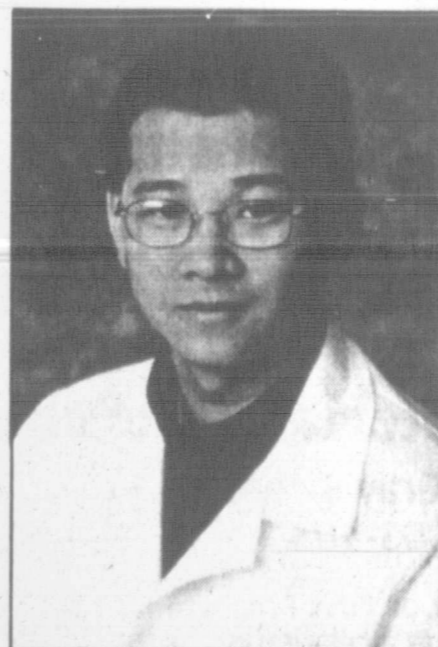
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Make a pledge to your holiday pet; let's lost the holiday heft

"Pet obesity is widespread, in fact, nearly 40 percent of dogs and 25 percent of cats are overweight," says Dr. Dan Carey, a veterinarian and director of technical communications for The Iams Co. "Increased risk of joint pain, diabetes, and heart and liver problems is a very real consequence for overweight pets."

DAYTON, Ohio — During all the revelry and gift-giving of the Christmas season, extra weight gain is at least one holiday surprise many of us are eager to return. Weight loss and fitness are not only important to our good health, but to our pets' as well.

Sure, dogs and cats don't fret over their figures, but as owners, we should be concerned with the harm obesity poses to our four-footed friends.

"Pet obesity is widespread, in fact, nearly 40 percent of dogs and 25 percent of cats are overweight," says Dr. Dan Carey, a veterinarian and director of technical communications for The Iams Co. "Increased risk of joint pain, diabetes, and heart and liver problems is a very real consequence for overweight pets."

Iams is offering a free weight-loss kit for pet owners, to help rid their dogs and cats of unwanted pounds and ounces. The kit, available in limited supply, contains a pet food measuring cup, tips on determining if a pet is overweight, an offer for a portion-control bowl, and vouchers and product information for Iams Less Active dog and cat foods.

Hear are a few tips to help owners determine if their pet is overweight:

—Feel its chest. You should be able to feel, but not see, its ribs.

—Stand behind your pet and look down — you should see an hourglass shape. If your pet does not exhibit this shape, it may be time for diet.

—Kneel down and look at its belly from the side. It should be tucked up slightly from his rib cage to his rear end, not flat or hanging down.

—If it appears the pet may need to shed some weight, take him or her to the vet for a check-up. The vet can assess the pet's health and recommend a healthy pet food diet if there is a weight problem.

Once it is determined a pet is overweight, Carey points to three steps that can help dogs and cats shed weight and start on the path toward an active, fit lifestyle.

"A successful weight loss program for pets is much like a successful program for people — it centers on exercise, portion control, and proper nutrition."

According to Carey, pets need 20- to 30-minute of exercise daily to eliminate extra calories and sustain muscle tone. With a hectic schedule, busy owners may find it hard to get to the gym themselves, let alone add an extra routine for their pet. Busy pet owners may consider the buddy system and combine their

exercise routines with their pet's. Walking, jogging and playing fetch are good for dogs, while cats can tone up by chasing objects in the house or by walking on a leash during a daily stroll.

Another suggestion to bear in mind is avoid slipping Fido or Fluffy table scraps. It may seem harmless, but it can wreak havoc on portion management and is a weight loss no-no. In fact, feeding pets human food is never a good idea.

"Human food often contains bones that can get caught in an animal's throat or can splinter and puncture the digestive tract," cautions Carey. "Also, table scraps can be high in fat and are not well balanced for pets' specific nutritional needs."

Excessive pet food treats can also be a weight-gain culprit.

"Many owners reward their pet's good behavior with edible treats, and that's fine, on occasion. But, for overweight pets, try feeding a reduced fat treat, giving praise, tummy rubs, or even a trip to the park for a game of fetch."

While exercise and portion control are important steps to helping pets lose weight, don't overlook the obvious, which is changing the pet's diet to a low-fat, weight-management formula.

When switching to a low-fat food, it's important to change the food gradually. Fill your pet's bowl with 75 percent of the old food and 25 percent of the new formula on the first day. For day two, try a 50/50 ratio. Proceed to a 25/75 split. Then go to 100 percent of the new premium formula after the four- to five-day transition process.

Owners should closely follow the feeding amount recommended by their vet and on the pet food package. To learn more about pet weight loss and weight maintenance or for a free Iams pet weight loss kit, call 1-800-863-4267 or visit www.iams.com on the World Wide Web.

Service awards



(Special photo)

(Left-right) James Race, Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau, LUTCF Agency manager, David Haynes, service agent, and Don Whitney, LUTCF service agent, recently represented Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau at a TFB District One district meeting in Amarillo. Whitney won a Multi-Line Senior Agents Award for District One and Haynes won a Multi-Line Career Agents Award for District One. Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau was selected runner-up multi-line agency for the month of December. District One consists of a 26-county area in the Texas Panhandle and includes 62 agents.

PHS Academic Team participates in UIL competition

Students from Pampa High recently competed in a UIL invitational meet at West Texas High School, according to Tonya Lewis UIL coordinator at PHS.

The PHS Academic Team placed as follows:

Feature Writing, Marcie Bennett, first place; Tim Williams, second place.

Editorial Writing, Marcie Bennett, first place; Tim Williams, sixth place.

News Writing, Marcie Bennett, second place.

Literary Criticism, Ashley Kiper, fourth place; Tim Williams, fifth place; Karen Kirkwood, sixth place; Kiper, Williams, Kirkwood and Trevor Stowers, first place team.

Science, Chris Shaffer, third place; Samantha Ford, fourth place; Shaffer, Ford, Steven Cameron and Luke Burton, second place team.

Computer Science, Luke Burton, L.J. Lawley, Bobby Sparks and

John Hahn, second place team. Current Events and Issues, Chris Shaffer, fourth place.

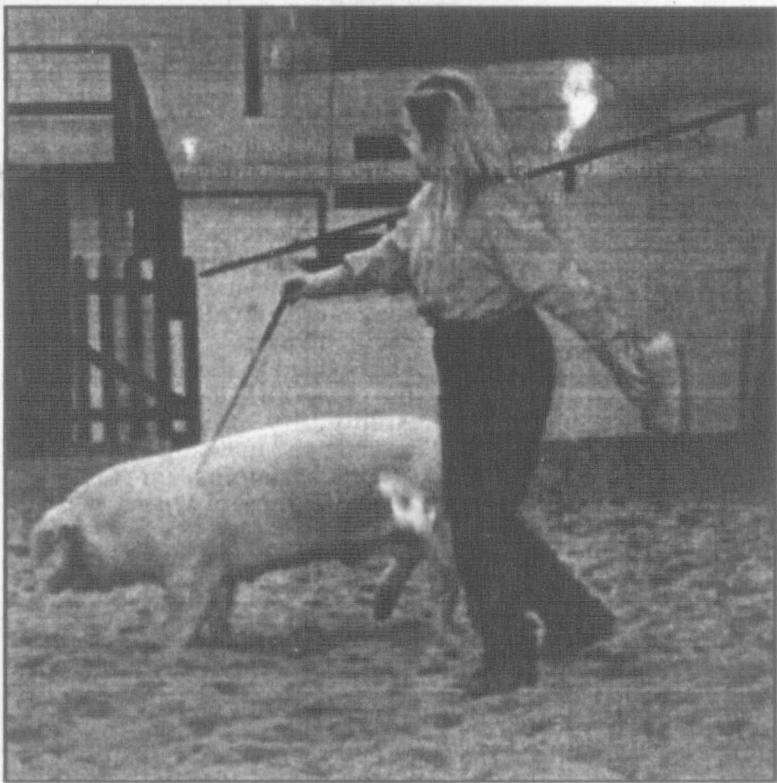
Calculator Applications, Anson Henthorn, sixth place.

Ready Writing, Sammie Parsley, sixth place.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation and deep gratitude to our many friends for their words of comfort and deeds of kindness at the loss of David Luedecke.



4-H and FFA Focus



Jessica Baggerman is a member of Gray County 4-H. She and other FFA and 4-H members throughout the county will participate in the Gray County Livestock Show and Sale Jan. 27-29 at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa. Weigh-in will begin at 6 p.m., Jan. 27. The Steer Show will kick-off the actual show and sale at 7 p.m., Jan. 28 followed by the Swine and Lamb Shows beginning at 7 a.m. the 29th. A Buyer's Barbecue and Sale is also slated at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Hi! My name is Jessica Baggerman. This is my second year in the Gray County 4-H Club. I want to go to college and become a veterinarian. I have been involved in the vet science program with the Prime Time 4-H Club to help get a jump-start on my education.

I am also involved in the Swine project, learning about their health, medical needs and stock shows. I recently participated in the Pampa 4-H stock show where one of my animals

received breed champion. My other animal in the stock show received second place. This was a great day for me and my two pigs named Wind and Sun. The last show that I will be participating in locally is the Gray County Livestock Show and Sale on Jan. 27 and 28.

I have learned many things about animals participating in stock shows. I have also participated in many other 4-H projects: Livestock judging, Dog-Paws Plus, Nutrition Quiz Bowl team captain, Textile and Clothing, Record Book Competition-Vet Science, District Round Up-Beef Project, Photography and several community service projects.

My other achievements include "A" Honor Roll at Grandview-Hopkins ISD, Presidential Award recipient, UIL Competition, Accelerated Reader, ballet, dancer in the Nutcracker Ballet and LOGOS program at First Presbyterian Church.

I am the daughter of John Mark and Lora S. Baggerman.

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4-H and FFA Focus

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Hi, my name is Cassie Hamilton. I am the 17-year-old daughter of Shonda Rucker of Pampa and Bobby and Trish Hamilton of Sapulpa, Okla. I have a younger brother, Kelby. I am a senior at Pampa High School. My hobbies include showing animals, livestock judging, skiing, hunting and painting. I have been in 4-H for nine years. I'm involved with raising and showing cattle and swine. This is not my project alone; it is a family affair. My family helps me with my projects daily, especially if I am busy with other school projects. When we go to shows, my grandparents, aunt, uncle and cousins all go, and we have a great time.

