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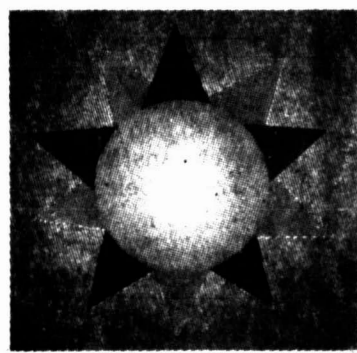
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**Nursing Center
passes inspection**

Pampa Nursing Center has been notified it passed the state's annual survey. During the three-day period, inspectors checked charts, the building, codes and procedures, cafeteria, residents and staff, said Dorothy Westbrook, administrator.

Selena anniversary

CORPUS CHRISTI, (AP) — Abraham Quintanilla, the father of slain Tejano star Selena, said the outpouring of love for his daughter has not wavered since her death six years ago.

- Nelson L. 'Doc' Nicholl, 85, former Pampa veterinarian.
- Marjorie Edene 'Dene' Taylor, 74, bookkeeper.
- Polly Meeks West, 79, life-long Pampa resident.

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Even sundials need to be changed for Daylight Savings Time. Instead of "springing forward" one hour like standard clocks, these Pampa youngsters, from left, Samuel Cain, Dylan Cain, and Austin Bruner, are turning this sundial so the sun's reflection will fall on the number that coordinates with the correct time. The rest of us should have set our clocks and watches ahead one hour at 2 this morning for the time change.

Changing time ...

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's time for most Americans to engage in an annual ritual — setting the clocks ahead an hour.

The official changeover occurred at 2 a.m. Sunday, though most people probably adjusted their clocks and watches before going to bed Saturday.

Those who forget to spring forward could be late for church, work or other events.

Daylight-saving time lasts until Oct. 28. Safety officials say this is also a good time to install fresh batteries in smoke detectors.

Some parts of the country don't observe daylight-saving time. Those include Arizona, Hawaii, the part of Indiana located in the Eastern time zone, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and American Samoa.

Time on the Net:
National Institute of Standards and Technology: <http://www.nist.gov>
U.S. Naval Observatory: <http://www.usno.navy.mil>

Commission meets Monday

Sheriff's office space in McLean will be considered when the Gray County Commissioners meet at the courthouse at 9 a.m. Monday. A lease with NBC Bank will be considered as a possible location.

Also to be considered will be a report on asbestos and lead paint, placement of Groom Fire Truck at precinct 3 Barn, replacing employee in precinct 2, hiring a part time employee in precinct 2, and a non-terminal agency agreement with the City of Pampa.

Other items to be considered include the purchase and budget amendment of tractor/mower in precinct 2, contract name change with West Group,

contract with phone billing examiners, bid on delinquent tax property and demolishing several properties.

Also to be considered will be changing the signature card on Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 and 2 as Joe Martinez is replacing Bob Muns in that position. County commissioners will also be recognized for completing continuing education courses.

Jannie Lewis will address the commissioners court regarding a voluntary supplemental retirement system. Bills, salaries and intrabudget transfer requests are also on the agenda.

April 5 voter registration deadline

Prospective voters who want to register to be able to vote in school and municipal elections must register by April 5 to vote in the May 5 election.

Pampa's mayor position will be the only contested race in the community on May 5. Bob Neslage, owner of C&S Cable Advertising is being challenged by Trinity Fellowship Church Minister

Lonnie Robbins. Neslage is the incumbent mayor. School and city races are being held in towns and school districts across the area.

Gray County residents must register in the tax collectors office. Residents of other counties should contact their tax collector for additional information.

Sunday snapshot



Name: Robbie Pepper.
Occupation/activities: Office manager at Dean's Pharmacy.
Birth date and place: Dec. 9, 1954, Wellington, Kan.

Family: Husband, Jim, and Stacy and Aaron.
If I had a different job, I'd be a: Professional golfer.
My personal hero: My mother.
People who knew me in high school thought: I was a goody two-shoes.
The best word or words to describe me: Fun.
People will remember me as being: Honest.
The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Jesus, Max Presnell, Pinky Shultz, Peter (the Rock).
My hobbies are: Golf and gardening.
My favorite sports team is: Rangers.
My favorite author is: Max

FEMA funds will help pay for damages

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

City, county and school officials have received welcome news. All three entities will receive a total of more than \$40,000 in federal disaster funds to offset unexpected expenses from this winter's 15-inch snow storm.

More than \$1 million in federal assistance was approved to help Texans recover from snow and ice storms that wracked the state from Dec. 12, 2000, to Jan. 15, 2001. Texas was declared a disaster area on Jan. 8.

A 15- to 20-inch snow storm blanketing the Panhandle the day after Christmas caused the majority of the local problems with extensive overtime, clearing roads, and repairing snow damaged equipment.

After learning that Gray County was among 37 Texas counties eligible for funding, local officials contacted Texas Emergency Management (TEM) to apply.

After meeting with city, county and school representatives earlier this year to review data supporting application for federal disaster funds, TEM officials approved reimbursement for all three entities.

"Yes, the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) funds (See FEMA, Page 3)

Plea bargains made in marijuana cases

WHEELER — District Judge Steve Emmert approved three plea bargains on marijuana possession charges in 31st District Court proceedings this week.

On Thursday, Lawrence Banks, no age or address given, pled guilty to possession of marijuana and was placed on 10 years probation. He was also instructed to pay a \$10,000 fine. John Callan, no age or address given, also received 10 years probation and a \$10,000 fine after he pled guilty to possession of marijuana charges.

Goliver Malcomb, no age or address given, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana on Friday and received a three-year probated sentence, a \$4,000 fine and was ordered to pay restitution of \$1,274.74 to Wheeler County after officers traveled to Los Angeles, Calif. to return him to Wheeler to face charges.

Carrie Mackie of District Attorney Rick Roach's office said that in the indictments handed up Thursday by the Wheeler County grand jury, a charge against Paul David Topper Jr. of Wheeler for manufacturing of a controlled substance was enhanced to a first degree felony because the crime reportedly took place within 1,000 feet of a school.

She also explained that Judge Emmert had not set a \$25,000 bond for the indicted charge naming John Dewayne Williams of Florida for possession of 90 pounds of marijuana on May 9, 2000. That bond was one that had been set before the indictment, she said.

Juvenile probation applicants interviewed

Five applicants for Gray County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer were interviewed Friday afternoon by the Juvenile Probation Board but no one has been hired, said County Judge Richard Peet.

David Alexander of Miami and Dennis Burton of Borger were interviewed along with Felipe Chavez and James Reeves, both currently with the Gray County Juvenile Probation Office.

Peet said Gray County Chief Adult Probation Officer Jeff McClendon was also interviewed. He said McClendon discussed the possibility with the Juvenile Board of him being over both the adult and juvenile probation departments.

He said another candidate may be interviewed during the upcoming week, but no one will be hired before Thursday.

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Someday I want to drive a: Chrysler 300.
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My favorite beverage: Dr. Pepper.
My favorite restaurant is: Papadeaux's.
My favorite pet: My dog, Maui.
My favorite meal is: Fried chicken, cheese potatoes, chocolate cake.
I wish I could sing like: Celine Dion.
I'm happiest when I'm: At church.
I regret: Not telling people I love them.
I'm tired of: Anything

Clinton.
My biggest fear is: See "nobody knows" above.
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: Hair dryer.
My most embarrassing moment: Yodeling in front of church choir.
The biggest waste of time is: TV.
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Go on a cruise and a golf vacation.
If I had three wishes they would be: 1) Sing; 2) golf really well; 3) travel just because I want to.
If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: Another department or variety store besides Wal-Mart.

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have been approved," said Gray County Judge Richard Peet. "Approximately \$20,000 should be received. This more than covers the man hours and downtime we had."

The county's federal disaster funds will be divided by percentage among the county precincts according to the costs from the snow and ice storms that was turned in for funding, Judge Peet said.

The City of Pampa is to receive \$11,265.65 in federal funding, according to documents provided by Ken Hall, emergency management coordinator.

Hall said earlier that the funds help pay for overtime pay, equipment use and damage and repairs to city property caused by snow and ice storms this winter.

The City's estimate of costs incurred by the weather totaled \$14,876.44, records show.

FEMA pays 75 percent of costs for approved

applications, officials said.

Denver Bruner, facilities director for Pampa Independent School District, said the school district has been notified that it will receive slightly less than \$10,000 in federal disaster funds.

Bruner said TEM officials met with him last week and surveyed damage and reviewed the school district's records.

"They said we'll receive the funds probably next week," he said.

In addition to paying 75 percent of overtime and damage costs, Bruner said the school district will receive 100 percent reimbursement for the cost of equipment rented to clear parking lots, etc.

"We'll be able to fix the parking lots that weren't budgeted to fix," Bruner said. "Of course, they didn't need fixing until after the storm."

"It's good to get this money back," he added. "We can thank Ken Hall for that, for letting us know that it was out there."

Officials: Dallas-Fort Worth best place to move Boeing Co.

By The Associated Press

Dallas-Fort Worth officials have assembled a thick packet of statistical information to bolster their bid for Boeing Co. The aircraft maker is also considering Chicago and Denver.

Some of the comparisons (many do not combine Dallas and Fort Worth):

COST OF LIVING: With 100 as the national average, Dallas-Fort Worth rates a lower-than-average 83 while Denver is 135 and Chicago 166.

COST OF HOUSING: An item of interest for relocating Boeing executives. The average price of an existing home is \$108,200 in Fort Worth and \$130,700 in Dallas; \$182,600 in Chicago; \$209,800 in Denver.

PER CAPITA INCOME: Dallas, \$34,406; Denver, \$34,092; Chicago, \$33,181; Fort Worth, \$26,790.

TAXES: Only Texas has no corporate or personal income tax. In Colorado, corporations and individuals pay 4.63 percent; in Illinois, corporations pay 4.8 percent, with adjustments, and individuals pay 3 percent.

TECH SAVVY: Number of high-tech workers: Chicago, 189,400; Dallas-Fort Worth, 157,900; Denver, 55,300. Percentage of the work force in high-tech jobs: Dallas, 6.8 percent; Denver, 4.8; Chicago, 4.5; Fort Worth, 3.3 percent.

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Economy.com, Commerce Clearing House, Monster.com.

Former dancer gets 18 to 48 years in prison on drug charges in teens' deaths

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A former exotic dancer was sentenced Friday to 18 to 48 years in prison for having drugs in her system when her van ran off the highway, killing six teen-agers picking up litter.

Jessica Williams, 22, apologized to the families of the six youths killed on March 19, 2000.

"Words are inadequate to express my remorse and sorrow for the six young people who were killed," she said.

Williams was acquitted in February of involuntary manslaughter but was found guilty of driving with a prohibited substance in her blood.

Williams will be eligible for parole at age 39 because of credit

for time served. She had faced up to 120 years in prison.

Williams admitted smoking marijuana and taking Ecstasy hours before falling asleep at the wheel and crashing her van into the teens, who were picking up litter in the median as punishment for minor infractions.

Her lawyer, John Watkins, said he would appeal.

Prosecutor Gary Booker called the crash "the most heinous and horrendous traffic crime Clark County has ever seen."

"In four and a half seconds we lost six children," said Doug Gould, stepfather of victim Scott Garner Jr.

Joetta Burke held up a brown wooden box containing the ashes

of her daughter, Malena Stoltzfus, who was killed in the crash.

"This is Malena," Burke sobbed. "This was her. She liked horses."

Heidi Fleiss back in jail

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Convicted Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss was returned to jail after she admitted she had used methamphetamines and failed to report for drug testing, officials said Friday.

She was arrested by federal marshals Thursday for allegedly violating probation, said Thom Mrozek, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Fleiss was jailed to await a hearing expected next week.

Lawyer Jeralyn Keller, who represents Fleiss, did not immediately return telephone messages left on her answering machine.

Marshals arrested Fleiss at the federal courthouse as she arrived for a scheduled meeting with her probation officer, Mrozek said.

Fleiss was released from a federal women's penitentiary in Northern California on Sept. 21, 1999, after serving more than three years on charges related to her Hollywood call-girl business.

She was convicted of conspiracy, tax evasion, laundering call-girl profits and attempted pandering after being arrested in 1993.

Prostitutes who worked with Fleiss said they flew around the world to service her clients, sometimes for \$10,000 an assignment.

Low gas supply could bring more summertime price jumps

WASHINGTON (AP) — Expected low inventories of gasoline could set the stage for regional supply problems and another summer of high fuel prices, government and industry experts told lawmakers Friday.

The federal Energy Information Administration reported that stocks of gasoline going into the heavy driving season are expected to be below last year's levels.

This "could set the stage for regional supply problems that once again could bring about significant price volatility, especially in the Midwest and on both coasts," said John Cook, director of the EIA's petroleum division.

With little cushion from inventories, any unexpected problems with supply, increased demand, refinery problems or pipeline interruptions could spark a run-up in prices, he told the House Commerce energy subcommittee.

In separate testimony, Gregory King, executive vice president of San Antonio-based Valero Energy Corp., said a shortage of MTBE, an additive that

makes gas burn cleaner, could add to supply problems in some urban areas where the additive is needed in gasoline to meet air quality requirements.

High natural gas prices and increased demand have made less gas available for making MTBE, so stocks of the additive in February were 22.4 percent lower than at the same time a year ago, according to EIA. The agency said MTBE production has been 9.2 percent below last year's levels.

Warnings of potential gasoline shortages this summer also came in a report issued Friday by the Federal Trade Commission on last year's Midwest gasoline price spikes.

The FTC cited a variety of reasons, including poor planning by industry, pipeline problems and requirements for cleaner gasoline, for high prices last year that soared past \$2 a gallon in Chicago, Milwaukee and Detroit.

"There is no evidence that the price increases were a result of conspiracy or any other antitrust violation," FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky said.

Austin Elementary



(Special photos)

Students at Austin Elementary portrayed famous people recently during Texas Public School Week. Above: Kaitlin Winegeart as Amelia Earheart.

'Dr. Laura' TV show canceled

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Laura Schlessinger's TV talk show, criticized by homosexual rights groups and snubbed by advertisers and viewers, was canceled after one season.

"Dr. Laura," which debuted in September, taped its final episode this week but could continue to air through the fall, Paramount Pictures Television Group said Friday.

Poor ratings had prompted stations in major television markets including New York, Los Angeles and Chicago to move the syndicated "Dr. Laura" from daytime to the middle of the night.

Schlessinger, who was unable to convert her radio popularity into TV success, said she was proud of the program that she called a "true alternative."

"I believe it could have earned a substantial audience in time, but the television advertiser boycott precluded that," Schlessinger said in a statement.

Paramount had defended the show as part of a free exchange of ideas in which "hurt, hate and intolerance" had no place.

"We commend Dr. Laura, her producers and staff for their desire to create an alternative program for daytime viewers, and are proud of their efforts to do so," Paramount said Friday.

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, a vocal Schlessinger critic since she labeled homosexuality "deviant" and "a biological error" several years ago, lauded the show's demise.

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Letters to the editor

Coronado Inn not at mercy of uncaring hands ...

