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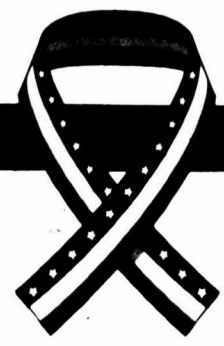
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LOCAL

PHS student leaders to be honored Jan. 17

Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr and members of the Pampa Independent School District Board of Education are to honor Pampa High School student leaders and their parents at a reception in the high school library at 5 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 17.

Man arrested for assault; girlfriend's ear bitten off

A \$30,000 bond was set this morning for a Pampa man charged in connection with an assault incident in which his girlfriend's ear was partially bitten off.

Marvin Neal Higgs, 47, 928 Jordan, was arrested after the incident at about 10 p.m. Tuesday in which Shelly Reed, 37, of the Jordan Street address was injured, said Chief Sheriff's Deputy Kelly Rushing.

Rushing said Higgs was released from prison "about a month ago" and now faces a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury. He remained behind bars at the county jail this morning.

Reed was treated and released at Pampa Regional Medical Center, a spokesman there said.

PPD hosts school here

Pampa Police Department was host this morning to a Sex Offender Registration school put on by William Charles Yoakum of the DPS Crime Records Service.

Yoakum and others in the Field Support Unit teach such courses all over Texas.

DEATHS

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AG: Dairy report public record

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

A \$15,000 dairy consultant's report paid for last year by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation is a public record and must be released to *The Pampa News*.

That is the gist of a Texas Attorney General's opinion dated Monday in connection with Managing Editor Nancy Young's October request the Dairy Strategies report be made public.

The newspaper wanted the report in order to write a story detailing recommendations to assist the financially ail-

ing dairy which is a recipient of PEDC funds.

Top O' Texas Dairy is a 1998 PEDC project in which the PEDC agreed to provide a \$500,000 cash grant and a forgivable loan of \$250,000 based upon achievement and retention of certain employment numbers, according to PEDC records.

City Attorney Don Lane said today he will notify PEDC Board President Dalton Lewis of the ruling and also Top O' Texas Dairy principals.

As of early today, Lane had not received a mail copy of the ruling, he said, making reference to the document that is posted on the attorney

general's web site and carries Monday's date.

The web site address is: www.oag.state.tx.us

By statute, within 10 days of the ruling the PEDC will do one of the following:

- Release the public records
- Notify the requester ... when and where the records will be provided or made available for inspection
- Make notification it intends to challenge the AG's opinion in court. (A court challenge of the AG's opinion would have to be paid for by the PEDC and/or Top O' Texas Dairy)

In late October when the newspaper

requested a copy of the consulting report from the PEDC it was not provided by then executive director Susan Triplehorn. She said the newspaper would have to make a written request for the document which was done.

At that time, then PEDC board member Lee Porter said Lane might want to get an AG's opinion before the report could be released.

Porter had reservations about releasing the report saying the study was done for the Roden's benefit and said he'd like to have their permission before releasing it. He cited personal financial information the report might (See **REPORT**, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Commissioner Joe Wheeley, ArchiTexas Architect Larry Irsik, Texas Historical Commission Preservation Consultant Lyman Lebery, Project Consultant John Kiehl, and County Judge County Court Administrator Sandra Martin study the finalized blueprints and plans for the courthouse restoration project.

County OKs vehicle bids

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Gray County Sheriff's Department will get two new vehicles for the field deputies.

A bid in the amount of \$40,130 from West Texas Ford of Pampa to purchase two new Crown Victoria Fords for the department was approved during Tuesday morning's Gray County Commissioners Court meeting.

The bid also includes a maintenance agreement for a periodic free oil and filter change.

Juvenile Probation Office will take one of the vehicles being replaced by the purchase of the new ones. The second vehicle will be traded in along with the present JPO vehicle, said Sheriff Don Copeland.

Only one other bid was received on the vehicles. It was from Philpott Ford in Nederland, and was for \$40,758.

Commissioners also approved a bid of \$48,126 from Defense Security Systems of Amarillo to correct problems with the jail locks and intercom

system.

"This was a 'budget buster,'" said Commissioner Gerald Wright. "We didn't anticipate this happening when we made the budget."

Funds for the repairs will be taken from the general fund, said County Auditor Elaine Morris.

Repair of the locks and intercom are necessitated by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

Sheriff Copeland said the agency has been working with the sheriff's department, but said it must be repaired.

Eight county residents' names were drawn for the salary grievance committee. The first three names drawn — Billie Lee Ward, Leona Attaway Willis and Zenora K. Brownlow — will be the ones asked to serve on the committee.

Five additional names were selected to be on the alternate list in the event some decline to serve. The alternates are Karen Sue Oxley, Robin E. Bailey, Velma Faye Earl, Mark Douglas Elliott, and Christopher B. Doucette.

(See **BIDS**, Page 3)

PEDC board ponders power of perceptions

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Perception and misperception. Those were the buzz words at Monday's Pampa Economic Development Corporation board meeting.

PEDC members unanimously agreed that they want to be sure there is no reason for anyone to perceive any wrongdoing by them as board members.

"Previous boards have done things above board, but it ended up with the wrong perception by the people," said Board Member Doug Locke. "We are all here in part because of a perceived conflict of interest, and I don't want that to happen to us."

Locke was referring events leading up to the Nov. 6 election in which Pampa voters voted to dissolve the PEDC.

One issue which led up to the petition for dissolution of the PEDC included some previous board members' businesses doing business with the PEDC.

Locke and his four fellow board members — Bill Allison, Dalton Lewis, Steve Phillips and Gary Sutherland —

were all appointed by the Pampa City Commission to serve on the board following the November election.

Two former board members, Richard Stowers and Joe Mullenax, resigned from the local economic development group in September. Following the election the remaining board members — Lee Porter, Darville Orr and Jerry Foote — also resigned.

Locke said he wanted to keep the same mistakes from occurring again. He said the main problem was the perception by the public in these issues, and he didn't want this to happen again.

"I think we need to develop more stringent rules on board members," he said. Using a theoretical example of the possibility of one of his relatives wanting to buy some of the PEDC-owned property, he said he wanted guidelines.

"What if he wanted to buy property and he was the only bidder? What would we do?" he asked.

Locke went on to say the board has made three major decisions since his short tenure on the board which he said could be misperceived.

"1) We sold all the office equip- (See **PEDC**, Page 3)

PISD board to continue '02-'03 budgeting work

Pampa Independent School District board members are to meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, at the Pampa High School Library, 111 E. Harvester, following a busy schedule that includes a student leader reception at 5 p.m., and a board appreciation dinner.

At Thursday's meeting, the board plans to continue to work on 2002-2003 budget matters. Agenda items include setting strategic parameters for the upcoming budget and a budget workshop.

Other items on the agenda include consideration of bids for paper and

participation in the West Texas Food Service Cooperation and Commodity Processing, as well as December expenditures and receipts.

A Governor's Proclamation for School Board Recognition Month (January), Texas Association School Board Policy Update 67, and personnel are listed on the agenda also.

Administrative reports scheduled for the meeting include the 2000-2001 Academic Excellence Indicator System annual performance report, and English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

Horton seeks Justice of Peace post

Malcomb Ray "Rusty" Horton recently announced for Justice of Peace Precinct 1 and 3 in the Republican Primary.

He has lived in Gray County most of his life. Retired from the City of Pampa Fire Department last year after 20 years service, he is also experienced in law enforcement.

Currently, he is working as a correctional officer with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He is also a new member to the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department.

Horton has worked as a reserve law enforcement officer and also has worked with the Pampa Police Department.

"During my career at the fire department I was very fortunate to have training not only in the fire service but other training that benefited me well throughout my career," he said. Included in his training is emergency medical certification, vehicle extrication, rescue, arson investigation, hazardous materials and confined space entry.

Horton said he has been fortunate to have worked with many different people, agencies and organizations throughout the years.

This includes medical, law enforcement, volunteer fire departments, ranchers, farmers, schools, hospitals, teachers, citizens of Gray County and

the surrounding communities.

"It has been my pleasure to be surrounded by so many in our community who give of themselves every day so that we might have a better quality of life in our small community," said Horton.

"Public service has been a way of life for me," he said. "I believe I could make a difference as Justice of Peace for the citizens of Precinct 1 and 3 where I will serve you well."

"I think we have a great community with much to be thankful for," he said. "Let your voice be heard on March 12. If we want to have a voice in our community and desire changes within our community, we must vote."



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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

CHUMLEY, Reba Loweta — 2 p.m., Stewart Funeral Chapel, Hollis, Okla.
HONEYCUTT, Elwanda — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
WHITEAKER, Margaret Lucile (Beck) — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church Chapel, Dalhart.

ELWANDA HONEYCUTT
1924-2002

Elwanda Honeycutt, 77, of Pampa, died Monday Jan. 14, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. J.C. Burt, interim pastor of Barrett Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Honeycutt was born Feb. 3, 1924, in Coin Boone County, Ark., to Emma "Frank" Sturgill and Irena Aduddell Sturgill. She came to Pampa in 1952 from Wellington and married Glenn Honeycutt on Aug. 19, 1954, at Clovis, N.M.; he died April 14, 1994.

