

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

MILLS, Joshua — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Garden of Memories Cemetery, Stephenville.

DORIS BLEVINS PRICE

Doris Blevins Price, beloved wife, mother and school teacher for 47 years, died Friday, March 29, 2002, in a Dallas hospital due to complications of breast cancer. Graveside services are pending in Durham, Okla.

Mrs. Price was preceded in death by her husband, Houston Lane Price. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, David and Carol Price of Dallas.

JOSHUA MILLS

Joshua Mills, 2-month-old infant of Pampa, died Thursday, March 28, 2002. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Monday in Garden of Memories Cemetery at Stephenville. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Joshua was born Jan. 15, 2002. He was pre-

ceded in death by his mother, Cheryl Louise Jones, on Jan. 23, 2002.

Survivors include his father, Will Mills of Pampa; two brothers, Joseph Mills and Jacobe Mills, both of Pampa; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones of Stephenville; and his great-grandmother, Ada Holland of Dallas.

W.D. 'BILL' SLAYBAUGH, JR.

BORGER — W.D. "Bill" Slaybaugh, Jr., 74, died Thursday, March 28, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday in St. Andrew United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Dorn and Steve Cook, missionary from Clarendon, officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery's "Garden of Eastlawn" under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Slaybaugh, a native of Ochelata, Okla., married Jo Woody on March 28, 1948. He worked as a management consultant for North Country Distributors and served on Borger City Council (six years); Borger Planning and Zoning Board; and Texas Review and Comment System Committee (1991-93) of which he was chairman from 1992-93.

He belonged to St. Andrew United

Methodist Church, Rotary Club, and was a lifetime member of B.P.O.E., holding every office in the organization locally.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Jo, of the home; two sons, Jim of Las Vegas, Nev., and Jerry of Borger; a daughter, Judy Forrester of Borger; two brothers, Don of Pampa and George of Borger; and two sisters, Val Park of Douglas, Wyo., and Nancy Waldrep of Borger; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or to International Commission, Steve Cook Ministry, 500 S. Ervay, #409 A Dallas, TX 75201.

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Cats AIDS vaccine to be available this summer

HOUSTON (AP) — The first vaccine for cat AIDS has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and will be available to cat owners through their veterinarians as soon as summer.

The feline immunodeficiency virus, or FIV, devastates the cat's immune system, just like the AIDS virus does in people. Until now, there has been no way to immunize cats against FIV.

"You can't cure this dis-

ease," said Cynthia Rigoni, a Houston veterinarian. "You have people with beloved cats who insist they have to be outdoor kitties (where they catch FIV). It will save their lives."

Steve Connell, a veterinarian with vaccine-maker Fort Dodge Animal Health, a division of Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, said the cat AIDS vaccine is at least 55 percent effective in preventing infection. Experts consider a 55 percent reduc-

tion substantial for a lethal and widespread disease.

"This is a first-generation vaccine, and we'd be the first to say we'd like better (effectiveness)," said Connell, adding that rabies vaccines are more than 90 percent effective. But the effectiveness likely will improve with more research, he told the Houston Chronicle.

The USDA, which approves and regulates animal vaccines, estimates that as many as one of every four domestic cats is infected with FIV, which Rigoni said is transmitted from cat to cat by "deep, crunching bite wounds."

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, March 29

Rocky Dewayne Harris, 38, 2200 Nelson, arrested on Hutchinson County warrants for possession of a controlled substance and unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Louis W. Johnson, 42, Los Angeles, Calif., arrested by the DPS on parole

violation/California.

Curtis Don Peercy, 47, 924 Gordon, violation of probation/burglary of a habitation.

Jeff Glenn, 33, Lefors, arrested on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Saturday, March 30

Lucio Resendiz, 39, Elk City, Okla., public intoxication.

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FIRE

The Pampa Fire Department made the following calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, March 29

8:15 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1800 block of North Wells on a medical assist.

2:16 p.m. — Three units, four firefighters and the fire marshal responded to a grass fire in the 1100 block of Terrace.

11:05 p.m. — Two units and seven firefighters responded to the 400 block of Pitts on a medical assist.

Saturday, March 30

1:15 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon dioxide alarm in the 2100 block of North Banks.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is mostly sunny with highs in the upper 60s, light and variable winds becoming southeast 10 to 15 mph. Tonight should be mostly clear with lows near 45. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs around 80. Monday evening, mostly clear. Tuesday and Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s to around 40. Highs in the upper 50s to around 60. Thursday and Friday, partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Highs in the middle to upper 60s.

STATEWIDE

A sprawling storm system that dumped heavy rain and spawned severe thunderstorms as it

lumbered across Texas was expected to move out of the state by Sunday, forecasters said.

The National Weather Service issued flash-flood watches Saturday for nearly three dozen North Texas counties, including Dallas, Tarrant, Denton, Collin, Cooke, Ellis and Rockwall counties.

In North Texas, showers Sunday morning should give way to clearing skies by afternoon. Highs will be in the upper 60s.

Sunny skies are on tap Sunday in South Texas. Highs will reach the lower 70s to near 80 degrees.

Clearing skies were expected for West Texas as the storm pulled eastward Saturday evening. Lows should drop into the 30s before rebounding into the middle 60s to around 70 degrees on Sunday.

People in the news ...

NEW YORK (AP) — Eminem and his record label have been sued in federal court by a French composer who claims the Grammy-winning rapper stole one of his tunes.

Filed Thursday in Manhattan, the copyright infringement lawsuit accuses Eminem and Interscope Records of lifting parts of "Pulsion" — a jazz fusion work by Jacques Loussier — for the caustic rap song "Kill You." The suit, which names Loussier as plaintiff, seeks unspecified damages.

A call to Interscope Records was not immediately returned.

"Kill You" appears on Eminem's best-selling album "The Marshall Mathers LP." The song talks about killing women, with the lyrics, "I'm ready to play, I got the machete from O.J."

Loussier, 67, of Paris, gained fame by fusing classical music and jazz with his Play Bach Trio. He has released more than a dozen albums, selling 6 million copies worldwide, the suit said.

SHELBYVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A popular R&B singer has been indicted on assault charges for allegedly stabbing her husband with a steak knife on Christmas Day.

Ketara "KeKe" Wyatt, who has a hit with "Nothing in This World," was indicted on one count of second-degree assault by a Shelby County grand jury on Monday. The singer could get 10 to 20 years if convicted.

Rahmat Morton, her husband, is also Wyatt's manager.

Shelbyville police responded to a domestic violence call at 10:30 a.m. on

Dec. 25 at the couple's home. Police arrived and found Morton with stab wounds on his chest, arms and hands, a police statement said.

Part of the knife blade had to be removed from Morton's back at University of Louisville Hospital, the police statement said.

Her arraignment is scheduled for May 9 in Shelby County Circuit Court.

Neither Wyatt's publicist nor her Louisville attorney, David Lambertus, could be reached for comment Friday.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A veteran of the Beatnik era, a noted Chicano writer and a friend of the late jazz legend Miles Davis are finalists to become California's first official poet laureate.

By July, Gov. Gray Davis will nominate either Diane di Prima, Francisco Alaron or Quincy Troupe for confirmation by the state Senate.

"It is a great honor to be considered," Di Prima said. "California is my country, in a way. How we see the world is unique."

A committee selected the three finalists this week from among more than 50 applicants.

The applicants included the 11-member writing staff for the NBC sitcom "Will & Grace."

"We are the poets of the Southern California landscape," said Jeff Greenstein, one of the show's executive producers.

However, their entry didn't survive the first judging round.

Di Prima, 67, was born in New York but is a longtime San Francisco resident whose poems and other writings helped capture the Beat Generation. She co-founded "The Floating Bear," which featured works by William S. Burroughs and Jack Kerouac.

Alaron, 48, heads the Spanish for Native Speakers program at the University of California, Davis. One of the nation's most prominent Mexican-American poets, Alaron's 10 volumes include

"Snake Poems: An Aztec Invocation," which won the 1993 American Book Award.

Troupe, 59, of La Jolla, is a teacher at the University of California, San Diego. His work has won at the annual Taos Poetry Circus in New Mexico. He collaborated with Miles Davis on an autobiography and has a radio show, "The Miles Davis Project."

The post has existed since 1915 but never officially in state law until last year, when the Legislature approved detailed qualifications and duties. Previously, legislators named poet laureates by resolution — and they were not necessarily recognized or even published poets.

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Denzel Washington and Halle Berry made history with their Oscar wins, but director Spike Lee says he's going to wait and see if Hollywood will do the right thing.

"Is this a signal that once and for all Hollywood is colorblind and we're all on the same playing field? I don't think so. We have to see what happens," Lee told students at the University of Toledo Wednesday night.

Berry's win for "Monster's Ball" made her the first black woman in history to claim the best actress award. Washington won for his role in "Training Day," becoming the first black to be named best actor since Sidney Poitier for 1963's "Lilies of the Field."

"Let's not get too hyped up. Let's not go crazy and think we've been delivered because of what happened," Lee said. "When Sidney won for 'Lilies of the Field,' people probably felt the same way and it was another 40 years until Denzel won."

Lee, whose films include "She's Gotta Have It," "Do the Right Thing," "Malcolm X" and "Summer of Sam," said the problem is that the gatekeepers of the film industry — directors and studio executives — also have to be people of color.

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Uncle says he'd be dead had Lovett not come to his aid

KLEIN, Texas (AP) — Lyle Lovett's uncle says he owes his life to the country singer, who came to his rescue when an enraged bull charged into him, knocked him to the ground and began to maul him.

"When he got on me, he really meant business," said the uncle, Calvin Klein, 67. "There wasn't no joke about it. It was a bad cup of tea. If it wouldn't have been for Lyle, I wouldn't be here talking to you."

Lovett, 44, suffered a pulverized shin bone in the incident and underwent surgery. Friday, he got out of bed for the first time since going into surgery Wednesday afternoon. He is expected to leave Memorial Hermann Hospital by Sunday.

Klein suffered severe bruises, but no broken bones or internal injuries from the incident in his pasture in Klein, in north Harris County.

Klein was severely bruised but did not break any bones or sustain any internal injuries.

The bull, Cotton, is a 3-year-old Charolais that Lovett raised from a calf after its mother abandoned it.

"Lyle was out there in the pasture, and this abandoned baby calf got up and followed him home, 'bout a half a mile," Klein recalled. "He raised him as a pet."

Klein told the Houston Chronicle he and Lovett were returning from surveying some dead trees when they climbed into Cotton's paddock. Klein petted Cotton, and the bull shook his hand off, so Klein smacked him, he said.

The bull moved off but came back bristling, so he smacked him again. The bull bellowed, turned on him, drove him to the ground and mauled him with his head, Klein said.

"I knew I was looking at death," Klein said. "That bull's hoof went right down the side of my head. My hat's still got the footprint on it."

"You can have my woman, but don't touch my hat," Klein said, paraphrasing the lyrics

quoting the title of a Lovett tune.

Lovett ran over and slapped Cotton with his cap, and the bull turned on him, chasing him to the fence. Lovett almost made it over, but the bull pinned his leg against the rail and raked him over to a post, shattering his shin bone.

A friend distracted the animal, and Klein pulled Lovett over the fence.

"It happened so quick, I guess our adrenaline was pumping," Lovett later told Klein. "I don't even remember what I done Man, he could've got both of us."

Twenty pieces of bone were broken in Lovett's leg, including nine major fragments that had to be put back together. An apparatus of wires, rods and rings was installed outside the injured leg to help facilitate healing.

Klein said a few tall tales had been told in the days after the incident, including one that had him riding the bull.

"Good God, I'm 67 years old," he said. "Maybe 40 years ago, but not now. Hell, no."

Cotton will get off easy, though Klein gave some thought to making a steak out of him. He said he probably will donate the bull to a breeding ranch.

"You get more mellow with age," he said. "Twenty years ago I'd have put him down 15 minutes after it happened."

Lovett, a singer-songwriter who has won several Grammy Awards and has acted in movies, owns a home in the Klein community and graduated from Klein High School in 1975. He went to Texas A&M University, studying journalism and German, and embarked on a full-time music career after graduating in 1981.

He was married to actress Julia Roberts in 1993, and they were divorced in 1995.

A motorcycle enthusiast, Lovett broke his collarbone while attempting a 90-degree turn in the treacherous terrain of Mexico's Baja California desert in 1995.

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must be one issued by the court and may be obtained at the Gray County Clerk's office. The office is temporarily located in the old SPS building at 315 N. Ballard. Officials emphasize the certificate issued by a hospital cannot be accepted.

- Shot/ immunization record.
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income verification signed by employer, or letter of support from person who is providing financial/ housing/ food support with an estimate of the dollar amount.)

- Child's social security card.
- Documentation of disability (if applicable).
- Proof of any or all public assistance the family receives (Medicaid, food stamps, SSI, CHIPS, HUD, TANF, WIC).
- Health insurance card (if applicable).
- CCMS documentation.

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BOOKS

sprinkling system, rebuilt the planter at the front, repaired the signage, and planted several trees, shrubs and bulbs.

Drapes, furniture, and furnishings for the kitchen were made possible by the Friends of the Library.

The organization has provided many bookshelves, computer needs, film projectors, and office equipment as well as many other needs at

the library.

The organization also sponsors the Pampa Adult Literacy Program, Summer Reading Program and Head Start for the Holidays.

Local residents are encouraged to attend the book sale to purchase new reading material and may also join the Friends of the Pampa Library organization.

Life memberships are available for \$100. Business, industry and clubs may purchase a \$10 annual membership while individual memberships are available for \$1.

Demos blast GOP over Social Security funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican budget amounts to a massive raid on Social Security and will do more to help the wealthy than the average American, a congressman said Saturday.

In the Democratic radio address, Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif., said Republicans refused to allow any amendments that might have protected the program.

"It means that ordinary working Americans, like teachers, police officers and firefighters, who believe their payroll taxes are going toward their Social Security retirement are in for a surprise," said Matsui, ranking Democrat on the House Ways and Means Social Security subcommittee.

"Instead of going to the Social Security trust fund, their payroll contributions are being funneled directly into tax breaks for individuals and corporations who need them least," he said.

This month, the Republican-controlled House used a 221-209 roll call to approve its own budget of \$2.1 trillion for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1. Only three lawmakers defected from their parties' positions.

The House measure mostly follows President Bush's course of raising spending for the military and domestic security while cutting other programs.

Republicans taunted House Democrats for failing to offer an alternative budget of their own.

State task force urges steps to lower widespread mold risk

AUSTIN (AP) — Insurance companies should respond to water damage claims within 24 hours and homeowners should be equally prompt in responding to water damage because mold can begin growing and spreading within 48 hours of a leak, a state task force report says.

The task force, which examined the widespread mold problem in Texas, called on insurers to voluntarily streamline their claims handling procedures so they can deal more quickly with water leaks in homes that result in mold.

Jim Davis, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Insurance, said the agency staff is finalizing the report and will start distributing it in early April.

"The goal is to distribute these recommendations as widely as possible so that insurance companies and consumers know what to do when a water claim is involved," Davis said.

"The idea is to have them follow the best practices available so that a water claim does not become a mold damage claim," he said.

The special Advisory Task Force for Mold-Related Claims was appointed by State Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor in

January as mold damage losses in Texas soared, costing insurance companies hundreds of millions of dollars.

In response to the increasing losses, insurers have increased their premiums on homeowners' policies by up to 200 percent in recent months. The largest companies also have revised their policies to reduce or eliminate mold coverage.

Representatives of two consumer groups said the recommendations would have more impact if they were mandatory for insurance companies.

"Unless we can enforce these practices and make sure insurance companies are responding quickly to water claims, then the recommendations are just words on paper," Dan Lambe of Texas Watch.

Industry officials argued that the recommendations should be optional. Jerry Johns, president of the industry group Southwestern Insurance Information Services, said Friday that insurers respond to these type of claims as quickly as possible but noted that the real problem lies with having a sufficient number of experienced remediators and claim representatives.



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40 years ago

SUNDAY, April 1, 1962.
 A 67-year-old Pampa woman was killed and four others injured in a two-car accident at the intersection of Purviance and Kingsmill Streets at 11:45 a.m., Saturday, ending a two-year fatality-free city accident record.

TUESDAY, April 3, 1962.
 Funeral services for Louis Tarpley will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with Dr. E. Douglas Carver, pastor, officiating.

WEDNESDAY, April 4, 1962. LEFORS (Spl) — Mayor W.F. Wall was re-elected mayor of Lefors for a third term yesterday by a margin of 98 votes over Ray Chastaine, a write-in candidate.

25 years ago

FRIDAY, April 1, 1977. BORGER (AP) — The Borger News Herald has been sold to Jim Allison Jr., publisher of daily newspapers in Plainview and Midland, according to publisher W. Glynn Morris.