To the editor,
 In 1956, the citizens of Pampa decided that what this city needed was a full-service hotel, although at the time there were no national or local hotel "chains" willing to invest in building a 100-plus room hotel in this community.
 Those citizens formed the Community Hotel Co. of Pampa and began raising money for this project in 1956, with construction beginning in 1958 and the Coronado Inn hotel opening on Jan. 20, 1960.
 There were originally 1,400 stockholders for this \$1,330,000 hotel building project, which was, according to the September 1960 issue of Texas Hotel Review (Volume 23, No. 9), "conceived and promoted as a project of the Chamber of Commerce." It has served as host to former President Ronald Reagan, Paul Harvey, Van Cliburn, Montague Kingsmill Brown and other celebrities. It has been privately owned by numerous individuals in the last 20-plus years, with some owners taking better care of it than others.
 Now over 40-years-old, the facility admittedly needs significant cosmetic and infrastructure repairs. Some citizens have expressed disappointment with the Coronado Inn, in that Pampa needs more than the one 100-room hotel located near the hospital to handle lodging for special attractions such as the Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament, service club conventions and special performers at the M.K. Brown Auditorium.
 Some would like to see the Coronado Inn leveled and a new one built in its place; others seem to think they could do a better job

managing it. This letter is to let the public know that: a) the current owners are both friendly and professional (owning three existing hotels in Amarillo and starting construction on a fourth); b) they do work with their customers to make sure that they are satisfied; and c) they have made, and are continuing to make, improvements to the hotel.

This letter was written by supporters of the Coronado Inn and not by the owners or employees of the hotel itself. We just wanted the public to know that the Coronado Inn is still a viable business in Pampa, Texas, and the owners would like to have the opportunity to show you what they've got to offer. They aren't looking for any hand-outs; they just want to have some community support for their endeavors. They invite you to drop by and visit them!
 Floye Christensen
 Pampa

'Tobacco Road' still relevant to day

To the editor,
 No! "Tobacco Road" is not a new book about a lawsuit against the tobacco companies in which a bunch of greedy lawyers win

a judgment the size of our national debt.
 Please, let me suggest "Tobacco Road" to those of you with a reading level beyond "Goldilocks," "Little Red Riding Hood" and "The Three Little Pigs."

I like to think of "Tobacco Road" as the Peyton Place of the 1930's. Only it was written by a man, Erskine Caldwell, about poverty-stricken white farmers, Georgia "Crackers," with problems resulting from the Depression-era economic hard times ... In it's day, it was thought to be very immoral with a fair share of sex, violence and sensationalism ... A good read!

This book reminds me today that our farmers are headed back into depression as I write President Bush has requested that farm aid be sharply reduced if not totally excluded from his budget. (US News & World Report, March 12, 2001. Page 26)

Sen. "Cracker" (Phil Gramm) voted against the last farm bill. While most that had to run for re-election voted for it (Senator Hutchinson). However, today the members of the House of Representatives, who are paid \$145,000 a year are more concerned with their vote for a \$165 a day pay increase at your expense! Politics as usual ...

I'm going to plant a very large garden this year! I would urge you to think about it.

John D. Seaman
 Perryton

The Hollisters struggle against being typecast

By CHRIS RIEMENSCHNEIDER
 Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — The Hollisters are one of the best classic country acts in town, but they don't want you to think that. The bandmembers have been sidemen to a variety of old-timey twangers, but they'd rather you pay attention to their current outfit. And as for those Johnny Cash comparisons that frontman Mike Barfield is always earning ...

"I'm a natural baritone," Barfield says, "but I think if you really listen, you'll see I don't sound that much like him at all."

The Hollisters are not just another band whining about being pigeonholed — they're doing something about it. Since the release of the gritty good-time album "Sweet Inspiration" last spring, the group has been fine-tuning its identity, and it has paid off.

For starters, the lineup went through a major makeover, with Barfield the only constant as seasoned pros Tom Lewis, Chris Miller

and Eddie Perez climbed aboard. Then, the band moved from Houston to Austin, where weekly gigs at the Continental Club and Ego's have made them a popular bar band in a sea of bar bands. Popular enough that they've recorded a live CD at the Continental.

The most relevant change, though, is that the Hollisters have gotten beyond the role of honky-tonk copycats — which this town has plenty of — and become something more vital and inventive. Oh sure, there's still a lot of twang in their verses, and plenty of red-neckisms in their choruses. But where other bands reach back to touch the coattails of country music legends, these guys update the spirit of their heroes by pulling in rock's wilder edge. If it doesn't sound altogether new, it more often than not feels like it is.

"Some bands nowadays just seem to be playing Howdy Doodee dress-up," Barfield says. "It's really tempting to just rehash old country music, which is the stuff that I love. But I want to bring something new to the table, some element of myself."

Lewis, the former Wagoner who's since drummed with Junior Brown, Dale Watson and Mandy Barnett, says he and the other guys appreciate the Hollisters' rock-band vibe. Guitarist Miller has been with Wayne Hancock and Marcia Ball, among others, while bassist-guitarist Perez has played with Kim Richey and Jim Lauderdale.

"I really see us as a rock band whose members all happen to have country music backgrounds," says Lewis, who still plays traditional country in the all-star local band

Heybale. In the Hollisters, he says, "We're only going for the essence of the classic country records of the '50s and '60s. There are so many acts that can do everything else right, but they don't have that spark or the energy or whatever it was that made that music so great. That's what we aim for."

That the Hollisters are even still around is a testament to Barfield's love of making music, and the other guys' love of his love. He and guitarist Eric Danheim formed the band in 1995 out of the ashes of Houston roots group the Rounders. As the Hollisters, they built up a Texas following with their warmly-received first album on Freedom Records, "The Land of Rhythm and Pleasure." But around the time they landed a deal with roots haven Hightone Records, the old lineup started to fall apart. Danheim moved to Seattle. Drummer Kevin Fitzpatrick had medical problems. Barfield says "just getting that record done was a chore."

To make matters worse, the band's relationship with Rosetta Management — the roster run by Robert Earl Keen and his wife, Kathleen — hit a standstill last spring. The management team and band just didn't click, Barfield says. He has choicer words for Hightone, which he feels didn't properly promote "Sweet Inspiration," but that deal, too, is a thing of the past.

Says Barfield, "When Eric and I first formed the band, he tried to convince me that I should just use my name and not a band name. Had I done that, then maybe all the changes wouldn't be such a big deal. But I'm really glad I didn't,

because this is definitely a band now."

With the lineup intact, the Hollisters have new momentum. The live CD will be self-released in a couple months, and then the band will be looking for a new label to release its next studio album. They've gotten a head-start by recording demos with producer R. S. Fields, best known for Shaver's "Tramp on Your Street." And they expect to earn some attention off Charlie Robison's cover of "Sweet Inspiration," a highlight on his upcoming, Sony-touted CD "Step Right Up."

Game-plan aside, though, the Hollisters seem as genuinely enthusiastic as any new band of 22-year-olds without a game-plan (even though their average age hovers around 40).

"The fans have stayed with the band, and it's just gotten more and more fun," says Lewis. "That really takes off whatever cynical edge you have toward being a musician."

Says Barfield, "I've always envisioned this band as a country version of the Blasters or the (fabulous) Thunderbirds, any of the great roadhouse kind of bands. I think that's what we're becoming. It may have taken some time and energy, but we still have plenty of that left to go around."

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Coalition launches Mother's Day project, contest

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The nonprofit Parenting Coalition, based in Washington, D.C., is launching a national initiative for Mother's Day. Susan V. Bosak, MA, is national chair of "Something to Remember Me By" Legacy Project, which includes a Mother's Day contest and a free activity guide for families, schools and community groups to help build closer bonds across generations.

The goal of the initiative is to let mothers and grandmothers know they can and are making a positive difference. The project is all about the legacies — the important life lessons, traditions and family connections — mothers and grandmothers pass down to their children and grandchildren. The free activity guide reinforces this infrastructure with storytelling, crafts, keepsake activities and family histories.

The Mother's Day contest encourages more creative, meaningful Mother's Day gifts.

"How often do you really tell your mom or grandma your best memories of her or what she's taught you that you'll always remember?" Asks Bosak, an intergenerational researcher who conducts workshops with families across the country. "The need to feel as though we're leaving a lasting legacy is very strong. You'll be surprised at how much sharing these memories can mean to her." Bosak offers ideas for creative Mother's Day gifts.

The Legacy Contest grand prize includes a keepsake Lane Cedar Chest. The contest is open to adults and children. To enter, pen a message (300 words or less) to your mother or grandmother about the special legacy she's leaving you or to your child or grandchild about the most important legacy you would like to leave them. Submit your entry at www.somethingtoremembermeby.com.

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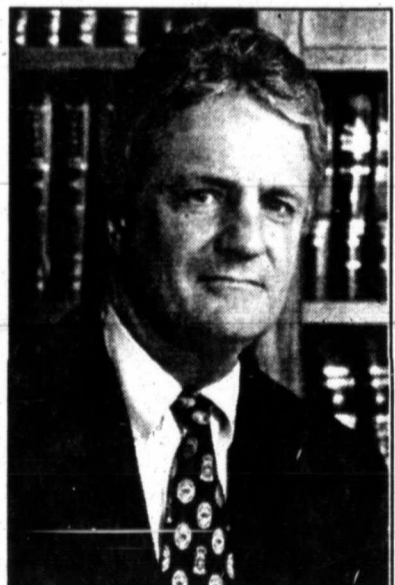
FirstBank Southwest announces Gentry post

The annual stockholders meeting of FirstBank Southwest and FirstPerryton Bancorp, Inc., was held recently. Board Chairman Carl Ellis led the meeting, which included election of Bank Directors. Phil Gentry, president of FirstBank Southwest in Pampa, was elected to the board of directors, joining 11 other board members from across the Texas Panhandle.

Gentry joined FirstBank Southwest in 1996 and was named president the following year. Gentry is a veteran Pampa banker, with many years at the former First National Bank of Pampa. Also, he serves on the Executive Management Committee of FirstBank Southwest.

In making the announcement, Ellis commented, "The Pampa bank, has contributed significantly to our company's financial progress. We are pleased to have Phil Gentry serving on the Board of Directors. This reinforces our long-term commitment to the Pampa area."

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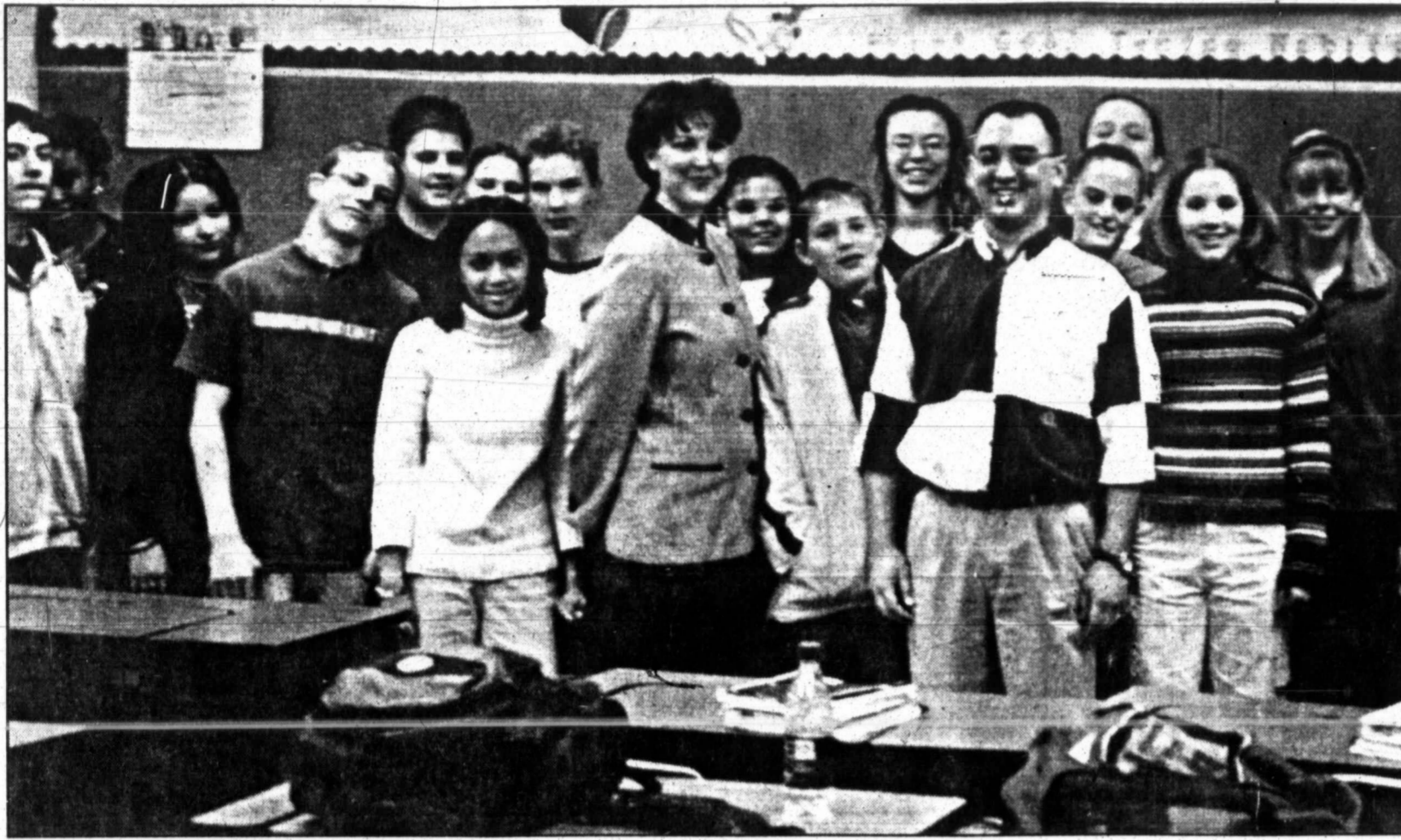


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Texas Scholar Program



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Twenty-three business professionals in Pampa recently addressed Pampa ISD eighth and ninth grade students regarding the Texas Scholar Program which encourages students to sign-up for and complete the Recommended High School Curriculum (RHSC). RHSC course of study includes math, science, social studies and language arts. Local business and community members who made presentations were: Andrea DeLoach, Chris Jaramillo, David Barichello, Duane Smith, Judy Maze, Sam Shields and Tom Chapple, all of Cabot; Antonio Gonzalez, Ila Miller, Javier Rivera and Jennie Hon, all of Celanese; Bart Haley of Texaco; Clay Rice of Pampa Chamber of Commerce; David Robertson of Met Life; David Teichmann of Hidden Hills; Jerry Wilson of Titan; Joe Martinez of Enron; John Tripplehorn; Lee Porter; Roger David of Edward Jones; Sterling Edwards of First Baptist Church; Susan Tripplehorn of Pampa Economic Development Corp.; and Terry Barnes of Pampa Regional Medical Center. Above: (front) Randy Ellis, Catherine Trimble, Judy Maze, Stephen Bledsoe, Chris Jarmillo, Kiesha Childress, Stacey Johnson; (back) Mike Jones, Keisha Grimes, Jessica Hernandez, Josh Nunn, Maranda Hill, Caleb Darling, Rose Albear, K'Lee Ratzliff, Michelle Cox and Kori Dunn.

West Texas A&M University to host variety of summer camps

CANYON — West Texas A&M University will play host to more than 15 different summer camps for children of all ages, interests and skill levels. Day and residential camps ranging from sports to entrepreneurship begin in early June and run through late July.

For those interested in sports, WTAMU offers camps for boys and girls, grades 3-12 in basketball, football, soccer and volleyball. The camps are taught by WTAMU's own coaching staff and offer instruction for the beginning to the advanced. Mini and day camp sessions are available in soccer and volleyball. The summer camp schedule also

includes a one-day cheerleading clinic in July for junior and senior high students as well as a dance camp in June for those 5-years and older.