She was a homemaker and a member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Truman "Buster" Honeycutt, on July 5, 1957; two brothers, George Sturgill and Richard "Dick" Sturgill; and her parents.

Survivors include five daughters, Alice Appleton and Bonnie Cross, both of Pampa; LaFanda Damall of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Glenda Albus of Dallas

and Sandra Pendergrass of Wichita, Kan.; four sons, Wendell Honeycutt and Terry Honeycutt, both of Pampa, Danny Honeycutt of Elk City, Okla., and Mike Honeycutt of Waco; a sister, Hildred Stafford of White Deer; 26 grandchildren; and 40 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 1821 N. Dwight and requests memorials be to American Heart Association, 2404 W. 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106, or to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 50433, Amarillo, TX 79159.

MARGARET LUCILE (BECK) WHITEAKER
1923-2002

DALHART — Margaret Lucile (Beck) Whiteaker, 78, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002, in Dalhart, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, at First Baptist Church Chapel with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery in Dalhart. Arrangements are by Hass Funeral Home of Dalhart. The Rev. Stephen Lowrie, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dalhart, will be officiating.

Margaret Lucile Beck was born Sept. 21, 1923, in Temple, Texas, to Odice Vaughn and Martha Elma (Grubbs) Beck. Margaret was raised in Nocona, Texas, and attended Nocona High School where she was elected Miss Nocona her freshman year and chosen Nocona's Loveliest Girl.

She married Robert E. Whiteaker on Oct. 15, 1940, in Sherman, Texas. She attended Baylor University from 1942-1943 and then attended Amarillo Secretarial School from 1944-1945.

Margaret and Robert were stationed at several

U.S. Army bases, and she worked as a stenographer and clerk/typist at most of these bases. After Robert's discharge, they moved to Dallas, and in 1959, they moved to the family ranch near Dalhart.

Margaret moved into Dalhart in the early 1960s. She was a past member and stenographer for the Amarillo Junior League, a member of the First Baptist Church, an excellent cook; she will always be remembered for the breakfasts she would prepare during quail season.

Survivors include a son, Pat and his wife Staunton Whiteaker of Dalhart; two daughters, Martha and her husband Rick Clark of Pampa and Debra and her husband Travis Horn of Dalhart; a sister, Marilyn Castleberry of Amarillo; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son; two brothers; and one sister.

LEDA DEPEE
1913-2002

Leda Depee, 88, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m., Friday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Barry Loving officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa.

Mrs. Depee was born Leda Frances Caldwell on Sept. 15, 1913, daughter of Jassie and John Caldwell, fourth of eight siblings in a poor farming family. Her public education was at Sperry and Owasso, Oklahoma, where she graduated from Owasso High School in 1932. She was granted an academic scholarship to Northeastern State Teachers College, but had to drop out after one year due to the Great Depression.

In 1935, she married Ralph W. Depee who had interrupted his quest for an engineering degree at Oklahoma University due to the general economic distress. They scrambled for odd jobs to make ends meet; she was a waitress and he working on levee construction on the Mississippi River. A son George was born to them in 1936. Ralph then went to work for Skelly Oil Company as a civil engineer. This brought them to Skelly-Shaefer Gasoline Refinery Plant outside of Pampa, Texas. This was to be home for the next 65 years. A second son, Ralph Jr., was born at Worley Hospital in 1939. Their lives revolved around faith and family. She was widely known for her bright smile and Christian faith. She took seriously her profession of homemaker and mother, being active in P.T.A., Story

League, and church. She and Ralph were members of the Builder's Sunday School Class at First Christian Church for over 50 years. For the last 2 1/2 years, she attended the Sunday morning church service that First Christian provides at Coronado Healthcare Center. Even recently, when asked how she was doing, she would show that smile and say how nice everyone was to her and how lucky she was — this from a person who was severely restricted and whose health was failing. Leda lived a long and full life, and was privileged to live in exciting times. She lived for most of the century that has influenced the world most so far. She was a person who made a difference.

Mrs. Depee is preceded in death by her late husband Ralph in November 1991, and by six siblings. She is survived by her younger sister, Mildred Gregg of Tulsa, Okla.; two sons, George Depee and wife Jane of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Ralph Jr. and wife Jeanne of Pampa, Texas, and four grandchildren and one great-grandson. The family requests memorials be made to First Christian Church, Pampa, Texas.

REBA LOWETA CHUMLEY
1925-2002

Reba Loweta Chumley, 76, passed away Monday, Jan. 14, 2002, in Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, at Stewart Funeral Chapel in Hollis, Okla., with Lewis Ellis officiating. Burial will follow at Gould Cemetery at Gould, Okla. Services are under the direction of Stewart Funeral Services of Hollis.

Loweta was born Nov. 28, 1925, to Mart L. and Opal Conner Crabb in Red Top, Okla. She was a homemaker and owned and oper-

ated several cafes in the Hollis area and also worked in a tailor shop. Loweta loved to knit and crochet.

Loweta is survived by one daughter, Alecia and husband Steve Cleveland of Pampa, Texas; one son, Mart and wife Sandra Chumley; two sisters, Juanita and husband Mose Hughes of Pampa, Texas, and Virginia and husband Roger Hays of Olustee, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews.

ON RECORD

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. (Crime Stoppers - 669-2222)

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Jesus Velasquez, 32, 901 E. Gordon, burglary of a habitation.

Kelly Jo Peercy, 43, 924 E. Gordon, burglary of a habitation.

Curtis Don Peercy, 47, 924 E. Gordon, burglary of a habitation and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Verbal threats were reported in the 400 block of North Wells.

Information was taken in regard to an unsuccessful false prescription call-in.

The forgery of two checks was reported at Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 900 block of North Somerville in which it is not known if anything was taken nor how entry was gained.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 700 block of North Duncan in which entry was gained through a window and \$2,000 in cash and a chop saw and gill saw were taken.

The theft of a green bicycle valued at \$60 was reported.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

George Glen Eggleston, 36, 2514 Christine, arrested on warrants for failure to appear and failure to drive in a single lane.

Jennifer Winegeart, 23, 112 N. Nelson, possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

FIRE

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

Tuesday, Jan. 15

10:42 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1000 block of North Wells.

AMBULANCE

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

Tuesday, Jan. 15

7:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

10:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Wells; no transport.

10:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Floyd in White Deer for a transport to BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

Noon — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported one to PRMC.

2:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

2:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of North Duncan and transported one to PRMC.

3:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

6:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSA.

9:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center and transported on to PRMC.

10:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Jordan; no transport.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today, cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of rain or snow after midnight. Lows in the upper 20s. Northeast winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Thursday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain or snow. Highs in the lower 40s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

STATEWIDE

The mild, sunny winter days are coming to an end for most Texans as a cold front makes its way through the state on Thursday.

Temperatures remained unseasonably warm across much of the Lone Star State on Wednesday morning, with a gusty south wind providing much of the boost. In the panhandle, winds were shifting to the north behind the cold front.

Early-morning temperatures were mostly

mild throughout the state. Extremes were 32 degrees at Dalhart and 61 degrees at Port Isabel.

North Texas will be mostly cloudy and windy by Wednesday night, with a southwesterly wind blowing at about 15 to 25 mph just after sunset. The National Weather Service said the temperatures in that region could dip into the upper 30s to lower 40s.

Fog and clouds will shroud much of Upper Coast and the Coastal Bend on Thursday, but partly sunny skies and breezy conditions will prevail throughout deep South Texas.

There will be a slight chance of rain for parts of the region late Wednesday night and into Thursday, but most of the rain is expected for the start of the weekend. Temperatures will range from the upper 50s to the mid-60s.

Sunny skies will be replaced by clouds across West Texas on Thursday, with rain and snow expected in the panhandle. Rain is expected in other parts of the region as temperatures fall into the 20s and 30s.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.		
Wheat	2.48	
Milo	3.41	
Corn	3.62	
Soybeans	3.61	
Oil Sunflowers	8.10	
The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
Occidental	25.33	42
Fidelity Magell	103.19	+0.62
Puritan	17.65	+0.10
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:		
BP	44.95	-0.13
Celanese	19.45	-1.13
Cabot Corp.	31.11	-0.14
Cabot Oil Gas	22.37	-0.42
Coca Cola	44.66	+0.31
Ultrasun		NA
Enron Corp.	0.67	NC
Halliburton	10.37	-0.30
Triad Hospitals	31.57	+0.72
NOI	17.03	-0.27
KMI	56.76	-0.05
XCEL	28.15	-0.04
Kerr McGee	53.00	-0.50
Limited	15.72	-0.22
Williams	24.13	-0.59
McDonald's	26.36	+0.16
Exxon Mobil	38.77	-0.53
Atmos	21.01	+0.02
Pioneer Nat.	16.25	-0.37
Penney's	25.01	+0.11
Phillips	38.07	-1.00
SLB	50.72	-1.04
Tenneco	1.93	-0.28
CVX	87.93	-1.27
Wal-Mart	56.35	-0.52
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New York Gold		284.67
Silver		4.62
West Texas Crude		18.90

City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement.

1/2 Price Sale Continues!
Lots of good coats, sweaters, all hanging clothing. Tralee ReSale Shop, 308 S. Cuyler.