SUNDAY, April 3, 1977.
 Pampa's incumbent mayor R.D. Wilkerson defeated his 18-year-old opponent, Timothy Lee Morgan, at the polls Saturday.

MONDAY, April 4, 1977.
 Pampa city officials said goodbye to Tex DeWeese during a reception Friday at City Hall. DeWeese, who covered city hall for The Pampa News for many years, retired Friday.

10 years ago

WEDNESDAY, April 1, 1992. Pampa's violent crime rate jumped 43 percent in 1991 while the overall crime rate increased by 17 percent, according to a police department annual report released this week.

THURSDAY, April 2, 1992. District Attorney John Mann and Assistant District Attorney Tracey Jennings Warner attended the first docket call this morning in their new positions.

FRIDAY, April 3, 1992.
 The 15th anniversary celebration of Grace Baptist Church, 824 S. Barnes, is set for this Sunday, said pastor Richard Coffman.

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The trouble with computers

Woe is me.
 I dislike computers sometime. Well, more than sometime. Often, really.

Actually what I want to say is that I hate ...H-A-T-E... them periodically. I feel strange saying that word but it does apply. It is one of those words I was not permitted to say as a child. It was on the list right along with "lie" and a perfectly to-this-day-hideous "S" word that relates to drainage from one's nose.

Don't say that word in front of me to be funny. You won't be. I assure you that.

OK. Bodily functions aside. Back to my computer. The one at home.
 First of all, I remain irritated at myself for having bought it. I bought a PC because I could save a dollar rather than going ahead and buying a Macintosh ... something with which I am comfortable. As comfortable as I can be given that Macs are computers, too.

Last week I knew it was time to go through my e-mail at home. My e-mail here and at home is the same address and it's gotten to the point where I get so much junk mail it is pitiful. But at least at work I keep it fairly well deleted.

So, I double click on the e-mail icon, the dialer box pops up and nothing happens.

Great.
 I repeat the drill. Again. Again. And again.

If I still smoked, I would have.
 Seems there was no dial tone for the modem.

So, I start poking around where I shouldn't. Do the troubleshooting business. Click this. Click that. Choice of clicking one of three modems. How do I



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know which one I have? On and on. Maybe I should get some 12-year-old to come fix it. An hour at least went by.

Forget it. I'll give up.
 And I did.

... A bit later I pick up the telephone to make a call.
 Guess what?
 No dial tone. Out of order.

... Needless to say, I felt less than intelligent.

I could go on and tell you how my printer will print color ink but not black ink and I can't figure it out ... but I'll spare you that one.

 About a week ago I had company.

It seems my good friend Carolyn's daughter, Jennifer, was returning from spring break in Colorado to the University of Arkansas where she is in graduate school. She and a friend, also named Jennifer ... I'll call her Jennifer No. 2 ... could use a place to spend the night.

I really did enjoy their brief stay. Both have lots on the ball and they were fun to talk with. I like Jennifer No. 1 a whole lot better than I did when she was a ... you know, teenager who knew EVERYTHING.

She seemed surprised that I knew she

used to climb out the window and "sneak out" sometimes.

We kid Jennifer No. 1 quite a bit about her chosen major ... it's philosophy.

I mean, what do you do with a philosophy degree?

That's easy. You get a master's then a Ph.D. and then you teach it!

Jennifer No. 2 will graduate in May with an electrical engineering degree. She said she wanted to major in something that would gain her employment at a good salary. But her goal is to go to law school after taking a year off first to get over college "burnout."

Their plan had been to move to Chicago. I'm not sure why. But both were pretty taken with New Mexico after making stops in Santa Fe and Albuquerque and they say they may move there in the summer.

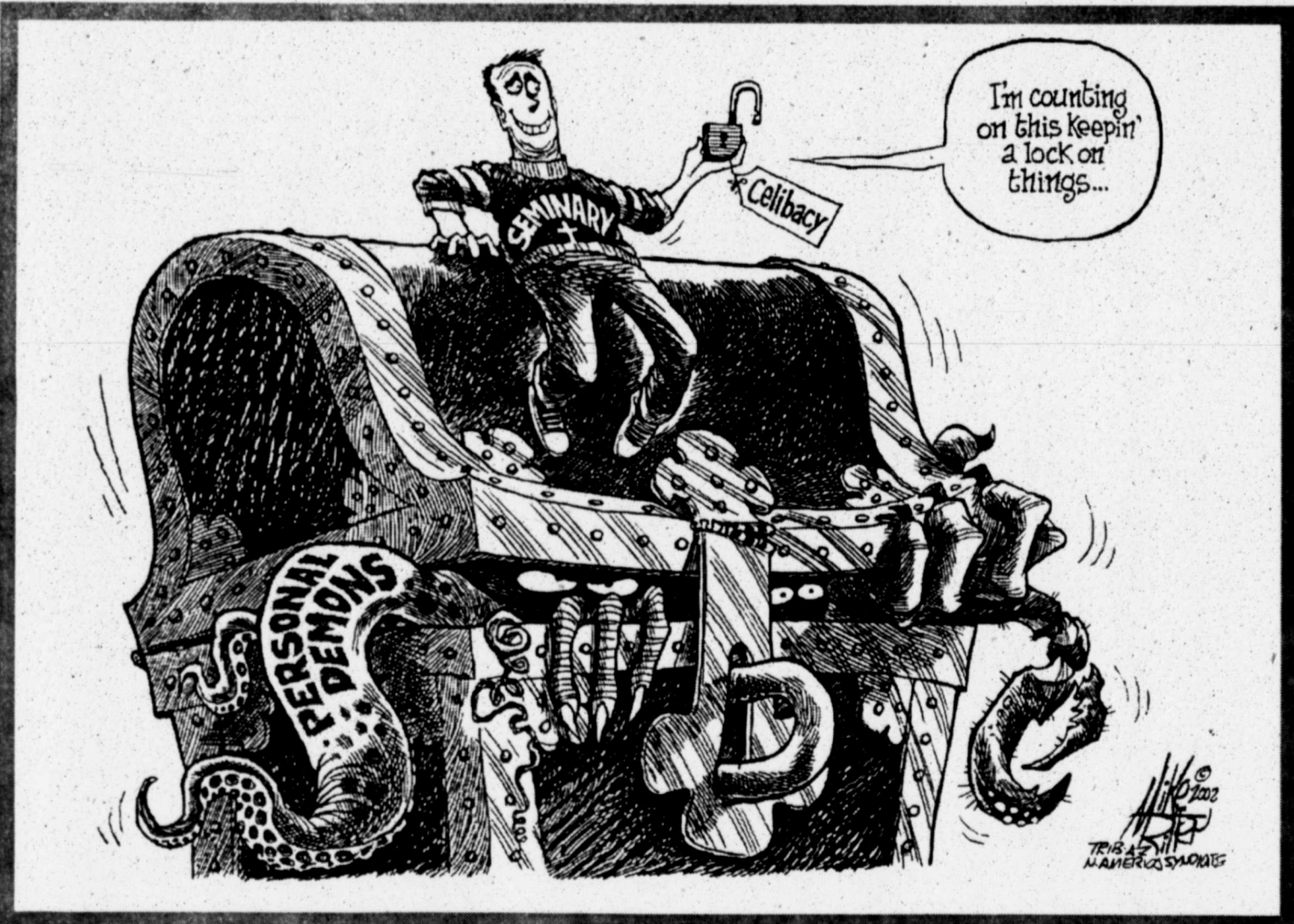
Meanwhile, they proclaimed Pampa "a nice town" and headed east toward Fayetteville to finish the semester. Their first stops were going to be at the residences of their ex-boyfriends who were pet sitting.

I applauded their maturity with respect to those relationships.

As I sent them on their way, I told them they had a place to stay on their way back to New Mexico if that's what they do.

It is nice to know two young, smart women who have made many good decisions and earned their way to having so many choices available just for the grabbing ...

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Hanky-panky vs. deep pockets

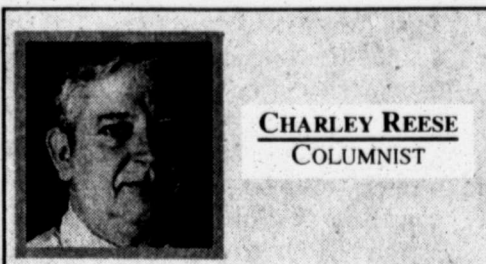
The cascading allegations that priests have sexually molested children are causing a crisis in the Roman Catholic Church. I think the allegations are a mix of truth and greed.

No doubt some of the allegations are true, but there is no doubt in my mind, anyway, that some are coming from folks who see an easy way to dip into the church's deep pockets. I'm suspicious of adults who step forward and say, "Oh, yeah, now that I recall, Father So-and-so molested me 15 years ago." That is an allegation impossible to defend against, provided both people were in the same town at the same time.

It alleges, after all, an act that took place in privacy. It is the accuser's word against that of the accused. No physical evidence remains. The pressure is on the church to settle the case out of court.

There is a statute of limitations for criminal prosecution, and there should be one for civil liability. Most of these allegations involve teen-age boys, not pre-teens. In other words, boys from ages 13 to 17. Boys that age should be able to resist any unwanted advances. And if they couldn't, I can see no reason why they would wait 10 or 15 years to raise a squawk about it, unless they just didn't think at the time that it was that big of a deal. Lots of boys at that age are curious about sex and willing to experiment.

I have no desire to defend the church. I'm not a Roman Catholic. If it happened to one of my children, the only money the church would have to spend would be to bury what was left of the priest after I finished with him. But I see a familiar, media-hyped wave of hysteria building



CHARLEY REESE
 COLUMNIST

up. When that happens, all the priests are evil incarnate, the church is corrupt, and every victim was an innocent angel. I just wish to caution you that that scenario is inconsistent with reality. Not only are priests flawed human beings, so is everyone else.

I think the American bishops made a serious error when they tried to cover it up by quietly settling cases out of court and when they underestimated the extent of the problem. Well, the church is paying big bucks for that mistake, not to mention shaking the faith of its members. If I were a Catholic, I'd tell the church to sell its real estate or the candlesticks, because I'm not giving my money to pay for these settlements.

But let's keep in mind that if all the allegations are true, it involves only 2 percent or 3 percent of the priests. The church acted no differently than businesses do when they decline to prosecute an embezzler in order to keep the matter away from public attention.

And the press, which normally disdains to cover religion, is simply acting in its usual sensationalistic manner. The church is an old and worldly organization, and it is already taking steps to correct the problem.

Maybe we should use this occasion to

think seriously about the law and sex. We have more or less legislated that humans cannot have sex until 18. Nature, however, prepares people to be ready and eager to procreate after puberty. When law gets out of sync with nature, nature always wins. This is an area where family teaching can probably accomplish more good than laws. I'm not suggesting that adult-child sex be legalized, but the laws should be flexible and not draconian. There is a huge difference between an adult male seducing a child and an 18-year-old boy falling in love with a 17-year-old girl. The present laws treat both the same.

It would be good idea if legislators followed the advice of the ancient Greek father of medicine when he said, "First, do no harm." Quite often, when we get carried away with moralistic fervor, we pass laws that do more harm than good.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, March 31, the 90th day of 2002. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On March 31, 1968, President Johnson stunned the country by announcing he would not seek another term in office.

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Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa members Sue Baker, President DeLynn Gordzelik, Jeanne Mitchell and Anne Stobbe check over flyers advertising the local chapter's upcoming Style Show and brunch scheduled to take place at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 13 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. This annual fund-raiser is open to the public and tickets may be purchased in advance from any Altrusa member or at the door on the day of the event.

RRC sets gas production allowables

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission has set April 2002 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 29,252,257 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the April 2002 allowable represents a decrease of 3,350,123 Mcf when compared to actual production of 32,602,380 Mcf in April 2001. In setting the April 2002 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from April

2001 and producer forecasts for the April 2002 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for February 2002 is 260,880,735 Mcf compared to 99,074,066 Mcf in February 2001. The March 2002 gas storage estimate is 246,568,739 Mcf.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for 8 percent of total gas well pro-

duction in Texas. Preliminary statewide production reported for January 2002 is 30,715,159 barrels of crude oil and 375,819,743 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.1000 for crude oil and 1.0978 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)



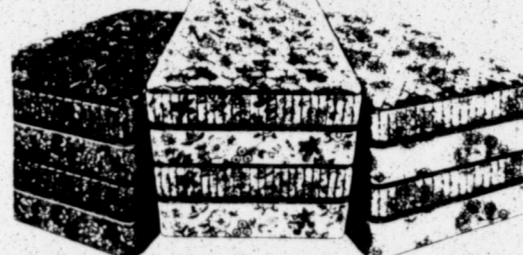
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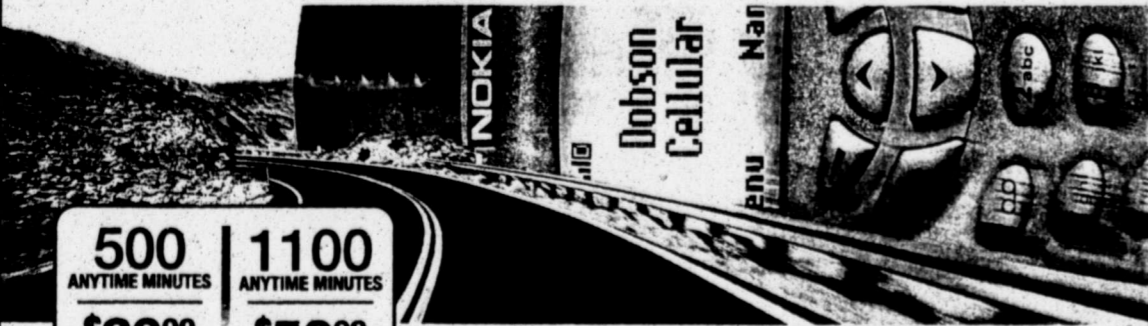
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Misty Northcutt



Janelle Powers

Pampa Lions Club February "Sweethearts of the Month" for 2001-02 were Misty Northcutt and Janelle Powers. Misty is the daughter of Mark and Nancy Northcutt and is the granddaughter of Henry and Neva Northcutt and Paul and Ramona Story. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include: D-FY-IT; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; varsity soccer; women's choir; concert choir; volleyball; cheerleading; Amarillo High Plains Drifter Soccer Club; HOST mentor; First Baptist Church Youth Choir; National Honor Society. Who's Who among American High School Students; United States Academic Achievement Award; All American Scholar; National Honor Roll; American Character and Citizenship Award; varsity soccer team captain; and girls soccer team MVP. Her future plans are to play collegiate soccer at either Southwestern University or West Texas A&M University and major in business.

Janelle is the daughter of Tim and Janice Powers and is the granddaughter of Nell Warren. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include: D-FY-IT; Drug and Alcohol Prevention Association; women's choir (two years); concert choir (two years); roles in musicals Cinderella and Grease; First Baptist Church youth group; choir; girl's ensemble; National Honor Society; D-FY-IT Advisory Board (three years), parliamentarian (2000-01) and President (2001-02). USAA All American Scholar; USAA American Character and Citizenship Award; Who's Who Among American High School Students (four years); USAA National Honor Roll (three years); concert choir historian (2001-02); and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (two year colleges - 2001-02). Janelle plans to pursue a degree in elementary education at Wayland Baptist University.

School principals, psychologists to man annual 'National Principals' Hotline'

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Your questions on children and education should not be left unanswered. By calling the National Principals' Hotline in April, you can speak directly, but anonymously, with a school principal or school psychologist. On April 7, 8, and 9, 2002, the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) will hold its 13th annual Hotline for parents, grandparents, or anyone with a question on education or children. It's a once-a-year, toll-free service dedicated to answering questions about schools, children, and education.

Approximately 150 school principals will staff the phones and computer terminals while they are attending NAESP's annual convention. Their purpose is to ease difficulties and encourage constructive communication between schools and families. Parents who are curious, troubled, or simply need some reassurance regarding their child's education may speak confidentially with a principal or get specialized advice from a school psychologist from the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). Calls will be taken in Spanish as well as English.

Call toll-free, 1-800-944-1601 or e-mail the Hotline by accessing www.naesp.org during the following days and times in your area (Note: Computer users can e-mail on Saturday, April 6 - an e-mail form will be available on our home page): 1-7 p.m., Sunday, April 7; 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday, April 8; and 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, April 9. Co-sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals, TIAA-CREF, and Family Circle magazine, the Hotline averages more than 1,000 calls each year from the continental U.S., Hawaii, Alaska, and Canada. Callers ask about a variety of topics, including children's reading problems, school

discipline, special education policies, testing, learning difficulties, kindergarten entrance, and school safety. Calls on any subject are welcome. The Hotline originates from San Antonio, where approximately 6,000 K-8 principals will attend NAESP's annual convention. Educators volunteer in two-hour shifts. Callers may also request a free copy of "What Parents Should Look for in Their Child's Elementary School," a booklet produced by NAESP and TIAA-CREF. Established in 1921, the National Association of Elementary School Principals serves 28,500 K-8 educators in the United States, Canada, and overseas. NAESP is located in Alexandria, Va.

