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'Let's roll!'

Pampan's work to benefit Sept. 11 orphans

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

"Let's Roll." This phrase has become synonymous with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that claimed thousands of lives in New York and Washington, D.C.

Don Jonas of Pampa never knew Todd Beamer. On Sept. 11, 2001, he had no idea the effect of Beamer's last words, "Let's Roll," would play in his own life

Beamer, 32, and several other passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 from Newark, N.J. bound for San Francisco are believed to have foiled hijackers plans to a target in Washington, D.C., on that day.

All passengers and crew members on that Boeing 757 were killed when it went down about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, Pa., at 9:58 a.m. on Sept. 11.

The last conversation the young man had was with a GTE supervisor shortly before his death.

He told the supervisor that hijackers had taken over the plane and described events

occurring on that Flight 93. Crew members were forced from the cockpit while hijackers took over the controls

Some passengers were forced into the firstclass compartment near the front while Beamer, several other passengers and five flight attendants were seated on the floor at the rear of the plane.

Beamer told the supervisor that he and several others had decided to jump on a hijacker wearing a bomb. She prayed the 23rd Psalm with him and he made her promise to call his wife and sons. Then, he dropped the phone.

The next words he said were "Are you guys ready? Let's roll." His voice was never heard again. The plane crashed at 9:58 a.m. and the supervisor hung up the phone at 10 a.m.

Jonas was horrified as the news unfolded of the plane crashes into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the World Trade Towers in New York City as well as the crash in Pennsylvania. It is believed the Flight 93 hijackers had targeted either Capitol Hill or the White House.

(See "LET'S ROLL," Page 5)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young) Pampa calligrapher, Don Jonas, holds his work chosen by the Todd Beamer Foundation to help raise funds for children who lost parents in the Sept. 11

terrorist attacks.

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Industrial Foundation stockholder meetina

Pampa Industrial Foundation plans a shareholders meeting at 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 31, in the Nona Payne Room of the Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

STATE

Rangers to probe fire that killed three

SAN ANTONIO (AP) A suspicious house fire in Dimmit County that killed a woman and two children has drawn the attention of the

Texas Rangers. A 40-year-old woman died with two 10-year-old girls at the fire in Asherton early Thursday morning, said Lee Jones, spokesman for the Texas Department of Insurance, which oversees

DEATHS

the state fire marshal's office.

No deaths were reported to The Pampa News.

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Finance director says city economy appears stable, growing some

By KATE B. DICKSON ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

some of the surrounding cities. collections are up by \$44,000 the economy here appears to during the same time period. be stable with a small amount of retail sales growth.

That's the word from City Finance Director John Horst Commission who said the latest sales tax period last year.

Conservative budgeting (See FINANCE, Page 5)

plus some growth has the city over budget by \$162,000 for the first 10 months of the fis-Comparing Pampa, with cal year, Horst said Actual

For May, the city received Development Economic 854,985 from its half-cent receipt report - for sales made - sales tax, according to a city in May - shows a \$2,000 report. That brings the total increase over the same time sales taxes paid in May to - \$219,941.

TNRCC director retiring

AUSTIN (AP) = Jeff Saitas, who led the Agency said this week that *plans for the state's environmental agency while it made plans to bring several parts of Texas intocompliance with federal air quality standards. said Friday he is retiring the first week in

Saitas, executive director of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission since 1998, said he does not yet have future plans besides spending more time with his family

There are a lot of demands with serving the public and sometimes that comes at the expense of other things," Saitas said Serving the public is a good thing, but you can't always do that to the exclusion of other things.

His resignation comes at a critical point in the agency's plans to clean up the air.

The federal Environmental Protection

Houston and Dallas areas are in jeopardy unless the state makes up for a funding shortfall for clean air programs. The state also could create comparable emission reduction programs by a September 2003 deadline, the FPA said

A lawsuit over legislation to provide the funding resulted in the funding shortfall.

Saitas was instrumental in getting the plans together and said even with the latest setback. the plans represent the first time Texas has had comprehensive clean air plans Lawmakers must address the issue when they meet next in January.

It's a fix that really doesn't occur in this agency," Saitas said.

As the TNRCC executive director. Saitas also worked with lawmakers as they conduct-(See TNRCC, Page 5)

Crazy about those classic cars

STAFF WRITER

WHITE DEER – Elvis has not left the building. He's standing in the window of the old Ford dealership in White Deer, forever keeping watch over a 1952 Lincoln.

A full-sized cutout of the King is leaning up against the black Lincoln, and while it may not be forever, Elvis will guard it until Jerry Daniels sells it.

Daniels, a Pampa native, is the son of J.C. Daniels, the man who had the Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Pampa during the post-World War II years when the country was going car crazy.

"I grew up in the car business," said Jerry Daniels.

Sitting on the edge of a trailer at Third and Main in downtown White Deer, Daniels said the 1950s and 1960s were the glory years for the American automobile.

"My Dad, when I was born, had a salvage yard over on Tyng Street, over by Pampa Concrete," Daniels said. Then he went into the service and when he got out of the service, he opened up a Lincoln-



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Jerry Daniels, has turned a lifelong interest in automobiles, like the 1955 Chevrolet behind him, into an Internet business based in White Deer.

on Tyng."

Daniels said that growing up in the 1950s in Pampa with a father that had a car dealership was fabulous.

"Back when I was a kid," he said, "when the new model vear came, no one saw the cars. They were shipped in Mercury dealership right there covered up. When they'd

come in, we'd put those cars in Dad's barn in the middle of the night. No one was around. And we'd cover them up."

He said when the show date came, the cars would be on the showroom floor, still covered.

"Dad would have a barbecue and he would have a name western band come in,"

Daniels said. "On show day, there would be free barbecue. all the beer you could drink. live music, then at one o'clock - I'll never forget it - we would uncover the cars. It was the biggest thing in Pampa."

Among the performers that were there were singer Dorothy Malone and King of

the Cowboxs Roy Rogers. "I sold my first car there

when I was II years old," Daniels said. "I was really excited. I'll never forget it."

Daniels has pictures that his mother took of him rolling automobile wheels while he was still in diapers.

He started working in the dealership's body shop when he was in junior high school. He hasn't stopped working on cars since.

"I did a lot for other folks, but a little 1946 Ford convertible was the first one I did for my own," Daniels said. "I painted it gun metal gray."

But while the father sold cars in Pampa and the surrounding counties, the son is turning, through the magic of the information age, to selling them around the world.

With a new web site. Daniels has found a new market, and that market is world wide

"On this web site, I'll be advertising a lot of my vehicles, but it'll also be for customer use." Daniels said. "We'll be a small E-Bay."

The web site offers both auction items and items for sale at fixed prices.

(See CRAZY, Page 15)

The First Doctor Of Pampa?

Democrats get victory in campaignseason effort against offshore firms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats won an unexpected victory Friday night in their campaign-season effort against corporations that relocate their headquarters to tax havens such as Bermuda, often reducing their U.S. taxes by millions of dollars.

During consideration of the bill creating a Homeland Security Department, Democrats used a parliamentary maneuver to attach language sponsored by Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., barring the new agency from entering into contracts with publicly traded companies incorporated in 10 tax havens.

Republicans initially opposed the measure, but once it appeared likely to pass more than 100 lined up at the speaker's podium to switch their votes. After reaching 205 votes against at one point, the measure eventually passed by 318-110.

Although limited in scope, Democrats were gleeful about the vote, saying it presages more victories on the issue of corporate relocations to tax havens. The issue is one of several that Democrats are pushing ahead of the November

Republicans initially opposed the measure, but once it appeared likely to pass more than 100 lined up at the speaker's podium to switch their

elections to highlight corporate ethics and wrongdoing.

"This is a victory for patriotism and the American taxpayer," said Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass. "This is seismic ... This issue is resonating across the country."

The tax haven countries are: Bermuda, Barbados, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, the Bahamas, Cyprus, Gibraltar, the Isle of Man, Monaco and the Seychelles.

Stock of the companies barred from contracts must be mainly traded in the United States, and the president can waive the prohibition if the contract is needed for national security reasons.

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On the Net: Venice Film Festival Web site: http://www.labiennaledivenezia.net/gb/cine-

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films, has been selected to head the Venice

the Red Lantern" and "Farewell My

Concubine." She won the best-actress award

at the festival in 1992 for Zhang Yimou's

Festival officials also announced that

Italian director Dino Risi would be awarded

an honorary Golden Lion for his life's work.

Risi, 85, is best known for films such as "Poor

but Beautiful" (1957) and "The Easy Life"

Her films include "Red Sorghum," "Raise

BEIJING (AP) — MTV Asia honored 27 performers, including Korean boy band J.T.L. and jazz singer Diana Krall, for their contributions to the music scene in the past year.

The annual ceremony, now in its fourth year, was held Friday in the studios of China Central Television. Fans screamed and waved

A beaming Krall, who won international female artist of the year, exclaimed, "My first MTV award!"

balloons as stars took the stage.

J.T.L. won best new pop band, Pan-Asia. Selections were based on the stars' overall popularity and record sales.

On the Net: MTV Web Asia http://www.mtvasia.com/

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (AP) — F. Lee Bailey, who was disbarred in November for mishandling \$6 million worth of stock for a client, has registered at a Florida university to earn a master's degree in business online.

Bailey, 69, has enrolled at IMPAC University, a for-profit institution in southwest

"My mother got a Ph.D. at 70, so I figured I'd get an MBA at 70," Bailey said Thursday after speaking to a business conference in

People in the news ... VENICE, Italy (AP) - Actress Gong Li, Punta Gorda, about 75 miles south of Tampa. He said the degree will help him run his mances in internationally acclaimed Chinese

consulting business. Most IMPAC students earn their degrees online, said the school's president, Richard LeBlanc. Bailey is among 45 students enrolled this fall in master's programs in business, technology and behavioral science.

Bailey, whose clients have included O.J. Simpson and Patty Hearst, was accused by the Florida Bar of mishandling \$6 million in stock for a drug trafficker now serving a life sentence. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to review the state decision in May.

His native Massachusetts has also revoked

Bailey spent about six weeks in federal prison in 1996 after refusing to turn over the stock. Bailey contended the government agreed he could keep some of the stock and that he did nothing wrong.

On the Net:

IMPAC University site: http://www.impacu.edu

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - Paulo Coelho, Brazil's best-selling author, has been inducted into the prestigious Brazilian Academy of Letters.

Coelho beat out sociologist Helio Jaguaribe for the seat by a vote of 22 to 15 on Thursday.

Some people in Brazil argued that Coelho wasn't sufficiently highbrow to be admitted to the Academy. He writes a daily newspaper column and has written lyrics for some of Brazil's most famous pop stars, including Elis Regina and Raul Seixas.

But the numbers suggest otherwise. His books have sold 37 million copies. They have been translated into 56 languages and published in 140 countries.

Coelho was born in Rio de Janeiro in 1947, and wrote his first book, "The Pilgrimage," in 1987, after walking along the Road of Santiago, an ancient pilgrimage route in

His best sellers include "The Alchemist," "Brida" and "The Devil and Miss Prym."

On the Net:

Paul Coelho Web site: http://www.paulocoelho.com.

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SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrest during the 24hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, July 26 Michael W. Penny, 39, 1013 Ballard, arrested on DPS warrants for failure to stop at a red light, loose material not removed, two counts speeding and failure to display driver's license

FIRE

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, July 26

8:08 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 100 block of Walnut on a

10:28 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to the 700 block of Lefors where a transformer had blown up.

WEATHER

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May, 2002

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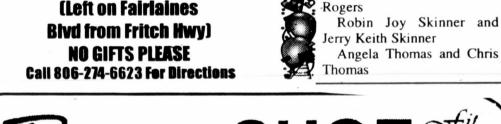
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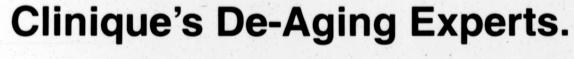
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let's leave our children more than financial messes

I would just like to voice my support to the Mayor and those city and county commissioners who are trying to do what we elected them to do, provide leadership and run the business.

When you're the mayor of a city, it is your responsibility to provide for the needs of those under your care and living within your means. That is what I see our leadership trying to do. Times are changing. All over the world, peoples, cities, counties, states and nations are having to do things differently in their everyday lives to provide income and add stability to their lives. We in Gray County are no different.

Change is knocking and we can choose to ignore it and not answer the door, but change is still out there. What change? Change in the way we do business, think, plan and live. Farming and the oilfield started and grew this town, but they can't sustain it. What paid the bills for the city and county to run then and now are different. If you have people that fight everything new that wants to come into an area, bringing revenues and tax dollars, you're limited in what you can do with what you have.

There was opinion voiced Tuesday night that nothing new comes into the area because of the negative attitudes. It seems that those most discontent get the most press, so what are people and industries looking at this area supposed to think if all they know about us is what they read?

I don't know how much longer the city can run in the red. But I know the Mayor. He has integrity and vision, and knows how to read a balance sheet. He has what we need right now. If you're going to limit him on what choices he has to work with, don't condemn him when he makes those choices.

I want to encourage him to stay strong in the face of the criticism. We elected him to do the hard things as well as the easy things. I want to encourage the Sheriff to stay steady in his resolve to help make ends meet. He lives here, too. Thanks to Judge Peet and those commissioners, both city and county, who aren't afraid to at least look for ways to remain solvent.

Lastly, there is one thing those in leadership can do right now to make all this go away, just raise taxes and all of this will be solved. Till next year when you have to raise taxes again, and then next year.

Let's start to fix it now while we possibly still can. My sons and grandsons live here. I don't really care to leave them my generation's financial messes. I would like to leave them more than that to remember me by.

Stan Hudson Pampa

I've been thinking, maybe ...

I've been thinking about things ... Ordinary citizens don't have a right to say anything and aren't listened to. And a lot of people don't seem to realize that, with all these modern conveniences, we're living worse than people did in the '30s, '40s, and '50s.

Maybe if a few outdoor toilets were dug again, people started living in shacks again, victory gardens were planted, people started raising chickens again, and, if they knew how to milk cows and had one or two of them ...

A lot of people want that here anyway. It didn't kill the oldtimers. People right here in this town are almost being forced to live that way anyway.

Maybe if people started doing things of that sort, maybe some of these high-dollar and high-classed people would get off their rears and get some things done. Maybe they wouldn't just worry about their high-classed lives and high-dollar salaries and go to worrying about the town and citizens. All of

Sue Meeks Pampa

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We're all entitled to our opinions

Well, it's been a pretty busy news time around here lately with the police merger issue, continuing PEDC stories ... not to mention the pig thing is still up in the air with the TNRCC.

I'm trying to figure out who is behind, or why the TNRCC is going to such steps in their review process where National Pig Development, USA is concerned. I think it's a done deal that the decision to approve NPD's application won't be overturned and all of the additional review is political window dressing.

But my hat's certainly off to those who banded together to fight it. It has been a great effort and show of solidarity.

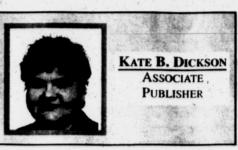
There are some people who have espoused to me that "lots" of people want the pig farm. If so, where are they?

Sadly, the way the law is written, the fact most people in Gray County don't want a pig farm ... er, excuse me ... a swine genetics research facility with 47 acres of poop pits ... doesn't count one bit.

There are a few who think having pigs is going to be some kind of economic savior, but I don't believe it. I think the damage - on a number of fronts - will far outweigh any good a single dollar ... or a few million ... will do.

As far as the police issue goes, I don't think it was a bad idea to look at a way to save money but I personally would hate to see the city lose its police department.

Right now, there's lots of support for the good sheriff we have, but what might happen down the road if there had been a merger and a not-so-good sheriff was in office? He or she couldn't be "fired" until



the next election. At least the city fathers can get rid of a police chief if necessary.

No doubt some changes at the police department need to be made. And some have been recently. The morale has improved and with the merger off the table things can settle down at the PD.

Fortunately, we don't have to get in a giant rush to get a police chief because interim Chief Ken Hall is capable of holding down the fort in the meantime.

I am a bit concerned, however, about what the city can afford to pay a new chief and how that might keep us from getting some top candidates. Hopefully, though, it won't. I guess it will depend upon the individual candidates and what each is looking for as far as work and lifestyle is concerned.

Well, it's getting close to school starting (Aug. 21) and that's bringing out the anti-Harry Potter contingent. Some will be on hand at 6 p.m. on August 1 at the middle school library when the school board meets. The issue is first on the agenda, I'm told. The group, which wants Harry Potter books banned from use in the classroom (not the library), says the main character in the popular book series is not a good role

Frankly, I don't get it. But, as is said, this is America and I'm glad we all can voice our opinions and not go to jail for it. Please note the next item for proof of our good fortune.

Did you see the one about the Los Angeles dancer who returned, for the first time in 20 years, to his homeland in Iran and was arrested. He went back to visit rel-

It seems the country's best known male dancer was arrested in May and jailed until his conviction in July. The government said his Los Angeles-based classes and videos were a corrupting influence on Iran's youth. Seems satellite TV and smuggled videos bring his work to the country. .

War hymns, traditional songs and instrumentals comprise the only music that's legal there.

And was his sentence ever tough. He isn't going to jail but he can't leave Iran for 10 years!

I'm sorry. I digressed. Back to Harry I've been around children who are read-

ing voraciously because of the Harry Potter

Our family has its own example. Many of you probably do, too.

We all had to laugh not long ago when my nephew said, with a grin, that he and wife Angela have had to reprimand 9year-old Cassie because they keep catching her after lights out using a flashlight under the cover to read Harry Potter and

John and Angela think that's a pretty good "problem" to have with a child.

Tinsley Bruce Š Fillmore Mallard



Making a desert and calling it progress

For those who noticed that "golden oldies" have recently been substituted for contemporary columns because of medical leave, I can tell you briefly (more would bore you) that some doctors performed open-heart surgery on me while I did nothing but lie in a blissfully unconscious state.

Bliss leaves as soon as consciousness returns. The aftermath might be described as how you would feel if you barely survived a knife fight in a Detroit bar, only to be knocked flying by the ambulance as you staggered outside. At any rate, as sore, stiff, stitched and wobbly as I am, I'm going back to work. I don't know how not to work.

Sorry, though, I have not tales of lights, tunnels (lit or unlit) or of angels and passed-on relatives hovering over me. Nor, I add for the sake of my enemies, did I see any devils, either. For all I knew, the University of Florida football team could have been present during my operation and making up for a biology course they had flunked. My anesthesiologist knows how to turn off your lights, and bless his heart for that skill!

As a matter of fact, as soon as I had reacquainted myself with the news, I was



tempted to call him up and ask if he had a smidgen of that sleeping potion left. The world seems remarkably the same as I had

The corpses of the Middle East peace process -- its most ardent supporters and the hopes and dreams of the less bloodyminded and the hateful - have all been dumped into an open ditch and had a little lime shoveled on them. The bulldozers will be there soon. Don't worry about President Bush. He didn't understand when the crucifixion of the peace process began two years ago, and he doesn't understand now that it's over.

In Afghanistan, we continue to show the same perverse talent for killing more of our allies than our enemies. It is not a good ida to be the ally of the United States, which has a habit of deciding now and then to shoot itself in the back.

The amateurs are still calling the Philippine raid to rescue American mis-'sionaries a "debacle" because two hostages were killed. These critics should spend more time in the company of professionals. If you are in the business of rescuing hostages, you're going to lose hostages from time to time. As in casino gambling, the odds are with the house, which in this case is the hostage keepers.

Meanwhile, glorious summer has come. The leaves have a lovely patina of dust in most places. Down here in Florida, they try to rival the lushness of their relatives that live further south. In the preand post-hours of the sun, the air is cool.

Yes, I know parts of the West are on rire. Whose fault is that? What do we expect when we think we can pack more millions of people into an area nature has set aside as a desert or arid region just by stealing water from wherever we can find it? More of the West will burn up so that in the future, the tragedy will be brushed aside as an annual routine. The Romans, it was said, made a desert and called it peace; we seem to make a biological and intellectual desert and call it progress.

(Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802)

FROM OUR FILES

40 years

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 1, Desmond Barry, Republican candidate for Congressman-at-large for the State of Texas, was in Pampa yesterday where he was honored at a special social hour, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Hickman, 1814 Charles.

THURSDAY, Aug. 2, 1962. LEFORS (Spl) — All Star Games were played in Lefors Monday and Tuesday night by top players in the Little League, bringing much excitement to the fans and satisfaction to the coaches

and teams.

FRIDAY, Aug. 3, 1962. The Rev. John Dyer will begin his sixth year as pastor of Hobart Street Baptist Church Sunday.

25 years ago MONDAY, Aug. 1, 1977. Jeanette Gikas defeated Chris Douglas, 6-4, 6-2, to win the Women's Singles Tennis Tournament which concluded Sunday night at the high

school courts. TUESDAY, Aug. 2, 1977. Mike McBurns, 15, of Pampa, won the sweepstakes competition for young artists

and craftsmen in grades 6-9 at the Lions Club Phillips Free Fair in Phillips July 21-

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 3, 1977. The value of building permits issued in the first seven months of 1977 is almost double the 1976 fig-

10 years ago

THURSDAY, July 30, 1992. Texas Employment Commission reported this week an increase in unemployment rates for the city of Pampa, Carson, Gray, and Hemphill counties, according to Rodney A. Springer.

FRIDAY, July 31, 1992. Lake McClellan Improvement Inc., Board of Directors heard plans Thursday night for a chuck wagon supper to be held in September.

SUNDAY, Aug. 2, 1992. Hitting displays by Little Rock, Ark., and Nord Lake Shore, La., in the opening round of the Southwest Regional Bambino Tournament Saturday at Optimist Park will be a hard act for the other teams to fol-

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Numbed and saddened, Jonas felt what many Americans felt back in September 2001 - disbelief. A recent business trip to a convention in Indianapolis, Ind., brought Jonas into contact with the Todd Beamer Foundation. And his life is now taking a turn.

Jonas has experienced other changes in his life. He once was an oilfield worker and an active alcoholic. That changed in 1983.

Calligraphy is now Jonas' work. He became involved in calligraphy as a hobby 18 years

A recovering alcoholic, Jonas said he has been sober 19 years.

"My wife told me I needed a hobby after I had quit drinking for awhile," he said. He said he told her to go register him for "some class" at Clarendon College.

After she did and told him she had enrolled him in calligraphy, Jonas said he was quite sur-

"I couldn't believe it. I'd never done anything like it before," he said, "but I went." He said he worked hard to learn it.

"I practiced and practiced and practiced," he said. "My hands would shake so bad from the withdrawals, but I kept on practicing."

He practiced so much that he became an expert at his craft. Such an expert, in fact, that his design for "Let's Roll" wall plaques was recently selected by the Todd Beamer

Jonas explained that he was at a Christian Booksellers convention in Indianapolis when he was approached by foundation representatives who requested he submit a design for the

Beamer's widow, Lisa, had the phrase he made famous - "Let's Roll" - copyrighted after the plane he was on crashed that day.

Jonas said he is honored just to be part of the "Let's Roll" movement.

present a piece," he said.

The plaque he designed comes in three sizes. "Let's Roll" is in the center. Several biblical scriptures outline the plaque. Red and white stripes on all sides along with a blue background with white stars emphasize the patriotic theme.

"Lisa Beamer wanted a Christian perspective," said Jonas, who came to know Jesus Christ in 1989, six years after he quit drinking.

"My whole life has changed," he said. On the left of the plaque are the words "Are You Ready?" signifying Beamer and the other men's efforts to stop the hijackers from

destroying more U.S. government buildings. To the right is the phrase "Dare Greatly for

God." Jonas said that phrase is an important part of Lisa's Christian testimony. Proceeds from the sale of the plaques will

go to the children who lost a parent in the terrorist attacks.

"Some even lost both parents," he said. When Jonas was in Los Angeles at another Christian book convention last week, he said

he received several orders. "We are already shipping them out," he

In business in Pampa for 12 years, Jonas' Calligraphy has scores of plaques designed by him. Most are of a Christian nature.

Local and area residents may purchase the plaques at his store at 1122 Alcock in the three sizes. Also at the local store are T-shirts, caps and jewelry with "Let's Roll" imprinted on them. Proceeds from the sale of those products also will go to the children of the terrorist vic-

Orders are coming in, he said, adding that Christian book stores all over the United States and the world will be receiving the plaques. He said they have customers in Ireland, Nigeria and Hong Kong.

'September 11 was a wake-up call for all of us," he said. "The Lord will make good come out of it, and it has."

Senators: Scaled-back drug bill could help break gridlock

WASHINGTON (AP) -Several senators are lauding a scaled-back, \$400 billion Medicare drug benefit proposal as a compromise that could break the gridlock over how to care for older Americans.

The plan, which seemed to gain momentum Friday, would help mostly low-income elderly or those who already have spent a significant amount of money on medicine. It already has the support of the AARP, the nation's largest lobbying group for senior citizens.

"We think this is the best we can get for our members," said William Novelli, AARP executive director and CEO. "It's a framework to go back and work on.'

Sen. Edward Kennedy, chairman of the Senate health committee, conceded that the measure was gathering steam even though a group of senators continues to try to hammer out a more comprehensive benefit that would provide coverage for all seniors.

"There are those that believe we need a down payment of some form or shape even if it has to be a catastrophic proposal," Kennedy, D-Mass., said. "Certainly, I think at this point, the majority of Democratic members feel that way."

R-Maine, one of the senators working on a more expansive plan, said lawmakers were giving in too soon.

"There's no reason to go with a lesser plan. It's a copout," Snowe said, adding that crafting a more comprehen-

Sens. Gordon Smith, R-

politics aside and work together to help our seniors get access to quality health care," Smith said. "This is a good. focused plan that all of us should be able to support." Smith was to begin lobbying his GOP colleagues for support.

But Sen. Olympia Snowe, rejected three Medicare drug

Under the new proposal, seniors with incomes below: 150 percent of the federal; poverty level would get full: coverage with nominal copayments. All others would receive government help of 5 percent of the cost of each prescription drug, although aides be provided through group

More government help on each prescription drug and the government would pick up

Foundation for nationwide distribution.

planned "Let's Roll" plaques.

"It was an honor to be let in on it, even to

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With two months left to go in the fiscal year, the city has received \$1,764,724 as compared to the same time period last year of \$1,720,431

"We are anticipating this year's collection to Sept. 30.

estimate" when it came to budgeting anticipated revenue.

But due to the collection overage as compared to conservative projections for several years he did increase, by \$50,000, anticipated sales tax revenue in the proposed 2002-02 bud-

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Ore., and Bob Graham, D-Fla., were working out final details of the scaled-back pro-

"Now is the time to put

The plan is a retreat from Democrats' longtime push for a benefit that covers all senior citizens. About half of the 40 million elderly on Medicare would be covered under the plan. It also Republicans' proposal for a plan that relies on private insurers, instead calling for a benefit administered through Medicare, said to a Senate Democratic aide, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Senators have already

Muppet may take on HIVpositive role, PBS head says

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The head of PBS won't rule out the appearance of an HIV-positive Muppet on "Sesame Street," saying the show's approach will reflect the virus' impact on U.S. children.

An HIV-positive character will join South Africa's version of the show in September, and some federal lawmakers had grown alarmed by the possibility of such a character joining the U.S. show; questioning whether it was age appropriate.

PBS President Pat Mitchell told the Television Critics Association on Friday that the South African character grew from the needs of that country, where millions of children are affected by AIDS.

If the virus became a more serious problem for U.S. children, "Sesame Street" would be as responsive as it has been to other topics, Mitchell said.

The public television show Net: aimed at preschoolers has dealt with the issue of death before, Mitchell noted.

She and the show's producers had previously said no HIVpositive character was planned in the U.S. version.

proposals, including a \$594. billion plan offered by Democrats.

said additional discounts could purchasing power. would kick in once a senior had reached \$4,000 in drug costs. At that point, the person would pay a \$10 copayment;

the remaining costs. All but low-income beneficiaries would pay a \$25 annu-

al enrollment fee; there would be no monthly premiums or deductibles. The Medicare proposal

would be offered as an amendment to a bill that eases access to generic drugs and is being used for an overall debate on prescription drugs.

Lawmakers spent Friday debating a medical malpractice amendment offered by Republicans after President Bush this week called for nationwide ceilings on malpractice awards. The amendment would, among other things, limit punitive damages to twice that of compensatory damages and curtail lawyers fees. A vote on that amendment is scheduled for Tuesday.

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"I am grateful for his ser-

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exceed the annual budgeted amount by \$200,000," Horst said. The fiscal year ends

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"I know," she said. "I've been to Borger.

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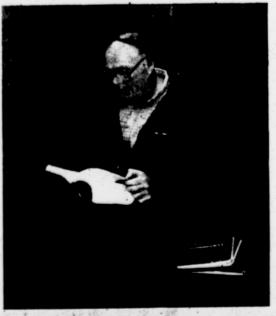
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FRESH PIES BAKED DAILY

Pet-sitting business gaining popularity

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS BY ROSE MARY BUDGE

SAN ANTONIO — How could Susan Garry go to Europe? Her cat, Yogi, needed insulin injections twice a day and his pal, shy little Peaches, required a special diet.

"I thought I'd have to skip the trip," Garry says. "Then I found Pauline."

Pauline K. Baca, a former registered nurse and owner of Always Tender Loving Care, could handle Yogi's shots. And as for Peaches, the bashful kitty - he jumped right into her lap. Garry headed for the airport without worries thanks to Baca and her pet-sitting service.

It's a familiar story these days. Lives are getting busier, people are traveling more and instead of leaving Fluffy and Fido to fend for themselves or hauling them to a kennel, many animal owners are relying on professional in-home care. Statistics indicate that pet-sitting is one of the fastest growing businesses around, attracting men and women who would rather be petting a cat or walking a dog than staring at a computer screen or filing forms at the office.

Pet Sitters International, based in North Carolina, boasts 4.500 members. The nonprofit National Association of Professional Pet Sitters, headquartered in New Jersey, has a membership of 1,500. In addition, there are dozens of free agents who care for everything from birds to boas while protecting their owners' property.
"Sitters safeguard the pet and the person's

home at the same time," says Lorraine Zdeb, president of NAPPS. "They take in the mail, water the plants and check up on things right along with putting out kibbles and changing the litter box. It's security for all concerned."

But it's primarily the animals that benefit. Zdeb believes caring for creatures on their own turf is less stressful than boarding - especially for home-loving cats — and better than asking friends and neighbors to help out.

Even responsible friends can get distracted and forget to check the water dish," Zdeb says. "With us, every detail is a commitment sealed with a contract. We get there and take care of things no matter how busy we are. We're sort of like the mailman and get to your home in rain, sleet, snow, whatever. We take our business very

Year-round job

In the summer, with so many pet owners going on vacation, business heats up. Thanksgiving and Christmas also are busy times. But caring for Fluffy and Fido isn't just seasonal, according to Ellen Price, PSI public relations director and editor of the pet-sitting magazine "The World." Demanding careers and owners who regard their four-legged friends as family are turning the profession into a year-round job.

Take Sharon and David Kibiloski, officers at Lackland AFB. The Kibiloskis call Peeps, the dog they adopted from a shelter, their "furry child." Gone from dawn to dusk, the couple didn't want the pup to be home alone. So, they hired Cathy Vaughan of Cathy's Critter Care to be his substi-

Vaughan hops in her van at least once a day during the workweek to visit Peeps. They romp, go for walks in the park and sometimes Vaughan takes the brown and white dog on pet-sitting calls.

'Cathy loves Peeps just like one of her own pets, and that's what makes her such a good sitter," Sharon says. "Without her, we wouldn't feel right about having a dog. The peace of mind is worth

Rates for animal care vary, depending on locale and the difficulty of the assignment. But you can probably plan on paying about \$10 to \$16 for half an hour. The visit customarily includes feeding, checking the water dish, walking the dog or scooping the cat's litter box. Playtime and petting go along with the job — that's half the fun, sitters say. And though some charge extra for special services such as running to the supermarket, most don't

mind an occasional errand.

Along with running her own pet-sitting business and managing NAPPS, Zdeb's on an animal disaster-response team. She coordinates humane efforts in her county and nationwide during hurricanes and floods, and was on her computer offering advice to pet owners near ground zero on Sept.

Vaughan once worked at the San Antonio Zoo with the sea lions and has a special affinity for wild beasts. She's the driving force behind the Alamo City Association of Professional Pet Sitters (10 firms belong so far). She's trying to raise pet-sitting standards and goes above and beyond the call of duty helping clients.

Late one night, she got a frantic call from the Kibiloskis. Peeps had gobbled up some M&M's and his owners were afraid he'd be poisoned by all the chocolate.

We live far from an emergency vet clinic, and I just didn't know what to do, so we telephoned Cathy," Sharon Kibiloski says. "She calmed us down and said a little candy wouldn't hurt an animal Peeps' size. We were so relieved and grate-

PSI encourages would-be sitters to learn all they can about animals in order to cope with any crisis. Hopefully, serious problems won't arise, but if they do, a caregiver must be prepared to deal with the animal and the clients. Vaughan recalls how she once had to handle a dog with heart failure. She spotted the early signs, rushed him to the vet, called his owners to come home immediately and, thanks to her quick action, the animal was sta-

Where do such pros learn the trade? Colleges don't offer degrees in the field, but NAAPS and PSI provide training and certification courses. The organizations also hold educational meetings and conventions and encourage those who are serious about careers to volunteer at kennels and veteri-

The more experience you have, the better," says Joyce Knapick, owner of Furry Friends petsitting service. "I took a dog-grooming course before I got into pet-sitting, and it taught me a lot of things about animal behavior that I use on the Knapick lists flexibility as one of the greatest

things about her job - most dogs and cats are fed in the morning and evening, leaving the rest of the day free. But, she warns, if you're looking for an easy profession, you're barking up the wrong tree. Vaughan agrees.

"My husband and I got up in the dark and started making calls at 4:30 a.m. on Christmas because so many clients were out of town. Then we went home, opened gifts as fast as we could and were back on the job by midafternoon.'

Mike Williams, one of the few male pet sitters (95 percent are women, according to a PSI survey). frequently gives up activities to stay overnight with a pet needing special care. An "exotics specialist," he sits with everything from sugar gliders (a member of the opossum family native to Australia) to snakes, often taking on a whole

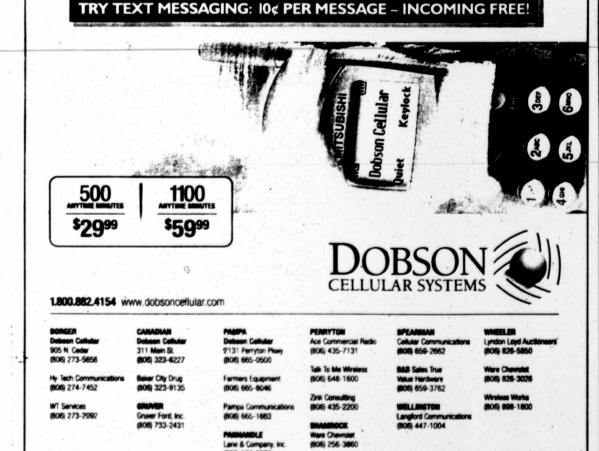
At the home of Jocie and Lucas Miller, Williams looks after two prairie dogs, a snake, a bearded lizard, a pair of sugar gliders, a hedgehog, a ferret, a 15-pound tortoise, one cat and two dogs. The family pets are part of the Millers' "School House Safari," an educational program that teaches respect for animals.

And respect for creatures great and small seems to be increasing. Data collected by Shelley A. Lewis, owner of Shelley's Pet Care & House Sitting Service, indicates one in every three households has pets of some kind and most are treated as an extension of the family. "Pet ownership is on the rise, and our industry here has seen tremendous growth in the past few years," Lewis says. "I remember when there were few - if any - pet sitters listed in the Yellow Pages. Now, there's a number to choose from. The downside is that some sitters aren't experienced enough, and others will quit when they find out it's not easy work.

To avoid such problems, Lewis urges owners to carefully check out anyone who claims to be a professional, making sure the individual is qualified, bonded and insured. Never take chances with your pet's welfare, she warns. Your best friend deserves the best whether you're at home or away.

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Nigeria home to unscrupulous wildlife traffickers

BY GLENN MCKENZIE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CALABAR, Nigeria (AP) - Milk bottles at the ready, Irene Okon Edem cradles two wide-eyed orphans in her arms while a third hangs precociously on her neck.

"Stop it," the 23-year-old Nigerian gently scolds one of them, named Buster, who then bites his lip and tugs her hair mischievously.

Buster is a chimpanzee, delivered in April to Edem and fellow workers at the American-run primate sanctuary in Nigeria, which consers vationists say is one of the world's most flagrant illegal markets for Africa's endangered apes.

A woman had bought Buster out of pity, rescuing the baby chimp from smugglers. Other primates have turned up at the Drill Ranch in the eastern Nigerian city of Calabar with cigarette burns or shotgun wounds.

Looking for an illegal, exotic pet? Go no farther than the Musa Yar A'Adua Center, a marble memorial in the capital to honor a past junta figure.

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Animal traders set up shop in a scrubby field across the street. Affluent customers choose among endangered apes and other animals captured in the wild, seeking trophies for public and private zoos worldwide.

Young men watch over dirty cages and nylon mesh bags filled with some of the

n Nigeria, a West African nation of 120 million, decades of intensive hunting have denuded forests and savannas of wildlife. But its cities remain marketplaces for exotic species, alive or dead, from nearby Cameroon, Chad, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Central African Republic.

world's most threatened species — fish eagles, for instance, or gray parrots, prized as good talkers.

Got any apes? A trader named Habib Sani pulls an Drill Ranch, a private, emaciated baby chimpanzee out of a perforated plastic sack. The price: 60,000 naira, or about \$500.

Unaccustomed to bright sunlight, the baby chimp shields its eyes with tiny hands.

Even gorillas, which number just 100 in a forest fringe on Nigeria's eastern border, can be ordered for the right · price, whispers Sani.

In Nigeria, a West African nation of 120 million, decades of intensive hunting have denuded forests and savannas of wildlife. But its cities remain marketplaces for exotic species, alive or dead, from nearby Cameroon, Chad, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Central African Republic. Conservationists say commercial trapping in those countries is an offshoot of the more traditional, and more indiscriminate, trade in hunted meat.

At the Lekki tourist market in Lagos, Nigeria's commercial capital, an American businessman gazes at Sahara Desert foxes, cranes and parrots pawing and scratching at their plywood cages. "An Old McDonald's farm," he mut-

Live apes and rare birds are sometimes seen on sale just outside Nigeria's international airports.

Great apes, humans' closest animal relatives, once ranged from Senegal on Africa's western tip to Tanzania in the

They survive today only in isolated pockets of dwindling perhaps just 100,000 chimpanzees and far fewer gorillas, scientists esti-

Hunting or trapping great apes is banned by the Convention on Trade of Endangered Species, or CITES, a global treaty which Nigeria has signed.

But the accord hasn't stopped trafficking networks from capturing chimpanzees, bonobos and their giant copies of laws. Once they

cousins, African gorillas, and smuggling them through borders and airports to zoos and private collectors overseas.

Most takers are in Asia, the Middle East and eastern Shirley Europe, says McGreal, chairwoman of the Summerville, S.C.-based International Primate Protection League.

McGreal showed The Associated Press a letter from a Nigerian firm offering to sell four baby gorillas for \$400,000 each to a private Middle Eastern zoo. The league whited out the zoo's name for legal reasons.

The profits from smuggling are huge. A chimp sold for \$10 in an African village would fetch \$20,000 in Moscow or Dubai. And Nigeria is a key transit point, conservationists say, because officials here often plead ignorance of bans or deliberately overlook violations.