Houston policeman receives \$750 fine

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston Police Department lieutenant has been fined \$750 for abuse of official capacity.

Jonathan Campbell, 36, remained at a desk job Tuesday without policing powers, while HPD's internal affairs division reviews his 3-year-old case, said department spokesman Robert Hurst.

Campbell's attorney, Dick DeGuerin, said he will appeal the misdemeanor conviction. Prosecutor Renee Magee said that while Campbell was under surveillance for about 10 days in January 1999 after an anonymous tip, he told a sergeant he worked with to hook up his home computer.

DeGuerin said in Wednesday's editions of the Houston Chronicle that Campbell wanted a computer to use at home for police duties.

Hospitals space crunch worsens

AUSTIN (AP) — One Central Texas hospital has boarded some patients in its emergency room and turned away others, with officials saying the flu season may cause an overcrowding problem to get worse.

By Tuesday, 14 patients awaiting admission to Children's Hospital of Austin with respiratory ailments had to sleep in the ER and other nearby areas. Hospital officials turned down requests to house three other children in the region who were being seen at other hospitals and needed beds at Children's.

Travis County hospital administrators have been grappling regularly with crowded ERs and too few beds in their main hospital units since last spring, when the space crunch suddenly grew worse.

As patient loads have grown, officials at Children's and the adjoining Brackenridge Hospital have said they would not turn away the most critically injured patients or children.

But health officials said flu season hasn't peaked yet, and that traditionally is the worst time for emergency rooms. "It's a very good possibility it's going to get worse," Laurie Toth, nursing director of the emergency departments at Brackenridge and Children's, told the Austin American-Statesman in

Wednesday's online edition. Some hospitals have shut down units because of a nationwide nursing shortage, reducing the number of inpatient beds.

While hospitals in some cities are diverting ambulances up to 12 hours a day, several of Austin's eight general hospitals, temporarily close to ambulances for a few hours each day.

Children's, which serves youths from 46 Central Texas counties, and Brackenridge, the region's trauma center, never divert ambulances carrying children or the most critically injured trauma patients, said Dr. Pat Crocker, chief of emergency medicine at Brackenridge and Children's.

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contain. City Attorney Don Lane then sought an attorney general's opinion on behalf of the PEDC.

Since that time, Pampa voters cast ballots to dissolve the PEDC and a completely new board is in place overseeing the paying off of the existing debt.

The newspaper contended that because taxpayers' money was used to pay for Dairy Strategies' consulting expertise, the report is a public document. The PEDC is financed by a half-cent city sales tax.

That contention was based in part on Section II (b) of the Texas Public Information Handbook which says: If a governmental body makes an unrestricted grant of funds to a private entity to use for its general support, the private entity is a governmental body subject to the Public Information Act.

In making the request to the AG, the PEDC, which could do so by law, did not submit reasons as to why the information should be withheld or released.

As required by law, Top O' Texas Dairy was notified by Tripplehorn of the request for information and of the dairy's right to submit arguments to the attorney general's office as to why the requested information should be withheld from disclosure.

Tripplehorn's letter to dairy owners Rick, Tara and Gary Roden, outlined commonly

raised exceptions which later were cited when the Rodens submitted their objections to releasing the report to the attorney general's office.

None of the objections were held to be valid in the opinion written by Assistant AG Joyce K. Lowe of the open records division.

"In summary," she wrote, "neither the PEDC or the Top O' Texas Dairy has shown the applicability of an exception to disclosure. Accordingly, the PEDC must release the Top O' Texas Dairy's consultant's report in its entirety."

Reasons/concerns cited in the effort to keep the report secret and the AG's responses in part were:

Geological or geophysical information or data. The ruling said the dairy did not demonstrate that the consultant's report is commercially valuable geological or geophysical information regarding the exploration or development of natural resources.

Trade secrets. Top O' Texas Dairy does not address the six factors relevant to the question of whether a private party has made a prima facie case under (trade secrets) section 757...Nor does the dairy explain how the requested information meets the Restatement definition of a trade secret.

Commercial or financial information. There was not a specific factual or evidentiary showing that disclosure would cause substantial competitive harm to the person from whom the information was obtained.

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ment to the city without advising anyone. It was okay, but no one but the city knew it was being sold; 2) We (PEDC) bought \$5,000 of insurance from Duncan, Fraser and Bridges. I have personal insurance policies with them, and some of you may, also. I'm concerned about the perception of the public; 3) Bill Allison did us a favor by handling the return of the Suburban, saving the PEDC \$1,500 with the insurance savings, but that could be misperceived since he is a car dealer," said Locke.

Allison said he made a phone call to General Motors Acceptance Corporation to determine the procedure to follow in canceling the lease.

"We canceled the lease and turned the suburban in to Culberson-Stowers," said Allison. The PEDC will not be required to make the final six payments on the vehicle.

Board member Phillips said he, too, felt the main problems which led to the dissolution of the PEDC was the perception of the public.

"I have researched official minutes as well as actions by previous boards," said Phillips. "I feel the reason the PEDC dissolved was because of misperceptions."

Locke said he would like for City Attorney Don Lane to advise them on the issue.

Lane said a state statute covered these issues. He said he would furnish each of the board members with a copy of the statute.

He said he realized the perception of the public had been an important factor in the

PEDC issues for several months.

"I feel we have a very good board and very honorable people on it," said Lane.

PEDC signs, selling the office equipment, reviewing the status of the grants and loans, and the status of the phone lines were also matters the PEDC board discussed during the meeting.

Other board action included the following:

- Approved giving a PEDC sign to the White Deer Land Museum;

- Discussed the George Kilcrease property, stating no payments have been made by him to the PEDC on that account. First Bank of Southwest has first lien on that property. Original amount of loan was \$63,600 in January 1997. PEDC bought the second lien note from National Bank of Commerce because of a guarantee agreement. The property is being appraised.

- Approved Locke and former PEDC Director Susan Tripplehorn downloading usable PEDC data from the computers to transfer to a disc;

- Deferred the disposition of the PEDC web site and re-establishing telephone line with possible call forwarding to Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce;

- Discussed filing civil suit on Justice of the Peace Court against two recipients of tuition grants for prison guard training because they didn't fulfill their employment contract. Letters have been sent to them, but the individuals have not responded; and

- Reviewed grants and loans.

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Local officials and state districts recognize school board members

Pampa Independent School District officials, along with school districts throughout Texas, join in observing January as School Board Recognition Month, by acknowledging the contributions school board trustees make to their communities.

PISD board members include Lee Porter, president; Joe Martinez, vice president; Nancy Coffee, secretary; John Curry, Jay Johnson, Bill Jones and Lance DeFever, members.

"Volunteer school board members serve countless hours working to improve public education," said Dawson Orr, PISD superintendent.

In challenging times, he said, school trustees develop policies and make tough decisions on complex education and social issues that affect the entire community and the lives of individual students.

"School trustees have a tremendous responsibility, preparing today's students — and tomorrow's leaders — for productive roles in our society. School board members are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our school children," Orr said.

"We proudly join educators and community members in saluting these education advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of the community's children and families," said Orr.

"These individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their commitment and dedication to the continuing success of our students and schools," he said.

Fired auditor cooperates with Enron investigators

WASHINGTON (AP) — An auditor said to have led a hurry-up effort to destroy documents in the Enron case was cooperating with congressional investigators a day after his accounting firm fired him, his attorneys said.

David Duncan, who oversaw Enron's audits from the Houston office of Arthur Andersen LLP, was to be interviewed Wednesday by staff from the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

On Tuesday, Andersen said Duncan organized a document destruction effort on Oct. 23 shortly after he learned the Securities and Exchange Commission was asking Enron for accounting information.

The effort ended Nov. 9 when Duncan's assistant e-mailed secretaries to "stop the shredding" — a day after the firm had received a federal subpoena for documents.

Along with Duncan's dismissal, Andersen said four partners in its Houston office would be stripped of management responsibilities. Among them, D. Stephen Goddard Jr., an Andersen managing partner,

was a major fund-raiser for President Bush's 2000 campaign for the White House and was one of the "Pioneers" who raised at least \$100,000. Enron has been Bush's largest campaign contributor over the years, giving more than \$300,000 to his two races for governor and more than \$100,000 in his run for president.

In New York Wednesday, Wall Street powerhouse J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. reported a big loss for the fourth quarter of last year, in large part because of its loans to bankrupt Enron that went bad. J.P. Morgan's results were far below analysts' estimates. Citigroup Inc., another large Enron creditor, is expected to take a hit when it reports earnings Thursday.

Duncan, like all witnesses, can refuse to talk to investigators unless given a limited grant of immunity from prosecution, meaning that his own statements would not be used against him.

But "Duncan appears willing to cooperate and to the best of my knowledge there's been no discussion of any immuni-

ty," committee spokesman Ken Johnson said Tuesday night.

The auditor may have relied on an Oct. 12 e-mail from an Andersen attorney who forwarded a copy of the firm's policy which allows for destruction of some documents.

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Transportation secretary outlines plans for inspecting checked bags

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airlines working with the government will meet Friday's congressionally-imposed deadline for screening all checked baggage for explosives, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta said.

Reinforcing what the industry had said earlier in the week, Mineta said Wednesday that all checked bags would be routinely inspected by bomb sniffing dogs, equipment that can

detect traces of explosives or by hand searches by security personnel. In addition, a bag will not be loaded onto an airplane unless it is accompanied by a passenger, he said.

