

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

HARRIS, Oleta — 1:30 p.m., Church of Christ, McLean.
KIRKLAND, Moses H. "Tex" — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
SKOOG, Lee Doris Spector — 2 p.m., Acton United Methodist Church, Granbury.

OLETA HARRIS 1917-2002

McLEAN — Oleta Harris, 85, died Jan. 4, 2002. She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Harris, in 1994. Services will be at 1:30 p.m., Monday in McLean Church of Christ with Jim Reyna officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Harris lived in the McLean area most of her life and was a member of McLean Church of Christ.

MOSES H. 'TEX' KIRKLAND 1912-2002

Moses H. "Tex" Kirkland, 89, of Pampa, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, at Pueblo, Colo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., in Fairview Cemetery with Jack Thompson and Bill Berry officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Kirkland was born Oct. 18, 1912, at Meridian, Texas, to Elizabeth McFadden Kirkland and Edgar Gile Kirkland. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving four years during World War II and receiving his honorable discharge in June 1946. He came to Pampa that same year and there married Mildred Fulfer. He retired from Cabot Corporation after 20

years of service, and, in 1979, began working part-time for Titan Specialties where he remained for 17 years, retiring on his 84th birthday.

In May 2001, he moved from Pampa to Pueblo. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Fulfer Kirkland; his parents; two brothers, Edgar H. Kirkland and Jewell Andrew Kirkland; and four sisters, Helen Waters, Hazel Poston, Mae Roten and Iva Marie Meglasson.

Survivors include three nieces, Anna Welborn, Frances Duncan and Barbara Micheli, all of Pueblo.

LEE DORIS SPECTOR SKOOG 1929-2002

GRANBURY — Lee Doris Spector Skoog, 72, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, in Granbury. Services will be at 2 p.m., Monday in Acton United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Acton Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m., today at Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury.

Lee Doris Skoog was born June 6, 1929, and grew up in Borger. She graduated from Borger High School and Texas Tech University. While living in Borger, she worked for Phillips Petroleum Company.

She later lived in Pampa for many years and was an active member of First United Methodist Church and numerous civic and school-related organizations. After moves to St. Louis, Mo., and Houston, she and William Skoog, her husband of 47 years, retired to Pecan Plantation in Granbury.

She was a devoted and living wife, mother, aunt and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David Myer Spector and Anna Lois Spector and a sister, Adele Spector Poyner.

Survivors include her husband, William Skoog of Granbury; sons, Steven Skoog of Dallas, Paul Skoog of Cleburne and David Skoog of Flower Mound; daughters, Martha Skoog Weyandt of Granbury and Mary Skoog Findley of Dallas; grandchildren, Michael Skoog of Abilene, Clayton Skoog of Cleburne, Molly Weyandt of Granbury, Matthew Weyandt and Mark Weyandt of Granbury, Allen Findley and Anna Findley of Dallas and Daniel Skoog and John Skoog of Flower Mound; brother, David Spector, Jr. of Carrollton; sisters, Sara Spector Watson of Midland and Jeanette Spector Aftergut of San Antonio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Acton United Methodist Church.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today, mostly sunny. Highs in the middle 40s. North winds 15 to 20 mph with occasional higher gusts. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows around 20.

Monday, mostly sunny. Highs in the middle 50s. Monday evening, mostly clear.

Tuesday, mostly clear. Lows 25 to 30. Highs 60 to 65.

Wednesday, mostly clear. Lows 30 to 35 and highs around 60.

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Friday, mostly clear. Lows near 30 and highs 55 to 60.

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Pig farming

It isn't just the Pampa facility that worries some Panhandle residents. An influx of pig farms, they say, is putting the region's environment at risk.

In 1990, the Panhandle was home to about 8 percent of the state's pigs, with the majority in the south-central and eastern parts of Texas. A decade later, propelled by the region's national campaign to attract the industry, the Panhandle had 85 percent of the state's 920,000 pigs.

Texas ranks 17th in the nation in pig production, according to the National Pork Board.

Proponents claim the industry creates jobs and fits well with the economies of small towns that are struggling to survive population loss.

Ken Horton, president of the Texas Pork Producers Association, points to Perryton, home to a Texas Farms Inc. pig farm. "This little town had empty businesses up and down Main Street and now it's bustling," he said.

When residents first heard that Texas Farms was considering putting its \$100 million pig operation in Perryton in the mid-1990s, they too expressed concerns about the environment. Since then, Texas Farms has added more than 300 jobs to the economy and proved itself a good neighbor, said Cheryl Hardy, Perryton's economic development director.

The company adheres to TNRCC requirements, maintains its property, encourages employees to participate in civic organizations and donates \$20,000 a year to the chamber of commerce for community development, Hardy said.

"They have been excellent stewards," she said. "I think our community now views them differently. They have met and exceeded the environmental issues."

Lagoons must have synthetic or compacted clay liners to prevent wastewater from seeping into the earth. In Dalhart, Premium Standard Farms uses a steel, above-ground tank into which wastewater is piped, blended with normal irrigation ground water and used as fertilizer, said Brad Jones, regional director for TNRCC in Amarillo.

"They have to go through a rigorous permitting process," he said of pig farms. "From our standpoint, we want to make sure they don't have a negative impact on the environment."

Marilyn Yanke, a Panhandle resident since 1955, lives in Suaray near where Seaboard Farms has

obtained a permit to operate a facility of up to 88,000 pigs. Seaboard also may be eyeing Moore County for a multimillion-dollar pork-processing facility, a prospect that Yanke said would lure even more pig farms.

"I know that we have economic problems but a development that will in the long run damage, hurt our water and the health of our people is a detriment to our area, not a development," said Yanke, who is working with an activist organization that opposes the pork-feeding operation.

"Keeping the aquifer safe, I would prefer to err on the side of too much regulation and keeping it clean rather than the possibility of contamination. It is the lifeblood of all of us."

Environmental experts and NPD officials dispute that the industry damages the region's environment. They cite a dry climate that is good for pig growth and leads to increased evaporation from the lagoons, the depth of the Ogallala (more than 200 feet in some places), and a 100-foot protective barrier of sand, clay, shale and rock. They also note that the region typically does not get heavy rainfall, making it unlikely that the lagoons would overflow.

"It reduces the risk to an extraordinarily low level," said John McGlone, a professor at Texas Tech University's Department of Animal Science and Food Technology who studies swine. "You can't say zero, but it's close to zero."

Jones also noted that the state's ground water has never been contaminated by a confined animal feeding operation for pigs, cattle, sheep, chickens, turkeys or horses.

In 1999, floodwaters from Hurricane Floyd washed millions of gallons of pig waste into a river in North Carolina that emptied into the Atlantic Ocean. The incident led to a moratorium on new or expanded hog lagoons there through Sept. 2003.

"Well, that's unlikely to happen here," McGlone said. "We don't like to deal with absolutes here but most likely a hurricane won't hit West Texas."

As for Roth, he favors the potential economic development, but would prefer an alternative to the lagoon. NPD spokesman Tyler Bishop said the company would be willing to consider new methods under development if they were economically feasible.

Said Texas Tech's McGlone: "We can find ways to do it better. We need to bring science into the discussion."

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The meetings with Dr. Weida will be sponsored by the Gray County Chapter of ACCORD (Citizens for Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Protection), Inc.

Pieper Voshell explained that the TNRC can interact with the public on Tuesday night at that meeting regarding comments made during the informal period, but that these comments will not be entered into the formal record.

"Any questions can be answered at this time," she said. "Comments to be entered into the formal record will have to be made during the formal comment period."

She also said that the TNRC representatives will not be able to respond to questions during the formal comment period, the second phase of the meeting.

Pieper Voshell also emphasized it will be a public meeting, not a public hearing.

Confined Animal Feeding Operation permits do not have hearings," she said. "A hearing is a formal way of protest, and this will be a meeting."

During the formal comment period, members of the public may state their comments into the official record.

A written response to all formal comments will be prepared and considered by TNRC Executive Director Jeff Saitas before reaching a decision on the permit.

Any person who submits a formal comment or who requests to be on the mailing list for this application and provides a mailing address.

Written public comments must be received at the Austin address by Jan. 8, or submitted to the TNRC at the public meeting.

Saitas will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments.

A copy of the application submitted by NPD was placed in Lovett Memorial Library in early

December for the public to read. An additional copy is at the Roberts County Library in Miami.

According to the notice from the TNRC, no discharge of pollutants into water in the state will be authorized by this registration except chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions. Additionally, it says all waste and waste water will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility, including land application areas, will be located on the north side of U.S. Highway 60 between the intersections of U.S. Highway 60 and Gray County Roads 18 and 19 in Gray and Roberts counties. The facility will be located in the drainage area of the Canadian River below Lake Meredith in Segment No. 0101 of the Canadian River Basin.

Information about the application or the procedure for the public may be obtained by calling the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040.

Dr. Louis Hayden of Pampa, who is with Accord, said Dr. Weida currently serves as an economic consultant to the GRACE Factory Farm Project where he works with communities that are evaluating large agricultural projects. Hayden also said he acts as an expert witness in permit hearings and provides analysis of economic impacts, nutrient management calculations and water use impacts.

Dr. Weida is currently employed as a professor in the Economics and Business Department of The Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo., where he specializes in regional economics, statistics, and econometric modeling.

He received a bachelor of science in engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy, a masters in business administration from UCLA, and a doctorate in econometrics and operations research from the University of Colorado.

He was a member of the Economics Department at the U.S. Air Force Academy for 15 years. Formerly an economist in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for three years, he retired from the Air Force as a colonel in 1985.

He has published several books and articles on the regional economic impact of large projects.

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Resolve

"This is a time when we reflect on some of the cases we have outstanding," Morris said. "Ashley Roe is one of them that we're still working on, looking at."

Morris said the police department is actively involved in doing some follow up work in that case.

District Attorney Rick Roach said the Gray County grand jury recently heard testimony from law enforcement personnel and another witness regarding the case.

He said the investigation is continuing, and the grand jury will continue its involvement.

There's another case that has stymied investigators for more than a year now.

"We're still looking into the matter of the disappearance of Monica Appleton," Morris said. "Monica's been missing for quite some time, and we have a team of investigators that is still assigned to this case."

Appleton, whose family resides in Pampa, disappeared Nov. 18, 2000.

"We've looked into hundreds

of leads," Morris said. "We have nothing substantial so far. What we do know is that Monica has been missing for quite some time."

Appleton has children in Pampa, but nobody from the family has heard from her since that November night.

"There's a lot of rumors and speculation," Morris said. "We have to follow up on every one of them."

Morris said they are considering obtaining DNA samples from family members so they would have a way of making a positive identification in a worst case scenario.

"The fact of the matter is that we're still hopeful that she's around someplace, and for some reason, we have not made contact," Morris said.

The longer it takes to find her, Morris said, the more difficult the case becomes and the more officers fear for her well-being.

"As far as Monica Appleton is concerned, we continue to follow leads on that, any that we receive," Morris said. "Whether it's through Crimestoppers or any other way, we take that seri-

ously and we follow up on it."

He said that she has children and a family here that cares about her.

She's the sister of a Pampa PD police officer, Donnie Brown.

"We hate to speculate on what happened to Monica, but we'd sure like to find out and help the family put this to rest," Morris said. "All of us here are dedicated to trying to do what's right regarding that particular case."

Morris said his department is trying to put all of their available resources into bringing such cases to a close.

"They have not been forgotten," Morris said. "We're not going to allow them to be forgotten. As far as we're concerned these are open cases."

He said that any time the police department receives a lead, regardless of where it comes from, they are going to follow up on it and determine what the truth is.

"You talk about New Year's resolutions for police folks at the Pampa Police Department," Morris said, "those are a few of the cases that we just really want to bring to a close."

Managing Editor Nancy Young contributed to this report.

Texan first U.S. soldier killed in Afghan combat

A Desert Storm veteran and skilled marksman, the first U.S. soldier killed by enemy fire in Afghanistan was also a proud father of two and loving husband who called his Army unit his second family, his parents said.

Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman, a 31-year-old Green Beret communications specialist, died Friday when he was hit by small-arms fire during an ambush. His parents, Will and Lynn Chapman, said their son had served in Panama, Haiti and Operation Desert Storm during more than a decade in the military.

"As Sergeant Chapman's parents, we are so proud that he had grown into such a wonderful son who was a proud father, loving husband, and devoted to serving his country," the Chapmans said in the statement released late Friday from their home in Georgetown, Texas, about 25 miles north of Austin.

Chapman had talked with his parents on Christmas Day by satellite phone, his father told the San Antonio Express-News for a story in Saturday's editions. Will Chapman said that when he told his son he was sorry he wasn't home for the holidays, the soldier replied, "I know, Dad, but I'm with my second family and they're a great bunch of guys."

Chapman's parents identified the slain soldier's wife as Renae and his children as Amanda, 2, and Brandon, 1.

"He loved parenting his children and cherished the time he had with them and his wife," the Chapmans said. "He loved to jet ski, snowboard and woodworking. He was a skilled marksman."

Chapman was part of a U.S. team operating near the Afghan town of Khost, a few miles from the Pakistan border, when he was hit, military officials said.

Officials said Chapman and a CIA officer had met with local tribal leaders in Afghanistan's Paktia province, near where U.S. warplanes had struck several al-Qaida and Taliban targets in the past few weeks. The Americans were ambushed after the meeting and exchanged fire with their assailants, officials said.

The CIA officer was wounded but was expected to survive. "This American serviceman was doing his job," Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of U.S. Central Command, said of Chapman.



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BIOL-1322 031	07:00PM	09:50PM	T	PRINCIPLES OF NUTRITION
BIOL-2402 031	04:00PM	06:50PM	M	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II Lab
BIOL-2420 031	04:00PM	06:50PM	T	MICROBIOLOGY Lab
BUSI-1307 021	07:00PM	09:50PM	T	PERSONAL FINANCE
CHEM-1112 021	01:00PM	02:15PM	TR	GENERAL CHEMISTRY LAB II
CHEM-1312 021	11:00AM	11:50AM	MWF	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II
COSC-1401 021	11:00AM	12:15PM	TR	INTRO TO COMPUTER INFO SYSTEMS Lab
CRIJ-1306 031	07:00PM	09:50PM	T	COURT SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES
ECON-2302 031	07:00PM	09:50PM	M	MICROECONOMICS
ENGL-0308 031	05:00PM	05:50PM	M	PREPARATORY ENGLISH
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ENGL-1301 023	11:00AM	12:15PM	TR	ENGLISH COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC I
ENGL-1302 021	10:00AM	10:50AM	MWF	ENGLISH COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC II
ENGL-1302 031	07:00PM	09:50PM	M	ENGLISH COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC II
ENGL-2331 021	09:30AM	10:50AM	TR	NON-WESTERN WORLD LITERATURE
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AN OPINION

ProAg takes stand in support of NPD

BY SHAWN LEPARD
PROAG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Plains Residents' Organization for Agriculture Growth (ProAg) is joining those in support of NPD building a hog genetics farm in Gray County.

Beyond the information that NPD has put out about themselves, there has yet to be a third-party to promote the positives surrounding NPD's proposed farm. We look forward to describing how modern pork production can be an economic stimulus for a region while protecting our groundwater through sound, science-based environmental engineering.

ProAg has been involved in promoting agriculture growth for rural communities throughout the High Plains.

We've seen the same scenario with the expansion of beef feedlots, dairy, poultry and row crop farms. In every case a few good folks get extremely concerned about the agriculture expansion because of propaganda disseminated by radical environmentalists groups from the East and West coasts.

ProAg's objective is not to attack those individuals against agriculture growth but to provide science-based facts that are in contrast to the anti-agriculture information. In doing so, we will provide two sides to the issue so the citizens of Gray County can determine which side best represents their personal beliefs.

I expect criticism of myself and my organization because of our support of pork production. Of course some would prefer personally rather than simply debating issues. We'll be characterized for being a public relations/lobby organization just for corporate hogs. Of course, they will only tell people part of the story in an attempt to portray us as something sinister.

ProAg is unabashedly a public relations/lobby organization for agriculture. The organization has over 3,000 members throughout the Great Plains who support all forms of agriculture growth.

The majority of ProAg members consist of individuals and businesses from rural communities who understand that their business profits and community prospers when agriculture growth occurs in their area.

ProAg has 15 board members from Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas that reflect the membership. Of the 15, four are involved with pork production and one of those is also a farmer and rancher. The remainder of ProAg's board consists of a real estate agent, a school teacher, an agriculture loan officer, the owner of a trucking company, a retired agriculture extension agent, an electric utility employee, a family poultry farmer, an attorney, a farmer and two farming/ranching wives.

ProAg has been an advocate of the pork industry because the organization stands up for all agriculture producers. We believe that if a member of our agriculture family is attacked, then the entire family is attacked and we must stand together. We've been active in defending cattle feedlots, turkey and poultry producers, dairy farmers and family farmers who were similarly attacked by environmentalists.

In 1997, ProAg began with a group of small business people who had nothing to do with agriculture but were tired of hearing just the negative side of the story. I was working for a public relations firm in Austin when I heard about the organization.

After four years of living in Dallas and Austin, I was aching to return to my rural roots. I saw the opportunity of a lifetime to pursue my goal of representing agriculture against the increasing growth of urban environmentalists and to do so while living in a rural community. I now live in Guymon, Okla., and am married to a local pharmacist who is pregnant with our third daughter.

A boy from a West Texas cotton farm doesn't exactly feel at home in Austin. I love my job and especially where I live. I want other young people to have the same opportunity to pursue professional careers in their rural hometowns.

Opponents claim that I am biased in my opinions because I'm paid to be. I'm very fortunate to be paid for doing something that I believe in. Am I impartial? No.