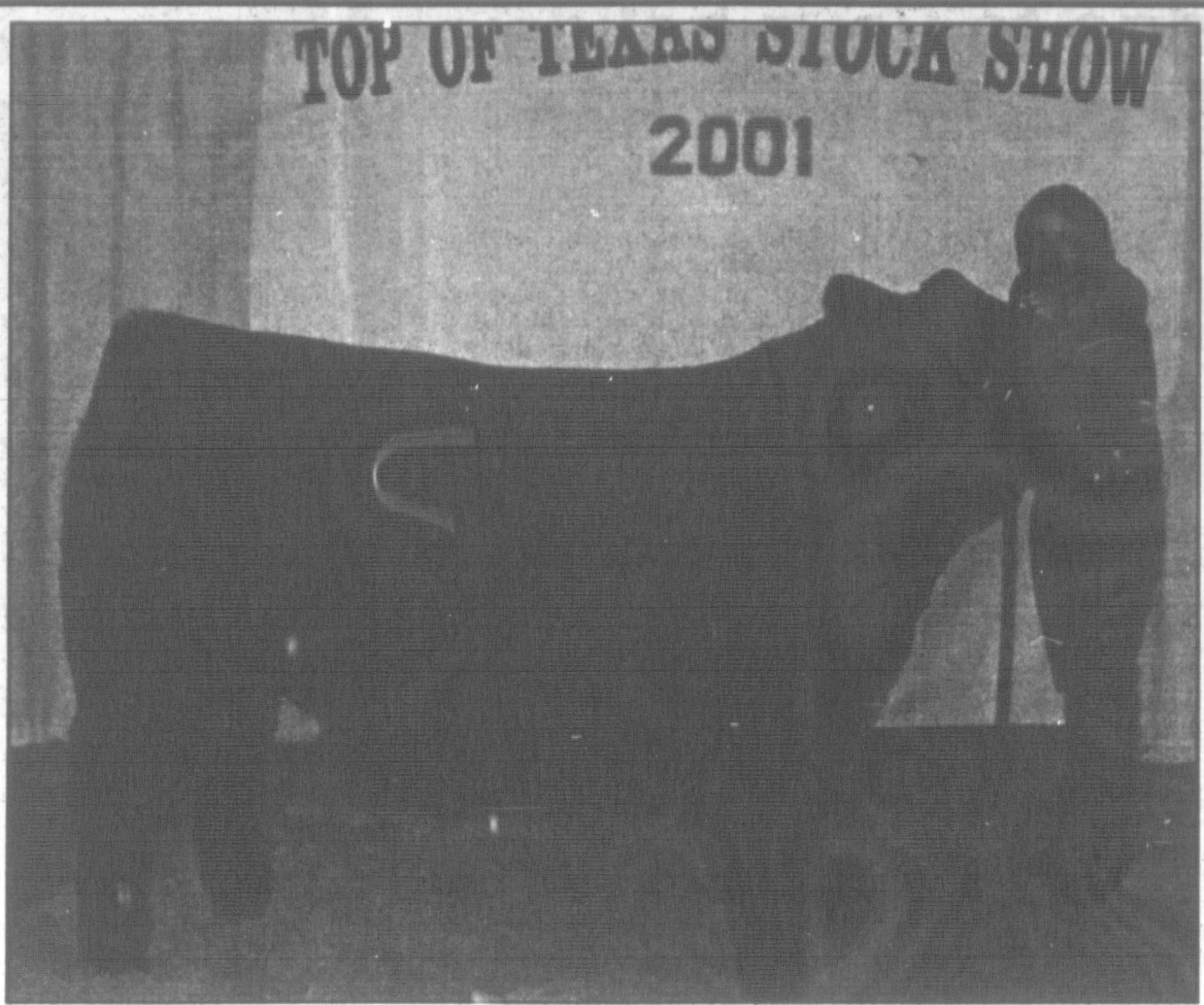
I have learned a lot from both of these projects. I have become a more responsible person from being involved in these projects. I have to care for them twice a day, every day. The most important thing I've learned by being involved with these projects is

not to give up even though things don't always work out the way you expect them to. I've always been told you may not win in the showing, but if you finish what you start, you are a winner.

Besides showing and raising animals, I am also involved in many other 4-H activities such as livestock judging. In livestock judging, you learn to evaluate livestock based on traits that are ideal for market and breeding animals. We learn to describe why we placed these animals in a certain way by giving oral reasons. From this project, I have gained confidence in public speaking and learned more about my livestock projects. I hope to use these skills and knowledge to earn a livestock judging scholarship.

My other 4-H projects have included foods and nutrition, public speaking, community service and leadership. Through these projects, I have gained knowledge and skills that will be used throughout my life. I have also been able to help others through community service activities such as food drives, Veteran and Memorial Day flags and helping younger 4-Hers learn about their projects. This past September I was honored with the Gold Star Award which is the highest award you can receive in 4-H.

I am also involved with other organizations. I am a member of the Pampa FFA, PHS yearbook staff and Who's Who



Among American High School Students. I have served in many different offices in my 4-H club as well as on the county 4-H council where I am currently serving as second vice chairman. I am also a member of the Texas Club Calf Association.

Four-H has given me an opportunity to go many places and meet people from all over the country and make friendships that will last a lifetime. I

have been on many multi-county workshops, Electric Camp in New Mexico, Wonders of Washington trip in Washington, D.C., as well as stock shows in Houston, Fort Worth, San Antonio and Oklahoma. I have participated in judging contests at Clarendon, West Texas A&M University, Panhandle State University, State 4-H Roundup at College Station and Tarleton University.

My future goals include continuing my 4-H projects through high school and college. My future plans are to attend Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla., to study animal science. I owe a great deal of my success to the great organization Gray County has, but mostly to my county agent, Danny Nusser, for always being there for me when I needed advice and support.

Auditions for 'TEXAS' in offing

CANYON — The musical drama "TEXAS" will hold auditions in Canyon and Lubbock for singers, dancers, actors, technicians and customer service representatives to fill 140 paid positions with the nation's best attended outdoor musical drama. "TEXAS" is staged under the stars in the vast Palo Duro Canyon, near Amarillo, and attracts nearly 100,000 visitors each year. The musical is produced by the non-profit Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation.

"TEXAS" directors will hold an audition in Lubbock Sunday, Feb. 25 to select 140 performers, technicians and customer service representatives. Canyon auditions will be Saturday, March 31. The script calls for 14 actors/actresses, 29 dancers, 34 singers, 5 instrumentalists, 17 technicians with 2 interns, and 30 customer service representatives. Rehearsals begin May 13, 2001, for the 36th season that runs June 7-Aug. 19 Monday through Sunday, excluding Wednesdays. There will be a special Wednesday performance on the Fourth of July.

Audition requirements:
—Individuals must bring a photo and references (non-returnable).

—Actors will present a memorized scene, not to exceed three minutes, that accentuates outdoor voice and presence.

—Actors also should prepare a vocal number.

—Singers will present one number of their choice. No pop or rock hits. An accompanist will be provided or singer may bring one. All voice ranges are required in chorus, solos and men's quartets.

—Singers also should prepare a one- to two-minute, memorized scene or monologue that accentuates outdoor voice and presence.

—Dancers are auditioned as a group. Ballet or modern dance training required. Dancers should wear appropriate workout clothing and leather ballet or jazz shoes.

—Musicians experienced in string bass, acoustic guitar, banjo, accordion, or violin are urged to audition.

For the Lubbock auditions dancers must register at 10:30 a.m. and then at 11 a.m. all other performers, technicians and customer service representatives register.

For Canyon auditions dancers must register at 9 a.m. with all other performers, technicians and customer service representatives registering at 9:30 a.m.

Selected talent will make the 36th season of "TEXAS" come alive in the Pioneer Amphitheatre. Highlighted as the Official Play of the State of Texas, the 35th Anniversary Season in 2000 brought its 3 millionth visitor.

For more information please call "TEXAS" Musical Drama at (806) 655-2181 or visit our website at www.texasmusicaldrama.com.

University adds honors program to undergraduate curriculum

CANYON — As if college weren't demanding enough already, about 15 West Texas A&M University students have opted for a more rigorous and challenging curriculum by enrolling in at least one of the three honors courses being offered for the first time this spring.

"We knew going in that this would be an elite group," Dr. James Hallmark, special assistant to the provost and coordinator of the Honors Program, said. "The admission standards are extremely high."

Invitations were sent to approximately 250 qualified WTAMU freshmen and sophomores. Those with less than 18 college credits had to have ACT Composites of 26 or more or minimum SAT scores of 1200. Students who had completed 18

hours qualified with a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) or higher and faculty recommendations.

Forty-eight students responded to the invitation and were accepted into the Honors Program.

"I'm very encouraged by the number of positive responses we received," Hallmark said. "We need to do a better job of accommodating the course and scheduling needs of our applicants, but in terms of interest, it was better than I expected."

A trio of honors courses will be offered this spring: ENG 202 Masterpieces in Western World Literature, taught by Dr. Charmazel Dudt, Regents professor and endowed professor of Shakespeare studies; HIST 201 America, 1492-1877, taught by Dr. Bruce Brasington, professor of history; and SCOM 101 Basic

Speech Communication, taught by Dr. Trudy Hanson, associate professor of speech communication.

"Honors courses not only attract the best students, they also attract the best faculty," Dr. Flavius Killebrew, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said. "I expect that this will be a very stimulating and rewarding experience for everyone involved."

Criteria to successfully complete the Honors Program is being reviewed by the Honors Council; however, according to current standards, students must take a minimum of 24 hours of core-curriculum honors courses, maintain a 3.0 GPA in honors courses, complete a discipline-specific honors capstone and/or senior thesis course, participate in at least one Honors

Colloquia per semester and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5.

Students who make the grade will wear distinctive honor cords and will receive special recognition at graduation, and a special notation, "Graduated

with Special Honors," will appear on their transcripts.

The University is still accepting qualified students into the Honors Program. For more information, contact Hallmark at (806) 651-2931 or jhallmark@mail.wtamu.edu.

Calvi to step down as department head

CANYON — Dr. Jim Calvi, head of the West Texas A&M University Department of History and Political Science, will step down as department head effective Aug. 1.

Calvi led the recruitment of more than 11 new faculty members since he began his position in 1994. He co-authored "American Law and Legal Systems" with Susan Coleman, instructor of political science and director of the criminal justice program. The book was first released by Prentice-Hall in 1989, and the fourth edition became available in 2000.

In response to a regional need in corrections and law enforcement, Calvi coordinated an effort to begin offering a master's degree in criminal justice. The new degree program became a reality last summer, when the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

approved WTAMU's proposal. He also helped the department develop a working relationship with the media, and began a Supplemental Instruction program, a tutoring and retention effort.

He teaches Constitutional Law, Administrative Law and survey courses and will continue to teach these courses as a faculty member.

"Dr. Calvi has done a tremendous job as department head," Dr. Flavius Killebrew, provost/vice president for Academic Affairs, said. "He will be difficult to replace."

According to Killebrew, the University is in the process of considering whether or not the search will be on campus or be extended to outside the University.

The University plans to name a replacement by May.