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PNC Easter winners



(Courtesy photos)

(Top, left) Mayce Wheat, 5, and Amber Stewart, 6, both received "prize Easter eggs" recently at Pampa Nursing Center (PNC). (Top, right) Grand-prize winners at the PNC Easter egg event were Aaron Rodriguez, 8, Madison Myers, 5, James Mcbee, 2, and Stewart.

Art from Mexico City to complement TTU Vatican display

LUBBOCK — Tile Museum of Texas Tech University will host a never-before seen exhibition of medieval frescoes from the Vatican Museums from June 2-Sept. 15, 2002 at the Museum. Art from the Franz Mayer Museum and the Comision Nacional de Arte Sacro in Mexico and the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Foundation Collection in Houston also will be on display.

The exhibition is entitled "Medieval Frescoes from the Vatican Museums Collection." The exhibits from the Franz Mayer, the Comision Nacional and the Blaffer Foundation, titled "Selected Sacred Art from the Old and New Worlds," will run concurrently and are meant to complement the frescoes.

"The pieces from the Franz Mayer Museum and the Comision Nacional are a natural complement to the works from the Vatican Museums," said Gary Edson, MFA, executive director of the Museum of Texas Tech University. "The paintings, sculpture and silver bring together elements of religious and secular life. These pieces represent a continuation of an artistic tradition that began in pre-Christian Europe and continued into the 19th century."

Among the works from the Franz Mayer Museum is a painting of the Virgin of Guadalupe and from the Comision Nacional is a painting of Saint Catherine. The story of Catherine of Alexandria figures prominently in the frescoes from the Vatican Museums. According to traditional stories, Catherine was martyred for her beliefs and trying to convert the Emperor and his family to Christianity.

A second painting of Catherine by Peter Paul Rubens is one of the pieces in the Blaffer Foundation Collection.

"The art from the Blaffer Foundation is a fine representation of the union of the human and the divine," said Edson. "These works are by artists who sought originality and a fresh interpretation of

old themes at a time when secular subjects began to appear along with traditional religious motifs."

The frescoes, depicting saints and prophets, were painted in the 12th and 13th centuries. The works from the Franz Mayer Museum, the Comision Nacional de Arte Sacro and the Blaffer Foundation Collection were done in the 15th through 18th centuries.

"There is a connection between Medieval Italy and 17th and 18th century Mexico," said Edson. "In Medieval Europe, most artists were anonymous. They were considered skilled craftspeople but little more. A similar condition existed in Mexico as indigenous artists produced incredible two and three-dimensional objects. The artistic climate of Mexico changed, but it occurred almost two centuries after the Renaissance in southern Europe."

The exhibition is free, but tickets are necessary, said Edson.

"We are requiring tickets to allow adequate time for visitors to enjoy the exhibition. There is no limit on the number of tickets one person can request, but you must know what day and what hour you would like to visit the exhibition," he said. "It's a good idea to have a couple of alternative times and dates in mind when you call."

Edson says while tours begin each hour, visitors are not limited to one hour in the exhibition. "We are trying to regulate the number of people in the gallery at any one time," he said. "For many, an hour will be sufficient time to view the works. For those who wish to take more time, they may."

Self-guided tours are set for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The museum will extend the viewing time until 7 p.m. on Thursdays. On Sundays, tours will be conducted from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets are available by calling (806) 742-6800 or toll-free at

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Radioactive 'seeds' cuts radiation time for breast cancer patients

CHICAGO (AP) — Learning she had breast cancer was bad enough for 40-year-old Miriam Norton. Almost as troubling was the burden of six weeks of radiation treatment.

The mother of two young children didn't like the idea of exposing her entire breast to radiation and feared the disruption and mental anguish involved with more than a month of therapy.

"It was the time involved, and trying to be a mom and trying to have a normal life," said Norton of Glen Ellyn, Ill. Then she learned about

brachytherapy, a radiation alternative more commonly associated with prostate cancer treatment. A few breast cancer doctors have been using it as a follow-up to lumpectomy — removal of only the tumor — and recent studies show it's effective.

Unlike standard external radiation, brachytherapy works from the inside, with radioactive "seeds" injected into the breast at the site of the excised tumor, where cancer is most likely to recur.

Best of all, breast brachytherapy requires about four or five days of treatment

instead of six weeks or more. And Norton, like about 70 percent of U.S. women diagnosed with breast cancer, was eligible because her tumor was small and caught early.

She had the procedure last May.

"I was in, I was out, it was one week — and then I got on with my life," said Norton, now 42. "It was wonderful."

Brachytherapy — brachy means "short" in Greek — refers to the short distance between the radiation source and the targeted tissue.

Dr. Robert Kuske, who treated Norton at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, says that in 1991 he was the first doctor to perform breast brachytherapy in this country. He does the procedure on about 100 patients a year, but it is not widely available. Many patients have never heard of it and some doctors consider it experimental.

Proponents think that's about to change. Two recent studies involving at least five

Older birth control may be heart-risky

BOSTON (AP) — The latest generation of birth control pills appears to carry a smaller risk of heart attack than its predecessor, a Dutch study found.

The study of 1,173 women found that those who took second-generation pills had 2 1/2 times the heart attack risk of other women. But women who took the current, third-generation pills had essentially the same risk as other women, according to findings published recently in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

Second-generation pills, which often carry the hormone levonorgestrel, date back to the 1970s. Third-generation contraceptives, which often contain desogestrel or gestodene, became available first in Europe in the mid-1980s and then in the United States, mostly in the 1990s.

About 100 million women around the world take the pill. Some are using the new versions, some the older ones.

Despite the findings, doctors said women should not necessarily switch to the newer pill. For one thing, an earlier study came to an opposite conclusion, finding a greater risk of heart attack in the third generation than in the second.

years of data on more than 200 women suggest breast brachytherapy is as effective as standard radiation at preventing cancer recurrence. In addition, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has been asked to approve a new device called MammoSite. That would make brachytherapy easier, said Dr. Krystyna Kiel, a Northwestern University radiation oncologist with a waiting list of patients who want the procedure.

Kiel has only used brachytherapy a few times in the past five years but says she'd likely do a treatment each week if the new device is approved.

The American Cancer Society estimates that 203,500 U.S. women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. About 70 percent will be potential candidates for lumpectomies, and thus brachytherapy, because their tumors are early stage and small, said Dr. LaMar McGinnis, the society's senior medical consultant.

Many, however, will choose disfiguring mastectomies — which generally don't require radiation — simply because they can't afford or fear the time required for

standard radiation, McGinnis said.

He said brachytherapy holds great promise "because of the convenience for patients and the hopes of getting more patients to choose breast conservation therapy."

McGinnis noted that some doctors worry that patients who undergo the procedure might also have undetected tumors elsewhere in their breast that would be treated with standard radiation but not with brachytherapy.

Dr. Beryl McCormick, a breast cancer specialist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, said brachytherapy probably will prove to be best for patients 55 and older whose cancer is less likely to recur.

McGinnis said more long-term data is needed to show brachytherapy's effectiveness. Occasional side effects, including tissue hardening or reddening, probably will be avoided as more doctors become skilled at the technique, he said.

More than 100 doctors attended the first annual breast brachytherapy "school" for three days in New Orleans. Kuske was on hand to teach the procedure.

The high-dose method Kuske uses involves temporarily inserting an average of 19 spaghetti-thin plastic catheters into the cavity where the tumor was removed.

During twice-daily treatments, radioactive metal seeds about the size of rice grains are injected, then retracted through the catheters, which are attached by a cable to a radiation machine. Women can return home between treatments and the catheters are removed at week's end.

Medicine numbs the breast during the procedure, which takes about an hour including preparation time, Kuske said.

The MammoSite device awaiting FDA approval involves inserting a single catheter into the breast, attached to a tiny balloon that is inflated and filled with radiation. Manufacturer Proxima Therapeutics Inc. says eight months of data show the device is safe, though whether patients remain cancer-free long-term is unknown.

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Study: Botulism toxin can treat common cerebral palsy symptom

CHICAGO (AP) — A botulism toxin treatment sometimes used to smooth wrinkles can also improve tiptoe-walking common in children with cerebral palsy, new research shows.

Injections of the food-poisoning toxin cause muscle weakness and are becoming an increasingly popular but little publicized treatment for stiff muscles in cerebral palsy.

The new study, involving 155 children treated for at least a year at nine centers, is one of the largest and longest-running to examine the treatment's effectiveness.

Children aged 2 to 18 received calf-muscle injections about three times a year for up to two years. Nearly half — about 49 percent — displayed less walking on their tiptoes six weeks after the first treatment and continued to show improvement for two years post-treatment.

The toxin enabled some children to walk without braces and ride tricycles, said Dr. L. Andrew Koman, the lead researcher and an orthopedic surgery professor at Wake Forest University.

The study is published in an issue of *Pediatrics*.

The toxin was first approved in 1989 for treatment in adults of two rare nerve disorders that cause crossed eyes and involuntary eye-shutting. Doctors noticed reduced facial wrinkling, and the toxin became popular in plastic surgery.

It since has been used to treat cerebral palsy, even though it is not federally approved for such use, said Dr. Michael Sussman, president of the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine.

"It's kind of a hot area in cerebral palsy treatment right now," Sussman said.

The preparation studied is called Botulinum toxin type A or BTX-A, sold as Botox by manufacturer Allergan, Inc., which funded the research.

Cerebral palsy is caused by brain damage, usually before birth, that impairs the ability to control muscle movement. An estimated 500,000 U.S. children and adults are afflicted.

Surgery is often done on the calf tendons to help treat the tiptoe-walking, but Botox injections, usually coupled with leg braces, can help give children time to develop a more normal walking pattern and may avert surgery, said Dr. Lisa Thornton, who uses Botox to treat cerebral palsy patients at Chicago's La Rabida Children's Hospital and Research Center.

Paul Greene, a Columbia University neurologist, noted that 28 percent of the children studied developed antibodies to the toxin, which can render it useless in treating the nerve disorders for which it is approved and which are common in cerebral palsy patients.

The researchers said Botox was still effective in many patients who developed antibodies, but Greene said that could reflect the strong placebo effect often found with Botox injections in adult patients.

Koman said the newest form of Botox contains fewer proteins than the preparation studied and is less likely to cause the antibody response.

He also said the placebo effect is an unlikely explanation for the results since improvement lasted sometimes years after treatment.



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One IV treatment a year may protect bones from osteoporosis, study suggests

By JANET MCCONNAUGHEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

For the millions who suffer fractures or thinning bones because of osteoporosis, a simpler treatment could be on the horizon: A single intravenous dose of medicine a year rather than a pill a day may be enough to prevent the condition, research shows.

It will be about five years before doctors know whether the drug really does prevent the fractures and hunched backs associated with osteoporosis. The study in, published recently in the New England Journal of Medicine, was only a one-year look at the medicine's effect on bone itself.

But doctors who treat the disease — which weakens the bones of more than 10 million Americans, especially women past menopause, and threatens millions more — are excited by the preliminary results.

Dr. Felicia Cosman, clinical director of the National Osteoporosis Foundation, said the thought of a once-a-year treatment is mind-boggling.

"It's potentially a huge change in treatment — and, I think, prevention — of osteoporosis," said Dr. Ian R. Reid of the University of Auckland, New Zealand, who led the study. "I think it almost comes into the category of a flu shot, rather than taking pills every day and having side effects."

The manufacturer, which paid for the research, has already begun much larger and longer studies on the medicine.

The startling finding published Thursday came out of a study of a drug called zoledronic acid, which is approved for use in cancer patients to stop calcium from leaching from the bones.

Over the course of a year, 351 women in New Zealand, Australia, Switzerland, Belgium, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden and Canada were given four five-minute intravenous infusions three months apart. One-sixth of the women got a placebo in all four; the others had at least one IV with zoledronic acid in it.

All five drug treatment schedules had about the same results, and all were better than the placebo. The drug was found to slow the rate of bone loss and increase bone density, and the effect persisted for at least a year after treatment, long after the medication had disappeared from the blood.

Bone density was 4.3 percent to 5.1 percent higher in the spine and 3.1 percent to 3.5 percent higher in the hip than it was for patients on placebo.

The drug, sold by Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. as Zometa, is in a class called bisphosphonates. Two other drugs in this class are used as one-a-day pills to treat osteoporosis; one also is available as a once-a-week pill.

However, the pills must be taken sitting or standing straight up, before eating, and the patient has to stay upright for 30 minutes without eating or drinking. Side effects include abdominal pain,

nausea, heartburn and irritation of the esophagus. And research has shown that such patients often skip their pills or do not take them according to instructions.

The IV treatment has fewer side effects, Cosman said.

However, she warned that women still need to make sure they get enough calcium, vitamin D and exercise.

"No drug works as well in the absence of making other changes in the lifestyle," she said. "It's not like you can completely forget about bone health in between administrations of medicine."

Other treatments for osteoporosis include estrogen supplements or an estrogen alternative, both of which increase bone density but apparently not as well as bisphosphonates, and a bone hormone called calcitonin. Some of these treatments are often given in pill or patch form.

Novartis has begun enrolling patients for two big studies of the drug: a three-year study of 7,500 women who have been through menopause, and a two-year look at 4,500 men and women who already have had a hip fracture from osteoporosis.

Novartis said it does not know how much the drug is likely to cost. If a version of Zometa is approved for use against osteoporosis, it will probably be given another name.

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Protein could significantly benefit infertility research

By MARK EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Biologists have discovered a protein that gives sperm the oomph to penetrate an egg — a finding that could someday lead to new contraceptive drugs for men and treatments for male infertility.

The protein, dubbed CatSper, is found only in sperm tails. Researchers found that mice genetically engineered so that they lacked the protein produced sluggish sperm with markedly less "whiplash" motion in their tails. The sperm did not penetrate eggs, and conception failed.

"The reason they were infertile is that their sperm don't swim very well. They don't have enough force to penetrate an egg," said Dr. David Clapham of Harvard Medical School, who led the study. The findings were published in an issue of the journal Nature.

The lack of the CatSper protein did not limit the mice's ability to produce sperm or otherwise affect the animals' sexual behavior. And the sperm without the protein could indeed fertilize — but only after an egg's tough outer membrane, the zona pellucida, was removed artificially.

Clapham said the discovery could lead to new understanding of male infertility.

Scientists might zero in on possible defects in the gene that produces a similar CatSper protein in humans.

Moreover, he said, the finding may one day lead to contraceptive drugs that temporarily block the protein and render sperm far less likely to penetrate an egg. Depending on the duration of such a drug, a man or woman might take it just before or even after sex.

"If you had a good blocker of this thing, it would only have to be taken during the life of the sperm inside the female, and could be taken by either males or females," Clapham said.

CatSper belongs to a unique family of proteins, so a drug targeting it would be unlikely to affect other tissues in the body, he said. It thus might have fewer side effects than female birth control drugs that contain hormones.

Previous research aimed at creating male contraceptives also has focused on blocking sperm's capacity to penetrate eggs. Some of that work has examined proteins on the head of sperm that may trigger enzymes that dissolve the outer shell of the egg.

The newly discovered CatSper protein allows calcium to enter the sperm.

Other researchers said the work is an exciting first step toward developing new contraceptives.

'Beating heart' operations successful as older technique

DALLAS (AP) — Bypass patients whose hearts are allowed to keep beating while they are on the operating table have the same one-month survival rate as those who are put on a heart-lung machine during surgery, a study found.

The Dutch study of 281 patients looked at what are known as "beating-heart," or off-pump, bypass operations.

In traditional bypass surgery, the heart is stopped and the patient is hooked to a machine that keeps blood circulating through the body. However, the machines are frequently blamed for long-lasting mental confusion and memory loss.

In beating-heart operations,

the heart keeps on beating, and surgeons use a device called an Octopus to hold the coronary arteries still while they operate.

The study did not look at whether the patients suffered any loss of mental sharpness.

However, one month after the surgery, 93 percent of the beating-heart patients and 94.2 percent of the heart-lung machine patients had survived without suffering a heart attack or a stroke or needing another procedure. Researchers said the difference was statistically insignificant.

Beating-heart patients were able to leave the hospital one day earlier, on average, than those on the heart-lung machine.

The study suggests that "off-pump bypass surgery is safe and yields a short-term cardiac outcome comparable to that of on-pump bypass," said study leader Peter P.T. de Jaegere of the University Medical Center in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

The study was published in an issue of the journal Circulation.

In a bypass operation, surgeons take a piece of blood vessel and sew it into place to create a detour around a clog in a heart artery.