This summer WTAMU will also offer four different sessions of a Horsemanship Camp (ages 9-years and older) and a two-week Band Camp for junior and senior high school students. For those interested in becoming a teacher, WTAMU will offer a Future Teachers Summer Camp for students in grades 9-12. Campers will reside on campus while learning about the teaching profession. WTAMU's e-Camp offers

students a chance to learn the basics of the entertainment industry and the Speech and Theatre Camp prepares students for speech contests and

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WTAMU names new director of Student Financial Services

CANYON — West Texas A&M University administrators knew it wasn't going to be easy to replace Lynda Tinsley and Jeanette Head, who between them had more than 50 years of experience in the Office of Student Financial Services. But officials are confident that Jim Reed, who assumed his new role as the University's director of student financial services, is prepared for the challenge.

Reed began his career in financial aid as a counselor at the University of Missouri—St. Louis and later moved to Webster University, also located in St. Louis, serving in much the same capacity. For the three years prior to his arrival on the WTAMU campus, he was the director of financial aid at Quincy (Illinois) University.

"I saw this as an opportunity that seemed to be a good fit between my skills and what the University was looking for," Reed said. "All of my contacts were very positive, and I became more and more convinced that this was the right place for me. I have not been the least bit dissuaded since."

Students who receive financial aid shouldn't expect wholesale changes within the week, but, he says, changes are coming.

"We will be doing some reorganization in order to create a more automated office situation that will result in a more streamlined and timely process," Reed said. "Our delivery and response time will be significantly improved within the year."

A native of Ft. Smith, Ark., Reed received his bachelor's degree from the University of the Ozarks and master's degrees from Southwestern Seminary (Ft. Worth) and the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The West Texas A&M Office of Student Financial Services oversees the annual distribution of more than \$20 million in scholarships, loans and grants to approximately 4,000 WTAMU students.

Tinsley retired as director of student financial services May 26, 2000. Head, longtime associate director, served as interim director during the period between Tinsley's departure and her own retirement.

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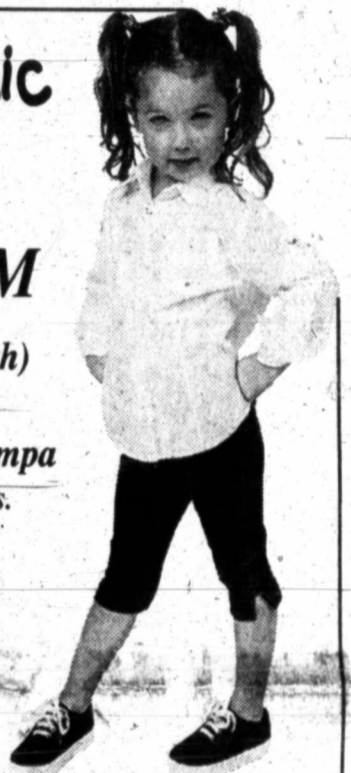
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Gay Son Is Devastated When Parents Withdraw Their Support

DEAR ABBY: I am a 39-year-old gay man. After knowing I am gay for more than 15 years, my parents recently announced that my long-time partner and I are no longer welcome in their home. They say that if any of their neighbors found out they have a gay son, they would be outcasts in their community. Abby, I am devastated. Although they were never totally supportive of my orientation, they have been guests in our home many times and seemed to genuinely like my partner. We are successful people in our community and socialize with an array of civic leaders and wonderful people of all orientations. I am unable to accept the level of shame my parents wish me to bear, and they seem unfazed about dropping me from their lives.

I cannot convince my parents of their folly. They say their decision is final and don't wish to discuss it further. I have spent thousands of dollars in counseling trying to deal with this loss. My siblings tell me that having put my parents through the "horrors" of having a gay son, I should be more understanding of their fears. This has destroyed my relationship with them as well.

I have trouble sleeping at night and would appreciate any advice you can offer.



help you to remember that sooner or later, every one of us becomes an orphan. Sadly for you, you were "orphaned" sooner than most.

Alcoholics Anonymous has a saying called the "Serenity Prayer." I hope you will commit it to memory and use it as the need arises:

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

You now have the opportunity to create your own supportive family through your loving friends and neighbors. The good news is that from your description of the people with whom you socialize, you and your partner are already off to a good start.

DEAR ABBY: Recently a friend from my church passed away. She was 83 years old. I stopped by the funeral home to pay my respects to her and her family.

During my visit, I was completely ignored by family members who were standing around in nearby rooms enjoying animated conversations.

I feel that at least one family member should have acknowledged my presence and that of several others. Should I have interrupted their conversations to pay my respects? MOURNING IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR MOURNING: I agree that someone should have taken the time to acknowledge the presence of a new arrival, whether a staff member at the mortuary or a designated family member.

However, since no one did, you could have stepped forward, introduced yourself and expressed your sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: How can I tell my boyfriend that he is a bad kisser? WANTS TO BE TACTFUL

DEAR WANTS: Say nothing negative. Keep the message positive and offer to demonstrate.

HURTING IN HOUSTON
DEAR HURTING: Please accept my condolences for the premature loss of your dysfunctional family. You're not going to change them, and they're not going to change you. Perhaps one day they'll realize their loss and change their minds, but you can't live your life waiting for that to happen. It might

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Crossword Puzzle

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11 River vessel
12 Big name in TV talk
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19 Royal furniture
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23 Fix copy a second time
24 Lose it
25 Excited
27 "Far out, man!"
30 Some wagers
31 Flightless birds
32 Saucer, initially
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40 Choose from the menu

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Marmaduke

"He must like you. He rarely shares his album of puppy photos."

The Family Circus

3-31
"Instead of on a weekend, couldn't they turn the clocks ahead during a school day?"

For Better or For Worse

ELLU, YOU JUST HAD A BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR YOUR DAD—ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T MIND ANOTHER PARTY IN THE HOUSE?

APRIL REALLY WANTS A SLEEPOVER, JOHN.

BUT 7 KIDS!

IT'LL KEEP US AWAKE UNTIL MIDNIGHT!

THAT'S OK... SOMEDAY, SHE'LL BE KEEPING US AWAKE UNTIL MIDNIGHT...

...AND WE WON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS.

Zits

IS SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU, HONEY?

NO MAYBE I DON'T KNOW IT'S PERSONAL

JEREMY, I'M YOUR MOTHER. YOU CAN TELL ME ANYTHING!

BWAA-HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! YEAH, RIGHT.

THANKS MOM, YOUR JOKES ALWAYS MAKE ME FEEL A LITTLE BETTER.

Garfield

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH CATS?

THEY... CLICK

HEY!

YOU WATCH TOO MUCH TELEVISION

Beetle Bailey

IS THAT THE COSTUME YOU CHOSE FOR THE MASQUERADE PARTY?

YEAH... DON'T I LOOK JUST LIKE HIM?

I DON'T KNOW, I'VE NEVER SEEN SUPERMAN'S GRANDFATHER

Marvin

A-B-C... C-B-S... N-B-C... M-T-V... P-B-S... T-N-N... A-M-C...

FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP

IF IT WEREN'T FOR TELEVISION, I'D NEVER HAVE LEARNED MY ALPHABET

B.C.

GRAVEYARD SHIFT

WHAT TAKES PLACE WHEN AN EARTHQUAKE HITS A CEMETERY.

Haggar The Horrible

YOUR ANNUAL "DON'T FORGET THE BOYS TAX" IS DUE!

WHO ARE THE BOYS?

WE ARE

Peanuts

I'M GLAD OUR TEAM IS PLAYING YOUR TEAM TODAY, CHARLES.

THANKS MARCIE... MAY THE BEST TEAM WIN...

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE BEAN BALL NOW, OR DO YOU WANT IT TO BE A SURPRISE?

Blondie

I'D LIKE A QUART OF BLUE ENAMEL.

YESSIR

DO YOU HAVE A SAMPLE OF THE SHADE YOU NEED?

ARE YOU KIDDING?

I'VE GOT DOZENS OF 'EM!

Mallard Filmore

Bill and Jesse hit the bars on the first night of their Spring Break...

THANKS BUT YOU GUYS ARE OLDER THAN MY FATHER!

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Cattle Raisers seek disease prevention, control help

AUSTIN — Members of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association approved policy asking elected representatives and agencies at both the state and federal levels to help strengthen the United States' capabilities to prevent, detect and control animal diseases.

The action came in the form of resolutions approved during the final business session of TSCRA's annual convention. The 124-year-old trade organization represents 13,500 beef cattle producers, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma.

Approximately 2,000 cattle raisers and guests gathered in Austin, March 24-28 for the group's annual convention, said John E. Dudley of Comanche, Texas, who was elected president of the organization during the business session.

TSCRA implored all elected representatives to favorably consider any appropriations that can enhance the country's ability to prevent and manage animal diseases and to oppose any budgetary reductions that could diminish such capabilities. TSCRA members also urged all state and federal agencies to consider health threats to the animal industries, wildlife and food

supply of the United States when creating and enforcing travel and trade agreements and regulations.

Dr. Linda Logan, executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission, told TSCRA members that Congress is not allocating enough funding to keep the animal health infrastructure strong. Logan told members of the TSCRA Animal Health Committee that funding for the Veterinary Services division of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has decreased almost every year, with half the number of veterinarians on staff as in the 1970s.

"Complacency has been our worst enemy," Logan said, adding that the diagnostics staff that would potentially deal with a crisis situation is both underfunded and understaffed.

TSCRA members also approved a recommendation to Gov. Rick Perry to place the executive director or a designee of the Texas Animal Health Commission on the Texas Emergency Management Council. While the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health are both represented, currently

TAHC, the agency responsible for protecting the health of Texas' domestic livestock, does not have a position on the council.

During meetings earlier in the week, Gov. Perry told TSCRA members he had been in contact with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman to discuss the U.S. Department of Agriculture's plan to coordinate a state and federal working group on foot-and-mouth disease. He also told producers he had written USDA to ask for more inspections with more intensity and thoroughness to keep the United States free of the disease. "We can't afford not to," Perry stated.

Cattle Raisers also resolved to work to pass a stand-alone omnibus Conservation of Private Lands Act that would strengthen personal stewardship of private property rights and responsibilities vs. regulatory approaches. Desired provisions would include:

- Restoring Natural Resources Conservation Service staffing to provide technical assistance on the ground to pre-1985 levels.
- Increasing research in soil, water, plant and wildlife science.
- Establishing short courses for both producers and agency

personnel in soil, water, plant, livestock and wildlife management.

Providing practice-based incentive payments for conservation based on developing, implementing and maintaining a comprehensive conservation plan over a 10-year contract period.

Ensuring confidentiality of private business information between land owners and both state and federal governments, not subject to open records access.

In other business, arguing that the United States can only create more employment and prosper with more savings, more capital and less confiscation of both, the association also reaffirmed its unequivocal support to the full and rapid repeal of the federal estate tax. "The estate tax is levied on those who have worked hard, saved well and, in most cases, already paid taxes on this wealth at least once and most likely twice," Dudley said.

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison also expressed her support for the elimination of estate taxes. "We passed the elimination of the death tax twice. We sent it to President Clinton twice and he vetoed it.

This time we have a president in the White House who agrees with us... Only 50 percent of the small businesses in this country make it to the second generation. Eighty percent don't make it to the third generation. We must fix that. We want the family-owned farm and ranches to make it. We will eliminate the death tax and we will bring common sense back into our country."

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs told producers that the death tax is the No. 1 reason people sell land in Texas, which, along with urban pressure at the edges of rapidly growing cities, is causing land fragmentation. Combs also cited statistics from 1992-97 that show 2.3 million acres in Texas were converted from rural use to urban use.

While the number of land owners has increased throughout the

state, the size of the land area owned has fallen. This trend toward breaking agricultural lands up into smaller parcels and rapid development of the land into non-agricultural use has implications for water supplies, domestic food supplies and wildlife, she said.

Andrew Sansom, director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, told Cattle Raisers, "The single greatest threat to terrestrial wildlife conservation is the continued breakup of private lands. The relationship may not be direct, but it is a secondary effect. Unless we find a way to arrest that development, it will not only be bad for wildlife, it will also have a financial impact."

Sansom was referring to Texas' multi-million dollar recreational tourism industry, including things like bird watching,

Scientists fear antibiotics fed to animals polluting streams

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Scientists fear that antibiotics fed to livestock and applied to crop fields in manure are running off into streams and contributing to an increase in antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Health officials worry that people will get sick when they drink or come into contact with untreated water or go fishing, canoeing or swimming.

Uncooked or poorly cooked meat and vegetables may also be contaminated, and eating them could cause the same ailments, such as salmonella and bacterial pneumonia.

U.S. Geological Survey officials are planning to make a presentation in Ames on Thursday that will include information about test results that show antibiotics in livestock manure

and in Iowa waterways.

It could become a serious problem, said Richard Kelley, a water quality researcher at the University of Iowa's Hygienic Laboratory office in Des Moines.

"We view this as an emerging issue primarily because we don't know much about it," Kelley said.

An estimated 40 percent of the 50 million pounds of antibiotics produced annually in the United States are used on livestock. Many of those are common medicines humans use such as tetracycline and penicillin.

Farmers feed the medicines to animals to keep them healthy and because studies have shown the animals grow faster if they eat antibiotics.

Those who don't immediately get sick could have problems

later because bacteria can trade genetic qualities that lead to drug resistance, said Dr. David Wallinga, a researcher at the Minneapolis-based Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy. That means bacteria that don't currently cause human health problems eventually could.

Scientists also are concerned that the growing use of antibiotics by people will cause the same problems, but many researchers are more concerned about the drugs' use on livestock. While people usually only take drugs when they are sick, farmers routinely feed antibiotics to healthy livestock.

"We would like to see farmers not use antibiotics on healthy animals for nontherapeutic reasons," Wallinga said.

A report by the Union of

Concerned Scientists stated that more than half of the drugs fed to apparently healthy livestock are the same types used on humans.

Chlorine treatment kills many harmful bacteria in tap water, said L.D. McMullen of Des Moines Water Works. But he said that only 5 percent to 10 percent of all microbes have been identified and worries about what could be breeding in an antibiotic-laced environment.

Cause of last U.S. foot-and-mouth outbreak still practiced

WASHINGTON (AP) — Feeding food scraps to hogs, the practice now blamed for Europe's foot-and-mouth epidemic, is still legal in 33 states and Puerto Rico even though improperly cooked pig swill long has been recognized as a sure way to spread disease.

The last U.S. outbreak of foot-and-mouth in 1929 occurred when scraps of South American meat were taken off a ship and fed to hogs in California. Experts say that improper swill-feeding is one of the most likely ways foot-and-mouth could return.

"That's my biggest concern," said Terry Conger, state epidemiologist with the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Europe's outbreak has been traced by British officials to pig swill that likely contained meat imported illegally or food smuggled by a traveler.

Britain and Ireland are outlawing swill feeding as a result of the outbreak, and the European Union is being pressed by several member countries to impose an EU-wide ban.

About 2,700 farmers are licensed under U.S. law, including 1,300 in Puerto Rico, to feed discarded food to hogs. Federal rules require the swill to be cooked for 30 minutes to kill any pathogens.

All food waste from international flights and ocean liners must be incinerated to prevent infected meat from reaching livestock. Also, meat items are routinely confiscated from arriving passengers.

The Agriculture Department recently advised states to contact every licensed farm within a month to ensure they are following the cooking and record keeping rules.

Foot-and-mouth is harmless to humans, but an outbreak can be devastating to livestock producers. The virus spreads so quickly and easily that the only sure way to contain it is to destroy all exposed livestock.

The biggest swill-feeding producers, located in New Jersey and Nevada, raise thousands of pigs on waste food collected from their state's casinos. The Texas prison system raises hogs on scraps from inmate meals.

"We do everything to state and federal regulations," said Robert Shisler, a licensed New Jersey producer who otherwise declined to discuss his operation.

But most of the licensed producers are small-scale farmers, often poor, who raise a handful of hogs, often on household scraps, government officials say. In addition to Puerto Rico, the largest number are in Texas, Arkansas and Florida.