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Higher prices on necessary commodities

To the editor,

Shop Pampa first. Why? I go to Amarillo about two times a month. I check the price of gas in Pampa and load up my gas cans and go to Amarillo and fill up my cans and gas tank — about 60 gallons. The price is 121.9 in Amarillo. The price in Pampa is 139.9 a saving of 18-cents per gallon or \$10.80.

I also notice the names on the stations. I check five Allsup's and five Taylors. This doesn't leave much competition in Pampa. I don't believe freight is 18-cents a gallon difference on a 55-mile haul.

I would like to have a nice station in Pampa with Allsup's and Taylor for competition. I have purchased gasoline in Amarillo for as much as 23-cents less than the same brand of gas in Pampa — not once but a number of times. This seems a little strange.

Another thought: Has anyone checked with the electric companies to see what discount they allow for total electric homes? It was substantial a few years ago. I have not checked since natural gas doubled in price.

I have had a gas leak at the meter for about three years and have reported this three times. If natural gas is so precious, why don't they fix the leaks in their gas lines?

After adding several employees and phone lines for customer complaints and all the dissatisfied customers maybe they won't enjoy the extra profits so much.

I am retired and on a fixed income. Rising prices on everything is a serious concern. Tripling prices on necessary commodities like natural gas will be pretty rough.

Gene Denton
Pampa

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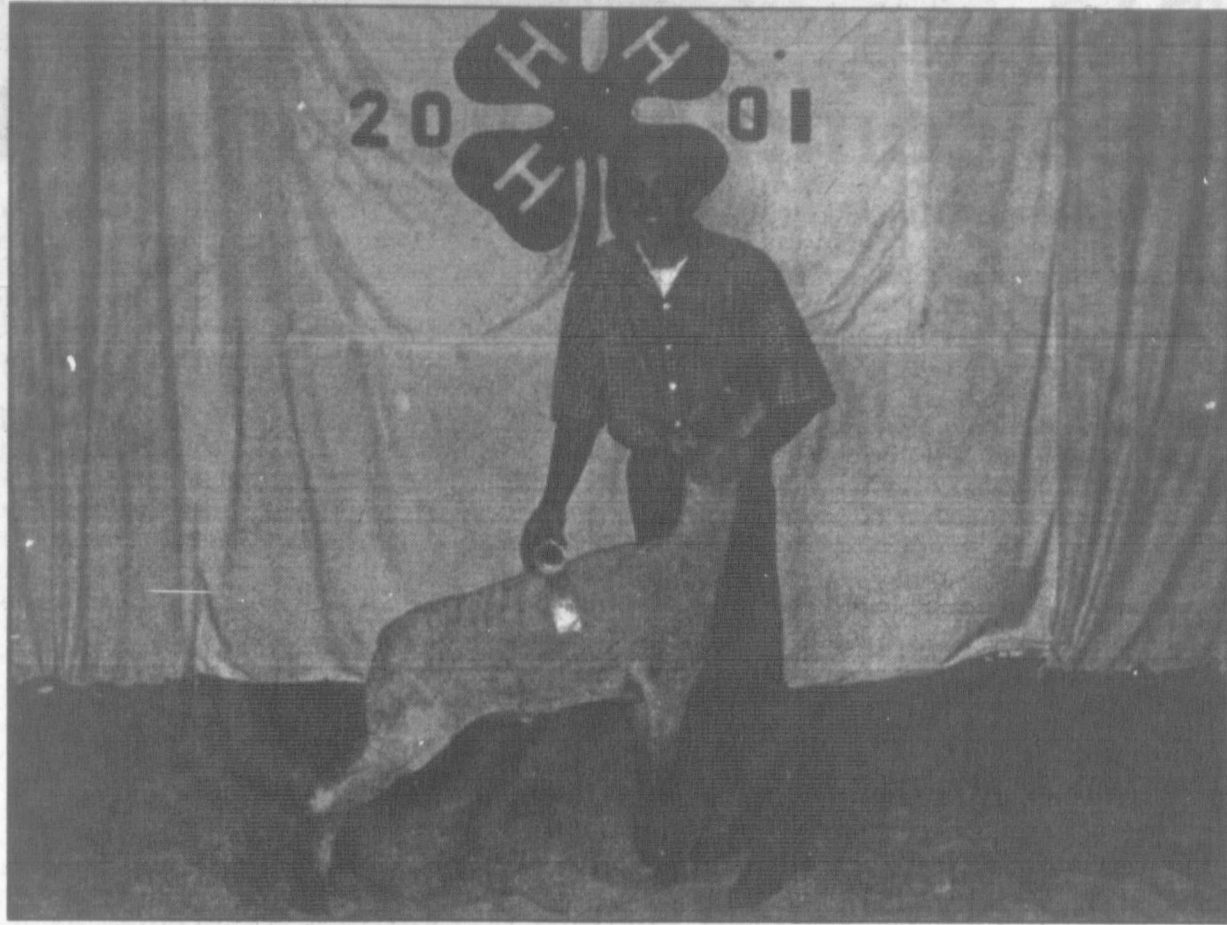
WASHINGTON — Running out to file their 1999 tax returns, IRS claim \$145 million. According to Revenue Service, \$2.4 billion million people. To collect the tax return must IRS no later than 3 years after the property Treasury, he

The IRS estimates of those who would refund would \$464. Some in

CASA meeting volunteer

PAMPA — recruit potential CASA of the host an inform 7 p.m., Monday offices in Pampa. CASA of the United Way trained, court-teers to act abused and neglected children who are in the Department of Regulatory Services. These volunteer hour training them with the advocate for abused children. grown from 50 in 1999 to 64. Unfortunately abused and neglected children that need their help. If you could ears" of the court about the child, serve ensure complaints, teachers, inspect all records, (CASA) to attend this

4-H Stock Show winners



The 4-H Livestock Show was held recently at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa. Top left: Shawn Smith won Reserve Champion (RC) Fine Wool; RC Fine Wool Cross and RC Southdown as well as the Senior Showmanship Award. Top right:

Misty Parish won Champion Southdown. Bottom left: Krista Smith took Grand Champion of Steer of Show. Bottom right: Chloe Smith was Reserve Grand Champion of Steer of Show.

(Special photos)

IRS: \$145 million in refunds for Texans who failed to file 1997 tax returns

WASHINGTON — Time is running out for 123,600 Texans to file their 1997 tax returns and claim \$145 million in refunds. According to the Internal Revenue Service, nationally, \$2.4 billion awaits about 1.6 million people.

To collect the money, a federal tax return must be filed with the IRS no later than April 16, 2001.

"I strongly urge these individuals to take steps to claim this money," said IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti. "Money that is not refunded within three years generally becomes the property of the U.S. Treasury," he said.

The IRS estimates about half of those who could claim refunds would receive less than \$464. Some individuals had too

little income to require filing a tax return, but may have had taxes withheld from their wages. Others may not have had any tax withheld, but would be eligible for the refundable Earned Income Tax Credit.

In cases where a return was not filed, the law provides most taxpayers with a three-year window of opportunity for claiming a refund. For 1997 returns, the window closes on April 15, 2001. However, because that day is a Sunday, taxpayers have until the next day to file their returns and claim their refunds. The law requires these returns be properly addressed, postmarked and mailed by that date (April 16, 2001). There is no penalty assessed by the IRS for filing a late return qualifying for a refund.

The IRS reminds taxpayers seeking a 1997 refund their checks will be held if they have not filed tax returns for 1998 or 1999. In addition, the refund will be applied to any amounts still owed to the IRS and may be used to satisfy unpaid child support or past due federal debts such as student loans.

By failing to file a return, indi-

viduals stand to lose more than refunds of taxes withheld or paid during 1997. Many low-income workers may not have claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit. Although eligible taxpayers may get a refund when their EITC is more than their tax, those who file returns more than three years late would be able only to offset their tax. They would not be able to receive refunds if the credit exceeded their tax.

For 1997, individuals qualified for the EITC if they earned less than \$29,290 and had more than one qualifying child living with them, less than \$25,760 with one qualifying child or less than \$9,770 and had no qualifying child.

Current and prior year tax forms are available on the IRS website at www.irs.gov or by calling 1-800-829-3676. Taxpayers who need help preparing prior year returns or gathering income records may call the IRS help-line at 1-800-829-1040. To allow time for processing, forms and/or tax, help should be requested by mid-March.

CASA to hold meeting, seeks volunteers

PAMPA — In an effort to recruit potential volunteers, CASA of the High Plains will host an informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22 at its offices in Pampa, 600 W. Francis.

CASA of the High Plains, a United Way agency, provides trained, court-appointed volunteers to act as advocates for abused and neglected children who are in the custody of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

These volunteers attend a 30-hour training course to provide them with the tools they need to advocate for abused and neglected children. The program has grown from serving 40 children in 1999 to 64 children in 2000. Unfortunately there are more abused and neglected children that need their voices heard.

If you could be the "eyes and ears" of the court, advise the court about the best interests of the child, serve as monitors to ensure compliance (such as parents, teachers and doctors) and inspect all records and documents, CASA officials urge you to attend this meeting.

Stolen museum pieces returned after 10 years

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly 300 ancient objects stolen from a Greek museum a decade ago have been returned to Greek officials, the FBI said.

The objects, valued at more than \$2 million, were stolen in April 1990 from the Archaeology Museum in Corinth, 50 miles southwest of Athens.

The heist involved at least four men who burst into the museum, beat a guard, took 284 objects on display and loaded them onto trucks before disappearing.

The objects were recovered in 1999 when the FBI, acting on a tip that the items had been consigned for auction at Christie's, discovered them hidden in fish crates at a storage area in Miami.

The antiquities, which were being held in New York, were returned Thursday to the museum.

The stolen objects include such rare pieces as a 5th century B.C. marble head of a young man known as a Kouros; a small marble statue of the god Pan; and 13 sculpted marble heads dating back to the Hellenistic and Roman periods.

Two men, arrested near Athens last year, are currently on trial for the theft. Two others are being tried in absentia and are believed to be in Venezuela.

