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**Vets to be inducted**  
Four veterans will be inducted into the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor Friday.  
Ira "Danny" Cornelius, Billy "Neal" Stovall, Ralph Thomas and Jack Ramey will be inducted into the Veterans Hall of Fame at the end of this week.  
The banquet at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home, 105 S. Cuyler, is open to the public. VFW officials said. The event will begin at 7 p.m. with a meal followed by the induction ceremony.

**DEATHS**  
Ermar Irene Jenson Carlson, 90, longtime Pampa resident.  
Lester Coy, 57, attorney and former Skellytown resident.  
Myrle V. Hunter, 92, former nurses aid.

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## Gray County Commission faces deficit

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

A tight budget is facing Gray County Commissioners Court for 2003.  
All departments and officials recently presented budget requests to the commission to be considered for the upcoming year.

At a commission meeting Friday afternoon, the commissioners court sifted through the requests.  
Proposed budgets were originally evaluated at a budget session on Aug. 2. If all requests are granted, there would be a deficit budget.  
The commission discussed

the raising taxes or implementing a car registration fee to offset the budget deficit. The item will be on the agenda for their Thursday meeting.  
As they go through each department's budget, the commissioners court will be deciding if the budget requests are wants or needs.

Sheriff Don Copeland, Airport Board Manager Paul Lloyd and Extension Agent Danny Nusser appeared at the budget meeting Friday to speak about their budgets.  
Copeland told the commission he didn't know how he could cut his \$1.5 million budget request to operate

the sheriff's office and jail. "It scares me," he said. "I've done everything I know to cut costs."  
Copeland and his chief deputy Kelly Rushing told the commission of the restrictions put on the county's law enforcement agency by the (See COUNTY, Page 3)

## Back to school



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)  
An incoming sixth grader, Daniel Kirkland searched for his assigned locker at Pampa Middle School Wednesday. He was among many students who were picking up their schedules for the upcoming school year beginning Aug. 21.

## Miami ISD to set tax rate Monday night

MIAMI — Miami Independent School District trustees will hold two meetings on Monday, Aug. 12. Both meetings will be held in the school administration office.  
At 7 p.m. Monday, the trustees will hold a special meeting for the budget and tax rate hearing for the 2002-2003 school year.

Following that meeting the regular monthly meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m.  
Board members will consider approval of Roberts County Appraisal District budget for the 2002-2003 school year, approve Chapter 41 contract with Texas Education Agency, set appraisal calendar for 2002-2003 school year and set number of extra-curricular days for 2002-2003 school year.

The school budget for 2002-2003 will also be discussed.  
Board members will approve personnel contracts and discuss staffing patterns.  
Financial reports will include a list of bills for payment, fund balances, tax collector's report and other reports.  
Board members will discuss Aug. 29 as a possible special meeting date.  
The superintendent will report on the school board training to be held in Dallas Sept. 27-30 and a cookout.  
Also, Teda Seuths will speak to the board about economic development.

## Lefors ISD to set date for special election

LEFORS — Lefors Independent School District trustees will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12 in the Lefors High School Library, 209 Fifth Street.  
Trustees will set a date for a special election to fill an open

board position previously held by Clay Lock. He resigned in July because his wife was hired as an aide in the special education department.  
The trustees will also appoint an election judge and an absentee election judge.

## Library hosts stained glass class

PAMPA — Pampa Fine Arts Association (PFAA) will sponsor a beginner's stained glass workshop from 5:30-9:30 p.m., Aug. 21-23, at Lovett Memorial Library.  
The workshop will involve

fabrication and construction of two suncatchers.  
Cost is \$100. Deadline for registration is Aug. 14. For more information, contact Lee Crow, PFAA offices, 665-0343.

## Runaways symptom of domestic violence

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

If a community has a large number of teenage runaways, that is an indicator of serious domestic violence problems, said Steve Storie, a retired Family Violence Investigator during a training session Friday in Pampa on family violence.

Hosting the meeting of approximately 60 professionals from across the area was Tralee Crisis Center.  
Storie, who is a retired family violence investigator with the Dallas County Criminal District Attorney's office, spoke to a group from the law enforcement community as well as family support services in the panhandle.

He told the professionals from across the panhandle that in eight out of 10 instances the children are running from an abusive home situation.  
"That is why they are running," said Storie.

Other indicators to a community include juvenile crime in home, a large or increasing number of Child Protective Service referrals as well as Adult Protective Service referrals, a climbing or large hospital mortality rate among children, hotline calls and protective orders issued.

Storie and Carla Bean, an assistant in the Criminal District Attorney's Office, provided information on the impact of family violence in the community as well as statistics.

He said as communities train their law enforcement and professional family violence advocates, they have lowered family violence. Storie said correct handling by law enforcement will increase convictions and lower future violence. He stressed the importance of officers response along with the prosecutors and the judicial system.  
The retired investigator said

success of this effort depends upon agencies all working together. He also stressed the importance of protective orders in stopping the violence.

"This is the most important piece of free paper you can get," he said, referring to the protective order. "I've had a lot tell me that they never got beat again after they got the order."

Storie said many of the victims said they were still called names and belittled, but most weren't beaten.

Impact of family violence on the community, prosecuting family violence cases, enforcement of protective orders and voir dire were presented by Storie and Bean during the session.

Several out of town agencies were at the session hosted by Tralee Crisis Center. They included Justices of the Peace from Hemphill, Roberts and Hutchinson County, Shamrock (See VIOLENCE, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)  
Steve Storie, retired Dallas Criminal District Attorney Investigator, told about 60 professionals at a family violence training session in Pampa Friday about how to curb the growing statistics.

## Did You Know...

### What Was The First Agricultural Endeavor In Gray County?

Information Provided By "Gray County Heritage" 1985 - Pampa Chamber Of Commerce 669-3241

"Garden Plotting - Along The Creek Beds By Alex Schneider Of Lefors. He Grew Cabbage And Other Vegetables For The Soldiers In Fort Hood."

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young) Gray County Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing, standing, and Sheriff Don Copeland, right, tell county commissioners their budget is not excessive.

40,000 miles a year in the area on business.

The county pays him about \$10,000 supplement for his salary, which he said is about one-fourth of his salary.

Later in the session, Judge Peet said he had real problems with a county extension agent making more money than the sheriff.

County Treasurer Scott Hahn said he has never thought it fair that a sheriff makes the same as county and district clerks as well as treasurer.

"I just don't think it's fair," said Hahn.

The commission also discussed with Lloyd expenses at the Perry Lefors Airport.

During the Aug. 2 budget session all departments' budgets were reviewed. No decisions were made that day as the commissioners court was

basically reviewed budget requests for the upcoming year.

Salaries are not included in the budgets since departments don't have control over salaries, said Judge Peet.

County Auditor Elaine Morris said she anticipates an increase in insurance and is adding \$5,400 per employee to cover the cost.

When discussing the Juvenile Department's budget, Peet said the school is not contributing the \$10,000 it has in the past to help fund that department.

"I can't understand why the school doesn't want to assist us in paying that," he said.

In the extension service, the county supplements salaries and employs one secretary in that department.

The Department of Public Safety budget is close to what it was last year, said Peet. He

said the proposed budget request does include a radar unit at \$3,300.

Courthouse restoration expenses shouldn't be more than \$200,000 next year. Morris said she has allotted \$40,000 for costs in the move back into the Gray County Courthouse. She said the total cost to move out was \$29,000.

Concern was expressed by Peet about the decline of services performed by Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation. He said the office does not have a full time employee available to do counseling.

"People ask for help, and I send them there. At times no one is there to make an appointment or help them," said Peet. "They are not getting the help."

The commission will meet again Thursday on the budget.

**Violence**

and Fritch City Police Departments, Wheeler and Hansford counties Sheriff Department.

Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, 31st District Attorney, Gray County Adult Probation Hutchinson County Crisis Center, Pampa Independent School District and CASA volunteers.

Amarillo agencies attending included an investigator from the 47th District Attorney's office, Potter County District Attorney's office personnel, and Family Support Services.

Professor Dr. Gerd Kirchoff a victimologist from Germany, as also at the meeting.

**Country**

Jail Standards Commission and the state.

In a recent inspection from the JSC, Copeland learned that anyone talking on the 2-way system in the jail must be a certified jailer.

"I intend to ask for a waiver," he said. "It would cost thousands to move the system upstairs. To qualify, all dispatchers would have to attend two weeks of training."

He said the day the inspectors came in was the same day contractors began work on installing a new communications system at the jail.

Food and medical costs were also discussed. He said he has implemented a new system for prisoners to use the money in their accounts for their medical co-pays, and it has cut down on that expense.

Rushing said the department is shorthanded and that transportation of mental patients and juvenile offenders is costing the department.

He explained that each time a mental patient is taken to Amarillo that it takes approximately five hours.

"That's a good trip," he said, "if everything goes okay. Sometimes it takes eight to 10 hours."

Rushing said they are averaging approximately one mental case a week.

Copeland said the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation agency doesn't want mental patients to be restrained.

"But at times you have to do it," he said.

He explained the officers have caging in their vehicles to protect them, but it doesn't always provide enough protection.

County Judge Richard Peet

cited a recent incident in which a mental patient was being transported to Amarillo by a deputy. Enroute the deputy had to call for assistance and had to have the patient transported by ambulance.

"The worst thing is them spitting on you," said Rushing.

With juveniles, Rushing said the law states that whatever law enforcement agency takes a juvenile into custody must transport them to a boot camp or other juvenile facility.

"After they've once been transported the juvenile officers can transport them," he said.

He said on Friday there were 68 in the Gray County Jail. They've had up to 85 in the 78-bed jail.

Rushing also told the commission that the county currently has two females in Hemphill County Jail because the Gray County Jail's women's section is full.

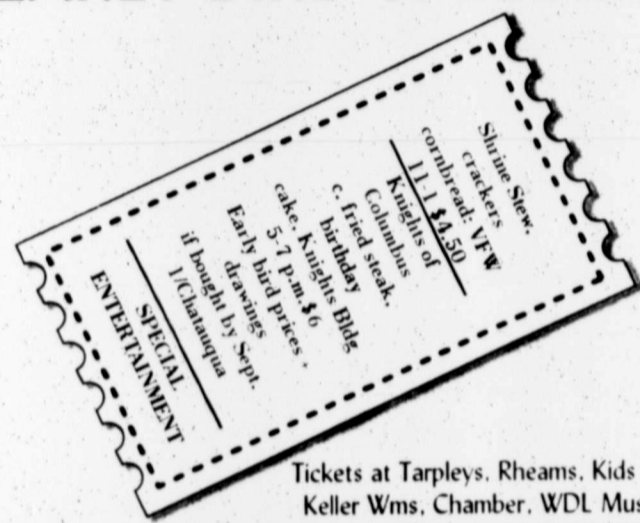
The veteran officers also said the large number of prisoners who are classified as having "blue warrants" (parolees) contribute to the financial problems of the department.

The officers said those prisoners are not bondable if they commit additional offenses. However, Rushing said the prisoners may stay in a county jail up to 59 days before the state has to pay the county for housing them. He said there are about eight to 10 in jail at a given time.

"The blue warrant prisoners are not anything new," Copeland said.

Commissioners questioned Nusser about increased travel expenses in his budget. He said he failed to put it in last year, and he travels about

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**40 years**  
**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 15, 1962.** Wayne Caswell, age 11, gained the 20th annual National Water Skiing Championships this past weekend when he placed third in the South Central Regional Water Ski Tournament at Lake McQueeney in South Texas in the junior boys jumping division.  
**THURSDAY, Aug. 16, 1962.** A 10-year record for outstanding customer service has earned national recognition for the Crossman Appliance Co., Frigidaire dealership in Pampa.  
**FRIDAY, Aug. 17, 1962.** A tentative and preliminary budget of \$2,450,982.60 for the 1962-63 school year was adopted by the board of the Pampa Independent School District following an uneventful public hearing last night.

**25 years**  
**MONDAY, Aug. 15, 1977.** At an annual cost of more than \$100 million, Texas will begin Sept. 1, 1978, paying Social Security taxes for the 140,000 state employees, according to Joe Nelson, Texas Public Employees Association field representative in Austin.  
**TUESDAY, Aug. 16, 1977.** Pampa's Grim Reapers defeated the Roadrunners of Borger, 7-5, to win the Pampa Women's Fastpitch Tournament held Saturday and Sunday at the Lions Club Park.

**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 17, 1977.** AMARILLO, Tex. (AP) — Lawyers for the defense and prosecution continue their week-long search for a final juror today in the capital murder trial of Fort Worth industrialist Cullen Davis.

**10 years**  
**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 12, 1992.** Congratulations go out this week to Ken Cambren, winner of the Third Annual Pampa News City Championship held at Hidden Hills. Way to go Ken!  
**THURSDAY, Aug. 13, 1992.** Gaylene Skaggs, Katie McDonald, Fran Stellman, and Amber Killebrew, vocational home economics teachers at Pampa High School, attended a professional development conference coordinated by the Home Economics Division of the Texas Education Agency, Aug. 2-6, in Dallas.

**SUNDAY, Aug. 16, 1992.** AMARILLO — The Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owner's Association has announced that Malouf Abraham, Canadian businessman and philanthropist, has been selected as the organization's Living Legend for 1992.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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One good thing about working for a newspaper is the people with whom I get to work.

While we have conversations with our co-workers all over the building, I guess it is the editorial department discussions that I like the best.

Naturally we talk about the stories we are working on and sometime dissect an important issue looking at it from a number of different viewpoints.

And sometimes, as do most co-workers, our hobbies, our car trouble, our health ... you name it.

The other day we started talking about Dr. Phil. If you don't know who Dr. Phil is I'm not going to tell you.

Anyway, one day when I saw him on Oprah he was discussing how we all have "defining moments" in our lives. He mentioned listing one's 10 defining moments ... good or bad ... and working on ourselves from there if need be.

One of my defining moments had to be in my freshman year in college when I ran into a friend from my home county. He was a junior and far wiser than I in the tricks of getting the classes you wanted and other important things. Like, he knew how to collect rainwater on his well-worn Razorback cowboy hat at a game and tip it at just the right time into his drink.

Anyway, it was he who suggested that a good three-hour elective course for me would be to take Mass Communications under Dr. Good. He said the course wasn't too difficult and that Dr. Good "told great stories."

So I signed up. It was my first class in Hill Hall ... the journalism building.

Needless to say, that was a defining moment. It is what put me on the path to my lifelong career. Without that encounter that day ... I sometimes won-

der what would have happened. Where would I be? What would I be doing? Then we talked about other defining moments ... the not so good ones.

For me, having my father die when I was 8 years old and all that implies was another defining moment in my life.

That took us to a discussion of things our parents "did" to us and that we hope we don't "do" to the young people in our lives. Maybe it was to make fun of our changing bodies during puberty, or to tell us we were dumb or were bad or whatever.