The researchers studied patients at three hospitals in the Netherlands. Tests showed that the amount of a cardiac enzyme

released by off-pump patients was 41 percent less than that of the on-pump group, indicating the off-pump patients suffered less damage to the heart during surgery.

The researchers found the average cost of the off-pump operation, \$3,112, to be slightly lower than that of the on-pump operation, \$3,535.

Dr. Bassam M. Khalil of Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, Ky., estimated that 25 percent of bypasses are off-pump operations. He said such surgery is more difficult, because the heart is moving. But he said: "There's no doubt, off-pump is the future."

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SPORTS

OU hopes to block UConn path to perfection

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — One by one, they've fallen, the mighty as well as the meek, all swept aside by the white and blue blur known as Connecticut.

Now, only Oklahoma, a program once on the verge of extinction, stands between Connecticut and a second perfect season.

Connecticut, unbeaten and for the most part unchallenged, will play the resurgent Sooners in the women's national championship game on Sunday night, a pairing that would have seemed inconceivable just a few years ago.

It's also a pairing that worries Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma, despite his team's 38-0 record, despite how the Huskies' overwhelmed Tennessee 79-56 in the semifinals Friday night.

"It kind of bothers me," Auriemma said. "Sherri Coale has them thinking they can beat us."

Coale is the intense, energetic coach who was hired out of Norman, Okla., High School six years ago to put some life into the Sooners. She has succeeded beyond what anyone could have imagined.

Oklahoma (32-3) reached the championship game for the first time with an 86-71 victory over Duke on Friday night.

In Coale's first season, Oklahoma went 5-22. Twelve years ago, administrators at the school announced they were dropping women's basketball, only to reinstate it after a public outcry.

"This is the moment we've all been waiting for — to get to the Final Four and now we're in the championship game,"

Oklahoma's Rosalind Ross said in the locker room. "When I came in here, I wanted to cry."

Connecticut has been through all of this before. The Huskies went 35-0 in winning the 1995 national title and won another championship in 2000 with a team that lost only once.

This bunch, though, is something else. The Huskies' blend of teamwork, slick passing, shooting and tough defense sets them apart. With a victory, they'll make their claim as the best women's team ever.

They certainly looked it Friday night. Tennessee has won six national titles and is the most successful program in the country. Against Connecticut, the Lady Vols were in over their heads.

"Just the way we took the game to a very good team, a very good team, I'm really,

really proud of my team right now," Auriemma said. "They're a pretty special group and we played a pretty special kind of game."

Because of its dominance this season — UConn's average victory margin is nearly 37 points — the national championship was practically conceded to the Huskies when the NCAA tournament started.

Oklahoma, though, isn't conceding anything.

"I don't think anybody has shipped the trophy to Storrs yet," Coale said. "If it's all right with the rest of you guys, we're going to go ahead and play and see what happens. So we'll be there Sunday night."

Connecticut hit Tennessee (29-5) from every direction. Player of the year Sue Bird and Asjha Jones each scored 18 points, with Jones grabbing 10

rebounds and Bird adding five assists and four steals.

Diana Taurasi had 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Swin Cash had 13 points, five assists and four blocks. Connecticut blocked 10 shots in all and held Tennessee to 31 percent shooting.

"It was very shocking to see how we played," Tennessee's Loree Moore said. "We didn't get going into our rhythm and they took advantage of that. They just steamrolled."

No Tennessee player scored in double figures. Kara Lawson and Courtney McDaniel led the Lady Vols with nine points each.

Oklahoma broke Duke's 22-game winning streak by building a 14-point lead and then answering when the Blue Devils (31-4) made a run in the second half.

NOTEBOOK

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Kids & Youth Club baseball signups will be held Tuesday through Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Baker School.

The baseball leagues are for boys and girls from kindergarten through the 12th grade. Signup fees are \$20 for one child, \$35 for two children, and \$45 for three children.

If more information is needed, call Pampa Communications at 669-8236 or baseball commissioner Rick Nelson at 665-6190 after 5 p.m. Other contact persons are Danny Martin (835-2906), Dean Crockett (665-3927), Robert Cottrell (665-0335) or Steve Stillwagon (669-0535).

Players will be placed on a team by age through a blind draft. All games will be played at Hobart Street Park.

PAMPA — The Pampa Gold team lost to Borger 11-5 Thursday in junior varsity baseball action at Harvester Field.

Jeremy Pritchett was the leading hitter for Pampa with two hits.

"We actually outbit Borger, but made some costly errors that kept us from getting out of innings. That allowed them to keep putting runs on the board," said Pampa coach Clint Allen.

Brittin East hit a fifth-inning homer for Pampa. Shea Brown, Clayton Hall, Dusty Lenderman, Jared Winegeart and Mateo Compas had one hit each.

Rickey Gattis and Hall pitched for Pampa. They combined to strike out seven while giving up five hits.

Pampa's defensive highlight was a double play in the second inning.

Pampa Gold's next game is Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Lefors.

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Brent Fossum hit a two-run homer for Texas Tech, which beat Missouri, 7-4, on Friday night and gave coach Larry Hays his 1,300th win.

The Red Raiders took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first and extended it to 2-0 in the bottom of the second when Jake Brown extended his hit streak to nine games with an RBI single.

Miami twins take title at Wellington tourney

WELLINGTON — Twin brothers Kris and Kyler Roach of Miami recently won the championship in boys doubles at the Wellington Tennis Invitational. Kris and Kyler are both freshmen at Miami High School.

The Wellington tournament consisted of doubles teams from Classes 1A and 2A from throughout the area, and featured teams from perennial powers Memphis and Wellington.

The Miami duo faced the White Deer team of Matt Henderson and Dustin Harper in the finals and prevailed in straight sets by a score 6-3, 6-0.

On the way to the finals, the Roach brothers dispatched the Lefors duo of Nick Miller and Zack Kidd in a pro set by the score of 8-0.

In the second round, they beat Lance Olinger and Clay Britton of Groom 6-3, 6-2.

In the final match, the Roaches faced No. 1 seed Caleb Coffman and Chris Young of Panhandle. Kris and Kyler won in straight sets 7-5, 6-0.

This past weekend, the Roach brothers won third place in the Canyon Tournament, which had a 25-school field consisting of Class 1A and 3A schools.

They won matches against Wellington, Gruver, Perryton and Sunray. Their lone setback came in the semifinals against Spearman 6-1, 6-0.

The Spearman team consisted of Matt Cherry and 2A state singles champion Kevin Beedy.

Cherry and Beedy defeated Canadian's Cade Culver and Kent Heatwole 6-1, 6-0 in the finals.



Kris Roach (left) and Kyler Roach display their first-place trophies. (Courtesy photo)

Harvesters third in 3-4A golf race

AMARILLO — Pampa, led by Mitch Schilling, shot a 304 last week to maintain third place after the third round of the District 3-4A boys' golf tournament.

Schilling's 70 at Commanche Trail Tomahawk was the second lowest score among

district golfers. Only Tate Lombard's 69 for Canyon was better.

The Harvesters are 21 strokes behind second-place Dumas and 24 strokes behind first-place Randall.

District 3-4A Tournament Third-round results

- Team standings:** 1. Randall 290-918; 2. Dumas 308-921; 3. Pampa 304-942; 4. Canyon 306-948; 5. Borger 318-993; 6. Palo Duro 332-999; 7. (tie) Randall B 310-1,008; Hereford 328-1,008; 9. Canyon B 326-1,016; 10. Caprock 333-1,031; 11. Hereford B 349-1,086;

12. Dumas B 364-1,114; 13. Caprock B 372-1,167; 14. Palo Duro B 371-1,180; 15. Pampa B 396-1,227.

Pampa A scores: Mitch Schilling 70, Daniel Heuston 74, Gary Utsey 78, Daniel Williams 82, Brad Stucker 86.

Pampa B scores: Evan Ladd 88, Wes Broggin 98, Joel Shannon 102, Kyle Ward 108, Dirk Swope 115.

Medalist: 1. Charlie Romero, Dumas, 220; 2. Brandon Ward, Randall, 225; 3. Nathan Sheen, Randall, 229; 4. (tie) Craig Riseling, Dumas; Daniel Heuston, 231; Mitch Schilling, Pampa, 231.

College basketball honors go to Williams, Howland

ATLANTA (AP) — Duke's Jason Williams and Pittsburgh's Ben Howland were honored Friday as The Associated Press college basketball player and coach of the year.

Williams, the only unanimous All-America selection this season, is the second straight Duke player to be selected national player of year and the fifth Blue Devil to win the Adolph Rupp Award.

Shane Battier won last season. The other Duke players to be honored were Elton Brand in 1999, Christian Laettner in 1992 and Art Heyman in 1963.

Williams thanked his coach, Mike Krzyzewski, who missed the ceremony after undergoing hip replacement surgery on Wednesday.

"Being with Coach K the past three years is the best thing I could have ever asked for," Williams said. "I owe him everything."

Howland led the Panthers (29-6) to the most victories in school history, their first appearance in the NCAA tournament in nine years and their first berth in the round of 16 since 1974.

"I think I have the greatest job in America," Howland said. "Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would win an award like this."

Williams, a 6-foot-2 guard, received more than double the votes (38) than the runner-up, Drew Gooden of Kansas (18), in balloting by the 72-member national panel that selects the weekly AP Top 25. Howland received 16 votes, followed by Bob Knight of Texas Tech (11).

Williams, a junior also voted to the All-America team as a sophomore, averaged 21.3 points, 3.5 rebounds and 5.3 assists for the defending champion Blue Devils (31-4), ranked No. 1 for all but four weeks this season. He shot 45.7 percent from the field, including 38.3 percent from 3-point range.

Duke, the No. 1 seed in the South Regional in the NCAA tournament, was eliminated by Indiana in the round of 16 after Williams missed a potential game-tying foul shot with 4.2 seconds left. It was his last college game: Williams plans to leave school early for the NBA.



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Spurs

SEATTLE (AP) — Payton was under care for a severe bruise on Wednesday. On Wednesday, Payton was too sore to play.

On Friday, Payton's Seattle SuperSonics victory over San Antonio was an eight-assist performance, including the game-winning spin, driving the Spurs defenders through by two with 6.7 seconds left.

"His back is big," he came up big, ward Vin Baker said. "He's an incredible player, riding him all season." Seattle's Jerome Williams scored one of two free throws in the final seconds for the Sonics.

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ARLINGTON, Texas — Dave Burba, a pitcher in Texas' rotation with a hamstring injury, threw three innings of pain as the Rangers' New York Mets night.

Burba allowed five hits in his first start, leaving last Sunday after straining his hamstring. He was on the mound for three innings as he got work for six days.

"The leg was tight, but I have any problem," Burba said. "Mechanically, I feel fine, but I was still at pitches."

Ivan Rodriguez hit his third straight home run for the Rangers. His three-run homer in the ninth inning erased a 2-0 lead.

John Rocker pitched for the first time in his appearances this season. The Mets loaded the bases on Rocker before Rodriguez and Roger Cedeno hit home runs to end the game.

Estes, who came from San Francisco, hit four runs (three earned) over five innings, striking out six and walking with a 6.08 ERA in

Spurs fall a game behind Mavs

SEATTLE (AP) — Gary Payton was under a doctor's care for a severe back strain on Wednesday. On Thursday, he was too sore to practice.

On Friday, Payton led the Seattle SuperSonics to a 79-76 victory over San Antonio with eight assists and 19 points, including the game winner, a spinning, driving layup past two Spurs defenders that put Seattle up by two with 6.7 seconds left. "His back is still hurting, but he came up big," Sonics forward Vin Baker said. "He's an incredible player. We've been riding him all season."

Seattle's Jerome James made one of two free throws in the final seconds for the winning margin.

Payton aggravated a back strain after being pushed into a goal standard by Utah's Greg Ostertag on Monday. He took medication and treatment until almost game time of Wednesday's 96-82 victory over Memphis, when he had 32 points and nine assists in 39 minutes.

Payton struggled more against the Spurs and defender Bruce Bowen, shooting 8-of-21 from the field until the final minute. But there was little doubt about who was going to

take the crucial shot after a timeout with 21.6 seconds remaining and the game tied at 76.

"When we get down the stretch, we're going to give the ball to Gary and get out of the way, and something good is going to happen," guard Brent Barry said.

The Sonics are riddled with injuries. Payton and Baker, who is coming back from three dislocated toes, are playing hurt. Starting forward Rashard Lewis is out for as long as two weeks after spraining his left ankle in the Memphis game, joining reserve forward Vladimir Radmanovic and center Art Long on the bench. Starting center Calvin Booth had season-ending ankle surgery March 19.

"We have got to have more injuries than any team in the league," James said.

"It just shows we're ready for playoff basketball," Baker said. "Going into this game without Rashard, without Vladimir, to pull out a win shows a lot of character. Every time we get down and lose a guy, we seem to step up and play big."

The Sonics are fighting to maintain their hold on the sev-

enth spot in the Western Conference playoff race.

It was the second straight loss for the Spurs after a league-best 13-game winning streak. They fell one game behind Dallas in the race for first place in the Midwest Division.

Duncan led the Spurs with 25 points and 16 rebounds, and Robinson added 12 points.

Barry added 11 points and nine rebounds for the Sonics, and James had 11 points and was a stopper down low, despite being hampered by foul trouble almost from the start of the game.

"Those twin towers, they were dominating us on the inside," late in the game, James said of the Duncan and Robinson. "I took that personally, and I got back in there and tried to do something about it."

Neither team led by more than five points in a physical second half, where both James and Baker had five fouls by the fourth quarter. The Spurs were held to 13-of-33 shooting in the second half, or 39 percent.

"They did a great job of turning up the defense," Duncan said. "They had real active hands and they double-teamed hard. They were just the aggressor tonight."

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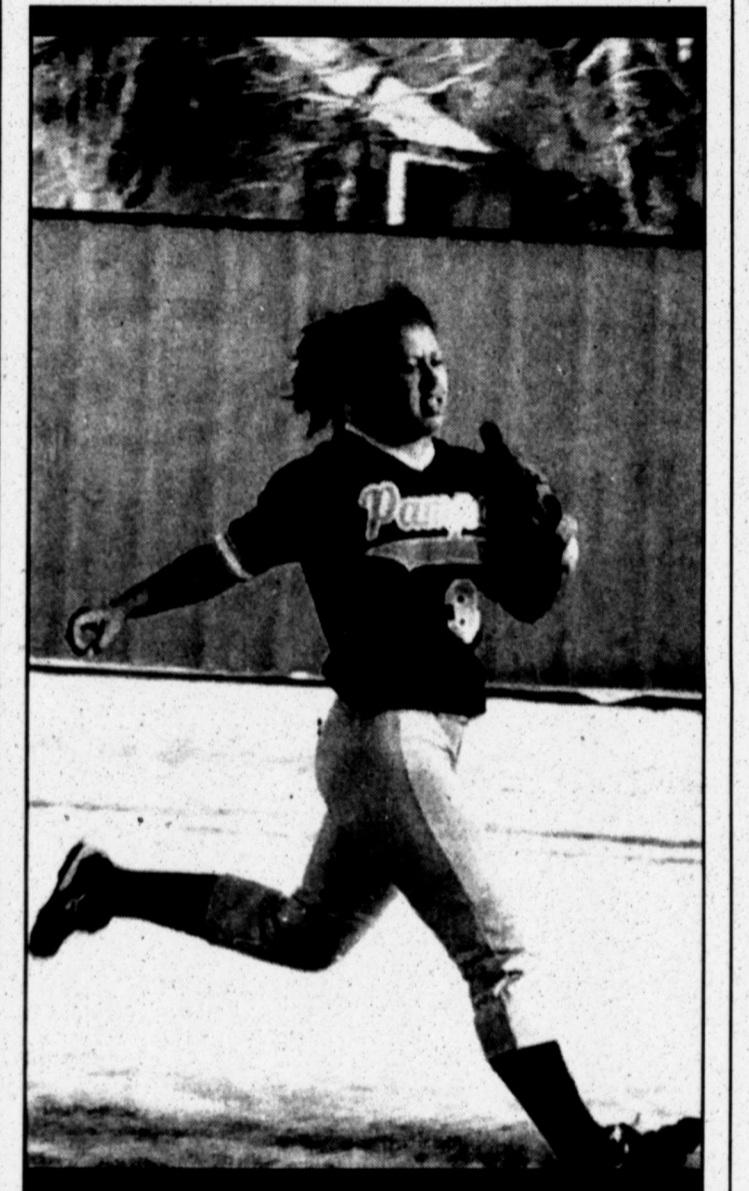
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The chase



(Pampa News photo by Tess Kingcade)

Outfielder April Amador chases after a foul ball during Pampa's 8-0 win over Hereford last week. The Lady Harvesters also defeated Randall 2-1 to even their district record at 3-3. Pampa hosts Borger at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Optimist Park.