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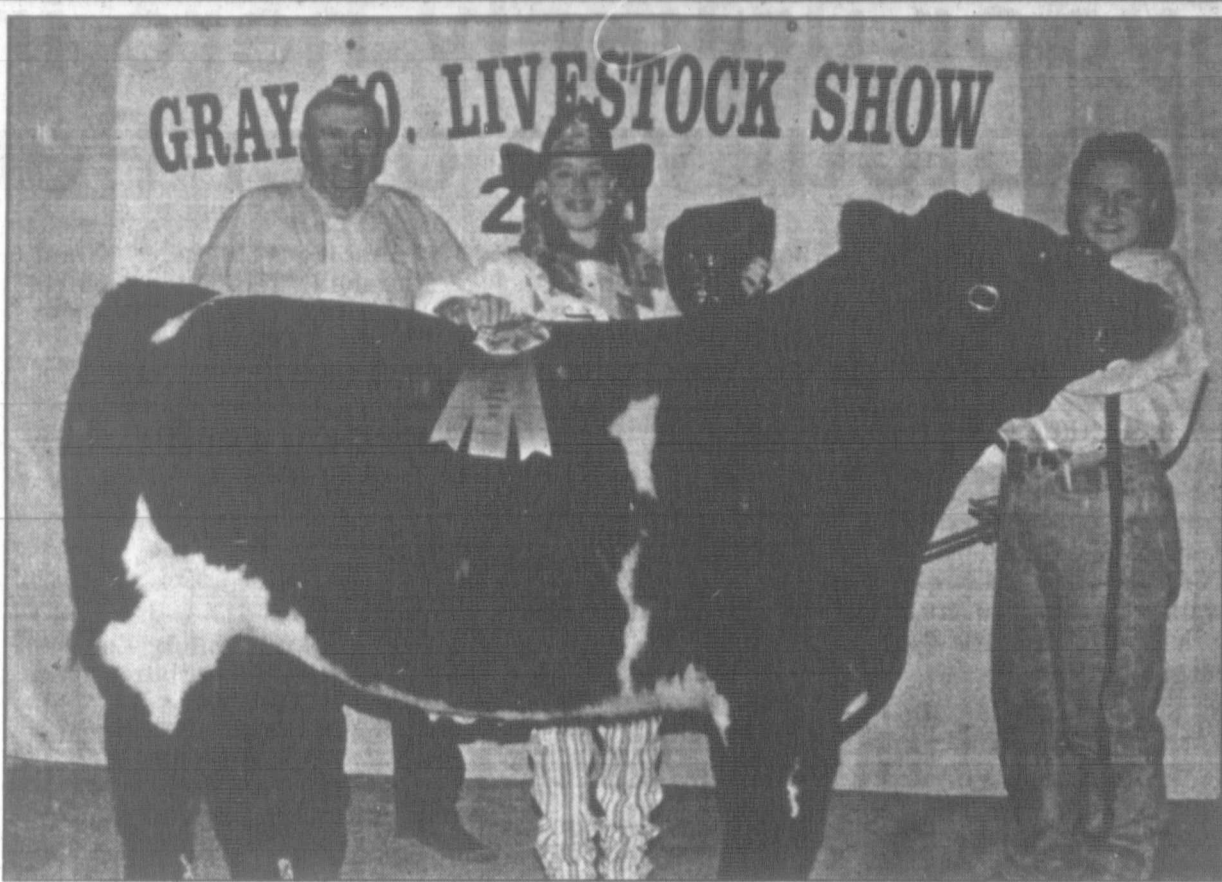
4-H and FFA Focus

—Megan Coutts is a member of Gray County 4-H and FFA, Pampa chapter. She and other FFA and 4-H members throughout the county will participate in the Gray County Livestock Show and Sale Jan. 27-29 at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa. Weigh-in will begin at 6 p.m., Jan. 27. The Steer Show will kick-off the actual show and sale at 7 p.m., Jan. 28 followed by the Swine and Lamb Shows beginning at 7 a.m. the 29th. A Buyer's Barbecue and Sale is also slated at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Hi. My name is Megan Coutts. I am a senior this year at good ol' Pampa High. I am writing today to let those of you who don't know a little bit about two programs that make up so much of my life.

I have been involved in the Gray County 4-H for nine years now, and I am currently our club president and the council chairman for the county. I enjoy everything about the program and try to keep the kids very involved in the community. Aside from being in 4-H, I also am involved in the Pampa FFA and am serving as treasurer this year. I have held two other offices during my five years in FFA.

While being in 4-H, I have leadership opportunities such as holding an office in our club,



Megan Coutts,

providing community service and completing a livestock ambassador program this summer. FFA has helped me to become a leader in our school and when we take stock show trips throughout the year. I have been on livestock judging teams for both programs, been involved in the vet science program and food project.

I have shown hogs since I was two and steers for about seven years. My father is a technician at Cabot and operates a family farm. My brother and

sister also show pigs and steers, and my family and I consider 4-H and FFA to be a tremendous factor in promoting good leadership to the young people of today.

Aside from 4-H and FFA, I have been involved in National Honor Society and my church youth group. With all of these programs and the support of my family I have learned a lot about myself and made lifetime friendships.

I would recommend that all parents try to get their children

involved in a program, and I think that 4-H and FFA are the best out there. There is not a better place to learn responsibility, care, support, leadership and how to make friends.

After graduation, I plan to attend Texas Tech to major in animal science and hopefully receive a master's degree in genetics. I hope to use the skills I have learned from the programs I am involved in to further my success and to strengthen the livestock industry.

Confidence down, but not quite out

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — The confidence of the American household is something to behold.

Even if it did slip in December on the cold reality of an impending sharp economic slowdown, it remains high as a kite in spring.

This in spite of a stock market that since last March has subtracted \$1.9 trillion from household wealth, a sum that in earlier years would have been incomprehensible, even in terms of the federal budget.

The blow hasn't exactly been shrugged off, but in other years it might have been a fatal blow. In 2000, however, there were few if any signs of panic. And only in December did the worries clearly manifest themselves.

The wealth decline began last March, but sales of new and existing homes continued at record-high levels. For the second year in a row car and light truck sales exceeded 17 million units.

And investors kept investing.

The public did pull back some in December, when retailer expectations weren't met. But what could retailers have expected, when the stock market decline alone had taken nearly \$50 billion out of consumer spending.

That \$50 billion sum was a huge bite out of the so-called wealth effect, the factor that, as so many economists explained, allowed people to feel secure about borrowing and spending even as they failed to save.

The \$50 billion figure, calculated by Standard & Poor's economist David A. Wyss, is based on what he estimates is the propensity of households to consume wealth at a 2.5 percent rate. And even with that much cut out, retail sales didn't decline — only failed to meet hopes.

Even today, Wyss points out, consumer sentiment is at a higher level than at any time before 1999. Currently, the University of Michigan survey is in the high 90s. In the past, pre-recession readings were in the 70s.

And now, perhaps as unrealistically optimistic as the earlier beliefs that the economy would expand indefinitely, ordinary folks are looking for signs of an upturn. Even before a soft landing is achieved.

Specifically: expectations of a tax cut, confidence that the Federal Reserve will lower interest rates, signs of bottom-fishing in stocks, continued interest in real estate, and borrowing to sustain life styles.

And those consumers who delve deeply into the economic numbers might even be encouraged by the realization that, while the economy has lost its bullish power, it may still be expanding, albeit at a slowed rate.

Wyss, for one, cites a slowdown from a 5.1 percent expansion rate in 2000 to perhaps 2.7 percent in 2001 as enough to cause real pain.

But others might prefer to observe that such a slowdown would still be an expansion rather than a contraction. And that what we call a slowdown today is about the average expansion that occurred in the 1970s and 1980s.

Scientists seek pollution link in border birth defects

By MEGAN K. STACK
Associated Press Writer

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — This living room is thick with the ghosts of Norma's days.

Here she's watched her three children squirm, snack and stretch on the rug in a bath of filtered sunlight. She listens to her neighbor's roosters squawk, hears loads of Mexican cargo rumble through town on the train tracks striping her street. When 2-month-old Jacob fusses in his crib, she pulls him into her lap and he slips back to sleep.

This house has seen hurtful days, too. Back in 1993, Norma and Gilbert Olvera's baby girl died 16 hours after birth. The child developed with a neural tube defect, and was born without a brain. Clustered within the sanitized hospital walls, the family snapped pictures and gave her a name. Amy Keiko means beloved and adored.

After her daughter died, Norma came home, sat in her living room and waited. First she

waited for the numbness to thaw. Then she waited for the tears to stop. Finally, she waited for answers.

They never came. "At first that's all you can think — 'Why this?' and 'Why that?'" says Norma, 32. "Why did God let this happen?"

It's been 10 years since doctors first noticed the abnormally high number of babies born with neural tube defects in the Rio Grande Valley. During a 36-hour span in 1991, three babies were born in the same hospital. Different mothers, different homes. All victims of defective neural tubes.

The vicious defects are a direct strike to the nervous system — the brain and spine. The luckier babies suffer spinal deformities or protruding backbones. Anencephalic babies are born without brains or with underdeveloped brains, and die.

During the worst times, in 1991, babies in Cameron County were born with neural tube defects at a rate three times higher than the national average. That

spike was followed by another in 1998.

Pollution is widely believed to have contributed to the birth defects. Was it poisoned water or chemicals in the air? Sinister dust that spilled from the cluster of Mexican factories? The clouds of pesticides billowing from the tails of crop dusters? Industrial waste surging to the Atlantic in the current of the Rio Grande?

After a decade of fear, suspicion and study, hundreds of mothers on both sides of the border still wait for answers. Science so far has been unable to tell them why their babies were fatally deformed.

And the heartbreak continues. In 1998-99, an average of 13 babies per every 10,000 live births in the 14 Texas border counties suffered neural tube defects, said Peter Langlois, senior epidemiologist with the Texas Birth Defect Monitoring Division. That's roughly double the estimated national average of 6.71 per 10,000 live births in 1995-97, the most recent available figure.

For seven years, Dr. Irina Cech

has been poring over biological samples, straining to link pollution to the family tragedies. The University of Houston researcher's mission is clear: to bring closure to a decade of anguish.

"We need evidence. Not emotion or suspicion, but hard, factual evidence," Cech says firmly. "Right now there's very little to go on except anecdotes."

She depends on border obstetricians, who urge women with NTD fetuses to participate in her study. So far, more than 400 pregnant women have contributed biological samples to Cech's laboratory.

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Woodrow Wilson honor roll

Woodrow Wilson Elementary recently announced its honor roll for the third six-weeks grading period of the 2000-01 school year.

SECOND GRADE

Crystal Garcia, Cody McIntyre, Moses Mireles, Rudi Rivera, Hunter Shay, Layce Smith, Cynthia Solis, Kira Soto, Shaylie Thompson, Ryan Weeden, James Young, Zoie Baten, Ashleigh Christy, Mary Beth Cox, Cody Davis.

Brennan Dickinson, Collin Dull, Cody Hudson, Ashlee Mixon, Eric Ortiz, Alex Recendiz, Kaci Reyes, Austin Rodgers, Bernardo Tinajero, Mariah Anguinao, Jessica Gutierrez, Karen Jimenez, Lauren Wilemon, Salvador Lopez, James Scott, Dakota Turlington.

THIRD GRADE

Justin Carlton, Israel Casanova, Zack Cheater, Crystal Collis, Matricia Davis, Leonal Madrid, Aleah Noble, Britney Poulin, Nathan Smith, Lauren Roberts, Ariel Mercado, Amanda Brasier, Ryan Jimenez, Phoenix Keeter, Kylie Reel, Brittany Bennett, Brian Fuller, Jordan Hughes, Lariat Lowrey, Bethney Masteller, Sam Newman, Daniel Valenzuela.