But, we agreed, most parents do the best they can at any given time ... and don't mean to hurt their children. So, it's best to try to work through those things for our best interest and to let go.

A day or two later in a telephone conversation with a friend in Arkansas, I mentioned to her the defining moments talk.

She is currently involved in a civil lawsuit involving an accident in which someone blew through a yield sign and hit her vehicle head on. She has chronic pain and lifelong nerve damage. It's changed her life for the worse ... forever. But that's another story.

Anyway, she's absolutely mortified at the thought of getting on the witness stand. I gave her a few tips, having testified myself and from hours and hours of court watching.

I told her it's not like her case is going to be on Court TV. It's just going



**KATE B. DICKSON**  
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to be in a country courthouse courtroom where everything comes to a stop periodically due to the noise created whenever a train goes by.

She has an ... well, I think, ... abnormal fear of speaking in public. How she ever graduated from college, got a BS in nursing followed by a nurse practitioner degree without taking a speech class I'll never know. But she did.

The witness stand discussion brought fourth a recollection of one of her defining moments. One in which her fear of speaking in front of others was not only worsened but probably solidified for life.

She was in about the seventh grade in a little school in Arkansas when it happened. I'm figuring her school wasn't much bigger than Lefors.

Coach Watson, who taught history, called on her to stand in front of the class and answer some questions.

She couldn't find the words. It wasn't that she didn't know. She said she found herself hardly able to speak because the experience was so traumatic.

"I think I must have just started stuttering," she said.

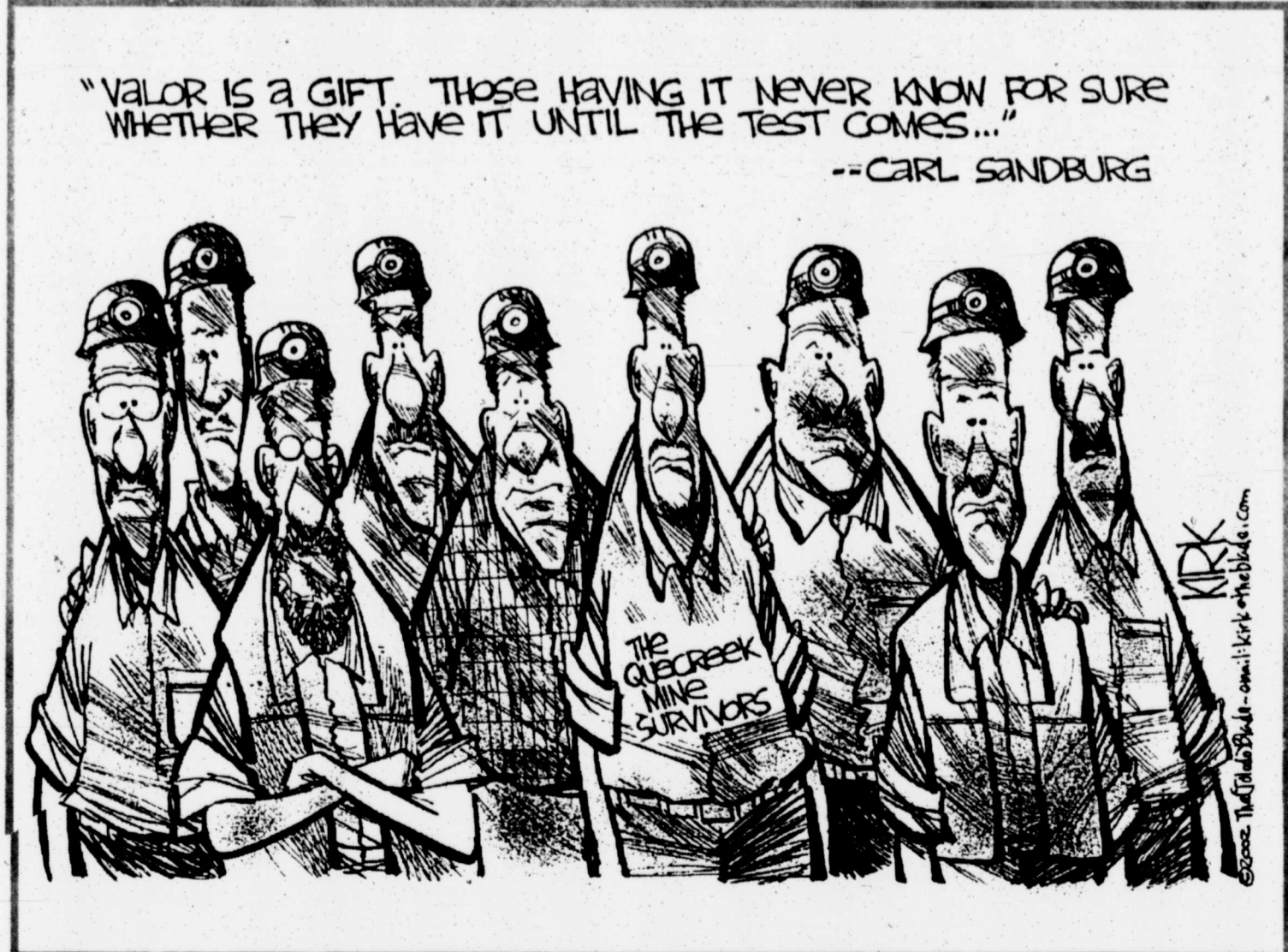
Coach Watson pressed her for an answer ... then he started asking her history question after question trying to get her to speak up.

Still, she couldn't.

Finally, thinking he'd at least get one answer from her, Coach Watson leaned forward and yelled the question — "Where was Jesus born?"

At that, she said the whole class broke up in laughter which gave birth to one of her ... defining moments.

... What are some of your defining moments?  
*(Kate Dickson can be reached at kbd@pan-tex.net)*



## Don't believe everything you hear

Anybody who believes the bilge that the "basic structure" of the economy is strong must be reading the funny papers rather than the business section.

Business is bad. In some instances it's terrible, but there are hardly any instances where you would describe it as good. It reminds me of the old story about a monk in a monastery where everyone had to take a vow of silence. Only once every five years were they allowed to speak two words to the abbot.

At the end of the first five years, a monk said, "Food. Bad."  
 At the end of the second five years, the same monk said, "Bed. Hard."  
 Finally, at the end of 15 years, the monk said, "I quit."

"Well," replied the abbot. "I'm not surprised. After all, you've done nothing for 15 years but complain."

I recognize that I was a pessimist throughout the dot-com bubble, and I'll be a pessimist throughout the new real-estate bubble. What people had better worry about before buying a house is the security of their jobs, not the interest rate. Even a mortgage payment at 6.5 percent is hard to pay if you're on unemployment, and I don't see any great recovery in the job market in the near future. Furthermore, houses don't appreciate indefinitely. They sometimes depreciate.

In the fine print of most mortgages is



**CHARLEY REESE**  
 COLUMNIST

though nobody seems to want to call it that. Still, I've complained for some time that our big problem is that the American elite has become corrupt. I just hope fear of new penalties might overcome greed, but I'm not looking for any moral revival among America's elite.

For one thing, lying has become so generally accepted that some people get indignant if you call them on it (Bill Clinton, for example). And, to use the phrase of Bill Bennett, deviancy had been defined down to normality.

The other night I saw a segment on a TV show about an off-Broadway "play" in which nude men tie their genitals into different shapes. The tenor of the discussion was that this is now the norm and nobody should complain about it. After all, it is amusing, and audiences are paying \$100 a ticket to see it, a critic said.

Why?  
 Well, who knows what people cut loose from all moral standards might find amusing. I would suggest again that you rent the video of Federico Fellini's movie "Satyricon." Clear out the children and keep some anti-nausea medicine handy, as you'll see a clear picture of modern decadence - even though Fellini's film is set in the Roman Empire.

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# Discover to shine this year

AMARILLO — A stellar line-up of entertainment has been announced for "Discover! 2002," the region's premier annual Labor Day event. Discover! is scheduled for Sept. 2 at Medical Center Park in Amarillo.

Event organizers have planned an evening highlighted by the Amarillo Symphony and Cellular One Grucci Fireworks. The theme for the event will be "Stars And Stars Forever."

"Grucci is one of the preeminent fireworks producers in the country, and they have promised a fantastic display this year," said Evelyn Solonyka, interim director of the Discovery Center. "We have been told that Discover has the biggest fireworks display in the country for Labor Day."

"We chose the theme because all the events of the past year have made our country more family-oriented and patriotic than ever," Solonyka said. "We expect a huge turnout as we celebrate American pride and patriotism."

Cellular One of Amarillo, a sponsor of Discover! since the event's inauguration in 1989, will once again provide financial support for the Amarillo Symphony performance and the fireworks.

"Throughout the years, we have used our sponsorship of the Discover fireworks to say thank you to the many citizens of Amarillo and the surrounding areas who have made Cellular One of Amarillo such a big success," said Danny McWhorter, vice president and general manager of Cellular One of Amarillo.

"We have been very fortunate to be associated with Discover's festivities over the past 13 years, and it has been our pleasure to bring these extraordinary fireworks to the people of Amarillo," McWhorter said.

Discover! is in its 14th year as the major fund-raising event for the Don Hamington Discovery Center. Last year's event attracted an estimated 40,000 people on the grounds at Medical Center Park and another 20,000-plus at nearby parks and observation sites.

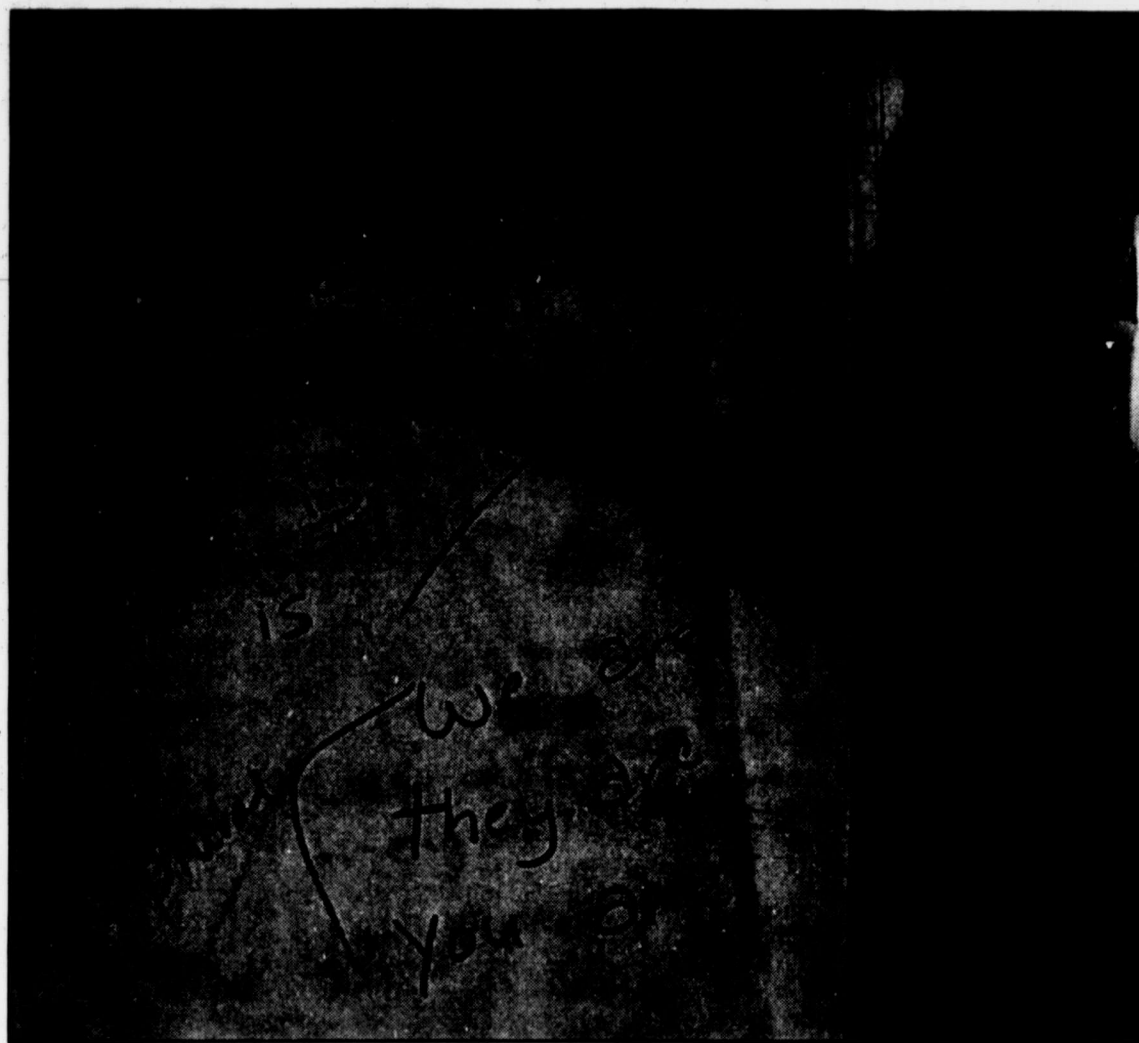
Admission is free as are free shuttle buses that will run from the Target parking lot at 1:40 and Soney beginning at 3:30 p.m. Food concessions and family activities will begin at noon.

This year's events will include pre-show entertainment beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Amarillo Jazz Orchestra will perform at 6:30, followed by skydivers at 7:50. The Amarillo Symphony concert will begin at 8 p.m. One highlight of the Symphony's performance will be "Lincoln Portrait" by Aaron Copeland, with narration provided by Amarillo Mayor Trent Sisemore.

The fireworks display will begin at dusk with musical accompaniment by the Symphony. The event will close with a spectacular presentation of "1812 Overture" and "Amarillo By Morning," as is its tradition.

Patron seating on the front and rear lawn areas is available for those who want to combine an elegant dinner with the evening's entertainment. Unlimited For You by Porter Crawford will cater the buffet dinner. Patrons receive table seating, VIP parking, dinner, party favors, and other special privileges, according to event organizer Kay Brizzolara. From 2-5 p.m., children of event patrons will be treated to an afternoon of activities presented by various nonprofit cultural organizations.

For more information about patron opportunities or other details concerning Discover! 2002, contact Solonyka at (806) 355-9547 or Kay Brizzolara at (806) 342-6001.



(Courtesy photo)

Mary Jo Fiveash demonstrates some one-on-one tutoring techniques used by volunteers at the Pampa Area Literacy Office. Tutors are available to teach basic reading and writing skills to adults in an unpressured atmosphere.

## PALC in need of volunteers

Pampa Area Literacy Council (PALC) has been serving Pampa since 1986, teaching basic reading and writing skills to adults willing to learn. There is no pressure to perform, no grades to make, no tests to pass or fail and no fee. Not everyone succeeds.