"We often have to show police and officials photo-

have seen that, they are usually helpful," says Muhtari Aminu-Kanu, executive direcof the Nigeria Conservation Foundation.

The plight of Africa's primates gained prominence in September when a baby gorilla and baby chimpanzee arrived at Cairo's airport on a flight from Nigeria without proper export and import documents.

Egyptian veterinarians drowned the them in a vat of chemicals, saying they feared they were carrying diseases.

In January, conservationists were alerted when four baby gorillas from Nigeria turned up at Malaysia's Taiping zoo.

The government-funded zoo denied any impropriety, saying it was told the apes were bred in captivity in Nigeria and therefore could be legally traded.

Conservationists say there is no known breeding program in all of Africa from which gorillas could have

Export documents seen by the AP list the gorillas as having been bred at Nigeria's University of Ibadan Zoological Gardens, 75 miles north of Lagos. Employees there say they have no breeding program. The only gorilla on display is a 37-year-old female long past breeding age.

Olalekan Akanji, a keeper

at the Ibadan zoo, said the four gorillas now in Malaysia "came from the jungle in Cameroon" and spent several months at his zoo. Akanji said he bottle-fed them milk and sugar water, and even taught one to ride a tricycle.

Another zoo employee, Friday Ndubisi Onwuka, gave a similar account.

Asked if the zoo ever had other baby gorillas intended for trade, Akanji said, "Yes, there have been many. But a lot of them died."

"If anyone else wants more gorillas, we can get some more," Akanji volunteered. "But they are very expensive.'

The zoo administration said the director was not available for comment.

Export documents for two of the infant gorillas - named Abbey and Alice — bear the signature of the permanent secretary of Nigeria's Ministry of Environment, D.B. Usman.

Usman did not return messages seeking comment.

Nigeria's Environment Minister Muhammad Sa'id says officials are investigating the possibility that the gorillas' export documents may have been forged. He blames rampant wildlife smuggling on the "activities of some unpatriotic Nigerians and

their foreign conspirators."
(See APES, Page 9)

Camp Alphie gearing up for annual camp

AMARILLO — For 32 children, ages 7 through 14, summer fun will be in full swing at Camp Alphie from Aug. 4-9 at Ceta Canyon Methodist Camp south of Amarillo, near Canyon. Camp Alphie provides all the typical sights, sounds, smells, and activities of any residential summer camp. However, Camp Alphie serves a special audience - children with cancer and cancer sur-

Camp Alphie is a typical summer camp with the exception of trained staff and approved diets to accommodate campers' medical needs.

Favorite activities include swimming, horseback riding, other sports, crafts, and more. Children who have or have had cancer are welcome to attend Camp Alphie and are invited to bring a sibling. Thanks to individual, business, and civic sponsors, Camp Alphie is entirely free for the campers and their family members. Now in its 15th year, Camp Alphie is welcoming campers from

Amarillo, Canyon, Dumas, Follett, Littlefield, Levelland, Lockney, Lubbock, Pampa, and Tulia as well as Portales, N.M. Three new campers are among the 32 children who have registered for the week of fun.

The parents of Camp Alphie residents receive a much-needed dose of support and relaxation when they attend a free, concurrent parents' camp. While the children enjoy the camping center, 14 parents are expected to spend the week in Amarillo, being treated to guest speakers, special dinners, and visits to area attractions.

"We plan Camp Alphie and Parents' Camp to give everyone in the family a break." says Camp Alphie President Robin Johnson. "This fun has a serious purpose in that it helps redirect attention back to the family. It's important for families to establish a quality of life that can be maintained through the time of treatment and beyond."

Camp Alphie is named for the mascot of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority, an Amarillo alumnae group that was instrumental in establishing the pediatric oncology camp. The name Alphie comes from the first letter of the Greek alphabet, alpha, which symbolizes a new beginning, and the camp mascot is a very courageous lion who meets every day with a smile.

The Camp Alphie staff and board members are volunteers. Most of the counselors are college students, including a few who are cancer survivors.

Camp Alphie accepts contributions year-round to provide for the free, annual camp. For more information, call Susan Bentley at (806) 359-4586 or write Camp Alphie, P.O. Box 3819, Amarillo, TX 79116-3819. Additional information is available at the camp web site www.campalphie.org.

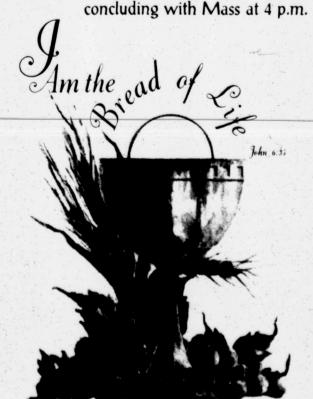


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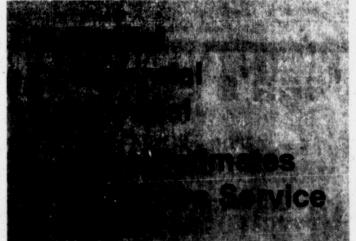
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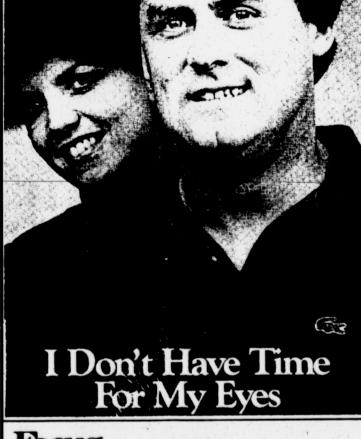
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Sue Abbott recently presented Cory Searl with a barbecue grill he won during a drawing sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts Association to raise funds for the annual Chautauqua celebration in Central Park. Wal-Mart donated the grill, and Abbott chaired the fund-raising event.





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MEDICAL

Pioneer geneticist might never have been born

BY LINDSEY TANNER AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO (AP) - In medical geneticist Yury Verlinsky's perfect world, the revolutionary technology he developed could have prevented his own birth.

Verlinsky suffers from gout, a painful arthritis-related disease that mostly affects the middle-aged.

If a gene is ever identified for gout, he says, parents should be able to have doctors weed out eggs prone to the disease using an early prenatal screening technique he proneered.

If the techniques had been available to his Russian parents, Verlinsky might not have been here to discuss them.



by Otoniel Huertas, M.D. Obstetrics & Gynecology

SELF-DIAGNOSING A YEAST INFECTION

The availability of over-the-counter treatments for vaginal yeast infections has made it increasingly easy for women to self-diagnose the problem and treat it without the help of a physician. However, new research indicates that only a third of the women studied who

believed they had a yeast infection actually had one. Just as surprisingly the study found that who women previously had a veast infection were

even less likely to identify a second infection than women who had never experienced one before Thus, even if women are experiencing the classic symptoms of a yeast

infection (a thick, white discharge,

usually accompanied by itching and

burning), they are urged to visit the

doctor for an accurate diagnosis.

Self-medicating with over the counter preparations may just increase the time you suffer before getting the correct treatment, and, ultimately, relief. It's much more efficient to make an appointment to see your gynecologist or other care provider at the first sign of infection. Treat it once: treat it right. To schedule your appointment. phone my office at 806-273-7771 We are located at 106 S. Bryan. Borger. New patients are welcome.

There are other types of vaginal infections, including bacterial vaginosis, that are often confused with yeast infections without an accurate

The twinkle in his pale blue eyes shows he gets the irony.

But the 58-year-old scientist has a stock answer to the contradictions that seem to define him: "I can't put my ethical decisions on any other person. It's a personal choice.'

Although he says he draws the line at genetic testing for "cosmetic" reasons like gender selection, Verlinsky is behind some of the most publicized advancements in prenatal test-

In some circles he is renowned as a visionary whose medical milestones have revolutionized reproductive medicine and brought prenatal testing to the earliest point. Yet critics call him a reckless cowboy more interested in making medical "firsts" than in responsible science. And some ethicists say his work is pushing reproductive technology into the dangerous realm of designer babies.

"I don't think we need pioneers right now. I think we need some clear discussion about ... how far are we going to let peo-

New doctor joins local eye group

Panhandle Eye Group recently announced the addition of J. Edward "Eddie" Ysasaga, M.D., to its staff effective Aug. 1.

Dr. Ysasaga has completed a two-year vitreoretinal fellowship at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Fla. Bascom Palmer is considered one of the premier eye hospitals in the U.S.

Dr. Ysasaga is originally from Wichita Falls, Texas. He earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and a minor in biology from Midwestern University and a doctor of medicine and an internal medicine internship the University of Health Science Center at San

Antonio. His ophthalmology residency was also at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at the University of Miami where he was chief resident from July 2001 until June 2002.

Dr. Ysasaga is the only retina specialist in the Texas Panhandle. He specializes in diseases and surgery of the retina and vitreous.

geneticist Dr. Paul Billings.

Methods Verlinsky developed a decade ago allow material from human eggs to be screened before and after fertilization, more than two months before more standard prenatal tests such as amniocentesis and chorionic villus sampling which he also pioneered in this country. Eggs affected by genetic-linked diseases such as cystic fibrosis and Down syndrome can be discarded, improving a couple's odds of having a healthy child and helping avoid abortion.

Limited only by the genetic revolution's pace at unraveling genetic causes for human diseases, Verlinsky says he's motivated by a desire to prevent debilitating diseases and help parents "so their children don't suffer."

Verlinsky recently made headlines when he announced the first case of preimplantation genetic diagnosis used to screen a patient's eggs for a gene defect early-onset linked to Alzheimer's disease. The procedure enabled a 33-year-old woman doomed to develop Alzheimer's in her 40s to have a baby free of the defect.

Critics denounced using PGD for a woman who soon may be unable to care for her child. Others questioned the ethics of screening for a disease that won't develop until adulthood criticism also lodged last year when Verlinsky reported using PGD to weed out eggs for a genetic defect linked to adultonset cancers.

Verlinsky also was involved in the first known case in which parents conceived a baby genetically selected to help save a sib-

ple go," said San Francisco ling's life. The Colorado couple's "made-to-order" son was born two years ago free of a defect linked to a deadly, rare anemia that afflicted their 6year-old daughter. The baby was used to donate healthy bone marrow to his sister and both are said to be doing fine.

The three cases were the biggest recent news in preimplantation genetic screening, said University of Minnesota bioethicist Jeffrey Kahn.

"I don't know that any of them are bad reasons to test, but that's not the point," Kahn said. "The point is, he's making the decision in each case," without any oversight or public debate.

PGD is unregulated and driven largely by desperate parents seeking to have healthy children at any cost, Kahn said. Without curbs or discussion, it could easily lead to testing for conditions like eye color, intelligence or any other traits desired by parents willing to pay.

Verlinsky concedes he'll go farther than some are willing to help create healthy children, but he defends his methods, saying, "Ethically, it's in the patients' hands. Patients have to decide if it's ethical for them; that's not for us to decide."

Verlinsky says in the past decade, his Reproductive Genetics Institute has done about 2,000 PGD procedures, resulting in more than 200 babies whose lives began in petri dishes in his Chicago lab.

The fruits of his labor are obvious. Handsome Russian artwork fills his spacious office in the Chicago clinic, housed in a former car dealership in a highrent North Side neighborhood. Founded here in 1988, RGI has grown to include several over-

seas satellite offices, London, Tokyo and Russia.

Not bad for someone who left his homeland with little money or acclaim in 1978, a frustrated Jewish scientist with a wife and son, disillusioned by anti-Semitism and tangled Russian

Born in Siberia to a wounded war vet and a hospital nurse, Verlinsky says an early fascination with animals and differences between species sparked his interest in science.

"I had any kind of animals at home — dogs, cats, squirrels, rats - you name it," he says in heavily accented English. In eighth grade he got a job at a local zoo, where he bottle-fed lions and thought about genes and chromosomes.

Verlinsky studied at Kharkov University in Ukraine, where he earned a Ph.D. in the genetics of cancer tumors in 1973. He does not have a medical degree which has prompted some in his competitive field to dismiss his

But others praise his intellect. "He's an extremely creative guy, an original thinker, and also a person who will stand up for his beliefs," said Dr. Norbert Gleicher, founder of the Chicago-based Center for Human Reproduction, a competitor of RGI.

Not long after his arrival in the United States, Verlinsky began working at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago. There, in 1983, he and colleagues finessed a prenatal genetic test called chorionic villus sampling, or CVS, which involves collecting a small piece of placenta by inserting a needle vaginally or through the abdomen.

Study seeks 'ideal sleep

CHICAGO (AP) Don't fret if you don't get eight hours of sleep a night new research suggests adults live longer if they get six or seven.

Even the study's authors say it is not time to reset the alarm clock just yet.

The research is based on a nationwide survey of 1.1 million adults. It found that those who slept eight hours a night were 12 percent more likely to die within six years than those who got 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 hours of sleep. The increased risk was more than 15 percent for those who reported getting more than 8 1/2 hours or less than about 4 hours nightly.

The participants were ages 30 to 102. Few reported frequent insomnia which, despite popular belief, was not associated with an increased risk of death.

"Additional studies are needed to determine if setting your alarm cleck earlier will actually improve your health," said lead author Dr. Daniel Kripke, a psychiatrist University of California at San Diego.

The study was published in February's Archives of General Psychiatry.

Sleep experts said the research has several flaws. The study was not actually designed to look at sleep's effect on longevity. It relied on patients' recollections of their sleep habits and did not ask if they took naps. It did not look at the quality of people's sleep or whether they felt drowsy all day.

Dr. Phyllis Zee, director of Northwestern Memorial Hospital's sleep disorders center, said the results probably do not reflect the general population because participants were not randomly selected but were mainly friends and relatives of volunteers for the American Cancer Society, which collected the data as part of a 1982 survey on cancer

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Zee said it is possible that participants who got little sleep or slept eight hours or more had medical problems that would explain their increased death rate.

About 5 percent of the women and 9 percent of the men died during the six years after the survey, with heart disease and cancer the leading causes.

On-line health info can be confusing

"Just because a Web site

HOUSTON - Take an aspirin, go to bed and e-mail looks great and reads well me in the morning.

Thanks to the Internet, many people need to go no farther than their home computers to get a wealth of medical advice on almost any topic. However, this greater accessibility to information has come with an increased need to determine the accuracy of sources, said an expert at Baylor College of Medicine's Huffington Center on Aging.

In a recent survey by the Pew Foundation, 30 percent of senior citizens said the Web has improved their access to health information. Eighty-six percent of them said they were concerned about unreliable sources on the Internet. The same survey revealed that 70 percent of adults are influenced by Web-based information when

deciding to seek treatment.

doesn't mean the information is good," said Dr. Robert E. Roush, director of the Texas Consortium of Geriatric Education Centers and associate professor at Baylor's Huffington Center on Aging. Compounding the problem is that there are about 17,000 health web sites at this time, he said.

Roush suggests health professionals give their older patients "prescriptions for information" by recommending peer-reviewed web sites. The Huffington Center on Aging web site, located at http://www.hcoa.org, features a list of health-related sites reviewed for accuracy by Baylor specialists. The Huffington Center advises following a four-point evaluation when attempting to determine the accuracy of information on health-related web sites. · Authorship. Is the

author of the article or information clearly stated? Make sure they have the credentials to weigh in on the topic. · Attribution. Does the

author attribute the information used? Sources should be cited clearly.

· Disclosure. Is it clear who funded the site and its content? Knowing whether the information came from an academic health center or a drug company, for example, can uncover any bias or agenda.

· Timeliness. How recent is the information? Science and health-related issues constantly. change Information should be as current as possible.

Although all four of these elements may not exist on any one web site, a combination of several can point individuals in the right direction. "It's really a 'reader beware' type of situation on the Internet," Roush concluded.

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Pampa Altrusa President Anne Stobbe (center) introduced the 2002 Award Recipients to the membership at the June Program Meeting. Denise Joiner (left) received the \$550 Geneva Tidwell Memorial Scholarship. She is pursuing a degree in medicine and psychology. April Gomez (right) is the recipient of the \$550 Geraldine Rampy Adult Vocational Award, and she is attending school to earn an associates degree in Medical Transcription.

Southeast Texas representative juggles politics and maternity

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HUNTSVILLE, Texas -Carrying the concerns and demands of a congressional district is never easy; carrying those on your shoulders along with a child in your stomach has to be extremely difficult.

Ask state rep. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, who is pregnant with her second child. She ought to know.

"Every parent has challenges," she said.. "It's a matter of how you handle your responsibilities that makes the difference."

Kolkhorst said she and her husband Jimmy had been discussing having another child for some time, but weren't sure if it would ever happen.

"My age, being near 40, was the biggest concern more than anything," she said. "We put that over his career or my career. The most important thing was, would we be blessed enough to conceive and carry a child to term?"

Kolkhorst found out she would not be facing any opposition in the District 13 race in early January; weeks later, she found out she was pregnant.

"I found out I was pregnant sometime in January, but being sensitive to miscarriages, I didn't tell my family for about 15 weeks," she said. "A child is a true miracle, so you hold your breath every day. Jimmy and I sat on it to see if our good news would continue. As it turns out, God blessed us with good timing."

While overjoyed with the fact she would have another child, her joy was tempered by concerns about possible political fallout:

"There was some apprehension, because you've seen other female politicians get crucified for (getting pregnant while in office)," she said. "There was also some apprehension because my last opponent did make an issue out of my daughter, Lois Kate."

Kolkhorst said she discussed the matter with other politicians who had experienced similar circumstances, including U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, who recently adopted two chil-

"Kay Bailey Hutchison was very quiet about adopting her two kids, because of what people might say," Kolkhorst said. "When I talked to her about it, she was very excited for me and very positive. She was thrilled, I said, "I have to keep up with

lot of the credit in being able to be a parent and a representative, Kolkhorst believes, has to go to her husband and family.

Kolkhorst's said some of her concerns were magnified by the fact she would be adding two new counties Walker and Grimes to her district in 2003 because of redistricting.

"When you're just getting to know a district, you don't know what the response would be, but they've both reacted so positively," she said. "It made me love Walker and Grimes counties even more because of their reaction and concern to it.'

One of the first places Kolkhorst publicly announced her pregnancy in Huntsville.

"I went to a Walker County Republican party meeting and announced it, and they broke out in a spontaneous clap," she said. "The reaction in Huntsville was great. That was heartwarming.

Kolkhorst said her unconventional work schedule may actually help her spend more time with Lois Kate, and hopes that will continue over

"People have asked me, 'How do you do it? How do you juggle the balls?" she said. "How does any mother do it? My schedule is flexible; if I'm going to be giving a speech at night, I'll schedule it so I can be at home with Lois Kate in the morning."

A lot of the credit in being able

to be a parent and a representative, Kolkhorst believes, has to go to her husband and family.

"You have to have a loving and caring spouse in any elected capacity," she said. "Jimmy and I have a joke: I take care of the kids for 19 months, and he takes care of them for 5 months (during the legislature.) That's a pretty good deal. We also have a lot of family, so if Lois Kate isn t with one of us, she's usually with another family member.'

Kolkhorst said she would have had no regrets about having another child if the timing had been different.

"I think children stand on their own merit, and should stand without career goals being involved," she said. "God's first, family's second, and everything else is down the road."

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McGreal, International Primate Protection League, contends the gorillas "could not legitimately have been captivebred." Nigerian conservationists agree.

Smugglers often buy primates from hunters, who shoot the adults for food and ' profit and capture the surviving infants, said John Oates, a British-born primatologist living part-time in Nigeria.

Anthony E. Bassey, a Nigeria Conservation Foundation official, says modern wire snares and traps have replaced traditional hunting methods and have worsened the odds against endangered primates.

The loss of habitat through road-building and logging has further depleted their numbers.

"Our primates need better protection, but how?" Bassey asked. "It's a race against time.'

In the decade since he was orphaned at 15 and forced to quit school and fend for himself, Edet Asuquo Edet has hunted in the rain forests surrounding Oban, a town near Nigeria's eastern border with Cameroon.