FOURTH GRADE

Bernardo Casanova, Joshua Fick, Elizabeth Gambill, Cecilia Garcia, Jennifer Huffhines, Aaron Lucas, Cody Newton, Natalie Santacruz, Joe Solis, Keith Stevens, Chelsy Alexander, Chance Almanza, Martin Avila, Ryan Bagerman, Justin Carpenter, Senecia Cruz, Scottie Dabbs, Amber Ebenkamp, Iran Gayton.

Calee Henley, Ashley Lang, Kyle McMinn, Randon Parks, Juan Rivera, Norman Rodgers, Jacob Rodriguez, Belinda

Saldierna, Idali Solis, Stephanie Castellanos, Jered Chamberlin, Teddi Cowan, Haylee Francis, David Gutierrez, Amanda Harkins, Christopher Portillo, Keah Reel, Ana Solis, Tatiana Soto.

FIFTH GRADE

Carrie Angel, Jacob Davis, Andy Dunn, Anna Hillman,

Jacob Jenkins, Whitney Jenkins, Angelica Pena, Randy Peercy, Oscar Recendiz, Lidia Salazar, Mason Stanfield, Crystal Blanco, Chelsea Ma, Ryan Rivera, Sam Suttterfield, Megan Waldrop, Heather Addington, Brittany Balay, Kris Boyd, Brenden Carpenter, Tyler McMinn, Josh Pryor, Krissa Whittlely.

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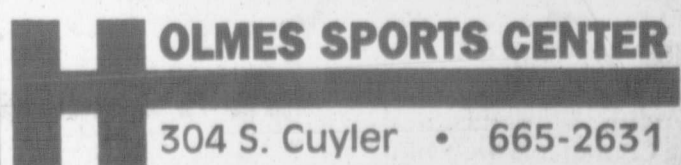
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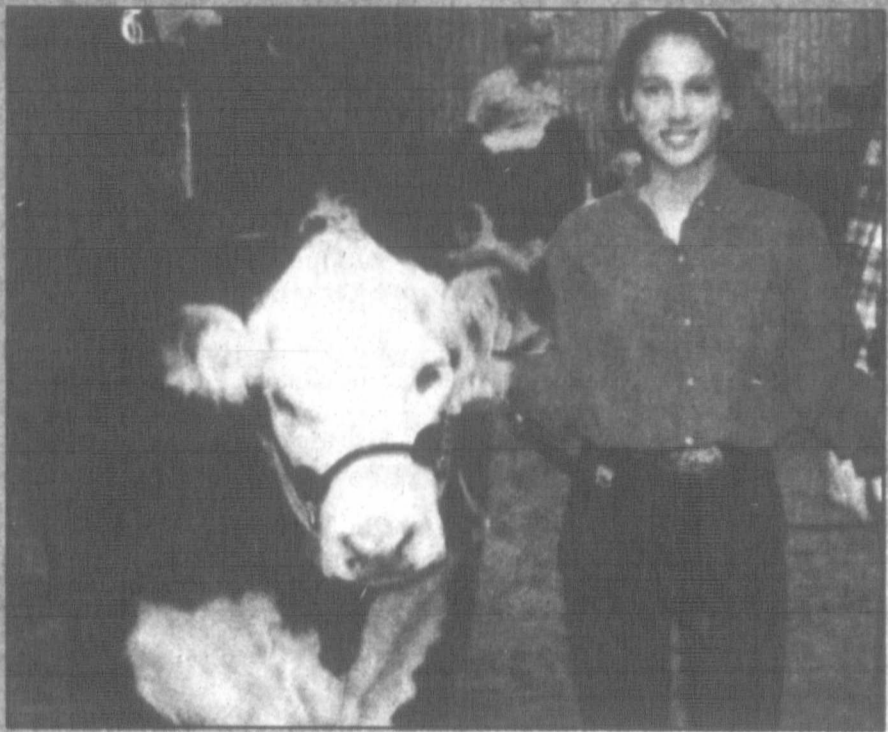
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Top Of Texas Stock Show



Gray County 4-H member Ashley Lucisis preparing to show her steer at the Gray County Stock Show and Sale to be held Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26 and 27.



K'Lynn Holmes will be showing her lamb at the upcoming Gray County Stock Show. A member of the Pampa FFA, she recently won showmanship while showing her lamb.

2001 Gray County Stock Show Events

Youth who are involved in the 4-H and FFA programs throughout Gray County are preparing for the Gray County Stock Show which will take place this weekend. Schedule of events is:

Thursday, Jan. 25:
6 p.m. - Weigh-in of all animals

Friday, Jan. 26:
7 p.m. - Steer Show

Saturday, Jan. 27:
7 a.m. - Swine Show followed by Lamb Show
5:30 p.m. - Buyers Barbeque and Sale

All activities are held at the Clyde Carruth Pavillion located near Recreation Park. The public is encouraged to participate in the activities to support the county youth. For additional information, call 669-8033.



Megan Coutts will be showing her barrow at the upcoming Gray County Stock Show. She is a member of both 4-H and FFA.



Zach Licklider is showing off his ribbons from the 4-H Show. He is a member of the Gray County 4-H.



Megan Crawford and Meredith Coutts work on a fundraiser to benefit the Gray County Stock Show and Sale. Both are Gray County 4-H members.



Casey Coleman will be showing his lamb in the upcoming show. He is a member of Pampa FFA.

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Stacy Michelle Brown and Kennard Cavness Windham

Brown-Windham

Stacy Michelle Brown and Kennard Cavness Windham, both of Midland, plan to wed Feb. 10 in First Baptist Church of Midland.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Vicki Brown of Midland and the late Kelley I. Brown and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pace and Irvin Brown of Skellytown and the late Fredda Brown. She graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1994 and from Hardin-Simmons University in 1998.

The prospective groom is the son of James Kennard Windham and Janas Morin of Midland. He graduated from Permian Basin High School in 1992 and attended Texas Tech University. He is currently a rancher in Midland and Adrian, Texas.

Books: A rich diet of food for thought

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Menus

Jan. 22-26

Pampa Schools

MONDAY
Breakfast: Pancakes and sausage-on-a-stick.

Lunch: Ravioli or pizza, green beans, peaches, hot rolls.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy.

Lunch: Tamales and enchiladas or chicken nuggets, refried beans, Spanish rice, pears, apples.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, chorizo, toast.

Lunch: Chicken fried steak or Taco Bell burrito, whipped potatoes, tossed salad, fresh fruit, hot rolls.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast.

Lunch: Turkey French fryz or peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with almonds, blackeyed peas, tossed salad, pears.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast.

Lunch: Cheeseburgers or hot dogs, French fries, burger salad, chocolate pudding.

Lefors Schools

MONDAY

No school.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Sausage, toast, cereal, juice, milk.

Lunch: Baked potatoes, taco meat or sliced ham, broccoli, cheese, rolls, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Pancake-on-a-stick, toast, cereal, juice, milk.

Lunch: Pizza or chicken patties, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Yogurt, toast, cereal, juice, milk.

Lunch: Beef and cheese nachos or taco salad, Spanish rice, beans, salad, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Hamburger or barbecue, cheese, tater tots, salad, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or fajita chicken over rice, mashed potatoes, beets, spinach, northern beans, German chocolate cake or butter-scotch pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Turkey and dressing or ham with fruit sauce, yams, green beans, carrots, beans, hurricane cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or

cook's choice, mashed potatoes, English peas, squash casserole, beans, black forest cake or p each/pineapple cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or mock filet mignon, sour cream potatoes, corn cobettes, cabbage, beans, lemon poppy seed pound cake or cherry icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish and hushpuppies or taco salad, potato wedges, cheese grits, pinto beans, ugly duckling cake or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Oven-fried chicken, blackeyed peas, zucchini and tomatoes, pears.

TUESDAY

Steakfingers, gravy, broccoli and rice casserole, carrots, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY

Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, banana.

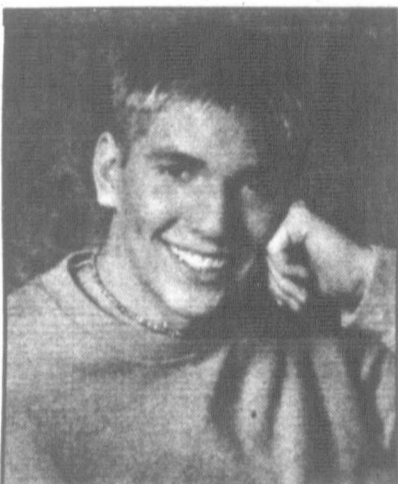
THURSDAY

Swiss steak, potato casserole, peas and carrots, jello.

FRIDAY

Chili baked, pinto beans, cornbread, graham crackers.

Newsmakers



Chance Williamson

WAXAHACHIE — Chance Williamson, a spring 2000 graduate of Pampa High, was recently named to the Dean's List at Southwestern Assemblies of God University in recognition of outstanding academic achievement.

Williamson earned the distinction with a 3.785 grade point average for the 2000 fall semester and is currently pursuing a degree in church ministry at the university.

He is the son of Carol Williamson and is the grandson of Mildred Pierce.

NORMAN, Okla. — The University of Oklahoma at Norman recently announced its campus honor roll for the 2000 fall semester.

To be eligible for the honor roll in most colleges, students must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale while enrolled in 12 or more semester

hours. Students in the College of Architecture are recognized with a 3.3 or better and students in the College of Engineering are recognized with a 3.0 or better. Students named to the honor roll include: Tyson Cameron Curtis of Pampa.

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Southwestern Oklahoma State University recently released its President's and Dean's Honor Rolls for the 2000 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 15 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: Courtney Elizabeth Girdley of Wheeler.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA while enrolled in 15 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: Rebekah Avis Warner of Pampa; Lonnie Keith Watson of Canadian; Marcus James Miller of Groom; Angie Michelle Davenport of Miami; Randi M. Davis of Shamrock; and Heather Gail Hardcastle, Jennifer Dawn Johnson and Dana L. Trimble, all of Wheeler.

WICHITA FALLS

Midwestern State University recently announced its University Honor Roll for the 2000 fall semester.

To be eligible for the University Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the honor roll include: Lisa Anne Dwight and Jennifer Beth McDonald, both of Pampa; and Tabitha Tenille Franks of Lefors.

PLAINVIEW — Wayland Baptist University recently announced its President's and Dean's Lists for the 2000 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the honor roll include: Jennifer Mackie, daughter of Jerry Don and Janice Mackie.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the honor roll include: Shanna Jameson, daughter of Gary and Suzie Jameson; Talyia Lane, daughter of Kent and Linda Lane; and Patricia Dinges, daughter of Ken and Debbie Dinges.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

Magic Plains ABWA

Magic Plains Chapter of American Business Women's Association met Jan. 8 at Furr's Cafeteria with Vice President Ellen Malone presiding in the absence of President Pat Winkleblack. Ten members and four guests — Pat Seely, Lisa Mitchell and scholarship recipients Melody Seely and Lindsey Mitchell — were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as printed in the bulletin.