"Some adults want to go the distance," said Mary Jo Fiveash, PALC coordinator. "while others may last only a short time. Adult students set their own learning goals."

Using the Laubach method of reading/work books, one student and one volunteer work side-by-side during a lesson. Lessons are geared to teach all levels of need from basic ABC's to composition, preparing the student for GED achievement if that is the goal.

When tutor Susan Dunigan was asked what she liked most about being a PALC volunteer, she said, "Seeing the people succeeding and learning something makes it all worthwhile."

PALC also offers classes in "English As A Second Language" (ESL). At the present time there is one tutor working with 16 adults in a classroom situation. This is being coordinated through PISD and PALC.

ESL Tutor Carol Dunham had this to say about her experiences with the program. "Students are so appreciative which in turn makes me want to work harder at helping them become more independent."

Fall ESL classes will begin in mid-September on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Lamar Elementary School. Anyone interested in these classes may contact Cheryl Lewis at 669-4700.

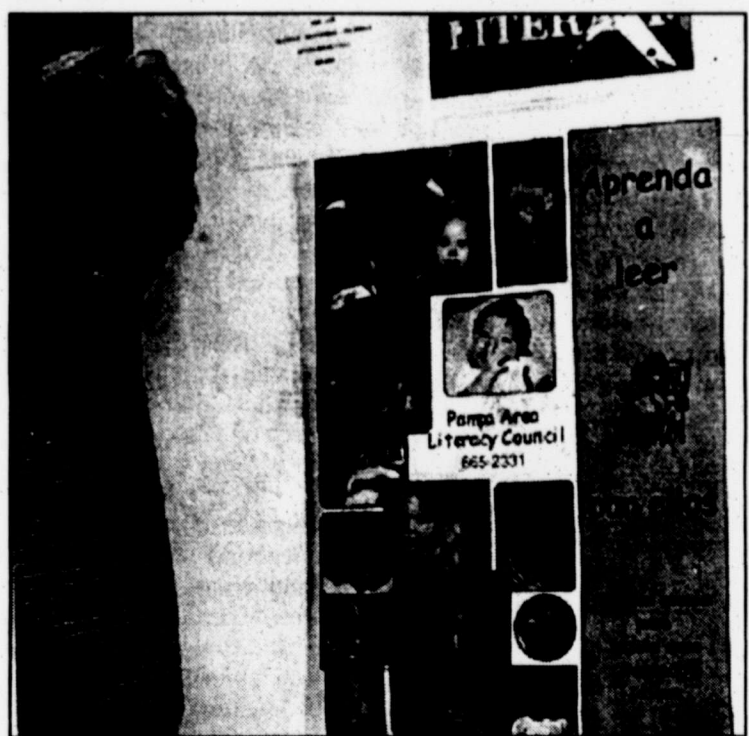
PALC volunteers are currently tutoring 27 students in basic reading/writing skills. All office staff and tutors are volunteers. Help is needed in both areas.

Before beginning tutoring, a brief seminar is conducted to familiarize a new tutor with the

materials used in the program. Tutoring takes about two hours a week. More tutors are needed. Anyone interested in more information may contact the literacy office at 665-2331.

It costs approximately \$275 for each student to complete the Laubach program funded by private donations. All monies col-

lected in the community stay in Pampa. PALC offers a computer lab, funded by grants and donations, to aid in computer literacy. Office hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment. The PALC office is located across from City Hall in the Red Cross Building.



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Mary Jo Fiveash peeks out the literacy office door, located in the Red Cross building. PALC offers classes in English as a Second Language. Fall classes through PISD and PALC will begin mid September.

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## Archeologists explore ancient drug trade

By JASON KEYSER  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JERUSALEM (AP) — A thriving Bronze Age drug trade supplied narcotics to ancient cultures throughout the eastern Mediterranean as balm for the pain of childbirth and disease, proving a sophisticated knowledge of medicines dating back thousands of years, researchers say.

Ancient ceramic pots, most of them nearly identical in shape and about five inches long, have been found in tombs and settlements throughout the Middle East, dating as far back as 1,400 B.C., said Joe Zias, an anthropologist at Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

The drugs were probably used as medicine and the finds are helping researchers better understand how ancient people treated illness and disease.

"It's a window to the past that many people are unaware of," Zias told a recent conference in Israel on DNA and archaeology. "Here's something used in prehistoric times and it's used until today."

When turned upside down, the thin-necked vessels with round bases resemble opium poppies pods. If there was any doubt about what was inside, the round, bases have white markings, designs that symbolized knife cuts made on poppies bulbs so the white opium base can ooze and be harvested, Zias said.

The Mycenaean ceramics were analyzed with a procedure called gas chromatography that turned up traces of opium.

Hundreds of the pots have been found and they

commonly show up in the hands of antiquities dealers in places like Jerusalem's Old City. "Give me an hour there and I could find you 10 of them," Zias said.

Based on ancient Egyptian medical writings from the 3rd millennium B.C., researchers believe opium and hashish — a smokable drug that comes from the concentrated resin from the flowers of hemp plants — were used during surgery and to treat aches and pains and other ailments. Hashish was also used to ease menstrual cramps and was even offered to women during childbirth.

Based on Egyptian writings, archaeologists believe the opium was eaten rather than smoked.

The drugs are part of a medical record that shows the ancients were far more advanced than most people realize, Zias said, noting evidence that European people did cranial surgery as long as 10,000 years ago, while the Romans left records of 120 surgical procedures.

Mark Spigelman, a Zias colleague at Hebrew University, found one of the poppy-shaped ceramic pots from the middle Bronze Age in Siquira, a Giza cemetery near the pyramids outside of Cairo during a dig four years ago. The pot, found in an 18th Egyptian Dynasty grave, was identical to other pots found throughout ancient Israel and the Middle East.

"These guys were selling opium all over the Middle East," Spigelman said. "This is the original Medellin cartel, 3,500 years ago," he said in a joking reference to the violent Colombian cocaine cartel.

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# West Texas company shines in drilling business

By **BETSY BLANEY**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SNYDER, Texas (AP) — The full kitchens at Patterson-UTI Energy Inc.'s headquarters come in handy when workers for the gas-drilling company whip up one of their full meals and sit down to lunch together.

Chief executive Cloyce Talbott is on a first-name basis with the 150 workers at the one-story complex, set amid cotton and sorghum fields in this town of about 10,000 people.

The scene in the West Texas Oil Patch could hardly be more different from Houston, home to many of Patterson-UTI's cousins in the energy business.

There's another difference: At least until recently, Patterson-UTI's stock was outperforming its rivals.

From September until mid-May, its share price tripled to \$34.60. In February, the Wall Street Journal ranked Patterson-UTI the 15th best-performing stock over a three-year period — and tops in the oilfield-services industry for the past three and five years.

The stock has slumped recently — it traded at \$22.10 last week — as Patterson-UTI struggled with slack demand for drilling rigs that caused a \$1 million loss in the April-to-June quarter, compared with a profit of \$56.6 million a year earlier.

S. Magnus Fyhr, an analyst for Jefferies & Co. who follows Patterson-UTI, said the company has kept its balance sheet clean and is well-positioned to profit when drilling activity picks up.

"If you're a drilling company, you better make sure when (oil and gas companies) turn off their spending that

you can weather the downturns," Fyhr said. "What sets Patterson aside is they have been very financially disciplined during down cycles and been able to make acquisitions at attractive prices."

Only about 120 of the company's 324 rigs are operating now, but the company anticipates an upturn in the next few months, said chairman Mark Siegel. If he is right, there will soon be stronger demand for rigs and an increase in daily rates.

Natural gas prices will be the key. Now about \$2.90 per thousand cubic feet, Fyhr predicted gas prices must rise above \$4 before companies step up their drilling activity.

Patterson-UTI owns the nation's second-largest fleet of land-based drilling rigs. Gas companies hire the company to drill its wells; and it also does a bit of work on oil wells.

The company resulted from a merger in May 2001 of Patterson Energy Inc. in Snyder and UTI Energy Corp. in Houston. It operates drilling rigs in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana, the Rocky Mountains and the Appalachian region. It also has a small subsidiary in western Canada.

The chief executive, Talbott, is a 1958 graduate of Texas Tech University who started Patterson with his brother-in-law in 1978.

Talbott said the company has weathered downturns before but not always as well, having once struggled to make interest payments on its loans. Today, it is debt-free and has \$53 million in cash reserves.

"This is the first downturn I've been through with zero debt and no one breathing down my neck," Talbott said.

The company is a cog in the local economy in Scurry County. Its three office buildings and 143 local rigs make

up 7.6 percent of the county's tax roll of \$800 million, and it buys equipment and parts from other local companies, area officials say.

"Patterson-UTI is a class-act company," said Snyder City Manager John Gayle. "They could be located anywhere. I'm happy they're here because they're the kind of people who dance with the one who brought them."

Siegel, formerly an entertainment attorney who used to be chairman and chief executive officer of Sound Warehouse, the former retail music giant that was based in Dallas, said the company's success is the result of a strong management team. Patterson brought to the table a strong operations, background and UTI contributed financial savvy, he said.

"The Oil Patch is famous for guys who financially over-reach," Siegel said. "You've got to bring a good combination, and we think we're one of the best in terms of marrying the two."

Secretary Brenda Billingsley says there's a family feel around headquarters, maybe ingrained by those shared lunches.

"You find very few people who want to leave," she said.

## Lovett Library announces summer 2002 reading program winners

Hayley Pettit and Courtney Ward won the 2002 bookmark contest at Lovett Memorial Library. Library officials recently announced.

The library also awarded \$10 gift certificates to Hastings as part of its 2002 Summer Reading Program to Megan Pettit, Samantha Powell, Hannah Lane, Ryan Clancy, Ashlie Cox, Torri

Hughes, Daisy Vargas, Elyssa Bezner, Jazlyn Garcia, Kelly Silva, Vicki Pettit, and Yvonne Lymburner.

All participants in the 2002 Summer Reading Program are entitled to a certificate of participation which are currently available at the library for pick-up. For more information, contact the library at 669-5780.

## TREC: License examination services to change

AUSTIN — Beginning Sept. 1, real estate and inspector examinations in Texas will be administered by PSI Examination Services of Glendale, Calif., replacing Experior Assessments, the current provider.

PSI Examination Services was awarded the contract for administering the Texas exams after a competitive bidding process earlier this year.

The transition to a new provider means a number of changes in the examination program. First, PSI was required to locate, equip, and

staff 17 independent testing centers in major metropolitan areas throughout the state. Two additional centers convenient to East Texas are located in Shreveport and St. Charles, La.

These centers should be operational by mid-August, at which time an "open house" will be held for area licensees, education providers, and instructors.

Over the past few months, PSI has been evaluating the current Texas test item bank, reviewing items with subject matter experts, and ensuring the PSI national test items

are consistent with Texas law, terminology and practice. This has been especially important for the inspector examinations to ensure unique items for real estate and professional inspector tests. Moreover, effective Sept. 1, the inspector exams will increase in time and length to 150 items to be answered within three hours.

Candidates for real estate and inspector examinations can register for the PSI exam by mail, phone, or the

Internet beginning this month. Individuals will be taking the test at a new location, the PSI testing center operational solely for TREC candidates.

The fee for license examinations will increase to \$59 per administration effective Sept. 1. Finally, an advance reservation will be required and no retests will be allowed on the same day.

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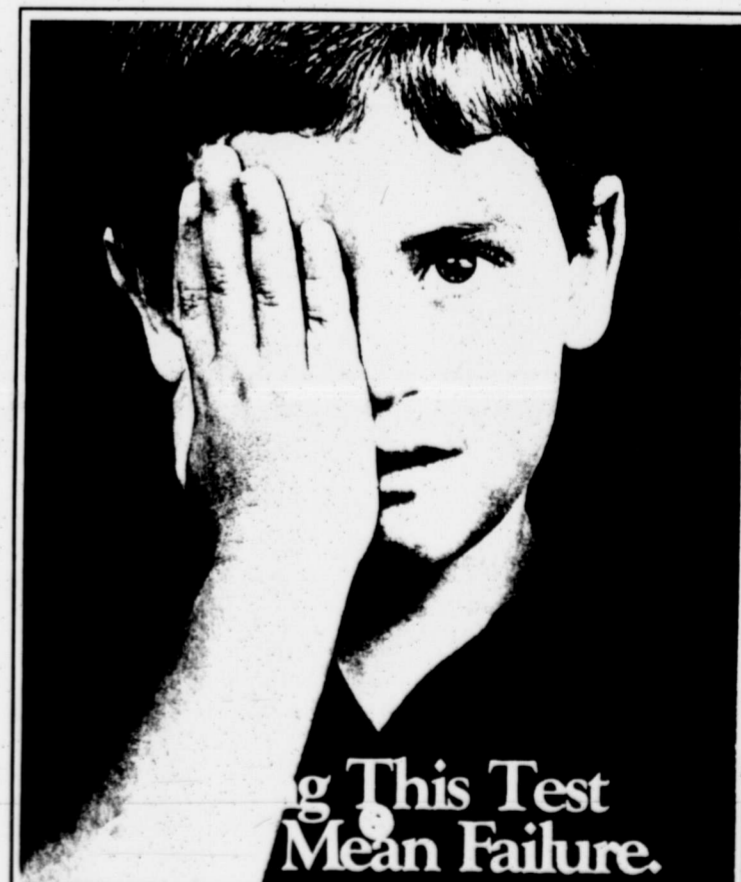
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## Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council



(Courtesy photo) Freedom Museum USA President John Tripplehorn and Museum Curator Mike Porter discuss the history and the Museum's future plans at a Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council (PTMC) meeting recently. The Pampa Chamber of Commerce hosted the PTMC August luncheon at the Museum in Pampa. Forty-eight members from more than a dozen panhandle communities attended.

## University preparing for August graduation

Four hundred twenty-five students participated in December 2001 ceremonies, 562 received diplomas at May exercises, and August's 307 baccalaureate (183) and master's degree candidates (124) will increase the 2001-2002 grand total to 1,294.

CANYON — The last members of the largest graduating class in West Texas A&M University history will walk the stage beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 at the WTAMU Event Center.

Four hundred twenty-five students participated in December 2001 ceremonies, 562 received diplomas at May exercises, and August's 307 baccalaureate (183) and master's degree candidates (124) will increase the 2001-2002 grand total to 1,294. The previous record was set in 1974-75 with 1,279 graduates.

"Obviously, an important measure of a university's success is the number of students who

complete degrees," Dr. Russell C. Long, WTAMU president, said. "We are pleased to set new records for students graduating from West Texas A&M. The University and our students are certainly working together to accomplish great things."

Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, assistant professor of speech communication, will deliver the commencement address. Lowery-Hart coached the University's speech team to a third-place national finish in 2001-2002 and was named American Forensics Association Coach of the Year. He graduated from West Texas A&M in May 1991 with a 1990-91 class of 1,060.

## In many states, abuse of elderly goes unnoticed

By MIKE WILSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) — John Nelsen was a prisoner in his home, his wardens a young couple who lived with him.

They told the 71-year-old man that if he left the house, alarms would sound. When Nelsen became more suspicious of them and wanted to call his bank to check on his money, they threatened to send him to a nursing home.

The couple, who were never charged, lived off Nelsen's money for more than six months, he said, using it to pay for everything from rent to the phone bill.

"I just had to get out of there," said Nelsen, who now lives in a boarding house. "I just couldn't take it anymore."

A U.S. Administration on Aging study estimates that up to 1 million elderly are physically abused, neglected, or financially exploited each year. But officials acknowledge that is only a guess.

"We don't have a true grasp of it because it's such a big social problem — it's underreported, unrecognized — it's hard to get a good idea of how much of it is out there," said Linda Hildreth, state elder abuse coordinator at the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs.

The study looked at reports of elder abuse in 20 counties nationwide. Some say that doesn't represent the problem's true magnitude.

"Unfortunately, it also showed that only one in five comes to the attention of people who can do something to help," said Sara Aravanis, director of the National Center on Elder Abuse in Washington, D.C. "It's only the tiny tip of the iceberg that we know about. The rest remain hidden below the surface."

Kathleen Quinn of the Illinois Department on Aging, believes the detection rate could be as low as 1 in 14.

"There's never been a national random population survey on elder abuse," she said, noting that it's difficult to gauge its scope because victims often are housebound or isolated by those who prey on them.

The federal Caregivers Support Program, implemented last year, provides money to states to open centers to teach caregivers about services such as home meal delivery, home health care and counseling.

"It helps guide them to practical solutions to the issues they are facing," Quinn said.

The aging administration study, completed in 1997, showed that 84 percent of

elder abuse comes at the hands of a relative, most often the older person's grown child.

The boyfriend and girlfriend who were Nelsen's roommates pretended to be his friends in order to get at his money, said Scott Schluter, a coordinator for the Generations Area Agency on Aging in Davenport, Iowa.

Nelsen gave the woman power of attorney over his finances, but began to worry about how his money was being spent.

He left the house last spring after a state social worker visited, responding to a concerned call from someone worried about Nelsen.

Because he left voluntarily, the state worker classified the case as unfounded. No criminal charges were filed against Nelsen's roommates, Schluter said.

A Des Moines woman died in January 2000 of septic shock after she was found mired in human waste in her home. She had been left there by her housemate, Blossom Deering, 68, died days later.

Richard Smith Jr., 51, pleaded guilty to neglect and dependent adult abuse. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

In New Mexico, a 75-year-old nursing home resident died

in January of an infection caused by 22 bed sores, including "one so large you could put fist into it and bone was visible," said Katrina Hotrum of the state's long-term care ombudsman's program.

"She was unable to scream or ask for help and was left rotting to death," Hotrum said.

State agencies are investigating her death.

Michelle Grisham, the director of the New Mexico Agency on Aging, said his group receives about 8,000 abuse complaints each year concerning state-licensed nursing centers.

"Reporting is low because you have residents who aren't competent and can't communicate and they are afraid of retaliation by staff," Grisham said.

Only eight states have laws specifically addressing abuse of the elderly: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Wisconsin, according to the National Center on Elder Abuse.

Iowa uses a dependent abuse law to protect adults who rely on the help of others, Hildreth said.

Uniform reporting methods are needed nationwide before

the extent of elder abuse can be realized, Shoemaker said.

And the way society views its elderly members can make it difficult to recognize abuse, Hildreth said.

"We tend to think they are adults, so they can take care of themselves and they can choose to live how they want," she said.

Sandi Koll of the Iowa Department of Human Services, said elderly people are sometimes vulnerable because of sheer stubbornness.

"I've actually had people tell me, 'I have the right to be abused,'" Koll said.

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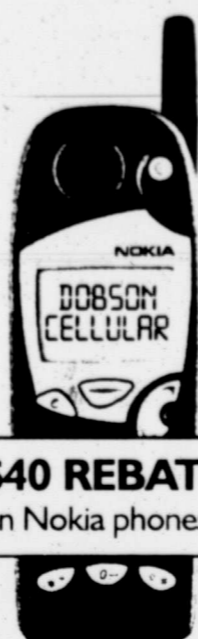


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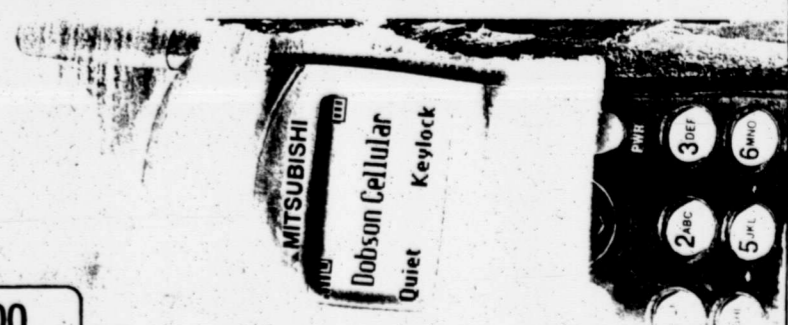


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## GCARC plans 2002 trail ride

It's time for the Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens 10th annual trail ride. Registration is slated to begin at 8 a.m., Sept. 7 at Reynold's ranches north of Pampa. The ride will get under way at 9:30 a.m. A minimum of \$20 is needed to ride, and each rider can get as many sponsors as he or she wants with each sponsor giving a one-time donation.

All proceeds from the ride are used to support Special Olympics in the local community, support the Pampa Sheltered Workshop facility and activities, and provide for special needs of the retarded in the community.

All horses must have show a current negative Coggins original certificate in order to ride. All riders under the age of 18 must have the signature of a parent or guardian on the registration form giving permission to ride. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided for the riders, and a barbecue lunch will be served at noon by the GCARC. The ride will continue until 3 p.m. All prizes will be awarded during the lunch break.

The rider raising the most in donations over \$800 will win a pair of boots. Second prize for the most money over \$400 is a Stetson hat, and third prize for the most money over \$300 is a Brighton purse. Fourth prize for most money over \$200 is a pick-up load of feed. Fifth prize for most money over \$100 will be three round bales of hay delivered. Many other prizes have been donated by area businesses.

The area the ride will cover has much historical significance. The first settlers built homes there and the first water well was dug. The building used for the county seat, post office, and general gathering will also be visited. There are many trees and lots of wildlife.

Trail Ride Coordinator is Gloria Swires. For more information or to obtain registration forms, contact Swires at 665-2294, Sharon Williams at 669-0176, or Sherry Carlson at 669-7171.

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For more contest information, check the Amarillo Tri-State Fair premium book or call the fair entry department at (806) 376-7767.

## Centennial luncheon



(Courtesy photo)

Thelma Bray, above, poses beside one of the eagles designed by Jan Maul to be showcased during the local Shriners' noon luncheon for the Centennial Saturday, Oct. 5 at the VFW Hall on Cuyler. Maul's eagles were inspired by the victory eagle on the 3-cent stamps issued during World War II. Tickets purchased by Sept. 1 or at Chautauqua will be \$4.50 for the luncheon and \$6 for a Centennial dinner which will occur from 5-7 p.m., on the fifth at the Knights of Columbus building downtown. Ticket-holders participating in this "early bird special" will be eligible for special gift drawings. Tickets are currently available at Tarpley Music Co., Rheams Diamond Shop, Kids Stuff, Keller Williams Realty, Pampa Chamber of Commerce, and White Deer Land Museum. Tickets will also be available at the Centennial meeting at 5 p.m., Aug. 15 the Chamber of Commerce.

## Longtime debate coach cultivates some well-known pols, preachers

HOUSTON (AP) — For more than 50 years, Thomas Freeman has taught the power of the spoken word, and at 82, the Texas Southern University professor is still shaping the oratorical skills of his students.

Freeman has instructed some of America's legendary black politicians, educators and spiritual leaders, including the late U.S. Reps. Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland and Martin Luther King Jr., who took a course from Freeman when he taught at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

"He really is sort of a living legend," said Otis King, Jordan's former debate partner who is now a law professor at the university. "Everyone respects him. Everyone looks up to him."

"Dr. Freeman is part legend, philosopher, innovator, preacher, grandfather, motivator, father and coach," former debate team member Bruce Austin said. "He is a great leader and a great and loyal follower. He is all these things that can only be described simply as 'Doc.'"

Former students describe a mentor who taught them to value education and overcome racial prejudice through hard work. A teacher who gave them an opportunity to experience the world.

Above all, he taught them to use their voices.

"Even in a love relationship, one has to communicate," Freeman said. "To be able to communicate well puts you at a competitive advantage. If you want to go somewhere in life, you need to be equipped and the debate team equips you."

Freeman says he has no specific formula for success. He approaches students as individuals and teaches them to cultivate their natural talents. He said Jordan and Leland arrived with potential.

"I don't think either one would have developed without some assistance from somebody," he said.

After receiving his doctorate from the divinity school at the University of Chicago, Freeman originally planned to wield influence from the pulpit. But after spending a year at the newly formed Texas State University for Negroes in the late 1940s, Freeman's students implored him stay.

"It was not my intention to

make a career out of coaching others in debate," Freeman said. "I tell students the most valuable thing that happened to me, during my college career, was my experience on the debate team."

He has passed on that experience.

In the early days, Freeman often would use his own money to buy gas to chauffeur team members to tournaments throughout the country. Many had never been outside Houston.

Now students who participate in the nationally recognized debate team enjoy scholarships and corporate sponsors to defray travel costs. Freeman's students travel the world.

Otis King and Austin said the debate team at the historically black university taught them they could succeed when given the same opportunities as whites, even during segregation.

"We began to develop confidence in ourselves that we could go up against anyone if the playing field was level," King said. "And in debate, the playing field was level." Occasionally, however, there were hurdles.

"He had us deal with adversity differently than most," said Austin. "He helped us realize there were people who were prejudiced and he

did not teach us to get angry. Instead, he taught us to get tougher and to get better."

Retired university administrator James Race, also a debate student, said he likely would not have gone on to become Freeman's boss if he hadn't learned important life lessons from his teacher.

"It was drilled into your head that education was a way to get ahead for African-Americans," Race said. "It was that discipline that I had as a debater that has carried me through."

Freeman's lessons propelled Barbara Jordan from Houston's Fifth Ward, one of the city's most impoverished neighborhoods, to national prominence.

When Jordan entered the university in 1952, women traditionally did not travel on overnight trips with males unless a female chaperone was present.

"It was contrary to the custom, but because of her ability I took her along. I was a daring young man," Freeman said. "They criticized me for it. I accepted the criticism and went on."

Jordan went on to become the first black woman elected to the Texas Senate in 1966 and then in 1972, the first black woman from the South elected to the U.S. House. She served three terms.

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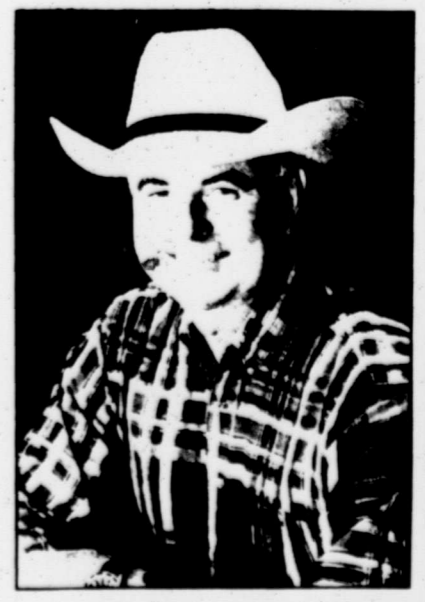
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## SPORTS

## Carter has impressive debut against penalty-riddled Raiders

By JOEL ANDERSON  
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Some things haven't changed for the Oakland Raiders under new coach Bill Callahan.

The Raiders, long one of the NFL's most penalized teams, committed 17 infractions for 107 yards and failed to score a touchdown in a 20-6 loss to the Dallas Cowboys on Friday night in the exhibition opener for both teams.

Callahan, who became the Raiders' coach after Jon Gruden went to Tampa Bay, watched in frustration as his team drew numerous penalties that thwarted potential scores.

"We need to address the penalties as issue No. 1," Callahan said. "We are going to correct this."

Meanwhile, Quincy Carter coolly directed the Cowboys to scores on their first three possessions in his impressive debut operating the West Coast offense. Carter played the entire first half, completing 10 of 13 passes for 96 yards and one touchdown. He also rushed twice for 24 yards.

"Quincy made plays with his arm and his feet. That is how he plays," Cowboys coach Dave Campo said. "It's hard to see that in practice, but in a game you can see the danger he poses for the defense."

"He did things that don't show up in practice. He broke out of the pocket and made some things happen."

Through two weeks of training camp, Carter appeared to struggle with the new offense and often looked unsure of himself. His poor performances gave fuel to speculation that 25-year-old rookie Chad

Hutchinson was pushing him for the starting job.

But early in Friday's game, Carter was accurate and continually was able to scramble away from the Raiders' pass rush.

During the Cowboys' second offensive series, Carter lofted an 18-yard pass to Ken-Yon Rambo over the outstretched hands of two defenders.

Two plays later, Carter zipped a 23-yarder through coverage to Reggie Swinton for what was initially ruled a touchdown, but later overturned on replay. The Raiders then committed two penalties inside the 1-yard line, including a personal foul on safety Anthony Dorsett that gave the Cowboys another set of downs.

Carter completed a 1-yard pass to reserve tight end Mike Lucky in the back of the end zone on the next play for a 10-3 lead.

"It felt good to go out and make plays when things break down," Carter said. "I don't want to count on that because I've got receivers who can make plays for me. My first priority is to get them the ball and let them do their thing."

Hutchinson, who spent the last four years playing professional baseball, showed some rust in his first football game since 1997, his sophomore season at Stanford.

He finished 5-of-11 for 59 yards, completing throws of 20 and 19 yards in his first series. The Cowboys moved the ball to the Oakland 9, but Hutchinson was picked off in the end zone by the Raiders' top draft pick, Phillip Buchanon.

"I thought I was prepared," Hutchinson said. "It's a starting point. I'll just go out there next week and continue to improve."

The Raiders didn't reveal much of their offensive playbook, pulling Rich Gannon and most of the other starters after just one series. On that possession, Gannon went 4-of-6 for 52 yards, to set up Sebastian Janikowski's 29-yard field goal with 3:46 left in the first quarter.

From that point, the Raiders suffered through several drive-killing penalties.