"All of us here understand that we have entered a new era in transportation, an era in which a determined enemy has challenged one of America's most cherished freedoms — namely, the freedom of mobility," Mineta said.

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DEAR ABBY written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

Wednesday, January 16

Mother-in-Law Encourages Man to Move On With Life

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend, "Steve," whose wife, "Marie," died five years ago. Marie was one of the most popular and beloved ladies in town. Their child was left without a mother. Steve remarried about two years ago. Marie's mother continued to stay in close contact with Steve and her grandchild.

Recently, Steve approached me at a social function. He was beaming. He told me he was buying a new house. He said his former mother-in-law had told him in plain English to put away Marie's pictures and buy his wife a new home.

Apparently the mother-in-law is a lot like her daughter — charming, thoughtful and considerate.

STEVE'S FRIEND

DEAR FRIEND: Marie's mother is also sensitive and practical. Orchids to her. I usually receive letters from readers complaining about their mothers-in-law. It's refreshing to hear the other side of the story. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, who is now 89, has lived with our family for more than 30 years. Her name is Collette, but everyone calls her Goldie. I don't know when people began calling her that, but I do know she is worth her weight in gold.

Goldie has devoted a large portion of her life to helping my family. We have had to hire a baby sitter only twice for our three children the entire time they were growing up. Goldie cooked the majority of our evening meals. She helped to wash and iron to the point where my wife had to start hiding our clothes to stop her mother from working so hard. She watched our dogs during the day, and they preferred her company over ours.

Whenever my family needed Goldie, she was there. She is very considerate. If she feels we need our privacy, she goes to her living quarters. We often beg her to stay, but she won't change her mind. We learned early on not to impose our wills on Goldie.

I feel sorry for people who don't have a Goldie in their lives. When she is no longer with us, I will forever feel the loss.

TOM, HER SON-IN-LAW

DEAR TOM: What a glowing tribute for a son-in-law to offer. You're a lucky family to have each other. It would be wonderful if more families could enjoy the love and cooperation between generations that yours does. Perhaps the secret lies in mutual respect for each other's boundaries.

DEAR ABBY: Your wisdom is remarkable. You told "Confused in West Sacramento" that "Happiness is where you find it; age is a state of mind."

I married my lovely Blanche on Sept. 15, 1951. We just celebrated our 50th anniversary at Fancy Feet Ballroom in Oregon City. We danced an exhibition ballroom cha-cha and enjoyed dancing with our many friends. Our son's band furnished two terrific hours of music.

Blanche is now 74; I am 96. (I have a daughter one year older than Blanche.) Love, good nutrition, dancing, gardening and mutual intellectual interests keep us active and happy. Our first date was at the Palladium in Hollywood, Calif. We have danced together with joy ever since!

HARRY F. BILLINGS, SALEM, ORE.

DEAR HARRY: Your letter proves that dancing not only lifts the spirits, but also provides healthy cardiovascular exercise that can add quality to a long life. The same can be said of love — which you also have in abundance. May it ever be thus. (I have a hunch your wife loves to dance to "I'm Just Wild About Harry.")

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD
 By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Canal setting	1 Knee protector
7 Cain's brother	2 St. kin
11 Swore	3 — de plume
12 Cocoon, e.g.	4 Trophy
13 Require	5 Bill of fare
14 Ask for divine help	6 Annexes
15 Brown hue	7 Entreaty
17 Fix	8 "Rocky" actor
20 Canoe's kin	9 MPG-rating org.
23 Keats poem	10 Put down
24 Edible mollusk	16 Enjoy the rink
26 52, in old Rome	17 Back biter
27 Director's call	18 Archie's wife
28 French article	19 "Heart of Gold" singer
29 Like an escapee	21 "Tomorrow" singer
31 Quick taste	22 Maintains "Will & Grace"
32 Poem feature	24 Farm units
33 Long time	25 Listening device
34 Expulsion	26 Entertains
37 Master-work	30 Happened
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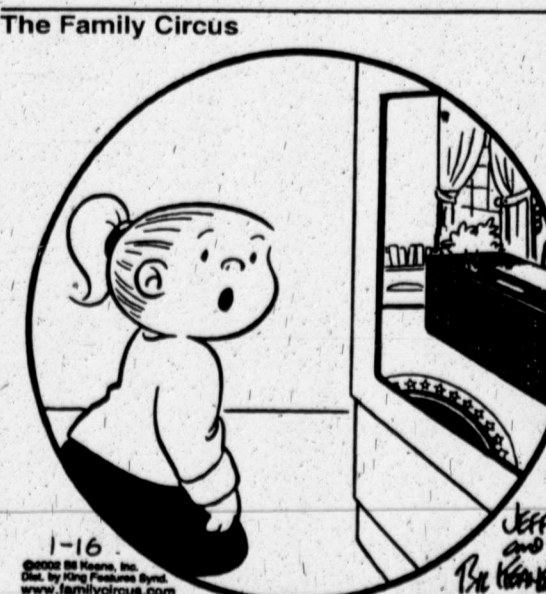
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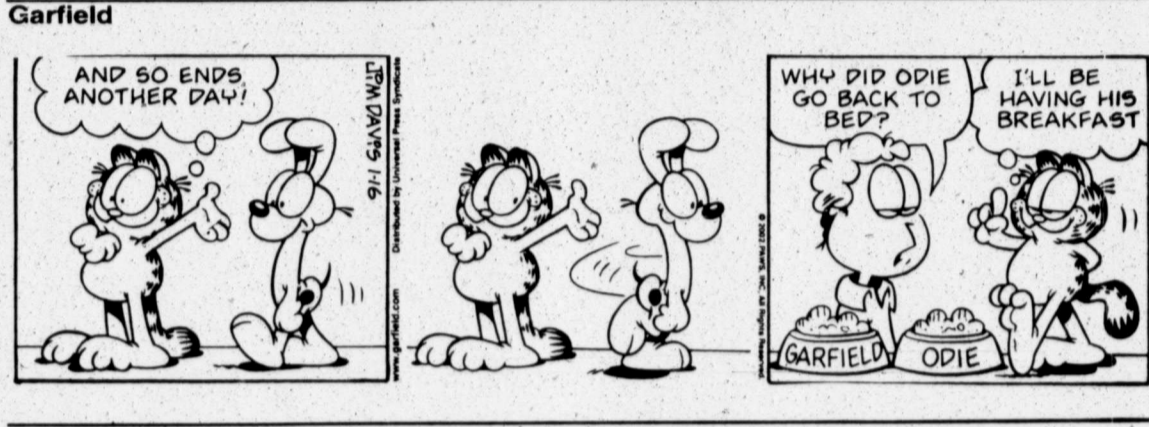


"With all the homework he's eaten, he should be a genius."



"If the President has an Oval Office, does Mrs. Bush have an Oval Kitchen?"

For Better or For Worse



NOTICE

BASKETBALL

LEFORS captured a 57-34 victory over Samnorwood Tuesday night. Ricky Van Lefors is 23 points and had 11' to lead in scoring.

The Pirates 20 halftime lead. Jeff Han Samnorwood scorer with 12. Lefors is 27 and Samnorwood - PAMPA —

Pampa Department will bring mens and basketball league and up. Three played "half-co three players on

Entry dead 5 p.m., and begin Jan. 29.

Entry fee (\$100 and play per player with five players on ter.

Roster form and league by-able at the Res at 816 S. Hol information, between 8 a.m. Monday through

SOFTBALL

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Parents players are attend.

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NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

LEFORS — Lefors captured a 57-36 win over Samnorwood in District 3-1A basketball action Tuesday night.

Ricky Vaughn had 19 points and Josh Jackson had 11 to lead the Pirates in scoring.

The Pirates held a 35-20 halftime lead.

Jeff Hammond was Samnorwood's leading scorer with 11 points.

Lefors is 2-2 in district and Samnorwood is 1-2.

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's 3 on 3 basketball leagues for ages 16 and up. Three on three is played "half-court" style with three players on each team.

Entry deadline is Friday at 5 p.m., and the season will begin Jan. 29.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$100 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of five players on each team roster.

Roster forms, fact sheets and league by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — There will be a Lady Harvester Softball Booster Club meeting at 7 Monday night in the Pampa High School library.

Parents of softball players are urged to attend.

FOOTBALL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)

The Minnesota Vikings forced lineman Corey Stringer to practice the day after he fell ill at training camp and didn't attend to him fast enough when he was stricken a second time, his family says in a \$100 million lawsuit.

Stringer, a 335-pound offensive tackle, died Aug. 1 of complications from heatstroke. His body temperature was at 108.8 degrees when he arrived at a Mankato hospital 15 hours before his death.

MIAMI (AP)

Miami Dolphins offensive tackle Harry Swayne retired after 15 years in the NFL, ending a career which included three Super Bowl titles with two teams.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers acknowledged for the first time that they are pursuing Bill Parcells.

The Bucs fired Tony Dungy, the only winning coach in the franchise's 26-year history, on Monday night and are believed to be close to an agreement with Parcells.

Flashback

1992: Glo-Valve defeated Dunlap Industrial 8-7 in a Major Bambino League game.