I love agriculture and the people involved in agriculture. I'll go to my grave standing up for agriculture and using my abilities to tell people, media, legislators, bureaucrats or anybody about the great things agriculture provides for our society.

Over the course of time, I believe that citizens of Gray County will stand up for what's right. I pray that each individual will take this opportunity to observe the messages coming from both sides and determine which resembles what you strive for in your personal lives.

Do you tear down or building people up? Do you consider the source of the information before believing and disseminating it? Are you willing to stand up to those opposed to growth in order to prosper?

Trying not to stress out in the new year

Yipes. January 1st is starting to fade into the background and I haven't even started practicing my New Year's resolutions.

One of them is to exercise. I don't know why I won't. It's not as though I don't have the time or place for it.

Last year I guess it was I confess that I bought a treadmill and a new color TV to go in the room with it. The treadmill was not an impulse buy. I thought it out, saved to pay cash for it and used it ... for a few weeks.

Then I stopped. I don't know why. But I have achieved one thing as far as the treadmill is concerned ... I refuse to hang any clothes on it!

I'm also trying not to stress out so much over my mother's health problems. We brought her home Dec. 21 from her latest hospital/rehab stay. She had fallen several times and suffered from one or more mini-strokes. She's rebounded pretty well from that but her orthopedic problems that make it miserable for her to walk aren't going away.

So, we're back to the 24-7 sitter situation. I don't think there's any way any of them can prevent her having another fall but at least someone will be there if it happens. And, the firefighter/paramedics down the street have been good to come and help get her up.



KATE DICKSON
Associate Publisher

She insists that they, and on one occasion, me, picked her up by her head. That, of course, being the answer to why her neck hurts.

I don't think so. Arthritis is more like it. After writing about Sugah, I've had a number of Pampa people share their stories about their elderly parents with me. It's tough. Tough on everyone concerned.

While back 'home' Christmas, I called a close friend. Her adult daughter answered and said her mom wasn't there ... that she'd gone over to her mother's house to help give her a bath. I'd just finished doing that with Sugah.

I rang another friend who was 'home' from Key West for Christmas. Her brother answered and said she'd gone out to the cemetery to put flowers on some family

graves. I inquired about their mother only to find out she was in the nursing home. Paul told me their mother had stayed at home with 24-7 care but then had to go into the nursing home.

I asked why ... waiting to hear about the medical problem that forced the change. But that wasn't it.

"She ran out of money," Paul said.

That's not hard to do, I thought to myself. We have Christmas dinner and open gifts the Saturday night before Christmas. That way, all can do their own thing come 'real' Christmas.

My sister-in-law's mother lives in the same town. It gets harder each year to get her to Sugah's house. She, too, can barely get around and can't be left alone at all. She's on oxygen a lot and her memory isn't good.

Standing in the kitchen later that night, my brother Dick and I shook our heads over the situations and said what we now laugh about because we say it so often.

"I don't know" is our catch phrase.

Leaning against the kitchen counter with his arms folded, Dick looked toward the living room.

"You know, a heart attack in the woods is looking better all the time."



Christmas message rings hollow this year

The message of Christmas rang hollow this year. There is no peace, very little good will toward men, and certainly there is more injustice than justice in this world.

The misery inflicted on the people of Bethlehem by the Israelis, as well as the misery the Israelis inflict on all the Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, is an example of both ill will and injustice. Preventing Yasser Arafat from attending services in Bethlehem reflected nothing more than Israeli malice.

Our own hands are far from clean. We both subsidize and protect Israel's tyranny, and thus are accessories to the crimes they commit against the Palestinians. And they are crimes. They are violations of the Geneva accords, and the Israelis continue to defy more than 60 United Nations resolutions. Those resolutions, which we think are worth the deaths of 500,000 Iraqi children when directed at Saddam Hussein, go unenforced against Israel because of our veto.

We even vetoed a Security Council resolution that would have sent U.N. peacekeepers to protect the Palestinians. Worse, we lied about it. The resolution explicitly condemned acts of violence by both sides, yet our lame excuse was that it was "one-sided." It is the United States government that is one-sided. Like the Israeli government, we are committed to screwing the Palestinians. The Israelis covet the Palestinians' land. Our gutless officials are fearful of offending the powerful Israeli lobby in the United States.

Nor is our so-called war against terrorism an example of justice. We have now, by accident, killed more innocent men, women and children in Afghanistan than the terrorists killed in New York and Washington. There has been no declaration of war by Congress, and that is the only constitutional way we can wage war. The Bush administration is openly defying the Constitution by calling this hunt for terrorists a war.

Even our success in Afghanistan is tainted. Once again, we are bombing people who are defenseless against air attacks. That works, of course, the same way that shooting unarmed people with rifles works, but it is not something a civilized nation would wish to boast about. Don't think for one minute that the Afghans do not recognize the fact that we used them to take all the risks and casualties. Our so-called welcome will be short-lived.



CHARLIE REESE
Columnist

There is nothing wrong at all in bringing to justice those individuals who masterminded the attacks against the United States, but to tell other sovereign nations you are "either with us or with the terrorists" is the height of imperial arrogance. As it happens, our European allies have many terrorist cells in their countries, but, of course, we will not deliver ultimatums to them. Only defenseless Third World countries get the rough talk and rough treatment.

Eventually, either in China or in Russia, the next breakthrough in weaponry will be a new air-defense system that can defeat our system of offensive operations. When that day comes and the system is widely distributed, our little ventures of bombing poor, defenseless countries will come to a screeching halt.

We still avoid the real test of a nation's mettle. That test is how many American casualties we are willing to sustain to support a foreign-policy objective. As long as we are exempt from any large number of casualties, the American people don't care what the government does in foreign lands. That's called the lynch-mob mentality. Only when our sons and daughters start bleeding and dying will the American people take a more critical look at their government's foreign-policy objectives. Then the politicians will have to come up with something better than platitudes and overblown rhetoric.

FROM OUR FILES

40 years ago

SUNDAY, Jan. 7, 1962. Pampa's Harvesters, after exchanging the lead with Tascosa's Rebels Friday night at the Harvesters fieldhouse about as many times as an Olympic baton relay man, held on to post a 53-49 victory and thus notch their initial district win in 3-AAAA competition.

TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1962. The Pampa City Commission this morning approved the audit conducted by the firm of Nensiel and Doggett. Gerald

Doggett met with the group and stated that the basic accounting procedures followed by city departments were equal in efficiency to any city in Texas of Pampa's size.

THURSDAY, Jan. 11, 1962. Republican history was made in Gray County yesterday afternoon when City Commissioner L.P. Fort filed as a G.O.P. candidate for County Commissioner in Precinct 2, subject to the May 5 primary election.

25 years ago

THURSDAY, Jan. 6, 1977.

Panhandle farmers and ranchers who ended 1976 with a severe moisture deficit were short-changed Wednesday night when a promising winter front produced only .03-inch of moisture locally.

FRIDAY, Jan. 7, 1977. Darryl Roberts recently was instituted as assistant pastor of the Lamar Full Gospel Assembly in Pampa.

SUNDAY, Jan. 9, 1977. The crime rate in Pampa for 1976 rose 10.33 percent over 1975.

10 years ago

MONDAY, Jan. 6, 1992. Congressman Bill Sarpalius (D-Amarillo) met a delegation of approximately 25 supporters at Perry Lefors Field early Saturday to announce re-election plans to the U.S. House of Representatives.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8, 1992. Pampa and Gray County saw a decrease in the unemployment rates for November, according to figures released Tuesday by Rodney A. Springer, director of the Texas Employment Commission office in Pampa.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pampa saw much controversy in 2001

To the editor,
Pampa's year of 2001 was a year of controversy over pig farms, economic development and increasing taxes.

We will have a pig breeding farm even though the majority of the citizens do not want it in our community. The only thing we can do now is to pressure our state senator and legislator to work on changes to regulate the number of pigs allowable in any one county of the state and the type of systems used to dispose of animal waste.

The agriculture department of Texas Technological University at Lubbock has been working on this for some time in relation to cattle feedlots. If it would work on cattle waste, it should work on pig waste. We are blessed with good water and land which has become a beacon for this type of industry, so legislative action to control the number of pigs allowable and the total number of all livestock on "finish feed" per county is about the only solution.

The location of a livestock meat processing facility within any county should require an election, for or against, to be conducted with all registered voters of that county eligible to vote.

This being election year with our governor, senators and legislators seeking elective office, we need to make our desires known and support those individuals offering the best solution to these problems.

The Pampa Economic Development Corp. was voted out of existence, leaving a void in our community to attract new businesses.

Some of the arguments to disband the PEDC was, in some minds, that the PEDC was unnecessary to attract new businesses to Pampa and was at least partially responsible in bringing NPD into our community.

We currently have two new dairies in our community, and as one letter writer commented, you do not even see milk trucks coming and going. We need a minimum of two more large dairies to create the possibility of some type of milk processing facility in our community.

In the Dec. 30, 2001, Sunday edition of the Amarillo Globe News' Farm and Ranch Section, it states that Braum's has built a new dairy in Lipscomb County. Hereford in the past year has acquired three new dairies, with Lamb, Bailey and Hutchinson Counties being very active in pursuit of dairies. A cheese processing plant would require a minimum of 50,000 head of dairy cattle within 50 miles to make it feasible to build. Four dairies would put Pampa in this position. We only need two more; Hereford only needs one.

With dairies moving back into the panhandle, this type of facility and others related to dairies will be constructed in communities that can support them. Pampa needs new businesses; this is an opportunity that needs to be pursued. This is an outstanding opportunity for those citizens who believe the PEDC was unnecessary to prove their point and bring these additional two new dairies into the Pampa community.

At one of the meetings between the public and city government to discuss increasing taxes and cutting city employees for the fiscal year of 2002, I was unable to stay long enough to speak before the mayor and commission, so, I circulated a memo to the mayor, commissioners and members of the city administration stating my thoughts.

Basically, I recommended that the police and fire departments not be cut, and that taxes only be increased enough to accomplish this. I also recommended that the mayor and commissioners consider the hiring of a business consulting firm to come in and look at our current city government's structure.

These firms point out mistakes currently being made, with proposals for improving operations at all levels and make suggestions for future improvements based on projected income. There will be strong objections from some employees ranging from the administrative level on down. Some individuals are afraid of change, but change is an on-going fact. It's the direction that is important.

These firms are used by businesses of all sizes with success, and I see no reason why Pampa would not benefit. The taxpayers deserve a reply from our elected city officials concerning this subject, preferably through our local news sources.

James "Jim" Braxton
Pampa

Letter challenges NPD general manager

(The following is an open letter to Mr. John A. Carter, general manager, National Pig Development, Inc.)

Dear Mr. Carter:

Your letters to the people of this area scrupulously evade the real issues, and these are:

1. The consumption of water by corporate pig factories and the impact of this on the Ogallala Aquifer, our major water source:

The millions of pigs being produced and planned for the future will use as much water per year as a city twice the size of Amarillo. Meanwhile, the Ogallala Aquifer is being depleted at 10 times the rate of recharge.

2. The contamination of water by corporate pig factories from the use of open-pit hog waste systems such as National Pig Development proposes to use:

While it has been the orchestrated theme of the local and state politicians and the pig profiteers that there has never been a case of groundwater contamination in the Texas Panhandle from pig factories, it is only a matter of time until this occurs. The Oklahoma Panhandle north of Pampa, has recorded numerous instances of groundwater contamination over the past 10 years, and pregnant women living there are advised not to drink the water because of the high level of nitrates. The State of Oklahoma has recently imposed severe restrictions upon their operations.

For these reasons alone, not to mention others, National Pig Development is proffering a very bad deal that works only one way — theirs. I would urge you to take your "elite" pigs and go elsewhere. The reputation of corporate pig farms has preceded you.

Edna L. Haydon
Pampa

NPD employee offers another perspective

To the editor,

My name is Pete May, and I am a farm manager for NPD (USA). I started working at NPD after I graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and two majors of agricultural economics and agricultural technology and management.

I started at NPD three years ago as a manager trainee. Since then, I have learned a great deal about hog production and genetics. I have moved up in the company, going from department supervisor then assistant manager and now to farm manager.

NPD has been a very good company to work for, and I have progressed quickly within the company. With the building of this new farm, there will be even more opportunity for advancement within the company available to someone who wants to work hard.

NPD is a great company to work for. They take great pride in their work and go to great lengths to ensure that things are done right. This is especially true when it concerns the environment. Since I was born and raised on a farm in Kansas, I know first-hand how important the land and water are to people in the Midwest.

I can assure you that NPD takes all precautions to take care of the environment. I can say this because I take part in this every day as a part of my duties as a farm manager. NPD would be a great neighbor for your area.

Pete May
Farm manager, NPD

Supreme Court races in 2002 likely to be expensive, tumultuous affairs

By **JIM VERTUNO**
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — With the potential for five new faces on the Texas Supreme Court, the 2002 court elections could be the most tumultuous and expensive in recent memory.

"You have the potential for wholesale change," on the nine-member, all-Republican court, said Austin political consultant Bill Miller. "And they'll all be multimillion-dollar campaigns."

No fewer than 11 candidates are vying for five open seats on the state's highest civil court. Among them, only Chief Justice Tom Phillips was previously elected to the court. As of Monday, Phillips had yet to draw a challenger. The filing deadline is Wednesday.

Under normal circumstances, only three seats would even be open this year, as the terms of the nine justices are staggered. But two former justices, Alberto Gonzales and Greg Abbott, left the court in midterm. Justices Deborah Hankinson and James A. Baker both have decided not to seek re-election.

Left behind is a wide-open battle for the court that could get expensive as Democrats and Republicans, trial lawyers and business interests all pour money into an attempt to wrest control of the court.

Cris Feldman, staff attorney for Texans for Public Justice, a watchdog group that tracks political donations in court races, predicted a candidate will need to raise about \$2 million to win the primary and general elections.

"Most of my advisers have said that it's a million dollars minimum to run a statewide campaign," said Jefferson, the first black to serve on the court, who was appointed by Republican Gov. Rick Perry to replace Gonzales.

"And when you have a contest in either a primary or general election that figure can go up quite significantly," Jefferson said.

That's one of the big reasons why Hankinson, who was appointed in 1997 and elected to finish her term in 1998, chose not to run again.

"Running a campaign again was not something I wanted to do," she said. "When Governor Bush appointed me, I told him I would run (in 1998). I want to spend my last year concentrating on the court."

The court is expected to draw intense interest and large

amounts of cash from consumer and business special interest groups, said Dan Lambe, executive director of Texas Watch, which has criticized the current court as being too pro-business at the expense of consumers.

Voters should pay as much attention to the court as they will the gubernatorial campaign, Lambe said.

"The impact of the decisions of this court seems to grow every year," Lambe said. "Far too few people understand that what happens at the court is as important as what happens in the Legislature."

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Dr. William J. Weida will speak to the public on

"Economics for Rural Communities"

(Followed by a question and answer period)

The following morning, **Jan. 8, 2002, 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon** Dr. Weida will be at the Lovett Memorial Library meeting room. All city and county officials, former and present Pampa Economic Development Corporation board members, school officials, and Chamber of Commerce members are invited for a discussion and question & answer period.

The TNRC will hold a public meeting **Tuesday, January 8, 2002, 6:30 P.M.** at the M K Brown Auditorium.

Dr. Weida will address the formal part of this meeting.

Dr. William J. Weida

BILL WEIDA was born and raised in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and is currently employed as a Professor in the Economics and Business Department of The Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, where he specializes in regional economics, statistics, and econometric modeling. He received a BS in engineering from the US Air Force Academy, an MBA from UCLA, and a Doctorate in Econometrics and Operations Research from the University of Colorado. He was a member of the Economics Department at the US Air Force Academy for 11 years, the last two of which he was chair.

He has been a faculty member at the Colorado College for 15 years, and for 5 of those years, he was chair of the Economics and Business Department. He was an economist in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for three years, and retired from the Air Force as a Colonel in 1985. He has published a large number of articles, written four books, and contributed chapters to four others—all of which deal with the regional economic impact of large projects. In addition, he has spent the last 15 years providing advice to communities and regions on the impacts of various forms of economic development.

Dr. Weida currently serves as an economic consultant to the GRACE Factory Farm Project where he works with communities that are evaluating large agricultural projects. He acts as an expert witness in permit hearings and provides analysis of economic impacts, nutrient management calculations, and water use impacts.

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Milosevic, spy plane, Mad Cow — all paled before Sept. 11

By ROBERT BARR
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LONDON (AP) — WHEREVER SOMEONE WATCHED THE WORLD TRADE CENTER TOWERS FALL — WHETHER FROM MANHATTAN, MEXICO OR MOZAMBIQUE — IT WAS NO DISTANT EVENT.

THE SHOCK WAS MOST ACUTE IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT THE IMPACT RUMBLING ACROSS THE GLOBE — IN A MASSIVE MILITARY MOBILIZATION, IN THE HASTY ASSEMBLING OF A DIPLOMATIC COALITION AGAINST TERRORISM, IN THE ACCELERATED DECLINE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY THAT HAD LOOKED SO HEALTHY AS 2001 BEGAN.

SWARMS OF PEOPLE FLED AFGHANISTAN TOWARD PAKISTAN OR IRAN, FEARING THE INEVITABLE FURY OF U.S. MILITARY STRIKES AGAINST THE NATION THAT ACCEPTED OSAMA BIN LADEN AS ITS GUEST.

IN THE WIDER WORLD SOME COMPANIES COLLAPSED, JOBS DISAPPEARED, AIRLINES WENT OUT OF BUSINESS.

WHEREVER YOU LIVED, LIFE BECAME SCARIER.