"Football is best played with no penalties," Oakland tight end Roland Williams said. "You didn't see that tonight. This was a very sloppy Raiders team."

Emmitt Smith, who needs just 540 yards to break Walter Payton's career rushing record, didn't get into the game. He missed the last two days of practice after visiting his ailing grandfather in Florida. Smith watched the game from the sidelines.

## Senior scramble held at Hidden Hills

PAMPA — Hidden Hills held a seniors scramble last week.

Results are as follows:  
1. Bob Swope, Joe Mabry, Charles Terrell and Louis Haydon, 61.  
2. Whitey White, Roy Porter, J.B. Holt and Bill Abernathy, 61.  
3. Elmer Wilson, Jim Bridges, Harvey Malone and Paul Hinton, 62.  
4. Howard Wells, Duane Stiles, Callens George and Marvin Allison, 62.  
Closest to the hole: Bob Henderson, No. 15.

Chunky Leonard shot one under his age at Hidden Hills with a 76. Playing with Leonard were Bill Wade, Pat

## Golf

Montoya and Loyd Waters, all of Pampa.

TURNBERRY, Scotland (AP) — Annika Sorenstam didn't make the cut. Neither did U.S. Open champion Juli Inkster.

LPGA rookie Candie Kung shared the lead halfway through a major.

Unthinkable? Well, welcome to the Women's British Open on a links course at Turnberry. Like the men's equivalent, anything is possible.

Nineteen players eagled the par-5 third hole, yet some needed a driver to make the green at the par-3 sixth. It all depends on the direction and strength of the

wind.

Kung, a Taiwanese player who took up golf after her family moved to California in 1995, shared the lead at 8-under 136 with Sweden's Carin Koch going into Saturday's third round.

One stroke behind them was two-time champion Karrie Webb of Australia, Americans Beth Bauer and Tina Barrett and Spain's Paula Marti. They were all tied for third at 7-under 135.

Sorenstam and Inkster weren't joining them.

Sorenstam followed an opening 73 with a 77, finishing with a 36-hole total of 6-over 150, missing the cut for the first time in 75 events. The cut was 1 over.

The Swede, who won six tournaments this year including the Nabisco Championship, made the cut in 74 straight tournaments, dating to the U.S. Women's Open in June 1999.

## Football advice



(Photo by Grover Black)

Coach Del Smith gives advice to prospect Taylor Fatheree at Pampa 9th grade football workouts last week. Pampa opens the 2002 season Sept. 7 with Plainview. Gametime is 10 a.m. in Harvester Stadium.

## Rangers' Rogers flirts with perfection

CLEVELAND (AP) — In case Kenny Rogers didn't keep a game ball from his 100th win with the Texas Rangers, the Cleveland Indians have a few for him.

Rogers flirted with his second perfect game, retiring Cleveland's first 21 hitters, and Rafael Palmeiro homered in the ninth inning to give Texas a 3-2 win over the Indians on Friday night.

Cleveland players were certain that Rogers had more going for him than just good stuff.

"I know he was scuffing the ball," insisted Milton Bradley, who broke up Rogers' bid to become the

first pitcher to throw two perfect games. "Six balls all scuffed in the same spot? It was like lightning striking the same place six times."

Cleveland manager Joel Skinner asked plate umpire Andy Fletcher to check Rogers for anything illegal in the sixth.

Rogers (12-6), who pitched one of baseball's 14 modern-era perfect games in 1994, adamantly denied cheating.

"Check me all you want, go ahead," he said. "They kicked my tail quite a few times over the years and never said a word then."

"I've never been checked

before."

When told the Indians collected 15 scuffed baseballs that went out of play, Rogers replied: "I saw some that were scuffed, too. A lot of things scuff the ball. The dirt, the wall. I used those balls, too. I'm not stupid."

"But I didn't do anything."

Rogers was six outs from history before walking Jim Thome on a 3-2 count to open the eighth. Bradley then doubled to left, ruining the left-hander's bid for the sixth no-hitter in Rangers history.

One out later, the shutout was gone, too, as Ricky Gutierrez lined a two-run double off the left-field wall, tying it 2-2.

"I think I will reflect upon this one and be a bit disappointed," Rogers said. "But I'm not greedy to ask for another perfect game."

Rogers allowed two runs and two hits over eight innings, striking out four in his 144th career win and 100th with Texas.

As far as the Indians are concerned, this win was tainted.

Bradley said he first noticed a scuffed ball when Gutierrez fouled one into the dugout. It was the first of several the Indians claimed were nicked on the ball's major league logo.

"There were times that the ball had a ridiculous drop to it," Bradley said.

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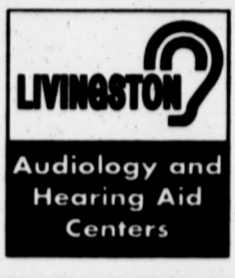


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## Austin music seeds sewn at hall dear to many

By **KELLEY SHANNON**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — Long after the last guitar note was strummed and the Armadillo World Headquarters closed down, the funky Austin music hall lives on in Texas lore.

The clumsy piece of real estate, as founder Eddie Wilson calls it, from 1970 to 1980 was where hippies and cowboys hung out together and musicians fed off the crowd's eclectic energy, not to mention the Armadillo's fresh-baked bread, beans with the works and shrimp enchiladas.

Armadillo World Headquarters evolved from an abandoned National Guard armory into what many regard as the birthplace of Austin's reputation as a live music hub.

"It wasn't like anything that was going on anywhere else in the country," Wilson said. "I'd describe it as a huge cultural petri dish out of control."

Today, Wilson, a 58-year-old businessman and owner of the popular Threadgill's restaurants in Austin, is collaborating on a book about the Armadillo era with music writer Joe Nick Patoski, a senior editor at Texas Monthly magazine and author of biographies about the late Stevie Ray Vaughan and Selena.

Wilson also is providing memorabilia for an exhibit at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum called "Country Music from the Lone Star State," opening Sept. 28.

Among other projects in the works are a documentary film based on some of 100 hours of videotaped performances at the Dillo, an art book highlighting posters created for the Armadillo by artist Jim Franklin and a box set CD collection of Armadillo performances that Wilson envisions as a fundraiser for the Austin Musicians Clinic.

This past week, the anniversary of the Dillo's Aug. 7, 1970 opening, some Armadillo aficionados were gathering to remember the place.

Why was it so meaningful to so many? It was the institution from which the Austin music scene sprang, paving the way for more live music clubs and bands, Patoski said.

"Nothing before it or since comes close to being as significant," he said. "It was also the wellspring of this very unique culture that somehow welded hippie and country music sensibilities."

Armadillo lineups ranged from country and rock to blues and Latin music. Frank Zappa, Van Morrison, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Ray Charles, B.B. King, Freddie

King, The Clash, Taj Majal, the Flatlanders and Commander Cody were but a few of the Dillo's acts.

One legendary show was Bruce Springsteen's performance in the early 1970s. The admission charge was a dollar.

"The Armadillo was like a Texas brag. It was just too big to be real. We took it so seriously that the local folks kind of poked a lot of fun at us," Wilson said.

Those who lived it say the Armadillo was much more than a music venue. It became known for its food and camaraderie. Its outdoor beer garden was a haven for artists and other creative folks.

"It seemed to some, lulled into optimism by cold beer and cheap pot, that it was going to go on forever; that once upon a time in Austin," Wilson wrote on his Threadgill's Web site.

Wilson stumbled upon the building, just south of Town Lake, when he was the manager for the psychedelic country blues group Shiva's Headband.

He'd stepped outside of the nearby Cactus Club because the restroom wasn't working. That's when he saw a row of old windows, then the empty cinder-block building below them. He found his way inside the dark, empty structure and drove his car in before turning on the headlights to see what he'd discovered.

"My heart still beats fast when I talk about that moment. It was like I had found a cave, Carlsbad Caverns or something," he recalled. "The Armadillo was just obviously there to be had."

Soon bands were playing, and talk of the Armadillo spread nationwide.

"It was a place where every musician wanted to come and play," said pianist Floyd Domino, who appeared at the Armadillo numerous times with the band Asleep at the Wheel.

Asleep at the Wheel had a loyal following in Berkeley, Calif., but band members weren't sure what they would find in Texas. They were pleasantly surprised by the Armadillo.

"It was our first Texas gig. It was really an electric feeling," Domino said.

For 10 years the big place with no air conditioning thrived on dirt cheap month-to-month rent from landlord M.K. Hage and the good karma — and sometimes free labor — of patrons and performers.

Richard Mann, now a computer consul-

tant, recalls working at the Armadillo emptying beer pitchers so he could hear the music free and have a place to sleep when he wasn't camping under a bridge.

"It was just a big family, and musicians loved playing for the crowd," he said.

On one memorable night in 1973, captured on videotape, the club's announcer told the audience that President Richard Nixon had just fired Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox and that several administration officials had resigned.

"Nixon is by himself, can you dig it?" the announcer proclaimed.

Some in the crowd cheered. Others booed. In 1976, Wilson handed over operation of the Armadillo to Hank Alrich, a bluegrass performer who'd helped out earlier with a generous financial infusion.

After the New Year's Eve show of 1980, the place shut down. The family that owned the land had decided to sell it. Despite protests from some Dillo supporters, who warned against the "Manhattanization" of Austin, the Armadillo closed. Today a city office building sits in its place.

Its farewell party was noted in Rolling Stone magazine and the New York Times.

A Threadgill's restaurant next to the Armadillo site now serves as a sort of monument to its memory with Dillo memorabilia on display, including a piano played by Count Basie and Jerry Lee Lewis.

State Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, an Austin Democrat who recalls hanging out at the Armadillo in the 1970s as a civil rights and community organizer, is working to have a state historic marker erected at the Armadillo site.

"We thought that it would be altogether fitting that that site be recognized for its historic and cultural value that it provided the capital city of Texas, and indeed, the Southwest," Barrientos said.

Though he acknowledges the Dillo days are over, Wilson says its legacy continues with the Austin Music Network, formed in 1994. It airs local music on a dedicated television channel.

Eventually, Wilson wants to change its name to the Armadillo Music Network.

"The memory is not going to fade away," he said.

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# COMMUNITY

## NEWSMAKERS

**Brenda Guess** of Pampa recently received Western Wireless Corporation's Tour de Force Manager Achievement Award, WWC company officials have announced.

The Tour de Force award is Western Wireless' highest honor for managers, honoring their commitment to customers, sales goals, and productivity levels.

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

Guess shares this honor with 23 other managers from across the nation and will be recognized by Western Wireless' top executive officers during an exclusive awards banquet.

Guess joined Cellular One in 1998. As dealer sales manager, she oversees 40 dealers. Other WWC career achievements include winning the Superstar 2001 and 2002 sales contest and The Big Challenge Sales Contest as well as earning the Peak Achievement designation.

## UPCOMING 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 centennial exhibit, and a landscape photography exhibit by Jim Jordan and Louise Daniel, are currently on display through Aug. 31 at White Deer Land Museum in Pampa.

**GRAY COUNTY VETERANS**  
Gray County Centennial Celebration organizers are 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.

### CAPROCK CANYONS

Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway State Park near Quitaque will offer the following programs during the month: Family Nature Hike, 9 a.m., Aug. 10, 24, and 31; Waterfowl of the Texas Plains, 9 p.m., Aug. 10; Wildlife Habitat Restoration, 8:30 p.m., Aug. 24; and Dark Sky Viewing, 8:30 p.m., Aug. 31. For further information on the other events, call (806) 455-1492.

### WBNC

Wildcat Bluff Nature Center, 2301 N. Soncy, Amarillo, is seeking individuals interested in biology, geology, ecology, archeology, nature, conservation, education, and local history to participate in its Fall Naturalist Training Seminar. The training will include an introduction/tour of WBNC, a discussion of Libb's Trail and expansion, explore the challenges of leading hikes, and much, much more. For additional information, call (806) 352-6007.

### QUICK TASP

Clarendon College will offer a quick TASP test beginning at 8:30 a.m., Aug. 8 and 15. The fee for the TASP is \$29 to NES and \$10 to Clarendon College (separate checks). Participants must bring two forms of identification including a picture ID. For more information or to sign-up, call 665-8801.

### LATCHKEY

Gray County Latchkey will conduct pre-enrollment from 6-8 p.m., Aug. 13, at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. For more information, call Susan Gallagher at 669-7179.

### LEFORS ISD

Registration for Lefors Junior High and High School students (grades 7-12) will be conducted from 9 a.m.-12 noon and from 1-4 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 13 at the high school. New students must submit transcripts from previous school prior to registration.

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David Potter, left, receives employee of the quarter award from Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland. Copeland is the fourth sheriff that Potter has served under, beginning with Rufe Jordan in 1986.

# Telling of times past

By DAVID BOWSER  
STAFF WRITER

David Potter was born in a different time. "The times they are a-changing," Potter said, sitting in his office in the Gray County Sheriff's Department where he is the jail administrator.

Born in Pampa on May 14, 1946, Potter came of age in the 1960s when Pampa High School Harvesters lived in the cars, circling Pampa from Caldwell's Drive Inn where the Dairy Queen now stands, up Francis to Cuyler, down Cuyler to Moses where the Dollar Store now stands, then out Foster to Hobart and back to Caldwell's.

Outside of town, there were quarter miles marked on deserted country roads, but Potter said with a grin that he didn't remember those even though he had a 1962 Chevrolet Impala with a 409 cubic inch engine. The car had no power steering, no power brakes, no air conditioning. There was nothing to detract power from the huge engine.

"There were some neat cars around in those days," Potter said.

When Potter graduated from Pampa High School in 1964, the British invasion was in full swing. The Beatles were battling the Beach Boys for first place on the musical charts.

But the world was soon to change. War clouds were gathering over Southeast Asia. The Surfin' Safari was soon to end.

By 1966, Potter was caught up in the country's foreign war. He stopped working on his 409 and began working on aircraft for the Army.

"The new action Army," he said, with another grin.

After a number of months in Army training, Potter was sent to Vietnam.

"Of course, being the Army," Potter said, "they send you to all these schools and when you get over there they give you something you've never seen before."

Stationed at Firebase Bearcat between Saigon and Vung Tau, Potter saw a lot of Vietnam from the air, from Tan Son Nhut to Phu Bai to nameless clearings near the Demilitarized Zone which separated South from North Vietnam.

"When you first get in-country, you're wide awake," Potter said. "You can hear a spider walk."

After two or three months, he said, you adjust.

Potter worked on and flew in the small, unarmed spotter planes that were so crucial to ground troops and intelligence gathering.

"I started out on Bird Dogs and went to Beavers," Potter said. "I ended up on twin turbine military versions of the Beech King Air."

Officially, he was attached to the First Aviation Brigade, which had a wide range of aircraft.