Phillies get retaliation against Spencer

By The Associated Press

The Philadelphia Phillies didn't forget Shane Spencer's overaggressive slide.

Four days after Spencer's slide knocked second baseman Tomas Perez out for 3-to-6 weeks, Philadelphia starter Vicente Padilla hit Spencer on his left elbow with a pitch in the first inning Friday.

David Wells then hit Phillies' leadoff batter Jimmy Rollins in the lower back with his first pitch in the bottom of the first of the Yankees' 4-3 victory.

After being hit, Spencer left the game in the third to return to Tampa for precautionary X-rays, which were negative.

"I expected it," Spencer said. "(Padilla) was staring at me the whole time I was in the on-deck circle. It's not like he threw at my head or anything. That's just part of the game."

Phillies manager Larry Bowa stormed out of the dugout after Rollins was hit. Home plate umpire Pat Spielers issued warnings to Wells, Rollins and both benches.

"I didn't think we should

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have been warned," Bowa said. "We didn't throw at anybody and I don't think they were throwing at anybody. A guy gets hit on the elbow and we're throwing at them? C'mon, what a joke. If we were throwing at someone, we wouldn't be hitting them in the elbow, believe me."

Wells said there was no doubt what his job was once Spencer got hit by Padilla.

"I'm going to protect my players," Wells said. "That's the bottom line. I didn't want to do it, but I felt like I had to protect my players."

Yankees outfielder Rondell White may accompany the team after all when it heads north this weekend.

White played seven innings in left field, and went 2-for-4 with a homer in a Triple-A game.

It was just White's second day playing defense, and fifth game overall after being sidelined Feb. 25 by a strained left rib cage.

"Right now, I'm inclined to say let's go," said Yankees manager Joe Torre, when asked if White would break camp with the team on Saturday. "He's very close now, no question. He's ready physically. The only thing he needs are at-bats."

White has eight hits in 21 at-bats over the past five games.

Elsewhere, Derek Bell said goodbye to the Pittsburgh Pirates, even though the Pirates have yet to officially say goodbye to him.

Bell, whose inflammatory remarks two weeks ago all but assured his release, packed his bags and hugged several Pirates clubhouse employees Friday before leaving McKechnie Field. He had reported for treatment on a groin injury that has sidelined him since March 18.

Bell's exit came two days before the Pirates break camp for Monday's season opener in New York, and shortly after he discussed his status with general manager Dave Littlefield. Littlefield said the Pirates made no roster move or trade

Friday involving Bell. However, Bell must pass through waivers — a process that takes 48 hours — before he can be released.

In other games:

Expos 7, Marlins 6

At Melbourne, Fla., Derrek Lee had three hits, including a home run, but Florida lost its final home game at Space Coast Stadium.

Blue Jays 3, Pirates 1

At Bradenton, Fla., Roy Halladay won for the first time in seven spring starts, limiting Pittsburgh to Brian Giles' solo homer over seven innings.

Royals 6, Tigers 5

At Haines City, Fla., Brandon Berger hit a two-run homer and Joe Randa doubled twice for Kansas City.

Devil Rays 4, Twins (ss) 2

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Paul Wilson pitched seven scoreless innings and Jason Smith hit a two-run homer for Tampa Bay.

Padres 3, Mariners 1

At Portland, Ore., Phil Nevin hit a two-run homer and Brian Lawrence allowed one run in six innings for San Diego.

Singh leads Houston Open

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) — Vijay Singh's victory drought on the PGA Tour is becoming an irritation.

"It's kind of playing with my head a little bit, but I'm trying not to get that too much into my game," Singh said.

Singh, who took a two-shot lead into Saturday's third round of the Shell Houston Open, is winless on the U.S. tour since the 2000 Masters.

But he hasn't been playing badly.

He won twice last year on the European tour, captured consecutive events in Asia, had a PGA Tour-best 14 top-10 finishes and was No. 4 on the money list with \$3.4 million. When he missed a cut last week, it was the first time this year he failed to collect a check.

"If I can win, it will be a little bit of a monkey off my back," he said after his 7-under 65 Friday left him at 12-under 132.

That was two shots better than Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke, who also had a 65 Friday for a two-round total of 134.

J.P. Hayes was another stroke back, a shot better than

Geoff Ogilvy and Brandt Jobe.

Following an opening-round 67, two shots behind of first-round leader Jim Carter, Singh birdied the first and fifth holes, then strung consecutive birdies at 8, 9 and 10.

"I made one or two good putts that kept the round going," Singh said.


His tee shot at the par-3, 175-yard 16th wound up in the bunker to the left and behind the hole, but Singh's shot out of the sand from 54 feet away found the cup, breaking a tie with Clarke for the lead.

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Rangers defeat Mets, 4-2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dave Burba, one of three pitchers in Texas' starting rotation with a hamstring problem, threw three innings without any pain as the Rangers beat the New York Mets 4-2 Friday night.

Burba allowed two runs and five hits in his first outing since leaving last Sunday's game after straining his right hamstring. He was only scheduled for three innings as the Rangers got work for six different pitchers.

"The leg was fine, I didn't have any problem," Burba said. "Mechanically, I felt a little off, but I was still able to make pitches."

Ivan Rodriguez homered in his third straight game for the Rangers. His three-run drive off Shawn Estes in the second inning erased a 2-0 deficit.

John Rocker worked the ninth for the first save in 11 appearances this spring. The Mets loaded the bases against Rocker before Rey Ordóñez and Roger Cedeno struck out to end the game.

Estes, who came in a trade from San Francisco, gave up four runs (three earned) on four hits over five innings, with two strikeouts and a walk. He is 1-4 with a 6.08 ERA in seven starts

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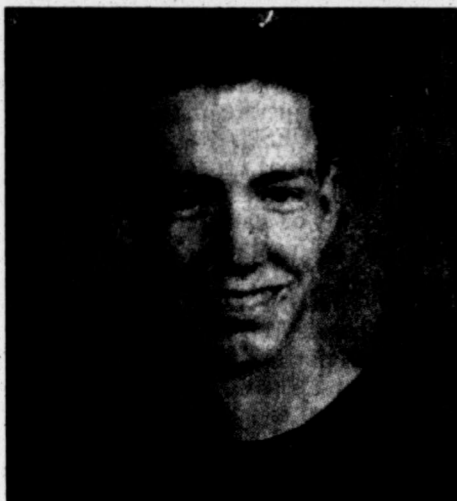


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COMMUNITY

NEWSMAKERS



Alexander Slaybaugh

Alexander Slaybaugh, member of Pampa High School Class of 2003, was recently selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) on Business and Technology, a special leadership development program for outstanding high school students.

While attending the NSLC, Alexander will have the opportunity to study, experience and develop the skills and traits that define and identify a leader.

This summer, approximately 200 gifted high school students from across the United States and from 45 countries around the world will participate in the program. These young leaders will learn about making a positive difference in their communities.

During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership." Special guest speakers add a sense of reality and bring current national and international issues to life.

Previous speakers have included U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige, former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and former Attorney General Janet Reno.

Through participation in the 11-day program, students will focus on developing their abilities, to think on their feet, to engage in critical analysis and to communicate effectively — skills that will serve them well as leaders in high school, college and beyond.

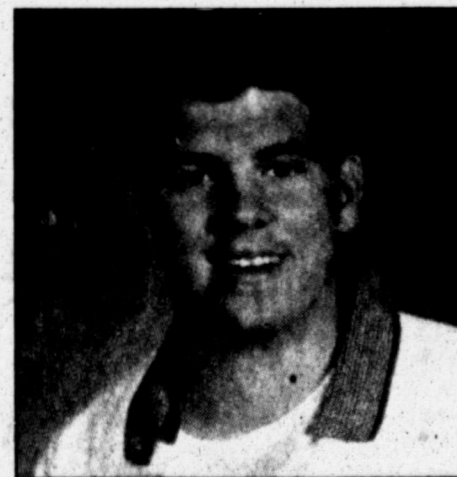
Slaybaugh is the son of Steve and Susan Slaybaugh of Pampa.



Lauren Acker



Bonnie Holmes



Trent Harrison Price

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

The following students were chosen USAA award winners in various categories: Pampa High School students **Collin Bowers**, **Lauren Acker** and **Bonnie Holmes**, all "Honor Roll" award-winners, and **Holmes** and **Trent Harrison Price**, "Leadership and Service."

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

All USAA award-winners will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

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Photos by Nancy Young



By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Being a child in today's world can be quite difficult.

Today's children and teens are exposed to much more of the world than previous generations, and are often raised in a different environment than their parents and grandparents.

"Most children aren't raised in the traditional families today," said Shauna Danforth of the Gray County Juvenile Probation Office. She explained many children are currently raised by a single parent and some are being raised by grandparents.

She and her fellow probation officers regularly see young people who are referred to them after having legal problems in the judicial system.

Of the boys who are placed on probation locally, it is mainly for delinquent behavior in a wide range of offenses including possession of marijuana, truancy, theft and

criminal mischief.

Danforth said about 20 percent of the juveniles the department sees are girls.

"Usually it is for truancy, theft or run-aways," she said, but added there are also often other reasons the children are placed on probation.

A new program, Children and Adolescents Reaching Excellence (CARE) is available through the local juvenile probation office to assist the young people in developing skills and awareness needed to handle many tough problems children face on a regular basis.

"I was at my friend's house and everyone was smoking. It was like I was the only one not smoking, as if I was an outcast," says John Doe, a Panhandle-area teen. "So I did it, unaware of the consequences I would later have to face. It was hard to say no!"

True testimony. John Doe was able to overcome his problems, but talked of the lost opportunities and troubles faced that

didn't have to be if he had been more aware of the consequences and had some of the skills necessary to resist this social trap.

Youth often are faced with difficult decisions and tough problems daily, circumstances that can impact all aspects of their life both now and in the future.

Working in an intensive program with many of the young people in the probation department, the local JPO has implemented this new program to assist many of the young children to stop the cycle.

Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) funds the CARE program through a grant given to Catholic Family Service in Amarillo and covers the entire 26-county Panhandle area.

Gray County Juvenile Probation has begun the CARE program, meeting in groups that acquire knowledge and awareness of skills dealing with everything from decision-making and goal-setting to facing life's changes. These activities and discussions are given in eight to ten sessions.

CARE provides the training for facilitators, the curriculum, and ongoing support for all agencies interested in implementing the program. While it is a flexible program, suitable for day care groups, school groups, extension programs or any groups of young people, the program is only being implemented currently in Pampa for the young people on probation. In addition to being its 'own' program, it is complimentary with other youth programs.

The groups meet one night a week and is in addition to the routine probation curricula. Probation offenders still must report into the office once a week and officers often check on them at home on a weekly basis.

Community service projects are required such as cleaning along the highways. Many of the young people must complete approximately 30 hours of community service.

Danforth said attaining good grades can reduce the number of required hours as well as church projects. Children on probation also have a curfew.

The Catholic Family Service is wanting to assist all youth who face everyday problems through the CARE program.

Additional information about implementing this program may be obtained by contacting Jim Ingham, volunteer coordinator, at the Catholic Family Service in Amarillo.



Gray County Probation Officer Shelia Danforth is currently providing the Children and Adolescents Reaching Excellence program to some Pampa youth who are on probation. The CARE program is designed to introduce the young people to many life skills to deal with many issues faced by the youth on a daily basis. Students taking the class have made posters and drawings exhibiting the elements they have learned.

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ANNIVERSARY

Philpott anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Kint Philpott of Pampa will celebrate their 71st anniversary April 4, 2002.

Kint Philpott and Helen E. Walker were married April 4, 1931, at Erick, Okla., and have been Pampa residents for 21 years.

The couple retired from farming in 1974 and belongs to Methodist Church in Miami.

Children of the couple are Marvin Philpott of Columbus, Ohio. They have six grand-



Mr. and Mrs. Kint Philpott

children and 10 great-grand-children.

ENGAGEMENTS

Qualls-Gamblin

Michelle Elyse Qualls and David Kristopher Gamblin, both of Amarillo, plan to wed June 22, 2002, at Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mark Qualls of Pampa and of Nesha Qualls of Lewisville. She graduated from Pampa High School and is presently attending Amarillo College. She is employed at First Baptist Church Preschool.

The prospective groom is the son of Kris and Terry Gamblin of Pampa. He graduated from



David Kristopher Gamblin and Michelle Elyse Qualls

Pampa High School in 1996 and also holds a degree from Western Texas College in Snyder. He is currently employed by La Paloma Golf Club.

CLUB NEWS

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

CattleWomen
Top O' Texas CattleWomen met March 11 at the Irish Inn in Shamrock with President Kay Stiles presiding. Seven members and two guests, Payton Austin and Makenzi Stiles, were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Sena and Amy Brainard demonstrated the "Batter Up

for Beef" game at convention. They brought the game back for the Shamrock Health Fair, but it is scheduled to go down state once again.

—Carolyn Buckingham reported on Bob and Dianne Buckingham, Ag Family of the Year. Dianne is currently serving as treasurer of the local chapter and as local and state Beef Gift Certificate chairwoman.

—The group recently celebrated Ag Week, electing to donate two Beef Gift Certificates, each in the amount of \$25, towards drawings on Dale Buckner's "Asset Planning Group" program on KGNC Radio.

—Members voted to make a \$50 contribution to American Land Foundation, an organization devoted to

helping landowners protect their rights, and a \$100 Beef Gift Certificate donation to the Centennial Celebration Committee of Gray County.

—CattleWomen scholarship applications are currently available to high school seniors and have been distributed to all area high schools. The deadline to apply is April 26. For more information, call (806) 826-3572.

—Entrants are also being sought for the annual Beef Ambassador Contest which is open to teens 16-19 years of age. For further details, call (806) 323-6397.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m., April 8 at The Coffee Shop in Pampa.

20th Century Club
Twentieth Century Study Club met March 26 at the home of hostess Rue Park with President Pat Terry presiding.

Cleo Worley delivered the program on the history of the tumbleweed.
(See, CLUB, Page 15)

MENUS

WEEK OF APRIL 1-5

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| Pampa Schools MONDAY-FRIDAY MONDAY Holiday. Breakfast: Pancake-and-sausage-on-a-stick. Lunch: Pizza, burritos, green beans, carrots, mixed fruit. | Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or Parmesan chicken bake, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, northern beans, orange supreme cake or blueberry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. |
| TUESDAY Breakfast: Biscuits. Lunch: Cheeseburger pockets, chicken nuggets, corn, salad, fresh fruit. | TUESDAY Stir fry or meatloaf, rosemary potatoes, English peas, squash casserole, beans, black forest cake or vanilla pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. |
| WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast. Lunch: Oven-fried chicken, cheese nachos, whipped potatoes, spinach, blueberry treat, rolls. | WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, cream corn, fried okra, butter beans, special spice cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. |
| THURSDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage. Lunch: Hot ham/cheese sandwiches, hamburgers, French fries, vegetarian beans, strawberry short cookie. | THURSDAY Chicken strips or liver and onions, cheese potatoes, spinach, California blend, beans, strawberry shortcake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. |
| FRIDAY Breakfast: Yogurt, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Ravioli, mini corn dogs, corn, tater tots, salad, fruit, milk. | FRIDAY Catfish/hushpuppies or tamales, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread. |
| Lefors Schools MONDAY Breakfast: French toast sticks, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken patties, steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, blackeyed peas, fruit, milk. | Meals On Wheels MONDAY Sausage, gravy, hashbrowns, green beans, cookies. |
| WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, chicken nuggets, green beans, potato smiles, fruit, milk. | TUESDAY Chicken, dressing, gravy, English peas, cranberry sauce, pumpkin bars. |
| THURSDAY Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken teriyaki, egg rolls, rice, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk. | WEDNESDAY Hamburgers, tater tots, applesauce. |
| FRIDAY Breakfast: Oatmeal, sausage, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. | THURSDAY Ham, hominy casserole, mixed vegetables, pears. |
| | FRIDAY Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, Italian blends, sliced apples. |

Last freeze highly unpredictable



BY **KATHY DAVIS**
GARDEN WISE

The mornings come earlier and the days end later. Spring arrived when I was not paying attention. Certainly the weather is keeping me on my toes. If I wear a sweatshirt, I need a tee shirt. And vice versa as my Mother says.

This week's cold snap finished off the forsythia. I have my doubts about the daffodils and the tulips. The greenery looks great; but there is not a sign of a bud. Two wimpy crocuses bloomed this week. This does not bode well for one who considers herself a semi-accomplished gardener.

The majority of the gardeners in Zone 6 are playing a waiting game. The most frequent question I hear is, "When is our last freeze?" How simple it would be to just say, "It was yesterday." That straightforward answer would make me the all-time, out-and-out richest person in the panhandle!