—Seely and Mitchell each gave a short report on their first semester in college and were awarded the second half of their scholarships.

—Jan Allen, treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. (See, CLUB, Page 21)

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MAGIC PLAINS CHAPTER of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Furr's Cafeteria. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

FREEDOM MUSEUM, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the fourth Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION meets at 2 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center. For more information, contact Willie Mae Mangold, 669-7259.

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TRALEE CRISIS CENTER support groups for victims of family violence — both women and children — meet every Thursday evening. For more information about adult support groups, call 669-1788, and to inquire about children's support groups, 669-1131.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Coordinating Council meets once a month. For more information, call 669-1131.

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THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chrys Smith at 665-0356.

HIDDEN HILLS Women's Golf Association will hold its "Play Day" at 6 p.m. each Monday from May-September. For more information, call 669-0434.

GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY regular meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth

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How should Clinton follow presidency? By presiding over TV show

By FRAZIER MOORE AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It's as if he were leaving "The Tonight Show" after a fabulously successful run. Don't look for Bette Midler to serenade President Clinton with "One For My Baby." But when he relinquishes the office of Chief Host to George W. Bush on Saturday, Clinton likely will be thinking the same thing Johnny Carson said upon his own exit: "And so it has come to this."

fortified. And not Ronald Reagan, who carried forward into TV a beloved persona he had introduced elsewhere years before. Clinton, by contrast, has a style born and bred in television. This was clear as long ago as 1992, when Clinton won his first term in part by his mastery use of TV — whether it was sparring with talk-show host Phil Donahue or playing the saxophone on "The Arsenio Hall Show" or rescuing his candidacy with an interview on "60 Minutes" with wife Hillary Rodham Clinton at his side.

Bill Clinton to fold his two-term video presidency. But that doesn't mean he should ditch television. Now, at last, he could truly be himself (or is it himself?), a TV star liberated from the pesky limitations of elected office. He would be superb at conducting interviews, from Desmond Tutu to Eminem. And peerless at landing the big "gets." Who, with the possible exception of Ken Starr and Linda Tripp, would turn Clinton down? "The Bill Clinton Show" might feature time-tested recipes (for personal disaster, and for getting out of it). There could be rock 'n' roll (Fleetwood Mac as house band?). There should be comedy: a resident troupe (call them The Mighty Clinton Art Players) would poke good-natured fun at Republicans. And maybe Al Gore could serve as Clinton's affably uptight sidekick. As a special treat, Clinton could occasionally dig into tape archives of his speeches, town meetings and grand jury testimony — then add Pop-Up Video captions to display his thoughts. What he said: "It depends on what the meaning of 'is' is." What he was thinking: "I wish I had a Big Mac to go with this Coke."

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Cattle producers rely on supplemental feeding this winter

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — This winter is causing Texas cattle producers to turn to supplemental feeding more than in years past, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Texas is the leading beef cattle producing state in the nation, and although it has been battling drought for the past few years, cold weather and rain are causing the problems in the state this year.

Extension beef cattle specialist Dr. Stephen Hammack of Stephenville said a combination of factors is causing producers to turn to supplemental feeding, including muddy, over-saturated pastures and feedlots.

"Reduced standing forage because of weather and prior management causes some producers to supplemental feed," he said. "Below average temperatures and low body condition are components as well."

Hammack said there are problems linked to supplemental feeding, and can harm cattle.

"Occasionally, some supplements can be over-consumed," he said. "This can cause digestive problems, or in some cases, toxicity."

Lack of forage is leading to reduced cattle weight, and although most cattle have been rated in fair to good condition, Hammack said conditions could worsen.

"Assuming the cow has no diseases, body condition depends largely on adequate nutrition," he said. "Each animal has particular nutrition requirements, and if these are not met, body condition will decline."

Hammack said cattle weight loss could lead to other serious problems as well.

"Reduced weight gain can lead to poor health, including lower milk production," he said. "In a bad case of weight loss, lowered reproduction can

be seen among cattle."

"Optimistically, depending on how pastures were managed prior to recent weather and how much more it rains," he said, "the rest of the winter and upcoming spring could possibly supply more forage than years past."

District Extension Director Galen Chandler of Vernon said supplemental feeding continues to be a priority for cattle producers.

"The herds are checked daily to monitor body condition scores," he said. "Cows are being culled, and calves are being weaned as needed."

Chandler said the stocker cattle population is smaller than normal due to the lack of small grain and wheat pasture grazing.

"Weather is a big factor," he said. "Wet conditions from ice storms and rain showers have caused cattle to bog and damage fields."

District Extension Director Randy Upshaw of Dallas said haying and supplemental feeding is heavy in North Texas as well.

"The price of feeding livestock along with cattle weight loss and ice damage to trees and fences has been assessed as a multimillion dollar loss," he said.

Upshaw said there is little or no utilization of winter pastures, and too much moisture is causing grass to flatten.

Although cattle are losing weight and supplemental feeding is at a high, Upshaw said stock ponds are full and providing enough water.

District Extension Director Scott Durham of San Angelo said temperatures have been cool with rain reported across most areas this week.

"Some areas received up to an inch of rainfall," he said.

Durham said recent rains and warmer weather

should increase growth in pastures and fields.

"Cotton land preparation is under way," he said, "and grazing is under way in oat and wheat fields."

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture is short to surplus. Melted snow has left fields muddy. Some wheat stands thin due to late planting; moisture from snow will help wheat. Cattle are rated fair to good. Supplemental feeding is heavy; feedlots are muddy.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture is adequate. Warmer weather melted snow cover. Pastures and ranges in fair condition. Feeding of range animals in progress. Wheat in fair to good condition; growth is limited due to low temperatures.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Cotton harvest almost complete; quality below average. Wheat and pasture not responding to soil moisture due to low temperatures. Cool season grasses will respond well as warm temperatures arrive.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Damage to wheat from ice storm and low temperatures. Haying and supplemental feeding is heavy; weight loss in cattle. Stock ponds are full. Severe limb damage to peach and pecan trees from ice storm.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Winter pasture development halted by wet, cold conditions. Heavy hay and supplemental feeding. Cattle conditions fair to good. Cow-calf markets steady.

FAR WEST TEXAS: No information available short to adequate. Supplemental feeding is heavy.

Late fall calving under way; apparent lowered calving rates. Pastures responding to moisture. Fair growth reported in wheat. Pecan crop short.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Recent rains and warmer weather should increase growth in pastures and fields. Grazing is under way in oat and wheat fields. Some small grains are showing signs of rust. Heavy supplemental feeding of livestock continues.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is surplus. Small grain grazing is poor with tremendous damage from wet field conditions. Most pecans are harvested. Very poor wheat stands due to late planting.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Low temperatures and rain continue; pastures saturated. Winter feeding of cattle in muddy conditions. Some peach tree pruning has begun.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate. Early winter rainfall has improved outlook. Cold weather has reduced winter insect pressure. Small grains making good progress. Forage conditions above average. Harvesting of winter vegetables continues.

COASTAL BEND: soil moisture is surplus. Showers and overcast weather. Wet soil preventing fertilizer applications. Oats planted but growth hampered by overcast conditions. Pastures fair to poor with most areas adding hay and supplemental feed.

SOUTH TEXAS: soil moisture is short. Frost damaged pastures. Lack of moisture caused oat growth to stop. Harvesting of sugarcane continues. Livestock under limited supplemental feeding. Irrigated land being prepared for spring planting.

USDA's mandatory reporting program running behind schedule

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Stalled by meatpacker questions and software testing, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's long-awaited mandatory livestock reporting program will not make its Jan. 30 debut, an agency official said.

"We are not ready yet," said Jerry Alexander, officer in charge of the USDA's Mandatory Reporting office in St. Joseph, Mo., where all the nation's live cattle and sheep prices are being compiled and reported.

Also not ready to begin its mandatory reporting program is the USDA's office in Des Moines, Iowa, where the nation's prices for hogs and boxed beef are being put together, he said.

The program requires the nation's meatpackers to report the prices they pay for livestock. The agriculture department then collects and publishes the data.

Congress included the reporting program last year when it passed its bailout measure to address concerns that large packing plants were taking over an increasing share of the market.

The published rule carried a 60-day implementation period ending Jan. 30.

Alexander said that date was not a deadline but was the earliest date which the agency could begin its price reporting program.

However, he said it could be weeks — or longer — before USDA can start it.

"Nobody intends us to keep dragging our feet and waiting, but I am not aware of a mandatory maximum date," Alexander said. "Our intention is to begin the mandatory reporting at the earliest time that we can assure the industry of accurate and complete reports."

The delay is because packing plants have a lot of questions concerning how to report prices, he said. Also the software for the database is still in

the testing phase.

"If I was a livestock producer I'd rather see them take a little time and make sure it is right before they start disseminating the information to industry, if that is what they think is necessary," said Todd Domer, spokesman for the Kansas Livestock Association. "Producers will continue to rely on information that is already available to them until that point in time, so it is not going to be any catastrophe if they put it off."

The issue had been stalled for years by strong opposition from the packing industry until pork prices collapsed in late 1998 and five states — South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri — passed their own reporting laws.

Prices paid for the 100,000 cattle slaughtered each day in the covered packing plants would have to be reported.

The program will initially lump all the nation's prices together, but state reports will eventually be generated for Texas, Kansas and Nebraska, he said.

Other states will not get individualized price reports because meatpackers convinced lawmakers to exclude those states where the price information could be considered proprietary because the state had fewer than three packing plants or where one plant accounted for more than 60 percent of that state's business.

Mandatory reporting will mean that the USDA will be compiling data never collected before — such as slaughter numbers for packer-owned cattle. The new data will also include prices for cattle that has been contracted to the packers.

"Our intention is the same as it always has been: to provide for the industry we serve and the interested public unbiased, timely and accurate market information," Alexander said.

Many have difficult crop year

AUSTIN — Many Texas producers had a difficult crop production year as extreme weather patterns during the summer and fall of 2000 adversely affected final production results, according to estimates released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The 2000 Texas Upland cotton crop totaled 3.95 million bales, 22 percent below 1999. An estimated 4.4 million acres were harvested, 14 percent less than in 1999. The 2.0 million abandoned acres is the second largest abandonment total, behind only the drought of 1998. Planted cotton acreage totaled 6.4 million acres, 4 percent more than in 1999.

Harvested acreage produced a yield of 431 pounds per acre, compared with 475 pounds last

year. Corn production was estimated at 235.6 million bushels, up 3 percent from 1999. Statewide yield was estimated at 124 bushels per acre, 5 bushels less than in 1999. Harvested acreage was estimated at 1.9 million acres, up 7 percent from 1999.