Glo-Valve's leading hitter was Matt Evans with 3 hits. The winning run was scored when Ryan Schumacher bunted Evans home in the sixth inning. Schumacher was also the winning pitcher. Josh Rodriguez had the only 2 hits for Dunlap.

PAMPA — Playing in The Pit turned out to be a costly venture for the Palo Duro Dons.

The Harvesters knocked Palo Duro out of a first-place tie in District 3-4A Tuesday night with a 71-62 win in McNeely Fieldhouse. Pampa, paced by the scoring of Adam Rodgers and Max Simon, never trailed and led by as many as nine points.

Trailing by five (48-43) after three quarters, the Dons made a couple of runs at the Harvesters, in the final period, trimming the lead to one point.

With the score 52-51, the Harvesters scored eight unanswered points on two baskets by Rogers and a basket each by Dustin Johnson and Kyle Francis.

The Dons again closed within one (62-61) in the final minute, but the Harvesters hit 7 of 8 free throws down the stretch to put the game out of reach.

Rodgers led all scorers with 23 points and pulled down 7 rebounds. Simon scored 10 of his 15 points in the second half on some deadeye shooting.

Chad Platt contributed 9 points while Ryan Zemanek and Dustin Johnson each had 8. Francis finished with 6 points and led all rebounders with 10 rebounds. Jon East added 2 points.

Kyle Shields and Devin Johnson led the Dons with 11 points each.

Pampa, 13-12 for the season, evened its district record at 3-3. Palo Duro is 4-2 in district and 17-8 for the

season.

Pampa's Lady Harvesters were upset-minded, but Palo Duro was able to pull out a 60-52 win in the girls' game.

Hitting a high percentage of their shots, the Lady Harvesters took a 7-0 lead to start the contest and led for much of the first half.

Palo Duro, which led 31-30 at halftime and 44-39 after three quarters, couldn't shake a determined Lady Harvesters' team until the final two minutes. Pampa led twice in the second half and went on a 6-0 run to start the fourth quarter on a basket and free throw from Lindsey Narron, followed by a 3-

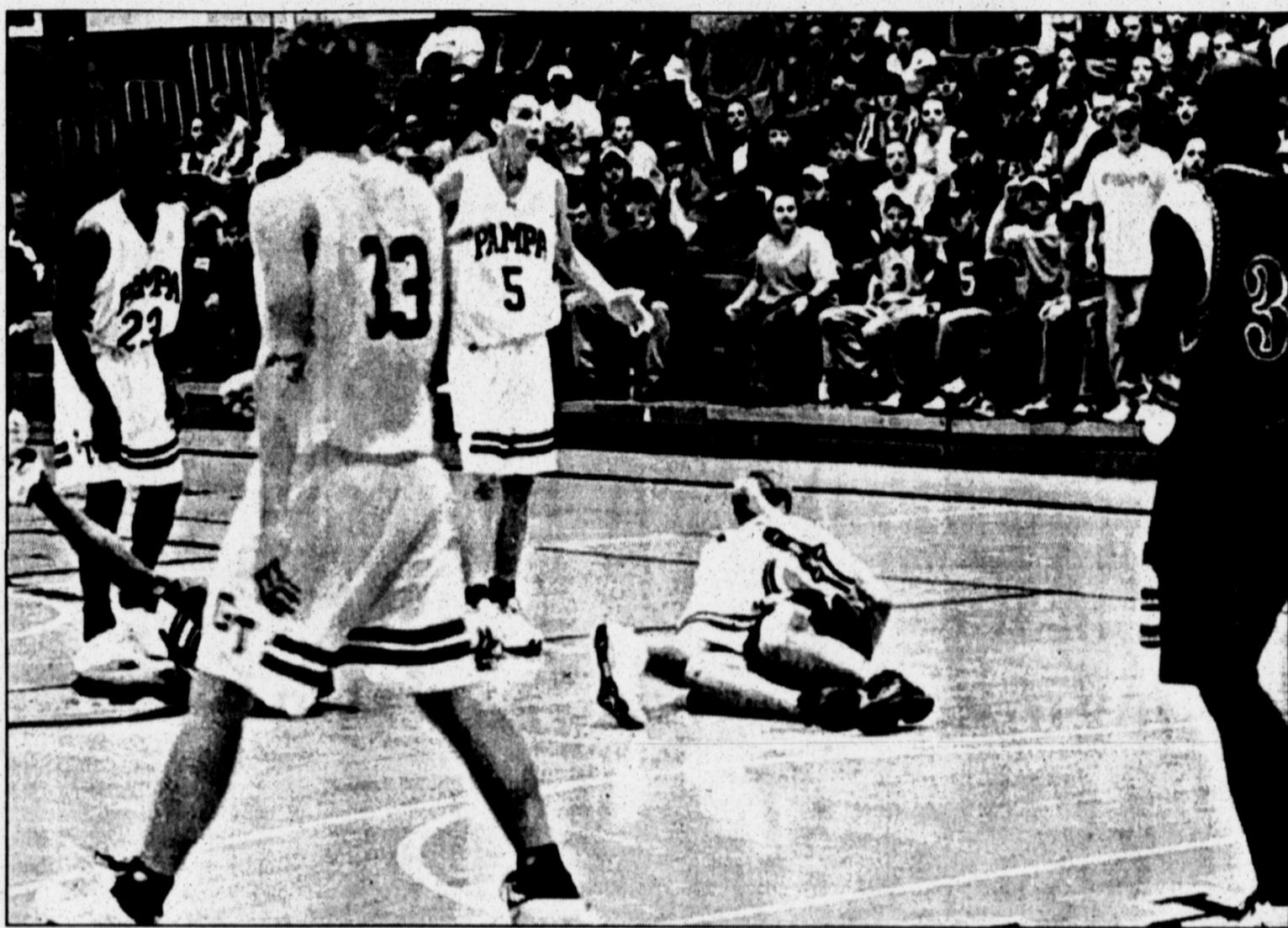
point goal by Ashley Derington.

With Pampa ahead by one (47-46), the Lady Dons scored 11 of the next 12 points to stay on top the rest of the way.

Joyce Benson had 19 points and Tamika Daniels 14 to lead the Lady Dons. Narron led the Lady

Harvesters, scoring 13 of her 17 total points in the second half. She also collared a dozen rebounds.

Valerie Velez finished with 11 points, followed by Derington with 8, Cali Covalt 7, Jennifer Lindsey 3, Morgan White 2, Abbi Covalt 2 and Stacey Johnson 2.



(Photo by Grover Black)

Pampa's Adam Rodgers is on the floor struggling with a Palo Duro player for possession of the basketball in action last night in McNeely Fieldhouse. Also pictured are Harvesters' Max Simon (33), Dustin Johnson (23) and Chad Platt (5).

Kansas bounces back with impressive win over OSU

By The Associated Press

Kansas' loss at UCLA last weekend cost the Jayhawks the No. 1 ranking, and Oklahoma State paid for it.

Fourth-ranked Kansas led by as many as 24 points in a near-perfect first half and went on to a 79-61 victory over No. 6 Oklahoma State on Tuesday night, the worst home loss in Eddie Sutton's 12 seasons as coach of the Cowboys.

"We haven't played any better so far this year for sure," Kansas coach Roy Williams said of the first half. "I thought we were really good defensively, and we made shots."

Drew Gooden scored 17 points, Kirk Hinrich 15 and Nick Collison 14 as Kansas (14-2, 3-0 Big 12) rebounded from its 87-77 loss at UCLA on Saturday by shooting 67 percent in the first half against a team that had been holding opponents to 37 percent.

Kansas' tough man-to-man defense frustrated the Cowboys (15-2, 2-2) into 10 turnovers in the first half, many while Oklahoma State was trying to run its halfcourt offense.

"I thought they outplayed us," Sutton said. "I thought their intensity was certainly much better than ours."

In other games involving ranked teams on Tuesday, it was No. 10 Virginia 86, No. 14 Wake Forest 74; No. 11 Illinois 77, No. 17 Iowa 66; No. 12 Kentucky, 87, Mississippi 64; No. 23 Oregon 71, Willamette 48;

and No. 24 Miami 76, Pittsburgh 69 in double overtime.

Although Gooden had 22 points and 10 rebounds against UCLA, Williams said Gooden played perhaps his poorest game.

"He took two terrible shots early and didn't play any defense or guard his guy. He lost his focus," Williams said. "You throw out that game, and for the last three or four weeks he's played about as good as anybody I've ever had."

Gooden, Hinrich and Collison were freshmen two years ago when the Jayhawks lost 86-53 in Stillwater, the worst loss of Williams' career.

"When we jumped out we had a lot of confidence, a lot of anger built up after losing to UCLA," Gooden said. "I think that was the game that gave us a reality check."

Fredrik Jonzen had 21 points and 10 rebounds for Oklahoma State, which lost consecutive conference home games for the first time since February 1988.

No. 10 Virginia 86, No. 14 Wake Forest 74

Roger Mason Jr. had 25 points — 21 on 3-pointers — and Travis Watson had 20 points and 17 rebounds for the Cavaliers (11-2, 2-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who hit nine of their first 10 shots in the second half to take a 65-53 lead.