Learning to wait is a lesson in flexibility. A lesson that I did not learn early. (And, at times, not very well.) While I yearn to scratch the itch that spring fever has produced, this

is not the time to hastily plant tomatoes, peppers or my overwintered mandavilla.

Our average last frost date is April 12th. Sometimes

March is a warm little lamb and sometimes May is an ice-breathing monster. Until the air and soil temperatures rise a bit for heat-loving plants such as tomatoes and peppers, flexibility and patience are the rules for a stunning garden.

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"Blessed are the flexible, for they shall never be bent out of shape." — Author Unknown

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WEDDINGS

Shultz-Smeds

Lauren Shultz and Gary Smeds, both of Bedford, Texas, were wed Feb. 23, 2002, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Bedford with Father Poirot and the Rev. Freddy Black officiating.

The matron of honor was Connie Shultz, sister-in-law of the bride of Plano. The bridesmaids were Melissa Bezanson of Austin, Saylor Goforth of New York, Marcene Haid of North Carolina, Joanna Knox of Fort Worth, Adrienne Kopacsi of San Antonio, Jamie Ridgell of California, Lindsay Turbeville of Waco and Brandy Williams of Dallas.

The flower girls were Madison and Riley Thannum of Fort Worth.

The best man was Derek Smeds, brother of the groom of Virginia. The groomsmen were Matthew Brungo of Pennsylvania, Jeff Haid of North Carolina, Steve Kuhn, Taylor Shultz, Craig Smeds and Brian Stewart, all of Virginia, Thomas Mathus of Georgia and Ryan Shultz of Plano.

The ring bearers were Stephen Smeds of Virginia and Garrett Benham of New York.

The ushers were Christopher Brungo and Luke Brungo, both of Pennsylvania, Jeff Laughton and Daniel Mathus, both of Virginia, and Shawn Williams of Georgia.

Registering the guests was Erin Caldwell of New Mexico, Sarah Wambles of Florida, Christine Estep of Waco and Alyela Nutter of Virginia.

A reception was held following the ceremony at Petroleum Club in Fort Worth.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Gail Shultz of Bedford, both former Pampa High School graduates, and is the granddaughter of Loree Shultz and the late "Pinky Shultz" and James



Lauren Shultz and Gary Smeds

Culpepper and the late Rubye Culpepper, all of Pampa. She graduated from Fort Worth Christian High School and from Baylor University in 2001. She is currently employed at Hurst-Euleless-Bedford Independent School District.

The groom is the son of Glenn and Kathryn Smeds of Great Falls, Va., and is the grandson of Thelma Smeds of Whiting, N.J., and the late George Smeds and Donald and Jeanne Tate. He graduated from Langley High School in Great Falls and currently is an owner and manager of Wingstop franchises.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Maui, Hawaii, and intend to make their home in Bedford.

CRADLE CALL



Sierra Elizabeth Long and Trae Mason Long

Long twins

Sierra Elizabeth Long and Trae Mason Long, twins, were born at 7:43 a.m. and 7:44 a.m., respectively, on Feb. 21, 2002, at North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo, to Marques and Liz Long of Pampa.

Sierra weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces and was 18 3/4-inches long.

Trae weighed 5 pounds and was 17 3/4-inches long. The twins are the grandchildren of Louis and Annette Long and Bill and Mary West, all of Pampa.

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Start family off on right nutritional foot!

Between the ages of 4 and 10, children normally grow at a steady rate. It is important during this time that a child's nutrient needs are met.

A child's need for energy (calories) and most nutrients increases during this period. To meet these needs, children should be encouraged to eat a variety of foods each day from the different food groups — dairy, fruits, vegetables, breads and meats.

Adults should also encourage children to consume enough water, especially during those hot summer months or when they are ill.

Surveys reveal that many nutrients are deficient in the diets of some school-age children. These include calcium (milk foods); iron (meats, beans, certain cereals); vitamin C (fruits/vegetables); and vitamin B6 (vegeta-



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bles/meats). By encouraging children to eat a variety of foods daily, you can help ensure their nutrient needs are met.

An ideal time to help children develop good health and nutrition habits is when children begin to make more of their own food choices. The following are suggestions parents can use to promote good health in their children.

—Be a good example. If your children see you snacking on chips, cookies and

Cokes and never see you drinking milk, they'll be less likely to follow your advice about eating healthy snacks and meals.

—Healthy snacks between meals. Encourage children to eat regular meals with small, healthy snacks in between. Healthy snacks for this age group can contribute significantly to the daily nutrient need. Keep nutritious foods handy for your children to choose as snacks!

—Breakfast is important. Studies show school-age children perform better in

school and have a better attitude than children who skip breakfast.

—Food as a reward. Do not overuse food (especially sweets) as a reward, instead reward the child with praise or attention. Similarly, it is not desirable to withhold food as a punishment.

—Promote activity. By helping 5- to 8-year-olds incorporate physical activity into their daily lives, you can help them develop a lifelong habit. This will also help children develop normal body fatness rather than too much fat development.

—Shop and talk. Help children become smart, responsible consumers. Take them with you to the store and discuss with them why and how you make decisions at the store concerning your grocery purchases.

CLUB

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., April 9, at the home of Evelyn Warner.

Altrusa

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met March 26 at Pampa Country Club with President DeLynn Gordzelik presiding. Mattie Norton and Jeanne Mitchell served as greeters. Among those present were guests Britta Thompson, Marsha Julian, Janet Stowers, Bonnie Holmes, Evan Crowell, Ryan Roden and Bethany Roden.

The following business was conducted and announcements made: —Anne Stobbe delivered

the accent on "What is an Accent?"

—Glyndene Shelton conducted a new member initiation for Susan Winborne and Sheila Neslage.

—A slide presentation was given by Pampa High School AFS exchange students, Fede Verri of Italy and Saskia Weber of Germany. Fede is being hosted by the Robert Julian family and Saskia by the Richard Stowers family.

—Plans were finalized concerning District Conference slated April 5-7 in Lubbock.

—The Style Show Food Committee will meet at 7 p.m., April 2, at the home of Chleo Worley, 1901 Russell.

The next meeting will be at 12 noon, April 9 at Pampa Country Club.

PAEYC to celebrate 'Week of Young Child' with slate of activities

AMARILLO — On April 7-16, Panhandle Association for the Education of Young Children (PAEYC), a local affiliate of the national organization, will celebrate "Week of the Young Child" with a variety of activities in Amarillo.

The following activities are scheduled:

—W.O.Y.C. Proclamation with Amarillo Mayor Trent Sizemore at 3 p.m., April 2, City Hall, Amarillo.

—Zooobilee for children in the Amarillo area from 2-5 p.m., April 7, Amarillo Zoo, Thompson Park. The event will feature: Amarillo PD Bike Safety Program, Amarillo Fire Department

Safety House, ABC's inflatable Bounce House, games, prizes and more.

—Mayor's Breakfast with Sizemore from 8-9 a.m., in Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo. A special "Friend of Children" will be honored by the Amarillo mayor and PAEYC.

—Child Fest with free activities for Amarillo area youngsters will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 13 at Sunset Center Atrium in Amarillo. Entertainment will include: storytelling, arts, music, information booths and more.

—Reception and Hall of Fame, 6:30-8 p.m., April 16, Amarillo College Oak/Acorn Room, open to PAEYC members and other child care professionals in the panhandle.

PAEYC was established to promote the needs of young children and their families throughout the panhandle and to recognize the high quality early childhood programs that serve them.

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

Bowers is the son of Charles and Janyth Bowers of Pampa and is the grandson of Joel Lee and Joyce Lackey of Gruver and the late Paul and Janie Bowers of Pampa.

Acker is the daughter of Greg and Lisa Acker of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Dan and Geneva Michael and Wayland and Donna Acker, all of Pampa.

Holmes is the daughter of Jay and Becky Holmes of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Freddie and Kay Slate of Amarillo.

Price is the son of Harold and Kim Price and is the grandson of Frank and Norma

Morrison and O.H. Price and the late Joy Price, all of Pampa.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Lisa V. McCoy, daughter of Dianna L. and Daniel N. McCoy of Pampa, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas.

McCoy is a 1995 graduate of Amarillo High School in Amarillo and joined the Navy in February 1997.

Army Spec. Robert L. Payne has deployed to a forward operating area to support the mission of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Enduring Freedom is the biggest U.S. military mobilization since the Gulf War in 1991. Members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces have been deployed and reserve components activated to support the war against global terrorism, combating the international terrorist network or regime.

The specialist is a heavy machine gunner regularly assigned to the 187th Infantry at Fort Campbell, Ky.

He is the son of Richard R. and Brenda F. Payne of Pampa. Payne is a 1996 graduate of Pampa High School.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS
Top O' Texas CattleWomen Scholarship application forms are now available at local high schools. One scholarship in the amount of \$500 and two in the amount of \$250 will be awarded. College-bound seniors from Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler Counties are eligible to apply. The application

deadline is April 26. The forms must be mailed to: Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. For more information, call (806) 826-3572 or (806) 826-5719.

PCCA
Pampa Community Concert Association's 2002-03 season membership campaign is currently under way through June 1. Membership subscriptions are \$30 for adults, \$15 for students and \$70 for families. For more information, call Ruth Riehart, president, at 665-0343.

WDLM EXHIBIT
"Gray County in Black and White, 1902-2002," a photographic exhibit, will be on display

April 1-31 at White Deer Land Museum in Pampa.
BOOK SALE
The annual Friends of the Library book sale will be April 4-8 at Lovett Memorial Library. Hours will be 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 2-6 p.m., Sunday and 9 a.m. to whenever Monday.

AMPHIBIOUS ASSOCIATION
Texas Chapter LST/Amphibious Association is planning a reunion celebration April 4-6, 2002. For more information, contact Bob Garner, LST 461, HC 52, Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948 or e-mail Texas Lsts @ AOL.com

DIAMOND PAGEANT
"Our Miss Diamond Pageant" is slated April 6 in Borger Middle School at Borger. The pageant is open to young ladies 0-18 years of age. For entry forms or additional information, call (806) 273-7814 or (806) 274-5974. The deadline to enter is April 3.

NURSING EXAM
Clarendon College vocational nursing program will offer a pre-entrance exam from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., April 5 and 6 at its main campus in Clarendon and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and again at 6 p.m., April 12 and 13 at its Pampa Center. Cost of the exam is \$30. Pre-registration is required. For more information,

call (806) 874-3571.
FPC CRAFT SHOW
Borger Community Activity Center will stage its annual Craft Show and Sale from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, April 6 and from 12 noon-5 p.m., Sunday, April 7 in the BCAC at Frank Phillips College. Booth rental applications are available at BCAC. For more information, call (806) 274-5319.

HOSPICE TRAINING
BSA Hospice will present its free "Spring Volunteer Training and Community Education Class" from 1-4 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, April 8-May 1 at Clarendon College in Clarendon. CEUs will be awarded by CC. For more information or to register, call (806) 665-6677.

ACO MEETING
Amarillo Cancer Organization will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m., April 8 at the Sam Kiser residence, 2803 S. Parker, in Amarillo. Guest speakers will include: Sean Lim, M.D., Ph.D., and Maurizio Chiriva-Internati, Ph.D.

BSA YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP
Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospice will offer "Putting the Pieces Together," a grief support group for children and teens 6-18 years of age, for seven consecutive weeks beginning April 9 at St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Amarillo. Pre-registration is required and seating is limited. Childcare will be provided for children under 6. To pre-register or for more information, call (212) 8777 by April 2.

MUSEUM ART GALLERY
Armstrong County Museum Art Gallery in Claude will offer a photography class from 1-4 p.m., April 6 at the museum with Ralph Duke as instructor. For more information, call Al Goodin at (806) 226-4341 or Emily Heckman at (806) 944-5582.

PARK OPEN HOUSE
Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument will host a public reception and open house for new park superintendent, Karen Brown at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 3 at Fritch Fortress Amphitheater, located on Fritch Fortress Road.

Intermountain Regional Director Karen Wade will preside over the installation ceremony. Cake and punch will be served. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved into the Maintenance Yard on Sanford-Yake Road.

ALTRUSA SCHOLARSHIP
Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa is currently accepting applications for its Geraldine Rampy Adult Vocational scholarship, in the amount of \$500, to be awarded this spring. The award may be used for educational, training or retraining purposes and may go towards tuition, books and like expenses. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2002. For more information or to obtain an application, contact Anne Stobbe at 669-5780.

CCS BANQUET
Community Christian School of Pampa will host its annual "Friend and Family Fund-Raiser Banquet" at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 11 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. The keynote speaker will be Marty Cohen of Dallas and Israel, founder of Messianic Messages. Cohen produces a radio program called "Messianic Messages Out of Zion," and is often featured on American Family Radio. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at CCS located at 220 N. Ballard or from any CCS student. For more information or to place an order, call (806) 665-3393.

READER'S THEATER
Reader's Theater Presentation will be staged April 12-14 at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center. Performances are scheduled at 7:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m., Sunday. The event is being co-sponsored by ACT I Area Community Theatre and Pampa Tribute to Woddy Guthrie. It is an official Gray County Centennial Event. For more information, call 665-3266 or 669-3241.

POWER TEAM
Calvary Baptist Church will present "The Power Team" from April 10-14th.

THC DEDICATION
At 2 p.m., Sunday, April 14 a ceremony will be held at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center to dedicate a Texas Historical Commission plaque commemorating the old "Harris Drug Store" as a Recorded

Texas Historical Landmark.
STAMP CANCELLATION
White Deer Land Museum will hold a stamp cancellation during regular museum hours on April 12 in honor of its birthday.

STYLE SHOW
Altrusa will stage its annual Style Show beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 13 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 a piece (\$8 is tax-deductible) and may be purchased from any Altrusa member. For more information, call 665-2826.

2002 SNAKE HUNT
The Waurika Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc., will host the 41st annual "Fang-Tastic" 2002 Rattlesnake Hunt April 12-14 at Waurika, Okla.. Festivities will kick-off at 12 noon Friday and continue through Saturday and Sunday.

PCCA
Pampa Community Concert Association will present Linda Wang in concert at 7:30 p.m., April 15 in M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information, call 665-0343.

SLIDE PROGRAM
Magic Plains chapter of the American Business Women's Association will host a slide presentation by Mrs. Beverly Harris at 7 p.m., April 16 at Lovett Memorial Library. The program will showcase Harris's collection of Christmas ornaments. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Wynona Seely at 669-7277.

OLD SETTLERS REUNION
The Cheyenne Arapaho Old Settlers Reunion will be held April 16-20 at Cheyenne, Okla. Activities will include: Gospel singing, variety shows, arts and crafts show, quilt show, free barbecue, PRCA rodeo and more.

UNITED WAY
Pampa United Way Budget Allocations Committee will meet with each United Way agency at designated times April 23 in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building.

CELESTIAL ARTS
Celestial Arts is conducting a free poetry contest. Send one poem 21 lines or less to: Celestial Arts, P.O. Box 1140, Talent, OR 97540; or enter online at www.freecontest.com. Deadline for entry is April 20.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Pennies From Heaven Keep Falling Into Grateful Hands

DEAR READERS: Much to my delight, pennies-from-heaven letters continue to pour in. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your letters about "pennies from heaven" have touched my heart more than words can express. At the time that the letters first appeared in your column, my father was losing his battle with cancer. He died peacefully at home last month with his loving family by his side.

The morning of his funeral, I asked the funeral director to place 11 pennies in his pocket. Each penny represents an immediate family. You can be sure that all of us will be looking for those pennies to fall from heaven!

DIANNE RICHARDSON-CONDA,
 MOUNT LAUREL, N.J.

DEAR DIANNE: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your father. Keep your eyes peeled for those pennies. They're sure to come back to you.

DEAR ABBY: Seven years ago my husband had a stroke. The first day I walked out of the hospital, I picked up three pennies and put them in my pocket. His condition was touch-and-go.

Every day walking out of the hospital, I would find a penny or two and add them to the others in my pocket. When I changed clothes, I would transfer the pennies to the pocket of

what I was wearing. It seems unbelievable, but every single day I would find more pennies. In a strange way, I found it comforting because I felt reassured my husband would pull through — and he did!

To this day, every time I pick up a penny on the street, I add it to the pennies I saved from the hospital. I will never spend them because they brought my husband and me good luck when we most needed it.

LENA KATZ,
 WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.

DEAR LENA: Those pennies are a tangible reminder of your good fortune. And that alone makes them priceless.

DEAR ABBY: My mother had a favorite penny story from when she was a little girl in Farmville, Va., in the 1890s. She died in 1983 at the age of 93.

Times were tough and there was no money in the house. So my grandmother sent my mother to the store to buy a penny's worth of oil for their lamp — with the promise to pay the stern general store owner "next week."

Sheepishly, she left the house, walked down the front path and opened the gate. Lo and behold! There was a penny lying on the street. Mother always called it a miracle.