"When I first got there, it wasn't a very big outfit," Potter said. "Then they went to building it up."

While his base grew with the addition of more aircraft and aircraft control facilities, the area around him became home to troops from several different countries.

"We were just down the road from the Ninth Infantry Division," Potter said.

After a while, the Ninth Infantry was moved out and troops from Thailand moved in. On down the highway, was an Australian outfit.

"I flew all over that country," Potter said, "from one end to the other, may be a little beyond."

Most of what he saw, though, were miles and miles of jungle.

"You were flying over a bunch of trees," he said.

As part of a recovery team, Potter went into one clearing in the jungle where a helicopter had flamed out and was forced to land. Potter's team was flown in and dropped off.

"I said, 'Wind 'em up and let's see what they'll do,'" Potter remembered.

Engines started and blades whirled.

"I said, 'They're running, let's go,'" he said.

While he laughs about it now, spending the night in the jungle was not high on Potter's priorities at the time.

He was in a compound up near DMZ (demilitarized zone) for a brief time that was totally different from the area around Saigon that Potter was used to.

"There was a row of trees and hooches," he said. "I thought one person on a bicycle could wipe this whole thing out."

Someone had run a plane off in a ditch, and it was up to Potter to fix it. The fear was that the propellers had been bent.

After they got the plane running, Potter told the pilot to rev it up.

"I backed off," Potter said, "and thought, 'Man, that thing's perfect. It's tracking true.'"

He asked the pilot if there was any vibration.

"When he said 'No,' I said, 'Let's go,'" Potter said. "I didn't much want to spend the night there, either."

Potter said one of his regrets is that he didn't take the time to learn more about the country and its people. He said that while he wouldn't want to do it again, if he had to, he would ask many more questions. He shrugged. At the time, he just wanted to get home.

Potter said he has no wish to go back to Vietnam as many veterans have done, but he would like to know what happened to the huge amounts of supplies that were left behind and the facilities that the U.S. built.

But the military life wasn't what Potter wanted and one of the happiest days of his life was when the Freedom Bird brought him home.

"I mustered out in Oakland, Calif.," Potter said.

Back in the world, after more than a year in Vietnam, the tall round-eyed young ladies with blonde hair and their California styles in April of 1969 were a culture shock.

"Mini-skirts amazed me," he said.

After getting out of the Army, Potter returned to Texas. He worked on a pipeline for a while down near Pecos before coming back to the panhandle and working with Floyd and Bill McMinn in Lefors on well field equipment. He also farmed with his father.

But in 1974, Potter faced perhaps his toughest challenge. He was stricken with crippling arthritis. For almost two years, he was bed ridden.

"By 1974," he said, "I got going again."

It is still something that he battles every day.

"I started about 1990, having these joints replaced," Potter said. "The first go around, I had my right hip and left knee replaced."

To date, both knees and both hips have been replaced.

He laughs. When Potter goes through a metal detector, everybody's on alert.

In 1985, Potter ran for and was elected Justice of the Peace in Gray County, but found that to be a thankless job. A year later, he went to work for then Gray County Sheriff Rufe Jordan. He's been in law enforcement ever since.

"He was quite man," Potter said of Sheriff Jordan. "I enjoyed being around him, listening to him talk about the old days."

In those days, the county jail was in the Gray County Courthouse.

"The old jail had bars and no electronics," Potter said. "It was pretty basic stuff."

Potter went on to serve under three more sheriffs, Jimmy Free, Randy Stubblefield and Don Copeland, and make the change from the old jail in the courthouse to the new facility in the sheriff's office across the street.

Moving into the new jail was an experience, he admitted. As with most new buildings, it took a while to get settled in and straighten out any bugs in the pumping and wiring, a task complicated by the housing of prisoners, some of them quite violent.

"We had some moments over here," he said.

Potter said they now have a full time maintenance man.

"We didn't have that at first," he said. "It was awful. We'd have to call somebody to try to get them to come up and fix the heat or call the plumber."

Potter said having somebody on staff that can deal with such problems and is familiar with the building and the complex systems in it is a big help.

"This is a big system," Potter admitted. "There's a lot of stuff."

While technology has moved ahead, Potter said he still liked the old jail better.

"I like the old one because of the times," he smiled. "It was pretty simple then. It was old and antiquated, but still there's a certain clarity. We didn't even have air conditioning up there."

Sheriff Jordan, Potter said, gave him a lot of fatherly advice.

"I remember the first thing he told me was that the only thing it takes to run this business is common sense and the Ten Commandments."

It's getting a little more complicated than that these days, he said. Now he has to make state and federal reports on each of the Ten Commandments.

If running a jail is Potter's profession, fishing is his passion.

Potter fishes both fresh water lakes and the deep blue sea.

"I like Texhoma and Possum Kingdom," he said. "I like the coast, too."

He said he's lost his sea legs to the arthritis, but he still likes to go fishing.

"I'm not much on sail boats," he said. "I don't understand them, but I like boating."

His love of the water has led him back to the military.

"I joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary last year," Potter said.

If he were physically able, he said, he would have volunteered to help along the coast or in New York with the Coast Guard's new security duties, although he admitted that the military really hasn't changed all that much since he was in the army.

"There are some things that never change," he said with a broad grin.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Lee anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Lee of Pampa will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m., Aug. 17, 2002, in fellowship hall of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. Children of the couple will host the reception.

Lacy Lee and Atha Belle Steward were married Aug. 23, 1952, at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. They have lived in Pampa for the past 50 years.

Mr. Lee worked at Citizens Bank and Trust for 29 years then was a custodian at Lamar Elementary School, Baker Elementary School, and Coronado Community Hospital prior to retiring at age 63.

Mrs. Lee, a homemaker, has worked at Coney Island and Texas Workforce Commission. She has also been a Green



Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Lee

Thumb worker and has served as a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

Children of the couple are Donald and Jenny Gamble, Andy Lee, and Linda Carlton,

all of Pampa, Mickey Lee of Washington State, Douglas Lee of Burleson, and Robin Lee of Lake Jackson. They have 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Cook anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Cook of Pampa will observe their 35th wedding anniversary Aug. 12, 2002.

Miles Cook and Rita Dishong were married Aug. 12, 1967, at Mansfield, Texas. They have been Pampa residents since 1979 and belong to First Christian Church.

The couple have owned T-Shirts and More since 1979.

Children of the couple are Shannon and Tonia Cook of Abilene and Sean and Peggy Cook of Plano. They have one grandchild.



Mr. and Mrs. Miles Cook

WT's Greeks prepare for formal recruitment

CANYON — "Go Greek!" is a popular refrain on university campuses each fall as fraternities and sororities put out their welcome mats for new and returning students who are interested in joining them.

Formal recruitment of new members by Greek organizations at West Texas A&M University is scheduled for Aug. 22-30 for fraternities and Sept. 3-7 for sororities.

West Texas A&M is host to six chartered fraternities — Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu, and three sororities — Chi Omega, Delta Zeta and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Prospective members must register for formal recruitment,

otherwise known as the period of rush, at the Office of Student Programs and Services in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center, Room 103. There is no deadline for prospective fraternity members to register, but prospective sorority members must register by Sept. 3.

"Greek organizations were developed to provide places for young people to interact with each other outside the rigors of the college classroom," Courtney Milleson, assistant director of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center/Student Activities, said. "Recruitment is an opportunity for potential members and Greek organization members to meet each other and mingle."

At the end of formal recruit-

ment, each organization extends invitations to potential members, who then decide whether or not to accept them. Recruitment is based on a mutual-selection process allowing all parties involved to make decisions that best affect them, Milleson said.

While sororities, under the auspices of the Panhellenic Council (PHC) conduct formal recruitment only in the fall, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) allows fraternities to conduct two rush periods, one at the beginning of each long semester.

To be considered for PHC recruitment, women must have at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA), be at least 18 years of age and registered for a minimum of 12 hours at the University.

To be considered for IFC recruitment, men must have at least a 2.25 GPA and be at least 18.

Incoming freshman must have similar credentials contained in their high school transcripts.

Activities during recruitment include house/lodge tours, smokers (invitation-only alcohol-free parties) and bid-day activities. For more information about WTAMU's fall formal recruitment, go to: [http://www.wtamu.edu/administrative/ss/sds/sac/greek\\_life/index.htm](http://www.wtamu.edu/administrative/ss/sds/sac/greek_life/index.htm).

WEDDINGS

Grice-Hopkins

Kimberly Darlene Grice and James Paul Hopkins were wed May 23, 2002, at San Angelo, Texas, with Eddie Howard of San Angelo officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kit Grice of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2001. She attended Angelo State University and will complete her business degree at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hopkins of Fort Wayne, Ind. He graduated from Romeoville High School at Romeoville, Ill., in 2000 and is currently a foreign linguist in the U.S. Marine Corp.

The couple plan to make their home in Jacksonville, N.C.



Kimberly Darlene Grice and James Paul Hopkins

CDC: Food poisoning often mistaken for flu

How many times have you or your children had the flu? Sometimes what we think is flu actually is food-borne illness — food poisoning. It's estimated that each year at least 76 million Americans suffer from food-borne illness, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The majority of cases are not reported. This is because the symptoms, such as diarrhea, vomiting, and headache, often are mild and the victims think they have the "flu." Some people, especially children, seniors, and those with weakened immune systems, can experience more severe symptoms or even die as a result of food poisoning.

Americans do enjoy the safest, most wholesome food supply in the world. However, there still exists a health risk from microbes that cause food-borne illnesses. Fortunately, we can do a lot to reduce our risk of food-borne illnesses. Many of these steps are very simple, such as hand-washing.

Bacteria and other microbes cause food-borne illness. Hand-washing can significantly cut down on bacteria. Washing your hands should be the first step before preparing food. It also is very important to wash your hands again after handling raw meat, fish, poultry, or eggs.

It is necessary to wash your hands for 20-seconds to get them thoroughly clean, and you should scrub beneath your fingernails with a scrub brush and wash the tops of your hands.

Another step to preventing food-borne illness is to avoid cross-contamination and to keep all food surfaces clean. If any surface has come in contact with raw meat, fish, poultry, or eggs, it is important to thor-



By MELISSA ROBERSON  
EXTENSION SERVICE  
"NUTRITION MATTERS"

oroughly clean these surfaces because these foods may contain Salmonella or E. coli.

Cross-contamination occurs when you carry bacteria from one place to another. For example, if you place a raw, bloody steak on a cutting

board and then make a salad on the same cutting board later, the steak will be cooked and any bacteria killed, but the salad will be eaten raw and is unsafe to eat as it contains live bacteria.

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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 self-addressed, 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 will 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.
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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 79066-2198.
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# MEDICAL

## Study: Elderly blacks deterred by indifferent dentists

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Brushes with uncaring dentists prevent elderly blacks from scheduling regular office visits more than any other reason, a recent study suggests.

The dentist's "chair-side" manner ranks higher than cost, fear or race in deterring older blacks from keeping dental appointments, said Ann Slaughter, assistant professor of dental care systems at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine.

Slaughter was principal investigator for a yearlong survey in West Philadelphia senior centers examining the dental-care habits and

attitudes of blacks.

"They just wanted someone to listen to them, to explain what was going on," Slaughter said. "To me, that was one of the more exciting findings because what that was saying to us from an educational standpoint is there are measures we can take within the profession... to promote the health of our African-American elders. There is nothing we can really do about the cost of dental care. But we can make them have a better perception of dentistry."

Slaughter, who manages the dental school's geriatrics curriculum, said she has already begun to incorporate her find-

ings into the classroom. She also hopes to develop a continuing education course for practicing dentists.

Sitting in a brightly lit social room at Haddington Multi Services for Older Adults, 68-year-old Mary Morrow explains why she stopped going to one dental clinic about 10 years ago.

While having a tooth pulled, the dentist told her to swallow the blood collecting in her mouth. She panicked and refused.

"That was so frightening to me. I told my husband, 'Take me home,'" said Morrow, who now has dentures. "I like to be

comfortable in the dentist's office. I like courtesy so I won't be shaking when I get in the chair."

Dr. Kenneth Carsto, director of the Penn Dental Center at Chestnut Hill, said he has found that older patients of all races trust dentists who communicate clearly with them.

"Seniors like a good explanation of what's going on," he said. "They spend a lot of time going to doctors, and they often feel like people do things without them knowing. With something as intimate as a mouth, they need to be better-informed."

Slaughter also conducted a

dental screening at senior centers during her research, which was funded by a University Research Foundation grant and a Brookdale Fellowship. Results showed that while 8 percent of those screened experienced dental pain, 64 percent had dental problems.

Most of those surveyed went to the dentist only when they had oral pain, said Slaughter, who presented an abstract of her study at the March meeting of the American Dental Education Association in San Diego.

Leslie Seldin, a New York City dentist and spokesman for the American Dental

Association, said Slaughter's findings apply to patients of any age and race "anywhere in the world."

He stressed the significance of Slaughter's analysis that people will not go to the dentist unless they feel oral pain. Still, he said dentists need to treat their patients with "tender-loving care."

"A lot of variables cause people to go in to the dentist for regular care. The trust in the doctor-patient relationship is a major factor," he said. "We believe all dentists should be very concerned that patients are comfortable and treated with sensitivity."

The next step in Slaughter's research involves testing a community education program she designed at North Philadelphia senior centers. She intends to stress how dental health is directly related to overall health — a message she thinks will strike a chord with the seniors who want to keep active.

Eighty-five-year-old Verna Wallace happily points to her teeth, glad that she hasn't lost many. She says she has found a dentist that treats her right. "He's good, he works on my teeth well," she said.

## E. coli attacking premature babies in boomerang effect

By LINDA A. JOHNSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

In a dangerous boomerang effect apparently caused by antibiotics, E. coli is on the rise among premature babies and has overtaken strep as the most common infection in such infants, a disturbing new study suggests.

The shift is worrisome because E. coli bacteria can be more deadly than streptococcus germs.

The rate of group B streptococcus blood infections in newborn preemies fell by nearly three-quarters during the 1990s, probably because more women in labor now get antibiotics to keep from passing the bacteria on to their babies during delivery, the researchers said.

During that same period, the rate of E. coli infections doubled, apparently because ampicillin, the antibiotic commonly used the wipe out strep, gave E. coli room to flourish, according to the researchers.

The study was funded by the National Institutes of Health and was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. It was led by Dr. Barbara J. Stoll, professor of pediatrics at Emory University School of Medicine.

Group B strep and E. coli are among the bacteria that live harmlessly in many people's intestinal tract. If they

spread into a woman's vagina during pregnancy, though, they can overwhelm the newborn's weak immune system, sometimes causing mental retardation, hearing or vision loss, or death.

Over the last decade, giving women preventive antibiotics intravenously during labor has cut the once-predominant group B strep infections by 70 percent in all newborns, but it still kills about 80 each year.