"WE ARE STARING INTO THE FACE OF THE FIRST SYNCHRONIZED WORLD RECESSION OF THE GLOBALIZATION ERA," SAID JUAN SOMAVIA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION. THE U.N. AGENCY ESTIMATED THAT THE IMPACT OF THE ATTACKS WOULD PUT 24 MILLION PEOPLE OUT OF WORK, AND SINK 15 MILLION MORE INTO DEEPER POVERTY.

THE SUICIDE ATTACKS POSED A MONUMENTAL CHALLENGE TO PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH, SO RECENTLY DISPARAGED IN MANY FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS AS THE DIMWITTED WINNER OF A SUSPECT ELECTION.

TRADITIONAL U.S. ALLIES HAD BEEN STUNG BY BUSH'S UNILATERAL DECISION TO DUMP THE KYOTO ACCORD ON GLOBAL WARMING, OR WERE ALARMED BY HIS PLANS FOR A MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM. NOW THEY VIED FOR A SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER POSITION WITH THE AMERICAN LEADER.

THEIR REACTION WAS INSTINCTIVE, SEEING THE DEVASTATION IN NEW YORK AS AN ATTACK ON DEMOCRACY AND CAPITALISM. BUT ANALYSTS SUGGESTED SOME LEADERS JUMPED INTO THE COALITION PARTLY IN HOPES OF RESTRAINING ANY IMPETUOUS RETALIATION BY AN UNTESTED PRESIDENT.

"THE ATTACK AGAINST THE UNITED STATES SHOWS WITH DEVASTATING AND TRAGIC CLARITY THAT NO SINGLE COUNTRY CAN WITHDRAW FROM THE WORLD. ISOLATIONISM AND MISSILE SHIELDS DON'T OFFER ANY PROTECTION AGAINST DOMESTIC PLANES THAT HAVE BEEN

The attacks had a swift and chilling impact on economic activity. For several days the New York Stock Exchange was closed, all U.S. flights were grounded and international airlines canceled flights to the United States.

HIJACKED," STOCKHOLM'S EXPRESSEN NEWSPAPER EDITORIALIZED THE DAY AFTER THE ATTACK.

BUSH HELD HIS FIRE, BUILT HIS ALLIANCE AND ROSE IN STATURE.

JUST THE PREVIOUS MONTH, POLLS CONDUCTED BY THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS HAD FOUND THAT HALF OR MORE OF THE RESPONDENTS IN FRANCE, GERMANY, BRITAIN AND ITALY DISAPPROVED OF BUSH'S HANDLING OF FOREIGN POLICY.

NOW ALL FOUR GOVERNMENTS OFFERED TROOPS AND OTHER SUPPORT FOR THE MILITARY CAMPAIGN IN AFGHANISTAN, WITH A BRITISH SUBMARINE JOINING THE FIRST DAY OF THE ATTACKS. SINCE SEPT. 11, OPINION POLLS IN BRITAIN HAVE PEGGED BUSH'S APPROVAL RATING AROUND 70 PERCENT.

HARDLY ANY GOVERNMENT BEYOND BAGHDAD DARED TO ENDORSE THE ATTACKS ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER AND THE PENTAGON, BUT MANY SAW OPPORTUNITIES TO RECAST THEIR OWN PROBLEMS AS PART OF THE AMERICANS' INTERNATIONAL CRUSADE.

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER ARIEL SHARON REPEATEDLY COMPARED PALESTINIAN LEADER YASSER ARAFAT TO OSAMA BIN LADEN. SYRIAN PRESIDENT BASHAR ASSAD CONDEMNED "STATE TERRORISM," AND MEANT ISRAEL.

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN DREW A PARALLEL WITH HIS COUNTRY'S WAR IN CHECHNYA, AND FOUND THE WEST SUDDENLY MORE SYMPATHETIC.

ROBERT MUGABE'S GOVERNMENT IN ZIMBABWE CLAIMED TO HAVE DETECTED TERRORISTS OPERATING IN THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND EVEN IN SOME NEWS ORGANIZATIONS.

CHINA DETECTED THE LOCAL BRANCH OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

IN THE FORM OF TURKIC-SPEAKING UIGHUR REBELS IN XINJIANG PROVINCE. "THE FIGHT AGAINST SEPARATISTS IN XINJIANG IS PART OF THE FIGHT BY THE WORLD AGAINST TERRORISM," FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ZHU BANGZAO TOLD REPORTERS.

THE ATTACKS HAD A SWIFT AND CHILLING IMPACT ON ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. FOR SEVERAL DAYS THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE WAS CLOSED, ALL U.S. FLIGHTS WERE GROUNDED AND INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES CANCELED FLIGHTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

ECONOMIC FORECASTS WERE RASTILY REVISED. THE WORLD BANK SAID WORLD TRADE WAS LIKELY TO GROW BY LESS THAN 2 PERCENT IN 2001, COMPARED WITH 13 PERCENT THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

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BUT IF PRIORITIES WERE CHANGED ON SEPT. 11, ALL THE FAMILIAR PROBLEMS ENDURED.

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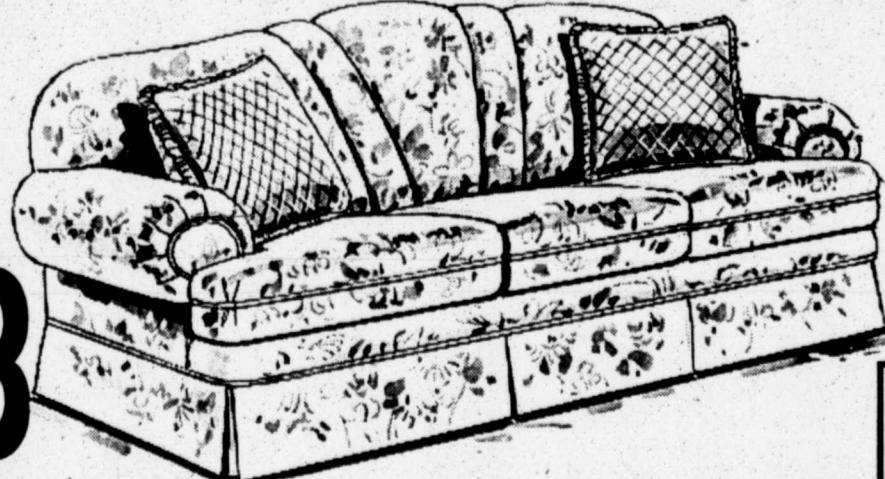
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building.

SHRINE CLUB

Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

MAGIC PLAINS CHAPTER ABWA

Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at The Coffee Shop, 220 N. Cuyler. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

Lovett Memorial Library will offer a story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday. The free program is open to children 18 months to 6 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

CPF

Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

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Crown of Texas Hospice is offering HOPE (Healing Our Parental Emptiness) bereavement series for those grieving the death of a child (pregnancy to 18 years) from 10-11:30 a.m. the first Saturday of each month at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The series is free and open to the public. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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PAMPA PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Pampa Pilots Association meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Airport Lounge.

PAMPA GARDEN CLUB

Pampa Garden Club meets at 2 p.m. the second Monday of each month from September through May. Meeting location changes monthly.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

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winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.

FREEDOM MUSEUM

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

TEXCARE PARTNERSHIP

Texcare Partnership is the New Children's Health Insurance campaign developed especially for Texas families with uninsured children, birth through age 18. The following health insurance programs are available: Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and Texas Healthy Kids Corp. For more information, call 1-800-647-6558 or 1-888-892-2273.

NIH GUIDE

National Institute on Aging is offering "Talking with Your Doctor: A Guide for Older People." The 30-page booklet is available in single or bulk copies. For more information, call the NIA Information Center weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., toll-free at 1-800-222-2225 or TTY at 1-800-222-4225.

GREEN THUMB INTERNET SITE

Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest provider of training and employment for mature workers, now offers consumers Geezer.com, an on-line service featuring the handiwork of seniors from across the country. The site is a must for shoppers looking for distinctive, often one-of-a-kind gifts. Geezer.com includes scores of artisans and craftspeople with more than 2,000 hand-wrought products in more than a dozen categories — apparel, art, doll houses, home and hearth, music and videos, pet store, sports, recreation, toys and games, yard and garden and more.

HFA PUBLICATION

Hospice Foundation of America has published "Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses." The book offers insight and practical suggestions for those assisting family caregivers as they respond to the challenges of caregiving, make critical end-of-life decisions and cope with grief. For more information, call 1-800-854-3402 or visit www.hospicefoundation.org on the World Wide Web. HFA also offers the following pamphlets: "Supporting Your Friend Through Illness & Loss," and "Caring for Someone Who is Dying."

BUTTERFLY GARDEN CLUB

The Butterfly Garden Club of America is offering free butterfly garden seeds (with growing instructions). To receive a packet, send a long SASE with two stamps to: The Butterfly Garden Club of America, P.O. Box 629, Burgin, KY 40310. Limit one free packet per household. Additional packets are available for \$1 each.

TG WEBSITE

Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. (TG) has revamped its "Adventures in Education" website located at <http://www.adventuresineducation.org>

or <http://www.aie.org> on the Internet. Although the site is targeted to middle school, high school and college students as well as high school counselors, each section can assist parents in helping their children prepare for college. TG is a public nonprofit corporation that helps create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Its mission is to provide information to help families and students realize their educational and career dreams.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and

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SCHOOL TO CAREER PROGRAM

Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs, contact the local Texas Workforce Commission or call (512) 470-0918.

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Analysts predict the new court will face issues such as worker safety, insurance and abortion. One case currently before the court is whether the state should help pay for "medically necessary" abortions for poor women.

Phillips has said the court decides cases on the law, rather than on political affiliation or a candidate's campaign donors.

"We are not chosen to make up the law or to advance a particular social policy, but to apply the law that the people have made through their legislators," Phillips said when he filed for reelection.

Miller, the consultant, predicted it would very difficult for the Democrats to take control of the court. Success will depend on how Democrats Tony Sanchez and John Sharp fare in their respective races for governor and lieutenant governor, he said.

"They (Democrats) have to be winning upstream. That's just the way it works," Miller said. "Otherwise people would have to be breaking the ballot. It's just hard for me to see."

Hankinson, however, said it wouldn't necessarily take a drastic shift in party affiliation to shake things up.

A single judge can bring a new approach to the law that

could impact any number of opinions from the court, she said.

"Changing one judge affects the mix," Hankinson said. "It depends on the judicial philosophy of the person. Look at how many times we don't all agree on everything."

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Texas Supreme Court:
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Edward Jones to host satellite broadcast with George F. Will

Duane Harp and Roger David of the financial-services firm Edward Jones will host "What's Next for America?" at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 1540 N. Hobart. This provocative satellite broadcast will feature Newsweek columnist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author George F. Will.

Will joins Edward Jones chief market strategist Alan Skrainka and Lord Abbot Director of Equities Bob Morris who each will give their perspective on the state of the nation, economy and financial markets in 2002.

"We expect this sign-of-the-times roundtable to discuss such thought-provoking issues as what the lasting effects of terrorism will be on the U.S. to the Edward Jones perspective on attractive stocks, bonds and other investment vehicles," Harp said.

Will's twice weekly newspaper column appears in just under 500 newspapers across the U.S. and in Europe. He's a regular contributing editor of Newsweek magazine, provides a bimonthly back-page essay to the national publication and also is a founding panel member on ABC television's "The Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts."

A best-selling author of political theory and baseball, this Champaign, Ill., native served as a staff member in the U.S. Senate and was the Washington editor of National Review magazine.

"We're proud to have someone of Mr. Will's caliber speak to our clients and our commu-

nities about what this new year may bring," Harp commented. "And the insight offered by our chief market strategist as well as the director of equities for one of the leading independent money management firms is sure to keep us educated and entertained."

Edward Jones, the only major financial-services firm advising individual investors exclusively, traces its roots to 1871 and currently serves about 5 million clients. The firm offers its

clients a variety of investments, including certificates of deposit, taxable and non-taxable bonds, stocks and mutual funds.

The largest firm in the nation in terms of branch offices, Edward Jones currently has more than 7,900 offices in the U.S. and, through its affiliates, in Canada and the United Kingdom. Plans call for expansion to 10,000 offices by 2003.

The Edward Jones interactive website is located at www.edwardjones.com.

Amarillo law firm opens local office

The Amarillo law firm of Peterson Farris Doores & Jones, a professional corporation, has opened a branch in Pampa. Vanessa G. Buzzard will head the local office.

Buzzard holds a bachelor of arts and a law degree from Texas Tech University. Previously, she was in private practice with the Buzzard Law Firm in Pampa for more than 20 years, and formerly was a vice president and trust officer of Amarillo National Bank.

She has more than 23 years of experience in general legal practice, concentrating particularly in the areas of wills and estate planning, probate and estate administration, real estate transactions, and oil and gas law.

Mrs. Buzzard will practice in both the Amarillo and Pampa offices.

Peterson Farris Doores & Jones provides legal services in all areas of general civil



Vanessa G. Buzzard

practice including civil litigation in the areas of commercial, product liability, transportation, personal injury, medical malpractice and professional liability, premises liability, and oil and gas litigation; wills and estate planning; probate and estate administration; real estate transactions; oil and gas law; bankruptcy; and employment law.

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MEDICAL

Genes fingered in SIDS and Parkinson's disease

By LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Genes may be linked to more cases of Parkinson's disease than previously thought, and may help confirm that some sudden infant death syndrome cases are due to an uncommon heart defect, new research suggests.

Researchers have long debated whether genetics, the environment or a combination play a role in both SIDS and Parkinson's. The studies — two on Parkinson's and one on SIDS — support theories that genes are a culprit in at least some cases.

The studies appear in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The Parkinson's studies, from Duke University, offer evidence of a genetic link to late-onset Parkinson's disease — cases that develop after age 50 and the most common form of the nervous-system disorder. Most previous genetic research has suggested genes play a role in the much rarer cases that begin earlier in adulthood.

The SIDS study, led by researchers from Mayo Clinic and Baylor College of Medicine, found evidence that a gene defect linked to a heart condition known as long QT syndrome may be involved in about 2 percent of U.S. cases, or at least 50 of the nearly 3,000 SIDS deaths nationwide each year.

That's fewer than suggested in an attention-grabbing Italian study published in 1998 that linked long QT syndrome with SIDS. But the earlier study was disputed by many SIDS experts and, unlike the new research, did not involve molecular evidence, said Dr. Henry Krous, a San Diego pathologist and prominent SIDS researcher.

Parkinson's, which results from nerve-cell damage in the brain, causes muscle tremors and stiffness and affects more than 1 million Americans. Some have suggested that environmental factors may trigger the damage, including infections and certain chemicals and pesticides.

The new research focuses on genes that also may be important, said Duke scientist Dr. Jeffery Vance, who was involved in both studies.

One found evidence that three genetic variations in the tau gene could make some people prone to developing late-onset Parkinson's. Tau is a protein that helps maintain brain cell structure and defects

have been linked to Alzheimer's and some rare Parkinson-like ailments.

The scientists examined blood samples from 1,056 people from families with at least one case of the disease.

The other Duke study, involving 174 families, with several afflicted members, suggests that many genes may be linked to late-onset Parkinson's. It also bolsters earlier suggestions that a gene is linked to early-onset cases.

Dr. J. William Langston, scientific director of the

Parkinson's Institute in Sunnyvale, Calif., called the research "very solid" but said it's unclear if the conclusions would apply to the 80 percent of Parkinson patients without a family history of the disease.

Dr. Robert Nussbaum, a National Institutes of Health geneticist, said the studies "represent important contributions to the overall goal of understanding Parkinson's disease."

"It is long, long overdue that we stop arguing about genetic versus environment. The dis-

ease is almost certainly the result of both kinds of factors," Nussbaum said.

SIDS, the unexplained death of an otherwise healthy baby, has been linked to stomach-sleeping. The incidence has dropped dramatically since a mid-1990s campaign urging parents to put their infants to sleep on their backs.

Some researchers think subtle brain-stem abnormalities may make some babies more susceptible to stomach-sleeping risks. Whether long QT syndrome does, too, is

uncertain, Krous said.

Long QT syndrome can cause abnormal heart rhythms and sudden cardiac arrest, and has previously been linked to a gene called SCN5A. It can be treated with beta blocker drugs.

In the SIDS study, researchers examined heart tissue collected from autopsies of 93 SIDS babies in Arkansas. Two were found to have mutations in the SCN5A gene, which regulates activity of electrically charged molecules in the heart that are involved in prompting a normal heartbeat.

The study "does not establish if long QT unequivocally caused the babies' deaths," but it is powerful evidence that should prompt further research, Krous said.

While the Italian study prompted routine EKGs for all Italian newborns, a single EKG may not detect long QT syndrome, said study co-author Dr. Jeffrey Towbin of Baylor.

He said it makes more sense to routinely ask pregnant women about long QT syndrome and to monitor babies of those with a strong family history.

On the Net:
JAMA: <http://jama.ama-assn.org>
SIDS: <http://www.sidsalliance.org>

Study finds double mastectomy reduces breast cancer rate for high risk women

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Surgically removing both breasts before disease strikes lowers the risk of breast cancer to almost zero for a rare group of women who have a combination of gene mutations and family members with the disease, a study found.

The study, appearing in a recent Journal of the National Cancer Institute, involved women who had close female relatives with breast cancer and who had a mutation in one of two genes, BRCA1 or BRCA2, that have been linked to breast cancer.

Researchers said that the average woman has about a 10 percent lifetime risk of breast cancer. For the women in the study, the lifetime risk was 55 percent to 85 percent.

For such women, said Dr. Lynn C. Hartmann of the Mayo Clinic, a double mastectomy may be considered a reasonable option.

"Those of us outside and looking in may feel very different than the women who must confront this issue," said Hartmann, the first author of the study.

Most experts said that double mastectomy is not expected to become a major choice of preventive therapy, even for the rare women who are at such exceptional risk.