Once, the pickings were plenty, Edet says, but these days it can take days or weeks to find a few small monkeys or bush rats to sell as food to tribespeople.

Edet says he almost never sees gorillas these days. Occasionally, he bags a rarity - a chimpanzee.

In April, he shot a male "nsimbo," or drill — a majestic pink-and-red animal, baboon-sized and listed among CITES' endangered species.

Although he insists he never does it himself, Edet

says he knows hunters who see orphaned children not

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have captured the live young of adult animals they have killed and sold them to traders who whisk them off to the cities.

only to eat, but some people ception among villagers that like to keep the little ones because they live like human beings," explained.

At the Drill Ranch, run by Liza Gadsby and Peter Jenkins, from Portland, Ore., keeper Okon Edem believes the only hope is to educate Africa's youngsters about the apes' value as "ecological treasures." So she is especially keen to get the message out to a party of visiting schoolchildren who watch in fascination as the three baby chimps climb over her.

"Some people say it should be acceptable in Nigeria to hunt these animals to eat or sell, but that was in the past. Now they are disappearing into extinction," Edem tells them.

persuade poor people to "love monkeys when they

getting any care."

Bassey, the Nigerian conservation official, says folk tales of hunters battling chimpanzees with makeshift "We know the monkeys swords have fostered a perprimates are "the enemy of humanity."

However, Bassey says, even some hunters change their minds when they see drills or chimpanzees nursing their young, and vow never to hunt the animals

"When you see chimp babies at their mothers' breasts, you relate to them as social beings," he says, "Wildlife is not just about jungle life."

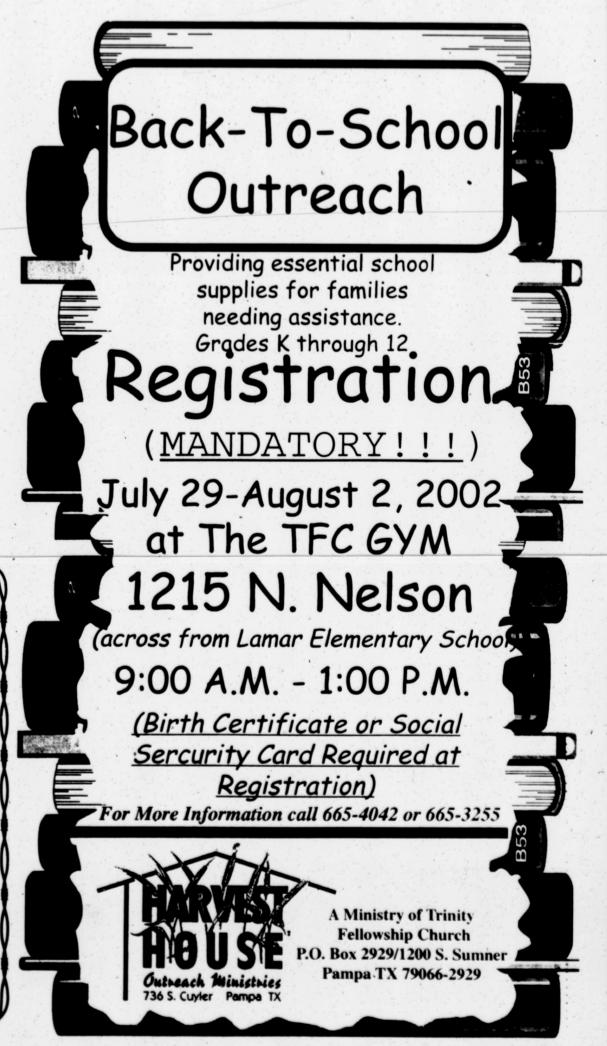
On the Net:

Convention on Trade of Endangered Species: http://www.cites.org

U.N. Environment Program's Great Apes Project: Survival . http://www.unep.org/grasp

Nigeria Conservation She admits it is hard to Foundation: http://www.ncfenvironment.org





Railroad Commission posts monthly oil, gas statistics

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 851 original drilling permits in June 2002 compared to 1,186 in June 2001.

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The June total included 681 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 25 to re-enter existing well bores, and 145 for re-completions. Permits issued in June crude oil production averaged

TABLE 1 - JUNE TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS

AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

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PERMITS TO

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2002 included 208 oil, 285 gas, 327 oil and gas, 17 injection, and 14 other permits.

GAS

COMPLETIONS

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Texas preliminary May 2002 The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for May 2002 is 30,049,037 barrels, a

> decrease from 31,478,895 barrels reported during May 2001.

average of May 2001.

In June 2002, operators reported 223 oil, 379 gas, 22 injection, and three others, com-

969,324 barrels daily, down

from the 1,015,448 barrels daily

pared to 269 oil, 431 gas, 9 injection and one other completion during June 2001.

Total well completions for 2002 year to date are 4,961 up from 4,370 recorded during the same period in 2001.

Operators reported 885 holes plugged and 65 dry holes in June 2002 compared to 474 plugged and 84 dry holes in June 2001.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 436,432,724 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for May 2002, down from the May 2001 preliminary gas production total of

450,778,000 Mcf. Texas production in May 2002 came from 142,839 oil and 58,344 gas wells.

TABLE 2 - MAY TEXAS TOP TEN OIL AND GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES

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Texas former director brings new historical musical to stage

FRITCH - Neil Hess, recent winner of the Texas Cultural Trust Award for Theatre, has turned his energies and talents to carve a paradise out of what was one year ago a neglected, weed-infested, deteriorating amphitheater on the shores of Lake Meredith in Hutchinson County.

"Lone Star Rising (LSR)," America's newest outdoor musical drama, is a celebration of the Lone Star State, featuring music, dance and drama, and showcasing the Hispanic, cowboy, and native American cultures that were prominent in early Texas days.

Tumbleweed Smith, a syndicated columnist and radio newscaster, calls the show totally professional and praised it's "family entertainment" qualities. Utilizing over 400 costumes from canyon butterflies, to eagle regalia of the Southwest Indians. LSR brings color and theatrical magic

Hess, who has strong feelings about American traditions and the "faith of our fathers," composed most of the songs. Songs such as "Great Palo Duro," "Where Eagles Fly." "Texans All." "A Noble People," "Texas Razzle-Dazzle," and "A Love As Big As Texas," reflect the respect and deep feelings Hess has for his adopted state.

Reared in Utah, the director was nurtured by people who had a keen sense of history and a love for pioneer traditions. Upon arrival in Texas, he set out to preserve the history, heritage, and culture of his new home through use of the performing arts.

Besides putting much of the original "TEXAS" musical drama together. Hess created the Old Texan Opry, a western fun fest produced by the Big Texan Steak Ranch of Amarillo, and "Lone Star Follies," a traveling show featuring Mexican, Spanish, cowboy, and native American cultures. Dancers and singers trained by the Amarillo director were part of the official entertainment for the festivities related to the rededication of the Texas State Capital.

Hess has directed many productions for Amarillo Little Theater and founded the dance department at West Texas A&M University. The director was also fecently honored by Dallas Dance Council for his contributions to dance in Texas.

LSR. Hess' newest creation has been termed by travel agents as a perfect example of a cultural tourism attraction. Housed in a refurbished amphitheater on the shores of Lake Meredith, the show has received critical acclaim for effectively showcasing the diverse cultures of Texas.

LSR, recently won the Golden Nail Award, the Amarillo

area's highest honor for cultural enterprise. The cast has been brought together from diverse locations. With actors coming from as far as Florida and Alabama, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, as well as Texas cities such as Houston, El Paso, and Dallas, the show exhibits the eclectic flair that is the Texan culture.

Hess maintains his greatest thrill is seeing a performing arts center once neglected, completely refurbished, and bringing pleasure and enjoyment to hundreds of people. According to the Amarillo director, Lake Meredith Amphitheater is well on its way to becoming the most beautiful outdoor theater in Texas.

LSR is staged Wednesdays through Sundays this summer through Aug. 18. Tickets can be reserved by calling (806) 274-9050 or (806) 331-2510. The box office at the theater opens at 6 p.m., on performance days.

El Paso railroad history group planning museum

EL PASO TIMES By YASMIN A. ABOYTES

EL PASO, Texas - From Interstate 10, tourists glancing at the rundown, red-brick railroad freight station with broken windows do not realize it is a slice of El Paso history.

The Friends of the Railroad Museum of El Paso, along with four other groups, are working to designate the site at Campbell and Interstate 10 as the Railroad and Transportation Museum in El Paso — and a potential tourist attraction.

Besides renovating the building, plans also include the permanent installation of the historic El Paso Locomotive 3420.

The 3420 was the largest engine for its day; the fact that it is still around is amazing. It would make sense to have it there with the museum," said Harry Beam, chairman of the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, Southwest Chapter.

The group's initial goal is to also restore other artifacts in the area such as boxcars and locomotives, to show how the railroad played a big role in El Paso's growth and development.

"El Paso has such a rich railroad history. It was just an adobe village before the railroad brought along the industrial revolution and everything expanded, " said Prince McKenzie, vice president of the organization.

The museum would feature exhibits that will allow visitors learn about train machinery, how transportation evolved and life-on-the-railroad accounts of conductors and engineers.

"It would be useful for people to get an oral history of railroad history from the interesting people to how the freight business worked," said Bill McKinnon, a Southern Pacific railroad conductor for 35 years.

The museum would function as an indoor and outdoor attraction with the main exhibits focusing on transportation development in the past 400 years.

"Inside, we would have the learning center with films, tapes, photos and speakers, and outside would be the viewing of locomotives and materials," said David Patton, president of the museum group.

With public survey results in favor of the plans, the coalition for the museum is also determined to turn the city into a tourist destination.

"In other railroad museums in the country, there are a million visitors a year. We want that here." Patton said.

Although most funding plans are still being discussed, the group plans to negotiate an agreement with El Diario, the owner of the building and the publisher of a major Juarez newspaper, before going any further. "If we can get enough funding to buy the building, we will; everyone feels that is the most appropriate place for it to be," Patton said.

There is no set date for the actual establishment of the museum. The group plans a fund-raising drive in the next few months and will expand the coalition by inviting more businesses to participate.

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AGRICULTURE

Cattle raisers push issues to help producers

FORT WORTH — Leaders of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) have asked the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) to push for action on several issues concerning Texas beef producers.

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Action was taken during NCBA's summer conference held recently in Reno, Nev.

In an effort to ensure screw worms never reinvade Texas, TSCRA promoted screw worm eradication in Mexico and called on the NCBA to urge the USDA to redirect is preventive efforts.

TSCRA also supports construction of new screw worm eradication plant at Panama to replace the problematic plant in Mexico which has been plagued with labor disputes and an alarming outbreak of screw worms near the facility.

Many TSCRA officials believe a Panama

plant would provide a more effective barrier between the U.S. border and the economically devastating worms. Before the screw worm was successfully eliminated from the U.S. in 1966, losses to livestock producers exceeded \$400 million annually.

NCBA passed the resolution support TSCRA's position.

In other action, TSCRA joined NCBA in urging Congress to create opportunities to export more U.S. beef by passing Trade Promotion Authority for President Bush.

Other countries view TPA as necessary before they will seriously deal with U.S. trade negotiators.

The organizations also asked for assistance in resolving longstanding animal health-related trade barriers with Canada.

TSCRA reaffirmed its support of a producer-funded and operated check-off program to promote beef and initiate important education programs such as the Texas Beef Quality Producer program, a TSCRA campaign which provides free, in-depth training on beef quality, beef safety, and more.

Nationwide producer support for the checkoff program is still strong according to an independent study completed in June 2002 by
Aspen Media and Market Research of Boulder,
Colo. Results show 66 percent of producers
approve of the program while only 22 percent
disapprove. The level of support was recorded
at 68 percent in January.

The survey further indicated that more than three-out-of-five producers believe if there were no check-off, no one else would pay for the beef promotion.

Eighty-eight percent of producers fine it important that beef importers pay the check-off on imported beef and beef products. In addition, nearly seven in 10 believe the check-off helps producers compete with the aggressive promotion programs of poultry and pork.

TSCRA shares NCBA's concerns about the long-term profitability of the cattle business for producers. Both organizations have asked the federal government for assistance in improving the price discovery process and cattle marketing system.

The U.S. House of Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture recently approved \$4.5 million in funding for an NCBA-requested study to analyze the meat protein sector. The purpose being to research volatile markets.

"Should the funds be approved, TSCRA will urge Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman to take immediate steps to correct inadequacies in the U.S. beef marketing system," TSCRA President John Dudley said.

Rain helps improve prospect of better cotton harvest

FARM SCENE

COLLEGE STATION

(AP)— Good yields are expected for the Southeast Texas cotton crop while other parts of Texas have lower expectations, but overall, the crop is expected to be one of the best in the last five years, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"We're expecting this year's crop to exceed the crop last year," said Carl Anderson, extension economist in College Station.

"We're off to a better start.

Last year's crop made a total of 4.27 million bales of cotton in Texas. We expect this year's crop to exceed that by 10 percent to 15 percent."

The cotton was just beginning to get very stressed, but now it's coming along, he said. "Overall the insect pressure has been very light to moderate," Anderson said.

"We're doing the best we've been doing since about 1997." The Rio Grande Valley has already begun to harvest, be said.

That area has been the most stressed, and a considerable amount of cotton in that area has been abandoned

has been abandoned.
"They irrigate some (in the Valley) and the irrigated crops are coming along fairly well,"
Anderson said.

"The first bale of cotton has already been produced and harvested and we're now moving into defoliating (removing the leaves) and preparing for harvest. (Harvesting) starts in the Valley and then will move into the Coastal region within the next month."

"In this area (Southeast Texas) we harvest from the latter part of August to the early part of September," Anderson said.

Weather conditions affecting the cotton crop have varied throughout the state. There are two different sides to the weather in Texas, he said.

"The weather was too dry, too long for the crop in South Texas and in the Coastal regions — particularly the Corpus Christi Coastal region," Anderson said.

"It was mostly too far along for the (recent) rains to be of a great benefit; the cottion was too mature. So now that area really needs dry, sunny, weather for harvest preparations."

Approximately 4 million acres, which is around 75 percent of the state's cotton crop, is in the High Plains and Rolling Plains regions. Rains have been very helpful to these dryland regions.

"The southern High Plains and the Rolling Plains, which falls from roughly Abilene and Wichita Falls across to New Mexico, has had some very timely rains and most of the crop is doing well at this time," Anderson said.

Isolated areas did not receive the rains or, in a few cases earlier this season, hail storms destroyed the crop, he

"We feel like we've probably lost 700,000 acres or so of the Texas cotton crop total out of about 5.8 million acres planted," Anderson said.

"So we still have a good 5 million acres standing at various stages, but on the majority of that, we did get some very needed rains. In South Texas, sunny, warm and dry weather, or open weather, will be needed to get prepared for harvest, he said.

In the western part, warm, sunny days and a few more rains to maintain moisture will be needed for another month or so to get the crop well established and growing. The latter part of the growing season, mid-September and mid-October, sunny and warm weather will still be needed to help the crop mature.

"We're not home free by any means at this stage, but we do have a good start," Anderson said. Cotton on the Gulf Coast, approximately 500,000 acres, is also near harvesting, but recent rains did not benefit the crop.

"Everything down here on the Lower Gulf Coast has cutout, that means they are blooming out the top," said Stephen Livingston, extension agronomist in Corpus Christi.

"We're in the process of defoliating fields now and we're starting to harvest. We're in harvest preparation and beginning the harvest process." The cotton harvest on the Gulf Coast usually begins in mid-July. Livingston said a lot of the cotton was up to a week and a half earlier than normal this year because of the drought.

"We got those rains and the cotton began to vigorously start growing again, increasing in height and forming new leaves," he said.

"This is not a good thing. Rains received after July 4 would help the late-planted cotton, but most of the cotton planted on-time would not be helped." The rains other problems. When fluffy lint takes on water and gets soggy, it becomes heavy and starts to pull out of the boll and onto the ground, he said."

"We'll just have to wait and see what we have," Livingston said. "As a rule, if you get rain at harvest, that is usually not a good thing. It causes the lint to string out of the boll, and once it's on the ground you can't gather it with the pickers and it rains and

will cause staining.

"It just kind of depends where you were, how much rain you got and how long it stayed wet. Right now I see preparations for harvest and I see a lot of pickers on the road coming in and getting ready to begin the harvest process. But, the recent rains have made cotton defoliation extremely difficult, and most of our pre-harvest preparations are not very effective in taking the leaves off the cotton plant."

He said harvesting in the Upper Gulf Coast is probably two weeks later than the Lower Gulf Coast.

Although rains caused some problems, insects have not.

"The Boll Weevil Eradication Program has really been working this year," Livingston said.

Few boll weevils were found to have stung bolls, and yields are higher. Aphid, fleahoppers and other insects have caused some lost squares, but insect control has been good this year and insects have not been a major problem.

"Our yields aren't going to be outstanding." Livingston said. "Normally we produce a bale and a half per acre. We're looking at anything from nothing to a bale and a half (per acre) on dryland cotton. On average the Lower Gulf Coast will have less than a bale per acre. Where we got some good rains and have irrigation, those yields will probably not be

Now, cotton producers are waiting to see how they will fare in the marketplace.

"As always, the price of the cotton is so important," Livingston said. "It takes a lot of money to produce a cotton crop. It is one of the most intensely managed crops we have because of insect sprays and the cost of ginning and picking. It takes well over \$300 an acre to produce cotton, so the (market) price has to be good."

Prices have not been high the last few years, he said. To stay in business and keep producing cotton year after year, producers have to have a good market for their cotton. In the South Plains, there is a wide range of growth stages.

"We're running anywhere from squaring to peak bloom," said Dr. Randy Boman, Extension cotton agronomist in Lubbock.

"Squaring is where the floral buds have bee initiated on the plants. Once it starts squaring, it takes three weeks or so for the bloom to pop out. Cotton's running anywhere from a week or so before bloom, all the way to peak bloom which is about 14 days

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after you hit first bloom."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated producers in the South Plains planted around 3.5 million acres of cotton.

However, hail and wind in late-May and June knocked out about 200,000 acres of the cotton crop in the South Plains, he said. Somewhere around half of that acreage was replanted to cotton during the first week of June.

"More recently we've had good rain," Bornan said. Rain fell in the some areas the first two weeks of July.

"Actually we're in pretty good shape across a large portion of the area after that, but we still have some counties where they've had virtually no rainfall. As we get into the peak water use period of the crop, we can certainly use more rainfall," Bornan said.

He said the northern counties around Muleshoe to Hereford have not had much rain. Further south, in Cochran, Yoakum, Gaines and Dawson counties, they have had just spotty rainfall.

"The question is how many acres of dryland ended up not emerging," Boman said. "I've called the USDA offices to try and get an idea of how many dryland acres have not had enough rain on to get a stand. I'm afraid to say.

"We thought at one time (the non-emerged acres) would be very large, but evidently the number of failed acres may be considerably smaller than we had earlier thought. We won't know for sure until later on this week, after the final tally of certified cotton acres becomes available from the Farm Services Agency offices."

Some insect species have caused problems. There was a significant amount of thrips pressure during the seedling stage of development of the cotton plants, he said. Thrips are small bugs that feed on leaf and terminal tissue.



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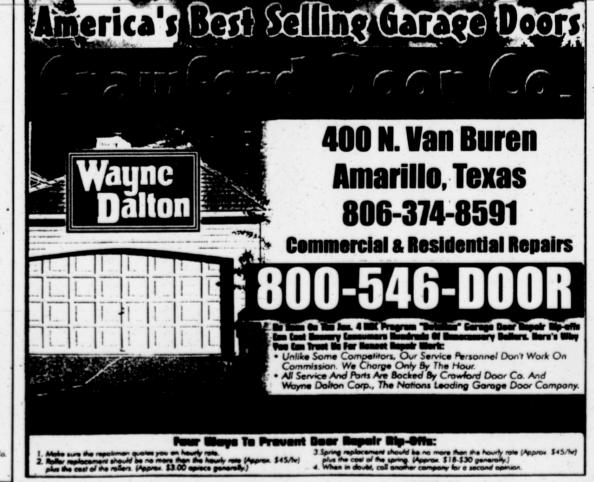
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FOOTBALL

PAMPA — There will be a Harvester Football Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Ready Room at the Pampa High School athletic building.