Fewer than 100 farmers are caught violating the licensing rules annually, according to the

Agriculture Department.

Altogether, 50,000 of the nation's 100 million hogs are fed food scraps. Most hogs are raised on feed that is a mixture of soybean meal, grain and supplements.

The Agriculture Department requires swill-feeding producers to be inspected at least quarterly, but some states require such checks more often. Texas, which has 613 such farmers, inspects them monthly.

Foot-and-mouth is not the only disease that can be transmitted through swill. A 1995 Agriculture Department study found that improperly cooked food waste was even more likely to expose hogs to campylobacter, salmonella, toxoplasma, trichinella and hog cholera.

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Showcase of Music. The West Texas A&M University Department of Music and Dance will present the 21st annual Showcase of Music beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, April 6 at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. A traditional preconcert show will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium lobby. The event, sponsored by the Amarillo Globe-News, features a program of vocal and instrumental music.

Tickets to the event, priced at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, are available at the WTAMU music office, Room 102 in the Fine Arts Building or in Amarillo at Jent's House of Music or Tolzien Music. All proceeds benefit student scholarships. For more information, contact the WTAMU music office at (806) 651-2840.

Fund-raising dance. The Greek Council at West

Texas A&M University will sponsor a fund-raising tailgate party and dance for the Children's Miracle Network from 7:30-12:30 p.m. Friday, April 6 at the WTAMU Fieldhouse. The event will kick-off with a tailgate party complete with hamburgers, music, concessions and door prizes. Chances for door prizes are priced at \$1 each and the price of admission to the dance is \$5 per person. The public is invited, and all proceeds will benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Harrington String Quartet. The Harrington String Quartet will perform Haydn's Seven Last Words of Christ at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 7 at Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo. Quartet members include Annie Chalex and Corinne Stillwell, violins; Joanna Mendoza, viola; and Emmanuel Lopez, cello. Area ministers will deliver the seven last words and

offer commentary. The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, call (806) 651-2853.

Discover WT. High school juniors and seniors, along with their parents, can learn more about the multitude of opportunities available at West Texas A&M University by attending Discover WT from 1-5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7 on campus. Academic presentations will be made by members of the faculty, and informative interest sessions will cover aspects of WTAMU. Discover WT, sponsored by WTAMU's Office of Admissions, is free.

Discover WT will begin with registration at 1 p.m. in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center. At the conclusion, a special drawing will be conducted, and two registered participants will receive residence hall scholar

ships valued at \$500 each. For more information or to reserve seats, contact the Office of Admissions at (806) 651-2020.

Annual Research Day. West Texas A&M University's chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, an international honor society for nursing, will sponsor Annual Research Day from 8:30 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 28 in Room 111 of the Bivins Nursing Learning Center on campus. Annual Research Day is presented to promote the spirit of evidence-based nursing practice, and the featured speaker this year will be Dr. Paula Antognoli, WTAMU assistant professor of nursing, who will present "Parent-child Relationship, Family Structure, and Loneliness Among Adolescents." For reservations, contact the Division of Nursing at (806) 651-2630.

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Telemedicine takes emergency expertise to remote hospitals

By WILSON RING
Associated Press Writer

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — One sunny afternoon last September, on a lonely road at the edge of the United States, Alan Boyea's life changed.

He was riding his Harley through a remote, swampy section of Route 310 near Norfolk, N.Y., when a car pulled a U-turn in front of him. He couldn't stop; he hit the car and was thrown to the pavement and critically injured. An ambulance came to take him away.

And this is where the story of Alan Boyea, 41-year-old father of three, becomes extraordinary.

The ambulance took him to Massena Memorial Hospital, 20 minutes away. But emergency room personnel there couldn't get a breathing tube down his throat. Boyea was near death. Something had to be done, and quickly.

Enter Dr. Frederick Rogers, a trauma surgeon at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, three hours away by car. Watching on a two-way video monitor, Rogers talked the emergency-room physician through the breathing-tube procedure.

It was the chance Boyea needed — and a glimpse at how medicine is changing, shifting with the help of technology to make sure people in rural areas have better chances at surviving traumas that big-city hospitals treat routinely.

The system, dubbed "teletrauma" by the doctors who use it, went into service last spring. "It's incredible. You are there in the emergency room. It's like standing at the foot of the bed," said Rogers, who was initially skeptical. "It's a significant advance over what I could do over the telephone."

The Boyea case is one of two in which doctors in Burlington are crediting the new two-way video conferencing system with saving a life. The pilot project allows health-care providers at small community hospitals, many of whom rarely see critically injured patients, to consult instantly with specialists.

Telemedicine systems are not new. What makes the Fletcher Allen system unique is that three Burlington trauma surgeons have computer setups in their homes, allowing them to do consultations at any hour.

"You really have absolute, round-the-clock coverage that adapts to the realities of the rural areas," said Stephen Downs, director of the Commerce Department's Technology Opportunities Program, which is funding the Fletcher Allen system. "Sometimes the person you need to get is not sitting in the teleconferencing area of the hospital."

Fletcher Allen physicians routinely deal with patients who have been injured far from emergency rooms that can offer state-of-the-art critical care.

"Victims of rural trauma die at a higher rate," said Dr. Michael Ricci, who helped design the system and wrote the grant applications that are

RRC sets April allowables

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission has set April natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 33,498,758 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the April 2001 allowable represents a decrease of 630,742 Mcf when compared to actual production of 34,129,500 Mcf in April 2000. In setting the April 2001 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from April 2000 and producer forecasts for the April 2001 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for 10 percent of total gas well production in Texas.

Preliminary statewide production reported for January 2001 is 31,910,379 barrels of crude oil and 380,759,585 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0322 for crude oil and 1.0816 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

In 85 percent to 95 percent of the cases, the physicians at the community hospital say the system improved patient care. In all cases, it gives local doctors, many whom only rarely deal with critically injured patients, the instant expertise of a specialist who deals with trauma all the time, Rogers said.

funding it.

Ricci and Rogers say such systems could play an important role in rural areas where critically injured patients are first taken to smaller hospitals that are not well equipped to deal with serious injuries. Burlington's Fletcher Allen is the hospital where critically injured patients are sent from a number of small community hospitals in northern New York and Vermont.

The system uses two-way video conferencing transmitted over dial-up ISDN lines. The Burlington physicians can control a camera in the distant emergency room and see both the patient and how the staff is dealing with the case, all of which can provide additional information for life-or-death decisions.

The teletrauma system now connects Fletcher Allen with four hospitals: Massena Memorial Hospital in Massena, N.Y., Canton-Potsdam Hospital

in Potsdam, N.Y., Alice Hyde Memorial Hospital in Malone, N.Y., and Copley Memorial Hospital in Morrisville.

In addition to the two lives the system has saved, video conferencing has enabled doctors to keep patients in community hospitals rather than transferring them to Fletcher Allen, saving money and time for everyone involved.

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"It's pretty lonely in the community hospitals when you are by yourself and you are dealing with a dying patient," Rogers said.

Having the systems set up in doctors' homes means one trauma surgeon is always available. The

system is used about once a week. Rogers and Ricci hope the system can be made permanent and expanded to other hospitals in the region. More immediately, they'd like to hook up a neurosurgeon to the system. They are even looking into the possibility of having cameras installed in ambulances.

The two-year program, which costs \$600,000, is being partially funded with a grant from the Technology Opportunities Program, which is a part of the Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

Ricci said he conceived of the teletrauma system when using the hospital's telemedicine system, which has a similar two-way video set up but is not in the emergency room.

"The very first telemedicine consult that we did was an emergency situation involving a child," Ricci said. "The specialist here was helping the rural generalist faced with a terrible emergency. It convinced me that we were on the right track."

They focused initially on trauma cases because he wanted to look for ways to reduce the death of rural accident victims. But, though the teletrauma system was set up only for trauma, physicians at remote hospitals have been using it for other cases as well, including a ruptured aorta and a drowning.

On one recent afternoon, Rogers was giving a demonstration of the system when a real call came in.

A physician in one of the New York hospitals was treating a patient with a spinal cord injury so severe that she wanted to send the patient to Burlington. The doctor wanted to consult with Rogers first.

Rogers clicked a button on his computer and was transported to the rural emergency room. Using the controls on his computer, Rogers swiveled a camera installed in the ceiling of the other hospital and focused in on the X-ray. He then recommended a course of treatment. And when the patient arrived in Burlington a few hours later, the doctors who treated her knew what to expect.

For the Boyeas, teletrauma is

a program they'll never forget. After being stabilized in the local hospital, Boyea was flown by helicopter the 80 miles to Burlington, where he underwent emergency surgery. He was in the hospital for more than two months; he is continuing to recover at his parents' home.

"He's doing very well," Joan Boyea said of her son, who is relearning things the accident caused him to forget. "They told us at first he wouldn't live. Then they said he wouldn't walk. Now he dresses himself, eats and walks."

Julie Franz of Malone, N.Y., has used the traditional telemedicine system so a specialist in Burlington could read a heart test at her local hospital. She's never needed the teletrauma system, but she's certainly glad it's there.

"Knowing that our hospital has that capability," Franz says, "there's a great sense of relief."

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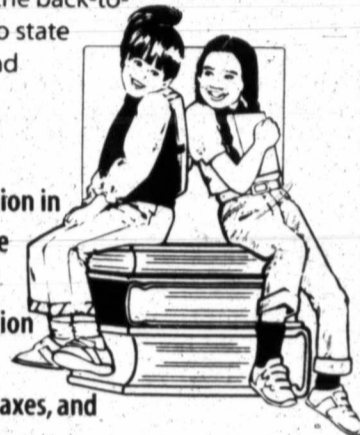
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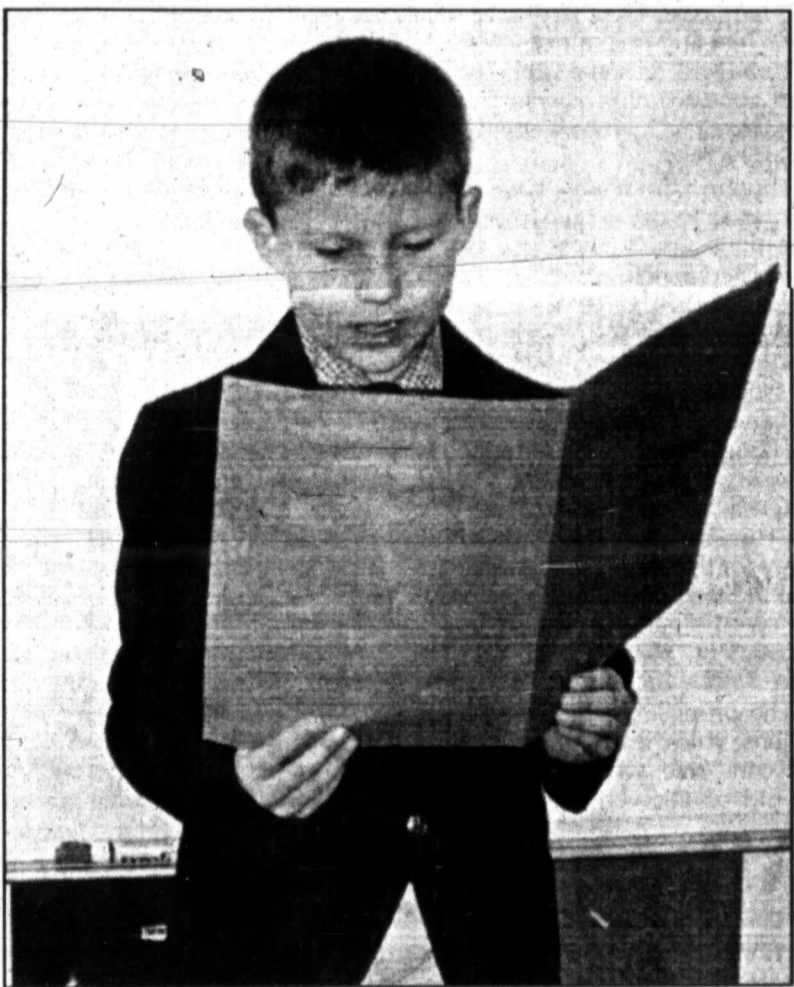
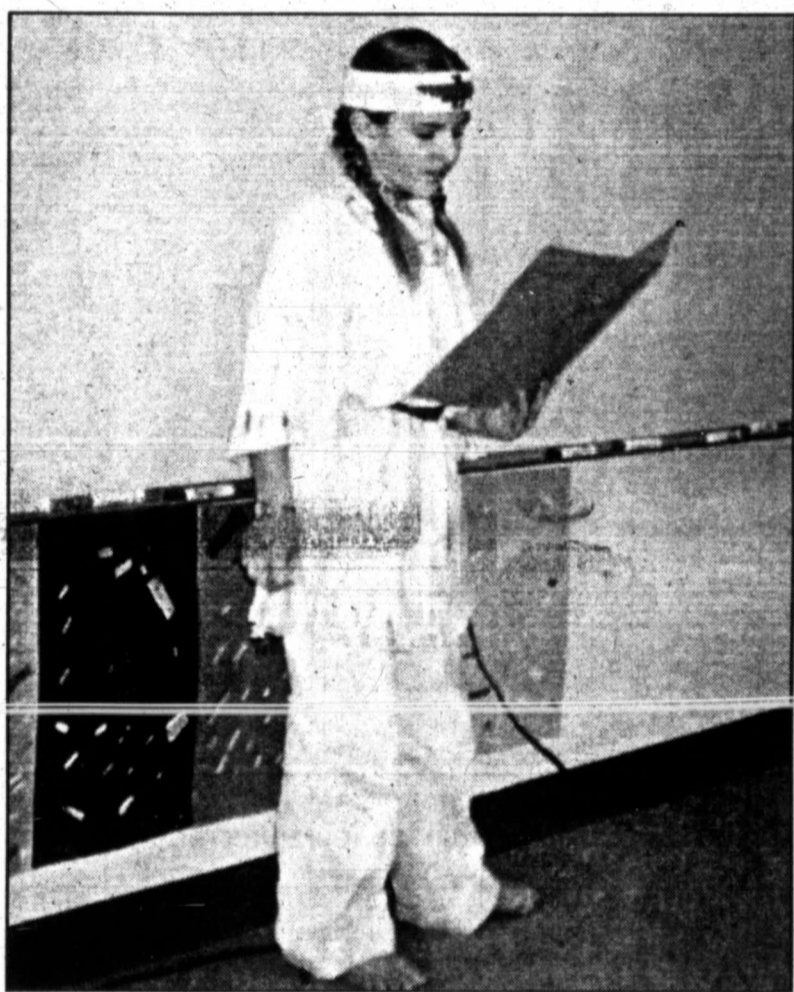
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Austin Elementary



(Special photos)

Austin Elementary third graders Emily Jean, top, and Chad Taylor, bottom, portrayed famous people recently during Texas Public School Week. Jean dressed-up as Sacagawea and Taylor as John F. Kennedy.