Josh Howard had 19 points for the Demon Deacons (13-4, 3-1), who were looking for their fifth straight conference road

No. 11 Illinois 77, No. 17 Iowa 66

Brian Cook had 21 points and Frank Williams flirted with a triple-double — 16 points, nine assists and seven rebounds — as the Illini (14-4, 3-2 Big Ten) extended their home winning streak to 27 games, third-longest in the country.

Luke Recker, the conference's leading scorer, had 16 points on 5-for-13 shooting for the Hawkeyes (13-6, 2-3), while Reggie Evans had 12 points and six rebounds, well off his averages of 17.7 points and 11.7 rebounds.

No. 12 Kentucky 87, Mississippi 64

Tayshaun Prince scored 19 points and Marquis Estill had 15 for the Wildcats (11-4, 2-2 Southeastern Conference), who won their second straight game following consecutive losses.

David Sanders scored 17 points for the visiting Rebels (13-4, 2-2), who were 3-of-18 from 3-point range and shot a season-long 33 percent.

No. 23 Oregon 71, Willamette 48

Frederick Jones scored 19 points to lead the Ducks (13-4) in the game that commemorated the 75th anniversary of McArthur Court against the same opponent.

B.J. Dobrkovsky had 13 points for the Division III Bearcats (11-5), who lost 38-10 in the building's first game on Jan. 14, 1927.

No. 24 Miami 76, Pittsburgh 69, 2OT

John Salmons had 25 points to lead the Hurricanes (16-2, 3-2 Big East) in their first conference home game of the season.

Marcus Barnes, who hit the 3-pointer that tied the game at the end of regulation, had a chance to give Miami the lead with 1.3 seconds left in the first

overtime, but he missed two free throws. Barnes, who finished with 11 points, hit a 3-pointer in the second overtime that gave Miami a 70-66 lead.

Ontario Lett scored a career-high 18 points for the Panthers (15-3, 3-2), who lost their second consecutive game.

A Capital Adventure

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Jerri Spurrier has already ordered T-shirts for her family. The words on the front: "Capital Adventure."

The measured tones of Marty Schottenheimer seemed a distant memory Tuesday when Steve Spurrier, the new coach of the Washington Redskins, arrived at team headquarters.

Then Spurrier's adventure began when he practically guaranteed owner Dan Snyder a victory over the Redskins' most hated archrival.

"The first game ball I'm going to give him is when we play the Dallas Cowboys," Spurrier said.

The Redskins have lost nine straight to the Cowboys, and Snyder himself is 0-6 since buying the team in 1999.

Another guarantee: If the Redskins get a big lead over Dallas or anybody, Spurrier will be apt to run up the score — just as he did at the University of Florida.

"Our teams will try to score as much as they can," he said.

In other words, the NFL won't change Spurrier, not if he can help it. He was his usual colorful, comical and

candid self during a 40-minute introductory news conference with his wife at Redskin Park.

"I need to learn a lot," said Spurrier, who signed a record five-year, \$25 million contract.

"I need to learn who all the players are, and the organizational part of it. The playbook? I've got a playbook. We've got plays we can run up the middle all day or we can scatter out and throw it. We got plenty of plays. That won't be a problem. Learning about the NFL is something I'm looking forward to."

There were obvious questions about how the sometimes abrasive Spurrier, who has no NFL coaching experience, will handle older players. He said he'll yell at everybody, then he completely disarmed the thirty-somethings on the roster by saying his practices won't be very physical.

Bruce Smith was so impressed he declared on the spot that he'll return for another season. Smith, 38, hurt his shoulder during Schottenheimer's tough camp and was considering retirement before Spurrier was hired.

Pampa downs Dumas in 7th grade boys basketball game

PAMPA — Pampa rolled past Dumas 52-22 in a 7th grade boys basketball game earlier this week.

High scorer for Pampa was Brett Ferrell with 13 points.

Tyler Hall and Michael Robinson added 9 points each.

Pampa jumped out to a 17-4 lead in the first quarter. Halftime score was 23-11.

7th Grade Division

Pampa A 52, Dumas A 22

Pampa scoring: Ferrell 13, Hall 9, Robinson 9, Towles 6, Shultz 4, Harris 3, Crowell 3, Johnson 3.

Dumas B 31, Pampa B 23

Pampa scorers: Goldsmith 7, Irvin 7, Pepper 6, D. Mackie 2, Dixon 1.

Canyon A 45, Pampa A 37

Pampa scorers: Johnson 9, Hall 8, Robinson 7, Towles 3, Ferrell 3, Crowell 3, Harris 2, Schultz 2.

Pampa B 51, Pampa B 14

Canyon scorers: Irvin 10, Miles 2, Pepper 2.

8th Grade Division

Dumas B 41, Pampa B 26

Pampa scorers: Kingcade 7, Kotara 6, Barker 5, B. Smith 5, Hickman 2, Torres 1.

Pampa B 27, Dumas B 23

Pampa scorers: Scott 12, Davis 6, Franks 4, Goldsmith 3, Moler 2.

Canyon A 63, Pampa A 29

Pampa scoring: Robbins 9, Teichmann 4, B. Smith 4, Barker 3, Torres 3, Kotara 3, Kingcade 2, Hickman 1.