This will be the first of regular Monday night meetings of the booster club.

BASEBALL

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

 Tyler Houston went 4for-4 and drove in four runs in his Dodgers debut, leading Los Angeles over the San Francisco Giants 11-6 Friday

Houston, acquired in a trade with the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday, hit a two-run triple in the first

Adrian Beltre also drove in four runs with four hits. Mark Grudzielanek had four of the Dodgers' 18 hits.

The Dodgers won for just the fourth time in their last 16 games. Despite a careerhigh four RBIs by Ramon Martinez, the Giants lost for the fifth time in seven games.

Given a lot of support, Hideo Nomo remained undefeated against the Giants in San Francisco despite one of his worst outings of the year.

Nomo (10-6) improved to 7-0 in eight starts in San Francisco. He allowed five runs and nine hits over seven innings and won for the first time since July 1, a span of five starts.

GOLF

CONCORD, Mass. (AP) — Bob Gilder got

more comfortable with the course as the day went along.

Gilder shot a 31 on the back nine and a 6-under-par 66 to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the Senior PGA's FleetBoston Classic at the Nashawtuc Country Club on Friday.

"I went out a little cautious," said Gilder, who moved into sixth place in the standings after last week's dramatic win over Hale Irwin in Chicago. "My irons weren't crisp on the front. I gained some momentum as the round went along. I enjoy the course up here.'

Arnold Palmer, who has struggled this year, had the only eagle of the first day with a 40-foot chip shot from a favorable position on the par-5 10th hole.

The 72-year old Palmer, playing in just his fourth senior event of the year, shot a 3-over-par 75.

Leaf retires from NFL

CHENEY, Wash. (AP) — Many in Ryan Leaf's hometown career in spite of all the embarrassment.

His high school coach in Great Falls, Mont., Jack Johnson, hoped the oncepromising quarterback would finally turn things around with the Seattle Seahawks, his fourth team in five seasons.

Instead, Leaf has retired, leaving many Montana residents disappointed and wondering just why things went wrong.

"It's kind of hard for me," Johnson said. "Every Monday I would look in the papers to see his stats and whether he played."

When Leaf didn't show up for the Seahawks' quarterbacks meeting Thursday, Trent Dilfer figured something must be

As the starter and leader, Dilfer immediately called Leaf in the scenic town of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

The decision, confirmed by the Seahawks on Friday, ends a career that began in 1998 when Leaf was the No. 2 overall draft pick and considered one of the NFL's most talented young quarterbacks.

"He seems at peace with it," Dilfer said. "This isn't a profession you should make a decision on what other people say. .. I was surprised. I thought he had very productive minicamps and was learning and had turned a page in his career and was building back up."

Leaf did not report to camp still care a lot about his NFL. Thursday, when quarterbacks were due at the team's facility at Eastern Washington University. His wife, Niki, told The Associated Press that Leaf did not want to talk about the decision. She declined to discuss his future plans.

> Team spokesman Dave Pearson said on Friday that Leaf who fizzled in San Diego, Tampa Bay and Dallas — told the Seahawks he is quitting.

> Chargers safety Rodney Harrison, a frequent critic of Leaf, wasn't surprised.

> "It was probably the best thing for him to do. He took his money and he ran," Harrison said. "He did what he had to do. I'm glad that issue is over in my

Leaf is one of the biggest busts in NFL history.

In four seasons, Leaf appeared in 25 games, making 21 starts. He completed 317 of 655 passes for 3,666 yards, with 14 touchdowns and 36 interceptions. He had a dismal quarterback rating of 50.

Leaf not only failed to perform on the field but also alienated teammates and the media with frequent tirades, blaming others for his problems.

The 26-year-old Leaf signed with the Seahawks in May, a day after being released by the

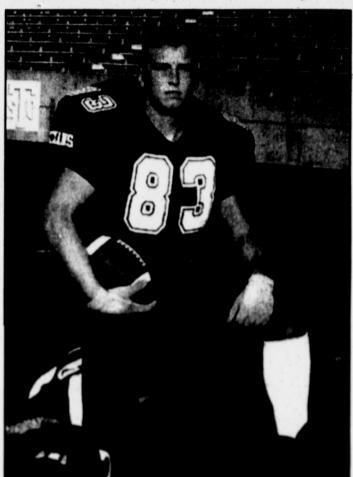
Seahawks coach and general manager Mike Holmgren was not available for comment Friday, the team said.

Masters earns pre-season honors at Tarleton State

STEPHENVILLE — Sophomore tight end Kyle Masters of Wheeler will be one of the top returnees on Tarleton State's Lone Star Conference champi-

onship football-team this son All-American teams. upcoming season.

Masters, teammates Charles Davis and J.W. Boren have been recognized on various pre-sea-



Kyle Masters was the Freshman of the Year in the Lone Star Conference's South Division.

All three starters are among the 15 players returning from Tarleton's 10-3 team that won the Lone Star Conference championship advanced to the NCAA Division II quarterfinals a year ago.

Masters was last year's LSC South Freshman of the Year after hauling in 24 receptions for 390 yards and two touchdowns.

He caught a TD pass in the Texans' 28-24 playoff win over Chadron State in Nebraska.

Masters was a firstteam All-West Region pick last year, in addition to gaining honorable men-All-LSC tion South acclaim.

A 2000 Wheeler High graduate, Masters was Class 1A All-State at both tight end and defensive year as a senior.

Kyle's brother, Brad Masters, is a junior tight end on the Wheeler varsi-

Tarleton kicks off the 2002 football season Aug. 29 by hosting Southwest Assemblies of God.

Angels take over first place in AL West Division

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

When the Anaheim Angels left Seattle in April, first place was the last thing on their mind.

Seattle on Friday night and John Lackey pitched eight innings in an 8-0 victory over the Mariners.

Anaheim was 10 1/2 games behind Seattle on April 23 before winning the finale of a three-game series the next day to start a remarkable turnaround.

The Angels are 55-26 since hitting their low point of the season.

"We weren't playing good baseball in April and pretty much got it handed to us," manager Mike Scioscia said. "Right now, we're a totally different club. We're playing good baseball and the wins are coming."

Tim Salmon homered and Scott Spiezio had three RBIs for Anaheim (61-40), which beat Seattle (62-41) for the fifth straight time to move two percentage points ahead of the Mariners.

Seattle had been in sole possession of first since April 11.

"Any time you lose, it's painful," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said. "I don't

14-0, it's painful. And don't five in his sixth career start. inning of the season. tiebreaking two-run shot in think it isn't.

New York 12. Tampa Bay 9; Baltimore 9. Boston 2: Minnesota 10, Toronto 5; The Angels returned to and Detroit 8, Cleveland 5.

> for the first time since Aug. 26, 1995.

James Baldwin (6-7) lost In other AL games, it for the first time since June -was: Texas 12, Oakland 4; 11, allowing seven runs five carned - and nine hits in five innings.

"There are a lot of Chicago 10, Kansas City 2; games left and we weren't expecting to go out and Anaheim has won three have a 16-game lead," moved into the top spot in straight and eight of 10 to Baldwin said. "We knew it the AL West when rookie move 21 games over .500 was going to be a battle. This is what baseball is all about."

> "The only time we're going to look at the standings is the last day of the season. Our challenge is still in house. The standings will take care of themselves."

> > - Angels' manager Mike Scioscia

Anaheim hasn't won the division since 1986 - the second-longest drought in the AL. It's the first time the Angels have been in first place since May 5, 2000, when they were tied for the lead with the Mariners.

"The only time we're going to look at the standings is after the last day of the season," Scioscia said. "Our challenge is still in house. The standings will take care of themselves."

from Triple-A Salt Lake on June 26, allowed six hits,

Rangers 12, Athletics 4

Carl Everett became the first Texas player to homer twice in an inning, connecting twice in a nine-run seventh against visiting Oakland.

Ruben Rivera hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh, Juan Gonzalez drove in three runs and Rafael Palmeiro hit a tworun homer, snapping his streak of 17 straight solo homers.

With the Rangers trailing Lackey (2-1), called up 4-3, Everett and Rivera homered off Oakland starter Mark Mulder (11-6) care whether it's 8-0, 3-2 or one walk and struck out to start Texas' biggest

Everett capped the outburst with a two-run shot.

Yankees 12, Devil Rays 9

Raul Mondesi homered and drove in four runs and Robin Ventura hit a two-run homer as New York won at Tampa Bay.

double during a four-run fourth, was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the sixth and hit a solo homer in the ninth.

Ventura hit his 20th homer in the eighth.

Mike Mussina (13-4) allowed four runs in six innings as the Yankees beat the Devil Rays for the ninth time in 10 games this sea-

Orioles 9, Red Sox 2

Rodrigo Lopez pitched eight strong innings at Fenway Park for his 11th win, the most by Baltimore rookie since 1989.

Melvin Mora and Howie Clark had consecutive RBI doubles in Baltimore's fiverun third inning. Tony Batista added a solo homer for Baltimore, which halted a three-game losing streak.

Lopez (11-3) allowed two runs and four hits for the most wins by an Orioles' rookie since Bob Milacki won 14 in 1989.

Twins 10, Blue Jays 5 Jacque Jones hit two

home runs, including a runs in six innings.

the sixth inning as Minnesota beat visiting Toronto. Jones and

Doug Mientkiewicz each drove in three runs for the Twins, who had 16 hits. All nine Minnesota starters had at least one hit, led by A.J. Mondesi had a two-run Pierzynski's three singles.

White Sox 10, Royals 2

Highly touted Willie Harris, now getting a fulltime chance in the majors after the White Sox traded Ray Durham, hit his first big league home run as Chicago defeated Kansas City.

Jose Valentin also homered and Paul Konerko drove in three runs for the White Sox. Kansas City has lost four in a row and five of six since a nine-game winning

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Dan Wright (7-8) got the win and Shawn Sedlacek (1-1) took the loss.

Tigers 8, Indians 5

Bobby Higginson, Randall Simon and Robert Fick each had four hits and two RBIs to lead Detroit at Cleveland.

Jim Thome hit two homers for Cleveland in his return after missing six games with a stiff back, giving him 30 on the sea-

Brian Powell (1-0) earned his first win in nearly two years, allowing four

Lugo has game-winning hit as Astros beat Pirates

HOUSTON (AP) Patience was the key to Julio Lugo's game-winning hit.

With two outs in the bottom of the ninth Lugo singled to center to score the winning run as the Houston Astros beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-3 on

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Friday night.

"I was waiting for a fastball and I got one. He came inside and missed a few spots, then I got the one I wanted and hit it up the middle," Lugo explained. Brad Ausmus walked with

one out in the ninth against Scott Sauerbeck (3-1) and moved to second on a groundout, setting the stage for Lugo.

"We've had some big hits from a lot of guys this year, but two outs in the bottom of the ninth, it doesn't get much bigger," Houston manager Jimy Williams said. "He drove in the winning run, that was a great at-bat.

Sauerbeck was trying to sur-

prise Lugo with a fastball. "I threw him three straight

curveballs. I thought the change of speed with the fastball might get him," Sauerbeck said. "It was a fastball up. I was behind and I really wanted to get him so I wouldn't have to face the big boys behind

After Billy Wagner (3-2) allowed a game-tying homer to Aramis Ramirez in the ninth, the Astros won it in the bottom half to reach .500 for the first time since May 18.

"I was excited about facing him, those are the guys you want to face, power hitters," Wagner said. "You've just got to go out and go after them. I

threw the pitch I wanted to throw. When you've got a fastball like mine you've got to throw it."

Daryle Ward hit a two-run homer in the eighth to give the Astros a 3-2 lead before Ramirez tied it with his fourth homer of the season.

Pittsburgh starter Josh Fogg allowed one run and three hits in seven innings. The loss is the fourth straight for Pittsburgh. "All of the losses are frus-

trating. The close ones are tough. Fogg threw the ball outstanding. It is unfortunate that we were not able to close it down for him," Pittsburgh manager Lloyd McClendon



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Miles Childers of Amarillo receives a travel bag from Tri-State Golf Association President John Haynes (left) after winning the President's Flight in this year's senior tournament at the Pampa Country Club. Childers had a three-round total of 230.

Sorenstam is in the hunt at the LPGA Big Apple Golf Classic

(AP) - It's common to hear golfers credit some time off after a great round.

They talk of clearing their heads by doing anything except what they do for a liv-

Not Annika Sorenstam.

The world's No. 1 woman golfer had planned a long vacation, then decided to end it halfway through.

She was supposed to take four weeks off after the U.S. Open, which ended July 7. when she finished second to Juli Inkster in a dramatic final

"I actually planned to take. four weeks off, but after just one week, I told my husband. 'I'm ready to go play again.' I was ready," she said Friday after a 5-under 66 in the second round of the LPGA Big Apple Classic left her three shots behind Kelli Kuehne.

"I needed a break after the Open," she said. "I thought, 'OK, I have lots of time.' But after a week it seemed like I had done all the things I wanted to do. I rested and I practiced. Last weekend, I was almost antsy to get back out. That's how much I enjoy it. That's the way it should be, You should come to a tournament and you can't wait to get there."

Sorenstam, who has six wins this year, won this tournament in 1998 and 2000.

Kuehne started her secondround 65 with three birdies and her 8-under 134 was two shots better than Chris Johnson who ended her second-round 65 with three

"It was awesome, but I haven't started out like that in

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. a really long time," she said. "Usually my best rounds start with a bogey, when I have to tell myself, 'Come on, get going.' But to start with three solid birdies, that got me con- came on a putt longer than 11 fident into the day."

> putts of 5 and 15 feet on Nos. rookie of the year in 2001. 1 and 3, both par-5s, around a 12-footer on the par-3 2nd. She added birdies at Nos. 8, 10 and 15 along the way and was never really in trouble as she posted her low round of

Kuehne is coming off consecutive top 10 finishes, including a tie for seventh at the U.S. Open. Her only LPGA win — the 1999 Corning Classic — came in a three-week run where she was seventh, won and finished third in the Open.

Johnson had seven birdies. all on putts of 10 feet or less. Her closing trio included two of the tap-in variety, the first on the 164-yard 16th when her tee shot nearly went in, and on the par-5, 481-yard 18th when she two-putted from 40 feet.

Johnson, who last won on tour in 1997 when one of her victories was the LPGA Championship, sounded like a golfer who followed an opening 71 with a 65 when she was asked about the uneven greens and swirling winds that bothered most of the players at Wykagyl Country Club.

"What bumps? What wind?" she said with a laugh. Sorenstam's strategy was affected by the greens.

"Today, I figured I'd hit it hard and hopefully it would hold the line," she said of her putting. "I've been putting

good, sometimes they go and sometimes they don't. Today I figured if I hit it closer, they would be easier to make.

Only one of her birdies feet - a 16-footer on No. 11.

She sandwiched birdie Hee-Won Han, the LPGA's was tied with Sorenstam at 137 after a 67 in which she also kept the birdie putts on the short side, making three of her four from inside 5 feet.

> Beth Daniel also shot a 65 Friday and was tied at 4under 138 with Gloria Park (67), Kim Saiki (67) and Sherri Steinhauer (69).

Nancy Scranton had a 68 and was at 139 with Karrie Webb, who had a 69.

First-round co-leaders Kathryn Marshall and Minny Yeo, who opened with 68s, struggled Friday. Marshall had a 76 and was at 2-over 144, one shot better than the cut, while Yeo had an

Inkster, who took two weeks off following her victory in the Open, had a 72 Friday for a 5-over 147 total.

The tournament is sponsored by Sybase and has a purse of \$950,000 with \$142,500 going to the winner.

Divots: Defending champion Rosie Jones had a 5-under 67 Friday and was at even par after two rounds. Temperatures in the high 60s and a constant breeze under cloudy skies made it a bit cool for the gallery. One credit card company gave away an LPGA beach towel if you signed up at their booth. Several people did and the gifts quickly became LPGA beach blankets.

Lance Armstrong: From undisciplined young rider to Tour de France superstar

PARIS (AP) — Lance Armstrong is a lean 170 pounds with a thin, unremarkable torso that conserves muscle for where it counts — those sinewy champion's legs that can scale mountains at 90 pedal rotations

It's an ideal cyclist's build, sculpted from scratch after cancer wasted away Armstrong's once-bulkier frame. It's also scarred. There's an incision along his groin where surgeons cut out a testicle, and two notches in his scalp, remnants from brain surgery.

nearly killed Cancer Armstrong, then it made him Illness stronger. chemotherapy transformed his body - then it taught the cocky, undisciplined young rider how to race beyond pain.

Tour de France racers will cross the finish line on the treelined Champs-Elysees in Paris on Sunday. With a lead of 5 minutes and 6 seconds after Friday's stage, Armstrong is almost certain to win his fourth straight Tour.

Now he's making plans for the future.

'It's not my last Tour de France," the 30-year-old Texan said Thursday. Only one rider, Spain's Miguel Indurain, has ever won five races in a row a record that seems within Armstrong's reach.

Since his comeback, Armstrong has worked yearround to prepare for each Tour, practicing in a wind tunnel, following a motorcycle over hilly terrain, weighing all his food. He starts training only six weeks after the previous Tour

"Everybody's favorite question is, 'How did cancer change you?" Armstrong wrote in his autobiography, "It's Not About

"The real question is, 'How didn't it change me?""

In the book, written with Sally Jenkins, Armstrong describes the pre-cancer Lance. The one who ate too much Tex-Mex when he should have been watching his diet; who had a tendency to break out from the pack early on when he should have been conserving his ener-

He also had a tendency to insult his competitors. In the book, Armstrong describes screaming an expletive at a respected Italian rider who didn't get his name right.

name's Armstrong, and by the end of this race you'll know it," he told the rider. Armstrong didn't

Armstrong's life turned upside down in 1996, when he noticed soreness in his testicle. First he ignored it. Then he coughed up blood. When he finally went to the hospital, doctors scheduled him for emergency surgery the next day at 7 a.m. The testicular cancer had spread to his brain and

The next few months were a whirl of chemotherapy treatments that left him vomiting constantly, burned his skin and stripped off his hair and eyebrows. He also lost 20 pounds.

"It's one thing to undergo chemo and go back to work as an accountant," Armstrong wrote. "But to be a cyclist? I didn't know about that. Chemo had made the worst climb in the Alps seem flat.'

After cancer, a lot changed in Armstrong's life. He married and now has three children. He started the Lance Armstrong Foundation for cancer patients and survivors. And in cycling, something clicked.

Mentally, he was tougher. Physically, he was leaner. In 1999, Armstrong attempted the Tour, the most venerable and grueling of cycling's races. His U.S. Postal Team was a long shot, but the rest is history.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF 1. Horace Gonzalez 81; 2. Monty Hamilton 82

 Jack Phillips 87; 2. Joe Brown.
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 Quenton Estep 90; 2. Sam Bass 91 Fourth Flight

1. Leland Shelton; 2. John Blumberg

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Atlanta	66	37	.641	
New York	53	49	.520	12 1/2
Montreal	51	52	.495	15
Florida	50	53	.485	16
Philadelphia	48	54	.471	17 1/2
Central Division				
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St. Louis	57	43	.570	_
Cincinnati	53	49	.520	5
Houston	51	51	.500	7
Pittsburgh	47	56	456	11 1/2
Chicago .	43	58	.426	14 1/2
Milwaukee	36	67	350	22 1/2
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Oakland (Zito 14-3) at Texas (Valdes 5-7), 8:05 p.m.