"It is a valuable observation," Dr. Patrick Borgen, a breast surgeon at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, said of the study. "But

nobody has been willing to build the future of breast cancer prevention" on a procedure that removes both breasts.

In the study, Hartmann and her colleagues analyzed data from 214 high-risk women who had chosen double mastectomies to prevent breast cancer. From this group, the researchers identified 26 who had both a strong family history of breast cancer and a mutation in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene.

The researchers found that, at an average of about 13 years after undergoing double mastectomies, none of the 26 women had developed breast cancer.

Without the surgery, the researchers estimated, six to nine of the 26 women would have breast cancer. They translated this result into an estimated breast cancer risk reduction of 89.5 percent to 100 percent.

Hartmann said the study was conducted because even a careful mastectomy does not remove all the cells that can lead to breast cancer in high-risk women.

"The ductal system of the breast does not conform to a defined area," she said. "Ductal cells can exist up near the collarbone or down in the armpit or even on the abdominal wall."

The concern, said Hartmann, was that if the surgery left behind a nest of these cells, women with gene mutations "might not be protected at all" by double mastectomies.

But the new study, she said, shows that "if a surgeon removes the vast majority of the tissue at risk, then it removes the chance of breast cancer."

Hartmann said that most women who

choose double mastectomies also undergo breast reconstruction.

She said a survey of women who have undergone the procedure found that most were satisfied they had chosen to have their breasts removed because it substantially reduced their high risk of cancer.

Debbie Saslow, head of breast and gynecological cancer care at the American Cancer Society, said the study "may be a big advance" for some high-risk women.

Saslow said that most cancer counselors do not recommend double mastectomies, but the procedure is usually mentioned as an option.

"This study will help women who do choose it to be more confident about their decision," said Saslow.

Dr. Deborah K. Armstrong, a breast cancer specialist at Johns Hopkins University Medical Center in Baltimore, said the option of a double mastectomy applies "only to a very select group of people."

She said only 5 percent to 10 percent of breast cancer patients are in a group identified as "high risk" and only about half of this group would have one of the BRCA mutations.

"Only an extremely small percentage of patients will choose this option," said Armstrong.

Instead, she said, many choose to take five-year courses of Tamoxifen, a drug that studies suggest can reduce breast cancer risk by about 50 percent.

On the Net:
Breast cancer risk: <http://www.facin-gourisk.org/>

Antidepressants may reduce heart attacks in smokers

DALLAS (AP) — Smokers who take certain antidepressants like Prozac and Zoloft run a dramatically lower risk of a first heart attack, a study suggests.

The study found that smokers who took selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, or SSRIs, reduced their chances of a heart attack by 65 percent compared with smokers who didn't.

Dr. Stephen Kimmel, an assistant professor of medicine and epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania, said one possible explanation is that the drugs act like a blood thinner, reducing the risk of clots that cause heart attacks. But he said more research is needed.

He said another possibility is that the drugs reduced the risk of a heart attack by relieving depression. Depression is known to be a risk factor for heart attacks.

It also remains to be seen how the drugs affect nonsmokers.

The findings were published in a recent issue of the journal Circulation.

Kimmel's study, originally intended to examine if nicotine patches prevented heart attacks, looked at 3,643 smokers ages 30 to 65 during a two-year period in eight counties near Philadelphia. The SSRIs studied included Prozac, Zoloft, Luvox and Paxil.

Previous studies have indi-

cated that other types of antidepressants can cause abnormal heart rhythms in patients with heart problems.

Dr. Daniel E. Ford of Baltimore's Johns Hopkins School of Medicine said a major limitation of the study was that it did not gauge the level of depression for each person in the study. He conducted an earlier study that showed clinically depressed men were twice as likely as other men to suffer heart attacks or develop other heart illnesses.



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Treehouse offers soothing vista for children with cancer

By LISA RATHKE
 Associated Press Writer

COLCHESTER, Vt. (AP) — The treehouse at Camp Ta Kum Ta is far from your average treehouse. But then, this camp with its majestic view of Lake Champlain is not just another summer camp.

Ta Kum Ta caters to children with cancer, and the treehouse, with its handicap access, is fast becoming their special place. A place to put aside thoughts of pain and chemotherapy and feel like a normal kid again.

The treehouse is big — nearly 600 square feet. It's perched on 21 trees, with 24 screened windows and rough-sawn hemlock trim. And it is lighted.

Making it handicapped accessible was the brainchild of Bill Allen of Burlington.

"I just wanted to create a place where handicapped kids can feel like they're in the woods," he said.

What makes this treehouse more accessible than most is its 191-foot ramp. The bridge meanders through the woods at a gradual slope, past trees, around curves, right up to the

front door.

Every camper had a chance to spend a night in the treehouse this summer.

"They really loved it," said Ted Kessler, the camp director. "There is nothing we can do that is too much for these kids."

Seven-year-old Katelyn Beede, who has brain cancer, often dozes off before bedtime, no matter what she is doing. During her turn to spend the night in the treehouse with four other campers, Katelyn did what comes naturally. She fell asleep long before she got to that little slice of paradise and woke up in the trees.

Her camp counselor carried her there.

"It was really cool," she recalled.

Katelyn has had several surgeries but because she doesn't receive chemotherapy treatments, she doesn't have that opportunity to socialize with other children with cancer. That's why, Sherry Beede said, the camp, and particularly the treehouse, did her daughter a world of good.

"It's nice for her to remember the fun times, and it's great when she gets

a chance to do things like a normal kid," she said.

One child even said the treehouse made him feel closer to God, Allen said.

The treehouse took 13 weeks and 50 volunteers to build. Allen raised \$48,000. Yesterday Design-Build school in Warren designed it, and local businesses donated materials, including the tin roof.

And now Allen is eager to build more.

He envisions up to 15 treehouses built at one site, perhaps on state land.

"I just know it would be the best camp in the world to have 10 or 12 of them," he said.

He has set up the Forever Young Treehouse Foundation. So far, he's received a \$25,000 grant from a private family foundation.

Besides funding and permission from the state, all it takes to build a treehouse is healthy trees and the right land. Allen has his eyes on Grand Isle and Lake Elmore state parks and is especially fond of a park in Townshend that has big old oak trees.

How does a 41-year-old insurance

agent get hooked on treehouses? Allen is not an architect nor does he have a relative who is handicapped.

It was a combination of flipping through a book about treehouses and his work with the Burlington Boys and Girls Club and the Make-a-Wish Foundation. The photos in the book got him thinking.

"I just became infatuated with ... building a treehouse," he said.

It would be an escape, he thought. And, as a temporary structure, it would be tax free to build one in Vermont.

He built his first treehouse at a friend's house in Colchester four years ago. Then he thought: "Wouldn't it be great to get kids up there who had no use of their arms or legs?"

Trees to a handicapped person are often a barrier. They can't climb them or get close to them. So Allen designed a treehouse that handicapped children could get to. A club, he said, that anyone can enter.

Accessibility is far from the only attribute that sets it apart. The 24-foot-by-29-foot shelter sits 10 feet off the ground on hefty metal trusses. Six

large trees grow through the middle. The black locust and maples pass through holes cut in the floor and roof, wide enough to accommodate their growth. When it rains, the water flows down lines in their bark.

A groove in the porch shows where Allen wanted to put in a giant slingshot but thought better of it.

Next summer he plans to add built-in bunk beds and a composting toilet. He's toyed with installing a slide that would run from the treehouse into the lake.

Allen recently returned from the World Treehouse Conference in Oregon, where he saw elaborate structures built in Redwood trees. Some were stacked with multiple floors; others were reachable only by rope swing.

It's all fuel for the fire. "Ultimately," he said, "I'd like to see six or eight of these around the country and have these kids spend a night in a treehouse."

On the Net:
 Forever Young Treehouse Foundation: <http://www.treehouse-foundation.org>

Over-the-counter pain relievers thought to protect against Alzheimer's

Over-the-counter pain relievers like Advil and Motrin appear to protect against Alzheimer's by thwarting production of a key protein found in the disease's brain-clogging deposits, a study found.

Since 1997, scientists have noted that some people who regularly take large amounts of ibuprofen and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories, or NSAIDs, for aches and pains run a lower risk of developing Alzheimer's.

But the reason for the protection was a mystery until now.

Researchers said the latest findings could one day lead to new treatments that reduce the formation of brain deposits, or plaques, without toxic side effects.

"If the findings can be extended to people, these drugs could join the Ivy League of potential treatments" for Alzheimer's, said molecular biologist Bart De Strooper of

the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.

The findings were published recently in the journal Nature.

Researchers had thought that NSAIDs protected against Alzheimer's by reducing inflammation. Instead, the new study shows that the drugs inhibit production of a certain protein, amyloid-beta 42, that is found in the tangled plaques that clog and kill the brain cells of Alzheimer victims.

The lowered protein level was found both in the test tube and in the brains of mice. The researchers did not report whether the mice showed fewer actual brain plaques, however.

"Our study provides the first explanation as to why nonsteroidals may be working in Alzheimer's disease. That, in itself, is not a big leap, but some of the surprises in the data may be the bigger leap," said Dr. Edward Koo, a neurologist at the University of

California at San Diego who led the research.

Koo and his colleagues worked with cells taken from mice that had been genetically altered to have a disease similar to Alzheimer's. Treating the mice with ibuprofen and two other NSAIDs was found to inhibit the production of the amyloid-beta 42 protein by as much as 80 percent.

Several other pain relievers, including aspirin, showed no such effect.

Koo said drug companies may look for an Alzheimer's treatment that is like ibuprofen but does not have its anti-inflammatory effect.

"This path is going to take a little time for us to walk down," said Bill Thies, vice president of medical and scientific affairs at the

Alzheimer's Association.

Koo and others warned that doctors should not prescribe high doses of NSAIDs to prevent Alzheimer's. The doses used in the experiments were equal to more than 16 Advils a day — far more than what is recommended.

NSAIDs can cause life-threatening kidney damage and severe gastrointestinal ailments in high doses.

Also, the potential Alzheimer's benefits of the drugs remain poorly understood and are the subject of experiments only in cell cultures and laboratory animals.

An estimated 4 million Americans have Alzheimer's, a degenerative disease that causes memory loss, disorientation, depression and decay of bodily functions.

Diabetes 'epidemic' strikes Texas, TMA's says in its monthly publication

Diabetes is on a rampage in Texas, "Texas Medicine" magazine reported in a recent issue. Type 2 diabetes, which normally occurs in obese adults over age 40, tripled in the barrios of San Antonio in nine years, according to "Texas Medicines" report of "The San Antonio Heart Study." The disease is expanding beyond customary boundaries, however.

Dan Hale, MD, made a previously unfathomable discovery — that type 2 diabetes, "adult onset diabetes," was suddenly showing up in children and adolescents.

"Everybody looked at me like I was nuts," Hale said in an interview with the magazine. "The powers that be in the pediatric and endocrinology worlds kept telling me I was stupid and ignorant until I showed them the data on 150 kids," he said of his 1995 discovery. The version of the disease that previously attacked only overweight adults in their 40's and older, is finding prey in children as young as five years of age.

Why? Dr. Hale, pediatric endocrinology director of the Children's Center at the Texas Diabetes Institute in San

Antonio, believes the cause reaches far beyond the medical world. "How we eat, our levels of physical activity, how we show people we love them, and how we use food are deeply ingrained in our culture and society." Many cases might be prevented if more people adopted seemingly simple lifestyle changes such as exercise and proper diet, but the solutions are not always that easy.

According to "Texas Medicine," a monthly publication of Texas Medical Association, the Texas Diabetes Council and the Texas Department of Health estimate that 6.2 percent of all Texans currently suffer from either type 1 or type 2 diabetes. An additional 3.6 percent have the disease but don't know it yet. The direct and indirect costs of diabetes in Texas exceed \$9 billion

annually. Diabetes is seen as epidemic in its strain on the health, economics and lives of Texans.

"Texas Medicine" examines the root causes of the diabetic epidemic and offers suggestions by physician experts, which may be adopted by both doctors and patients. For more information, go to www.texmed.org/ online and click on "Texas Medicine."

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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Optimist Club will be having boys' basketball signups Jan. 10-12 in the Optimist Club gym.

The basketball program is for boys in the 3rd-4th grades and 5th-6th grades.

Signup times are from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10-11, and from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 12. Signup fee is \$35.

All persons need to make two of the three signup dates for evaluation.

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Caprock 61-36 Thursday in a junior varsity boys' basketball game.

Matt Robben led Pampa scorers with 15 points while Chester Mitchell had 28 for Caprock.

Collin Bowers had 13 points while Chance Bowers and Clayton Hall had 10 each for Pampa JV.

Pampa JVs are now 11-6 for the season and 2-0 in district play.

SHOOTING

FRITCH — Meredith Gun Club will be holding unsanctioned matches throughout January and much of February. All matches are open to the public.

The shooting range is located just south of Antelope Creek between Borger and Sanford on SR# 1319. Antelope Creek is the deep canyon just outside of Sanford.

Beginners are welcomed. Call Larry Porter at 865-3695 in Sanford or Don Sanders at 857-3217 in Fritch for more information.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — There will be a Harvester Football Booster Club meeting at 7 Monday night in the high school athletic building.

Boosters are needing helpers for the football banquet, which will be held Jan. 16 at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Flashback

1985: Pampa defeated Amarillo High 44-42, in overtime in high school basketball action.

Petey Davis had 14 points to lead the Harvesters.

Blackmon wraps up outstanding collegiate career

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Josh Blackmon has wrapped up four standout seasons as a punter at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

The Pampa native saved his best season for the fast one, averaging 42.2 yards per punt as a senior.

Of his 56 punts, 12 were inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

Blackmon has been the starting punter for the Bulldogs ever since his freshman season in 1998. The longest punt of his career was a 77-yarder in 1999. It was the fourth longest in school history. He started 40 consecutive games.

Honors which came Blackmon's way include first-team, all Lone Star Conference Team and first-team Academic All-Conference in 2001, Lone Star special teams player of the week twice in 2001 and Academic All-Conference in 1999.

He finished 17th in the nation for Division Two in punting average this season, and averaged 38.3 yards per punt for his career.



Josh Blackmon was a two-time all-district player for the Harvesters.

Fog makes perfect BCS getaway day

By **JIM LITKE**
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fog thick as soup clung stubbornly to the downtown skyline for a few hours Friday morning.

That made it the perfect getaway day for the suits who run the Bowl Championship Series. Because anybody who was going to demand a refund was going to have to do some detective work first.

Miami coach Larry Coker, on the other hand, was easy to find. He showed up promptly at 8 a.m. and took his seat behind a long table in a hotel ballroom some 20 miles east of the Rose Bowl. He was flanked by two of his stars, quarterback Ken Dorsey and receiver Andre Johnson, and just about every national championship trophy available.

"I don't know what all these are for," Coker beamed, "but apparently there's no split national championship."

No, but there's some questions regarding just about everything else in college football, beginning with who's No. 2. That's what happens when you turn the game over to computers.

Counting Miami's 37-14 humiliation of Nebraska on Thursday night, the BCS went 0-4 this season as matchmakers. A dating service with that record would be lucky to be in business next month. Maybe that's why the BCS founding fathers were in such a hurry to extend their contract with college football's powers-that-be to the end of the 2005 season.

The people who complained long and loud the last few

weeks that the Cornhuskers didn't deserve to be on the same field with Miami turned out to be right.

That was probably true for those who wanted one of the Fiesta Bowl contestants, certainly Oregon and maybe even Colorado, there instead. Plus those who questioned the wisdom of matching LSU and Illinois in the Sugar Bowl and Florida and Maryland in the Orange. And maybe even those who groaned last year when Miami was passed over by the BCS computers that served up Florida State to last year's national champion, Oklahoma, like some kind of sacrificial lamb.

Maybe it's true that nobody could have given this year's Hurricanes team a competitive game. Maybe Miami's All-American safety Ed Reed was exactly right when he came off the field at the Rose Bowl and said, "There's a lot of people saying they should be here. If they were, they would have gotten the same treatment."

Thanks to the BCS, the only thing we know for certain is that Nebraska was not the right team to try.

"This," Cornhusker coach Frank Solich said Thursday night, "was not the match that everyone dreamed of."

Solich was clearly tired of fronting for the BCS, of trying to defend a system that used computer rankings to trump the rankings put out by the all-too-human writers and coaches in the traditional polls. Those voters wanted Oregon all along and whatever zeal he'd had at the start of the process went pfffft — like air leaking out of a tire — during a 3-minute, 53-second

span in the opening half, when the Hurricanes piled up 20 points.

"Whether or not a matchup with anyone else would have been different," Solich admitted, "I don't know."

Neither did Oregon coach Mike Bellotti.

Thanks to the BCS, he didn't even get the chance to try.

"The polls had us there," he said, "but the computers did not."

When someone asked Coker late Thursday night whether he wanted to play Oregon to settle any remaining doubts, he gave the kind of answer the BCS guys could have scribbled on a note and handed to him:

"Why? We're the national champions," Coker said. "It's settled. We settled it tonight."

Well, yes and no.

Miami was a worthy champion, the only unbeaten major program in the land and as undisputed a choice as you can have — this side of a playoff.

Ever since the folks who run the BCS got hold of college football, they've tinkered with the math until their heads hurt, kept their fingers crossed so long they suffered cramps hoping they got it right and then did more crowing over their handiwork than they had a right to.

But there are signs the paying customers are catching on. The last two years, the BCS has put together the wrong No. 1 vs. No. 2 game and increasingly marginalized all the other bowls. TV ratings for the first three BCS games this season were down an average 20 percent heading into the Rose Bowl, and it's hard to imagine that many people sitting all the

way through Miami-Nebraska.

There are already promises to look into the process again, to tweak the computer rankings once more, as if bamboozling the audience further is a substitute for the playoffs most fans want.