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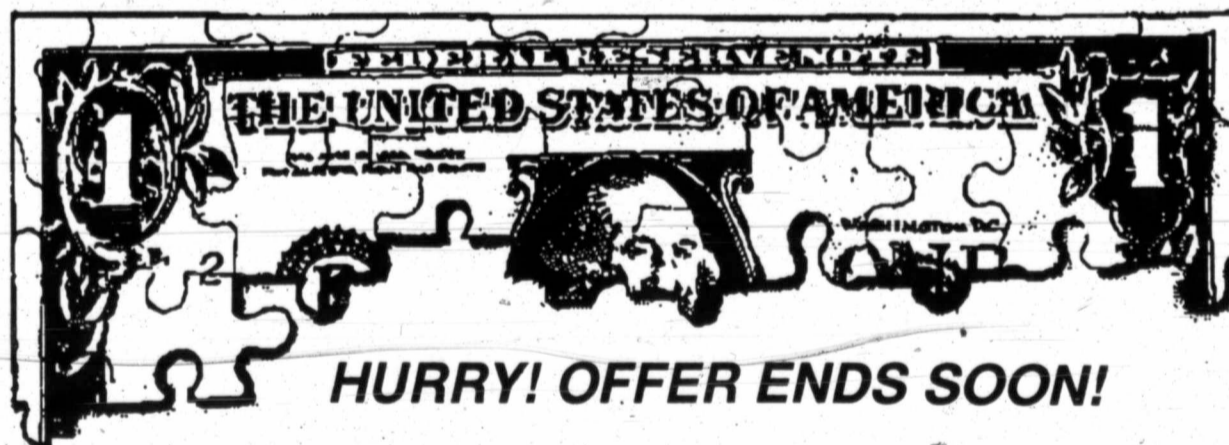
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Does consumer confidence equal irrational exuberance?

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — If investors were termed overly exuberant when they pushed the stock market to unsustainable heights, what term is to be used in describing the newfound confidence of the American consumer? The recent burst of consumer enthusiasm for the future, as measured by The Conference

Board this week, suggests a confidence and expectancy that awes even those cocky Wall Streeters who told you to buy stocks a year ago.

Wall Streeters are busy lowering their forecasts for the year to come, cutting earnings estimates and downgrading their old favorites. Corporate profits are down and liable to stay down for a while. Layoffs are rising.

Through these clouds the con-

sumer seems somehow to have spotted a glowing Eden on the horizon, with business conditions improving and the job market becoming less dangerous than it had been a few months ago.

The attitude represents a stunning, confounding dichotomy between producers, whose actions indicate they remain fearful, and consumers, who after five straight months of gloom have come alive like springtime.

Have they read last year's results from their 401(k) provider? Don't they know that the new quarterly report they'll be receiving in the next few weeks is likely to be worse? Haven't they been reading the newspapers?

You could go on asking questions like this, but what's the point? Except that all we have are questions without answers. Something like \$5 trillion of wealth has disappeared in the

stock market debacle and the reaction as measured in surveys is "Oh, well."

The impossibility of treating such losses so casually is clear when you realize that perhaps a third of American families live hand to mouth after taxes, car payments, energy bills, credit-card debt and mortgages.

Could recently lower interest rates, including on home mortgages, have produced the spurt in confidence? Could slightly lower fuel bills have contributed? Maybe, but enough to reverse five months of growing fear?

Could it be that after a long period of economic stability and growth Americans have forgotten what it's like to have a recession? Does the newest generation believe it is immune to economic catastrophes?

One elemental change that might be examined is the pervasive sense of security you can hear expressed everywhere — that Alan Greenspan (through interest rates) and George W. Bush (through a tax cut) will see to it that the worst doesn't happen.

Whatever the factors involved, the crazy, mixed-up situation provides a rare opportunity for consumer specialists at the nation's universities to seek some explanations where only speculation now exists.

Has the American consumer been gifted with foresight that defies the reasoning of those who claim to be experts? That is, could the consumer's expectations be right on the mark?

Is the new confidence just another aspect of the irrationality

that earlier in the expansion drove stock prices to mathematically unsustainable levels?

Should the methodology of consumer forecasts, whose prominence in economic affairs has risen greatly during the expansion, be re-examined for possible flaws?

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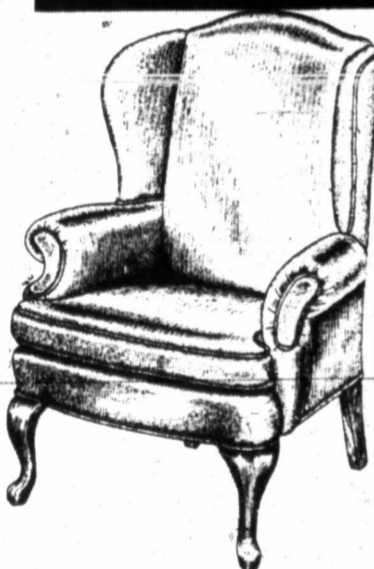
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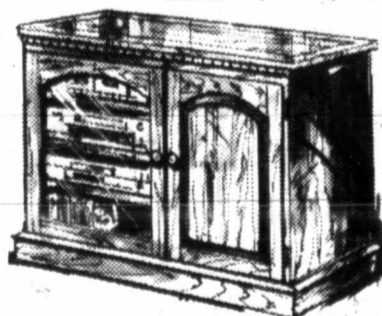
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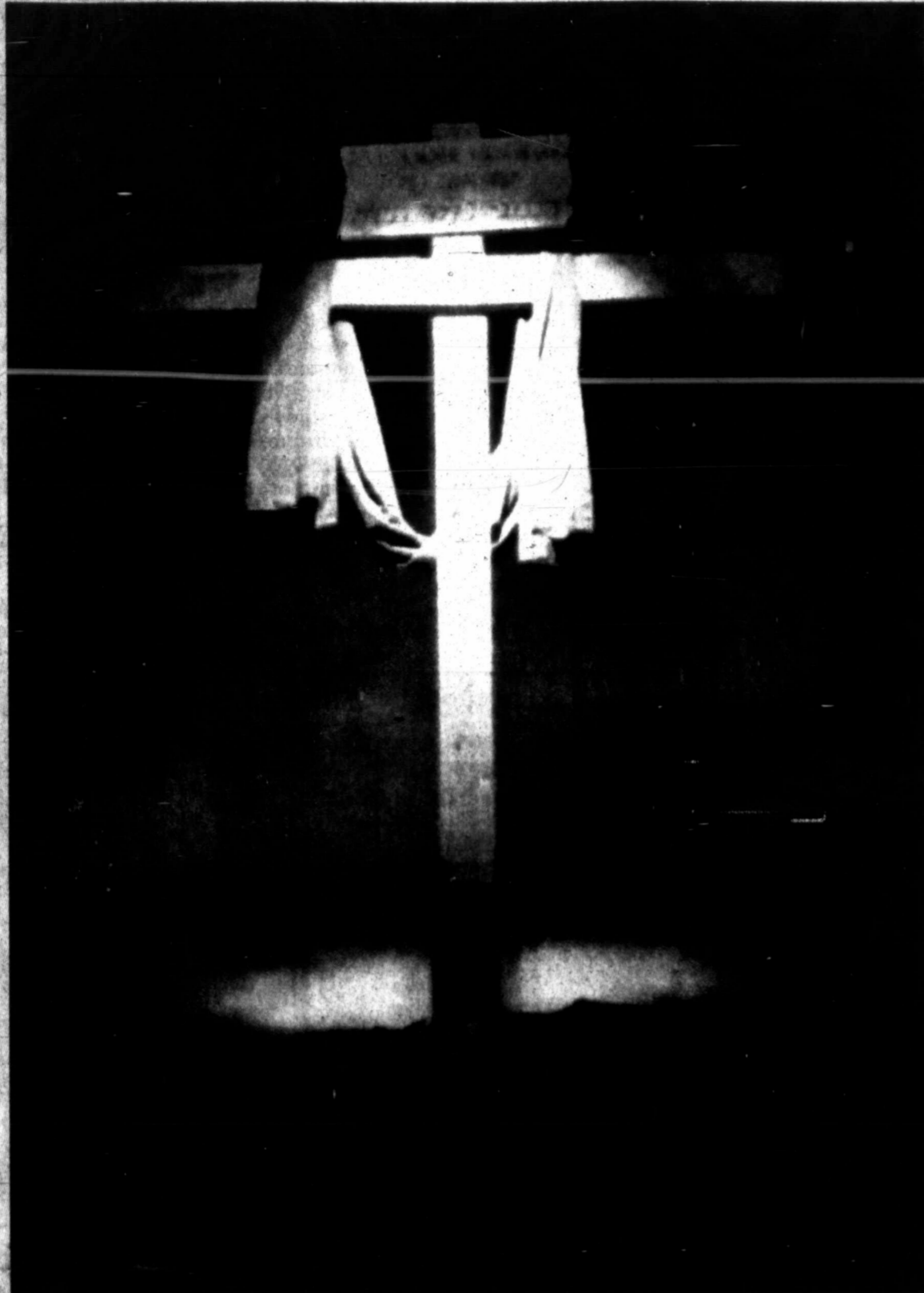
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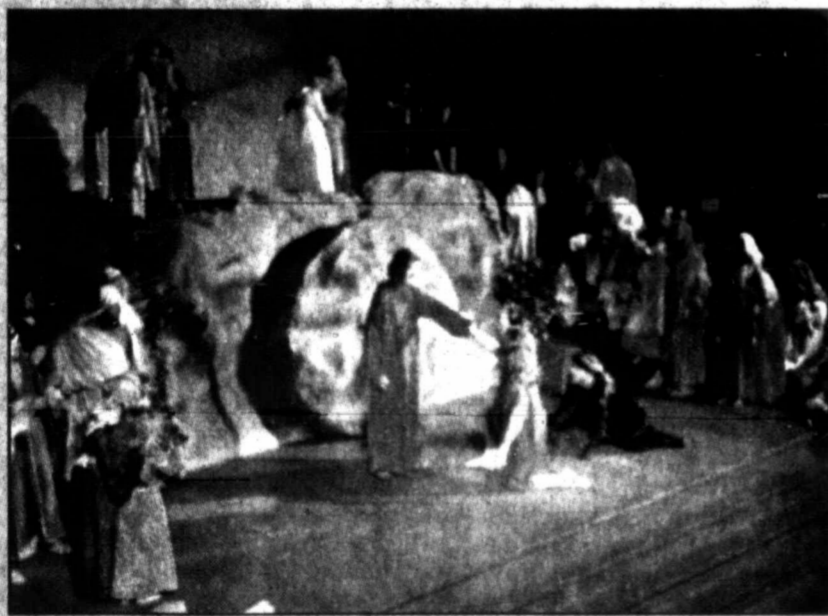


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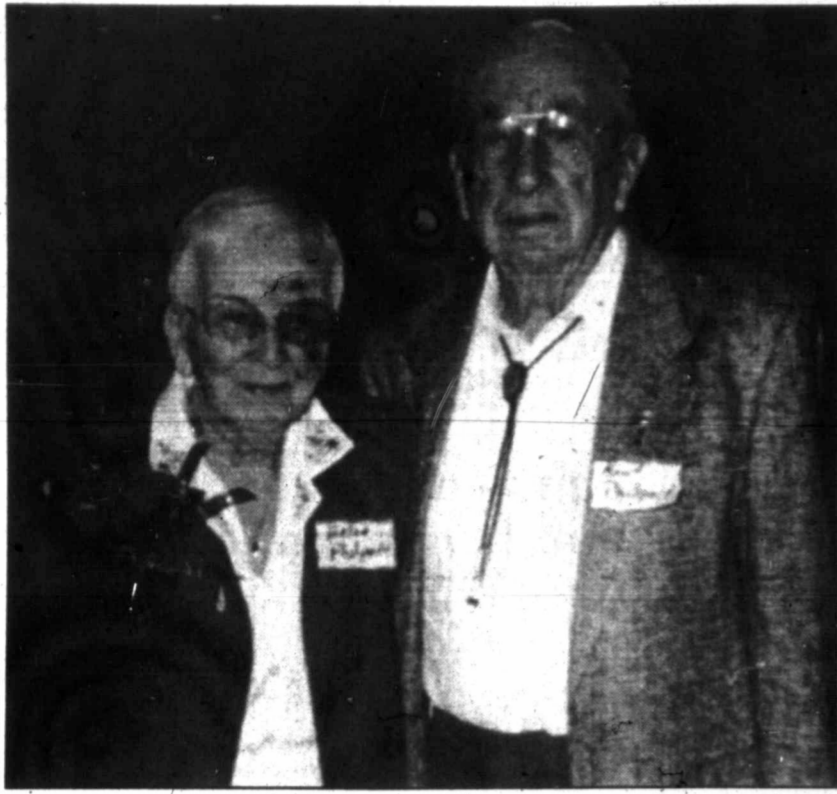


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Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce or burritos, green beans, salad, garlic toast.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, chorizo, flour tortillas.
Lunch: Turkey French fry or macaroni and cheese, whipped potatoes, corn fresh fruit, hot rolls.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Cheese nachos or hot dogs, pinto beans, tossed salad, peaches.

Lefors Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: Waffles, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: S.O.S. or egg rolls, whipped potatoes, sweet peas, rolls, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, toast,

cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Soft tacos or chicken fajitas, beans, rice, salad, rolls, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza or fish, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Hamburgers or barbecue, cheese, tater tots, salad, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens
MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or chicken chow mein, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, strawberry swirl or banana pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Turkey and dressing or meatloaf, yams, green beans, macaroni and cheese, beans, black forest cake or custard cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, jalapeno cornbread or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or

cook's choice, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, corn casserole, beans, dump cake or chocolate sundae cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Chicken strips or sauerkraut and sausage, tater tots, turnip greens, baby carrots, beans, funfetti cake or butterscotch icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Catfish and hushpuppies or spaghetti and meatballs, potato wedges, California blend, beans, brownies or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, bread sticks, graham crackers.

TUESDAY
Polish sausage, cheese grits, mixed greens, cake.

WEDNESDAY
Tater tot casserole, cabbage, blackeyed peas, pumpkin bars.

THURSDAY
Ham, okra and tomatoes, northern beans, pudding.

FRIDAY
Barbecue meatballs, baked beans, potato salad, pears.

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.

Highland Hobby Club

Highland Hobby Club met recently at the home of Mairlyn Kirkwood with President Ferline Calvert presiding. Members present included Johnnie Rohde, Mildred Salsman, Gloria Norris and Jewel Holmes.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Kirkwood, secretary-treasurer.

—Holmes won the door prize. The next meeting will be in April with hostess Calvert.

ABWA

Magic Plains Chapter of American Business Women's Association met March 12 at Furr's Cafeteria with President Pat Winkleblack presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Minutes from the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were approved with two corrections.

—Estelle Malone presented the program on former First Lady Barbara Bush.

—The results of the nomination ballots for Woman of the Year were announced during the Bosses Night Banquet earlier this month.

—Donna Swindle and Wynona Seely were named captains of the attendance contest to be held this spring.

Chapter members were encouraged to bring items to donate for the Meals on Wheels Garage Sale.

Hostesses for the meeting were Gina Albus and Eltha Hensley. Door prizes were won by Estelle Malone, Evelyn Boyd, Brunetta Stewart, Ellen Malone and Jan Allen.

The next meeting will be April 9 at Furr's Cafeteria.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met March 20 at the home of hostess Linda Nowell with President Kay Crouch presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read by Secretary Mimi Gross.

—Betty Fletcher reported Stephan Kramer would give a demonstration during the upcoming field trip in May.

—The guest list and invitations were discussed for the annual tea.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 3 at the home of Crouch.

(See, CLUB, Page 17)



Tiffany Michelle Mote and Jeremy Brad King

Mote-King

Tiffany Michelle Mote and Jeremy Brad King, both of Pampa, were wed March 10 at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Bartel officiating.

The maid of honor was Amber Hayes of Amarillo. The bridesmaids were Rae Lynne Gatlin of Pampa and Kellie Stokes of Lubbock. The flower girls were Kaitlyn Gandy and Alyssa Adams.

The best man was Kerry Adams of Amarillo. The groomsmen were Robert Bremerman and Michael Bremerman, both of El Paso. The ring bearers were Anthony and Dustin Arreola, both nephews of the groom.