MARTHA
 IN CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

DEAR MARTHA: I don't blame

her. That penny saved your mother a world of embarrassment, and that's worth more than money can buy.

DEAR ABBY: Three years ago, my father passed away in upstate New York. We traveled to his funeral from our home in North Carolina. Within two weeks we sold the home and moved Mom back to North Carolina with us. They had been married for 58 years.

My mother passed away last year. Before her casket was closed, one of my relatives approached me and asked if I had put three pennies in my mother's pocket. I was confused and asked what she was talking about. She told me there were three bridges Mother would have to cross to get to heaven.

I immediately placed six pennies in my mother's pocket to pay the toll — I knew my dad was waiting patiently for her at the first bridge.

MISSING MOM AND DAD
 IN GODWIN, N.C.

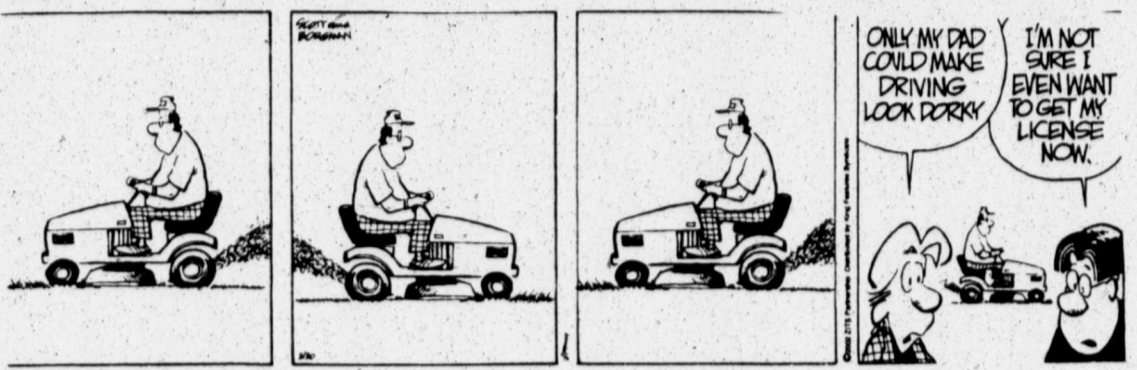
DEAR MISSING: How touching. It's nice to know you can "take it with you."

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 Better or For Worse



Zits



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Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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11 Man with a moral

12 Belief

13 Prickly plants

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27 Singer Shannon

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39 Accept without question

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1 Witch's sound

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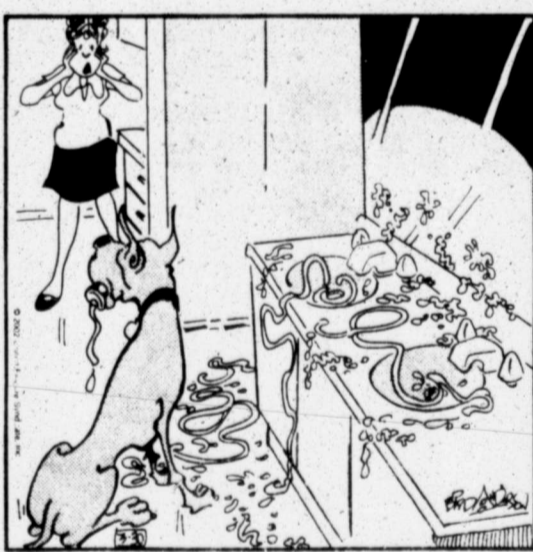
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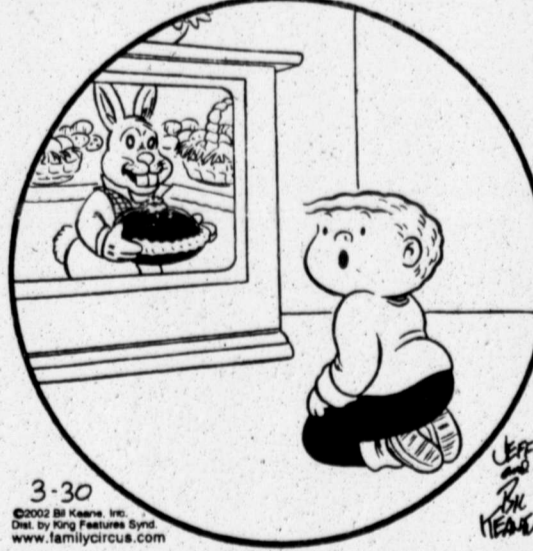
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Marmaduke



"Marmaduke! You don't chew the toothpaste tube!"

The Family Circus



"Does the Easter Bunny know who's been naughty and nice?"

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COMMUNITY ITEMS

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

ST. MARK CME
St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST
Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

CHRISTIAN COWBOYS
The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

PFAA
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.

WRESTLING CLUB
Pampa Takedown Club Wrestling for youth 5-15 years of age. Practice is at 900 N. Frost. Season starts Sept. 25 through February. For more information, call Rick Urguhart at 665-8321.

MAGIC PLAINS 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.

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.

ACCORD
The Gray County Chapter of Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD INC.), meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library. For information, call 665-8516 or 665-7659.

COUNTY PARTNERSHIP
Gray County Partnership meets at 12 noon on the third Friday of each month at Medical Office Building, second floor conference room, in Pampa. For more information, call 665-3631 and leave a message.

MOM MANIA
Mom Mania, a support group for mothers with small children, meets at 6:30 p.m., the last Tuesday of each month in the meeting room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Come for facts, food and fun. Nursery not included but infants and toddlers are welcome. For more information, call 665-3631.

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.

GRAY COUNTY ARC
Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs (with pot) and hospital beds for its Loan Closet. For more information or to make a donation, contact the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.

HOSPICE SERIES
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.

VFW CHARITY BINGO
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON
Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 2004 Williston. For more information, call 665-6898.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Women's Support Group for victims of domestic violence offers peer counseling, group support and education on issues resulting from family violence and/or sexual assault from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 669-1131.

GRAY COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION
Gray County Extension Education meets at 1:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Gray County Courthouse Annex.

GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #173-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

GRAY COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS
Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson at 6650 0356.

CLARENDON VFW CHARITY BINGO
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7782, Hwy 287 east, Clarendon, hosts charity bingo every Saturday. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m. Ten games are played per session. For more information, call 874-VETS. The maximum award is \$750 per game and \$2,500 per session.

PPHM STORY TIME
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present "Story Time" at 2:30 p.m. every second Saturday of each month except December and January on the second floor of the museum. For more information, contact PPHM at (806) 651-2244.

SKY TEENS
Crown of Texas Hospice is offering SKY Teens, a monthly bereavement series for teens grades 9-12 who are grieving the death of a loved one, from 5:30-7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at its office at 1000 S. Jefferson in Amarillo. There is no charge for the series. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

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VETERANS NOTICE
To recognize the contributions Texas veterans have made to the liberty we enjoy, Memory Gardens Cemetery is assigning grave spaces to honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. If you are a veteran, you may be qualified for free burial space. However, you must register to obtain the free plot and you must show proof of honorable discharge. A number of veterans' spaces are available. Certificates will be issued on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call (806) 665-8921.

OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC
Outreach Health Services/WIC Nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information, call 665-1182.

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

WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY
Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

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

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

MASONIC LODGE #966
Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill.

OPEN DOOR AA
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

MINISTRIAL ALLIANCE
Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST
Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, will host prayer time from 11 am.-2 p.m., each Thursday with a special time of prayer from 12:15-12:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 669-6509.

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

PRISON MINISTRY
The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

AHA
American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at

Chaney's Restaurant.

RED CROSS
Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers from the community to respond during times of crisis in Pampa and other parts of the county. As well as personal satisfaction, volunteers learn how to protect themselves and cope with disaster by planning ahead, particularly essential during tornado season. In addition, ARC is willing to deliver informational discussions on disaster preparedness to area church or community organizations. For more information, call (806) 669-7121.

RODEO ASSOCIATION
Top O' Texas Rodeo Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the Nona S. Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.

EASTERN STAR
Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

BOY SCOUTS
Boy Scout leaders meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

GIRL SCOUTS
Pampa Girl Scouts meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Pampa Girl Scout House on Kingsmill.

ROTARY CLUB
Pampa Rotary Club meets at 12 noon every Wednesday at Pampa Country Club.

PAMPA CITIZENS PATROL ASSOCIATION
Pampa Citizens Patrol Association meets at 8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at 1224 E. Francis.

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

PPQG
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

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

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.

MIRACLE EAR
Miracle-Ear Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization, works in cooperation with Miracle-Ear Centers nationwide to provide free hearing aids and services to children 16 and under whose families do not qualify for public assistance, yet cannot afford the expense of hearing aids for their children. For more information, contact the local Miracle-Ear Center at (806) 795-0188 or 1-800-808-0188.

HPEA
High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

TEXCARE
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.

DIABETICS CLASS
Amarillo YMCA is offering new water exercise classes specially-designed for diabetics. Schedule of classes are as follows: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays; 6 p.m. Tuesdays; 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesdays; 6 p.m. Thursdays; and 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$4 per class for non-members and \$3 per class with a 10-class punch pass. Y members get in free. For more information, call Cindy Gibson, fitness director, or Junior Garcia, aquatics director, at (806) 374-4651.

PATHWAYS
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at

(806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

DIALOGUE
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:00 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

MUSIC THERAPY
Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center's Quality of Life Project/Palliative Care Services offers free Music Therapy Sessions at 10:30 a.m. weekly on Wednesdays at the Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room. Patient and adult family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 291.

BEGINNINGS
"Beginnings," a Harrington Cancer Center program for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients, will meet weekly in Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173, or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

BREAST CANCER 101
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center offers "Breast Cancer 101," an intensive education and supportive introduction to breast cancer, from 4:30-6 p.m., the second Monday of each month in the Quiet Room of Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo. For more information call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

QUIT CLUB
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer the "Quit Club" for smokers from 6-7 p.m., the third Monday of each month at various intervals at the center's Quality of Life Center. For more information or to register for the next session, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 214.


HARRINGTON HOUSE TOURS
The 2001 tour season for Harrington House, 1600 S. Polk, Amarillo, is in full swing. Built in 1914 by cattlemen John and Pat Landergin, the house was acquired in 1940 and preserved by Don and Sybil Harrington. The hour-long tours are conducted from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April through mid-December. There is no admission fee. For more information call (806) 374-5490.

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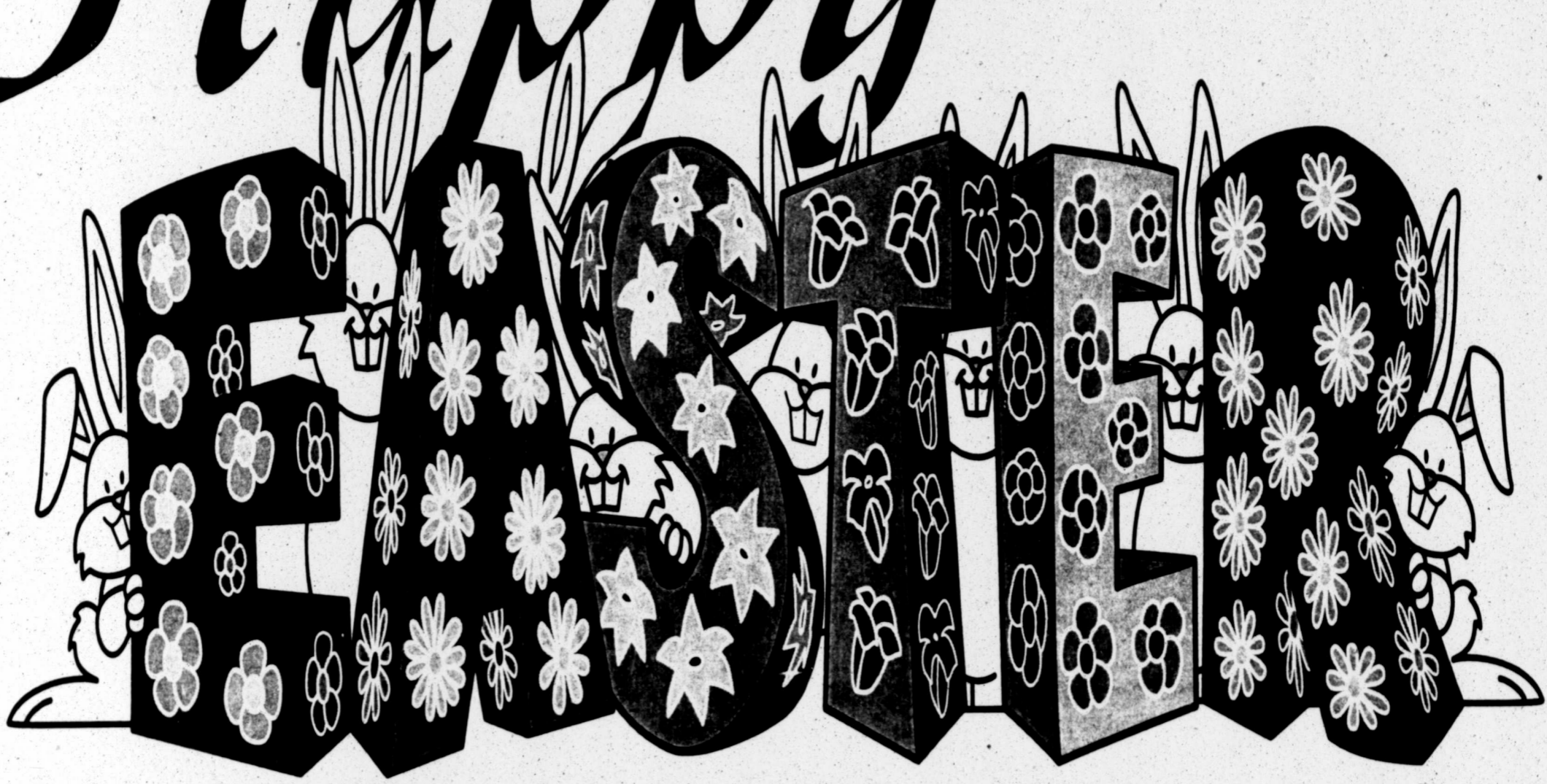
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Minimal rainfall signals below average wheat yield

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Wheat producers expect below average yields due to damage caused by greenbugs and lack of moisture, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"It's a disappointing year for small grain," said Travis Miller, Extension agronomist in College Station. "If moisture conditions improve, we'll get a better crop forecast, but right now it doesn't look good."

September rainfall over much of the state produced good stands for the early-planted crop, he said. However, subsequent dry weather caused much damage. December and January rainfall revived some of the stands, but others were already lost.

Below-freezing temperatures the first week of March did a lot of damage to the wheat crop in Central and South Texas. Freeze damage in the Panhandle is still being evaluated, Miller said.

"We don't hold hope that the conditions will significantly improve," he said. "Significant rainfall in some areas of the state might improve it, but overall it's not looking like we're going to have a crop like last year."

Greenbugs have been a major problem to the wheat crop, Miller said. These aphids suck juices from plants and infect them with viral diseases, such as barley yellow dwarf virus. Greenbugs also inject a toxin that causes desiccation and damage to the plant.

"Crop conditions are pretty poor right now," he said. "At this point it's unrealistic to think that we will achieve the kinds of yields we achieved last year."

According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service Web page, Texans harvested 108.8 million bushels of wheat last year, or an average of 34 bushels per acre.

It is too early in the season to estimate the

cost of the crop loss, Miller said. Until harvest begins in June, yields are hard to predict.

He said there is a small increase in acreage from 5.6 million acres last year to more than 6.4 million acres this year.

As a grain crop, wheat can be harvested or it can be used as forage for livestock, Miller said.

"In spring, growers make the decision to harvest for grain or continue to graze for the rest of the season," he said.

Brent Bean of Amarillo, Extension agronomist, said planting season there is from Sept. 1 to Dec. 1. Optimum planting time for grain production is Oct. 1.

"Most planting was done on time, but crop was slow to establish due to lack of moisture," he said.

Wheat is grown in most parts of Texas, Bean said. Forty-five percent of the state's wheat is grown in the Panhandle. The High Plains and the Rolling Plains produce two-thirds of Texas' small grains.

He anticipates many dryland fields in the Panhandle will likely be considered a failed crop, and farmers will collect insurance on those.

Bob Robinson of Amarillo, district Extension director, said most wheat is in poor to fair condition. Some dryland wheat will be destroyed. Wheat that received rain will benefit, but more is needed to really improve prospects. Greenbugs continue to be a problem.

Joe Pea of Uvalde, Extension economist, said some wheat and oats are showing high to severe damage from the late February and early March cold spell. Some wheat fields were shredded by hail. The rainfall, however, may make possible some wheat and oat production.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors.

