

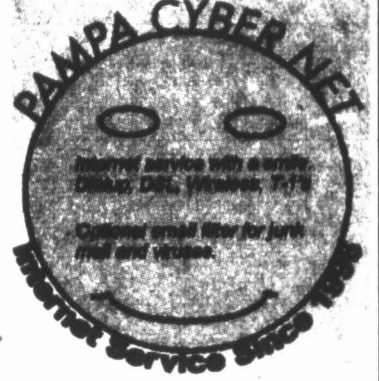
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Holiday Home Tour opens doors Dec. 8

Pampa's Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club's Seventh Annual Holiday Home Tour will be conducted from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8 in Pampa. Three homes will be featured in this year's tour — the Bridges home, 1811 Charles; the Stephens home, 2700 Chaumont; and the Curtis home, 2643 Chestnut. Proceeds benefit Opportunity Plan, Inc., (OPI) an organization based in Canyon that offers low interest loans and scholarships to area college students.

DEATHS

- Eva Maria Cash, 76, volunteer.
- William Marshall Kemp, 85, farmer.
- Ogden 'O.H.' Rogers, 86, welder.
- Mary LaVerne Rose, 80, secretary.
- Dorothy Katherine Searl, 82, homemaker.

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Kettle kick-off



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Pam Cummings of Beaumont was among many early morning shoppers Friday to participate in the biggest shopping day of the year. She stopped to drop money into one of the Red Kettles sponsored by the Salvation Army. Proceeds go to assist people in need. Members of the Pampa High School Stage Band, directed by Bruce Collins, played special music for the opening of the local Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Drive.

Officials: Al-Qaida may be involved in Kenya suicide blast

MOMBASA, Kenya (AP) — Kenyan investigators have not ruled out the possibility that Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network carried out this week's simultaneous terror attacks on an Israeli-owned airliner and resort hotel, the country's defense minister said Saturday. Israel and the United States also suspect al-Qaida involvement despite a claim of responsibility by the previously unknown Army of Palestine. Palestinian officials have denied any involvement by Palestinian groups. "Kenya has been attacked by al-Qaida (before) so we cannot rule them out," Internal Security and Defense Minister Julius Sunkuli told The Associated Press, referring to the deadly 1998 attack on the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi. "Over the last six months, Kenyan investigators have been following certain leads, (but) not particularly this one." Those leads concerned terrorism in general, not al-Qaida specifically. Sunkuli also said those leads were not connected to an attack on Israelis. Australia said it received information more than two weeks ago about terrorist threats in Mombasa. American officials said there were indications that American, British and Israeli citizens traveling abroad were facing greater danger. In Washington, initial suspicion centered on two groups: al-Qaida and al-Itihaad al-Islamiya, a Somali Islamic group suspected of having links to bin Laden's network, a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Friday. It also was possible the two groups were working together, the official said. In Israel, the Mossad spy (See BLAST, Page 3)

America goes shopping

By ANNE D'INNOENZIO
 AP BUSINESS WRITER

Retailers' expectations may have been low for the start of the holiday shopping season, but the competition was fierce. In Omaha, Neb., a 52 year-old woman was knocked to the ground when hundreds of people rushed the doors at the early morning opening of the Nebraska Furniture Mart. Diana McKeever received several stitches to her knee and was released from the hospital. In Greendale, Wis., Doreen Schellhase, 46, her two daughters and her son's girlfriend donned Santa hats and prepared to storm the Target store before its 7 a.m. opening, equipped with two-way radios to best the competition. And Marvin Takar, who went shopping the day after Thanksgiving for the first time ever, had no idea what he was in for. "It's unbelievable," said the 42-year-old printer, staring in amazement at the swarms of shoppers at Ala Moana Shopping Center in Honolulu. "It's a madhouse." Early bird specials and marketing gimmicks drew bargain hunters to stores across the country Friday in what retailers hoped would be a momentum-building kickoff to the holiday shopping season. Major retailers including Sears, Toys "R" Us and Wal-Mart, as well as several mall operators, said shopper traffic was at least as healthy as the day after Thanksgiving a year ago. The big question is whether the crowds will keep coming in the next few weeks to boost what is expected to be a lackluster holiday season. In a scene played out across the country, hundreds of people lined up at a Wal-Mart in Abington, Mass. before the discounter opened its doors at 6 a.m. A big draw were 27-inch TVs priced at \$149. "I usually go shopping the day before (See SHOP, Page 3)

Health insurance on county agenda

County Commissioners here plan to consider renewing IMS Health insurance when they meet at 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, in the temporary Gray County Courtroom at 315 N. Ballard. Also on the agenda is considering copier lease for sheriff's office, medical network options, line item budget transfers and budget amendments. The Juvenile Probation Director is to address the commissioners court regarding amending the budget for the department's fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 2002. Payment of bills and salaries as approved by the county auditor and miscellaneous are also on the agenda for Monday's meeting.

Country 'cops' using sophisticated technology

By DAVID KOENIG
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SULPHUR SPRINGS (AP) — Officer Gina Wilburn was cruising down Radio Road when she spotted a blue Chevrolet sedan rolling through a stop sign. Whipping a U-turn, Wilburn quickly pulled the car over and approached the woman behind the wheel. It was a routine stop, just like hundreds Wilburn has made in five years on the Sulphur Springs police force. Except that instead of calling a dispatcher to pull up the driver's record, Wilburn clicked a few keys on a laptop computer. Within seconds, Wilburn had the woman's driving record, car registration and the fact that she had no arrest warrants. "That means she's clean," Wilburn said, tapping her pen on the screen. "No record. No tickets. Story of my life — I always stop the good ones." A few moments later, the motorist was on her way with just a warning, and Wilburn was back on patrol. Wilburn figured the stop was 10 to 15 minutes shorter than it would have been if she had to wait for a busy dispatcher to get the same information from the Texas Department of Public Safety computers in Austin. Sulphur Springs, a northeast Texas town of 14,000 where the annual stew festival is a major civic event, is among the vanguard of rural police departments tapping directly into advanced wireless phone networks. Local officials say the technology eventually will let them do even more, such as send pictures of suspects directly to officers' laptops, which seemed a pipe dream a few months ago. Armed with a federal grant and some local money, the Sulphur Springs force of 20 patrol officers and five investigators installed a \$165,000 system from Sherman-based Skystream Technologies. Operating over Sprint PCS' so-called 3G or third-generation wireless (See COPS, Page 3)

PAMPA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY PRAYER BREAKFAST SET FOR DECEMBER 3, 2002

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce will host the fourth quarterly Prayer Breakfast of the year on Tuesday, December 3rd in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. Peggy's Place will prepare breakfast which will be served at 6:45 a.m. with the program beginning at 7:00 a.m. The Pampa Chamber cordially invites the public to attend. Please call the Chamber office at 669-3241 for reservations by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2nd. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Pampa Show Choir to perform.

OBITUARIES

EVA MARIA CASH
1926-2002

Eva Maria Cash, 76, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002, at Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, at the First Christian Church with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Cash was born Jan. 24, 1926, in Hamburg, Germany. She was a veteran of the U.S. Army where she was honorably discharged. She married Duane Cash on May 5, 1952, in Fort Lee, Va. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1953. She worked as a sales clerk for Montgomery Ward.

She was a longtime volunteer for Pampa Meals on Wheels, the Pampa Sheltered Workshop, the American Red Cross, and the Coronado Healthcare Center until 1992.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, the Christian Women's Fellowship, and the Lamplighter Sunday School Class.

She was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and friend.

Survivors include her husband, Duane, of the home; a son, David W. Cash of Tres



Piedras, N.M.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Evelyn M. and Curt Farmer and Dixie I. and Ricky Joe Nickell, all of Pampa, and Heidi Ann and Jerry Joe Williams of Carrollton; a sister, Ingrid Froebel of Hamburg, Germany; a grandson, Kory L. Nickell of Midland; and a granddaughter, Kenzi Lee Nickell of Pampa. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Karli Nickell, in December of 1984; and a grandson, Noah W. Cash, in August of 2000.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065; or to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

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MARY LAVERNE ROSE
1922-2002

Mary LaVerne Rose, 80, of Pampa, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jacob Clemmens, rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery at Miami under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Rose was born Feb. 7, 1922, in Miami, Texas. She came to Pampa in 1949 from Miami. She married W. Ernest Rose on May 1, 1944, in Miami. He preceded her in death in 1999. She was a medical secretary for the Pampa Clinic for about 15 years and later worked as a secretary for the Texas Railroad Commission where she retired after 15 years of service.

She was a member and deacon of the Church

of the Brethren.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Velda (Charlie) and Mike Poole of Vigo Park and Carol and Bill Campbell of Dallas; a son and daughter-in-law, Merlin and Sharon Rose of Pampa; two brothers, Cecil Hubbard of Claude and Roy Eldon Hubbard of Marshall; a sister, Juanita Price of Pampa; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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OGDEN 'O.H.' ROGERS
1916-2002

AMARILLO — Ogden "O.H." Rogers, 86, died Friday, Nov. 29, 2002. Graveside services were Saturday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Kyle Ohsfeldt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Rogers was born Aug. 17, 1916, at

Hylton, Texas. He was employed with Cabot Corporation as a welder for 10 years and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Omega Dunham.