Brewers 10, Rockies 3 MILWAUKEE (AP) - Mark

Loretta hit his career first grand slam and Ben Sheets won for the second time in 15 starts as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Colorado Rockies 10-3 Friday Loretta connected for the slam

in the third inning off Denny Stark (6-2). It followed singles by Richie Sexson and Matt Stairs and a walk to Jose Hernandez, giving Sheets (5-12) a 6-0 lead.

Richie Sexson added a threerun homer in the eighth, his 23rd of the year, for Milwaukee.



Eakin atop steer wrestling in NHSFR

FARMINGTON, N.M. — Amarillo's Marty Eakin and Portales' Kenna Armitage both earned at least a share of all-around leads Friday after nine performances of the National High School Finals

The second round finished Saturday, with the top finishes in each event qualifying for today's short-go.

Eakln remained on top of steer wrestling after Friday

morning's performance, giving him a two-round total of 8.298 seconds. Jed Headley of Pasco, Wash. is second with an 8.772 total.

Combined with his eighthplace showing overall in saddle bronc, Eakin has a 500point total in the all-around cowboy standings - 10 more than Luke Gray of Eagle,

In the cowgirl division, Armitage shared first at 400

points with Jessica Painter of Buffalo, S.D. Armitage leads the competition in breakaway roping with a combined time of 5.338 seconds, while Painter holds the top spot in pole bending.

Etbauer of Chancy Goodwell, Okla. is currently sixth in goat tying with an overall total of 19.424 seconds, while Trell Etbauer is tied for eighth in saddle bronc with Eakin.

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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.

OLD MOBEETIE JAIL MUSEUM

Old Mobeetie Jail Museum in Mobeetie offers various volunteer opportunities to interested individuals. For more information, call (806) 845-2028.

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. T.O.P.S. #149

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

T.O.P.S. #41

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

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-6898

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511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024. NOTICE TO ALL VETERANS

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 ses-.

LAS PAMPAS WATER GARDEN/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.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

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

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

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

PAMPA MASONIC LODGE #966

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

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 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-

PAMPA 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

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PAMPA 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.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday

of each month at Chaney's Restaurant.

AMERICAN 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.

TOP O'TEXAS 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

ORDER OF THE 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.

PAMPA 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.

PAMPA PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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

PAMPA GARDEN CLUB

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

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.

FREEDOM MUSEUM

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

MIRACLE EAR

Miracle-Ear Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization, vide 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-

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

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 PARTNERSHIP

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

YMCA DIABETICS CLASS

Amarillo YMCA is offering new water exercise classes speciallydesigned 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-

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.

PRINCESS WARRIORS

Princess Warriors, a support group for women with gynecologic cancer, meets at 5:30 p.m., the first Tuesday of each month in the Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheater in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673 or (806) 934-2364.

HARRINGTON HOUSE

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.

NIH GUIDE

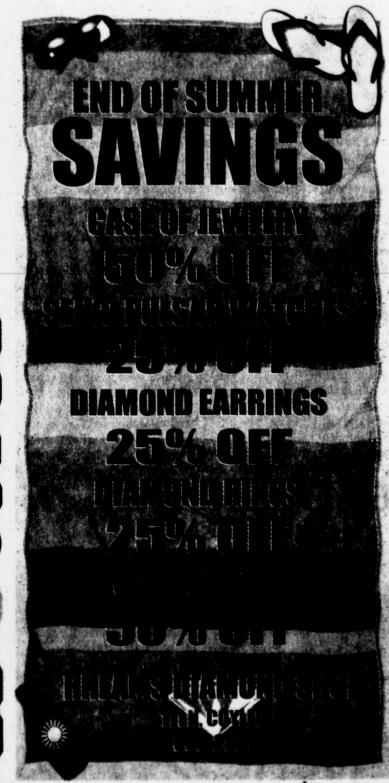
National Institute on Aging is offering "Talking with Your Doctor: A Guide for Older People." The 30-page booklet is available in single or bulk copies. For more information, call the NIA Information Center weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., toll-free at 1-800-222-2225 or TTY at 1-800-222-

GREEN THUMB INTERNET SITE

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

HFA PUBLICATION

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



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STILLWATER, Okla. — A total of 2,163 students were recently awarded diplomas at the conclusion of the 2002 spring semester at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Students receiving degrees include: Laura Beth Miller, master of science degree; and Lori Michelle Walling, bachelor of science degree.

Miller graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and Walling in 1997.

Cellular One recently announced LaTonne Douglass received the company's Tour de Force Manager Achievement Award, Cellular One's highest honor for managers. The award recognizes commitment to customers, sales goals, and productivity levels.

"The entire senior management team is proud to recognize LaTonne for this coveted award," said George Bullock, executive director of sales for Cellular One. "Cellular One is committed to providing the very best service and products to our customers and valuable return to our shareholders. LaTonne is instrumental to these goals, and is truly dedicated to the company's core values for success."

LaTonne shares this honor with 23 other managers from across the nation and will be formally honored by Cellular One's top executive officers during an exclusive awards banquet.

LaTonne joined the company in 1995. A retail sales manager, she manages 12 employees. Other WWC career achievements include winning the Superstar 2000, 2001 and 2002 sales contest, and The Big Challenge Sales Contest.

SAN ANTONIO — Helen Orr of Pampa was recently named to the Dean's List at Trinity University for the 2002 spring semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.65 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 15 or more semester hours.

PCOMING EVENTS

'LEGACY'

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

PHOTO EXHIBIT

"Gray County in Black and White," photography exhibit by Jim Jordan and Louise Daniel, is on display at through Aug. 31 at White Deer Land Museum in Pampa.

AMARILLO BOTANICAL GARDENS

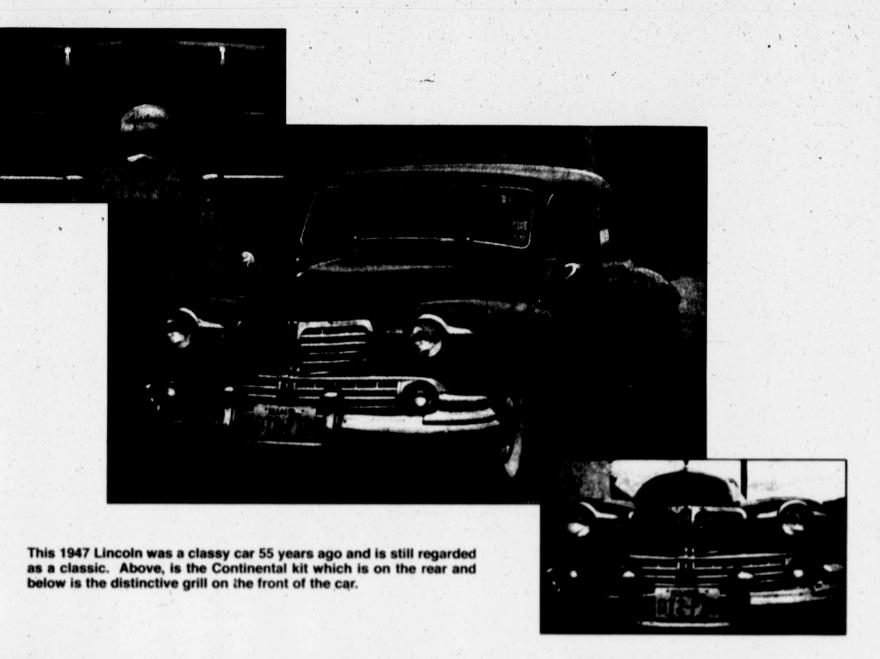
Amarillo Botanical Gardens will host a gardening hour from 12-1 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month through Oct. 16 at its location in Harrington Regional Medical Center Complex in Amarillo. For more information, call the Gardens at (806) 352-6513. **GRAY COUNTY VETERANS**

1950s.

County Centennial Gray Celebration organizers requesting all Gray Co. veterans to sign-up with the county veteran's service so a list of all veterans living here can be compiled for use in the upcoming Centennial Celebration. The

County, in conjunction with the observance of its 100th birthday, wants to honor all Gray County veterans. To get listed, call Veterans Service Officer Robert Dixon at 669-8040. You can leave your name and address on the

answering machine.



Crazy about Cars

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

"You can advertise your car and put a price on it or you slide it under the auction," Daniel

He also offers auto parts, furniture, coins and a variety of other items.

"I'm not a dealer," Daniels said. "I'm just more or less a broker."

In frustration, however, he admitted that get- anybody in the country," Daniels said.

ting his web site up and running was no smalltask. The first person he went to and asked to build it, could-

n't or wouldn't, and he had to find someone else. "I've been working on it a year and a half," Daniels said.

He went on line last month. but it still took a few weeks to work out the bugs.

"Last week, we got about 1,300 hits," Daniels said. "We've already sold three vehicles off of it."

He sold a 1964 Ford Galaxy, a 1997 Dodge 4x4 pickup and a 1950 Mercury.

"I'm getting inquiries on my web site from Australia, Japan, China, all over the world," Daniels said. "It's international."

"I spent some time in Seattle," he said, "but

I'm from Pampa and living there now." His shop, however, is an old auto dealership in White Deer.

"This place has got a lot of history," Daniels said of the building. "This was the Ford dealership, one of the first ones in the Panhandle. It accommodated Model T.

When he began repairing the building. he tore into the ceiling to replace it and found in the attic a box of old coupon books for oil, The Cadillac emblem from the gas and accessories. He

> also found old bank statements from 1917 and 1918. He even found a parts book for the Model T.

> But the building, like his cars, is a work in

"Some day I'll restore this old building,"

Daniels said. On his showroom floor now, along with the Elvis cutout, is a 1959 white Cadillac coupe, a 1946 Lincoln Continental and a 1956 Lincoln Mk. II convertible complete with a factory

installed alarm system.

"They did not make a convertible that year," Daniels said

Daniels bought the car in Canada while he was living in Seattle. He cut the top off and made it into a convertible.

"It's one of a kind," Daniels said.

It was 1956 that J.C. Daniels was on the Ed

"He sold more of those 1956 Lincolns than



This 1959 white Cadillac graced the streets of Pampa 40-plus years ago. The body is considerably longer than the cars of today. The elegant tail fins were the latest Born and raised in Pampa. in style in the late 50s. An energy crunch in th 1970s caused car manufacturers to Daniels graduated from Pampa concentrate on building smaller vehicles to save gasoline.

house and rustic furniture store that belongs to his daughter, Jinna Sandlin, and her partner, Denise Allen, on U.S. Highway 60 as it goes through White Deer.

"I sell a lot of cars there." Daniels said.

In the shop in the back of the building, he has a 1939 Lincoln Zephyr coupe that he's making into a street rod and he has a 1949 "Baby" Lincoln.

"The regular 1949 Lincoln is a big old long thing," Daniels said.

Also in the shop, in varying stages of repair, he has a 1947 Ford pickup, a 1952 Chevrolet that he's restoring for a Pampa man and a 1961 Lincoln Continental convertible with suicide

'It's the rarest of all the Lincoln convertibles, I'm told," Daniel said. "They made those for six years, '61 through '67."

Outside he has four more Lincoln convertibles in weathered condition. He said he will probably restore one of them out and use the others for parts.

Daniels said he doesn't have one favorite car, although he admitted to being partial to convertibles. Every car is his favorite.

"Every old car stands out," Daniels said. "Any old car is unique to me. They have their own personalities. Each one has its own story. I just love them all."

Photos by David Bowser

Engagements

Broadhurst-Williams

Mamie Elizabeth Broadhurst of Louisville, Ky., and Richard Andrew Williams of Chicago, Ill., plan to wed Sept. 1, 2002, in the backyard of the bride's Aunt and Uncle Tim and Carey Benton-Jewett's home in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Katherine Benton Broadhurst of Winston-Salem and Edgar David Broadhurst, III, of Nashville, Tenn. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in education and American studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She formerly served as a young adult volunteer through the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Guatemala and Nashville. She currently National



Richard Williams and Mamie Broadhurst

Volunteer Office at the PC (USA) Center and plans to attend McCormick Seminary in Chicago in the fall.

The prospective groom is the son of Robert and Margaret Williams of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1995 and received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Colorado School of Mines in 1999. He formerly served as a young adult volunteer with Presbyterian Church (USA) in the Philippines and Nashville and is currently a student at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Watkins-Blain

Stormie Watkins of Hurst and Rick Blain plan to wed Aug. 10, 2002, at Briarwood Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Belinda Martin of Pampa and David Watkins of Duncan, Okla. She holds an associates of art degree in Biblical studies Southwestern Assemblies of God University and is currently employed at North Texas District Council of Assembly of God.

The prospective groom is the son of Brenda Donaldson and Dick Blain, both of Pampa. He holds an associates of applied science degree in architectural design from Westwood College Technology and plans to pursue a career in architecture.



Stormie Watkins and Rick Blain

WEDDINGS

Colby-McCavit

Megan Beth Colby of Dallas and Dr. Timothy Lee McCavit were wed June 2, 2002, at Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas with the Rev. Elliott Greene, of the church, officiating.

The maid of honor was Allison Stillwell of Arlington. The bridesmaids were Holly Chandler and Carrie Clyde, both of Arlington, Sarah Colby, Shannon Houston, and Laura McCavit, all of Dallas, Kathleen Decker of Midlothian, Shanan Marek of Houston, and Kirsten Wiggers of Littleton, Colo. The flower girls were Katie Decker of Midlothian and Eva Wiggers of Littleton.

The best man was Trey McCavit of Lubbock. The groomsmen were Ethan Colby, Justin Kimble, Todd McCavit, Patrick Pattison, and Dr. Tim Thomason, all of Dallas, Kyle Sparkman of San Antonio, Dr. Jason Soukup of Denver, Colo., and Richard Williams of Chicago, Ill. The ring bearers were Grant Decker of Midlothian and Cole Wiggers of Littleton.

The ushers were Dr. Larry Liang and Dr. Tony Cook, both of Dallas. The candlelighters were Jill Sargent of Arlington and Jennifer Truitt of Houston.

Music was provided by Park Cities Presbyterian Handbell Choir, vocalist Joanna Festa, flutist Andrea Kim, and organist Colin Howland.

A reception was held following the service at City Place in Dallas with Meg Brown and Mary Ann Starnes, both of Arlington, Emily Dykes and Erica Kelly, both of Houston, Kelly Edwards of Hendersonville, Tenn., and Mandy Logsdon of Dallas serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Fred and Ruth Colby of Arlington. She graduated from Arlington High School in 1996, and from Baylor University in 2000. She taught at Providence Christian School of Dallas in 2001-02.

The groom is the son of Jack and Sherry McCavit of Pampa.

Bridal Registry.

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Tonya Girdley ~ Steve Sanders

Traci Shelton ~ Todd Baize

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Megan Beth Colby

He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1998, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in 2002, and is currently working on his pediatric residency at Children's Hospital in Dallas:

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Banff, Alberta, Canada and intend to make their home in Dallas.

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MENUS

WEEK OF JULY 29-AUG. 2

Lamar Cafeteria MONDAY

Breakfast: French toast sticks.

Lunch: Steak fingers, sliced potatoes, pizza, peaches, rolls. TUESDAY

Breakfast: Pancake-and-

sausage-on-a-stick. Lunch: Burrito, pizza, corn, applesauce.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast:Cinnamon toast. Lunch: Oven-fried chicken, pizza, whipped potatoes, carrots, pineapple, rolls. THURSDAY

Breakfast:Scrambled eggs, biscuits.

Lunch: Cheese nachos, pizza, pinto beans, salad, apricots

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage. Lunch: Hamburgers,

French lettuce/tomato, pickles.

Lunch in the Park MONDAI

Lunch: Pizza, trail mix, fruit cups, milk.

TUESDAY

Lunch: Bologna sandwiches, carrot sticks, fruit cups, milk.

WEDNESDAY

Lunch: Hot dogs, trail mix, fruit cups, milk. THURSDAY

Lunch: Turkey sandwiches, fruit cups, juice, milk.

FRIDAY Lunch: Burrito, trail mix,

fruit cups, milk. Senior Citizens

MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chicken/broccoli/noodle, mashed potatoes, spinach, beans, German chocolate cake or blueberry

cream pie, pineapple cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

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TUESDAY

Meatloaf or chicken salad, onion potatoes, cabbage, fried squash, beans, lemon cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, carrots, English peas, butter beans, pineapple upsidedown cake or blackberry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, jalapeno combread or combread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or fiesta bake, boiled potatoes, green beans, chuckwagon com, beans, black forest cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, jalapeno combread or combread.

FRIDAY

spaghetti/meatballs, potato wedges, broccoli/cheese sauce, beans, brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, jalapeno combread or combread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY Chicken chow mein, egg rolls, hominy, sugarless cake.

TUESDAY Catfis, pinto beans, potato

salad, apricots. WEDNESDAY

Hamburgers, tater tots,

THURSDAY

Beef stroganoff, broccoli, carrots, peaches.

FRIDAY Chicken, rice pilaf, green

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 that week. Thank you.

Magic Plains ABWA

Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association met July 8 at The Coffee Shop in Pampa with Vice President Evelyn Boyd presiding. Eight members and two guests

were present.

beans, apples.

The following business was discussed and announcements made: -Minutes were approved as read in the bulletin. -The treasurer's report

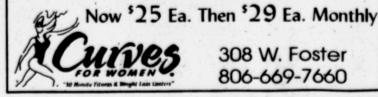
was delivered. -Members voted to purchase "Logo Disc" with the

ABWA emblem. —The Executive Board met recently for transition of new officers. The Executive Board's social, originally scheduled July 20, has been postponed for later time.

-Approximately pounds of pecans remain to be

ome into Furr's today for a delicious home-cooked meal ា មានទាស់ក្រុម មាន ខេត្ត នៅ ខេត្ត is the most need for your money any 1 Entrée, 2 Sides & Bread M-F 11 a.m.-4 p.m. M-F 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Ferrell-Love

Misty Michelle Ferrell of Webb City, Mo., and Trevor Conrad Love of Columbia, Mo., were wed in a sunset ceremony June 19, 2002, at Mutiara Beach in Penang, Malaysia, with Alan Bemo of Huai Sai, Laos, officiating.

The couple will repeat their vows on Aug. 3 at Broadview Country Club in Carthage, Mo., with Jay St. Clair, minister of College Heights Christian Church in Joplin, Mo., officiating.

The matron of honor was Deborah Ferrell, mother of the bride of Pampa. The maid of honor was Phoebe Worthington of Carthage, Mo.

The bridal attendants were Amanda Ferrell, sister-in-law of the bride of Lubbock, and Kristen Love and Karyss Love, sisters of the groom of Fullerton, Calif. The flower girl was Taylor Ferrell, niece of the bride of Lubbock.

The best man was Theo Love, brother of the groom of Penang. The groomsmen were Tom Love, father of the groom of Penang and Jeremy Ferrell, brother of the bride of Lubbock.

The candlelighters were Brett Ferrell, cousin of the bride of Pampa, and Kristen and Karyss Love, sisters of the groom of Fullerton, Calif.

Registering the guests was Meggan Blakely and Amanda Hedger, both of Joplin.

A reception was held following the service at Mutiara Beach with Shari Sublett and Lynn Ferrell, both aunts of the bride of Pampa, serving the guests. Another reception will be held after the second exchange of vows at Broadview Country Club in Carthage.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Deborah Ferrell of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and from Ozark Christian College in 2001. She is currently a junior at Missouri Southern State College, pursuing a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She recently completed a year-



Misty Michelle Ferrell and Trevor Conrad Love

long children's minister internship with Christ's Church of Oronogo, Mo.

The groom is the son of Thomas and Kathy Love of Penang. He graduated from Delat International School in 1997 in Penang, and is currently a senior at the University of Missouri at Columbia, pursuing a degree in agri-forestry. He plans to attend Bible College at Ozark Christian College this year in Joplin.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to The Cameron Highlands in Malaysia and Southeast Asia. They intend to make their home in Webb City.