NIH scientists and doctors at about a dozen hospitals and medical schools compared 5,447 very low-birth-weight infants born from 1998 through 2000 with 7,606 similar births from 1991 through 1993. Very low-birth-weight is defined as 3 1/2 pounds or less.

Over the study, the more-dangerous "gram-negative" type of bacteria, predominantly E. coli, overtook group B streptococcus and other related bacteria as the most common type of infection in the preemies. Gram-negative bacteria have innate resistance to antibiotics and can acquire further resistance mechanisms from other germs.

E. coli infections rose from 3 per 1,000 births to 7 per 1,000 births, while group B strep infections dropped from 5.9 per 1,000 births to 1.7 per 1,000 births. The overall rate of sepsis dropped from 19.3 per 1,000 births to 15.4 per 1,000 births.

The research appears along with a related study from

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Since 1996, the CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists have backed two strategies as equally effective for deciding which mothers should get antibiotics during labor to prevent group B strep transmission.

One involves testing mothers for presence of streptococcus in the vagina near the end of the pregnancy; the other recommends antibiotics for all mothers who have risk factors linked to transmission of the bacteria: a fever above 100 degrees, preterm delivery or rupture of the protective amniotic membrane 18 hours or more before delivery.

In the first study comparing the approaches, researchers found that testing for streptococcus cut the risk of a baby being infected 54 percent more than the risk-factor approach.

"While the risk-factor approach is definitely catching some women, it's missing a good proportion of women," said Stefanie J. Schrag, a CDC epidemiologist.

As a result, the CDC in August will release new guidelines recommending screening all women for presence of group B strep, she said.

The researchers studied records on 5,144 babies born at about 170 hospitals around the country.

### Breast cancer slower detected in poor women

WASHINGTON (AP) — Poor women with breast cancer are three times more likely to die of the disease than are other patients, according to a study that found it was poverty, not race, that determined the outcome of their medical care.

In a report appearing recently in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, researchers said other studies have shown that black women are more likely to be diagnosed with late stage breast cancer and to have a shorter survival time than white women. It has not been clear if this is because of race or poverty.

In a new study, Cathy J. Bradley of Michigan State University and her co-authors show that the answer is poverty. They found that a lower socioeconomic status is more important than race in determining the medical care for women with breast cancer.

"Poor persons, regardless of their race, are likely to have undesirable cancer outcomes," the study found.

Bradley said that the researchers used the Detroit cancer registry to identify 5,719 women with breast cancer. They then searched the registry for women with breast cancer who were also listed on the rolls of Medicaid, a program that provides medical care to the poor. They found 593 breast cancer patients in Medicaid and with incomes below the federal poverty level.

The researchers then compared the medical outcome of the patients on Medicaid with those who were not. In effect, Medicaid enrollment was used as a surrogate for poverty.

Bradley said they found that women on Medicaid were 41 percent more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer at a late stage and were 44 percent less likely to receive radiation, a key part of breast cancer therapy. Women on Medicaid were also three times more likely to die of the disease than were non-Medicaid patients.

## Cholesterol levels equally important in children, research suggests

HOUSTON — Ignoring the cholesterol levels of children could put them at risk for heart disease later in life, according to a study by researchers at Baylor College of Medicine.

"Children have the same issues with cholesterol as

adults," said Dr. Theresa Nicklas, professor of pediatrics at the Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor. "The cholesterol levels they have as children could play a role in their health as adults."

Though cholesterol has been widely studied in adult populations, little research has focused on its effect in children.

Nicklas and her colleagues followed 1,182 third-graders for two years. The food intake of the children was recorded and serum lipid measurements were made at the beginning and again at the follow-up in the fifth grade.

The study results, published recently in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association, showed that the effect of diet on serum lipids in the children is similar to that observed in adults. Total fat and saturated fat were positively associated with the total cholesterol.

"We clearly need to promote healthier lifestyles earlier in life," Nicklas said. "The growing problem of obesity in children is evidence of that."

Healthier habits need to begin as early as preschool, she said. Three specific areas

parents should pay attention to are lower fat in the diet, particularly saturated fat, more fruits and vegetables and active lifestyle.

"Children can be given a healthier diet and still get all the nutrients they need," Nicklas said. "After age 2, there's no problem with switching to a low-fat milk as long as the chil-

dren are getting a balanced diet."

Another important factor in introducing healthier eating habits early is in establishing habits that will last to adulthood.

"It's easier to teach kids when they're younger that to try to change bad habits later on," Nicklas said.

### HEALTH BRIEFS

**Breastfeeding helps strengthen, remodel mom's bones**

HOUSTON — Breastfeeding provides bone-building benefits to new moms, according to researchers at USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine.

"Our study confirms that women lose bone to support lactation. However, this 'lost' bone is replaced with fresh, new bone once estrogen levels rise with the return of the menstrual cycle," said Dr. Judy Hopkinson, a CNRC lactation physiologist and an associate professor of pediatrics at Baylor.

**Best mealtime ingredient is good conversation**


HOUSTON — One of the best mealtime ingredients is good conversation, says Dr. Tom Baranowski, a psychologist with USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine.

"If family dinners aren't now common, begin by scheduling just one family dinner per week, choosing a night when everyone can be present," he said. "Once family members begin connecting over dinner, increase the frequency."

Baranowski suggests keeping conversations interesting and comments positive and supportive.


"If children bring up problematic issues, suggest an after dinner talk to work out a solution together. This allows the child to save face and keeps the dinner table a safe place for children to bring up difficult topics."

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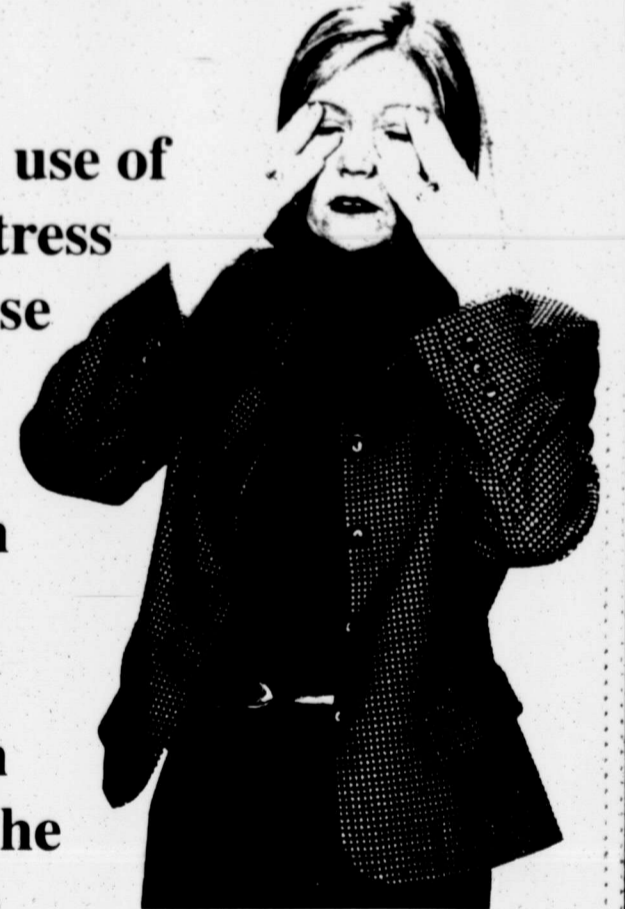
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## BILLBOARD MUSIC CHARTS

### By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

### Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

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

1. "Dilemma," Nelly (feat. Kelly Rowland). Fo' Reel.
  2. "Hot In Herre," Nelly. Fo' Reel.
  3. "Complicated," Avril Lavigne. Arista.
  4. "I Need A Girl (Part Two)," P. Diddy & Ginuwine (feat. Loon, Mario Winans & Tammy Ruggieri). Bad Boy.
  5. "Just A Friend 2002," Mario. J.
  6. "Down 4U," Irv Gotti Presents The INC. (feat. Ja Rule, Ashanti, Charli Baltimore & Vita). Murder Inc.
  7. "Hero," Chad Kroeger (feat. Josey Scott). Columbia.
  8. "Just Like A Pill," Pink. Arista.
  9. "Heaven," DJ Sammy & Yanou (feat. Do). Robbins.
  10. "Nothin'," N.O.R.E. Def Jam.
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### The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

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

1. "The Rising," Bruce Springsteen. Columbia.
  2. "(Reanimation)," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
  3. "Nellyville," Nelly. Fo' Reel. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
  4. "Now 10," Various Artists. Sony/Universal/EMI/Zomba/Epic.
  5. "The Eminem Show," Eminem. Web. (Platinum)
  6. "Unleashed," Toby Keith. DreamWorks (Nashville).
  7. "Busted Stuff," Dave Matthews Band. RCA.
  8. "Let Go," Avril Lavigne. Arista. (Platinum)
  9. "All I Have," Amerie. Rise.
  10. "By The Way," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
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### Hot Adult Contemporary

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay

supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "A New Day Has Come," Celine Dion. Epic.
2. "To Where You Are," Josh Groban. 143.
3. "Superman (It's Not Easy)," Five For Fighting. Aware.
4. "Do It For Love," Daryl Hall and John Oates. Arista.
5. "A Thousand Miles," Vanessa Carlton. A&M.
6. "Here I Am," Brayn Adams. A&M.
7. "Hero," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
8. "I Need You," Marc Anthony. Columbia.
9. "Bring On The Rain," Jo Dee Messina. Curb.
10. "Soak Up The Sun," Sheryl Crow. A&M.

### Top Gospel Albums

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

1. "Incredible," Mary Mary. Columbia.
2. "2nd Chance," Karen Clark-Sheared. Elektra.
3. "The Rebirth Of Kirk Franklin," Kirk Franklin. Gospo Centric. (Gold)
4. "Heart To Yours," Michelle Williams. Music World.
5. "Believe," Yolanda Adams. Elektra. (Gold)
6. "Send A Revival," Keith "Wonderboy" Johnson & The Spiritual Voices. World Wide Gospel.
7. "Dorinda Clark-Cole," Dorinda Clark-Cole. Gospo Centric.
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. "By The Way," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
2. "Drift & Die," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
3. "She Loves Me Not," Papa Roach. DreamWorks.
4. "Aerials," System Of A Down. American.
5. "I Stand Alone," Gosmack. Republic.
6. "Never Again," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
7. "Thoughtless," Korn. Immortal.
8. "Get Away," Earshot. Warner Bros.
9. "Running Away," Hoobastank. Island.

10. "Deny," Default. TVT.

### 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.
2. "Running Away," Hoobastank. Island.
3. "Sweetness," Jimmy Eat World. DreamWorks.
4. "Warning," Incubus. Immortal.
5. "Aerials," System Of A Down. American.
6. "She Loves Me Not," Papa Roach. DreamWorks.
7. "Hate To Say I Told You So," The Hives. Epitaph.
8. "My Friends Over You," New Found Glory. Drive-thru.
9. "Get Free," The Vines. Capitol.
10. "Drift & Die," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.

### 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. "Long Time Gone," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
  4. "The One," Gary Allan. MCA Nashville.
  5. "I Miss My Friend," Darryl Worley. DreamWorks.
  6. "Unbroken," Tim McGraw. Curb.
  7. "Tonight I Wanna Be Your Man," Andy Griggs. MCA Nashville.
  8. "Ten Rounds With Jose Cuervo," Tracy Byrd. RCA.
  9. "I Keep Looking," Sara Evans. RCA.
  10. "The Impossible," Joe Nichols. Universal South.
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### Top Country Albums

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

1. "Unleashed," Toby Keith. DreamWorks (Nashville).
2. "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
3. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
4. "Drive," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)

5. "Greatest Hits," Martina McBride. DreamWorks. (Platinum)

6. "I Miss My Friend," Darryl Worley. DreamWorks.
  7. "Pull My Chain," Toby Keith. DreamWorks (Nashville). (Platinum)
  8. "Greatest Hits," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
  9. "Greatest Hits," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
  10. "Part II," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville. (Gold)
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### Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)

1. "Hot In Herre," Nelly. Fo' Reel.
  2. "Dilemma," Nelly (feat. Kelly Rowland). Fo' Reel.
  3. "Nothin'," N.O.R.E. Def Jam.
  4. "I Need A Girl (Part Two)," P. Diddy & Ginuwine (feat. Loon, Mario Winans & Tammy Ruggieri). Bad Boy.
  5. "Just A Friend 2002," Mario. J.
  6. "Down 4U," Irv Gotti Presents The INC. (feat. Ja Rule, Ashanti, Charli Baltimore & Vita). Murder Inc.
  7. "Move Bn," Ludacris (feat. Mystikal & Infamous 2.0). Disturbing Tha Peace.
  8. "Happy," Ashanti. Murder Inc.
  9. "halfcrazy," Musiq. Def Soul.
  10. "Why Don't We Fall In Love," Amerie. Rise.
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### Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

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

1. "Nellyville," Nelly. Fo' Reel. (Platinum)
  2. "All I Have," Amerie. Rise.
  3. "The Eminem Show," Eminem. Web. (Platinum)
  4. "500 Degreez," Lil Wayne. Cash Money.
  5. "Mario," Mario. J.
  6. "Full Circle," Boyz II Men. Arista.
  7. "A Gangster And A Gentelman," Styles. Ruff Ryders.
  8. "Irv Gotti Presents The Inc.," Various Artists. Murder Inc.
  9. "Mack 10 Presents Da Hood," Mack 10 Presents Da Hood. Hoo-Bangin'.
  10. "Ashanti," Ashanti. Murder Inc. (Platinum)
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### 2002 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF LEFORS

This notice concerns 2002 property tax rates for CITY OF LEFORS. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

#### Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$28,488
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$28,488
Last year's tax base	\$5,457,471
Last year's total tax rate	0.522000/\$100

#### This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$28,447
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$5,415,410
= This year's effective tax rate	0.525297/\$100
x 1.03=maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.541055/\$100

#### This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$28,447
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$5,415,410
= This year's effective operating rate	0.525297/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	0.567320/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.567320/\$100

#### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If CITY OF LEFORS adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.525297 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2001 taxes by \$762.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at HUGHES BLDG 408 W. KINGSMILL SUITE 196-A PAMPA, TEXAS.

Name of person preparing this notice: SAMMIE MORRIS RTA

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**DEAR ABBY**

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

**Woman Overcomes Shyness By Getting Other to Open Up**

**DEAR ABBY:** When I was young, I was extremely shy. I finally got over it, and here's how: I came to the realization that shy people have one thing in common — they're all overly sensitive about how others perceive them. "Am I dressed right? Does my hair look OK?" They obsess about themselves.

Then one day someone asked me about a necklace I was wearing — and that one question distracted me so I didn't think about myself. After that, I made an effort to find something of interest to ask other shy people about, and it would usually open up a conversation.