Survivors include a brother, T.J. Rogers of Gainesville; and a niece, Cathy Tidwell of Gainesville.

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DOROTHY KATHERINE SEARL
1920-2002

Dorothy Katherine Searl, 82, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Monday in Fellowship Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Lowry, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Searl was born Feb. 7, 1920, in Arkansas. She married Kenneth Searl in September of 1956 at Clovis, N.M.; he died in 1981.

She was a member of Fellowship Baptist

Church and had been a Pampa resident most of her life.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathy Anderson, in 1997; and by a son, Frank Summers, in 1981.

Survivors include three daughters, Willo Dean Williams and Darlene Gillpatrick, both of Pampa, and Tabatha Parker of San Diego, Calif.; two sisters, Imogene Adams and Drucilla Totty, both of Pampa; two grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

Services today

ROSE, Mary LaVerne — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Services tomorrow

CASH, Eva Maria — 10 a.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.

SEARL, Dorothy Katherine — 2 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, Pampa.

ON RECORD

WEATHER

PAMPA — Sunday, cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Monday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department made no arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday, according to Gray County Jail records.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department received no emergency calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

AMBULANCE

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Nov. 29

6:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan prison unit and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

9:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

1:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

6:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Fir and transported one to PRMC.

8:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

9:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

SHERIFF

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

Friday, Nov. 29

Shawne Dewayne Murray, 31, McLean, was arrested on a violation of probation out of Childress County.

Pete Vargas Perrez, 24, 863 S. Sumner, was arrested on a warrant for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Saturday, Nov. 30

Danielle Ray Duree, 28, 1125 Crane, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for possession and transfer of anhydrous and possession of a controlled substance over four grams and under 200 grams.

Kevin Michael O'Neal, 40, 1840 Holly, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for possession and transfer of anhydrous and possession of a controlled substance over four grams and under 200 grams.

Oklahoma plane crash investigation continues

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — As federal investigators prepared to move the wreckage of a plane that crashed earlier this week, the brother of the pilot who was killed was getting ready to make funeral arrangements.

William Gray, 56, his wife, Kathy, 53, and their sons Chad, 23, and Chase, 20, and daughter Brooke, 17, died Wednesday afternoon when their twin-engine plane crashed near McAlester Regional Airport.

Don Gray, the oldest of five siblings, remembered his brother on Friday as an over-achiever athletically, who

passed his sports ability on to his children.

"He wasn't the fastest or the biggest guy, but he was a good player," Don Gray told the Tulsa World from his Wentworth, Mo., home. "Everything he did, he wanted to do well."

William Gray played football and basketball at Pierce City in southwestern Missouri. His son, Chase, played on three state champion teams at Trinity Christian Academy in Texas, Gray said. Brooke Gray was on the drill team at Trinity.

Chad Gray worked at Grayco Bank Products in Carrollton, Texas, the company

his father started after working at another banking supply firm with Jerry Gray, one of his other brothers, Don Gray said.

Chad was good with computers and was "working at Grayco and building Web sites," Don Gray said.

Kathy Gray was a counselor, her brother-in-law said. All five were active in their church, he said.

"They were just a fabulous family," he said. "They had three great kids."

Few additional details on a cause of the crash were available, said Tom Little, an investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board.

Magazine article to feature Pampa, and its influence on folk singer's life

The March 2003 issue of Texas Monthly magazine will include an article by writer John Morthland about Pampa and the town's influence on folk singer Woody Guthrie, who lived here from 1929 through about 1938.

Loralee Cooley, president pro tempore of Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie, said in a news release that Morthland came to Pampa recently to interview people who knew Guthrie when he lived here, to take the Woody Guthrie Walking Tour, and listen to a jam session of area musicians at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center, 320 S. Cuyler, formerly the Harris Drug Store.

Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie, a non-profit organization which owns the site, hosted the jam session.

"Complete with a cornbread and beans supper, the Sunday afternoon session gave musicians, board members and Morthland the opportunity to share ideas about their understanding of Guthrie, his contribution to American music, how Pampa both influenced Guthrie and has been influenced by Guthrie's impact, and how this old drug store can be developed into a usable and attractive property," Cooley said in the release.

Board members are presently developing a master plan to turn the site into the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center. ArchiTexas, an Austin-based architectural firm overseeing the Gray County Court House renovation, has been hired to design the plan through a grant from an area foundation, Cooley said.

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Traditions end; others begin

Thanksgiving is over for another year. Some traditions began this year and others ended.

My daughter, M.E., worked from 10-3 on turkey day as her restaurant was serving the holiday meal to those who didn't want to spend the entire day up to their elbows making stuffing, pies, candies, salads and all the traditional menu items. (She also liked the idea of potential tips.)

So, the three little ones — Paige, 4; Christian, 6; and Peyton, 8 — stayed with me and "helped" with the meal preparations.

My day started with the phone ringing at 7:30 a.m. (M.E. and I had made pies, fudge and a salad the night before and I decided to sleep in as we weren't going to eat until around 5 p.m.) As I answered the phone, I heard my son Bob's voice. Hesitantly, he said, "Did I wake you?" He was quite surprised as he knows I'm usually a very early riser. He inherited that trait from me and usually we have some good early morning conversations.

He and his wife Amy and the two boys, Cade and Seth, traveled to Stephenville to be with her family for Thanksgiving, and I'm in charge of feeding the horse while they're gone.

While Bob said he was calling to wish us a Happy Thanksgiving, I thought he really wanted to know about the horse. Quickly, I got dressed and Peyton accompanied me to distribute the oats and hay. Bob was thoughtful enough to leave me an ax to use to break ice in the horse tank, and I needed it.

Peyton and I had been back home just long enough to have gotten the turkey named (a longtime family tradition) and get it in the oven when he called back. "How's the horse?" he asked. I knew it was the horse he was interested in.

Excitedly, I did tell him that I successfully cooked the pumpkin pies without



NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

burning them. A couple of years ago, he called on Thanksgiving Day while at Amy's family and I told him I had "even burned the pumpkin pies." His response was, "Mom, you always burn the pumpkin pies."

At first I was offended, but then I began to think about it and I asked my daughter. She giggled and said her older brother was right. Of course, I insisted it was because my stove was getting older and therefore the oven was cooking much hotter causing the pies to burn.

However, I didn't burn them Thursday so I guess that was only justification. Maybe a tradition ended.

Cooking and continually washing dishes filled the rest of the day. The children watched movies, played outside, argued and "helped" me.

Back to naming the turkey.

Many, many years ago when my children were about the age of the grandchildren I told them the turkey's name was Tom. (I really think this was an impromptu attempt to divert a fight.) After that year, they insisted upon naming the turkey every year at Thanksgiving and Christmas. So, it became a tradition.

His name started out yesterday to be Burk, and many rhymes were concocted. Then, abruptly, Christian decided he didn't like that name, and wanted it to be John-John. So we cooked an 18-pound John-John.

Each time I prepared something at least one of the children was there to

"help." Cracking eggs is a favorite of Peyton's. Christian was very disappointed to learn I boiled the eggs for the stuffing, and he wasn't getting to crack them. Paige also learned how to baste the turkey. Peyton and Christian crumbled up the slices of bread for the stuffing. Each of them was constantly sneaking fudge as we cooked.

When it came time to mix the ingredients for the dressing, world-wide diplomacy was required on my part as to who would put in which of the items. Finally, Peyton put in chopped eggs, Christian contributed chopped celery and Paige dumped the onions.

We were finishing up the meal when their mother arrived. Each of them was pleading their case as to why they should be the one to say the Thanksgiving Blessing.

In a wild attempt to stop another unpleasant disagreement, I told them each should tell what they are grateful for and then we'd say it all together. That satisfied them, and we may have started another tradition.

Paige said she was thankful for her brother and sister and the rest of the family. (I couldn't keep from thinking about all the fighting she and her brother had engaged in throughout the day.) Next, Christian said he was grateful to have a heart. (This one will take some mulling over. He is a very introspective child.) Peyton said she was grateful for the food, family members and people who help people in the world. (No surprises there.)

After we ate, I crashed on the couch thinking I can't ever do this again, and asked my daughter about her holiday buffet at work. She told me one family of 40 showed up.

As I traveled to work Friday, I thought of the importance of traditions passed on to the younger generation, and I guess I'll do it again. I just need some rest.

Opinions expressed on this page do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Pampa News*.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Dec. 1, the 335th day of 2002. There are 30 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus. Mrs. Parks was arrested, sparking a yearlong boycott of the buses by black riders.

On this date:

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

In 1934, Sergei M. Kirov, a collaborator of Soviet leader Josef Stalin, was assassinated in Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge.

In 1942, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States.

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Josef Stalin concluded their Tehran conference.

In 1956, the Leonard Bernstein musical "Candide," based on the work by Voltaire, opened on Broadway.

In 1958, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Flower Drum Song" opened on Broadway.

In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began, allowing thousands of Cubans to leave their homeland.