The ushers were Ty Mote, brother of the bride, and Jesse Glaseman. Registering the guests were Marcie Bennett and Jerrica Mote, sister of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Cindy Mote of Pampa. She is currently pursuing an associate degree in nursing at CISCO Junior College.

The groom is the son of Calvin and Sharon King of Pampa. He graduated from Amarillo College in 2000 with an associate of applied science degree in occupational therapy.

Anyone wanting to reserve a Sunday gallery page in the lifestyles section should contact Nancy Young at *The Pampa News*.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ron Dickinson

Dickinson anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Dickinson of Skellytown will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary at 7 p.m., April 2, 2001, at Fellowship Baptist Church.

Ron Dickinson and Alma (A.J.) Newman were married April 2, 1976, at the courthouse in Pampa with Nat Lunsford officiating. They have been Skellytown residents for 16 years and belong to Fellowship Baptist Church.

Both are currently employed with Great Western Express where they have worked for the past year.

Children of the couple are Michael and Valarie Dickinson of Pampa and Charity and Ricky Rando of Friona. They have two grandchildren.



Jennifer Lynn Jones and Hugh Mark Cradduck

Jones-Cradduck

Jennifer Lynn Jones of Stillwater, Okla., and Hugh Mark Cradduck of Bozeman, Mont., plan to wed June 23 in Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mike and Jayne Jones of Early, Texas. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and plans to graduate with a degree in nutrition on May 12 from Oklahoma State University at Stillwater.

The prospective groom is the son of Mark and Becky Cradduck of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and plans to graduate with a degree in bio-medical sciences on May 12 from Montana State University at Bozeman. In July, he will begin studying at Palmer College of Chiropractic at Davenport, Iowa.



Jill McGee and Tommy Snider

McGee-Snider

Jill McGee and Tommy Snider, both of Pampa, plan to wed May 4 in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Bill and Dorothy Hawkins of La Junta, Colo., and is a graduate of Pampa High School.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Downey. He graduated from Pampa High School and is a self-employed painter.

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CLUB

Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met March 27 at Pampa Country Club with President Karen Bridges presiding. Ruby Roysse and Glyndene Shelton served as greeters. Among those present were guests Cathy Shearer, Jodi Roden, Waynith Britten, Heidi Amundsen, Kristin Johansen and Andrea Branchetti.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Members were asked to volunteer with the Lamar Book Fair April 2-5.

—Members will prepare TAAS treats for Lamar students at 5 p.m. on April 19 at the home of Mary Wilson.

—Bi-City meeting with Borger Altrusa Club is set for Monday, April 23. This meeting will serve as a make-up meeting.

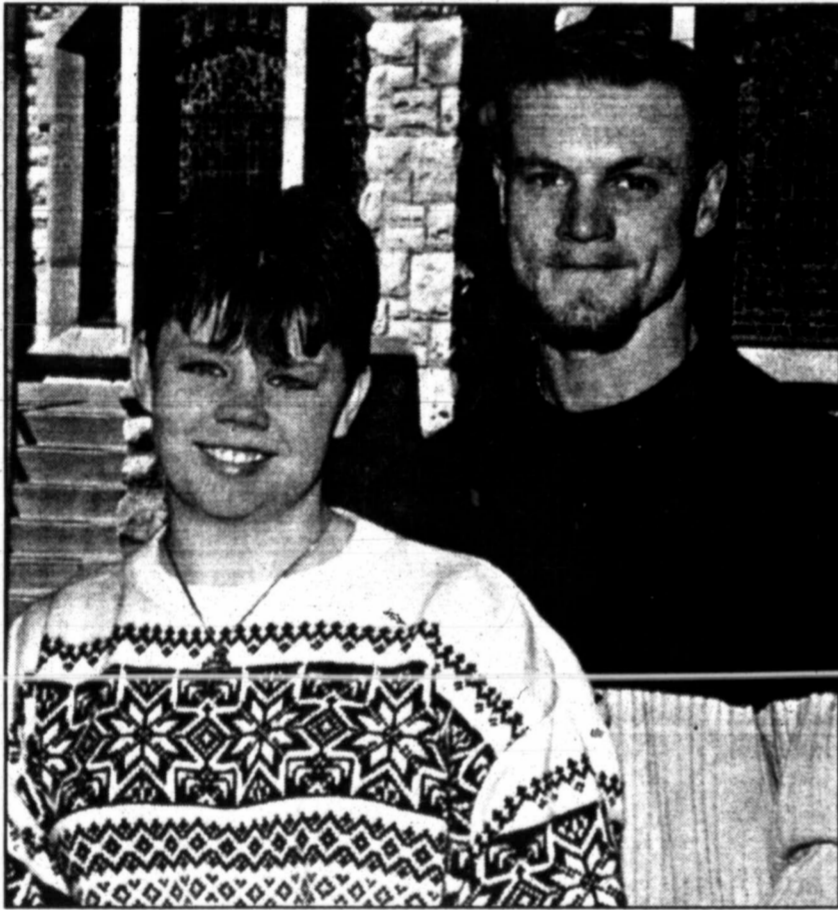
—Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held April 10 and will also serve as a make-up meeting.

—Bridges presented an appreciation award from the Salvation Army to Ann Stobbe who served as chair of the Salvation Army Gift-Wrapping project.

—Kadda Schale was elected to replace Pat Pierce as an alternate delegate to District Conference. Pierce is unable to attend.

—The program was presented by international students Amundsen of Norway and Branchetti of Italy. The students are attending Pampa High School as exchange students. Kristen Johansen, also a student from Norway, is attending Groom High School and is hosted by the Britten family.

Birthday greetings went to Darlene Birkes. The next meeting will be at 12 noon April 10 at Pampa Country Club.



Ollie Lynn Raef and Bryan Kieth McCormick

Raef-McCormick

Ollie Lynn Raef and Bryan Kieth McCormick, both of Amarillo, plan to wed June 23 at Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of James and Janet Raef of Amarillo. She graduated from Amarillo High School in 2000 and earned a Certified Nurses' Aide Certificate in Home Health Care from Amarillo College. She is currently employed at Baptist-St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the son of Jeff and Sharon McCormick of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and is currently employed at Canyon E-Way Lumber Company in Amarillo.

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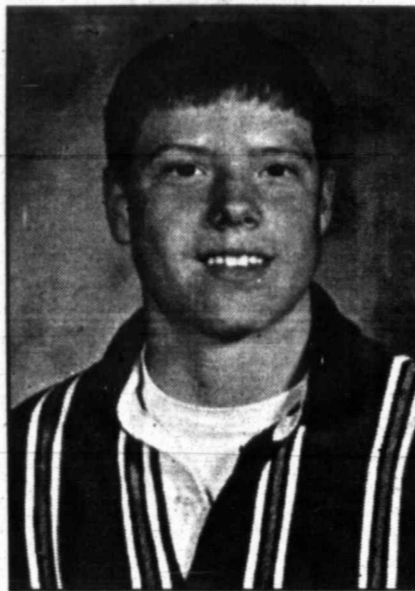
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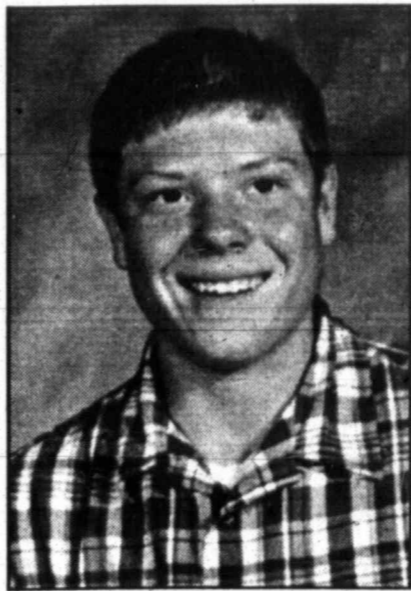
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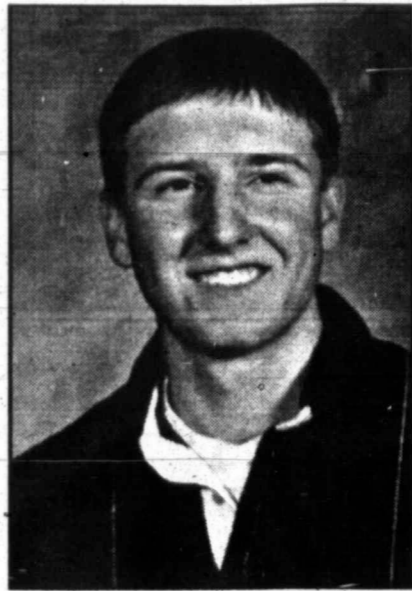
Jessica Blandford



Collin Bowers



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Megan Coutts

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Navy Chief Petty Officer Robert R. Hornback, son of Darlene Eads of Pampa, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving at Naval Air Technical Training Center at Pensacola. Hornback is presently attached to HS-14 NAF Atsugi, Japan, deployed on USS Kitty Hawk CV-63.

Hornback received the promotion based upon sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

The 1984 Pampa High School graduate joined the Navy in September 1984.

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced United States National Award Winners from the area.

The following Pampa students were chosen USAA award winners in various categories: Jessica Blandford, Collin Bowers, Chance Bowers, Chandler Bowers, Megan Coutts, Betsy Crossman, all of Pampa High School, (Honor Roll).

In addition, Blandford and Coutts earned All-American Scholar, a USAA program open to students who achieve a 3.3 grade point average.

The Academy bestows USAA awards upon fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. The PHS students were nominated for the awards by Starla Kindle, a counselor at PHS. Crossman was also nominated for a USAA award in English by

Tonja Lewis, PHS English teacher.

All USAA award-winners will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally. USAA All-American Scholars are named in the All-American Scholar Yearbook.

The Academy selects USAA winners (and Scholars) based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Other criteria includes academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Blandford is the daughter of Lisa and Larry Blandford of Pampa, is the granddaughter of Irene and Harvey Oatman of Clarendon and Bob and Mona Blandford of Arvada, Colo., and is the great-granddaughter of Leola Moxon of Lefors and Dorothy Clair of Wheatridge, Colo.

Collin, Chance and Chandler Bowers are the sons of Charles and Janyth Bowers of Pampa and are the grandsons of Joel and Joyce Lackey of Gruver and the late Paul and Janie Bowers of Pampa.

Coutts is the daughter of Joe and Cheryl Coutts of Pampa and is the granddaughter of B.J. and Martha Green and Caroline Coutts, all of Pampa.

Crossman is the daughter of

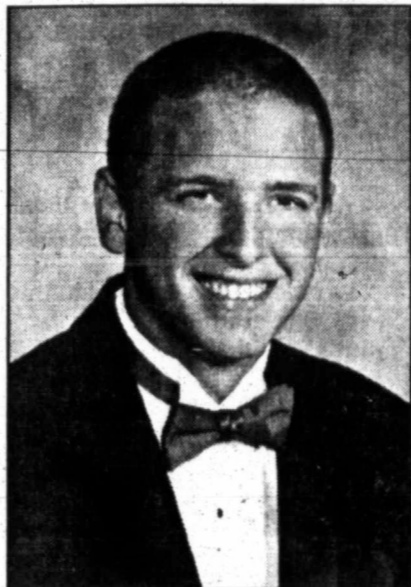


Betsy Crossman

Brent Crossman of Lubbock and is the granddaughter of Glenda Crossman of Pampa. She was also named for inclusion in the 2000-01 Who's Who Among American High School Students and, as a Who's Who student, is eligible for a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Who's Who is a publication dedicated to recognizing outstanding students and rewarding academic excellence.

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Pampa High School students Shawn Strate, Jessica Blandford and Megan Coutts were named All-American Scholars.

USAA established the All-



Shawn Strate

American Scholar program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. To be eligible for the honor, students must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. USAA All-American Scholars are named in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published nationally.

The students were nominated for the award by PHS Counselor Starla Kindle.

Strate is the son of L.D. and Lois Strate of Pampa and is the grandson of Dorothy McCaslin of Sharon, Okla.

Blandford is the daughter of Lisa and Larry Blandford of Pampa, is the granddaughter of Irene and Harvey Oatman of



Sarah Fraser

Clarendon and Bob and Mona Blandford of Arvada, Colo., and is the great-granddaughter of Leola Moxon of Lefors and Dorothy Clair of Wheatridge, Colo.

Coutts is the daughter of Joe and Cheryl Coutts of Pampa and is the granddaughter of B.J. and Martha, Green and Caroline Coutts, all of Pampa.

Sarah Fraser of Pampa attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law held recently in Washington, D.C. Having demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in a career in law, Fraser joined more than 350 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across America at the conference.

Fraser and fellow NYLF/LAW scholars had the rare opportunity

to make the presence of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy in the Supreme Court chamber.

Students were also given a chance to see the legal system in action at area courthouses including the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Superior Court and various county circuit courts. The Forum on Law also included visits to some of our nation's most prestigious law schools including: Georgetown University Law Center; Washington College of Law at American University; and Howard University School of Law.

The program culminated with a court case simulation, in which the students assumed the roles of Supreme Court justices on either side of an issue. Students were presented with Supreme Court case "Santa Fe v. Doe," a true-life court battle over school prayer. Fraser was named chief justice of the trial.

NYLF is a nonpartisan, non-profit educational organization that sponsors highly specialized career-oriented programs for high school students who demonstrate leadership potential.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Marine Corps Private First Class Christopher M. Courage, 2000 Canadian High School graduate and son of Vana and Lee Courage of Canadian, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

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Billboard video charts

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Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:
- Top Music Video Sales**
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
- "The Up In Smoke Tour," Various Artists. (Platinum)
 - "The Storm Is Over," Bishop T.D. Jakes & The Potter's House Mass Choir.
 - "Britney In Hawaii: Live & More," Britney Spears. (Platinum)
 - "What A Time!" Bill & Gloria Gaither And Their Homecoming Friends.
 - "Saliva," Tool.
 - "I Do Believe," Gaither Vocal Band.
 - "Bittersweet Motel," Phish.
 - "Live At Madison Square Garden," N Sync.
 - "Making The Tour," N Sync.
 - "Timeless — Live in Concert," Barbra Streisand.
 - "What Lies Beneath," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 - "The Watcher," Universal Studios Home Video.
 - "Bring It On," Universal Studios Home Video.
 - "Dr. T & The Women," Artisan Home Entertainment.
 - "Gladiator," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 - "Get Carter," Warner Home Video.
 - "The Contender," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 - "The Original Kings Of Comedy," Paramount Home Video.
- Top Video Sales**
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
- "Meet The Parents," Universal Studios Home Video.
 - "Lady And The Tramp II: Scamp's Adventure," Walt Disney Home Video.
 - "Silence Of The Lambs," MGM Home Entertainment.
 - "Playboy: Girls Of The Hard Rock," Playboy Home Video.
 - "Farscape Premiere — I.E.T.," A.D.V. Films.
 - "Gladiator," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 - "Judgment," Cloud Ten Pictures.
 - "Gundam Wing: The Movie — Endless Waltz," Bandai Entertainment.
 - "Playboy: The Complete Anna Nicole Smith \$450 Million Playmate," Playboy Home Video.
 - "Barbra Streisand: Timeless," Columbia Music Video.
- Top DVD Sales**
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
- "Remember The Titans," Walt Disney Home Video.
 - "Meet The Parents," Universal Studios Home Video.
 - "Almost Famous," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 - "Frank Herbert's Dune," Artisan Home Entertainment.
 - "Gladiator," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 - "Bedazzled," FoxVideo.
 - "The Original Kings Of Comedy," Paramount Home Video.
 - "Ben-Hur," Warner Home Video.
 - "Dumb & Dumber," Dimension Home Video.
 - "The Matrix," Warner Home Video.
- Billboard Magazine Chart Leaders**
(Compiled from national retail sales/airplay/rental charts)
- HOT POP SINGLE:** "Butterfly," Crazy Town.
TOP POP ALBUM: "Hotshot," Shaggy.
HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLE: "Promise," Jagged Edge.
TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUM: "Part III," 112.
HOT COUNTRY SINGLE/TRACK: "Who I Am," Jessica Andrews.
TOP COUNTRY ALBUM: Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"
TOP VIDEO RENTAL: "Meet The Parents."
TOP VIDEO SALE: "Meet The Parents."
TOP DVD SALE: "Remember The Titans."
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Billboard music charts

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Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Butterfly," Crazy Town. Columbia.
 2. "All For You," Janet. Virgin.
 3. "Angel," Shaggy (feat. Rayvon). MCA.
 4. "Survivor," Destiny's Child. Columbia.
 5. "Again," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin.
 6. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.
 7. "Jaded," Aerosmith. Columbia.
 8. "Get Over Yourself," Eden's Crush. 143.
 9. "Stutter," Joe (feat. Mystikal). Jive. (Gold)
 10. "Put It On Me," Ja Rule (feat. Lil' Mo & Vita). Murder Inc./Def Jam.
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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Hotshot," Shaggy. MCA. (Platinum)
 2. "Part III," 112. Bad Boy.
 3. "Everyday," Dave Matthews Band. RCA.
 4. "Thugs Are Us," Trick Daddy. Slip-N-Slide/Atlantic.
 5. "Just Push Play," Aerosmith. Columbia.
 6. "Pleasures U Like," Jon B. Edmonds.
 7. "No Angel," Dido. Arista. (Platinum)
 8. Soundtrack: "Exit Wounds — The Album," Blackground.
 9. "Chocolate Starfish And The Hot Dog Flavored Water," Limp Bizkit. Flip. (Platinum)
 10. "Force Of Nature," Tank. Blackground.
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Hot Adult Contemporary

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "This I Promise You," N Sync. Jive.
 2. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack With Sons Of The Desert. MCA Nashville.
 3. "The Way You Love Me," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
 4. "Shape Of My Heart," Backstreet Boys. Jive.