Sorghum production was estimated at 80.3 million hundredweight (cwt), 23 percent below 1999. Harvested acreage was estimated at 2.35 million acres, down 20 percent from 1999. Yield, at 3,416 pounds per acre, was 112 pounds lower than the previous year.

The 2000 Texas soybean crop was estimated at 7.0 million bushels, down 32 percent from the previous year's production. Harvested acreage was estimated at 260,000 acres, down 32

percent; yield was estimated at 27 bushels per acre, the same as in 1999.

Production of all hay was estimated at 8.9 million tons, 32 percent less than in 1999. Harvested acreage was down 25 percent, and yield was estimated at 2.16 tons, down .22 tons from last year.

United States corn production, of 9.97 billion bushels, was up 6 percent, from 1999. A yield of 137.1 bushels per acre was estimated, up 3.3 bushels from a year earlier. The U.S. sorghum crop was estimated at 263.2 million cwt, down 21 percent from 1999. The U.S. Upland cotton crop was expected to total 16.8 million bales, up 3 percent from 1999. Soybean production was estimated at 2.77 billion bushels, 4 percent above 1999.

Pastor candidates take rural life 'plunge'

MINOT, N.D. (AP) — When they got off the train here, many of the budding pastors from Dubuque, Iowa, had never worked the land, milked a cow or harvested grain.

That all changed over the past week with the "Rural Plunge," an immersion experience in country life that is part of a joint rural ministry class at Wartburg Theological Seminary and the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

This month's session was the second organized by the Presbyterian Church of the Northern Plains and the Western North Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Last week, it scattered 16 seminary students, one professor and one assistant to farms and ranches from Minot to Ross to Tuttle to Rolla.

After arriving Jan. 10 in Minot,

attending a brunch and an orientation, the students joined their host families. During the five days of their visit, each student lived with farm and ranch families and visited with implement dealers, bankers and grain dealers.

"I was absolutely amazed at the sense of community," said one seminary student, Susan Zerbe. She recalled one afternoon at a cafe where everyone celebrated the birthday of a 92-year-old man.

"Everybody signed a card, including me, and then he bought us all ice cream," she said.

The Rev. Allan Wagner, pastor of the Tuttle-Robinson parish, brought seminary student Carol Martin to her Rural Plunge experience near Tuttle.

Having lived in Montana and Wisconsin, Martin, 43, a mother

of three and United Methodist pastor in training, was not a total stranger to rural life.

And by only her second day on the third-generation farm of Jack and Kathy Spah east of Tuttle, Martin already looked like she belonged.

Coveralls, down jacket and borrowed black rubber boots kept out the icy northwest wind as she trekked from the calf barn, lugging the white plastic pails of feed for the winter-shaggy Gelbvieh-Limousins lingering in the frozen corral, waiting for the sight of a person with a pail.

She tracked through the clean straw bedding, offered a feeding pail to a 3-month-old calf, helped with the morning milking and shook out arcs of drifting feed into the trough.

"People who have no rural background have absolutely no idea of what the life is like," Martin said.

Most people see the world through the consumers' eyes, rejoicing when grocery prices go down without thinking why, or whose pockets empty as theirs fill, she said.

Most profoundly, she said, most people, owning only a lawnmower-sized piece of property, have lost the deeper sense of connection with the land.

And then, milking done, she was off for the next plunge of the day — giving hay to waiting cattle.

Jack Spah joked that he might sleep in the next morning and let Martin take over all the chores.

The Rev. Gary Heaton, pastor of Living Water Lutheran Church in Mandan, got the Rural Plunge program going last year, said the Rev. Mark Narum, pastor at rural Stanley-Ross-Palermo in northwestern North Dakota.

Presbyterian and Lutheran seminaries in Dubuque require at least one class in rural ministry, Narum said.

"We wanted to provide an opportunity for students to spend some time in western North Dakota to see what is going on in the rural churches out there," he said.

One seminary student, Joel Martyn, said he had never before been on a farm. "I got to do chores and hang out with neat people, who really brought me into their lives," he said.

World's most expensive cities ...

LONDON (AP) — Here are the world's 10 most expensive cities along with the rankings of other U.S. cities on a list compiled by the London-based Economist Intelligence Unit.

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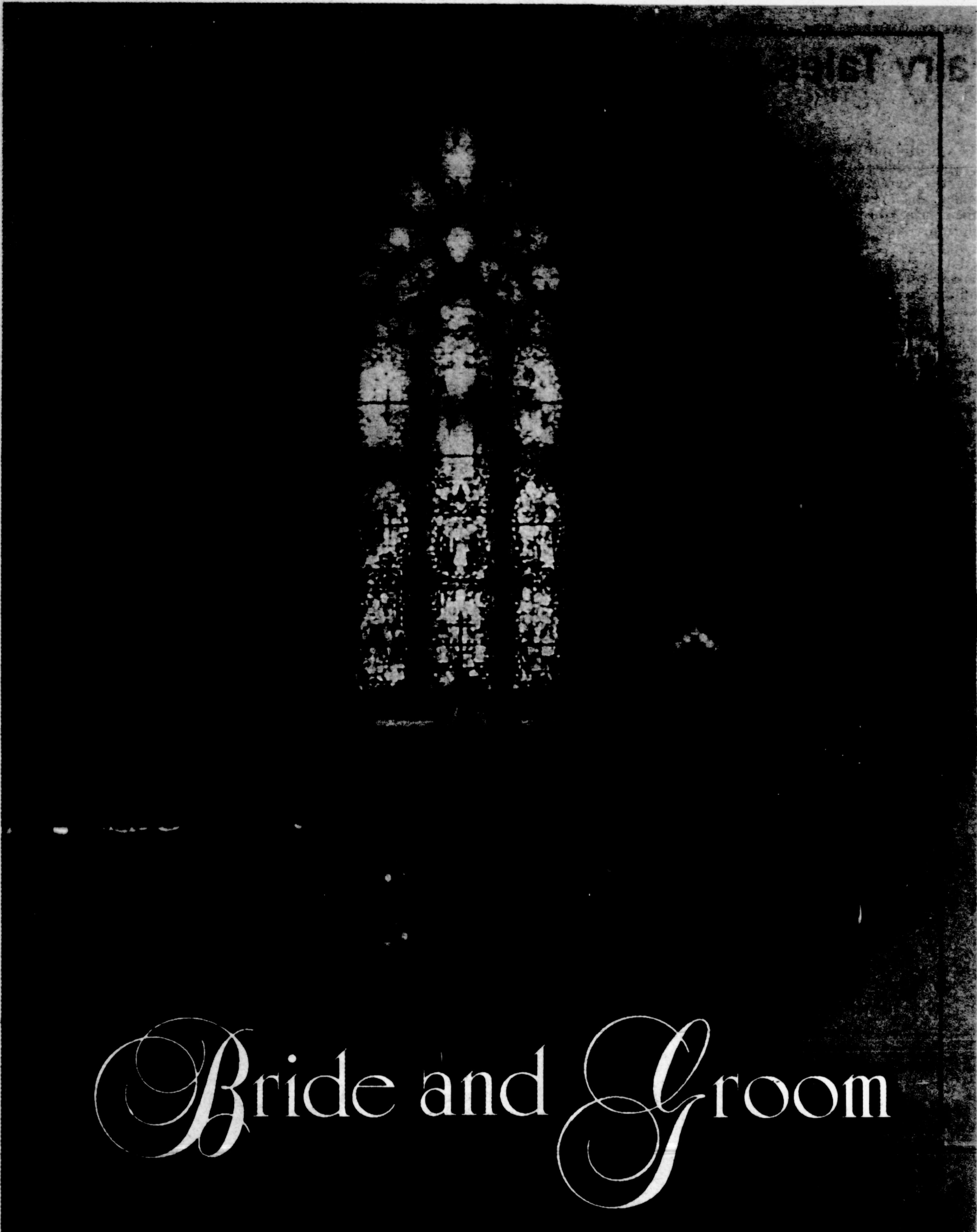
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Bride and Groom

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As a bride and groom, you want your wedding to be perfect. From the ceremony to the reception, you'll need to consider all the details. Whether a garden reception, an ultra-formal ceremony or a wedding/honeymoon combination, each wedding shares common characteristics upon which a couple must agree.

Once you've agreed to tie the knot, the days up until your wedding will be a whirlwind of activity. By knowing what tasks you should tackle now and which are better reserved for later, you'll have plenty of time to plan the wedding of your dreams.

This basic checklist can get you started on your way to a beautiful wedding day.

• **Set the date** — As soon as possible after getting engaged, you should select a wedding date and decide on the type of wedding you would like to have. From a traditional ceremony in a church to a surprise wedding, where guests are invited to a "party" that turns out to be a

wedding, you can personalize the event and plan a wedding that reflects your lifestyles and interests.

• **Reserve a location** — Reserve the church or location of the ceremony soon after setting the date to ensure you can get married on the day you've chosen. Then, you need to reserve a reception location. Most party houses and reception halls have party planners and catering directors who can assist you in planning your dream wedding.

• **Select a photographer** — Every photographer has a different style. You should choose one who will accommodate your wishes, like taking the types and number of shots you want, attending both the ceremony and reception, and offering the album design you would like. The photographer's personality is very important — you will be spending an entire day with this person, so you should choose someone who will make you feel comfortable.

• **Book reception entertainment** — Select a band or



Once you become aware of all the elements that go into a wedding you can begin planning for that

disc jockey who will cater to everyone at the reception — both the younger and older generations. The musical selections should be diverse, and requests from the guests should be taken.

• **Arrange wedding transportation** — Whether it's a Rolls-Royce, stretch limo, horse and buggy, or double-decker bus, you should plan for transportation to and from the ceremony and to the reception for yourself and your attendants. Make reservations early, especially if you want a white car.

• **Order dresses** — Shopping for a wedding dress, headpiece and bridesmaid dresses is one of the most fun parts of the planning process. Choose a wedding dress that reflects your style and personality — and makes you look beautiful. When considering dresses for your attendants, you should opt for a style that complements your dress, as well as the women in your party.

• **Choose a florist** — Flowers can add an elegant touch to the wedding day, and every florist has a unique style. Select one whose arrangements you like and who can offer helpful, creative ideas about bouquets, corsages and centerpieces.

• **Decide on a bakery** — Select a bakery based on the varieties of the cakes offered and the look of previous work. Ask for a taste of the different types of cake offered, and check if the bakery will be able to create the design that you want.

• **Select formalwear** — Whether it's a basic tuxedo or a top hat and tail coat, formalwear completes the look of the wedding party. Select a formalwear provider who offers the style you want, has a variety of sizes available to fit all of the male attendants, and offers a large selection of bow ties and cummerbunds or vests.

• **Order invitations** — Invitations come in many different styles, so you will have a number of books to look through. Decide on a design that best suits the wedding, based on its formality, the time of day and the wedding colors. A stationery professional can help them with this decision.