In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87.

In 2000, Vicente Fox was sworn in as president of Mexico, ending 71 years of ruling-party domination.

Ten years ago: President Boris Yeltsin survived an impeachment attempt by hard-liners at the opening of the Russian Congress. In Mineola, N.Y., Amy Fisher was sentenced to five to 15 years in prison for shooting and seriously wounding Mary Jo Buttafuoco.

Five years ago: A 14-year-old boy opened fire on a prayer circle at Heath High School in West Paducah, Ky., killing three fellow students and wounding five; the shooter, Michael Carneal, is serving a life sentence. An international conference on reducing greenhouse gases opened in Kyoto, Japan.

One year ago: Two suicide bombers blew themselves up in back-to-back explosions at a downtown Jerusalem pedestrian mall, killing 11 bystanders. A baby girl was born to Japan's Crown Princess Masako and Crown Prince Naruhito, the royal couple's first child in eight years of marriage; she was later named Aiko.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Paul Picerni is 80. Former CIA director Stansfield Turner is 79. Actor Robert Symonds is 76. Singer Billy Paul is 68. Actor-director Woody Allen is 67. Singer Lou Rawls is 67. Golfer Lee Trevino is 63. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 63. Comedian-actor Richard Pryor is 62. Country musician Casey Van Beek (The Tractors) is 60. Television producer David Salzman is 59. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 58. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 58. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 57. Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan is 56. Actor Treat Williams is 51. Country singer Kim Richey is 46. Actress Charlene Tilton is 44. Actress-model Carol Alt is 42. Actor Jeremy Northam is 41. Actor Nestor Carbonell is 35. Actress Golden Brooks is 32. Actor Ron Melendez is 30. Singer Sarah Masen is 27. Rock musician Brad Delson (Linkin Park) is 25. Actress Ashley Monique Clark is 14.

Thought for Today: "The only people who attain power are those who crave it." — Erich Kastner, German author and poet (1899-1974).

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America suffers from misconceptions

A few months before his death, in 1825, Thomas Jefferson received a request from a friend for a letter to the friend's son, offering him advice. Here is Jefferson's letter to that boy:

"This letter will, to you, be as one from the dead. The writer will be in the grave before you can weigh its counsels. Your affectionate and excellent father has requested that I would address to you something which possibly might have a favorable influence on the course of life you have to run; and I too, as a namesake, feel an interest in that course.

"Few words will be necessary with good dispositions on your part. Adore God. Reverence and cherish your parents. Love your neighbor as yourself, and your country more than yourself. Be just. Be true. Murmur not at the ways of Providence. So shall the life into which you have entered be the portal to one of eternal and ineffable bliss. And if to the dead it is permitted to care for the things of this world, every action of your life will be under my regard. Farewell."

This short letter is interesting in view of the fact that so many modern anti-religious types have tried to paint some of the Founding Fathers. Jefferson in particular, as agnostics, if not atheists. Clearly, Jefferson shows familiarity with Christian concepts and demonstrates a belief in heaven. These are not the words of an agnostic or of a deist who believed that God created the



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COLUMNIST

world and then walked away, leaving it like a clock to run itself.

Part of the problem many Americans have in understanding the Founding Fathers is a general ignorance of America's colonial and revolutionary period. Failed public education is the chief culprit. The other part of the problem is failing to read the words in the context in which they were written.

Jefferson grew up with two institutions with which modern Americans have had no experience — an aristocracy by birth and an official church. The Anglican Church was in his time and is today the official Church of England. In the Virginia colony, people were taxed, and apart of those taxes were used to subsidize the Anglican Church. Jefferson believed this wrong, as religion was a matter of conscience, and he did not think government had the right to force a person to support something his conscience did not. Hence, his idea of religious freedom was the absence of an official church or an officially designated religion.

When he wrote in a letter that there

was a wall of separation between church and state, he meant just that and only that. He meant that Baptists could not be taxed to support Methodists and vice versa. He did not mean that government must be hostile to religion and ban any display of it from all public places. The same congress that wrote the Bill of Rights also made provision for chaplains. It was a basic premise of American republicanism (little R, having nothing to do with the Republican Party, which was not invented until the 1850s) that only a virtuous people, schooled in virtue by religion, could maintain a free republic.

It is worth noting that the people today who so vehemently wish to sweep religion from all public spaces and institutions are also the same people who consistently oppose freedom. They want only one God — the state, which of course they intend to run.

When Jefferson spoke of people being created equal, he had reference to the class system. He did not mean people were equal in talents or other characteristics. He simply meant that God had not created a class system in which privileges were conferred by birth on one set of people and denied by birth to another set of people.

Disregarding the value of religion and believing in egalitarianism are two misconceptions that cause America much trouble today.

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AUSTIN ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

Austin Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the second six-weeks grading period of the 2002-03 school year.

SECOND GRADE

A Honor Roll. Patterson Alvey, Rachel Andrews, Jocelyn Brady, Kelsey Brookshire, Andrew Brown, Connor Brown, Cole Buck, Bethany Casas, Jonathan Cox, Ryne Davis, Robin Doan, Caleb Dunham, Madison Fatheree, Makayla Hampton, Elisa Howard, Raddhi Jani, Tamra Klusmeyer, Michael Landsverk, Cameron McDonald, Taylor Morgan, Zachary Peters, J.T. Preston, Caitlin Pruitt, Arin Rice, Ryan Smith, Dakota Watson, Nathan White, Adam Williams.

TRAVIS ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

Travis Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the second six-weeks grading period of the 2002-03 school year.

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll. KeEra Busse, Jacob Frost, Marco Garcia, Margo Mendoza, Miranda Patterson, Alanna Stephens, Colten Adams, Kendall Aiken, Kolbi Furgason, Thania Gayton, Tanner Haire, Nakayla Hardman, Laci Hernandez, Tierra Lewis, Megan Porter, Ashley Stucker, Schrade Thompson, Shelby Worthington, Brandon Yates, Stephanie Allen, Jose Cabrales, Dylan Hooker, Chelsey McCallum, Janell Parks, Hayley Pettit, Shane Smith.

AB Honor Roll. Mary Jo Collier, Reid Miller, Kendle Ramey, Ashley McCord, Lisa Stinnet, Calysta Cook, Jaden Howard, Laura Kirkland, McKinlee Stokes, Zach Swearingim.

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll. Alex

Collins, Jordan Hukill, Emily Nicklas, Kyle Keith, Jenna Munsell, Rebecca Porter, Madilyn Shults, Taryn Eubank, Kayla Hughes.

AB Honor Roll. Erica Blaine, Rhett Skinner, Hayley Steger, Joey Johnson, James Lawyer, Cali Gibson, Jessica James, Natasha Ruiz, Danielle Wall, Dale Montgomery, Cassie Rigney, Monica Pairsh.

FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll. Treva Miller, Landon Long, Garrett Coutts, Bryce Hendricks, Kallie Marak, Brooklyn Barker, Klarisse Espiritu-Santo, Robin Fernuik, Lauren Jacoby, Janae McNeely, Kristin Bivins, Hannah Lane, Kara Stephens, Braden Hunt.

AB Honor Roll. Mikala Furgason, Kelli Fields, Serina Wagner, Rebekah Bartel, Calib Chandler, Rachel Heuston, Allison Ramey, Kristin Roy, Tracy Torres, Janet Barraza, Tanner Davis, Brittney Pritchard, Brittany Wheeler, Collin Pursley.

AB Honor Roll. Syndey Hoelting, Sabrina Thompson.

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll. Libby Aler, Talar Bowen, Lindsey Brown, Brendon Burrell, Autumn Chidester, Heather Coffee, Latigo Collins, Cole Engle, Callie Hampton, Harley Jacobs, Aaron Jimenez, Teaira Jordan, Taylor Kennedy, Collin Killgo, Kirsten Kuhn, Shannon Liegh, Collin McClendon, Kade Morse, Railey Reeves, Rhett Roden, Rance Schindler, Caitlin Sieck, Sidney Stewart, Elizabeth Terry, Kailyn Troxell, Jessica Zellefrow.

AB Honor Roll. Sam Cain, Ellen Cambern, Treyci Carroll, Trace Carter, Magely Cerda, Tara Garcia, Zac Hernandez, Austin Hinkle, Bree Howard, Logan Karbo, K'Lyn King, Ryan Pearson, Karl Pfitzner, Karami Rice, Farmer Schaeffer, Kara Stabel, Colin Sutherland.

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll. Payton Alvey, Olin Boyd, Karina Cabrales, Trent Carter, Haley Copeland, Rejoice Duggan, Katie Dunham, Brenna Ellison, Garrett Ericson, Chase Ferguson, Holly Gage, Lysine Guyer, Ashlee Holland, Paige Holt, Pierce Holt, Gavin Jimenez, Jackie Karson, Dillon Kyle, Evan McElwain, Trevor McVay, Jonathan Polasek, Tyler Rabel, Brenden Rice, Garrett Sewell, Aaron Silva, Hannah Smith, Cameron Wall.