5. "Nobody Wants To Be Lonely," Ricky Martin With Christina Aguilera. Columbia.
6. "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty. Lava.
7. "Back Here," BBMak. Hollywood.
8. "Cruisin'," Huey Lewis & Gwyneth Paltrow. Hollywood.
9. "Angel," Lionel Richie. Island.
10. "I Need You," LeAnn Rimes. Sparrow/Capitol/Curb.

Top Gospel Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "The Storm Is Over," Bishop T.D. Jakes & The Potter's House Mass Choir. Dexterity Sounds.
 2. "The Experience," Yolanda Adams. Elektra.
 3. "Live In London And More..." Donnie McClurkin. Verity.
 4. "WoW Gospel 2001: The Year's 30 Top Gospel Artists And Songs," Various Artists. EMI/World. (Gold)
 5. "Thankful," Mary Mary. C2/Columbia. (Gold)
 6. "Love Is Live!" LFT Church Choir/Hezekiah Walker, Pastor. Verity.
 7. "Live In Concert," Kim Burrell. Tommy Boy Gospel.
 8. "Mountain High... Valley Low," Yolanda Adams. Elektra. (Platinum)
 9. "Fred Hammond Presents: 'In Case You Missed It... And Then Some,'" Various Artists. F Hammond.
 10. "Awesome Wonder," Kurt Carr & The Kurt Carr Singers. Gospo Centric.
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Mainstream Rock Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Duck And Run," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
 2. "Outside," Aaron Lewis Of Staind With Fred Durst. Flawless/Geffen.
 3. "Breakdown," Tantric. Maverick.
 4. "Awake," Godsmack. Republic.
 5. "Jaded," Aerosmith. Columbia.
 6. "One Step Closer," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
 7. "Hanging By A Moment," Lifehouse. DreamWorks.
 8. "Hemorrhage (In My Hands)," Fuel. 550 Music.
 9. "Are You There?" Oleander. Republic.
 10. "Innocent," Fuel. Epic.

Modern Rock Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Drive," Incubus. Immortal.
 2. "Outside," Aaron Lewis With Fred Durst. Flawless/Geffen.
 3. "South Side," Moby (feat. Gwen Stefani). V2.
 4. "Butterfly," Crazy Town. Columbia.
 5. "One Step Closer," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
 6. "Hanging By A Moment," Lifehouse. DreamWorks.
 7. "Innocent," Fuel. 550 Music.
 8. "My Way," Limp Bizkit. Flip.
 9. "Flavor Of The Week," American Hi-Fi. Island.
 10. "Yellow," Coldplay. Netwerk.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Who I Am," Jessica Andrews. DreamWorks.
 2. "One More Day," Diamond Rio. Arista Nashville.
 3. "If My Heart Had Wings," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
 4. "It's A Great Day To Be Alive," Travis Tritt. Columbia.
 5. "You Shouldn't Kiss Me Like This," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
 6. "Ain't Nothing 'Bout You," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
 7. "Don't Happen Twice," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
 8. "She Misses Him," Tim Rushlow. Atlantic.
 9. "But For The Grace Of God," Keith Urban. Capitol.
 10. "If I Fall You're Going Down With Me," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
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Top Country Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Gold)
 2. Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly." Curb. (Platinum)
 3. "Who Am I," Jessica Andrews. DreamWorks.
 4. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
 5. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)
 6. "Greatest Hits," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
 7. "Fly," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
 8. "I Need You," LeAnn Rimes. Curb.
 9. "Greatest Hits," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Gold)
 10. "How Do You Like Me Now?!" Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
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Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)
1. "Promise," Jagged Edge. So So Def.
 2. "Love," Musiq Soulchild. Def Soul.
 3. "Heard It All Before," Sunshine Anderson. Soulige.
 4. "Bizouance," Olivia J.
 5. "Put It On Me," Ja Rule (feat. Lil' Mo & Vita). Murder Inc./Def Jam.
 6. "Stutter," Joe (feat. Mystikal). Jive. (Gold)
 7. "It's Over Now," 112. Bad Boy.
 8. "Could It Be," Jaheim. Divine Mill.
 9. "All For You," Janet. Virgin.
 10. "Survivor," Destiny's Child. Columbia.
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Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Part III," 112. Bad Boy.
 2. "Thugs Are Us," Trick Daddy. Slip-N-Slide/Atlantic.
 3. "Pleasures U Like," Jon B. Edmonds.
 4. "Force Of Nature," Tank. Blackground.
 5. Soundtrack: "Exit Wounds — The Album," Blackground.
 6. "(Ghetto Love)," Jaheim. Divine Mill.
 7. "Aijuswanaseing (I Just Want To Sing)," Musiq Soulchild. Def Soul. (Gold)
 8. "DJ Clue? The Professional 2," DJ Clue. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam.
 9. Soundtrack: "The Brothers," Warner Bros.
 10. "Scorpion," Eve. Ruff Ryders.
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Local CattleWomen announce 2001 Family of the Year

Each year in recognition of Ag Week held annually in March, Top O' Texas CattleWomen select a farm or ranch family from among its members to honor as "Ag Family of the Year." This year the CattleWomen chose the Stiles family. Kay Stiles, president of Top O' Texas CattleWomen, resides on the Stiles Ranch with her husband Bill who partners with his brother Bob in the ranching operation. The Stiles Ranch will celebrate its centennial this year.

The Stiles Ranch began in July of 1901 when William Gordon Stiles bought the land from Judge F.M. Patton, who originally filed on and purchased the land from the State of Texas. William Stiles was born in a large home on the Etowah River near Cartersville, Ga., on Jan. 11, 1852. His grandfather, William Henry Stiles, built the first of "Etowah Cliffs" in 1845. It was finished in 1850 when the family returned from Austria where his grandfather served as Charge' de Affairs under President Polk. During the Civil War his father and uncle and their families shared the house.

After completing his education at Sewanee University in Tennessee and Eastman National Business College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., in August 1830, Stiles had an opportunity to go to Texas about 1883 to visit and see what opportunities existed in what was then Tom Green County, now Reagan County.

He worked as a cowboy for a number of years, then entered into a partnership in a ranching venture called the Hi-Lonesome Ranch. Around 1900, a terrible drought occurred at the Hi-Lonesome. Although, Mr. Stiles and his partner pioneered the first windmill in the area it was too late to save many of the cattle. After investigating land in the Panhandle of Texas, Mr. Stiles sold out to his partner and purchased the Patton land which was located 10 miles east of Wheeler.

While in Tom Green County, he married Elizabeth Boales in October 1894. Three children were born to the couple before they came to Wheeler County: Delcena Gordon, Eliza "Elise" Clifford and William Gordon II.

The Stiles came from Big Spring (were William Gordon II "Gordon" was born), to Amarillo by train, from Amarillo to Miami by train, then from Miami to Mobeetie by stagecoach. They lived in Mobeetie, for several years.

In June of 1903, another daughter, Elizabeth Mackay was born. In December of that year, Delcena died of scarlet fever. Elise and Gordon were very ill but recovered. Delcena is buried in Mobeetie Cemetery. Between 1904-06, the Stiles moved to the ranch. In September 1906, a son, Robert Edward, was born in the ranch house.

There is a rock barn on the ranch that is still in use today. It was built by Mexican labor employed by Judge Patton. Its braces and beams are cottonwood and came from a sawmill located at that time in nearby Oklahoma. Other lumber and material in the barn came from Fort Elliott when it was aban-

doned in 1890.

Mr. Stiles was handling Shorthorn and Hereford cattle when he came to the ranch, but in 1910, he introduced Aberdeen Angus to his herd. The Stiles have raised Aberdeen Angus ever since.

The Stiles children first attended Rock School located to the west on Britt Ranch. This school was built of red sandstone found on the Stiles ranch in 1886 when Judge Patton owned it. In 1911-12, they rented a house in Shamrock and Mrs. Stiles and the children lived there while the children attended school. The children all attended college.

Gordon married Ora Belinda Wood in June 1928. She was the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. AC. Wood of Wheeler. Gordon and Ora B. had four children: Sandra, Sharon, Bill and Bob.

Sandra married Tom Christner, and they have four children and seven grandchildren. Sandra resides in Wheeler and is very active in CattleWomen.

Sharon married Robert Swindler, and they have two children and two grandchildren.

William Gordon III, (Bill) married Kay Parsley of Wheeler. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Bill and Kay spent a number of years as missionaries to Africa. In 1997, they returned to the ranch to partner in the cattle operation with Bob after Gordon's death in April of 1996 at the age of 95. Bill is also serving as pastor of the Allison Baptist Church. Kay is active in the church as well as CattleWomen. Their son William Gordon IV and wife Melinda and their three children also reside at the ranch.

Robert Walker (Bob) married Sue Richerson of Wheeler. They have three children. Bob and Sue moved back to the ranch in 1981 after Gordon's sister Beth and Ora B. died in an auto accident in November 1980. Bob moved back to help his father operate the ranch. They have made their home on the ranch since that time, although currently they are living in Wheeler while their ranch house is being renovated. Bob is very active in the Methodist Church, serving as youth director, choir director and various other activities.

The Stiles Ranch has always been operated as a cow-calf operation and continues to be so today. Meadow hay and hay grazer type hay is harvested for winter feed. Cottonseed cake or a similar feed is purchased for winter feed also. Bulls are purchased while heifers are retained to build up the herd. Gordon Stiles was a conservationist and never overgrazed his pastures. When other ranches sometimes ran short of grass he always seemed to have plenty. Wildlife is abundant on the ranch with turkey, deer and quail.

In the 100 years since William Gordon Stiles founded the ranch in Wheeler County, many changes have taken place — the advance in technology from the use of horses for transportation to automobiles, airplane and rockets to space; the ups and downs of the cattle markets, and the personal tragedy and triumphs. Through it all, there is something about the place. It is home.

Lady Spring isn't always a lady

Cloaked in a sunny wrapper, Lady Spring arrived elegantly. She reached her destination calmly and with the aplomb of a movie star exiting a limousine. She recognized a captive audience and won an Oscar for her performance.

Except for frantic coffee-making, the work at the greenhouse slowly came to life. Kirk, Vicki and I pilfered through paperwork, placed orders, swept and watered. An edge of anticipation stirred in the cool air.

Customers arrived in swells, human waves bursting in and trickling away. From the weed fighters to the pansy planters, all manner of gardeners arrived. Sweet ladies with canes, mothers with babies, crusty men in overalls. Lady Spring beckoned everyone to come outside and play.

The question of the day was, "When is our last freeze?" If I knew and if I sold my answer, I could retire. This information



Kathy Davis Morris
GARDEN WISE
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would be worth millions in the gardening world. The greenhouse effect would have nothing to do with global warming.

Our average last frost date is April 12. Beyond that, any information I know on the subject is worthless. This is a painful admission. Mother Nature throws a fit occasionally.

Four years ago, in late April, we unloaded a huge truck of trees and shrubs. Every plant, fully-leaved or in bloom, hit the ground ready to sell. As the truck pulled away, we noticed a line of thick heavy clouds to the north. Moderate worry flitted through our heads.

Within 30 minutes, the temperature dropped 20 degrees. Donning coats, scarves and gloves, we started moving hundreds of trees into the greenhouse. Three women fought heavy buckets, tall trees and worsening weather. As fast as we moved, the weather moved faster.

Frantic phone calls to friends and neighbors produced swift action. Customers abandoned their purchases, picked up

shrubs and raced for the greenhouse. The cold mist changed to freezing rain. Two horrible, apprehensive hours passed.

Finally, the plants warmed in the greenhouse. The latecomers, coated with ice, appeared none the worse for wear. Strong backs and propane heaters rescued a fortune in plants from freezing. Exhausted, cold and worried, we marveled at the ugly side of Lady Spring.

While spring has officially and gloriously arrived, I still cannot answer the elusive frost question. Would that I could. Everything in life is time sensitive. Gardening, perhaps, takes the cake.

On a personal note: Thank you, readers, for your monumental response to my weekly thoughts on paper. I am appreciative and overwhelmed.

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"Flowers are so much a part of my life — every day of the year. Without flowers, I'd find life very dismal." — C.Z. Guest

San Angelo hotel sheltered West Texas' powerbrokers

By RICK SMITH
San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO, Texas — In 1955, following a half-million dollar renovation, the Naylor Hotel held a contest. The owner asked the public to rename the historic six-story building at the corner of Concho Avenue and Chadbourne Street.

Ruth Maertz won the \$250 prize by suggesting "Town House Hotel."

"If you live on a ranch and come into San Angelo, the hotel would be your town house," she explained to the judges.

The name stuck, but a better one might have been "Phoenix" (for the mythical bird that regularly perishes in flame then rises from the ashes).

Since 1879, three hotels have burned at the Concho-Chadbourne corner. Like the phoenix, each time one hotel burned another took its place. The Town House is the fourth in the long line of corner hotels and the only survivor.

The first hotel on the corner was also the first in the city. E.A. Nimitz built the adobe and frame building during the Fort Concho era. Nimitz, a member of the famous Fredericksburg family of hotel operators, moved here in 1877. He opened the Nimitz two years later. It burned May 7, 1893.

Next, James C. Landon built a two-story hotel on the site. It burned Aug. 8, 1902, killing eight people, including Landon's wife.

Landon rebuilt on the corner, but his three-story hotel burned Aug. 20, 1925.

The fourth building on the site, the Naylor, didn't burn. Opened Feb. 28, 1927, a Tuesday, it still stands.