With these important decisions made, you only have a few things left to do, like selecting favors, writing a wedding bulletin and buying thank-you gifts for your attendants. You are now well on your way to the wedding of your dreams.

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Handy tips...

- **'Slow and Steady Wins the Race'** — Don't try to do everything at once. Many bridal magazines and books give realistic countdowns to the wedding and tell you what things you should be concerned with at what time. These checklists often advise that planning should begin at least six to 12 months in advance of your wedding date. Booking caterers, reception and ceremony sites, and popular DJs or bands are some of your first concerns.

- **Plan the 'Write' Way** — Purchase a wedding planner book or create one of your own to keep track of everything from guest lists to fabric samples to vendor addresses. You certainly can't remember every small detail — a written list stored in one location will keep important information at your fingertips.

Keep Guests Well Informed

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Keep your RSVPs organized by sending Reply Cards along with your invitations.

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Essentials: Makeup Tips for the Blushing Bride

There is no mistaking a bride's desire to look her best on her wedding day. She'll primp and preen to make sure every detail is exactly how she imagined.

Makeup is an important tool in this beauty regimen. It can hide flaws, accent the positive and give you a glamorous makeover. Proper makeup application techniques should be employed so that you will photograph well and the makeup will not wear off after several hours.

Though you may want to rely on a professional to apply your wedding makeup, you can achieve similar results by studying tips from professionals.

There are several steps to creating flawless wedding makeup results.

- **Foundation** — Cake foundations give a smooth, matte finish that prevents the skin from looking shiny and oily. Some can be applied using a dry sponge instead of a damp one and many contain powder particles, so that you only need to apply a face powder on top if you have very oily skin. Liquid foundation produces a more lightweight finish than the cake variety and

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- **Color correcting** — They may seem like the last thing that you would want to put on your face, but liquid color correctors can hide a multitude of flaws. They work by using opposing colors to counteract specific complexion problems. For example, green will tone down redness; blue will make a flushed complexion look paler; white will help cover up dark under-eye circles and improve dullness and purple will give an olive complexion a healthier glow.

- **Blusher** — A subtle sweep of blusher will lift the cheekbones and enhance your face. It is

applied after foundation, although if you have clear skin you could wear it on its own. Blusher must be blended perfectly to ensure there are no harsh edges — using a good brush will make it easier. Choose color carefully: The right shade will make you look healthy, while the wrong one will drain color from your face.

- **Eyeshadow** — Dark and dramatic, light and pearly, frosted and fresh — a wide variety of effects can be achieved with eyeshadows. However, the general rule is to use four different-colored shadows; a neutral-toned base, a main color, a darker shade for emphasizing and a lighter shade for highlighting. It is also important to use a magnifying mirror so you can see exactly what you are doing, and to keep a good range of different-sized brushes and



Learn the basics for makeup application before your wedding.

applicators on hand.

- **Lipstick and Lipliner** — Lipstick adds the finishing touch to makeup. It should help unite the other colors you have used and really bring your face to life. However, if it is applied incorrectly, it will look clumsy and unsubtle. The answer is to use a lip liner to give lips a neat, defined edge and to build up color using a lip brush.

Don't Forget Your Bridal Announcements!

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Bridal Registry Dos and Don'ts: Get Smart Before You Shop

- Do register at least six months before your wedding or, if that's not possible, as soon as you can. That way guests can choose gifts from your registry for pre-wedding events, like an engagement party or shower.
- Don't try to register during your lunch hour (too short) or on a Saturday (too crowded). Weekday evenings are often the best times to get individualized attention.
- Do call each store ahead of time to see if you need an appointment. The registry process usually takes one to two hours per store, maybe longer, especially if you're registering for items from several departments. If you run out of time — or concentration — just schedule another appointment.
- Don't register with your mom — or your sister, or your best friend — only your fiancé will do. Because the two of you will be sharing a home, it only makes sense that he be the one to accompany you to the store and share in the registry decisions. Assure him that, yes, real men do register.

(Tips provided courtesy of Bridal Guide magazine.)

Veil Styles That Complement Every Gown Type

You may ponder over reception meal choices or honeymoon destinations, but perhaps the wedding gown is perhaps one of the most important purchases a bride will have to make.

The item that truly sets the bride apart from everyone else in the wedding party is the bridal veil.

A traditional symbol of purity, the veil can embellish a plain dress or add a definitive spark of style. It is important to choose a veil that complements your gown and the theme of your wedding. The following eight basic veil styles are ones to consider.

1. Birdcage or Madonna: This veil falls just below the chin and is worn at informal weddings.

2. Flyaway: This veil has multiple layers that just touch the shoulder and are the perfect addition to informal ankle-length gowns.

3. Elbow-length: This veil gives a delicate look for informal and semiformal weddings. It is a particularly flattering length for petite brides.

4. Fingertip-length: This is one of the most popular styles of veil. It works well with many styles of dresses and flatters all heights.

5. Chapel-length: This veil is seven feet long and works with a dress that is floor-length or with a sweep train.

6. Cathedral: A ten-foot-long veil which is worn with cathedral length gowns. It is reserved for ultra-formal wedding ceremonies.

7. Blusher: Worn in conjunction with other veils, it shades the face as the bride walks down the aisle.

8. Mantilla: A large, Spanish-inspired circular veil made of lace or lace-trimmed tulle.



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Whether you're searching for a classic or would rather a current hit, the right song sets the mood for the entire evening. Browse through this list, courtesy of WeddingTips.com for the song that will stage that memorable first dance as well as perfectly showcase your newly learned two-step.

Classics and Pop Standards

Nothing stands the test of time better than a classic love song. Guaranteed to remain in style through the years, your song will be enjoyed by many of the guests

at your reception who span different generations.

- "All I Ask of You," Michael Crawford (Phantom of the Opera).

- "Always and Forever," Luther Vandross.

- "Crazy," Patsy Cline.

- "Have I Told You Lately," Rod Stewart.

- "Just the Way You Are," Billy Joel.

- "Love and Marriage," Frank Sinatra.

- "Only You," The Platters.

- "The Way You Look Tonight," Sinatra or Bennet.

- "Unchained Melody," Righteous Brothers.

- "Wonderful Tonight," Eric Clapton.

Current Hits

Perhaps a song that is a little more recent is what you are



Your first dance as newlyweds should be a special one. Choose a song that represents your personalities that will be cherished for years to come.

Wise Wedding Advice

- Research wedding gown choices because there is a wide range of styles and prices that can fit virtually any budget.

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looking for. Following are some selections that were favorites for year-2000 weddings.

- "Amazed," Lonestar.

- "From This Moment," Shania Twain and Bryan White.

- "Could Not Ask For More," Edwin McCain.

- "Truly, Madly, Deeply," Savage Garden.

- "It's Your Love," Tim McGraw and Faith Hill.

- "I Do, Cherish You," 98 Degrees.

- "I Finally Found Someone," Barbra Streisand and Bryan Adams.

- "I Knew I Loved You Before I

Met You," Savage Garden.

- "I Swear," John Michael Montgomery.

- "Valentine," Martina McBride & Jim Brickman.

A Little Different

- "Hawaiian Wedding Song," Elvis Presley.

- "I Got You Babe," Sonny and Cher.

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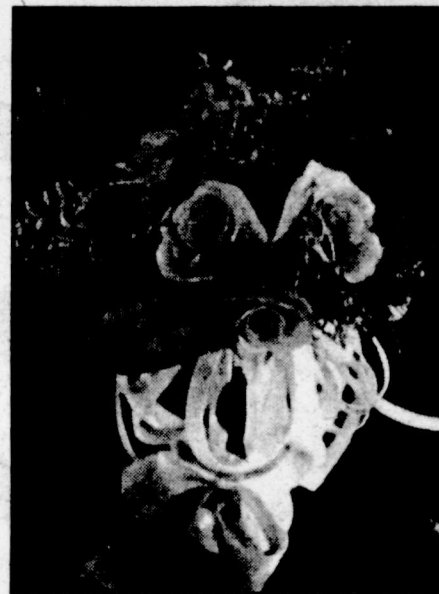
• An attendant party is a perfect opportunity to thank close friends and family for sharing in the big wedding day. It is also a good time to give them a thoughtful gift of appreciation. Gifts may include personal, luxury gifts like sterling silver jewelry that can be worn at the wedding, a picture frame, holiday ornament, desk or vanity accessories that can be monogrammed or engraved.

• You may coordinate gifts with the party's theme that can also serve as table tools. For example, at a garden luncheon, fill silver tankards or china creamers with flowers to serve as individual, take-home centerpieces. A bangle or personalized charm bracelet makes a stylish napkin ring at a "Glamour Girl" tea. Small, silver frames engraved with bridesmaids' names and filled with pictures of the bride-to-be and each of her guests serves as a perfect place card.

• Whether the attendant party is at home or at an outside location, use this opportunity to try out ideas, the wedding caterer, florist, even the photographer. This way you're likely to be able to negotiate a better price for services used for the wedding as well as make any last-minute changes.

• Plan a casually elegant, garden luncheon outdoors or create a lush, botanical setting indoors. Set tables with spring-colored, chintz cloths or green checked place mats. Mix and match floral, leaf and fruit motif china or use everyday stoneware, complemented by colored glasses and floral patterned silver flatware and servers. Carry through the botanical theme with a light, garden-fresh menu. Freeze edible flowers into ice cubes for a refreshing surprise. Seat guests on wrought iron garden or green slatted bistro chairs. Fill pitchers with many daisies or plant wooden flats with flower bulbs for a colorful, seasonal centerpiece. Tuck seed packets for spring and summer flowers into sterling mint julep cups for take-home, mini-planters. Script each guest's name on a seed packet that can also double as a place card.

• Invite bridesmaids to an oh-so-girly tea party dressed in pastel or bright pink, lavender and soft greens. For a playful mood, set the table with a mix of feminine touches like fun, kitschy china, a grand silver tea service and vintage, embroidered or lace-trimmed hankies for



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napkins. Serve a variety of special floral and herbal teas and sweets like miniature wedding cakes, petit fours and cookies in shapes of tea pots, hearts, bows and flowers.

• A grouping of individual, engraved bud vases filled with flowers on a silver tray makes an elegant centerpiece, and each guest can take home a vase as a gift. To carry through the glamour mood, indulge attendants with a monogrammed, sterling silver compact, perfume flacon, purse mirror or makeup brush tucked into a cosmetic pouch.

• "In lieu of separate bachelor and bridesmaids' parties, combined attendant events are becoming popular. Plan an informal or ritzy wine tasting or cocktail party at home, a hotel or favorite restaurant. Create a special drink to commemorate the event as well as a gift like a sterling wine stopper, set of hor d'oeuvre or olive picks, cheese spreader, cocktail stirrers or engraved jigger.

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