Pampa B 25, Canyon B 21

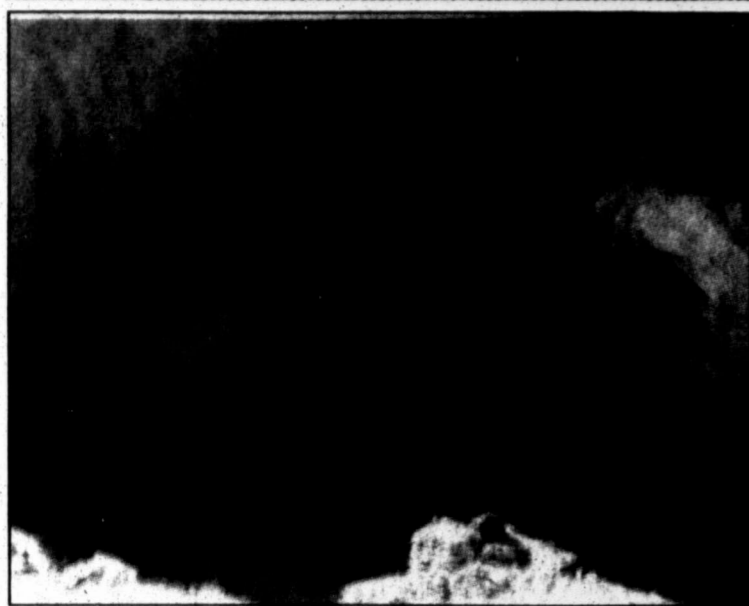
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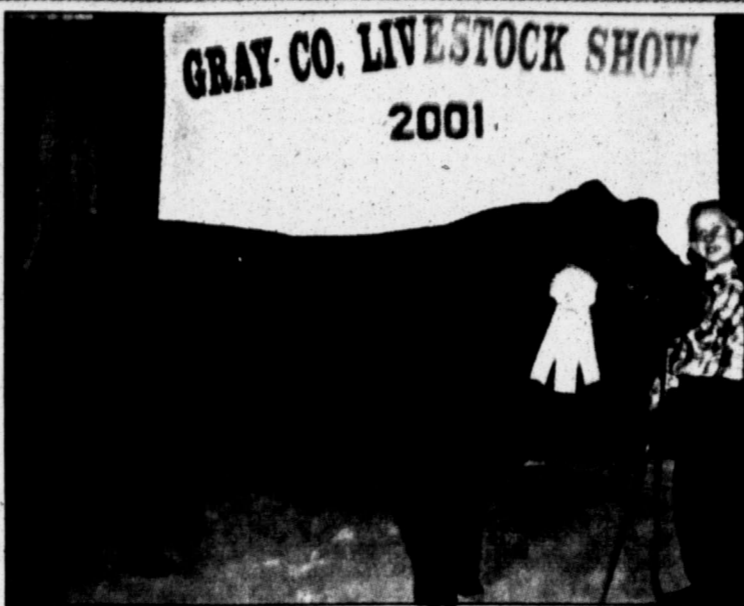
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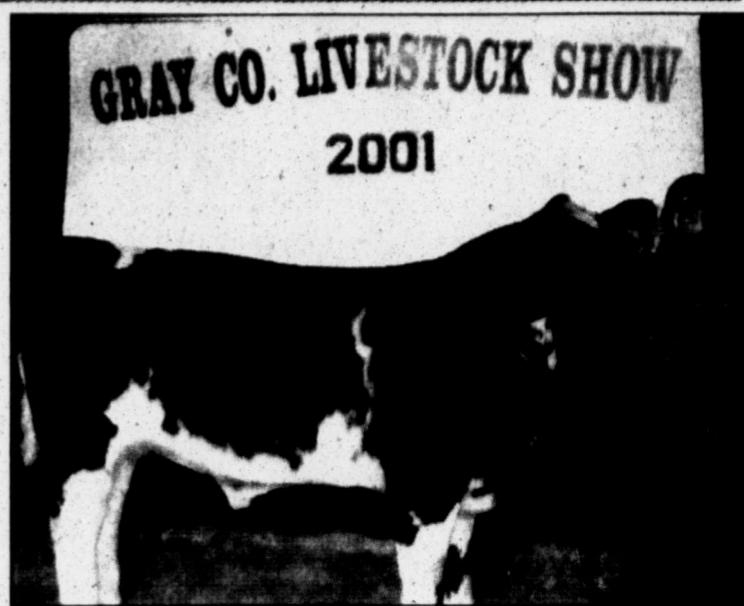
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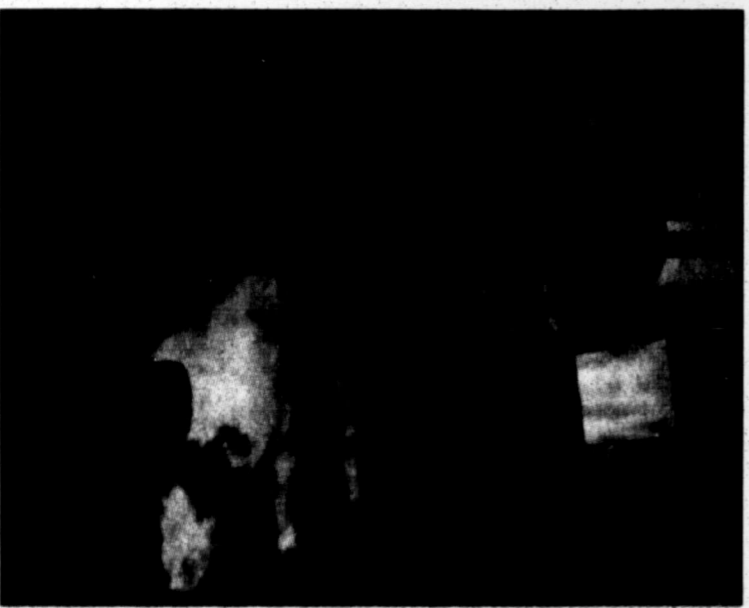
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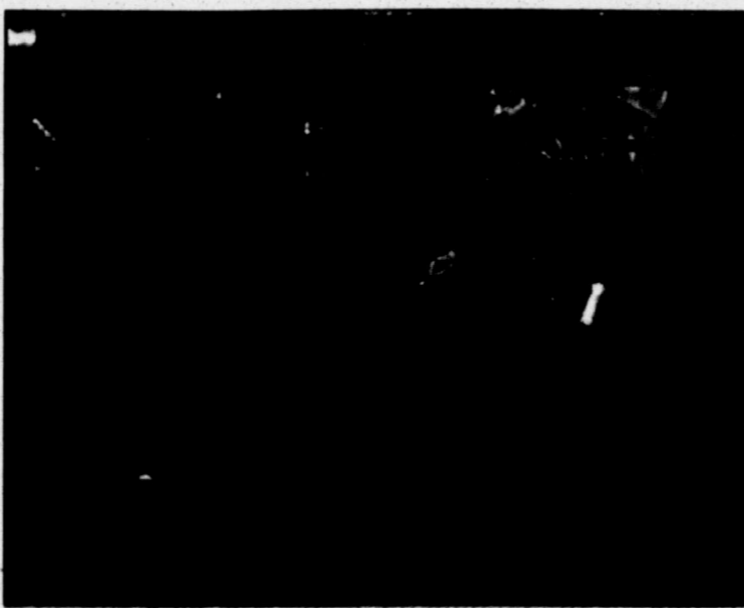
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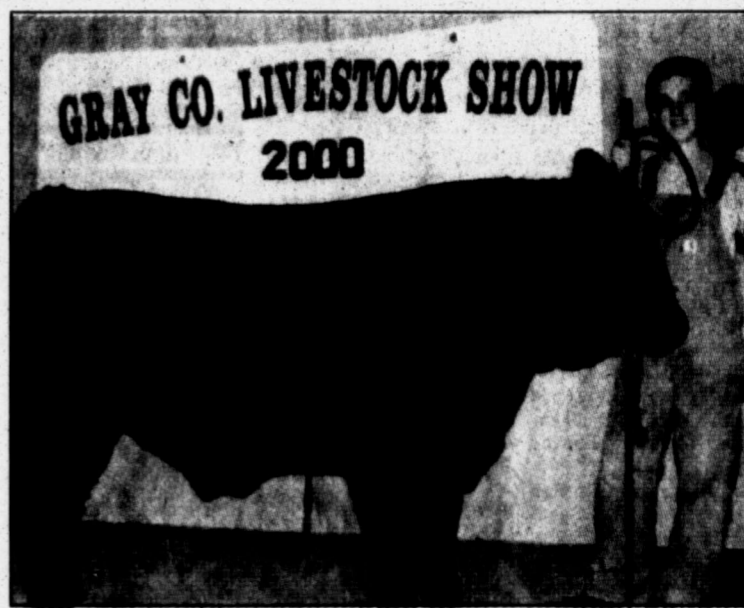
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K'Lynn Holmes



Ryan McCarley



Royce O'Neal

The following Gray County 4-H and/or FFA members will compete with others throughout the county in the Gray County Livestock Show slated Jan. 17-20 at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa.

Hi, my name is Ryan Baggerman, the son of Eugene and Heidi Baggerman. I'm an enthusiastic fifth grader in Mrs. Brown's class at Wilson School. I'm a third year Gray County 4-Her. I'm involved in Prime Time Club, Super Clover, Swine, Shooting Sports, Photography, Vet Science, Consumer Decision Making, Livestock Judging, and I am a teen leader for Clover Kids.

I have learned that having pigs is a huge responsibility, getting up early every morning is not the greatest thing about it, but I love to show them. There are a lot of cool things to do in 4-H, and it is lots of fun! There is a lot of community services to, like passing out brochures and collecting money for "Celebration of Lights," donating items for "Good Sam's," Christmas caroling at the Meredith House and giving gifts for CASA. This is only a few things I have done for my community this year.

All Gray County 4-Hers would love to see your support at the Gray County Livestock Show, Monday, Jan. 21 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Thank you for your support.

—Ryan Baggerman

Hello, I'm Chance Bowers, the son of Charles and Janyth Bowers. Over the past seven years, my brothers and I have shown pigs, steers and heifers in local 4-H shows and even going as far as Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas.

In 1999, in Dallas, we made an excellent showing, winning the breed Champion Angus Steer. During our years of involvement, we have gained knowledge about the two breeds. The most important though, being that if you raise your own heifers and steers, they are easier to start, show, and handle. They also seem to go further in the ring, winning higher placings and earning more money in the sell.

Recently, we decided to step up our breeding program. We picked our best heifers and artificially inseminated them to some of the best show bulls in the country. All 30 of our Angus heifers calved during August and September. Every calf is showing great potential and will soon be the next Houston Livestock Champion.

We are hoping to sell them as show steers, bulls and replacement heifers. I am certain that they are perfect foundation breed cattle that will be a great investment and add serious show breed quality to anyone's herd.

For serious show breeders to beginners, we have the best Angus bred cattle around. It has been a very exciting project to be involved in, and I have learned so much about the breeding process, behaviors and how to get a good show calf started the right way. It has also been exciting to watch our program grow and get off the ground. We have all worked hard and I hope to one day make this a career.

—Chance Bowers

Hi! My name is Garrett Coutts, and I am 10-years-old, and this is my second year to be able to be in 4-H and the Prime Time 4-H Club.

I live in Pampa, Texas, and I am a fourth grader this year at Travis Elementary School. I am the youngest in my family. I have two sisters: Megan who is going to college at Texas Tech and Meredith, my other sister, who is

in the seventh grade at Pampa Middle School.

My dad is Joe, and he works at Cabot Corp. Carbon Black Plant and also raises pigs and helps my grandma farm her land since my granddad passed away before I was born.

My mom is Cheryl, and she keeps books for a tire company and helps us with all of our 4-H projects and takes us to lots of meetings, stock shows, ball practices and games.

I have been going to stock shows since I was 2 1/2-months old since both of my sisters are older and have been involved in 4-H since they were old enough. They both started showing pigs at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock when they were just 2-years-old. I joined 4-H because both of my sisters were in 4-H, and my dad grew up on a farm raising and showing animals through 4-H and FFA, and it just seemed like the thing to do since I have always helped my sisters with their projects and wanted my very own animals to show.

Last year I had one show calf whose name was Kazaam, and I showed him at the local 4-H show, local county show, Top of Texas Show, San Antonio Livestock Show and Houston Livestock Show. He was the reserve breed champion angus steer at the Gray County Stock Show and placed 12th at San Antonio.

I attended several beef project meetings and learned about proper grooming, feeding and health care for my calf. I learned how to halter him and tie him up and how to get him to walk so I could show him.

Even though I have watched my sisters do all those things a million times with their animals, it was a lot more fun to have my own steer to work with and show. I had to go and take care of my steer every day even if I was tired or it was really cold or really hot because he depended on me to feed him and give him water and take care of him every day.