San Antonio native leads Pacers victory

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It took a hometown guy to help beat the hometown team.

Indiana forward and San Antonio native Jeff Foster returned home to score 14 points and pull down seven rebounds as the Pacers scored a 92-82 victory over the Spurs on Friday night.

"He (Foster) comes to work everyday, he brings his lunch pail and never complains," said Pacers veteran Reggie Miller. "I love him. I love what he brings to the table."

"Just the fact that we got a win was huge," said Foster, who was 7-for-11 shooting from the field in 32 minutes. "I'm happy we got a big win. Their three-point shooters weren't really making them tonight."

Foster's performance came before many family members and friends who were part of the 29,243 in attendance at the Alamodome. Foster played his high school basketball in San Antonio and graduated from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, 45 miles north of the Alamo City.

"It's not about a quality win," Miller said. "We need a win. It doesn't matter what kind of team we're playing. It was big

"The more often you have to change it," BCS chairman John Swofford said the other day, "the tougher it is for the public to familiarize itself with it and therefore totally accept it."

Still wonder why fog seems to follow these guys around?

one. I'm sorry to say it's the biggest of the year right now. We haven't been playing real good basketball at all these last ten games."

Al Harrington came off the bench to lead Indiana with 18 points as the Pacers snapped a two-game losing streak. Jermaine O'Neal scored 16 points, while Miller added 13. Austin Croshere had 10 points and 14 rebounds for the Pacers.

"I thought both teams competed well tonight," Indiana coach Isiah Thomas said. "Defensively our intensity was great. There was a lot of emotion in this game, I think that's why it seemed a little crazy at times. They (San Antonio) played well in Indiana and really took it to us up there. The Spurs are still a great team, they just had a slip up tonight. I'm glad I'm not the next team coming in here."

San Antonio, which had a two-game winning streak snapped, was led by Tim Duncan with 22 points and 12 rebounds. Steve Smith added 12 points.

"We wanted to stay big and keep Al Harrington out there to get those long rebounds from their three-point shooters," Thomas said.

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Spurrier wants NFL job

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The most coveted free agent in the NFL this year is a 56-year-old guy with a decent arm, a bad back and a heck of a flair for the dramatic.

He's coach Steve Spurrier, who stunned the football world Friday when he unexpectedly announced he was resigning from Florida to pursue a job in the pros.

"I'm not burned out, stressed out or mentally fatigued from coaching," Spurrier said. "I just feel my career as a college head coach, after 15 years, is complete, and if the opportunity and challenge of coaching an NFL team happens, it is something I would like to pursue."

While some NFL city — Tampa? San Diego? Washington? — will soon be in for an interesting ride with Spurrier at the helm, the Gator

Nation the coach built on the strength of his prickly personality and amazing football mind is in shock.

Athletic director Jeremy Foley said he knew nothing of Spurrier's decision until Friday morning, when he received a phone call. Halfway through the conversation, Spurrier stopped.

"He asked if I was still there," Foley said. "I think he thought I had fainted."

Indeed, Foley insisted, life will go on. But it surely won't be the same. Not without Spurrier, the coach you either loved (if you were a Florida fan) or couldn't stand (pretty much everyone else).

Foley will choose Spurrier's successor. A source familiar with the search told The Associated Press that Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops is the top candidate.

Jordan closes out Bulls with a spectacular play

By The Associated Press

It wasn't exactly a blocked shot, although that's what it was called in the boxscore. It was more of an interception of a shot, a play so spectacular that coach Doug Collins called it Michael Jordan's best of the season.

Jordan raced in from behind, snared Ron Mercer's layup attempt and pinned it against the backboard in the final seconds of the Washington Wizards' 89-83 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Friday night.

"I can jump when I have to," Jordan said, "especially when I get (angry)."

In other games, the Los Angeles Lakers trounced Phoenix 118-86, Miami shut down Boston 89-66, Orlando defeated New Jersey 109-96, Minnesota beat Utah 93-86, Indiana surprised San Antonio 92-82, Philadelphia topped Seattle 87-77, the Los Angeles Clippers edged Denver 82-80, Atlanta defeated Memphis 113-109 and Toronto beat Cleveland 101-91.

Jordan, who scored 51 and 45 in his two previous games,

made 9 of 24 shots, 11 of 13 free throws and had seven rebounds and three assists in 38 minutes. He also became the fourth player in NBA history to score 30,000 points.

The blocked shot, according to Collins, was Jordan's most spectacular play of the season.

"I don't know where he came from," Collins said. "He was really dead on his feet. He was mad. That was an angry play. He was flying. John Thompson said he is Floor Jordan now, but he was flying on that one."

Jordan scored 29 points, but 19 of them came in the second quarter. He was 1-for-9 with just four points in the second half as the Wizards nearly blew a 26-point lead.

Chris Whitney had 18 points and eight assists for the Wizards, and Popeye Jones had 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Mercer scored 25 to lead the Bulls, and Charles Oakley had 12 points and a season-high 13 rebounds.

Lakers 118, Suns 86

At Los Angeles, Shaquille O'Neal, showing no effects from the toe problems that sidelined him for five games,

had 24 points, nine rebounds

and five assists.

O'Neal played 28 minutes and remained on the bench after leaving with his fourth foul with 4:24 left in the third quarter and Los Angeles ahead 74-61.

Kobe Bryant added 18 points and six assists in 30 minutes for Los Angeles.

Heat 89, Celtics 66

At Boston, Eddie Jones scored 23 points and Brian Grant added 18 points and 12 rebounds as Miami snapped the Celtics' seven-game home winning streak.

The win, the second straight on the road for the Heat after a six-game losing streak, was coach Pat Riley's 300th with Miami.

It was the worst offensive output of the season for the Celtics and the second-lowest point total in franchise history since the inception of the shot clock.

Magic 109, Nets 96

At East Rutherford, N.J., Tracy McGrady scored 35 points before being ejected along with Kenyon Martin of New Jersey for a late scuffle.

After Martin hammered McGrady with a forearm as went up for a layup with the

22 points and 12 rebounds. **76ers 87, SuperSonics 77** At Seattle, Allen Iverson started slowly and shot poorly but finished with 22 points to snap the SuperSonics' six-game winning streak.

Iverson, who shot 1-for-6 and had three points in the first quarter, played 43 minutes and shot 8-for-21 as the 76ers won their second straight game on their longest road trip of the season — seven games in 12 days.

Clippers 82, Nuggets 80

At Denver, Lamar Odom scored 27 points and Elton Brand hit a key rebound basket with 1:36 left.

James Posey had 28 points and Raef LaFrentz 20 for Denver. Nick Van Exel, the

Pacers 92, Spurs 82

At San Antonio, Al Harrington came off of the bench to score 18 points as Indiana beat the Spurs, who shot a season-low 33 percent.

Indiana, which snapped a two-game losing streak, placed five players in double figures as Jermaine O'Neal scored 16 points, Jeff Foster added 14 and Reggie Miller 13. San Antonio, which had a two-game winning streak snapped, was led by Tim Duncan with

Nuggets' leading scorer, left the game in the third quarter with lower-back spasms. He played only 19 minutes and failed to score.

Hawks 113, Grizzlies 109

At Memphis, Shareef Abdur-Rahim faced his former team for the first time and had 22 points and 13 rebounds. Jason Terry added 20 points and 11 assists for the Hawks.

Raptors 101, Cavaliers 91

At Toronto, Vince Carter scored 34 points as Toronto beat Cleveland for the 10th straight time.

Antonio Davis and Alvin Williams added 17 points each for the Raptors, who have won six of eight overall. Carter also had eight assists and shot 15-for-24 from the field.

Bucks win district opener

SHAMROCK — White Deer won its District 2-1A opener, defeating Shamrock 79-43 Friday night.

Matt Henderson had 14 points and Brian Knocke 12 to lead the Bucks in scoring.

The Bucks led by 16 (28-12) at halftime.

Jonathon Robertson had 22 points for Shamrock.

In the girls game, Shamrock won by the score of 74-41.

Nykitia Ledbetter had 19 points to lead Shamrock scoring.

Ashley Davis had 15 points and Rebecca Warminski 8 for the Does.

Toms in a familiar position in first 2002 PGA tourney

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — David Toms doesn't feel an urgent need to back up his remarkable 2001 season, when he won his first major championship with a gutsy layup and added two other victories on the PGA Tour.

He's not about to slow down, either.

In the first tournament of the new season, Toms had a 7-under 66 in the second round Friday to share the lead at the Mercedes Championships with Kenny Perry.

On a day of strong Kona wind, big numbers and swift changes on the leaderboard, Toms was the only player in the 32-man field to make it through the Plantation Course at Kapalua without a bogey.

No three-putts, which tripped up Mike Weir.

No trips into the bushes to remove a branch as wide as telephone, which led to a double bogey for Chris DiMarco.

No opening-hole disasters, like the triple bogey that knocked down Tiger Woods.

Toms quietly moved to the top, just like he has done throughout his career.

"I just want to maintain the level of play," Toms said. "Whether that's winning tournaments or winning majors, I just want to continue to play that level of golf."

That's what he's doing.

Six players had a share of the lead at one point, and Toms was always in the mix. He was never far from the hole, which kept him from making bogeys, and packaged five birdies with a 4-iron into 12 feet for an eagle on No. 9.

It all added up to the perfect day, which happened to be his 35th birthday and his wife's 30th. He

putt stopped just inches from the hole. That gave him a 67, and a share of the lead.

Not a bad start to his season, considering Perry hasn't played since the Tour Championship two months ago.

"I took my son to Jacksonville (Fla.) about a week before Christmas and played five days

putted, I would have probably still shot 3 under."

Woods had problems on the greens, too, lipping out more birdie putts than he cares to remember. That wasn't the problem Friday.

He opened his second round with a tee shot into the bunker, followed by an approach that got hung up in the wind and landed in the weeds.

He got to the green in four shots, took three putts and walked away with a triple bogey.

Even a birdie on the final hole wasn't enough to help his mood. Woods walked off without taking questions after signing for a 74. He was at 142, seven strokes back.

Mark Calcavecchia equaled the best round of the day with a 66, thanks to two eagles. The final one came at No. 18, when a 3-iron stopped rolling about 2 feet from the hole.

"Even when it's windy, you're going to hit some greens," Calcavecchia said. "It's just avoiding the three putts."

Miami claims 2-1A victories

MIAMI — Lance Patterson scored 24 points to lead Miami past Higgins 77-45 Friday night in a District 2-1A opener.

Zac Scates had 27 points for Higgins. Jeffrey Browning added 13 points to Miami's scoring attack.

The Warriors improved their overall

record to 15-2.

Miami also won the girls contest, 50-27.

Scoring leaders for Miami were Julie Davenport with 17 points and Jennifer Hutchison 10.

Snowden was the leading scorer for Higgins.

MIAMI — Steve Spurrier resigned as Florida's football coach.

That's a big deal to an All-American from LSU, who was introduced before a full house at Tiger Stadium after winning the PGA.

"That's the best news I've heard in a long, long time," Toms said.

The next good news could come Sunday if Toms can hold it together and win the first tournament of the season.

That's a long way off, with plenty of players still in the mix.

Perry overcame a couple of early bogeys with three straight birdies and then a 3-iron to the par-5 18th green, where his 50-foot eagle

down there," he said. "I did a little work early this week, got used to these Kona winds. It's helping."

Scott Verplank three-putted for bogey from 10 feet on No. 8, but still managed a 69 and was another stroke back.

Mike Weir was 11 shots worse than his opening 63, which tied the course record. Blame that on a rusty short game — he didn't need it on Thursday, when he hit everything stiff. A day later, he still had a lot of 6-footers, only they were for par, not birdie.

"Hopefully, this is my bad round," the Canadian said. "I don't feel like I played that bad, just felt like I wasted a lot of shots. If I would not have three-

"It's not much fun to play bad golf, and I've done that before. Once you taste the success I've had, you want to experience that as long as you can."

— David Toms

Lack of leadership led to Green's dismissal

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Dennis Green led the Minnesota Vikings to four division titles and two NFC championship games. That success wasn't enough to save his job.

Green's run with the Vikings ended abruptly Friday, when he was forced out with one game left in a grim season.

The Vikings (5-10) will miss the playoffs for the first time since 1995. But the team's record wasn't the reason for the change, according to owner Red McCombs.

McCombs alluded to the issue of control when he said he "couldn't find a way for leadership with Dennis that worked."

"I admire Dennis a lot and appreciate

what he's done," McCombs said. "But I also know that we live by the fact there ain't never a horse that can't be rode and there's never a cowboy that can't be thrown."

Green, whose 10-year tenure tied him with Pittsburgh's Bill Cowher for longest in the league, accepted a buyout of the last two years of his contract.

"I've been very blessed and very fortunate. The players have been absolutely fantastic," said Green, who took no questions in announcing his departure.

"This year we had to fight our way from close to the bottom, and that's life in the National Football League," he added.

"You cannot love something and have

passion for something only when it goes the way you want it to go."

Green was only the second black head coach in modern NFL history when he was hired in 1992. His dismissal leaves Tampa Bay's Tony Duryg and the New York Jets' Herman Edwards as the league's only black head coaches.

Offensive line coach Mike Tice was appointed interim head coach for the team's finale Monday night at Baltimore. The Vikings are 0-7 on the road and have been beaten by the two teams that have just one win — Detroit and Carolina.

Tice called it a "very tough situation" before leaving to run the team's first practice without Green.

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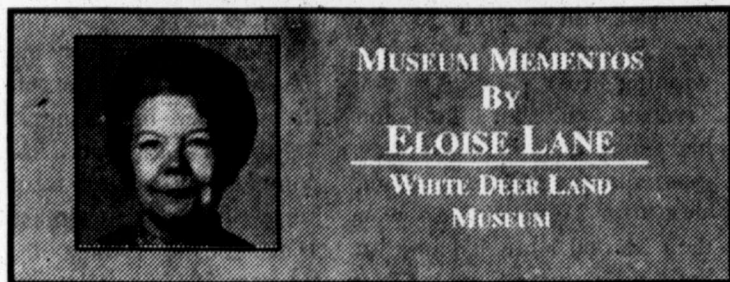
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Gray County was originally attached to Clay, Wheeler and Roberts Counties



MUSEUM MEMENTOS
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(The following Museum Memento is a repetition of a previous column dated March 5, 1990.)

The area of present Gray County was included in the Old Mexican Municipality established in 1718.

After Texas became a republic in 1836, present Gray County became a part of Bexar District with San Antonio as the county seat.

Present Gray, Wheeler, Donley and Collingsworth Counties were combined as Wegefath County when that county was created on June 2, 1873. This county was named for C. Wegefath, who was interested in promoting immigrants into the area.

On Aug. 21, 1876, an act of the Texas State Legislature created 54 counties in the Panhandle-Plains region. In this block of 54 counties, according to the census of 1870, there was not a single citizen. Each of these 54 counties was named for a person who had made a significant contribution to early Texas.

Gray County was named for Peter W. Gray, a native Virginian, who was a member of the first Texas legislature in 1846, a member of the Confederate Congress during the Civil War, and a judge

appointed to the Texas Supreme Court shortly before his death in 1874. Gray was known as a "learned and incorruptible judge, the able advocate and unflinching patriot." His financial aid enabled H.K. Yoakum to complete a history of Texas.

The boundary of Gray County began at the northwest corner of Wheeler County and the southwest corner of Hemphill County and extended approximately 30 miles in each direction (west, south, east, north) to the place of beginning — a total of 929 square miles.

Texas law required that a county must have 150 qualified voters before it could organize its own government. Therefore, counties with fewer than 150 voters were attached to other counties for judicial purposes. Gray County, with nine other counties, was first attached to Clay County with Henrietta as the county seat.

In 1881, Gray County was attached to Wheeler County, which had been organized in 1879 with Mobeetie as the county seat. The county seat of Wheeler County was moved from Mobeetie to Wheeler in 1908.

In 1895, the 24th state legislature attached Gray County to Roberts County, and Gray

County's 1895 tax roll is on file at Miami. Roberts County had been organized in 1889 with Oran as the county seat. The name of Oran was changed to Parnell in 1890, before Gray County was attached to Roberts County. Roberts County Court at Parnell was sometimes held under a tree before a courthouse building was constructed. On July 11, 1898, Miami was elected the legal county seat of Roberts County.

Henry Weckesser of Miami, who had built houses for Joe Harrah and Perry LeFors, and who was to build the first courthouse at Lefors and the first school building at Pampa, moved the courthouse building from Parnell to Miami.

The building was on a heavy truck called a government water wagon. Weckesser had made heavy wheels, which were 2-feet high, from timber 2x6 inches. Weckesser and his crew of men left Parnell with 10 mules pulling the truck, but it was necessary to employ four more mules to cross Red Deer Creek, northwest of the railroad station.

On April 14, 1902, (the same day that the plat of the townsite at Pampa was approved), 152 qualified voters in unorganized Gray County filed for petition to hold an election for organizing the county.

On May 21, 1902, this petition was granted by the Commissioners Court of Roberts County, acting through Roberts County Judge, S.C. Carter. A special election for electing officers and county

DALLAM 1891	SWIFT 1891	HANDS 1891	QUINN 1891	LOVE 1891
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ANDREWS 1891	MARTIN 1891	HUMPHREY 1891	MICHAEL 1891	NOBLE 1891

On Aug. 21, 1876, the Texas Legislature created 54 counties in the Panhandle-Plains. The upper 26 counties comprise the Texas Panhandle. The lower 28 comprise the South Plains. Gray County was attached to Clay, Wheeler and Roberts Counties before it had population enough to establish its own government in 1902.

seat in Gray County was called for May 27, 1902.