AB Honor Roll. Erika Dodge, Dwight Hamlin, Mary Murry, Shanda Roberts, Danielle Sims, Shaylie Thompson, Conor Wilson, Danielle Zuniga.

FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll. Michael Adams, Ethan Addy, Evan Aderholt, Erin Buck, Corbin Clifton, Cheyanne Collins, Kimberly Curtis,

Megan Gragg, Savannah Hoover, Mary McKay, Samantha Pearson, Gabby Powell, Savannah Smith, Rebecca Taylor, Carlyn Teichmann, Emilie Troxell, Whitney Wade, Kayla Ware, Kelsey Watson, Hannah White, Ellen Whiteley, Ashley Williams, Leah Wilson, Kaitlin Winegeart.

AB Honor Roll. Travis Brown, Rylan Clark, Garrett Fatheree, Samantha Finney, Allyssa Hoelting, Andi Hutto, Mitchell Killgo, Luke Watson, Shelby Watson, Tawnee Williams, Kade Wilson.

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GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS HONOR ROLL

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A HONOR ROLL

First Grade. Bracie Harris, Ashton Standerfer.

Second Grade. Claire Hopkins.

Third Grade. Amber Harris, Celby Snapp, Hilary Zedlitz.

Fifth Grade. Hilary Acker.

Sixth Grade. Jessica Baggerman, Hannah Hopkins.

AB HONOR ROLL

First Grade. Ela Earhart.

Second Grade. Alex Ragsdale, Alex Stevens.

Third Grade. Jazmine Rose, Chloe Zedlitz.

Fifth Grade. Robert Ponce, Zachery Ponce, Cody Schiffman.

Sacket Artist in Education for PISD

Janice Sacket will be serving as Pampa ISD's Artist in Education (AIE) for the 2002-2003 school year. The Artist in Education program is partially funded through the Texas Commission on the Arts. AIE is a program that encourages learning through art in the elementary classrooms. Sacket will spend approximately four weeks at each of Pampa's four elementary campuses. Mrs. Sacket has been an educator and an artist for more than 30 years. Woodrow Wilson Elementary will begin its AIE program this month. Pampa ISD is excited about the program and



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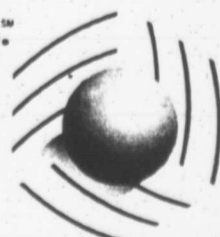
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LEFORS ISD HONOR ROLL

Lefors Independent School District recently announced its honor roll for the second six-weeks grading period of the 2002-03 school year.

A Honor Roll. Dylan Ward Connell, Khori Lott, Brian Tyler McBee, Dustin Blake Wallace, Andrew Hayden Morriss, Spencer Hagen Nicholson, Jeffrey Kyle Smith, Kaittlynne Michelle Porter, Taylor Wayne Ray, Seth Edward Scully, Meira Rhiannon Vaid, Shayley Renee Morriss, Joseph Cameron Barnes, Dani Michelle Law, Haley Jeannette Smith, Emily Joann Jackson, Ashlyn Denea Johnson, Rebecka Joyce Lawrence, Gabriel Heath Miller, Aaron Keith Spotts, Hannah Dawn Maness, Rusty Travis Warner, Matthew Taylor

Daugherty, Lindsay Gail Duckworth, Drake Evan Jackson, Brandon Parsley, Rachael May Stubbs, Alicia Whitehead, Nicholas Andrew Miller, Dennis J. Boyd, Andrew Wiley Klein, John Stamper, Amanda Lea Daugherty, Joshua Ryan Garcia, Cory Kevin Jackson, Zachary Levi Lafawn Kidd, Sarah Marie Schwab, Jennifer Lynn Sprouse.

AB Honor Roll. Zanna Rancee Beck, Dyllan Brice Wallace, Colten J. Helfer, Ryan Chase Holt, Koltan Spur Morris, John Michael Webb, Brenden Chase Kimbley, Amber Lee Shephard, Dennis W. Sprouse, Robert James Tidwell, Brandon Lynn Wood, Matthew Denton, Casey Pine' Graham, Stormy Howard, Mercedes

O'Brien, Roger Lee Smith, Keely Shayé Callaway, Daniel Ray Cox, Seth Zachary Fry, Corey Dean Graham, Steven Tyler Kimbley, Abigail P. Maness, Dakota Wakely Pairsh, Janie Leith Ponce, Keenan J. Santacruz, Ashley Nicole Shephard, James Arun Vaid,

Daniel James Wariner, Gage Dane Zeek, Christina Marie Cook.

Brittney Nicole Coombes, Dustin Ray Forsyth, Devin Nichole Jones, Brandon Kyle McBee, Andrew Joel Rodriguez, Eleesha Simpson, Valerie Brooke Willis, Amanda Rena

Lawrence, Victoria M. Meeks, Amanda Marie Ponce, Jeremy Lucas Sprouse, Robert Lynn Wallen, Jerad Marshall Andis, Jacob Rudy Garcia, Kayla Marie Andis, Courtney Ann Gee, Jacqueline Jonelle Tinney, Trenton Keith Roberson,

Shayla Lynn Smith, Gareth Akash Vaid, Katherine Jeanette Barnes, Brittney Ann Gilbert, Andrew Ryan Jennings, Savannah Jeanine Smith, Erasmo Jesus Soto, Laraine Lynn Hess, Joshua Dean Jackson, Johnathan D. Jennings, Adam Jeffery Kent.

LAMAR ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

Lamar Elementary School recently released its honor roll for the second six-weeks grading period of the 2002-03 school year.

A HONOR ROLL

Second Grade. Calli Brewer, Eddie Castillo, Valeria Chavez, Jessica Kenney, Diamond Marrufo, Shaleigh Price, Raquel Ramirez, Bobby Ream, Mariela Resendiz, Julie Soto, Tracy Winter, Zachary Wolfe, Monica Zubia.

Third Grade. Brandon Cox, Dakota Davis, Miguel Garcia, Angelica Lopez,

Kaitlynn Ramirez, Sarai Soria. **Fourth Grade.** Reba Bailey.

Fifth Grade. Jessica Brown, Ashley Akins, Mikaela Flores.

AB HONOR ROLL

Second Grade. Bianca Apodaca, Itzayana Miranda, Monica Miranda, Alexis Pena, Alfredo Renteria, Nicholes Rodriguez, Manuel Rossiter.

Third Grade. Eric Apodaca, Jordain Bass, John Angel Cota, Danny Estep, Elizabeth Willis-Fagg, Khale Guthrie, Aaron Lopez, Marshall McGrath, Ernie

Ramirez, Michael Rossiter, Isaac Silva, Danielle Williams.

Fourth Grade. Martin Caldwell, Orlando Castillo, Mercedes Cota, Sissy Palmer, Angela Rendon, Danielle Towles.

Fifth Grade. Steven Botello, Margarita Cervantes, Kristie Davis, Amanda Estes, Adrian Garcia, Dawn Harkins, Katzen Hernandez, Marticka Jackson, Justin Kenney, Dillon Pierce, Jessica Ramirez, Andrew Regalado, Faby Soria, Tessa Walker.

WILSON ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

Woodrow Wilson Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the second six-weeks grading period of the 2002-03 school year.

Second Grade. Martecia Alexander, Renee Baggerman, Dakota Cochran, Baylin Lawson, Abby Ortega, Daniel Ortiz, Johnathan Rowell, Michael Steadman, Brittany Weatherford, Tre Beistle, Miguel Blanco,

Junior Davilla, Rosa Hernandez, Reena Patel, Selena Renteria, Brenda Resendiz, Serena Reyes, Omar Corrasco, Tori Ford, Becca Reel, Tyler Roberts, Summer Sieber.

Third Grade. Ryan Damron, Meganne Fraser, Jannis Garcia, Samantha Powell, Courtney Ward, Seth Almanza, Yelitza Anguiano, Andrew Chambers, Nicole Devers, Tammy (DuBose)

Phillips, Jennifer Recendiz, Mario Rivera, Dustin Whinery, Devin Asencio, Nicole Brashears, Brienne Moyer, Karen Perez, Cody Parks, Joleen Pittman, Lupita Silva, Danny Villegas, Joseph Vizcaino, Carmin Marin, Caylee Steward, Alex Galaviz.

Fourth Grade. Kendrick Tillman-Alexander, Ashleigh Christy, Crystal Garcia, Allen Harden, Moses Mireles, Kaci Reyes, Rudi Rivera, Rafael Silva, Bernardo Tinajero, Jessica Vargas, Tayleranne Callahan, Mary Beth Cox, Brennan Dickenson, Lesleigh LaRue, Cody

McIntyre, Zachary Murray, Eric Ortiz, Tyler Randle, Alex Recendiz, Cynthia Solis, Patricia Mata, Collin Dull, James Scott, Lauren Wileman, Hunter Shay, Kira Soto, Ryan Weeden, Dakota Turlington.

Fifth Grade. Brittany Bennett, Ryan Jimenez, Leonel Madrid, Aleah Noble, Miranda Waldrop, Amanda Castleman, Kelsey Ford, Phoenix Keeter, Nathan Smith, Justin Carlton, Matricia Davis, Bethney Mosteller, Britney Poulin, Kylee Reel, Delissa Salazar, Shayla Keith.