PANHANDLE: soil moisture very short to adequate. Land preparation for spring planting is active. Wheat is very poor to good; irrigation is active where possible; greenbugs continue to be a problem. Range conditions are very poor to good. Cattle are in fair to good condition; supplemental feeding continues.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture is short. Cold front caused stress to livestock. Land preparation continues. Some producers are pre-watering.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture is adequate. Cotton land preparation slowed due to rain. Wheat growth noticeable in most fields. Range and pasture conditions should improve. Alfalfa field preparation for cutting. Livestock supplemental feeding continues.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Peach and plum trees in full bloom. Haying cattle; livestock in good condition. Pine tree harvest at moderate rate.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture is good. Ryegrass, clovers and small grain growth improvement. Low hay supplies. Warm season grasses greening. Cattle in good condition. Fruit trees blooming. Garden preparations slowed with rains.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Winter wheat growing. Livestock receiving supplemental feed. Fields being prepared for cotton. Chile planting halfway complete. Onion crop doing well; spring transplanted onions coming out of shock and fully rooted. Pecans are dormant. Livestock in poor condition. Lambing and kidding going on. Loss of more than 30,000 grape cultivars in winery storage warehouse fire.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is short. Field preparations continue for spring planting. Wheat growing well after rain. Putting down yellow herbicides. Range and pastures in poor shape. Heavy supplemental feeding of livestock continues. Cattle are calving.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate. Planting running smoothly; fields in good condition. Corn stands reduced on many fields.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: soil moisture is short. Rice and corn planting progressing. Corn emerging. Watermelon planting almost finished. Many commercial vegetables being planted. Livestock in good shape. Cattle supplemental feeding continues. Dwindling pasture conditions.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture is short. Some wheat and oats suffered high to severe damage. Harvesting of cabbage, carrots, greens and spinach continues. Onions making good progress. Corn and sorghum planting continues; good plant stands. Cotton planting to begin soon. Forage availability below average. Livestock in good condition.

COASTAL BEND: soil moisture is short. Peak of row crop planting season; cotton being planted with very poor soil moisture. Seeds not germinating due to dry conditions. Cultivating some fields where weeds were growing. Rice planting continues.

SOUTH TEXAS: soil moisture is short. Some stands of corn and sorghum blown out by severe wind. Extreme drought conditions. Crops behind normal growth due to delayed planting. Fields being bladed and some already harvested. Favorable onion harvest conditions. Carrot, cabbage, sugar, citrus and greens harvest continues. Spring melons progressing well.

TSCRA inspectors recover \$4.3 million in stolen livestock, equipment last year

FORT WORTH — Stolen livestock and ranch equipment worth more \$4.3 million, were recovered or accounted for in 2001 by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, reports the Fort Worth-based producer group founded 125 years ago to fight the theft problem.

In an annual report given March 20 to members attending the TSCRA convention in Fort Worth, Executive Vice President Matt Brockman said that in 2001, the association's 31 field inspectors, all certified peace officers with Special Ranger commissions, investigated 1,297 cases Texas and Oklahoma, primarily involving stray or stolen livestock.

Working closely with federal, state and local law enforcement officers, the inspectors recovered or accounted for 5,086 head of cattle, 66 horses, 19 trailers, 124 saddles and

miscellaneous ranch property, which had a total market value of \$4,361,592. The average value of property recovered or accounted for each day was \$11,950.

Offenders were given 17 years of prison, probated, deferred, suspended and jail sentences. In addition, the courts ordered those convicted to pay \$500,573 in restitution to the victims. The offenders were also required to pay \$22,069 in fines, court costs and attorney's fees.

Brockman said the association also employs 70 market inspectors who identify five million to six million head of cattle at the time of sale at more than 140 auction markets in Texas each year. The inspectors report their findings to the group's Fort Worth headquarters, where the information is processed for computer retrieval.

Since September 1997, the association has been responsible for similar inspection of all horses processed at commercial processing plants in Texas. The Texas Legislature conferred this authority upon TSCRA in order to meet a recognized need to identify stolen horses.

Brockman encouraged all cattle producers and owners of other livestock and farm and ranch equipment to take steps to protect themselves from theft. He invited them to contact their local TSCRA field inspector or the Fort Worth office for theft prevention and brand information.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 125-year-old trade organization whose 13,200 members manage approximately 2.7 million cattle on 58.9 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma.

TDA secures emergency pesticide exemption

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced today that the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 emergency specific exemption to use sulfentrazone (Spartan Herbicide) on sunflowers to control broadleaf weeds.

This exemption goes into effect March 20, 2002, and expires June 30, 2002.

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Spartan Herbicide may be applied by ground in a minimum of 10 gallons of water per broadcast acre with sprayers equipped with suitable nozzles and screens no finer than 50 mesh. The rate of application is 0.094 to 0.25 pounds a.i. per acre or 2.0 to 5.33 ounces of product per acre.

One application may be made, up to 30 days prior to or three days after planting sunflowers.

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A copy of the EPA approval notice is located on the TDA Web site at [www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/exemptions/pes_spartan.htm].

Bill would limit weed pulling

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Nearly three decades after farm labor leader Cesar Chavez pushed to outlaw the short-handled hoe in the fields, farmworker advocates are trying to end a similar backbreaking practice — pulling weeds by hand.

Assemblyman Paul Koretz has introduced a bill aimed at closing a loophole that would allow farmers to skirt the 1975 law that banned the hoe.

"Hand weeding is even more dangerous," said Mark Schacht, deputy director of the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, which sponsored the bill. "The worker is 6 to 12 inches to the ground and it causes more damage to the worker's back."

Koretz's bill passed the Assembly and is now before the Senate's labor committee. A similar bill died in the Senate in 1995.

The legislation would exempt row crops too fragile for hoes, such as strawberries. But farmers fear it will be applied to all crops and that hoes will damage certain plants.

Richard Molinar, a farm adviser for the University of California, said he's not sure how lawmakers can prohibit a useful practice without harming the industry.

"If they end up banning hand-pulling of weeds, we have to use the hoe; the hoe will hurt the plant, which means reduced yields and reduced income to the farmer," Molinar said.

But the bill's supporters said a number of tools have been invented to keep the worker and the plant safe.

"It's hard work no matter what, but the hoe makes it easier," said Amalia Franco, 33, who has picked lettuce, onions and chilies in Monterey County for the past decade. "The advantage of the long-handled hoe is that you don't have to bend over and it doesn't cause as much strain on the back."

The legislation is supported by a report from the state Division of Occupational Safety and Health that has found hand weeding may contribute to back, shoulder, wrist and hand injuries. And in a 1993 memo, the division's medical unit further criticized the practice for exposing workers to pesticides and fecal matter in soil.

No state bans hand weeding, according to the California Farm Bureau Federation. A handful of states join California in banning the short-handled hoe, including New Mexico, Illinois and Texas.

Rodolfo Cisneros, 33, a former Fresno farmworker, said that a law limiting weeding by hand would protect migrants.

"Many Mexicans that come are very brave and willing to do anything," he said. "If they work with their hands, then afterward there might be consequences. So it would be better if there is a law to protect them."

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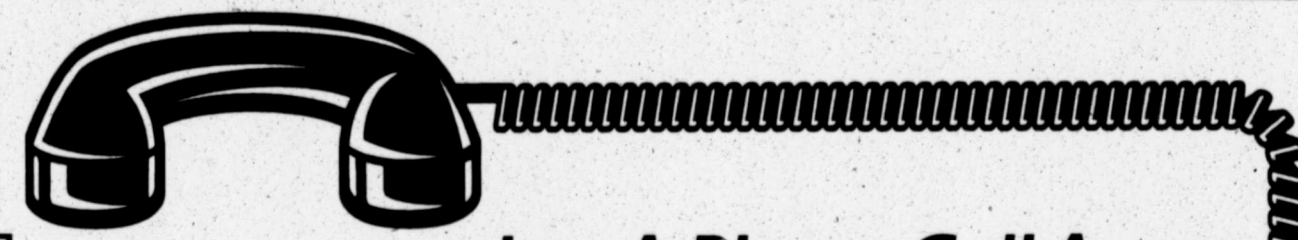
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MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2002
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-So-so, 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ***** Buck trends through innovative thinking. Stop negative patterns while giving the green light to new approaches. Indulge those around you, whether it's treating someone to lunch or doing something special for someone close to you. Tonight: Hop on the computer for unusual vacation ideas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Deal with someone as if he or she were the only person in your world. You gain because of high-level communication. Stop weighing a decision to do something for yourself as an improvement, and just do it! Tonight: Another wants to please you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Listen to others, even though you might not want to share all your thoughts. Observe what is going on within your immediate circle of friends. For now, don't express any negativity. Also, don't take on someone else's negativity. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** All work and no play can make even the moonchild feel a bit humbug. Slow down and change directions. Do more thinking about what might be necessary in order to make another happy.

Meetings and networking open doors. Walk on through. Tonight: Work late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Your imagination goes haywire. Though you see yourself very much as the reigning monarch at the office, others might not! Those who are smart will play the game. Be careful with a difficult associate who might be undermining you. Tonight: Lead others to fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Realize that your family must come first. Don't worry so much about a key decision. You're walking in a new direction. Carefully recognize another's limits, and don't try to push this person. Bosses and authority figures prove to be unusually strong. Tonight: Put your feet up. Relax to television or play a game.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Start up talks. Refuse to take "no" for an answer from a difficult associate. You don't need to agree with this person, but you do need to understand his or her thinking. Discussions illuminate both of you — hence, you'll find answers. Tonight: Return calls.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Use care with spending. You might not like what you have to say. Recognize another's efforts, even if you are watching them pan out to nothing. Be gracious yet inquisitive, especially when another's ideas are involved. This person could be pontificating. Tonight: Pay bills.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Don't allow another to rain on your parade. Just because "things" aren't going the way you would like doesn't mean it's a problem. Shrug off your differences and work with what's positive at the present moment. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Slow down, especially if you feel as if you're forgetting an important detail. Make it OK to begin this week slowly. Do research. Think positively. Work demands your focus. Do only what you can, rather than producing incomplete work. Tonight: Take some downtime.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Your creativity might not be as strong as usual. You'll hear good news involving property or a domestic matter — if not today, then in the near future. Be careful not to close out options; instead, open up doors. A child could act up. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Others look to you for answers. Speak your mind clearly, but with sensitivity. You find that others respond in a positive, upbeat manner. A family member might not be revealing all he or she thinks. Don't try to pry this person open. Tonight: Work late.

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Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will showcase the work of artist B.C. Mead in an upcoming exhibition. Above: "Palo Duro Creek," B.C. Mead, 1963.

PPHM announces upcoming exhibit

CANYON — On Saturday, April 13, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will open "Ben Carlton Mead: A Centennial Exposition," an examination of the long-time Amarillo painter, illustrator, and historian.

The exhibition will feature some 70 works borrowed from public and private collections in the Southwest.

Born in 1903 at Bay City, Texas, Mead moved to Amarillo where during high school he did theatrical painting and was sports editor for the Amarillo Daily News. Mead then studied at the Art Institute of Chicago and with San Antonio painter Alexandre Hogue.

First a commercial artist at San Antonio, then staff artist at San Antonio's Witte Memorial Museum from 1930-32, Mead returned to Amarillo. He taught at Amarillo College, and at his Amarillo and Palo Duro Canyon studios, the latter equipped with a tipi.

In 1934, for the Public Works of Art Project under President Roosevelt's New Deal, Mead and H.D. Bugbee designed an eight-mural series for Pioneer Hall of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

Mead eventually painted two New Deal murals for Pioneer Hall and another in 1956 funded by the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society. Mead also painted a mural for the Quay County Courthouse at Tucuman, N.M., and murals

for the Bivins Building on Polk Street in Amarillo.

By 1941, Mead was a commercial artist in Dallas where he lived until moving to California in the early 1980s. In 1973, he appeared in the television series "Gunsmoke." After enduring virtual blindness during the late 1970s, a corneal transplant enabled Mead to begin painting again.

A student of Western history, Mead was a member of the Western History Association, the Texas State Historical Association, Westerners International, and the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society.

He illustrated numerous publications on the West including J. Frank Dobie's "Coronado's Children," "On the Open Range," "I'll Tell You a Tale and "Cow People" and Loula Grace Erdman's "The Wind Blows Free" and many periodicals on the West.

Mead also illustrated catalogue covers for the Amarillo Fat Stock Show. He was included in Jeff Dykes' "Fifty Great Western Illustrators." Mead died in 1986.

The exhibition will examine Mead's early career in Amarillo through his work as a commercial and fine artist, using the Museum's 16-piece Mead collection as a foundation. The Mead family and Mead collectors will also lend works for the show which will run through Sept. 22, 2002.

Clean Pampa to participate in Trash-Off

On Saturday, April 6, members of Clean Pampa, Inc. (CPI) will join nearly 200,000 volunteers from across the state to pick up an estimated 2 million pounds of litter from Texas roadsides, city parks, lakes and rivers during "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off Day." It's a matter of community pride!

Other clubs and organizations in the community and throughout the panhandle will participate as well, including: "Keep Groom Beautiful" in Groom; First Baptist Church of Lefors; Gray County Adult Probation; Gray County Juvenile Probation; Hoover Volunteer Fire Department; Lefors Lions Club; Lefors Schools/Students; McLean Masonic Lodge #889; Rotary Club of Pampa; and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8565.

During last year's Trash-Off, CPI volunteers picked up 25 bags of trash left along the highway.

A member of Keep Texas Beautiful, Clean Pampa, Inc., is in charge of a two-mile stretch of Highway 60 between Cabot and Celanese. It also has adopted Octavus Park.

Though small, CPI works to promote recycling throughout the community. Its efforts include: Christmas Card Recycling drive; "Chipping of the Greens" Christmas tree recycling campaign; and telephone book recycling campaign.

In addition, CPI participates in Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Highway programs.

Organized by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB), this year's Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is the 17th annual statewide cleanup in which volunteers plan local events to beautify their communities.

Most of the volunteers for this year's Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off are from more than 1,600 Adopt-a-Highway groups and more than 300 Keep Texas Beautiful communities. Thousands of Adopt-a-Highway volunteers will focus on highway cleanup, even more Keep Texas Beautiful volunteers will clean city streets, county roads and parks.

"Litter absolutely ruins our beautiful roadsides, our lakes, and neighborhoods," said David Brown, a representative with Keep Groom Beautiful. "Every year, thousands of Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off volunteers do a lot of hard work on this one day to cleanup after the people who keep trashing our landscapes and communities. This year, we're asking all the residents of Groom to participate in our event. Everyone of us can make a positive difference if we volunteer just a few hours of our time."

"This year more than ever the Trash-

Off is about community pride," said Bill Rogers, president of Keep Texas Beautiful. "During this past year we've all been reminded of what's really important. Our neighborhoods and communities reflect our sense of pride in where we live, and we don't want it trashed with litter. I'm encouraging everyone to do just one positive thing this year during the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off. You'll be proud of the difference it will make."

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is also part of Keep America Beautiful's national "Great American Cleanup" event, which runs March through May in states across our nation. It is America's largest organized litter cleanup, recycling and beautification program.

The Texas Department of Transportation's litter prevention campaigns combined with the efforts of Keep Texas Beautiful, and its 300 community affiliates, have been successful in reversing a trend in the increase of litter on Texas highways. Those results, have culminated in a 72 percent reduction in litter and cost savings to taxpayers of \$2 million to \$4 million per year.

Anyone interested in participating in the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off can call Jacy Padgett, local CPI representative, at 665-2514 or Keep Texas Beautiful at 1-800-CLEAN-TX.



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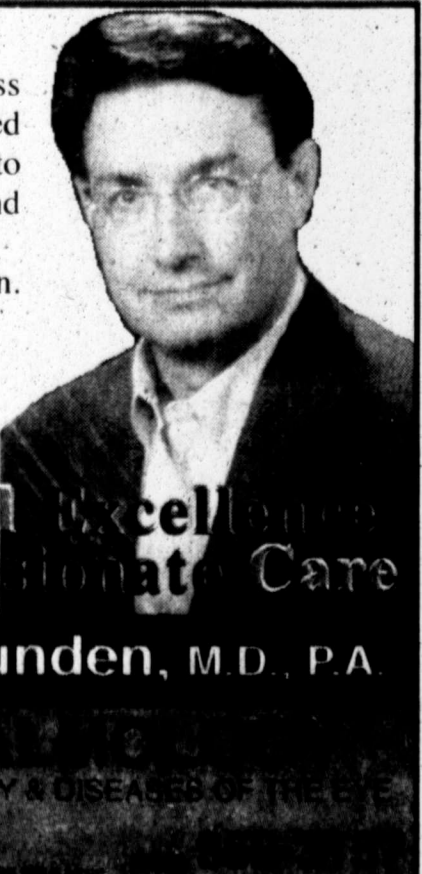
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