The Roberts County Commissioners Court chose the four voting precincts and outlined their boundaries:

■ Precinct 1 (northeast part of county) - voting place, J.R. Henry's ranch; J.R. Henry, presiding officer.

■ Precinct 2 (northwest part of county) - voting place, home

of Thomas Lane in Pampa; Thomas Lane, presiding officer. *In May, 1902, the precinct where Pampa was located had only 13 legal voters. (Amendment XIX giving nationwide suffrage to women was ratified Aug. 26, 1920.)

■ Precinct 3 - (southwest part of county) - voting place, home of W.R. Fritz; John Frazier, presiding officer.

■ Precinct 4 - (southeast part of county) - voting place, home of Allen Reed; C.W. Cox, presiding officer.

It was ordered that the presiding officers should take the necessary steps under the law to hold the elections and to make proper and legal returns to the proper authorities of Roberts County as required by law.

UPCOMING EVENTS

'LEGACY'

The M.K. Brown "Legacy" book is currently on sale at White Deer Land Museum, Hastings and the Chamber of Commerce.

FRESHSTART

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold FreshStart, a free two-week smoking cessation support series sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, from 6-7 p.m., Jan. 7, 10, 14 and 17. For more information, call (806) 359-4673, ext. 214 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 214.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB

Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9 at Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss "The Four Agreements" by Don Miguel Ruiz, "The Vinyard" and "The Woman Next Door" both by Barbara Delinsky. Visitors are welcome.

'ART WITH A SOUTHERN DRAWL'

The University of Mobile, Alabama, is currently seeking entries for its annual "Art With a Southern Drawl" art contest. Application forms, slides and juror fees must be postmarked by Jan. 11, 2001. For more information, log onto www.umobile.edu/awsd.htm, call (251) 442-2283 or 1-800-946-7267, ext. 2283 or e-mail UMdrawl@yahoo.com. Artists must either be born or currently reside in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee or Texas.

GRAY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW

Gray County 4-H Livestock Show is in the offing Jan. 12 at Clyde

Carruth Pavilion. For more information, call the Gray County Extension office at 669-8033.

HOSPICE TRAINING

BSA Hospice will offer a free "Winter 2002 Volunteer Training and Community Education Class" from 1-4 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 14-Feb. 6 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center in Pampa. The class is designed for adults interested in becoming a hospice volunteer or for those who simply wish to learn more about hospice care or desire personal growth and enrichment. CEUs will be available. For more information, call 665-6677 or 1-800-658-6985.

FOSTER CARE MEETING

Catholic Family Service, Inc. is in need of couples who are interested in fostering and/or adopting children with special needs who are currently in the Texas foster care system. There will be an information meeting from 7-9 p.m. on Jan. 15 to discuss the program at the Tyler Street Resource Center, 200 S. Tyler, in the upstairs conference room. Training for prospective families will be held in a series of informative sessions Jan. 19, 26 and 29. Both husband and wife need to attend all sessions. Single applicants are also welcome. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and, if applicable, married for at least two years. For more information, call (806) 345-7908 to make your reservation.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

BSA Hospice will offer a grief education and support group from 7-8:30 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 17-Feb. 21 at First Presbyterian Church, 418 Coolidge, in Borger. For more information, call 274-9111 or 1-800-658-6985.

GRAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

Gray County Livestock Show will be staged Jan. 17-19 at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, call the Gray County Extension office at 669-8033.

PCCA CONCERT

Pampa Community Concert Association will present "Rhythm Kings" Jan. 20 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information, call 665-0343.

GRAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SALE

Gray County Livestock Sale will be conducted Jan. 21 at M.K. Brown

Auditorium in Pampa. For more information call the Gray County Extension office at 669-8033.

ADOPTIVE PARENT EDUCATION SEMINAR

Catholic Family Service, Inc., is in need of applicants for its infant adoption pool of approved families. An informational meeting will be 7-9 p.m., on Jan. 22. An Adoptive Parent Education Seminar will be held from 8:30-4:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1. There is no fee for the informational meeting; however, there is a \$500 fee per couple to attend the seminar. Both meeting and seminar will be held at the Tyler Street Resource Center, 200 S. Tyler, in the upstairs conference room. Both husband and wife need to attend all sessions. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and married for at least two years. For more information, call (806) 345-7908. Reservations are required.

ARC fund-raiser



(Courtesy photo)

Gray County American Red Cross recently held a disaster relief fund-raiser, a drawing worth \$5 a square for a total of \$500. Shown is Executive Director Jana Gregory with the recipient of the winning square, volunteer Barbara Shearer. After receiving her \$500, Shearer donated it back to the local chapter.



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NEWSMAKERS



Tatum Brown

When Tatum Brown went to a Career Day at Pampa High School, all she expected was some information. She got a whole lot more. The guest lecturer that day was tall willowy blonde Jessica Wilkins, a print model from the Diane Dick International Modeling and Talent Agency.

Wilkins inspired Brown to pursue a career in modeling, and in less than a year, she landed a modeling job in Amarillo. This month (January 2002) she will attend one of the world's largest Modeling and Talent Conventions in Los Angeles, Calif.

Brown seeks to broaden her horizons with her new career. "I'd love to go to Europe and Asia, meet new and creative people with someone else picking up the bill," she enthused. "Who doesn't want to be rich and famous? This is a job just like any other job that pays incredible money and gives you many different opportunities. It can be very competitive and to make it to the top you have to make sacrifices."

Brown stresses modeling is not all glamour and fun. Plenty of hard work is involved to achieve success. "I eat well but I constantly am aware of the kinds of food I eat or don't get to eat." She also works to maintain her 5'10" figure with regular strenuous workouts.



Brian Steven Phelps

LUBBOCK — Brian Steven Phelps, son of Steve Phelps of Pampa and Joan Thomas of Amarillo, recently graduated summa cum laude from Texas Tech University with a degree in chemistry.

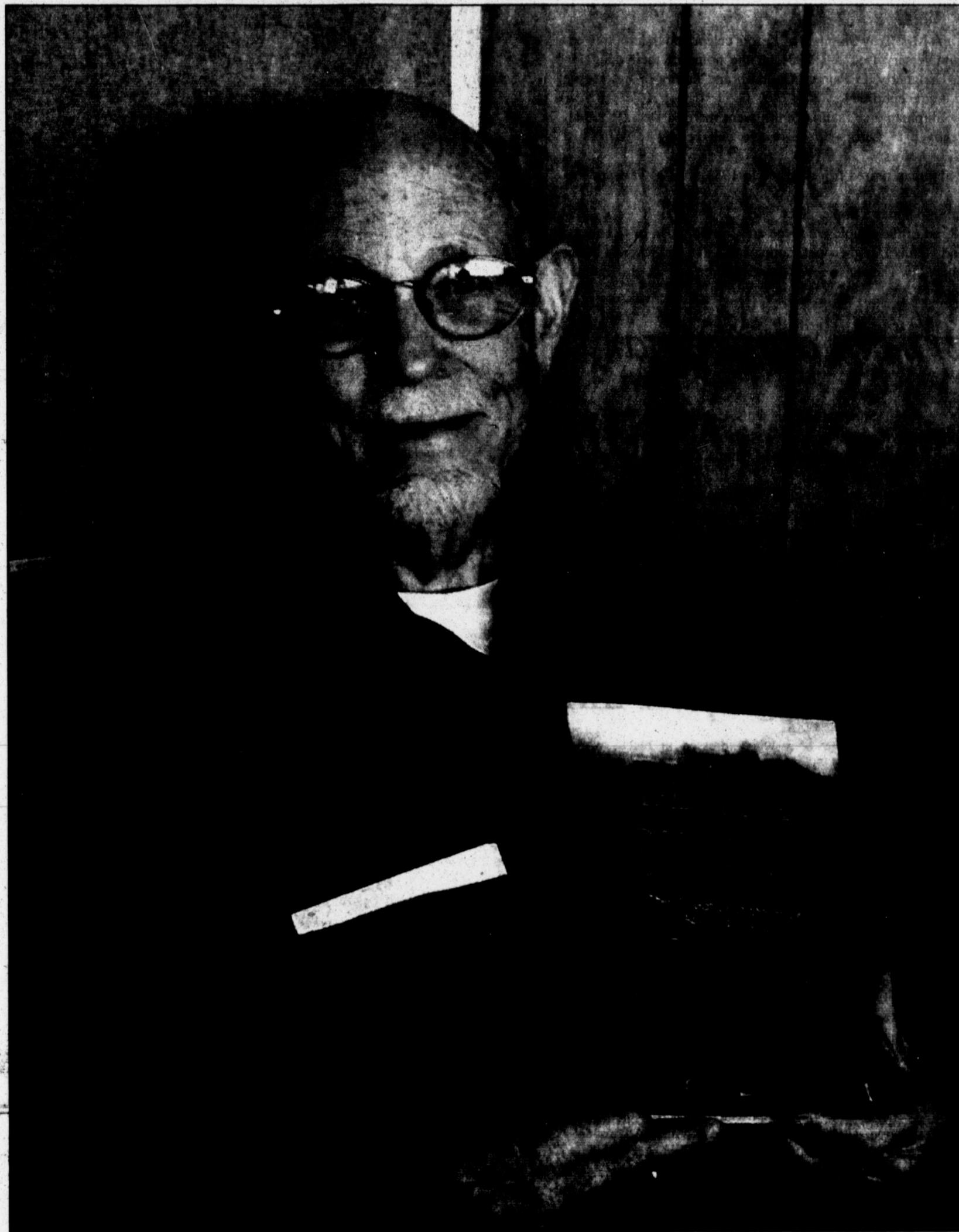
A 1996 graduate of Pampa High School, Phelps plans to attend medical school in the near future.

DENTON — Thann Scoggin, a vocal performance major from Pampa, enrolled in the University of North Texas System, was recently named to the President's List for the 2001 fall semester.

To be eligible for the honor, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours.

Scoggin will perform the role of Leporello in UNT's spring opera production of Mozart's "Don Giovanni." He is a member of the UNT A Cappella Choir and the Paradigm Vocal Ensemble in Fort Worth.

He is the son of Terry and Jennifer Scoggin, former Pampans, and is the grandson of Polly Benton and the late Lee Benton and Jo Scoggin Goss and the late Pernal Scoggin.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

During a recent visit to Pampa, Frank Stallings visited with The Pampa News regarding his book Black Sunday. The book relates much accurate information and interviews about one of the most famous days in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles. It was the day of the Great Dust Storm of April, 1935. Stallings a native of Pampa, was seven years old when the storm rolled into the area.

Black Sunday remembered

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Black Sunday—April 14, 1935—was a day that is still remembered by those who watched it develop on that Sunday afternoon.

While day was etched permanently in the memory of all who witnessed it, ironically, not a life was lost and major disaster damages were not reported.

Hundreds and hundreds of dust storms roared through the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles which became known as the Dust bowl.

Pampa native Frank L. Stallings said he has only vaguely remembrances, and that his information has come from many people who lived through the experience.

In his recently released book—Black Sunday: The Great Dust Storm of April 14, 1935—Stallings tells his readers he began the book in 1984 and thought he would have it on book shelves by 1985 in observance of the semicentennial year of the biggest dust storm ever.

Only seven years old at the time, he said he remembers he and his father were out on a vacant lot north of their home on Nelson Street in Pampa when the dust storm rolled into town.

He said his father began reeling in the kite when he looked to the north and saw a black line across the horizon. He said he didn't have a sense of danger, and he did not remember the darkness which settled into the area in the middle of the day.

Stallings was a small child on that Palm Sunday afternoon when he watched the Grand Daddy of all dust storms roll into the area.

Many people reported not being able to see the hands at the end of their arms that afternoon. He said he does remember the following morning his home being covered with dirt.

He said some reported the dirt was being

blown in at approximately 50 miles per hour or more and had a consistency similar to flour. Others recounting the events said the dust was oily and was difficult to remove from surfaces.

Many people had no electricity nor running water, but they had pounds of dirt to prove the most powerful dust storm in history had moved through the area turning day into night.

However, he didn't realize he was going to be inundated with materials from people who saw that duster roll into the area which would document that black day. He also was named interim chair of the Literature and Language Department at Northern Kentucky University. That position was to take much of his planned writing time.

"It (the book) tells the story of a single dust storm—among the hundreds that plagued the Dust Bowl in the 1930s—one giant, black storm that became the signature event of a devastating period in the history of the South Plains," said Stallings in the preface to the book.

When Stallings recently visited Pampa he said the stories told in his book are from people from all walks of life. He said all of whom experienced the same event at the same time, remembered it, heard about it, told about it.

He hopes that the book will not only bring people in touch with the Black Sunday, but also cause them to feel the emotions expressed by many of the people featured in the book.

The phrase "Black Sunday" was coined by Robert Geiger, an Associated Press photographer.

Stallings commented how unusual it was that no one was killed in the Black Sunday dust storm when so many lives are taken in other disasters such as fires and tornadoes. Yet, April 14, 1935, still ranks as one of the most well-known weather occurrences in the nation.

Research by Stallings revealed there were
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ANNIVERSARIES

Shipman anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Shipman of Lefors celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 21, 2001, at the home of their daughter, Donna Daugherty, in Pampa. Children and family of the couple hosted the reception.

Troy Shipman and Juanita Smith were married Dec. 21, 1941. They moved to Lefors 50 years ago and belong to Methodist Church of Lefors.

Mr. Shipman retired from Texaco in 1981 after 33 years of service.

Mrs. Shipman is a homemaker.

Children of the couple are Gene and Jan Shipman of Granbury, Dan and Donna Daugherty of Pampa and Mike and Rhonda Maag of Archer City. They have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Troy and Juanita Shipman

Bertram anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Bertram will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m., today, Jan. 6, 2002, in fellowship hall of the Church of the Nazarene of Pampa. Children of the couple will host the reception.

Lambert Bertram and Carnelia Williams were married Jan. 2, 1932, at Woodward, Okla. They have been Pampa residents for 37 years and belong to the Nazarene Church.

The Bertrams farmed and ranched south of Higgins prior to retiring in 1965.

Children of the couple are James and Phyllis Bertram of Lake Jackson, Texas. They have two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Lambert and Carnelia Bertram

Texas photographer influenced by Ansel Adams

By BRAD BUCHHOLZ, Austin American-Statesman

WIMBERLEY, Texas — George Lauterstein loves the black-and-white landscape photography of the late, legendary Ansel Adams. He doesn't have to tell us, though. It is evident in Lauterstein's own photography, in which he utilizes the same Western imagery and compositional style found in Adams' most familiar work.

Lauterstein lives on a hilltop in Wimberley; he's surrounded by grand Hill Country vistas. Yet he rarely photographs nature in Texas. Instead, he packs his camera and journeys West — to Oregon, Washington, Utah and, most of all, Yosemite National Park in California. He walks where Ansel walked, pauses where Ansel paused.

"I have a photographer friend who is always telling me, 'You know, Lauterstein, all you do is walk around in this world looking for Ansel's old tripod holes,'" he says with a chuckle. "And you know how I respond to that? 'I can think of worse ways to make a living.'"

Lauterstein is flattered, in fact, when people pause before one of his images of Half Dome and exclaim, "That looks just like an Ansel Adams." But the man —

who's dressed in black, white and gray on this day, no trace of Kodachrome in his wardrobe — does not fancy himself as an artist. "I know I'm not that good," Lauterstein says flatly, though he is profiled on occasion in photography journals. His affinity for Adams, and his tripod holes, is anchored in curiosity and the joy of experience.

"That friend who teases me — he lives in California but refuses to photograph Yosemite," says Lauterstein. "He says, 'Ansel has already done that.' And I say, 'Aren't you interested to know given the same set of circumstances how you would interpret it?' ... The way I see it, Ansel Adams discovered all the good spots. And good spots don't change."

Lauterstein knew a bit about photography, and a bit about nature, when he visited Yosemite for the first time in 1978. He was a corporate salesman then, a family man on a family vacation. Like many Americans, Lauterstein was impressed by the peaks and waterfalls of Yosemite Valley. But Adams' photographic treatment of those monuments — which Lauterstein saw first in a Yosemite dining hall — awed him even more.

"I'd never heard of this man Adams. ... But when I saw those

prints in the dining hall, I almost dropped my tray," says Lauterstein. "I said, 'I have the funniest feeling. I've seen the world in a special way I never could explain to anybody. This guy sees the world the same way. I've got to find out who he is.'"

Inspired, Lauterstein began collecting Ansel Adams prints — one of which he bought on that very first Yosemite visit. He studied Adams' genius, read Adams' books. He undertook photography with a passion and built his own home darkroom. He returned to Yosemite. In time, he even met the master himself. That meeting occurred in California, in the coastal town of Carmel. Lauterstein had traveled there to purchase some Adams prints. Gallery owner Maggie Weston (wife of photographer Cole Weston) invited him to dinner. Afterward, as a surprise, she asked if Lauterstein would like to visit Adams at his home. "It was," says Lauterstein, "like asking Moses if he might be interested in taking a look at these stone tablets."

"Sit close to him, because his hearing is not good," Weston told Lauterstein when the two men met. "Talk loud."

Anything else?

"Yes. Compliment him."

"Now, I believe in carrying coals to Newcastle, but this was ridiculous," recalls Lauterstein. "But she said he (Adams) hon-

estly doesn't believe what other people are saying about (his mastery). He just nods and says thank you, but he really doesn't believe it."

During their brief visit, Adams showed him his darkroom. When Adams remarked that he was planning to sell an old camera, Lauterstein offered to write him a blank check for it. At one point, Adams removed a small object from a safe — the one and only negative of his most famous image, "Moonrise over Hernandez, N.M., 1941."

Lauterstein reacted to this encounter with energy. He bought dozens of cameras, took photographic excursions to the American West, proceeded to learn the fine art of composition and the dark room. The aspects he admired in Adams' photography — clarity and tone — became his passions. He celebrated the way Adams' work encouraged him not just to glance ... but to see.