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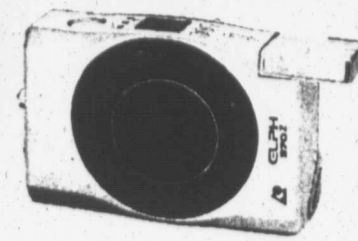
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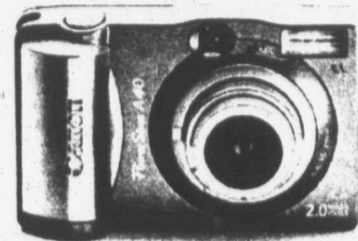
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Holiday shopping: Timing is everything ...

By **RACHEL BECK**
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — It was a soft cashmere sweater at Ann Taylor that caught my eye. At 25 percent off, I was tempted.

But I knew better. Buy anything now? No way! The prices can only drop as Christmas nears.

So goes it in the mind of today's holiday shoppers. I speak for the many who are hooked big time on discounts and are willing to hold off on most of their shopping until the real deals kick in.

Sorry, retailers. You taught us to be this way. And only you can break us of this habit.

My e-mail was crammed in recent weeks with offers from store owners trying to get me in the door early. Brooks Brothers, Kenneth Cole and the list went on.

If you shopped before Thanksgiving, they were offering around 20 percent off.

It would have sounded good, maybe in the middle of July.

But this is the holiday season, and lots more price-cutting is still to come.

That's because it's the same thing every year, a holiday ritual of sorts.

It starts well before Thanksgiving, with merchants filling their stores with holiday decorations and playing Christmas music.

Get shoppers in the mood and maybe they will buy.

Few usually do. That makes retailers slightly nervous about how the season will go. They start offering some small discounts in an attempt to jump-start sales.

The pressure only intensifies heading into Thanksgiving weekend,

which the industry bills as the official start of the holiday season.

Stores go gangbusters to lure consumers. They open early and close late. Extra discounts and giveaways come to those who shop before dawn, or between certain hours.

Early Friday morning, big crowds always come out for the cheap televisions and hot toys. The mall parking lots are packed.

But the momentum cools fast, and by Saturday afternoon the shoppers are mostly gone. They head home to watch football and eat Thanksgiving leftovers.

They aren't seen again for weeks.

In fact, from Thanksgiving through about Dec. 10 historically accounts for less than 20 percent of total holiday sales, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Still, retailers start in with their usual excuses, why sales are slow.

It's the economy.

It's the weather. It's fewer holiday shopping days this year.

They seem to gloss over the real thing holding down sales: all those discounts that we shoppers see coming.

And almost like clockwork they begin, 10 days or so before Christmas. Signs go up offering 50 percent off. Sale racks appear everywhere.

Suddenly, the elusive consumer walks in, finally ready to buy. And sales keep going strong through New Year's Day.

More than 60 percent of sales are tallied from mid-December through the end of the year, half in the days right before Christmas, ICSC said.

It's true that this waiting game has its risks. You might not get everything you want. But you would be hard-pressed to find many complaints from those shoppers out buying then. If you want something guaranteed, the stores are all yours in early

November. No doubt that retailers hate the way this goes, how it's a nail-biter until the end.

They could change it if they wanted, going back to the old days of holding off on any big sales until after Christmas.

But they won't, mainly because it would be tough to make it happen unless everyone changed their ways at once. Try that in the super-competitive retail marketplace.

It's also not really worth it. The surge in buying in the last few weeks usually boosts sales close to or above expectations.

As for me, chances are I'll be back for that cashmere sweater later this month. And probably lots of other things that I've eyed in recent weeks.

It's hard to resist a great bargain.

Rachel Beck is the national business columnist for The Associated Press. Write to her at rbeck(at)ap.org

Senior All-Night Party fund-raiser



(Community Camera photo)

The Fund-raising Committee for the 2003 PHS Senior All-Night Party has begun collecting monies and prizes for the event held each year on graduation night. To make a contribution or for more information, contact Pam Zemanek at 665-6347 or Doretta Gerber at 669-3523. Above: Doretta Gerber, Susan Braddock, Pam Zemanek, and Renee' Brown.

AC to offer correctional officer testing, training

AMARILLO — Amarillo College's Criminal Justice Department will conduct correctional officer testing at 8:30 a.m., Dec. 12 and at 6 p.m., Dec. 16 in Building C, Room 125, AC West Campus.

Test-takers must bring a valid driver's license or other form of picture ID to the test site.

Participants who pass the test will qualify to attend correctional officer training classes which begin Jan. 13 at the college. The nine-week training will be held from 6-10 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday. Cost is \$399.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) determines who is eligible to take the course.

There is currently a shortage of officers at correctional facilities across the state.

"We continue to be looking for Correctional Officers wanting a challenging career, we have a lot of vacancies. The Clements Unit and TDCJ have many opportunities right now," said Keith Price, senior warden of the Clements Unit in Amarillo.

Starting pay for state corrections officers is \$1,716 per month plus benefits. This figure rises to \$2,436 after 48 months.

Applicants must meet the following requirements to take the test and be eligible for the training program. An applicant must:

—be a United States citizen or an alien authorized to work in the U.S.;

- be at least 18 years of age;
- possess a GED or high school diploma from a state accredited school;
- pass TDCJ-ID pre-employment test;
- not have ever been convicted of a drug-related offense (alcohol-related offense is not a drug-related offense);
- not have ever been convicted of an offense involving domestic violence;
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PCB to stage annual Christmas production

Pampa Civic Ballet (PCB), under the direction of Jeanne Willingham, will present its annual production of "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Emilie Troxell will portray Clara and Dustin Neef the Nutcracker Prince. This year's guest artists will be Amy Earnest and Lance Hardin.

Amy Earnest of Austin is a member of Tulsa Ballet and is a former member of Pacific Northwest Ballet. She has danced with Atlanta Ballet, Joffrey Ballet, Hartford Ballet, and North Carolina Dance Theatre. Previous performances include the Lilac Fairy in "The Sleeping Beauty" and principal roles in "Four Temperaments," "Prodigal Son," "Apollo,"

"Western Symphony," "Going for Baroque," Kirk Peterson's "Amazed in Burning Dreams," "Firebird," and "Nutcracker." Alonzo King's "Chants," and "Dreamer," Paul Taylor's "Esplanade," and William Forsythe's "In the Middle Somewhat Elevated."

A native of Chicago, Ill., Lance Hardin has trained with Houston Ballet and studied with Larry Long at Chicago's Ruth Page Foundation. He earned a bachelor of science degree in ballet from Indiana University under the direction of Jean-Pierre Bonnefoux and Jacques Cesbron. He has danced with Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Chautauqua Dance Co., and North Carolina Dance Theatre. Principal roles include Williams

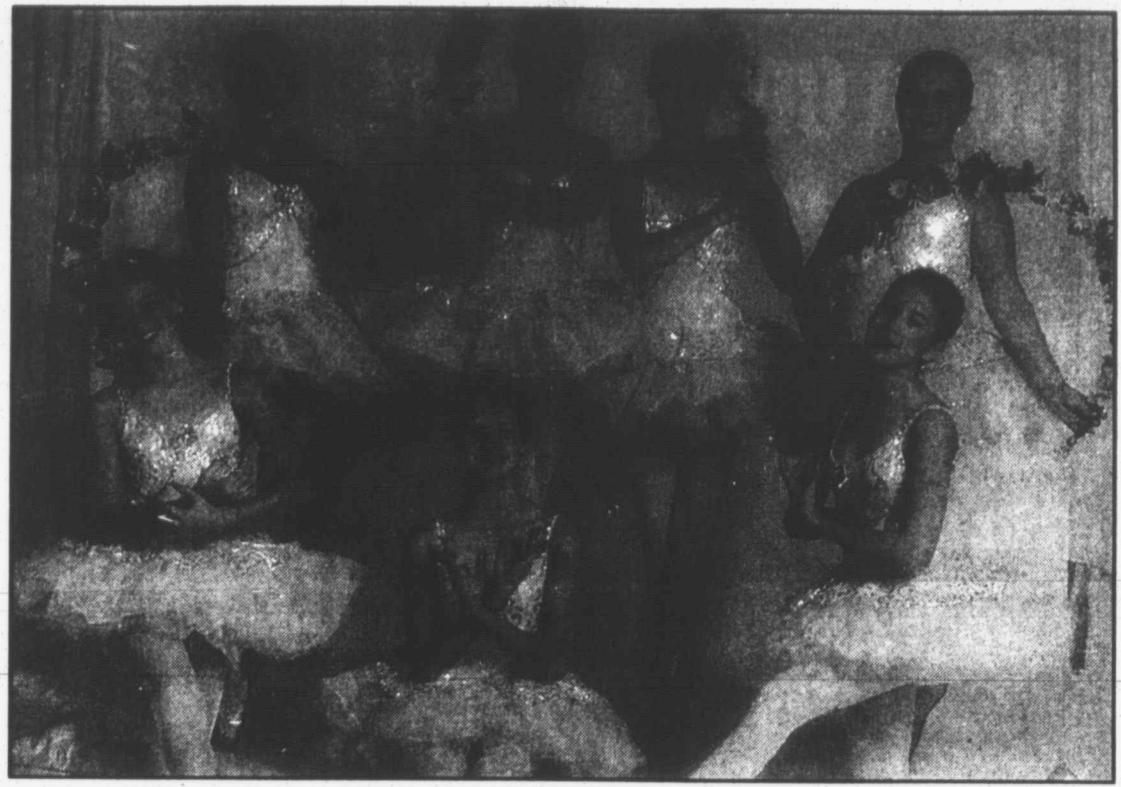
Forsythe's "In the Middle of Somewhere Elevated," George Balanchine's "Who Cares," and Alonzo King's "MAP." Hardin is presently affiliated with Milwaukee Ballet.