The hotel originally boasted everything from a drugstore (operated by Ike Copeland) to a movie theater (the 1,110-seat Ritz).

Best of all, it was brick and, as an advertisement claimed, "fireproof."

Ads billed the \$300,000 Naylor as a "ranchers hotel," a meeting place for West Texas wheelers and dealers.

Rooms started at \$2, and the ceiling fans didn't "require coins."

Frank White, who had man-

aged the St. Angelus in San Angelo and the Brady Hotel, served as the Naylor's first manager. He supervised a staff of 40, including day clerk J.E. Wilkerson, night clerk A. Merele Roberts, switchboard operators Lila Bell Blair and Fay Willis and chef Harry Heasley.

The hotel was named for its builder, S.A. Naylor of Vernon, but it was the brainchild of San Angelo businessman C.C. (Christopher Columbus) McBurnett. In 1927, the McBurnett Hotel Company also included the Brady Hotel, the St. Angelus, Hotel Martin in Temple and a hotel in the booming oil field town of Best.

McBurnett operated the Naylor only until 1933. It changed hands many times in the following years.

In the mid-1950s, a Dallas man bought the hotel and announced plans for a major renovation that would add air-conditioning and give the aging building a much-needed face lift.

The remodeling meant the death of the Ritz Theater. The theaters space in the hotel became the Cotillion Room,

billed as "the largest ballroom in West Texas."

The old buildings improvements and its new name of "Town House" gave the hotel a new lease on life under managers like Pierre Belasco, Roy O. Beverly, Vernon Burkhead, Cal Boykin, Herbert Wilson and Love Hill.

But as downtown declined and business shifted to the suburbs time ran out for the Town House. Ironically, what finally put the old hotel out of business wasn't fire. Rather, fire prevention killed it.

In 1983, the fire marshals office filed 10 complaints against the buildings owner. Rather than spend up to a half-

million dollars to bring the Town House up to code, Ray Lewis shut it down.

Raymond and Faye Cooper of Coopers Interiors bought the building three years later but didn't reopen the hotel. Instead, they leased ground floor space to businesses ranging from the Kung Fu Restaurant to J. Wildest

As for the upper floors, people have suggested everything from luxury condos to public housing. But, for now, the bedrooms remain empty. The vacancy signs always out at the site of the city's first hotel.

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In addition to intense physical conditioning, recruits received instruction in first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat, assorted weapons training close order drill and much more.

Courage and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution culminating in the presentation of the Marine Corps Emblem.

CANYON — Heather Simpson of Pampa, a senior marketing major at West Texas A&M University, will be among WT Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) traveling to Memphis, Tenn., April 4 to compete against other universities for the right to advance to nationals.

The April 4 competition is one

of several regional contests. Winners from each contest will compete at the national level in May. SIFE teams from universities and colleges across the country work in partnership with corporations, companies and foundations to provide students with

leadership experience in how market economies and businesses operate.

At the regional level, WTAMU's SIFE team will present a multi-media program showcasing its free enterprise and entrepreneurship projects.

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Teen enjoys planning for special rite of passage

By TAMARA CUPPLES
Valley Morning Star

HARLINGEN, Texas — The bottom of Denise Romero's shiny blue quinceanera dress, which curved around her tiny frame like a bell, tickled the ground as she walked.

Her black hair was pulled tightly into spiraling curls that fell over the silver tiara adorning her head.

She slipped her feet into a pair of clear heels, not unlike those worn by Cinderella, the theme for her 15th birthday party.

As a white horse pulled a carriage in front of the Romeros' modest home, Denise could feel like a princess.

But the faces of the honorees family told the real story.

Ramiro and Maria Romero beamed with pride when standing next to the youngest of their six children.

Throughout an evening filled with blessings, music, dancing and drinking, members of Denise's family — some of whom traveled from as far as California — embraced her with gasps and smiles.

A waltz with her father began the evening's festivities.

"(The special part) was going out and dancing with my dad," Denise said. "All my family being there. I felt really happy that they were able to come."

In the final months of planning for her quinceanera, the Harlingen High School freshman seemed focused on making her day next to perfect.

"(I'm) so nervous," she said, several weeks before the quinceanera. "I don't want anything to go wrong and something's bound to happen."

The quinceanera celebration is a Mexican custom originating with the Spaniards and Indians, according to Our Texas Heritage by Dorothy

McConachie.

The elaborate affair marks a girl's 15th birthday and entrance into adulthood by combining coming-of-age rituals with the sacraments of the Catholic Church.

While it was once considered a turning point in a girl's life, marking her readiness for marriage and childbearing, teen-agers like Denise view the festivity as an opportunity to simply commemorate their exit from childhood.

"It's a big celebration of you becoming a young woman," she said. "It's just to throw a party and have fun."

Like many Rio Grande Valley teen-age girls, Denise began imagining and designing her special day as early as elementary school.

"I started when I was, like, eight years old," she said. "I would always tell my friends, Oh, you want to be in my quinceanera? Ever since third grade, I would tell them."

"I've always wanted one. It's just like having a party in my honor," Denise said.

Denise's first official step to plan her quinceanera was to rent a reception hall.

"We did that two years ago. I've always wanted it at Casa del Sol because it has that dome thing."

Next, the Romeros hired Tejano band Los Gavilanes del Sur to provide dancing music. Then they began looking for material for the dresses.

"In the beginning week of September, I confirmed the damas," Denise said, "because that's when we had to get the material."

The recruiting of damas and chambelanes, 14 of the honoree's closest male and female friends who represent each year of her life, was a difficult task for Denise.

A few were unable to participate and she had to find replacements, which was frustrating, she said.

"Not all of them but the majority of (my damas) are from elementary school. I've been best friends with them."

Denise also chose an escort for herself, who traditionally is the closest male friend of the honoree.

In her case, Javier Harvey Bernal fit the bill.

"He used to be one of my best friends but he goes to (Harlingen) South now, so I don't really see him often," she said. "He's like my brother."

Then Denise and her family chose the cake, tiara, invitations, salon, mariachi, food, decorations, photographer, dressmaker, album, ring and guestbook.

In addition, they hired a choreographer and rented the horse and carriage.

The cost of the more than 400-guest event went beyond \$7,000.

Denise said she was surprised by the amount of money.

"Oh, my gosh. I didn't think it was going to be this much," she said.

Maria Romero said she and her husband were ready to spend a lot of money on their daughter's celebration.

"I think, yes, it's not so (high) priced. All the family helps for this quinceanera," Maria Romero said, referring to padrinos or godparents, who provided money to assist with the cost.

"In some cases, parents need to ask somebody to be a padrino. It's more an offer than being asked," she said.

Denise added: "The majority of my padrinos offered."

Maria Romero said her daughters lavish party is something she didn't have.

"I'm from Mexico," she said. "For my family, it was hard to make a quinceanera."

Ramiro and Maria Romero used the quinceanera as an opportunity to look toward the future.

"For me, it's hard (to let Denise go)," Maria Romero said. "She's my baby and when she goes to college, it will be hard. It's life. I'll accept it."

The reception

Baby blue and silver balloons created two arches framing the entryway into Casa del Sol on the warm February evening of Denise's quinceanera.

The tables surrounding the dance floor were decorated with candle centerpieces, which were souvenirs for guests throughout the night.

Another arch of balloons enclosed the stage and a bench for the special young woman, shaped like a Cinderella carriage with two small horses, rested to the right.

A white nine-tier cake decorated with a fountain and stairways holding silver-gowned dama figurines drew all eyes to the front of the hall.

Dressed in their Sunday best, Denise's seven nieces and nephews shuffled around the tables where her four brothers, Ramiro Jr., Carlos, Joel and Enrique (Henry), and sister, Veronica, were seated.

Denise's 22 padrinos were presented to the audience before an evening of dancing ensued.

"Everything went really good," Denise said the day after her party. "It was fun."

An image of her father, brothers and friends singing loudly with the mariachi band made Denise laugh, and she admitted it was usual family behavior.

"All of them happy and drinking. It was the happiest they could be."

Denise would return to school Monday having experienced more of life.

"Everybody gave me little advice, like watch out in the future and take things slow and take advantage of as much as you can right now," she said.

Radioactive tumbleweeds menace Washington desert

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — The Cold War may be over, but Hanford nuclear reservation continues to battle Russian invaders: radioactive tumbleweeds.

Russian thistle is a dead menace here on the windswept desert of south-central Washington. Each winter, the deep tap root on the plant decays, and the spiny brown skeleton above ground breaks off and rolls away.

"Our dream is that we have this place tumbleweed-free," says Ray Johnson, a biological control manager for radiation protection at Fluor Hanford, the contractor managing the U.S. Department of Energy site.

But that's about as likely as a Soviet reunion.

While less than 1 percent of the tumbleweeds corralled and compacted at Hanford are radioactive, the cost of cleanup can run into millions of dollars.

Hanford is the most contaminated nuclear site in the country, built in 1943 for the top-secret Manhattan Project. For 40 years, Hanford made plutonium for the nation's nuclear arsenal, including the atomic bomb that was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan. The last reactor was shut down in 1986.

Russian thistle, a nonnative or invader species, is a particular problem at underground burial sites for radioactive waste, where their tap roots reach down as far as 20 feet and suck up such nasty elements as strontium and cesium.

A stiff winter wind can push the tumbleweed as far away as four miles, and then "we've lost control of our contamination," Johnson says. But most get hung up within a few hundred yards, usually on sagebrush, fences or in stairwells at the buildings scattered across the site.

Two years ago, uncontrolled contamination spread by fruit flies made Hanford a national laughing-stock, spoofed by humor columnist Dave Barry and in the syndicated comic strip "Sylvia."

The flies had been attracted to a soil fixative with saccharin in the base that was being sprayed on a contaminated site. They flew to a lunch room, and spread the taint to nearby trash bins, which wound up at the Richland municipal landfill.

Johnson can chuckle about it now, recalling attempts to find the source of the contamination. As crews ran radiation detectors around the lunch room and passed over a fruit fly, "the conta-

mination flew away," he recalls.

The journeys of a few thousand fruit flies cost \$2.5 million to clean up.

Riding herd on Hanford's tumbleweeds, and its flying insects, is part of an annual \$4 million integrated soil, vegetation and animal control (ISVAC) program, run by subcontractor DynCorp. for Fluor Hanford.

Radiation control specialists survey the tumbleweeds on the 560-square-mile reservation, using Geiger-Mueller counters that click when radioactivity is present. If contaminated tumbleweeds are found, an ISVAC crew disposes of them.

"The weeds are fairly low danger," says Todd Ponczoch, a radiation control technician, using a Geiger counter to scan tumbleweeds along a fence line. None registered radioactive on a recent trip.

A large, three-pound radioactive tumbleweed might measure out at 150 millirads, or about 1/100th of the allowable annual dose of radiation per person at Hanford.

Radioactive tumbleweeds are pitchforked by specially trained and clothed workers into a regulated garbage truck, compacted and disposed of at an on-site low-level waste dump. A trail of paperwork is required as well.

The sites must be satisfactorily cleaned up and covered with six inches of clean soil or gravel.

Nonradioactive tumbleweeds are territory for the Teamsters.

"It's an easy job. It gets us outside," says Joe Aldridge, a Teamster from Richland, as he pitchforks a plant into the garbage truck which can hold about 1,800 pounds of tumbleweeds. "Digging ditches is a lot worse."

The uncontaminated tumbleweeds are dumped in an open pit. Up until five or six years ago, the "clean" tumbleweeds were burned and the ash buried. But the state Department of Health put a halt to that practice for fear that some radioactive tumbleweeds might find their way into the mix and disperse contamination into the air.

Preventive measures are also part of the control program, and include backpack, roadside and aerial spraying with herbicide to kill the thistle. Sometimes a bio-barrier — a costly engineered textile — is laid down to block the formation of thistle roots.

"What you've got to do is make sure your contaminated areas are tumbleweed-free," Johnson says.

Clearly, this isn't Kansas, where at least two enterprising souls are raising Russian thistles, turning them into tumbleweeds and selling them for home decor. But in the vast, open and uncontaminated portions of the reservation, some areas are simply left to nature.

Even Johnson can acknowledge their rightful place in the world.

"If we didn't have them, the West wouldn't be the West," he says, "and we couldn't sing 'Tumblin' Tumbleweeds.'"

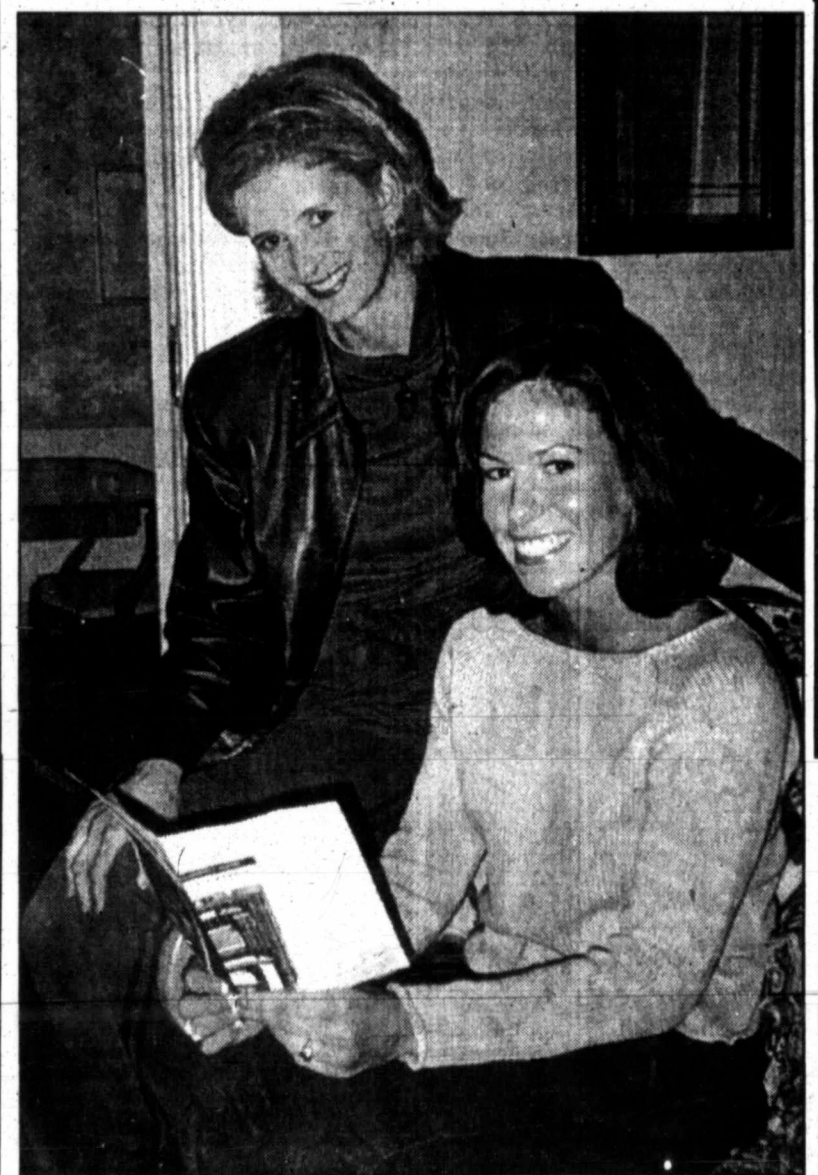
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Panhellenic Coke Party



(Community Camera photo by Shannon Buck)

Kristi Fatheree and Celeste Stowers, a senior at Pampa High, discuss plans for the upcoming Panhellenic Mother-Daughter Coke Party at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 8 at Fatheree's home located at 931 Christine. The annual event is open to senior girls interested in college sorority rush. For more information, contact Shannon Buck at 665-7027.

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