"Adams showed me — and so many others — what this world could look like," says Lauterstein. "He made people who never looked at a sunset, never thought about the mountains, look at that. And you could almost see their eyes saying, 'Ahhh. Is it really like that all the time?' Or: 'Did he get there on a lucky day?' No! No! He got there with great eyes, and heart and soul."

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Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast.
Lunch: Ravioli or macaroni/cheese, green beans, salad, applesauce, rolls.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits.
Lunch: Hot ham/cheese sandwiches or steak fingers, baked beans, corn, cookies.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets or cheese nachos, whipped potatoes, salad, fruit, rolls.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Frito pie or hamburgers, western beans, peaches, cornbread.

Lefors Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: Pop tarts, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Macaroni/cheese, chicken nuggets, green beans, salad, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: French toast sticks, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Roast beef, chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Hot cereal, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, mini corndogs, blackeyed peas, salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Waffles, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Teriyaki chicken, egg rolls, rice, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Yogurt, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Hamburgers, barbecue, cheese, beans, tater tots, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens
MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or chicken Louisiana, mashed potatoes, beets, spinach, northern beans, chocolate pudding cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Chicken and wild rice or beef stew, macaroni/cheese, fried squash, English peas, beans, Boston cream pie or blueberry cheesecake, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, carrots, cream corn, butter beans, pineapple upside-down cake or butterscotch ice-cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Chicken strips or hamburger steak/brown gravy, cheese potatoes, turnip greens, California blend, beans, angel food cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Catfish/hushpuppies or spaghetti/meatballs, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, pumpkin rolls or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
Barbecue wieners, macaroni/cheese, cabbage, cookies.

TUESDAY
Roast, okra/tomatoes, corn, cake.

WEDNESDAY
Impossible pie, mashed potatoes, green beans, banana.

THURSDAY
Salisbury steaks, peas, carrots, vanilla wafers.

FRIDAY
Barbecue beef/bun, chips, pickles, pork and beans, graham crackers.

By
JOAN GRAY
EXTENSION AGENT

Building a healthy lifestyle

The key components of a healthy lifestyle are nutrition and physical activity. To build a healthy lifestyle, use the Food Guide Pyramid and the Dietary Guidelines to guide your food choices. This allows flexibility for your favorite foods or special health needs. Building a healthy lifestyle is as easy as remembering the ABCs.

Aim for physical activity. A healthy weight can be maintained by balancing the calories you eat with your physical activity choices. Physical activity not only helps maintain body weight, it also decreases the risk of cardiovascular disease and promotes a sense of general well-being.

On most days of the week, engage in 30-minutes or more of moderate physical activity. Moderate physical activity is the same as the energy it would take to walk two miles in 30-minutes. To increase your physical activity level, take the stairs instead of the elevator, park farther away at the grocery store, take the dog for a walk or run with your kids!

Exercise with a friend to stay motivated.

Build a healthy base. A healthy diet is made up of sensible portions and a variety of foods represented by the Food Guide Pyramid. This allows your body to obtain the nutrients and fiber it needs. The base of good nutrition begins with whole grains, fruits and vegetables. Include low-fat dairy products and low-fat foods from the meat group.

With moderation and common sense, sweets and desserts can be included in a healthy diet. Remember, moderation is the key to a balanced diet. To keep your meals interesting from day-to-day, prepare a food in different ways. Be sure to wash your hands often and keep raw meats and ready-to-eat foods separate. Cook food to proper temperatures, and refrigerate left-overs promptly.

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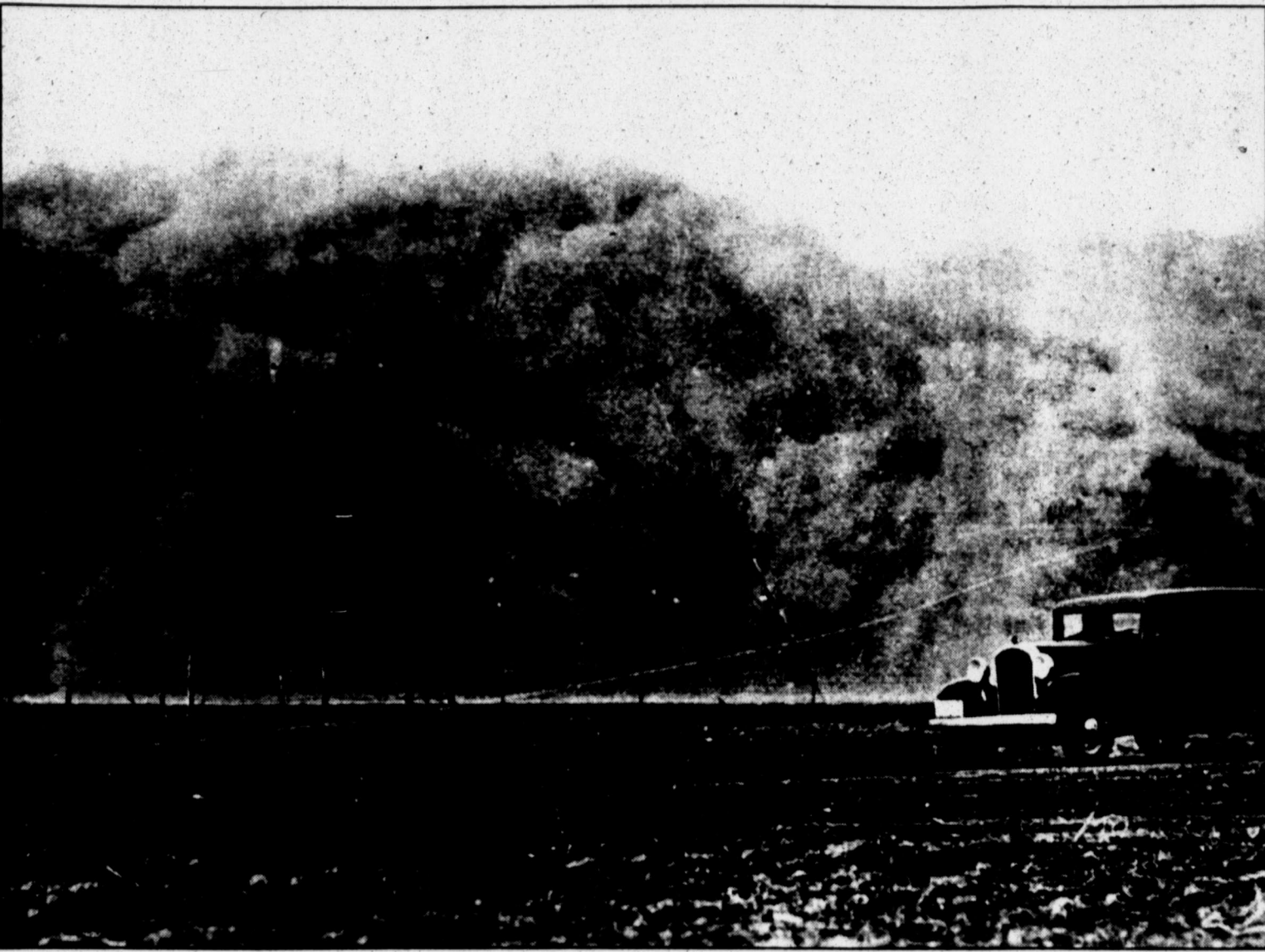
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(Photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)

Roaring into Pampa on April 14, 1935, the giant dust storm blackened the skies that Sunday afternoon. Hundreds of dust storms savagely attacked the area during the 1930s, thus causing the phrase of the "Dirty Thirties" to be used in describing that decade.

DUST

150 dust storms during March and April, 1935.

On that afternoon in April, 1935, the dirt came rolling into the area. Many Pampa residents' impressions and reactions are featured in the book as well as the residents in Oklahoma and Kansas who had the same experience.

The storm was the result of the Dust Bowl days which had been partially caused by lack of conservation skills for 30 years prior. Stallings described it as

"the result of indiscriminate plowing of Great Plains grasslands from the end of the nineteenth century into the 1920s and using the land to raise wheat, other grains, and feed for livestock.

Stallings said the settlers who began the process were not aware that their plows would make the land blow away in the 1930s, when a combination of drought and wind blew uncovered soil from one place to another in storms that eventually gave rise to the term "Dust Bowl."

The retired English professor said he met many people who experienced that day while conducting the research, and

received extraordinary cooperation from museums and newspapers.

He still visits the Pampa area frequently as his aunt, Ethel Johnson, still lives here. Stallings said she was of considerable help to him in gathering research and sources for the finished product.

This past summer he and fellow classmates of the Class of 1946 gathered for their 55th Pampa High School reunion.

Publisher of the book is Eakin Press of Austin. Stallings said the local bookstores have not received Black Sunday, but he hopes they will be on the shelves soon.

Book offers clues to mysteries left by Bosnian war

By JOE STANGE
Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — At the local Red Cross office, there's a history book sent from the other side of the world. Few want to open it because the pages document a bloody chapter of history few want to revisit.

The "Book of Personal Belongings," two volumes thick, is filled with thousands of photographs of lost possessions. Everything is soiled with dirt: clothing, jewelry, combs, Polaroids. The possessions belonged to the dead, and the dirt came from mass graves.

The book was sent to the United States in a Red Cross experiment to aid in the accounting of the 18,000 people missing from the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina during the 1990s. The Red Cross wants to see if the refugee community in St. Louis — among the largest in the United States — can help shorten the list of the missing by recognizing items in the book.

The volumes are also a test of sorts to see how willing these new Americans are to face a haunting past. It's a disheartening task.

Family members look for familiar objects, personal items belonging to loved ones who have not been seen for years. On each page of the book there are four photographs showing one, two or a few objects found on a recovered body. Sometimes it's a distinctive item of clothing. Or maybe it's a dog-eared family snapshot, with smiling faces.

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sobbed for three hours," said Lejla Susic, a native of Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina. She is now the international specialist at the St. Louis Red Cross. "Sometimes people are stoic, and other times they're not."

St. Louis was chosen because of the size of the Bosnian community here — an estimated 35,000 people. Hundreds of those families came from the area near Srebrenica, site of what has been called the worst massacre in Europe since World War II.

Between 7,000 and 10,000 Bosnian Muslim men were systematically killed when Serb forces overran Srebrenica in 1995. Thousands were buried in mass graves around the town. Others were left unburied. So far, the Book of Personal Belongings only includes those

from bodies found near Srebrenica.

To notify people about the book, the Red Cross mailed letters to Bosnians throughout St. Louis. Word of mouth has helped alert immigrants to the book.

"There's such a grapevine, I think everybody's heard about it," said Ron Klutho, a resettlement case worker who assists Bosnians in St. Louis.

Yet few have stepped forward to look through the book. Klutho said many Bosnians have made forgetting the past a part of their adjustment to the United States. Others doubt they can truly find answers about lost relatives.

"Some of them are just not psychologically ready," Klutho said. "There's a strain of suspicion in them that, because of what happened, that they don't want to trust anybody."

Susic suspects it has more to do with her fellow Bosnians being busy in their new lives — or sometimes, using their hectic schedule as an excuse to delay the discomfort.

"A lot of people are kind of swamped by the American

lifestyle and they have no time," Susic said. "Of course, they would rather work overtime and work weekends rather than come here and face the book."

Identifying objects in the photographs is only one part of an international effort to solve the thousands of mysteries left by the Bosnian War.

In the former Yugoslavia, laboratories have been opened where scientists are assembling a DNA database. Samples are collected from unidentified remains, usually found in the mass graves which are still occasionally discovered. Bosnian refugees around the world are being asked to offer a drop or two of their blood, for DNA cross-checking.

Meanwhile, the Red Cross maintains a long list of the missing, always accepting new information about someone's last whereabouts. At every step of the way, the detective work requires people willing to confront a horrible past.

"It takes the whole world, all these people putting little pieces of the puzzle together," Susic said. "That's why it's so important."

ANSEL

Through the years, Lauterstein's eye has become more refined. He shoots fewer grand vistas now and finds himself "moving closer and closer" to his subjects. He's still loyal to the black-and-white landscape format, but there are more and more times, these days, when he finds beauty beyond Ansel Adams' old tripod holes.

Lately, he's taken another departure from the Ansel Adams' tradition. He's sold dozens of his old cameras, dismantled his darkroom and — gasp — embraced the digital tradition. Many of Lauterstein's friends are shocked, since, after all, so much of the Adams legacy is in the way he worked magic in the

darkroom. "You loved Ansel Adams!" they exclaim. "And now you're doing this?"

"Well, why not?" asks Lauterstein. "He would have been out there sooner than I would. He was aware that technology was changing. He even said once, in one of his books, 'If I could use neon and make an image that transmitted what I feel, I'd do it. I don't care what it is.'"

"The 'purists' say, 'A digital camera allows you to play with an image in a computer. Well, what do you think Adams was doing in the darkroom all those years? He was playing with it. It's just different schools, that's all.'"

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GRAY

■ Choose sensibly. You can still enjoy your favorite foods, just use judgment and choose sensibly. Moderate your calorie intake to suit your needs and use the Nutrition Facts Label on the packaging to help you choose foods lower in fat, satu-

rated fat and cholesterol. When possible, select nutrient-dense foods such as low-fat dairy products, whole grains, cooked dried beans and peas, fish, lean meats and poultry. Spice up dishes with herbs, peppers or onions.

Achieving a healthy lifestyle may not be as difficult as you might think!

AHA salutes local volunteer

The American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate, recently presented the Outstanding Jump Rope For Heart (JRFH) Coordinator Award to Kelly Porter of Austin Elementary School for 2000-01. The award goes to volunteers who demonstrate continued outstanding service with the JRFH program.

Criteria used to determine the winner of this special award included: a minimum of three years of experience with the JRFH program as an event coordinator; service as a positive role model for students epitomizing personal health, fitness, and sportsmanship while promoting physical activity; additional AHA volunteer service such as an AHA division board/committee member, affiliate Youth Market Committee member, or any other American Heart Association position; commitment to the JRFH program by committee work and/or having

presented workshops or programs at any levels; as well as membership with the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Porter has held a Jump Rope for Heart event for eight years. Due to a District policy, they are only able to do JRFH every other year. She goes the extra mile to make this event successful and fun for the students. Austin Elementary students collected 69 percent more money this year than in 1999-00. All of the Pampa schools work together and have their events at the same time. They are a great help to the cause of fighting Heart Disease and Stroke.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Texas. Research indicates the importance of early prevention, and shows that cardiovascular disease can begin in children as young as three years old.

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DEAR ABBY written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Woman Can Bank on Fact That Mooching Boyfriend Won't Change

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Ricardo," and I have an ongoing dispute over money. He does not save or plan for the future. He thinks that if he wants to buy something, I should provide him with the money.

Ricardo quit his job before finding another, and I have ended up paying his living expenses. Several months ago, I loaned Ricardo money to buy a car. He's repaid half but still owes me the balance. He's borrowed more money since then to buy a present for my birthday.

My baby sitter quit last week, and Ricardo offered to watch my son until I find another sitter. When I told him I was unable to pay him the full amount I had paid the sitter, he became angry and accused me of never helping him or ever loving him. He says I am taking advantage of his kindness because I am working and he is not.

I have really tried to help Ricardo, but I think it's nery of him to be asking me for more money when he owes me close to \$1,000. What do you think?

ALMOST BROKE IN BALTIMORE

DEAR ALMOST BROKE: I agree with you. Your boyfriend has turned mooching into an art form. Stiffen your backbone, tell him the bank is closed, and go on with your life without him. He's a bottomless pit.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 35-year-old woman. Two years after my divorce, I started dating a sweet man I'll call "Tony." He adores my 4-year-old daughter, "Emma," and she adores him.

Last week I learned I am pregnant with Tony's child. He's overjoyed. The night I told him, he proposed marriage and I accepted.

I also told my ex-husband, "Rod." He called me some vulgar names for getting pregnant before marriage. Now he threatens to tell Emma that what I have done is wrong. I know I made a mistake and I feel terrible. I don't want Emma to think it's OK to have premarital relations, and I don't know how to handle this. Any suggestions?

TROUBLED AND PREGNANT IN MINNESOTA

DEAR TROUBLED: As vindictive as your former husband may be, let us hope he's not so twisted as to try to explain the dos and don'ts of premarital sex to a 4-year-old who doesn't yet know the facts of life.

Solidify your marriage plans immediately — before your little girl understands the significance of counting to nine.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I lived in a small apartment with our two young children in a bad part of town. When "Cousin Ramona" offered to rent us half of her large home in a nicer area, we jumped at the chance. It meant we'd be sharing the house with Ramona and another female renter, but we didn't mind.

Since we moved in, it has become clear that the female renter (age 19) is a real party girl. When I asked our cousin if any guys would be spending the night, she said no. Well, after only one week, our housemate started having a male visitor regularly for evenings and overnight stays. He also helps himself to our food. I am livid. I made a comment to Ramona about this "guest." She got uptight and said it was no big deal, and it shouldn't matter to me.

Well, Abby, it does matter. Our kids are 2 and 3 years old, and this isn't the kind of atmosphere I want them exposed to. Am I wrong?

HELPLESS IN TAMORA

DEAR HELPLESS: Certainly not. You and your husband are responsible for setting the standards your children will live by. Waste no time in checking the classified ads for another place to live. The living conditions in your current dwelling are not as they were represented.