Current PCB officers are Shannon Buck, president, Peggy David, vice president, Vonna Wolf, treasurer, Mary Wilson, company representative, and Willingham, artistic director. Board members are Linda Johnson, Stephanie Kelly, Cile Taylor, Linda Reed, and Susan Stephens. Company dancers are Deanna McGill, Kaylie Brewer, Clair Boyd, and Wendy Stephens along with junior members, Carrie Angel and Stephens.

Cast members and their roles for the upcoming 2002 PCB production of "The Nutcracker" are as follows:

Emilie Troxell, Clara; Dustin Neef, Nutcracker Prince; Jim Baker, Host; Melissa Moore, Hostess; McGill, Nanny; Kailyn Troxell, Fritz; Macy Woodside, Franz; Glennette Goode, Herr Drosselmeyer; Jordan Dodge, Toy Soldier; Dustin Neef, Nathaniel; Shauna Friend, Mechanical Doll; Wendy Stephens, Dancing Bear; Stephanie Stephens and Anna Wyatt — Maids; Jessica Hooker, Taylor Ann Smith, Kassy Winegeart, and Brooke Woelfle — Children (little girls); Cole Buck, Jonathan Doyle, and Scott Kelly — Children (little boys); Jaycee Hamlin, Susie Joiner, Madison Joyce, Quila Martinez, and Ashlyn Paronto — Little Cousins.

Stephanie Allen, Elyxus Anaya, Tiffany Bradford, Erin Buck, Kayla Cox, Erika Dodge, Robin Fernuik, Jennifer Huffhines, Samantha Kelly, Maleesa Martinez, Bailey Read, Danielle Wall, Ellen Whitely, Tawnee Williams, and Kaitlin Winegeart — Clara's Friends; Dacie McGill and Vanessa Ontiveros — Tiny Tots; Mollie Baker, Kaylie Brewer, Stephanie Harbeson, Joy Hart, Krissy Holman, Monica Johnson, Katie Shaffer, and Maegan Wheeler — Guests (ladies); Tim Dudley, Luke Dyer, Coby Fred, Jessie Parsley, Chris Smith, Ryan Koch, Chase Brewer, and Jarren Long — Guests (gentle-



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Carrie Angel, Claire Boyd, Stephanie Harbeson, Stephanie Stephens, Chandler Talley, Danielle Wall, Ashley Wheeler, and Macy Woodside — Dream Fairies; Mollie Baker, Kaylie Brewer, Staci Clay, and Anna Johnson — Christmas Fairies; Wendy Stephens, Mouse King; Kaitlin Winegeart, Trumpeter; Bailey Read and Ellen Whitely — Cannon; Cole Buck, Erika Dodge, Jonathan Doyle, Hunter Hall, Jennifer Huffhines, Riddhi Jani, and Scott Kelly — Troupes; Brooke Wolff, First Mouse; Madison Joyce, Second Mouse; Echo Barnett, Jaycee Hamlin, McKinley Hancox, Jessica Hooker, Susie Joiner, Quila Martinez, Dacie McGill, Vanessa ontiveros, Ashlyn Paronto, Taylor Ann Smith, Amy Thomas, and Kassy Winegeart — Mice.

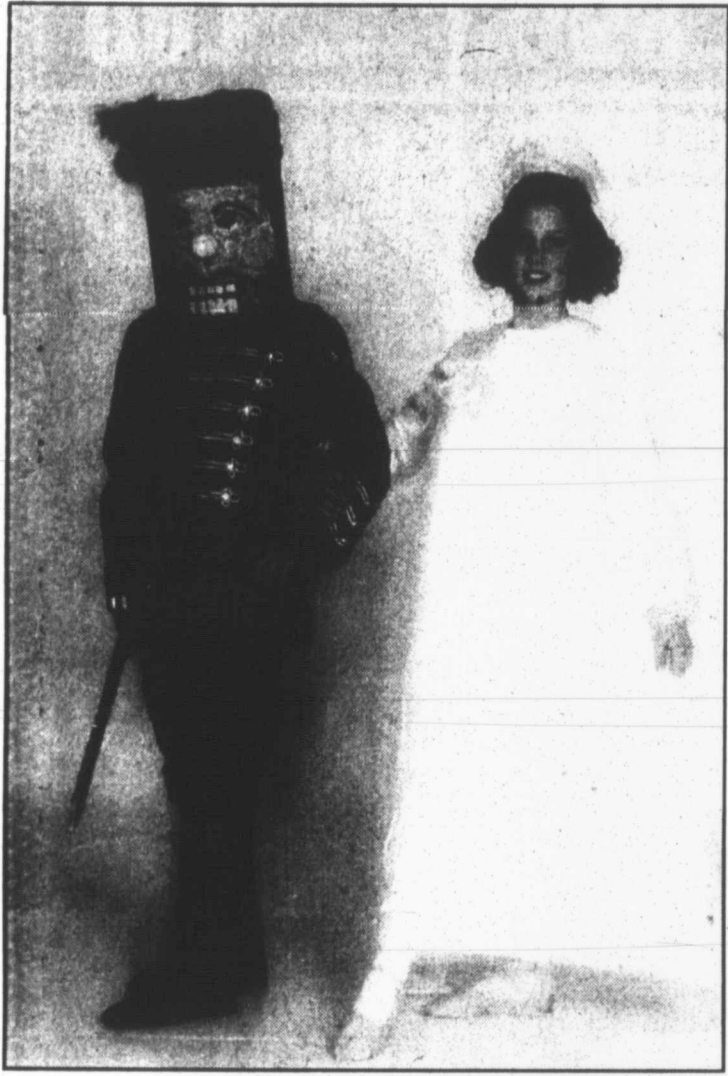
Amy Earnest, Snow Queen; Lance Hardin, Snow King; Mollie Baker, First Snowflake; Kaylie Brewer, Second Snowflake; Anna Johnson and Maegan Wheeler, Pas de Deux; Staci Clay, Glennette Goode, Stephanie Harbeson, Joy Hart,

Monica Johnson, Katie Shaffer, Wendy Stephens, Anna Wyatt, and Angi Woelfle — Snowflakes (group 1); Carrie Angel, Claire Angel, Claire Boyd, Jordan Dodge, Shauna Friend, Chandler Talley, Danielle Wall, Ashley Wheeler, and Macy Woodside — Snowflakes (group 2); Samantha Blackman, Whitney Browning, Kaitlyn Bruce, Jessica Hall, McKinley Hancox, Bailey Joyce, Harper Kelly, Alyssa Lowry, Quila Martinez, Dacie McGill, Vanessa Ontiveros, Ashleigh Pulatie, Ashton Sims, Amy Thomas, Charlie Webb, Shinner Webb, Michaela Blalock, and Josie Aler — Little Harp Angels.

Amy Earnest, Sugar Plum Fairy; Chandler Talley and Stephanie Stephens — Pages; Jessica Baggerman, Claire Boyd, Shauna Friend, Joy Hart, Monica Johnson, Samantha Kelly, Danielle Wall, and Tawnee Williams — Trumpeters and Arabian (Corps de Ballet); Glennette Goode, Anna Johnson, Deanna McGill — Spanish (Hot Chocolate); Carrie Angel and Lance Hardin — Arabian

(Coffee); Stephanie Harbeson, Krissy Hollman, Wendy Stephens, and Ashley Wheeler — Chinese (Tea); Mollie Baker, Kaylie Brewer, Staci Clay, Maegan Wheeler — Reed Pipes (Marzipan); Claire Boyd, Anna Johnson, Katie Shaffer, Anna Wyatt, and Angi Woelfle — Peppermint.

Freda Hagerman, Mother Ginger; Elyxus Anaya, Kayla Cox, Robin Fernuik, Danielle Wall, Tawnee Williams, and Macy Woodside — Ginger Cookies (girls); Tiffany Bradford, Erin Buck, Maleesa Martinez, Bailey Read, Samantha Kelly, and Kailyn Troxell — Ginger Cookies (boys); Mollie Baker, Staci Clay, Stephanie Harbeson, Joy Hart, Anna Johnson, Monica Johnson, Katie Shaffer, Wendy Stephens, Maegan Wheeler, Anna Wyatt — Waltz of the Flowers (group 1); Carrie Angel, Claire Boyd, Jordan Dodge, Shauna Friend, Chandler Talley, Stephanie Stephens, and Ashley Wheeler — Waltz of the Flowers (group 2); Glennette Good and Kaylie Brewer — Grapes; and Deanna McGill, Dewdrop Fairy.