CRADLE CALL



Kimbrea A. Weber

Kimbrea Weber

Kimbrea Alexis Weber was Coleman of Pampa, Rodney born at 12:51 p.m., July 17, 2002, at Amarillo, Texas, to Les and Mandy Weber of

Kimbrea weighed 7pounds, 1-ounce at birth and

was 19-inches long. She is the sister of Keegan and Kirstien; is the grand-

Day of Stinnett, and Jerry and Becky Weber of Borger; is the great-granddaughter of Eva Jo Day of Lefors, Ross and Frances Coleman of Duncan, Okla., and Stanley Coleman of Pampa; and is the great-granddaugh. ter of Leola Moxon and Evla daughter of Peggie and Cavin Coleman, both of Lefors.

> Greenhouse, Lorene Rector, Don and Willene Burke,

David and Melba Seitz, and

Totty Quilting Club spon-

sored the event. Door prizes

Dale and Melba Corcoran.

ENGAGEMENTS

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Lindsey Ryon Cabbiness of Amarillo and David Samuel Dietz of Canyon plan to wed Nov. 1, 2002, at Barn Church in Hereford.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mike and Shala Cabbiness of Hereford and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woods of Ruidosa, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cabbiness of Lubbock, and Mrs. Edith Barnum of Brownwood. She graduated from Canyon High School and is currently pursuing a degree in elementary education at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is employed at Caryn's Hallmark Amarillo.



Lindsey Ryon Cabbiness and David Samuel Dietz

Dietz of Borger and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lindon Sanders of Pampa The prospective groom is and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dietz

the son of Andy and Becky of Borger. He graduated from Borger High School and is currently employed at A-1 Chemical Company, Inc., in Hereford.

Quilting club hosts Totty reunion Wendell and Dee Seitz and

their grandchildren Andre.

Camarie, and Rico Lebron.

Jane Seitz. Audrey Seitz.

Bill and Louise Bailey, Bill and Dutch Elliott, Jessie

Ring, Don and Cindy

Quilting recently reported such a good turn-out for its "Totty School Reunion" organizers are planning another event next year. The 2003 event will be spearheaded by Bill Bailey, an ex-student who attended the school for three years beginning in 1934.

Among the ex-students present were Elva Watkins Ring who attended from 1927 through the seventh "Dutch" grade; Naomi Scribner Elliott who attended in 1938; Estelle Seitz Hodges who attended for five years beginning in 1931; and Helen Converse Harmon who attended for a short time beginning in

Many of the ex-students went on to complete their educations at Mobeetie, and Mrs. Harmon moved to Gray County in the second grade.

Others present included:

More

brides on page 23.

Hartsfield, Glory and were awarded Willene Burke and Don Burke. Terry Hayden, Martha Meek, June Cook. Doyle and Bulah Dickey won a quilt.

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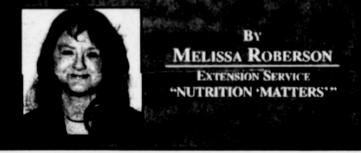
Water is a vital nutrient. People can survive for weeks without food, but only about four days without water. Water is the only substance necessary to all life. Many organisms can live without air, but none can live without water. Only oxygen is more important to human life.

Water regulates body temperature and is necessary for the chemical reactions within the body. It serves as a solvent for minerals, vitamins, amino acids, glucose, and many other small molecules.

Water lubricates the area around joints and acts as a "shock absorber," particularly inside the eyes and spinal cord. It carries nutrients and oxygen to all parts of the body through the blood and lymph. It is necessary to maintain certain levels of water in your body for good health.

The average adult consumes and excretes about 2 1/2- to 3-quarts of water a day. Some of this water comes from foods, but beverages supply the greatest amount. Adults require six- to eight-cups of liquid daily to keep the body replenished with an adequate supply of water.

The appropriate amount of water can be



influenced by age, physical activity, heat, diet, illness, and injury. The body's demand for water usually can be taken care of by always allowing free access to plenty of clean, fresh water.

Water is the most abundant body constituent. The younger the person the

more water the body contains. It accounts for about 98 percent of the embryo, about 75 percent of infants, and about 50 to 60 percent of the body weight of adults. As fat content in the body increases, water content decreases.

(See WATER, Page 23)

Bridal Registry

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Billboard Hot 100: Top 20

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

1. "Hot In Herre," Nelly. Fo' Reel. 2. "Complicated," Avril Lavigne. Arista.

3. "Dilemma," Nelly (feat. Kelly Rowland). Fo'

4. "I Need A Girl (Part Two)," P. Diddy & Ginuwine (feat. Loon, Mario Winans & Tammy Ruggieri). Bad Boy.

5. "Hero," Chad Kroeger (feat. Josey Scott). Columbia.

6. "Without Me," Eminem. Web.

"Just A Friend 2002," Mario. J.

8. "Down 4U," Irv Gotti Presents The INC. (feat. Ja Rule, Ashanti, Charli Baltimore & Vita).

9. "Oh Boy," Cam'ron (feat. Juelz Santana). Roc-A-Fella.

10. "I'm Gonna Be Alright," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Nas). Epic.

11. "Heaven," DJ Sammy & Yanou (feat. Do). Robbins.

12. "The Middle," Jimmy Eat World. DreamWorks.

13. "A Thousand Miles," Vanessa Carlton. A&M.

"Still Fly," Big Tymers. Cash Money.
 "Just Like A Pill," Pink. Arista.

"Happy," Ashanti. Murder Inc.
 "Foolish," Ashanti. Murder Inc.

18. "No Such Thing," John Mayer. Aware. 19. "Nothin'," N.O.R.E. Def Jam.

20. "Addictive," Truth Hurts (feat. Rakim).

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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 20

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1. "Busted Stuff," Dave Matthews Band. RCA. 'Nellyville," Nelly. Fo' Reel.

"The Eminem Show," Eminem. Web.

(Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units) 4. "By The Way," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros. 5. "Let Go," Avril Lavigne. Arista. (Platinum)

"Irv Gotti Presents The Inc," Various Artists. Murder Inc. 7. "A Gangster And A Gentleman," Styles. Ruff

Ryders. 8. "Ashanti," Ashanti. Murder Inc. (Platinum)

9. "Hard Candy," Counting Crows. Geffen. 10. "Josh Groban," Josh Groban. 143.

(Platinum) "Highly Evolved," The Vines.

12. "M!ssundazstood," Pink. Arista. (Platinum) 13. "O, Yeah! Ultimate Aerosmith Hits,"

Aerosmith. Columbia. 14. "Totally Hits 2002," Various Artists. Warner

15. "Come Away With Me," Norah Jones. Blue Note. (Gold)

16. "Room For Squares," John Mayer. Aware. 17. Soundtrack: "Disney's Lilo & Stitch." Walt

"Untouchables," Korn. Immortal. Platinum)

19. "P. Diddy & Bad Boy Records Present... We Invented The Remix," Various Artists. Bad Boy. (Platinum)

20. "Incredible," Mary Mary. Columbia. Copyright 2002, VNU Business Media and

Nielsen Soundscan, Inc. **Top Gospel Albums**

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1. "Incredible," Mary Mary. Columbia.

"The Rebirth Of Kirk Franklin," Kirk Franklin. Gospo Centric. (Gold)

3. "Heart To Yours," Michelle Williams. Music

4. "Believe," Yolanda Adams. Elektra. (Gold) "Send A Revival," Keith "Wonderboy"
 Johnson & The Spiritual Voices. World Wide

6. "Dorinda Clark-Cole," Dorinda Clark-Cole.

Gospo Centric. 7. "I Believe," Marvin Sapp. Verity.

8. "Live In London And More..." Donnie McClurkin. Verity. (Platinum)

9. "WOW Gospel 2002: The Year's 30 Top Gospel Artists And Songs," Various Artists. EMI/Word/Verity/Zomba. (Gold)

10. "Praise Is What I Do," Shekinah Glory Ministry. Kingdom.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

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

1. "Drift & Die," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless. 2. "By The Way," Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Warner Bros. 3. "She Loves Me Not," Papa Roach. DreamWorks.

4: "I Stand Alone," Godsmack. Republic.

5. "Hero," Chad Kroeger (feat. Josey Scott). Columbia.

"Get Away," Earshot. Warner Bros.
 "Aerials," System Of A Down. American.
 "Deny," Defalt. TVT.

"The Energy," Audiovent. Atlantic.
 "Parabola," Tool. Tool Dissectional.

Modern Rock Tracks

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

1. "By The Way," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros. "Running Away," Hoobastank. Island.

"Sweetness," Jimmy Eat World. DreamWorks.

4. "Warning," Incubus. Immortal. 5. "She Loves Me Not," Papa Roach. DreamWorks.

"Drift & Die," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless. 7. "Hate To Say I Told You So," The Hives. Epitaph.

8. "Aerials," System Of A Down. American. 9. "Hero," Chad Kroeger (feat. Josey Scott). Columbia.

10. "Get Free," The Vines. Capitol. **Hot Country Singles and Tracks**

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

1. "The Good Stuff," Kenny Chesney. BNA. 2. "Courtesy Of The Red, White And Blue (The Angry American)," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.

3. "The One," Gary Allan. MCA Nashville. 4. "Not A Day Goes By," Lonestar. BNA.

5. "Long Time Gone," Dixie Chicks. Monument. 6. "My Heart Is Lost To You," Brooks & Dunn.

Arista Nashville. 7. "I Miss My Friend," Darryl Worley. DreamWorks.

8. "Unbroken," Tim McGraw. Curb.

9. "Living And Living Well," George Strait. MCA Nashville. 10. "Tonight I Wanna Be Your Man," Andy

Griggs. MCA Nashville. Copyright 2002, VNU Business Media and Nielsen Soundscan, Inc.

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLERS

■ HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold (Little, Brown)

2. "The Remnant" by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins (Tyndale) 3. "The Beach House" by James

Patterson, Peter de Jonge (Little, Brown) 4. "The Nanny Diaries: A Novel" by Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus (St.

Martin's Press) 5. "Sunset in St. Tropez" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)

6. "The Emperor of Ocean Park" by Stephen L. Carter (Knopf)

7. "An Accidental Woman" by Barbara Delinsky. (Simon & Schuster) 8. "Hard Eight" by Janet Evanovich (St.

Martin's Press) 9. "The Dive From Clausen's Pier" by Delinsky (Pocket) Ann Packer (Knopf)

10. "Grave Secrets" by Kathy Reichs (Scribner) (Avon)

■ NONFICTION/GENERAL 1. "Get With The Program" by Bob Greene (Simon & Schuster)

2. "Slander: Liberal Lies About the American Right" by Ann Coulter (Crown) 3. "Self Matters" by Phillip C. McGraw (Simon & Schuster)

4. "You Cannot Be Serious" by John McEnroe, James Kaplan (Putnam) 5. "Body for Life" by Bill Phillips, Michael D'Orso (HarperCollins)

6. "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson (Putnam) 7. "The Lobster Chronicles" by Linda Greenlaw (Hyperion)

8. "Stupid White Men: And Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation!" by Michael Moore (HarperCollins) 9. "Execution: The Discipline of Getting

Things Done" by L. Bossidy, R. (Crown) 10. "John Adams" by David McCullough (Simon & Schuster)

■ MASS MARKETPAPERBACKS

1. "A Bend in the Road" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner) 2. "Hemlock Bay" by Catherine Coulter

(Jove) "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" by Rebecca

(HarperPerennial) 4. "Dr. Atkins New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins (Avon)

5. "The Bachelor" by Carly Phillips (Warner) 6. "Dead Sleep" by Greg Iles (Signet) 7. "Face the Fire" by Nora Roberts

(Jove) 8. "Whisper of Evil" by Kay Hooper (Bantam)

9. "The Woman Next Door" by Barbara

10. "The Forgotten" by Faye Kellerman

■ TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "Dr. Atkins New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins (Avon) 2. "Cordina's Royal Family" by Nora

Roberts (Silhouette) 3. "Good in Bed" by Jennifer Weiner (Washington Square Press)

4. "Little Altars Everywhere" by Rebecca Wells (Perennial) 5. "Empire Falls" by Richard Russo

(Vintage) 6. "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya

Sisterhood" by Rebecca (HarperPerennial) 7. "Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas" by

James Patterson (Warner) 8. "Rich Dad Poor Dad" by Robert T. Kiyosaki (Warner)

9. "A Child Called 'It." by Dave Pelzer (Health Communications) 10. "Seabiscuit: An American Legend" by Laura Hillenbrand (Ballantine)

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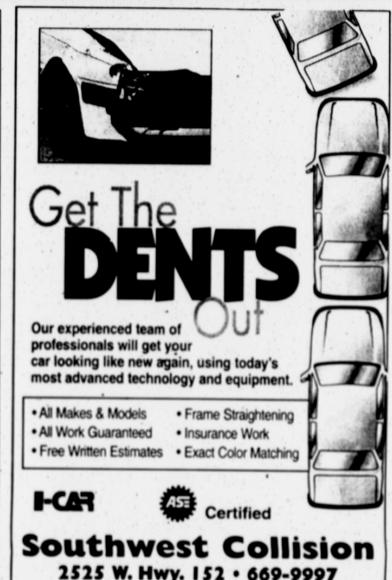
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Boy Gets Girl's Attention In All the Wrong Ways

DEAR ABBY: I am an 11-year-old girl with a confusing problem. There's this neighborhood boy named "Brian" who is my age. He really gets on my nerves. Practically every day after school, Brian asks if he can play with me or my sister. We always say no, because he's a loudmouth at school and causes problems.

One day my sister and I were walking home from school, and Brian asked for a piece of paper. He had the nerve to write me a love note! It was obvious from the note that he has a crush on me. He said he couldn't tell me to my face because I'm always rude to him.

What I don't understand is how he can have a crush on me when he acts like such a jerk at school.

Please help me, Abby. I can't take it any longer. Could you give me a solution for Brian's annoying

OVERHEATED GIRL IN SPRINGFIELD. ORE.

DEAR OVERHEATED GIRL: Brian's acting like a jerk because he's trying to get you to notice him. He's young and doesn't know any other way to accomplish it.

If I were you. I'd try to be a little more tolerant and accept the fact that he likes you as compliment. Look at it this way: When someone admires somebody else, it's not intend-ed as an insult. And besides, he might become more attractive as he ages - so don't burn your bridges.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother was born and raised in a European country. At 20, she met a young American soldier who was on his way to Vietnam. They had a brief affair, and I was the result.

When I was 6, my mother married my stepfather and we came to the United States. My stepfather tried, but he could not fill the void in my life. My mother refused to NOT A SWIMMER answer any questions about my real father or his family. She always told me he was killed in the war.

Last year, I hired a private investigator and found my father alive and well. He was shocked, but happy to hear from me. He did not even know my mother had borne you are embarrassed because his child. DNA tests confirm I am you think you should know how his daughter. I plan to meet his to swim by now, I have a solu-

the years we missed breaks my heart. How can I forgive her?
ANONYMOUS IN NEW YORK

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Start by understanding that your mother was and is very angry at your father. She may also have been ashamed about the circumstances of your conception. Although it was wrong of her to lie, until you understand her reasons for doing so, do not judge her.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with swimming. I don't know how. All I know is enough to save my life

Bldgs Spas Pools

My mom wants me to take swimming next year in high school, but the thought of it embarrasses me. What should I do, Abby? I don't

> NOT A SWIMMER IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR NOT A SWIMMER: If family and introduce him to mine. tion. Sign up for lessons at the My mother and I are now barely local YMCA or take private civil toward each other. I cannot lessons before school starts in understand why she deprived my the fall. That way, you'll be prefather and me of knowing each pared to join the class, and you other. She offers no explanation. All won't be embarrassed.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



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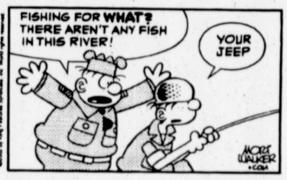






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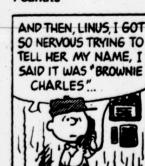


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Melanson-Dyer

April Melanson of Pampa and Jason Dyer of Wichita Falls were wed May 25, 2002, at Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa with Robert K. Roach, magistrate and judge out of Wichita Falls, officiating.

The maid of honor was Amanda Hernandez of Amarillo. The bridesmaids were Amber Teakell of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Angie Odell of Pampa. The flower girls were Kallea Odell and Syndee Odell, both of Pampa.

The best man was Seth Haynes, cousin of the groom. The groomsmen were Tanner Dyer and Cody Dyer, both brothers of the groom. The ring bearers were Austin Odell, nephew of the bride, and Logan Moles, nephew of the groom.

The ushers were Nick Dyer and Aaron Haynes. Registering the guests was Kendra Odell of Pampa.

Music was provided by vocalist Dale Haynes of Pampa. A reception was held following the service at the Chamber building (Pampa Community Building) in Pampa with Lindsey Sealy, Julie Hudson, and Jill Foreman serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Rick and Nona Melanson. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2000 and presently attends Midwestern State University. She is currently employed with Gibson, Hotchkiss, Roach and Davenport.

The groom is the son of Shane and Shelley Dyer of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1993 and is currently employed at Dyer's B-B-Que in Wichita Falls.

The couple planned a honeymoon Caribbean cruise and intend to make their home in Wichita Falls.

Klein-Bliss

Angela Renee Klein and Jason Ray Bliss, both of Amarillo, were wed June 14, 2002, at Briarwood Church in Pampa with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, minister of the church, and the Rev. Nancy James, of Triumph Ministries of Bastrop, officiating.

The maid of honor was Tiffany Bruce of San Angelo. The bridesmaids were Angela Bowman of Pampa, Jennifer Bliss, sister of the groom of Amarillo, and Michalla Mechler of Canyon. The flower girl was Callan Thurman, cousin of the bride of Amarillo.

The best man was Willie Gatlin of Pampa. The groomsmen were Brian Klein, brother of the bride, and Jonathan Humphrey, both of Pampa, and Adam Kent of Lefors. The ring bearer was Joshua Humphrey of Pampa.

The ushers were Kevin Smith, Phillip Smith, and Kirk Stalder, all of Canyon.

Registering the guests was Hayle Monds of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service in fellowship hall of the church with Mary Fetter of Denton, Melea Jouette of Amarillo, Melissa Lawrence of Pampa, and Susan Johnson of Canyon serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Louis P. and Janet L. Klein of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2002 and is currently pursuing a degree in education at West Texas A&M University. She is presently employed at Baptist-St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Diana Humphrey-Bliss of Amarillo and Dean Bliss of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High

Morton-Laos

The man of honor was Greg Lindsey of Pampa. The brides-

Registering the guests was Justin Barnes of Lubbock.

Music was provided by vocalist Kelsey Charron of Pampa

The groom is the son of Tim and Betty Laos of Glendale. He

attends Wayland Baptist University and is a member of

Lynn Hancock, of the church, officiating.

Lubbock, and Austin Morton of Pampa.

Blessed" and musician Tammy Greene.

Janice Laos of Tucson serving the guests.



April Melanson



Angela Renee Klein and Jason Ray Bliss

School in 1997 and is currently employed at Baptist-St. Anthony's and Bealls Department Store.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Pagosa Springs. Colo., and intend to make their home in Amarillo.



Calen Laos and Tandi Morton

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Laguna Beach, Calif., and intend to finish school at Wayland.

LIFESTYLES POLICY

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a selfaddressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only wili be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds.

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-

9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).

AMA seeking volunteer docents

AMARILLO - Are you interested in art? Would you enjoy learning and teaching? Would you enjoy helping the Amarillo Museum of Art (AMA) meet its educational mission while meeting others with similar interests?

AMA is currently seeking volunteers for its 2002-03 volunteer docent program. Docents are trained volunteer guides who provide educational tours for the Museum. A "Prospective New Docent Coffee" will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 7, in the library of the Museum. Museum staff and active docents will provide information about the program to the prospective vol-

No background in art is

required. In addition to conducting tours, docents will assist with other areas of service fied continuing education including research, assisting teachers and students in art classes, and greeting the public at the Museum's reception desk.