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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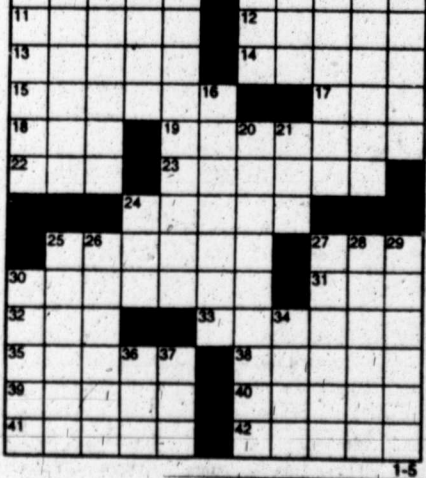
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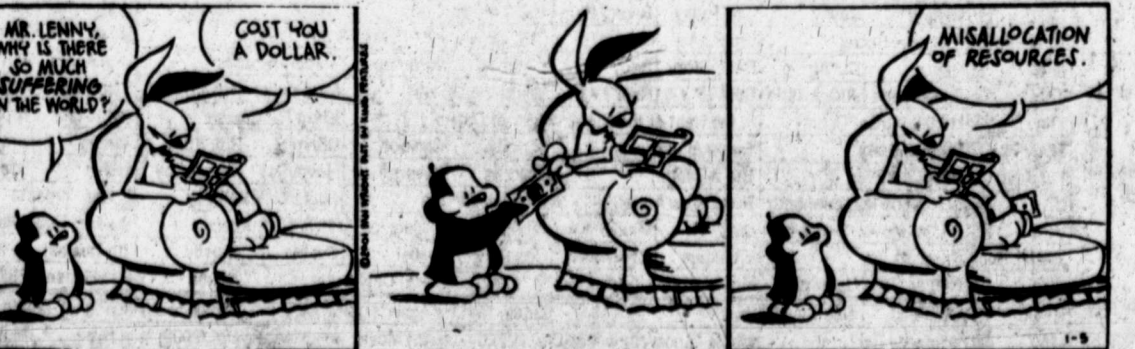
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AGRICULTURE

In hog country, concern high for dreaded viral disease

By ESTES THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

GOLDSBORO, N.C. (AP) — As the nation comes to grips with bioterrorism, agriculture officials say foot-and-mouth disease is one additional threat that must be guarded against since the virus could easily be delivered by a terrorist.

"Foot-and-mouth disease could be used as one of these billion-dollar bombs," said Dr. Tom McGinn, head of a security task force for the North Carolina Agriculture Department. "We've got to be prepared for the use of one of these diseases as a weapon."

An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, which can be carried by unwitting visitors, infected animals or even the breeze, would be disastrous to the U.S. economy, agriculture officials say.

Pork exports could be shut down and the nation's other livestock industries would be greatly harmed. Having to embargo or quarantine could be disruptive to transportation and commerce. Tourism and other industries also likely would see losses.

Pork brings in \$1.16 billion in North Carolina, second only to Iowa's \$5 billion hog industry. A North Carolina State University study estimated the economic impact of an outbreak at \$18.85 billion in the state.

Foot-and-mouth is highly communicable and attacks cattle, swine, sheep, goats, deer and other cloven-hooved animals. It isn't contagious to humans or other animals, such as horses, but can be spread by them.

Europe is still feeling the effects of a foot-and-mouth disease outbreak last spring that led to the slaughter of at least 631,000 animals. Damages in Great Britain alone exceeded \$365 million.

The United States has been free of foot-and-mouth since 1929, when the last of nine U.S. outbreaks was eradicated, according to the Agriculture Department.

Regardless, many hog states in the U.S. have developed emergency plans and pork producers have responded by tightening access to their farms.

At Premium Standard Farms of Clinton, N.C., which raises 65,000 hogs, few visitors are allowed. The ones that get in are quizzed to determine if they have traveled to countries with foot-and-mouth.

"Even before Sept. 11, we were very watchful for strangers," said Bob Ivey, general manager of Goldsboro Hog Farms, which produces a million hogs a year.

Gates are locked at farms under Ivey's supervision and the rare visitor and vehicles are disinfected before entry.

In October, during the State Fair in Raleigh, agriculture and emergency officials practiced reacting to a case of foot-and-mouth. The "talk-through" drill simulated closing the fair, decontaminating every person inside and killing susceptible animals.

Iowa had a full-scale emergency exercise last summer.

North Carolina had a real-life test run in March, when inspectors found lesions on a dead hog at a packing plant. Hog company stock prices fell and touched off panic selling on the Chicago Board of Trade. Test ultimately proved it was a false alarm.

Though plans are in place, it isn't clear whether North Carolina could actually manage a confirmed case.

Dr. David Marshall, the state veterinarian, estimates managing just one affected farm would cost more than \$1 million, with help from the National Guard and law enforcement.

The state recently appropriated \$1.1 million for various agriculture-related threats, but that included only \$50,000 for foot-and-mouth. The money is to be used to train 250 volunteer veterinarians to help the 20 state vets during an outbreak.

State emergency plans for an outbreak were a high priority this past summer. Then came Sept. 11, and now foot-and-mouth "is just not on the radar screens of the public," North

Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Meg Scott Phipps said.

"Should an outbreak occur, we would be overwhelmed," Phipps said.

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AHA to meet Jan. 14-20 in Denver

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — American Hereford Association (AHA) and Hereford breeders are making plans for the National Western Stock Show slated Jan. 14-20 in Denver, Colo. This year Herefords will be displayed in the stadium arena on the hill Friday and Saturday, Jan. 18-19.

National Western Hereford activities kick-off on Thursday, Jan. 17 with the junior show starting at 1 p.m., judged by John Tucker, North Platte, Neb. Horned and polled Hereford heifers will show on the hill Friday, Jan. 18, and the bull show will follow on the 19th. These shows begin at 8 a.m., and Charlie Boyd, Mays Lick, Ky., will evaluate the Hereford entries with Dale Spencer, Brewster, Neb., serving as his associate.

The enthusiasm moves to the yards on Sunday, Jan. 20 with the pen and carload show beginning at 8:30 a.m. The combined horned and polled pen show will feature pens of three along with the carload lots. Mark Frederickson, Starbuck, Minn., Eldon Krebs, Gordon, Neb., and Wayne Mrnak, Bowman, N.D., will judge the shows.

Ochiltree resident wins yield contest

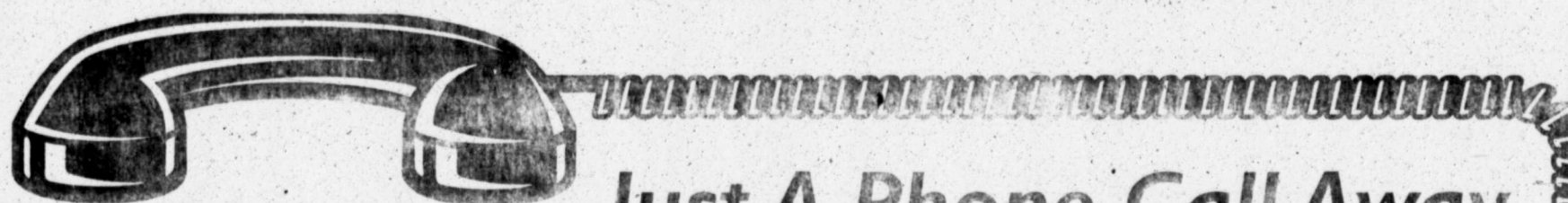
LUBBOCK — Duane Pshigoda, a producer in Ochiltree County, placed second and third for Texas in the state Conventional-Till Irrigated category of the 2001 National Grain Sorghum Yield and Management Contest. Pshigoda was also a county winner in the same category.

Winners of the contest, which includes five divisions, are determined by the amount of a contestant's yield exceeds the five-year average yield in that contestant's county as determined by USDA's National Ag Statistics Service.

Pshigoda's second- and first-place yields were 164.42 using Pioneer 84G62 seed variety and 126.73 using Asgrow Eclipse, respectively, compared to the county average which was 95.6. He scored 68.82 and 31.13.

New in 2002 is the move of the Hereford social and sale to the yards on Sunday Jan. 20. Sale cattle will be on display in the yards. Prior to the sale, join us for some Hereford hospitality and make your claim on genetics offered for sale.

Following the pen show, the national sale gets underway at 6 p.m. in the Livestock Center Auction Arena. Thirty-two lots from highly regarded Hereford operations across the nation will be sold by auctioneer Eddie Sims, Elgin, Okla.



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representatives of the unknown heirs of said named Defendants, if the said unknown heirs are dead; the unknown heirs of said named Defendants if the unknown heirs of the said named Defendants are dead, their legal representatives; and all other persons claiming any title or interest in the property described in Plaintiff's Original Petition filed herein, all of whom are parties to this suit and whose places of residence and whereabouts are unknown to Plaintiff and to Affiant.

GREETING
 YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 223rd Judicial District Court of Gray County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said County in the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, on or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say, at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Monday, the 4th day of February, 2002, and to answer the Petition of THE CARPENTER'S HOUSE, Plaintiff in Cause No. 32,429, styled THE CARPENTER'S HOUSE, Plaintiff, vs. EMANUEL TEMPLE CHURCH, IMMANUEL TEMPLE, Pampa, Texas, and J.S. ABEL, Defendants, which Petition was filed in said Court on the 20th day of December, 2001, and the nature of which suit is as follows:

A Trustpass to Try Title Suit in which Plaintiff claims that it has been lawfully seized and possessed of the following described property, land and premises situated in Gray County, Texas, to-wit:

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Horoscope MONDAY, JAN. 7, 2002

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By The Associated Press

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BILLBOARD HOT100:TOP10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
2. "U Got It Bad," Usher. Arista.
3. "Family Affair," Mary J. Blige. MCA.
4. "Get The Party Started," Pink. Arista.
5. "Hero," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
6. "Always On Time," Ja Rule (feat. Ashanti). Murder Inc.
7. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.
8. "Whenever, Wherever," Shakira. Epic.
9. "A Woman's Worth," Alicia Keys. J.
10. "Differences," Ginuwine. Epic.

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THE BILLBOARD200TOPALBUMS:TOP10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Weathered," Creed. Wind-up. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
2. "Hybrid Theory," Linkin Park. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
3. "Now 8," Various Artists. EMI/Universal/Sony/Zomba/Virgin. (Platinum)
4. "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace.
5. "Silver Side Up," Nickelback. Roadrunner. (Platinum)
6. "8701," Usher. Arista. (Platinum)
7. "A Day Without Rain," Enya. Reprise. (Platinum)
8. "Pain Is Love," Ja Rule. Murder Inc.
9. "Stillmatic," Nas. Ill Will.
10. "Missundaztood," Pink. Arista. (Platinum)

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HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Hero," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
2. "Only Time," Enya. Warner Sunset.
3. "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty. Lava.
4. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.
5. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA.
6. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Gold — certified sales of 500,000 units)
7. "Simple Things," Jim Brickman (feat. Rebecca Lynn Howard). Windham Hill.
8. "All Or Nothing," O-Town. J.
9. "Drowning," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
10. "There You'll Be," Faith Hill. Hollywood.

MAINSTREAM ROCK TRACKS

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.
2. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
3. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
4. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
5. "Alive," P.O.D. Atlantic.
6. "Wasting My Time," Default. TVT.
7. "Fade," Staind. Flip.
8. "Control," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
9. "Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal.
10. "Too Bad," Nickelback. Roadrunner.

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by

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1. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
2. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
3. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.
4. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
5. "Alive," P.O.D. Atlantic.
6. "Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal.
7. "Wasting My Time," Default. TVT.
8. "Chop Suey," System Of A Down. American.
9. "Defy You," The Offspring. Columbia.
10. "Crawling In The Dark," Hoobastank. Island.

HOT COUNTRY SINGLES AND TRACKS

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

1. "Where Were You (When The World Stopped Turning)," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
2. "Where The Stars And Stripes And The Eagle Fly," Aaron Tippin. Lyric Street.
3. "Run," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
4. "Good Morning Beautiful," Steve Holy. Curb.
5. "I Wanna Talk About Me," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
6. "I'm Tryin'," Trace Adkins. Capitol
7. "Wrapped Up In You," Garth Brooks. Capitol.
8. "Wrapped Around," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
9. "Riding With Private Malone," David Ball. Dualtone.
10. "Bring On The Rain," Jo Dee Messina With Tim McGraw. Curb.

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TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS

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1. "Scarecrow," Garth Brooks. Capitol Nashville. (Platinum)
2. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
3. "Pull My Chain," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
4. "The Road Less Traveled," George Strait. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
5. "Greatest Hits," Martina McBride. RCA (Nashville). (Gold)
6. Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly," Curb. (Platinum)
7. "Set This Circus Down," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
8. "Greatest Hits Volume III — I'm A Survivor," Reba McEntire. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
9. "Greatest Hits," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
10. "Greatest Hits," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)

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HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLES AND TRACKS

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1. "Always On Time," Ja Rule feat. Ashanti. Murder Inc.
2. "U Got It Bad," Usher. Arista.
3. "Butterflies," Michael Jackson. Epic.
4. "A Woman's Worth," Alicia Keys. J.
5. "Rock The Boat," Aaliyah. Blackground.
6. "We Thuggin'," Fat Joe feat. R. Kelly. Terror Squad/Atlantic.
7. "Lights, Camera, Action," Faith Evans. Universal.
8. "Bouc'in' Back (Bumpin' Me Against The Wall)," Mystikal. Jive.
9. "Roll Out (My Business)," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace.
10. "Break Ya Neck," Busta Rymes. J.

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TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUMS

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1. "Stillmatic," Nas. Ill Will.

2. "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace.
3. "Doggy Bag," Lil Bow Wow. So So Def.
4. "8701," Usher. Arista. (Platinum)
5. "Pain Is Love," Ja Rule. Murder Inc. (Platinum)
6. "Tarantula," Mystikal. Jive.
7. "Big Boi & Dre Present... OutKast," OutKast. Arista.
8. "Invincible," Michael Jackson. Epic. (Platinum)
9. "Songs In A Minor," Alicia Keys. J. (Platinum)
10. "Genesis," Busta Rhymes. J.

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HOT RAPS SINGLES

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1. "Round And Round," Jonell & Method Man. Def Soul.
2. "That Was Then," Roy Jones, Jr. (feat. Dave Hollister, Perion & Hahz The Ripppa). Body Head.
3. "Ground Zero (In Our Hearts You Will Remain)," Cash & Computa. Select.
4. "Ain't Nobody (We Got It Locked)," The Rawlo Boys (feat. T.O.R.O. And Lil' Smoke). House Of Fire.
5. "Got Ur Self A ...," NAS Ill Will.
6. "Fatty Girl," Ludacris, LL Cool J & Keith Murray. FB.
7. "We Thuggin'," Fat Joe feat. R. Kelly. Terror Squad/Atlantic.
8. "Jump Up In The Air," Original P Introducing Hyped UYP. Westbound Soljaz. Westbound.
9. "Young'n (Holla Back)," Fabolous. Desert Storm.
10. "Lights, Camera, Action," Faith Evans. Universal.

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HOT DANCE MUSIC — CLUBPLAY

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "Guitarra G," G Club Presents Banda Sonora. Tommy Boy Silver Label.
2. "In Stereo (The Superchumbo Mixes)," Flip Flop (feat. Faith Trent). Nervous.
3. "Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger," Daft Punk. Virgin.
4. "I'm A Slave 4 U," Britney Spears. Jive.
5. "Everyday," Kim English. Nervous.
6. "Runnin'," Mark Picchiotti Presents Basstoy (feat. Dana). Groovilicious.
7. "Where's Your Head At," Basement Jaxx. XL.
8. "Get The Party Started (Remixes)," Pink. Arista.
9. "Be Free," Live Element. Strictly Rhythm.
10. "Always," Bent. Ministry Of Sound.

Hot Latin Tracks

(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)

1. "Tantita Pena," Alejandro Fernandez. Sony Discos.
2. "Dejame Entrar," Carlos Vives. EMI Latin.
3. "Suerte," Shakira. Epic.
4. "No Me Concoces Aun," Palomo. Disa.
5. "Como Duele," Luis Miguel. WEA Latina.
6. "Usted Se Me Llevo La Vida," Alexandre Pires. Ariola.
7. "Heroe," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
8. "Como Se Cura Una Herida," Jaci Velasquez. Sony Discos.
9. "Celos," Marc Anthony. Columbia.
10. "Yo Queria," Cristian. Ariola.

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TOP CONTEMPORARY JAZZ ALBUMS

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1. "A Smooth Jazz Christmas," Dave Koz & Friends. Capitol.
2. "Ride," Boney James. Warner Bros.
3. "Hidden Beach Recordings Presents: Unwrapped Vol. 1," Various Artists. Hidden Beach.
4. "Glow," Peter White. Columbia.
5. "Night Sessions," Chis Botti. Columbia.
6. "Deep Into It," Larry Carlton. Warner Bros.
7. "Crush," Richard Elliot. Verve.
8. "Soul Purpose," Alex Bugnon. Narada Jazz.
9. "Making Spirits Bright — A Smooth Jazz Christmas," Various Artists. GRP.
10. "A Art," Acoustic Alchemy. Higher Octave.

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TOP CLASSICAL ALBUMS

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1. "Billy Joel: Fantasies & Delusions," Richard Joo. Columbia.
2. "Classic Yo-Yo," Yo-Yo Ma. Sony Classical.
3. "Verdi," Andrea Bocelli. Philips. (Gold)
4. "Bach: Morimur," Ensemble/Christoph Popp. ECM.
5. "Appalachian Journey," Ma/Meyer/O'Connor. Sony Classical.
6. "The Christmas Album," Sumi Jo. Erato.
7. "Christmas With Chanticleer," Chanticleer. Teldec.
8. "Mythodea," Vangelis. Sony Classical.
9. "Dreams & Fables," Cecilia Bartoli. Decca.
10. "Brahms/Stravinsky Violin Concertos," Hilary Hahn. Sony Classical.

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