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Emilie Troxell, left, will portray Clara and Dustin Neef, right, the Nutcracker Prince in Pampa Civic Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker."

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Holiday open house set at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

CANYON — Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will celebrate a Pioneer Christmas during its 26th annual Christmas Open

House. The event is scheduled for December 6-8. Hours are 7-9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Pioneer Town will feature musical entertainment, costumed interpreters, and a good old fashioned street dance. Music will be provided by Lanny Fiel and the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band on Dec. 6 and 7 and Frankie McWhorter and Friends on Sunday, Dec. 8. In another area of the PPHM, school and community musical groups will entertain visitors.

Christmas stories will be read in Storyteller's Corner, a delight, for young and old alike. Children's activities

will include a cake walk and snow man toss. Reproduction Victorian doll houses will be exhibited in an adjoining area.

Santa will be on the porch of the 1915 "kit" house, waiting to hear Christmas wishes. This setting will provide a photo opportunity for parents to photograph their child with Santa. Visitors are encouraged to bring their cameras as additional photo opportunities will be available throughout the museum to provide a lasting memory.

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Texas Railroad Commission posts monthly oil, gas statistics

Table 1 — September Texas top 10 oil/gas producing counties ranked by preliminary production

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBLs)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. GAINES	2,578,800	1. HIDALGO	21,913,909
2. ANDREWS	2,213,819	2. ZAPATA	21,095,045
3. YOAKUM	1,988,583	3. WEBB	20,144,444
4. HOCKLEY	1,814,277	4. PANOLA	19,193,743
5. ECTOR	1,558,296	5. PECOS	16,668,483
6. MIDLAND	814,133	6. FREESTONE	16,533,833
7. SCURRY	755,161	7. LIPSCOMB	12,552,436
8. CRANE	748,722	8. STARR	11,067,026
9. PECOS	720,457	9. WISE	10,255,777
10. UPTON	625,415	10. CROCKETT	8,843,324

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 960 original drilling permits in October 2002 compared to 857 in October 2001.

The October total included 675 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 31 to re-enter existing well bores, and 194 for re-completions. Permits issued in October 2002 included 241 oil, 254 gas, 365 oil and gas, 37 injection, one service,

and two other permits.

Texas preliminary September 2002 crude oil production averaged 950,223 barrels daily, down from the 978,333 barrels daily average of September 2001.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for September 2002 is 28,506,682 barrels, a decrease from 29,349,981 barrels reported during September 2001.

In October 2002, operators reported 258 oil, 497 gas, 33 injection, and 13 others compared to 300 oil, 537 gas, 52 injection and one other completion during October 2001.

Total well completions for 2002 year to date are 8,030 up from 7,764 recorded during the same period in 2001.

Operators reported 862 holes

Table 2 — October Texas oil/gas drilling permits and completions by district

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	34	5	6
(2) REFUGIO AREA	50	13	18
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	87	35	33
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	111	5	119
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	40	0	45
(6) EAST TEXAS	52	4	55
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	39	17	9
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	102	19	77
(8) MIDLAND	120	82	31
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	99	52	3
(9) NORTH TEXAS	128	23	54
(10) PANHANDLE	38	3	47

plugged and 113 dry holes in October 2002 compared to 752 plugged and 77 dry holes in October 2001.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 434,833,559 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for September

2002, down from the September 2001 preliminary gas production total of 438,995,692 Mcf.

Texas production in September 2002 came from 142,452 oil and 59,193 gas wells.

Corps to increase day use fees at recreation areas

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will increase recreation day use fees effective Jan. 1, 2003. Fees for the issuance of special event permits will also increase for the 2003 recreation season.

Over 375 million Americans visit Corps lakes for recreation purposes each year. One quarter of them come to fish. Others come to camp, hike, hunt and view wildlife.

"The Corps operates these facilities for the use of all Americans," said Maj. Gen. Robert H. Griffin, director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "These fees will help us sustain the quality of our facilities for the enjoyment of our visitors."

Recreation use fees collected are used to help offset operating and maintenance costs at Corps facilities, to assure public demand for high quality recreation opportunities is met.

The new day use fee schedule for

Corps operated recreation facilities is as follows:

—A fee of \$1 per person, up to \$4 per vehicle, will be charged at developed swimming beaches, and a fee of \$3 will be charged for boat launching at ramps that have additional amenities. The current fee is a maximum of \$3 per vehicle at beaches and \$2 for boat launchings.

—A maximum fee of \$4 per vehicle per day may be charged for the use of all day use recreation facilities within a park. The current fee is \$3 per vehicle.

—An annual pass may be purchased for \$30 to permit the holder and accompanying passengers to use all day use facilities at Corps-operated parks for the calendar year. A second annual pass may be purchased at the reduced rate of \$15.00. The current fee is \$25 for an annual pass and \$5 for a second pass.

—Golden Age and Golden Access passports will be honored. Holders will receive a 50 percent discount on

all recreation use fees.

—There will be no fee for children 12 years old or younger.

—The basic fee to issue a special events permit will be \$50. The current fee is \$25.

In addition to the fee changes, the Corps is conducting a stringent review to ensure Corps recreation use fees are comparable to those charged by other providers for similar facilities and services in the local area. This is being done to assure unfair competition with private industry is avoided and may result in increased camping fees at some locations.

The Corps charges fees under the authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act for recreation sites, facilities and services provided at government expense.

Additional information about the Corps' recreation program can be found at <http://www.usace.army.mil/recreation/>.

Texas Cattle on Feed down 11 percent from last year

AUSTIN — Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.73 million head on Nov. 1, down 11 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was up slightly from the Oct. 1 level. Producers placed 600,000 head in commercial feedlots during October, down 12 percent from a year ago but up 13 percent from the September 2002 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 570,000 head during October, the same as last year but 21 percent above the September 2002 total.

On Nov. 1 there were 2.25 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 83 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down 11 percent from last year but virtually unchanged

from the October total.

October placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 504,000 head, 14 percent above the September total. Marketings were up 22 percent from last month to 485,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 10.7 million head on Nov. 1, 2002. This inventory was 9 percent below Nov. 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.39 million head, 12 percent below October 2001. October placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 809,000 head; 600-

699 pounds totaled 638,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 521,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 420,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.98 million head, 4 percent more 2001.

Feeders in the historical seven monthly states with feedlots having a capacity of 1,000 head or more reported 9.3 million head on feed on Nov. 1, down 9 percent from both last year and Nov. 1, 2000.

October placements totaled 2.01 million head, 13 percent below 2001 and 16 percent below 2000. Marketings during October, at 1.71 million head, were up 4 percent from both 2001 and 2000.

CON. FROM PAGE SIX CHAT

To help student loan borrowers find out more, Mapping Your Future, a public service web site co-sponsored by Texas Guaranteed (TG), is offering an online chat on Loan Forgiveness Programs. The one-hour event is scheduled at 2 p.m. (CST), Dec. 10.

Financial aid experts from across the country will be available throughout the chat to help clarify how a student loan can be forgiven, cancelled or discharged.

The chat will focus on the Stafford and Perkins loan forgiveness programs, including:

—Determining eligibility for loan forgiveness, discharge or cancellation.

—Applying for loan forgiveness.

—Paying for college and general financial aid information.

The session will also feature information about student loan repayment benefit programs, such as those offered by some private companies to recruit and retain key staff.

Anyone with Internet access can join in the chat by visiting www.mapping-your-future.org.

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Study looks at cervical cancer rates

ATLANTA (AP) — Hispanic women contract cervical cancer almost twice as often as other women, indicating that not enough of them are having Pap tests, federal officials said recently.

"The study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also found that older women of all ethnic groups were more likely to show advanced cases of the disease when first diagnosed.

These women sometimes lack easy access to screening tests because of their age, low education, low income and lack of health insurance, the CDC's Dr. Sidibe Kassim said.

"We really need to reach those women," Kassim said.

For the study, the CDC analyzed 14,759 new invasive cervical cancer cases between 1992 and 1999. The disease was found at a rate of 16.9 per 100,000 Hispanic women 30 and older, compared with 8.9 per 100,000 non-Hispanic women.

Forty percent of the patients were diagnosed with advanced cases of the disease; among women 50 or older, the rate rose to 52 percent.

The government noted the high rates came in the face of a 50 percent drop in cervical cancer cases among all American women in the last three decades. Better cervical cancer education, screening and treatment led to that decline, Kassim said.

The CDC estimates that 13,000 new cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed this year, and about 4,100 women will die from the disease.

The Pap test identifies precancerous lesions and leads to early treatment.

Pharmacy student from Pampa helps teach others

Although her days as a college student are filled with lectures, tests and studying, Pampa's Andrea Morris still finds time in her busy schedule to teach others.