Conquering my shyness didn't happen overnight, but I was eventually able to go into sales and even make "cold calls." I've come a long way from the shy girl I was as a child.

If my experience helps even one shy person to be less self-conscious, the time it took to write this letter will have been worth it. Thanks, Abby.

PAT IN TUJUNGA, CALIF.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband's 19-year-old daughter is being married in May of 2003. She has asked us to pay half of the cost of the wedding. The problem is that she has a 15-month-old baby whom we've never met; she lives with her boyfriend, whom we've also never met; she dislikes me, and for that reason refuses to visit us. (She lives in Nebraska and we live in New Mexico.)

This girl has informed my husband that there will be 150 people at the reception dinner after the wedding, and 400 more coming to the reception later — out of whom only my husband, myself and my mother-in-law will be invited from our side of the family.

In other words, we're being invited to this wedding as guests, but are expected to foot half the bill. What do you make of this, Abby?

MIFFED STEPMOTHER OF THE BRIDE

**DEAR MIFFED:** I don't know enough about the history of your stepdaughter's breach with you and her father to make a judgment. However, the guest list seems decidedly one-sided to me, and you should pay only what you feel you can afford.

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**DEAR ABBY:** "Very Sad Aunt" wrote about her brother's two children and their stepfather's abuse of them. Your advice was good, but did

not go far enough.

I am a police officer in Maine, and I am familiar with how much time it takes for social services to investigate reported child abuse. Sometimes social service agencies will not even open a case until four separate referrals have been made.

The aunt needs to talk to her brother about seeking an "order of protection" from the local district court. He can then gain temporary custody while the allegations are thoroughly investigated. Imagine how this aunt and her brother would feel if they sent these children back to that household and one ends up seriously hurt — or worse.

Abby, please urge them to get a protection order and remove those kids from that environment immediately. It could save their lives. Sign me ...

COP FOR THE KIDS

**DEAR COP:** You have done that for me, and for that I thank you.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeane Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69460, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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 By THOMAS JOSEPH

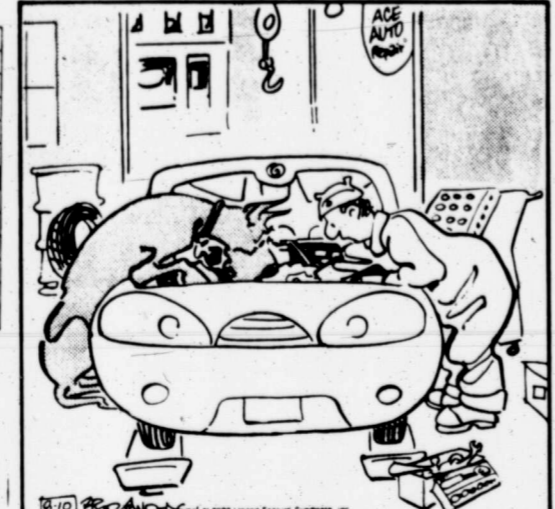
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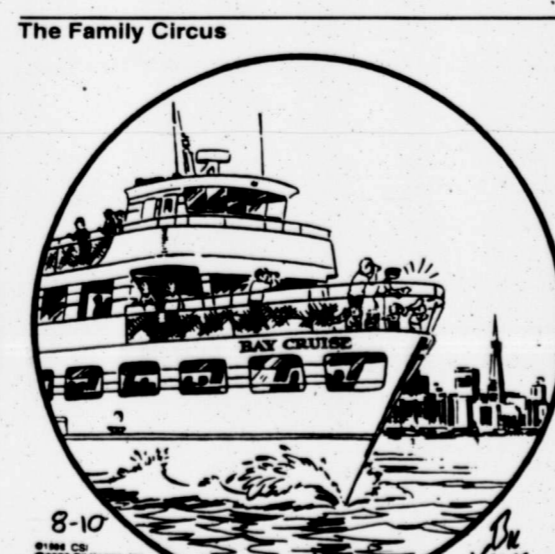
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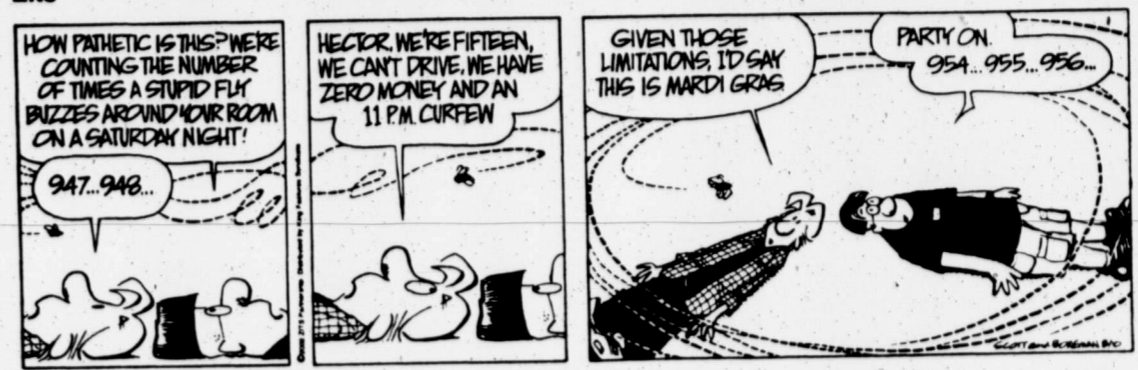
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**QUILT WORKSHOP**  
The East Branch of Amarillo Public Library will host a quilting workshop from 1-3 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 13. Participants must bring 1 - 12" square solid white or beige fabric, 1 - 10" square printed fabric, needles, thread, straight pins, marking pencil, and scissors. For more information, call Linda at (806) 342-1589.

**EMBASSY MUSIC SEARCH**  
Embassy Music of Nashville, Tenn., is conducting a New Artist and Song

Search. Deadline for application is Aug. 16. For entry forms or more information, call (615) 345-2500 or visit [www.embassymusic.com](http://www.embassymusic.com) on the World Wide Web.

**ACS**  
The American Cancer Society will present the program "Look Good ... Feel Better" from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 17 at the ACS office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. The program is aimed at helping cancer patients cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatments. Cosmetology professionals will demon-

strate techniques how to compensate for hair loss through the use of turbans and scarves. To register or for more information, call the ACS at (806) 353-4306.

**GOLDEN SPREAD COIN CLUB**  
Golden Spread Coin Club will stage its annual coin show Aug. 17 and 18 in the Regency Room at Amarillo Civic Center. Admission is free. Hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Dealers from Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, and California will

be on-hand to buy, sell, trade, or answer questions. The show will include: Tokens, medals, paper money, gold, silver, diamonds, jewelry, gems, post cards, sport cards, knives, antiques, beanie babies, afghans, and more.

**PACSG**  
Pampa Area Cancer Support Group will meet from 7-8 p.m., Aug. 19 in the cafeteria of Pampa Regional Medical Center. Marianne Thomason, technical director of Radiation Therapy at Harrington Cancer Center, will deliver the program "New Modalities in Radiation Therapy:

How new technology makes RT treatment better and more effective." No advanced reservation is necessary.

**USS MADDOX**  
USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion will be Aug. 22-26, 2002, at Savannah, Ga. For more information contact Cliff Gillespie at (714) 960-5283.

**POETRY ALLIANCE**  
The Texas Poetry Alliance is currently conducting a free spiritual poetry contest. Entry deadline is Aug. 24. To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, 3412 - A Moonlight Ave., El Paso, TX 79904; or log onto [www.freecontest.com](http://www.freecontest.com).

**USS SAINT PAUL**  
The USS Saint Paul (CA-73) Association will kick-off its 10th reunion celebration Aug. 27, 2002, at Portland, Ore. For more information, call George M. Takis, Jr., at (770) 393-3185 or write: George M. Takis, Jr., Secretary, 125 Spaulding Drive N.E., Atlanta, GA 30328.

**U.S. LST SHIPMATES SOUGHT**  
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](mailto:USLST:@KMBS.com).

**ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION**  
Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout this month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31.

**TLG CONTEST**  
Talent Literary Guild is conducting a free poetry contest. To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, 1257 Siskiyou Blvd., PMB 4, Ashland, OR 97520; or go on-line at [www.freecontest.com](http://www.freecontest.com). Deadline for entry is Sept. 5.

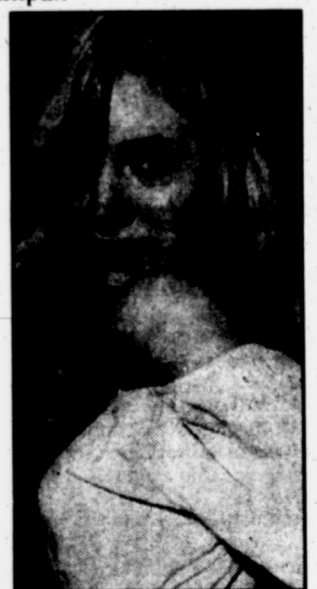
**CATTLEWOMEN STYLE SHOW**  
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CattleWomen's Style Show and Brunch is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 7. For tickets and information, call 665-4579.

**WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR CLASS**  
American Red Cross will conduct a water safety instructor class Sept. 7-13 at Frank Phillips College in Borger. For more information, call (806) 669-7121.

**ACT**  
The next ACT Assessment exam will be administered Sept. 28. College-bound high school students must register by Aug. 23. Late postmark deadline is Sept. 6, but an extra fee will be levied for late applicants. For more information, visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) on-line.

**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**  
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3:30 p.m., Aug. 7 and 21, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.



Tatum Brown

### Local teen spends summer modeling

Tatum Brown of Pampa has spent the summer in New York modeling. While in the Big Apple, she had castings with Ralph Lauren, Christian Dior, Tommy Hilfiger, Vogue, and Abercrombie & Fitch as well as Storm of London, one of the most prestigious modeling agencies in the world, Zoom Agency of Milan, Agency 2000 of Los Angeles, and many others.

Although unsure where she wants her career to take her right now, Tatum plans on finishing high school at Pampa High where she is a junior.

She is the daughter of Don and Darla Brown of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Jeanne and Joe Autry of Pampa and Morris Brown and Lee and Margaret Ashley, all of Amarillo.

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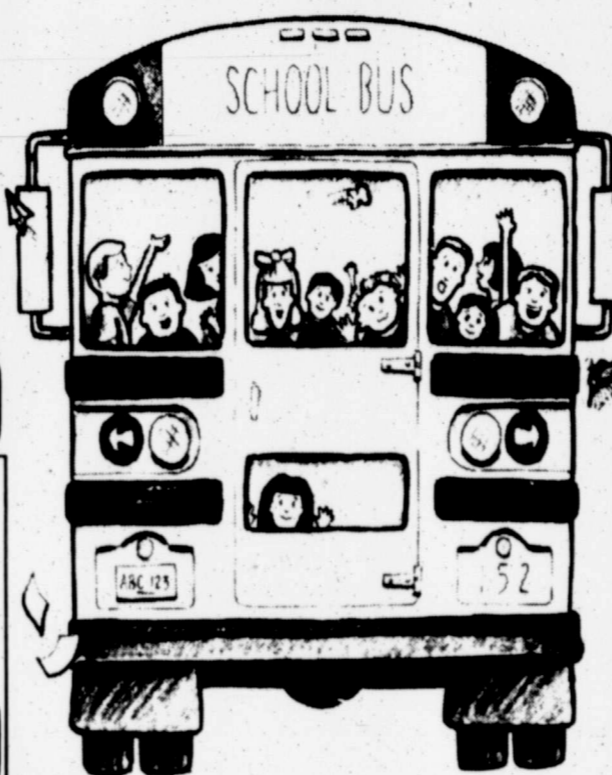
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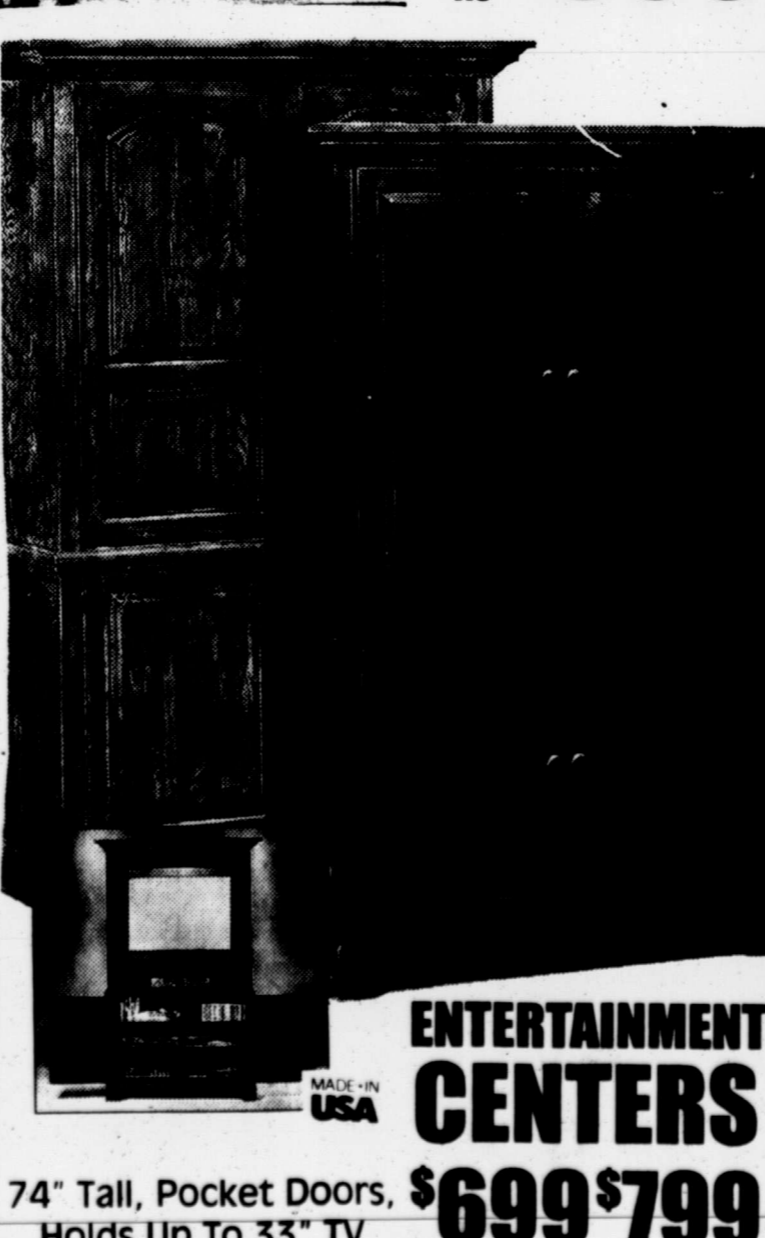
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