Training sessions and general meetings take place during the academic year (Sept.-May). General meetings are scheduled on two Monday afternoons per month with additional training or committee activities held as needed.

Service opportunities through the docent program are available at the Museum year-round, and a newsletter is distributed to all members.

Program participants will receive a comprehensive training program, an art history lecture series, an indepth study of the Museum's discounted collections. membership to the Museum. discounts for Museum art classes, opportunities for travel and to meet others with an interest in art.

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For more information. contact Cullen Lutz at (806) 371-5050 or amoa@actx.edu.

More brides on page 28.

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Wayland Pioneer Baseball Team.

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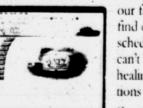


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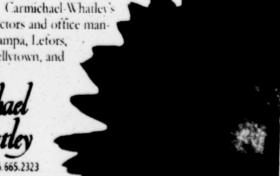
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New Temple Will Be Dedicated Sunday at Amarillo Service

Residents of many parts of the Pan-handle will go to Amarillo Sunday after nancia will go to hashine sending after from to attend the dedication services for the new temple just completed by the BNai Israel congregation.

The service will begin at 3:30 p.m., and members and non-members alike are invited to attend.

The service of the nt speakers from Dallas and

McLean Will Have ... New Postoffice

na City will be heard.

McLina, Nov. 8. (Special)—A new Building for the McLean post office is under construction on North Main street, and, according to expectations, will be ready for occupancy by the be-ginning of the new year.

The building will be 23 feet, 10 inches wide and 62 feet, 6 inches long, by inches measurements. It will be equipped with \$30 boxes and all modern fur-The next office department has sign

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BOOVER TO SEE GAME

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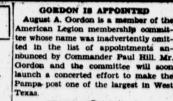
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Mob informant scandal involved highest levels of FBI

By JEFF DONN ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BOSTON (AP) — For more than 20 years, FBI headquarters in Washington knew that its Boston agents were using hit men and mob leaders as informants and shielding them from prosecution for serious crimes including murder, the Associated Press has learned.

Until now, the still-unraveling Boston FBI scandal has been portrayed largely as the work of a handful of local agents — mavericks willing to deal with the devil to bring down a Mafia family.

Documents obtained by the AP directly connect FBI headquarters to a pattern of collusion with notorious killers.

The AP found 20 memos from Boston agents to the FBI director's office, along with six replies, showing that headquarters was told of the abuses and condoned them.

Written between 1964 and 1987, the memos made it clear to Washington that the informants had killed and were likely to kill again, describing one of them as "the most dangerous individual known" in the Boston area. The memos also alerted headquarters that two of the informants were crime bosses, active "at the policy-making level" of criminal enterprises in Boston.

Headquarters also knew that its Boston agents were shielding the informants from other investigative agencies. It knew that one informant who masterminded a murder was allowed to go free as four innocent men were sent to prison in his place.

J. Edgar Hoover, William Sessions and William Webster headed the FBI in the years when the memos were written. Hoover is dead; Webster and Sessions declined to be interviewed. It is unknown if any of them read the

It is uncertain who at FBI headquarters did, but someone was paying attention. In the mostly unsigned responses found by the AP, the director's office welcomed the informants and praised their FBI field handlers.

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A spokesman for the FBI in

citing ongoing investigations and 'hit man' in this area," Boston lawsuits.

The AP found the memos in federal court files and in the records of a congressional committee investigating the abuses.

More than \$1 billion in lawsuits have been brought against the government by victims of crimes committed by the informants while they were under FBI protection.

The roots of the scandal lie in the 1960s, when the FBI came under pressure from the public and Congress to crack down on the growing power of the Mafia.

In Boston, FBI agents responded by recruiting two hit men as informants and by forging an alliance with the Winter Hill Gang vicious thugs eager to seize control of the rackets from the Patriarca Mafia family.

The nature of the arrangement, as disclosed in recent criminal proceedings: In return for information on the Mafia, Boston agents looked the other way as the Winter Hill Gang sold drugs, stole and murdered, even tipping them off when state police or federal drug agents were on their trail.

Both sides got what they wanted. The Patriarca crime family was devastated by federal prosecutions, and the Winter Hill Gang took over Boston-area rackets.

The arrangement stayed secret until 1995, when Massachusetts state police and federal drug agents finally built a racketeering case against the Winter Hill Gang, and the story began to tumble out.

So far, one former FBI agent, John Connolly, has been convicted of racketeering and obstruction of justice and awaits sentencing, and another was granted immunity for testimony. Both had accepted bribes from the informants they were pro-

The Hit Men

Boston FBI agents recruiting Vincent J. Flemmi as an informant knew what he was from the startand made sure the director's office

Flemmi spoke of "plans to Washington declined to comment, become recognized as the No. One agents told Washington in a June 4, 1964, memo.

At least four field memos informed headquarters that Flemmi planned to kill a small-time hoodlum, Edward "Teddy" Deegan, in a dispute over money.

Hours before the murder, Boston agents reported that mob enforcer Joseph "The Animal" Barboza, had joined the plot.

Deegan's body turned up in an alley in Chelsea, Mass., on March 12, 1965. A week later, a memo to headquarters named six men, including Flemmi and Barboza, as the killers and described the murder, right down to who fired the first shot.

The bureau, it seemed, didn't want Flemmi in prison. It wanted him on the streets, as an informer.

On June 4, 1965, FBI records show, the director's office demanded a progress report. Was he ready to inform?

Yes, Boston replied, adding that Flemmi was suspected in eight murders and that "from all indications, he is going to continue to commit murder."

Soon, FBI memos show, agents also recruited Barboza, convincing him that his Mafia employers had turned on him.

In a June 20, 1967, memo, Boston agents told headquarters that Barboza was the most dangerous man in Boston - "a professional assassin responsible for numerous homicides." He was also unreliable, Boston reported - a man willing to encourage perjury to avoid a long prison term. He had also vowed never to incriminate his friend, Flemmi.

With the promise of a light sentence for the Deegan murder. Barboza became star witness in three Mafia trials. A Massachusetts jury trusted his word and convicted six men in the Deegan case. Flemmi and two others identified as the killers in the memos to FBI headquarters were never charged.

Instead, FBI files show, the bureau stood by as Barboza's false testimony convicted four men who were innocent of the murder. Two died in prison. The others were released in recent years, exonerated

when the scandal finally broke.

Barboza had implicated two of them to settle street grudges. The other two were known mob figures. After the convictions, a July 31,

1968, field memo requested commendations for Barboza's handlers. Hoover sent a personal reply:

"The successful prosecution of these subjects was a direct result of your noteworthy development of pertinent witnesses."

In return for his testimony, Barboza was released after five months and relocated with a new identity.

Before long he was threatening to recant his testimony unless given \$9,000 for plastic surgery to change his appearance.

If Barboza recanted, convictions "might be overturned and plunge the government into protracted and acrimonious litigation," federal prosecutors Edward F. Harrington and Walter T. Barnes warned their supervisor in Washington. In their Feb. 12, 1970 memo, they urged that Barboza be given the money.

Six months later, Barboza did recant - but soon changed his mind and stood by his original

Barnes, now retired, said that, as best he can recall, some money was approved for Barboza. At the time, he had no reason to believe Barboza's testimony was false, he said. Harrington, now a federal judge in Massachusetts, declined

In 1976, the New England Mafia found Barboza and exacted its revenge, shotgunning him on a San Francisco street.

Flemmi died in prison in 1979 after Massachusetts authorities convicted him of attempted murder in

The Bosses

James J. "Whitey" Bulger and Vincent Flemmi's big brother. nicknamed Stephen. Rifleman," were just rising in the crime world when Boston agents recruited them as informants. Agents told headquarters what kind of men they were.

On Feb. 8, 1967, Boston agents

told the director's office that Stephen Flemmi was being upgraded to a "top echelon" informant even though he was "suspect of possibly being involved in gangland slayings."

By 1981, the bureau had adopted new rules saying that informants "shall not participate in acts of violence" or "initiate a plan to commit criminal acts."

In 1983, when Bulger was upgraded to "top echelon," a field memo said he was "the titular head of the Winter Hill mob and as such sits as an equal at the policy-making level" with New England Mafia leaders.

Throughout the 1980s, state police tried to build a case against Stephen Flemmi and Bulger, but the pair was always one step ahead of them. The reason: Boston agents tipped them off, testimony in recent criminal cases has revealed.

There is evidence that FBI headquarters sometimes lent a hand.

In 1983, FBI agents in Oklahoma suspected the pair in the murder of Roger Wheeler, the head of World Jai Alai, who was shot in Tulsa after discovering that someone was skimming money from his business.

When Oklahoma agents sought to question Bulger and Stephen Flemmi, Robert Fitzpatrick, then deputy chief of the bureau's Boston office, blocked the interrogations.

He was instructed to do so during a meeting in Washington with top FBI officials, Fitzpatrick told the AP.

"It was to protect Whitey Bulger," said Fitzpatrick, now

Even the FBI could not protect the informers forever.

Today, Stephen Flemmi is serving 10 years for obstructing justice and other offenses. He awaits trial on federal racketeering charges linking him to 10 murders.

Tipped by an FBI agent, Bulger fled and remains at large. He is under indictment for racketeering and blamed, with his gang, for 21 killings - 11 while he was an informant.

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BY RACHEL BECK AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) - It's been a tried-andtrue strategy for individual investors: Buy stocks and hold them for the long term; money can be made over time by toughing out the ups and downs of the market.

But it may be time to rethink that investing philosophy as the prolonged bear market diminishes hopes that many stocks will ever bounce back to levels even close to the heights seen in the booming late 1990s.

You now need an end game for playing the

"Investors got hurt because they loved to buy but they didn't know when to sell," said Leland Hevner, president and chief executive of the National Association of Online Investors, an investor education group in Washington.

Individual investors jumped into the stock market with a vengeance in the late 1990s, especially attracted to the high-flying technoloegy and Internet companies. They poured millions of dollars into these new issues, quickly -bidding up the prices to shocking levels.

In their rush to the market, investors used a mix of old and new trading ideals.

On one hand, they were willing to buy into companies that lacked profits and proven reputations. They didn't do extensive research, but *made buying decisions on speculative stocks based on what they heard from friends or what was talked about in the media.

Yet investors also employed the buy-andhold strategy that had long been a cornerstone of investment advice. As had been the case with more traditional and conservative holdings in years past, many thought they would ride the market out over time and eventually come out

But stock prices plummeted over the last two years, and those owners of risky invest-

ments who fell into the buy-and-hold trap have been left with nearly worthless shares.

"If you bought anywhere near the peak of the market and didn't sell a while ago, you've been destroyed," said Tobias Levkovich, senior institutional equity strategist at Salomon Smith

It's now time for investors to rethink the principles behind buying stocks and holding them for the long term. It's not that there aren't some stocks worth keeping in a portfolio for years, namely corporations with solid past performances and strong propensities for future

Investors, however, can't use that trading philosophy for every share they own. They need to look at each one of their holdings, especially those deemed riskier, and determine at what level they will cash out.

But knowing when to sell isn't so easy, either. It is tough to time the market, and that's why financial planners suggest investors determine immediately when they buy at what price they will sell.

"It is all about risk, and how much risk is the individual willing to take," said Michael Leonetti, who runs an investment management firm in the Chicago suburb of Buffalo Grove. "You have to ask yourself: 'How much money am I really comfortable losing?" "

The last thing investors should do is wait until prices drop so far that they can recoup only a fraction of their holdings.

That's what is happening to many individual investors right now; they have been cashing out of the stock market in droves over the last few weeks because they are scared that prices will continue to plunge.

"They are fleeing now, which is after most of the animals already left the barn," said Salomon Smith Barney's Levkovich. "It's an emotional reaction, and that's not how you want to play the market."

Older homeowners choose to 'age in place'

and Julie Stewart converted their kitchen cabinets into drawers to hold pots and pans. They widened the doorways and eliminated all stairs in the

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watch for steps." This type of home modifi-

cation is referred to as remodeling for "aging-in-place," something building industry representatives say is growing as baby boomers mature and seniors look for a more active lifestyle than what is provided in retirement homes.

"People want to maintain that independence," Louis Tenenbaum, an independent living strategist based in

DENVER (AP) - Alan less tense for us not having to Potomac, Md. "They don't want to move into a home where someone else decides when they will have lunch."

Tenenbaum, who has advocated aging-in-place at national conferences, supports increased government funding, from such sources as Medicare and Social Security to help pay for the remodel-

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) * * * Take it easy in the n ming Have a leisufely breakfast while reading the paper Pressure builds with a conversation Be willing to adjust your plans because of a loved one or friend. Your efforts make peace, pleasing everyone concerned Tonight: Smile away.

Monday and Tuesday. Push hard to make what you want happen. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** A loved one pitches in or makes an offer. Follow along, even though a family member might be emotionally difficult. Put your best foot forward and make peace. You know how to help others see different points of view.

Hang out with friends. Tonight: Pretend tomorrow isn't Monday. This Week: Step back. Observe what might be happening around you. Schedule strong actions from Wednesday on, when you're in your prime. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

* * * * You're in the limelight. You do make a difference with others. Reach out for someone at a distance, no matter how disagreeable he or she is. You can do this. Squeeze in some shopping that you have been putting off Tonight: Visit with

This Week Network on Monday and Tuesday. You will be unusually good with others through mid-Wednesday. Do quiet work from this point on

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** You might decide to take off out of the blue. You, the sign that loves home, might actually have wanderlust Schedule some exploring, even if it is close to home. Do something unusual. A loved one might react as this is so out of you. Ionight Take your time doing what you want

This Week You're in the limelight.
whether you like at or hot! Aim for what you want on Wednesday Success fol-

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

* * A close associate has plenty to say, whether you want to hear it or not. Stop resisting the inevitable. Carefully consider your options when dealing with this person, who might not be quite as touchy as you think Could you be with an associate. Give others the space unusually off-kilter as well? Tonight Take some downtime.

This Week. Find experts, especially if you wassle over a suggestion or are unsure of yourself. Act only when you now you're on the right path VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

* * * * Others run with the ball, which might suit you fine. You could be overly tired and/or need some downtime. Just This Week You hit your power days on the same, an invitation piques your curiosity. Make time to join in with a that a nurturing attitude brings far more party or celebration. Start scheduling positive results. Carefully consider more of what you want. Tonight: Where the action is.

This Week: Partners run with the ball. Let them. You gain another perspective as a result. Detach, and you'll understand a lot more about those around you. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Your humor takes you down a new path. Think twice about what you want and expect from others. Mixing friends and a loved one could cause a problem. Take charge of a gathering or party. Show off your entertaining skills. Tonight: Start thinking work. This Week: Others will reveal much more of themselves if you step back.

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there is? So it seems. Schedule some net-

working, maybe for Thursday SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) * * * The smart move might be to stay close to home - and don't feel pressured by others who certainly have their own personal agendas. A partner or loved one lets you know just how much your presmark Monday through Wednesday. You impress so many people that they drop all their problems on you at the end of the

week Ouch!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Recognize what is happening with a child or loved one you care about Losing your temper might not help at all You could also have a hot discussion to express their inner thoughts. Tonight Out and about:

This Week: Deal with real estate, domestic matters and family on Monday and Tuesday. Trust your innovative skills to clear out your work, as well Nobody is as organized as you!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) * * * Think in terms of new possibilities when another blows his or her fuse or takes a rather strong stance. You'll find

Tonight: Order in. This Week: Return calls, and you might be delighted by a message or phone call. Stay on top of work, with an eye to an early weekend. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

options with a work or home project

* * * * Your personality helps you get past a very hectic pace or others' demands. Either way, the urge to escape dominates. Plan on getting together with a favorite loved one later. Breeze through hassles, knowing that a good time lies ahead. Tonight: What you want. This Week: Finances play a major role in

your decisions. Smile. You can and will

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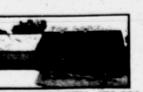


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BSA Hospice will offer the following free grief support groups on Thursdays from July 11-Aug. 15 - from 3-4:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 219 N. Gray, McLean; and from 7-8:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 418 Coolidge St., Borger. For more information or to register, call BSA Hospice at (806) 665-6677 or toll-free at 1-800-658-6985.

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U.S. LST Association is looking for all LST'ers to participate in an upcoming reunion Aug. 27-Sept. 2, 2002. The reunion celebration is open to shipmates from World War II to the present date. For more information, contact: Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948; 1-800-228-5870; e-mail USLST:@KMBS.com. ILP

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Gaines-Phelps

Constance Gaines and Brian Phelps were wed July 20, 2002, at First Baptist Church in Lubbock with Jon Randles officiat-

The matron of honor was Ashley Van Stavern of Midland. The bridesmaids were Laura Allen, Whittney Bednarz, cousin of the bride, Emily Duncan, Bliss Ellis, Jenny Scott, and Katina Taylor, cousin of the groom. The flower girls were Destinee Bonnette, Bailey Hagood, Erin Hagood, and Ellen Wilkerson.

The best man was Brent Phelps, brother of the groom of Lubbock. The groomsmen were Joel Ferland, and Brandon Gaines and Matthew Gaines, both brothers of the bride, Bobby Hendricks, Trey McCavit, Justin Morris, and Zach Thomas, cousin of the groom. The ring bearer was Skyler Bonnette.

The ushers were Tim Baker, Hunter Jaggard, Josh Lowrey, Andy McDonald, Donnie Middleton, Jeffery Peeples, Jesse Silva, and Bryan Townsend. The candlelighters were Jenna Spears and Rachel Wilkerson.

Music was provided by "The Classical Strings," trumpeter, pianist, guitarist, vocalist Andy Johnson, and vocalists Laura Allen and Cullen Allen.

The bride is the daughter of Bruce and Kristi Gaines of Lubbock and is the granddaughter of Mrs. Margaret Gaines, Dr. and Mrs. J.F. Gaines, the late Mrs. Joann Scott, and the late Richard Scott. She is a graduate of Lubbock's Coronado High School and received a degree in public relations and marketing in May 2001 from Texas Tech University.

She was crowned Miss Lubbock USA 2000 and placed sixth in the Miss Texas Pageant. She is currently employed by Harold's Stores, Inc.

The groom is the son of Joanie Thomas of Amarillo and Steve and Heidi Phelps of Pampa and is the grandson of Mrs. Billie Phelps, the late John Phelps, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thomas. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and from Texas Tech University summa cum laude in December 2001, receiving a degree in chemistry.

He is currently employed by University Medical Center in Lubbock. His future plans are to attend medical school.

Booklet helps youth cope with stuttering

"Sometimes I'm scared to stutter because some of my friends will call me names and it makes me sad," wrote Brad, age seven. Amy shared, "People laugh at me and when they do, it makes me so sad inside of me." These letters from children who stutter in a new book from the Stuttering Foundation make it clear that stuttering is no joke.

The 40-page book, Sometimes I Just Stutter, is written for children ages 7-12 and covers a range of topics: common feelings and emotions children have because of stuttering, how to handle teasing, why stuttering varies from day to day, and who can help. Also included are sample letters children can use to write to their teachers, parents, grandparents, siblings, and other relatives.

While many letters discuss negative experiences with stuttering, some children write about how they've learned to cope with stuttering. They share how speech therapy is helping them, what they want listeners to do when they stutter, and that it is OK to stutter.

"My stuttering used to bother me, but one day I figured out it's just normal for me," wrote Michael. Billy added, "I don't think you should be ashamed because stuttering is not really

Says Dr. Lisa Scott Trautman, assistant professor of speechlanguage pathology at Florida State University, "I have been using this book in therapy with all my school-age clients. We read it together, then discuss or write how the experiences of the characters in the book are similar to or different from the child's own experiences."

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Did You Say...

this wonderful book which has already been translated into several languages, call toll free 1-800-992-9392, or download your own copy at www.stutteringhelp.org. For a color copy, write the Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111-0749; ask for Book #31 and enclose \$2 to cover postage and handling.



Constance Gaines

WEDDINGS

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Hawaii and intend to make their home in Lubbock.

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