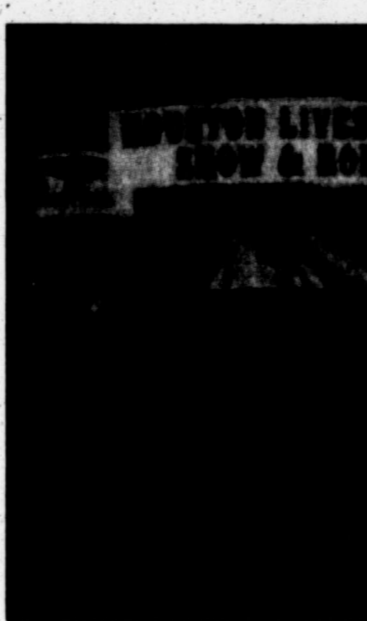
I also had six show barrows and gilts that my dad raised from his herd, and I learned a lot about taking care of them also. They had to be brushed, exercised, fed and watered each day, too. When it came show time, we had to wash them and clip them and get them ready to show just like the steers.

I think the pigs are a little harder to show than the calves because a steer is on a halter and has to follow you around the ring, but the pigs are loose and you have to follow them and try to get the judge to look at your animal.

Sometimes if it works out, and we have extra time when we go to San Antonio and Houston, we get to do some special things. We have been to the Space Center in Houston and down to Galveston to see the ocean and pick up seashells. We have also been to the River Walk in San Antonio, and the ship channel in Houston.

I also participate in the vet science project and have been able to attend a project meetings at a local vet clinic and learn about running a vet's office, animal research and maintaining the health of animals. We got to see how he checked to see if a horse was going to have a colt, his operating room, X-ray equipment and the machines he uses to sterilize his equipment. I also got to go to Moody Dairy and see how a dairy operation is run.

We learned that dairy cows are different than a regular cattle herd, and that they have to milk the cows three times each day. The last place I got to go with the vet science project was the McLean Feed Yard and learned about how they feed so many cattle at one time and take care of



Kelby Rucker

them if they get sick.

I also participated in several community service projects with my club like loading flags on a big trailer to take to Memory Gardens Cemetery, and then early on Veteran's Day we all met and put the flags up to honor the veterans, and then went back that afternoon and took them back down again.

I also donated coats and food and Christmas presents to special projects and places that help people who need those things. One of the most fun things I got to do was to go to County Camp at Ceta Canyon. We had water balloon fights, went swimming, played silly games like trying to pick up dog bones with clothes pins and making shaving cream hairdos and beards on the adult leaders and had project meetings where the older 4-Hers talked to us about different projects we could do in 4-H.

I have two new calves this year. One is a red Angus named Jumangi, and the other is an AOB named Kukarumba. I also have pigs that I am going to show. I am looking forward to helping out in our club this year and working with my steers and pigs and hope to do well with them at all of the shows I will be attending this year.

—Garrett Coutts

Hi, my name is Meredith Coutts, and I am a seventh grader at Pampa Middle School. I have been a member of the Gray County 4-H for five years.

I am the middle child of three children. My sister is a sophomore at Texas Tech University, majoring in animal science. My brother is a fourth grader at Travis Elementary and also shows pigs and steers in 4-H and FFA.

My dad is Joe, and he works at Cabot and also raises show pigs and helps my grandma farm. My mom's name is Cheryl, and she helps us a lot with our projects, by taking us to meetings and the shows.

I started showing pigs when I was in kindergarten at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock. And then I showed everywhere else since third grade. I show pigs that my family raises, and steers that we buy every spring. Last year I had two steers, and I had so much fun. We traveled to San Antonio and Houston, and I made the sale at Houston with fourth place short-horn.

I have two steers this year, named Bowser and Ozzy. I can't wait to take them on the trips to the shows. I also have a bunch of show pigs that I enjoy working with. I participate in Prime Time 4-H, Pig Power, Gray County Council, Vet Science and Pampa FFA. I hold offices in several of these clubs and have learned the importance of responsibility through holding these offices.

I have also learned how to work with other people and, most importantly, pride in my achievements and myself. Some of life's hardest lessons I have learned through my experiences with the stock show, and I am growing up to be a very responsible young lady because of what 4-H and FFA have taught me.

I have participated in numerous community service activities, such as putting up flags and donating clothes and food to the needy.

I also participate in the youth program at First Christian Church and play basketball for Pampa Middle School. 4-H has given me the opportunity to meet many of my closest friends and share something special with them. I am excited about this year and hope that you will come and enjoy the stock show.

—Meredith Coutts

Hi, my name is Amber Freeman. I am a sophomore at Pampa High School and also a member of FFA. I have been showing animals since third grade. My two sisters, Ashley and Amy Freeman, also show pigs in FFA. My mom, Chalenia Freeman, has been a great help throughout the years.

I enjoy showing pigs and going to the out-of-town stock shows with friends. This year I am feeding a Poland China barrow. I am planning on exhibiting this barrow at the Top O' Texas, Gray County and Houston Livestock Shows. After I graduate, I plan to attend a college and get a degree in dentistry.

—Amber Freeman

Hi, my name is K'Lynn Holmes. I am a sixth grader at Pampa Middle School. My parents are Randy and Brenda Holmes. I have been in Junior FFA for four years. The first three years I showed pigs and lambs.

I had pigs at San Antonio and Houston my first year. My second year I had a pig and a lamb at San Antonio and a pig at Houston. My third year I had the ninth place Poland China at San Antonio and a pig at Houston. This year I am showing pigs, lambs and steers. I have a pig and steer going to Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston. I hope I make it with my steer before San Antonio or Houston.

The funniest part of being a Junior FFA member is working with your animals, learning to feed each animal the way it needs to be fed and meeting other kids from all over the state. I plan on showing livestock until I graduate. After I graduate, I would like to be an ag or math teacher.

—K'Lynn Holmes

Hi! My name is Zachary Licklider. I am 10-years-old and in the fifth grade at Austin

Elementary. My parents are Allen and Jennifer Licklider, and my sister's name is Emily Licklider.

I have been a 4-H member for three years now. I joined 4-H because my poppy, James Licklider, is a swine breeder.

I really enjoy showing swine. It's a lot of fun, but it's also a lot of hard work. Since I have been showing, I have learned how to feed, bathe, clip and exercise my pigs.

While being a 4-H member, I have learned what responsibility, respect and leadership mean. 4-H is a great way for families to become closer with each other because, let's face it, I can't do this alone. I have to have support from my family with my chores, and... oh, yeah, money!

I have met many good friends while being involved with 4-H. We all hang out as one big happy family. 4-H is great!

—Zachary Licklider

Hi, my name is Ryan McCarley. I am a sophomore this year at Pampa High School. My parents are Carmen Knutson and William McCarley. This year will be my second year in FFA and to show pigs. Last year I showed a Duroc and a Poland China at Top O' Texas, Gray County, San Antonio and Houston. This year I plan on showing a Duroc and a York at Top O' Texas, Gray County, San Antonio and Houston.

Last year I learned about selection, nutrition and health. This year I plan on learning even more. I enjoy showing animals because you get to go a lot of places with your friends. I enjoy hunting and fishing. When I graduate, I plan to go to college to be a wildlife biologist. After I graduate, I plan on finding a home somewhere out in the country.

—Ryan McCarley

Hello, I am Royce O'Neal, the 15-year-old son of Terry and Diane O'Neal. I am currently a freshman at Pampa High School. Even though this is my first year in FFA, I have been participating in 4-H since the third grade. I have been to San Antonio Livestock Show every year except for two.

Every year, I have the opportunity to attend the 4-H, Top of Texas and the Gray County Livestock Shows. I have also attended the Houston Livestock show for the past four years. My dad has taught me countless things about caring for my animals and how to show them to the best of my ability.

In the last three years, my grandfather has started a breeding program to provide me with top quality steer and heifers. This year, it has really paid off because my steer won the Breed

Champion American Cross Class of the Top of Texas Livestock Show.

Randy Dunn, my ag teacher, and Danny Nusser, my county Extension agent, have been influential in helping me select and care for my show animals.

This year, I hope to attend the Houston Livestock Show and, if everything goes as planned, make the sale. When I graduate, I am planning to help my parents with the breeding program of our horses. Horses have been a part of my life since I can remember, and I am excited about the program that we have started. I enjoy working with them, and hopefully one day it will make a good career.

—Royce O'Neal

My name is Kelby Rucker. I am the 10-year-old son of Shonda Rucker of Pampa and a member of the Gray County 4-H.

I have been involved in several projects this past year, those included shooting sports, swine, beef and vet science. Being raised around show steers, I know that something like this don't just happen. There is a lot of time, work, patience, heartaches and money into these projects.

My pig died last year, so my cousin Courtney gave me one of hers. I showed him in Brenham, but did not make it to Houston. I also had a Red Angus steer named Chas. He placed fifth at Houston. Then came the hard part — telling him good-bye. A couple of weeks later I got my new steers from there. They are both Polled Herefords.

I bought them from Morgan Ranch in Nebraska. Their names are Chili Pepper and Opie. I have shown them several times already, but they were bought to be shown in Fort Worth and Houston. I also have a spot pig on feed to be taken to Houston. I put in a special for that pig since mine had died the year before.

The most exciting thing that has happened to me was receiving the 4-H Rookie of the Year Award. In 4-H, we learn a lot about citizenship, leadership and community service. I am in the fourth grade at Austin Elementary and was chosen to be on Austin Leadership Team.

My hobbies include baseball, hunting and going to Angel Fire with my Grandpa Don.

The exhibitors of Gray County look forward to seeing you at the Gray County Show and Sale and appreciate your support.

—Kelby Rucker