Morris, who attends Texas Tech School of Pharmacy in Amarillo, is one of a group of first-year students who recently made a presentation about the role of bacteria in human health and the environment to a group of Cub Scouts.

While some students might consider such activities to be an interruption in their routine, Morris sees them as opportunities.

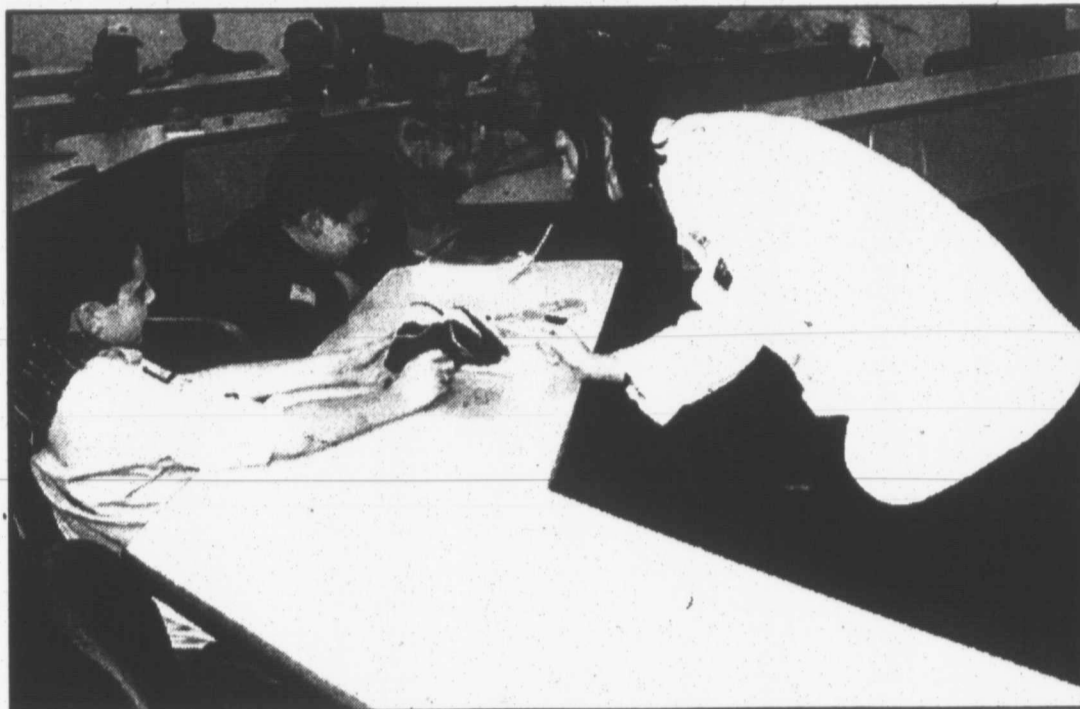
"As future pharmacists, it's important that we learn to communicate effectively with various age groups, including children," Morris explained. "When teaching the Cub Scouts about the importance of bacteria in

health, we had to communicate in terms they could understand."

Rather than simply talking to the scouts about bacteria, Morris and her group helped the youngsters collect swab samples from different locations and place the samples in a dish. The experiment "showed them that bacteria are everywhere and how it grows," Morris said.

Though the presentation cast her in the role of teacher, Morris is certain she came away from the experience having learned some things as well.

"I was surprised by how early kids are taught about microbiology," Morris said. "We presented to kids as young as first-grade that had already learned certain bacteria facts. They were all very attentive and interested, and overall I think we were well received."



(Courtesy photo)
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Scientists find link between mothers, brain injuries in infants

DALLAS — Scientists at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas have unraveled a mysterious connection—a potential mechanism that links brain injuries in infants to an infection in the mother's placenta.

Their findings, published in a recent edition of Pediatrics, could eventually lead to diagnostic tests for infants and mothers that could help prevent brain injury.

"The most critical issue in preventing and treating brain injury in infants is figuring out where the damage begins and what triggers it," said Dr. Jeffrey Perlman, professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern and senior author of the study. "Our study opens a new pathway of understanding, but we still don't have all the answers."

The study reveals the link between brain injury that

occurs during the perinatal period—immediately before and after birth—and an infection in the mother's placenta, called chorioamnionitis, which causes fever, inflammation, and abnormally high heart rates in the unborn child.

"Our study revealed the cause of brain injury in infants is not as simplistic as initial studies indicated," said Perlman, also professor of obstetrics and gynecology, and anesthesiology and pain management. "These findings bring us a small step closer to understanding how the brain is injured and could eventually lead to new strategies for controlling infection and, more importantly, for preventing brain injury."

Earlier studies have pointed

to lack of oxygen as the primary cause for neonatal brain injuries, including cerebral palsy. Brain injury during the perinatal period is one of the most common causes of severe, long-term neurologic deficit in infants and children. Each year, one in 1,000 babies is born with brain injury in the United States—about 4,000 annually.

The UT Southwestern researchers studied 61 full-term infants who were admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit at Parkland Memorial Hospital over a two-year period between July 1999 and December 2001. They examined the babies' umbilical cord blood for infection and also conducted extensive neurological examina-

tions twice in the first 24 hours of life.

"We discovered a significant correlation between the increased elevation of inflammation in the mother's placenta and a reduction in neurological function in infants," Perlman said. "This is the first time such a relationship has been established."

By measuring specific inflammation markers in cord blood at birth and then again at 12 to 14 hours of age, researchers discovered infants with higher levels were "floppy," or had poor muscle tone.

"The five infants with the highest level of biomarkers either had a brain dysfunction known as encephalopathy or seizures," said Dr. Octavio Ramilo, study collaborator

and associate professor of pediatrics and microbiology.

Brain injuries in newborns usually result in weakness or paralysis, mental retardation and/or seizures. About half of the children suffering from brain injuries must use braces, walkers, or wheelchairs as they get older.

Other UT Southwestern contributors to the study were Dr. Abbot Lupton, professor of pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology; and Dr. Hasan Jafri, assistant professor of pediatrics. Dr. Lina Shalak, the principal author of the study, was a fellow in neonatal intensive care at UT Southwestern at the time of the study and is currently a pediatric resident at Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

Abnormal walking patterns may signal on-set of dementia

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
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Abnormal walking patterns in the elderly may be an early warning sign of senility, researchers say.

Senior citizens with an odd gait are about 3 1/2 times more likely than others to develop forms of dementia other than Alzheimer's disease, according to a study in a recent New England Journal of Medicine.

Patients with such abnormal gaits could be given blood pressure drugs and other medication and put on diets to prevent a stroke and ward off vascular dementia, said lead researcher Dr. Joe Verghese, assistant neurology professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Strokes are the main cause of vascular dementia, the second-most common form of dementia after Alzheimer's. It strikes roughly 1.5 million Americans over 65. The researchers found abnormal gait also was a strong predictor of some rarer forms of dementia, but not of Alzheimer's disease.

Currently there is no reliable medical test for predicting who will develop dementia. But doctors look at such factors as whether the patient has suffered strokes or whether members of the family had dementia.

"We believe that there is a progressive brain disease taking place. At low levels, it affects gait, so abnormal walking is an early sign," Verghese said. "This study's probably one of the first studies that have used a clinical

finding to predict who's going to develop vascular dementia."

The findings do not concern the many elderly people whose walking problems have physical causes such as arthritis, back pain or foot trouble.

For about seven years, Verghese and colleagues followed 422 people in their 70s, 80s and 90s who did not have dementia when the study began. Nearly one-third of the 85 who began the study with an abnormal gait developed vascular or other non-Alzheimer's dementia, compared with less than one-tenth of those with normal gaits.

Three abnormal gaits best predicted onset of vascular dementia: "hemiparetic gait," in which legs are swung outward in a semicircle; "frontal gait," or short steps in which feet barely leave the floor; and unsteady gait,

marked by swaying and loss of balance. Patients with those abnormal gaits were about 13 times, 4.3 times and 2.6 times more likely, respectively, to develop vascular dementia than those with normal gait.

"This idea of looking at gait as a predictor of dementia is new. It's interesting. It's believable," said Neil Buckholtz, chief of the National Institute on Aging's Dementias of Aging Branch. "If you think about it, there are changes in the brain which affect movement patterns."

Verghese said analysis of a patient's gait could be combined with an evaluation of the person's mental sharpness and the development of better brain-imaging technology to more accurately predict who will suffer dementia.

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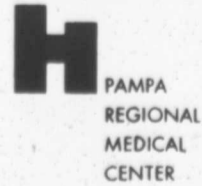
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CALENDAR ITEMS

COMMUNITY, CHURCHES

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

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

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

Clean Pampa, Inc. Clean Pampa, Inc., holds its monthly membership meeting at 12 noon on the second Tuesday of each month at Clint and Sons, 1421 N. Hobart. The public is welcome. No fee to join. For more information, call 665-2514. Office hours are 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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

Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Jim Greene at 665-8067 and Bill Kidwell at 669-6347. For memorials or donations write Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RCIA. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church hosts Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) beginning at 7:15 p.m., Wednesdays at 2004 Williston. For more information, call Aloise Martin at 883-4901 or Peggy Rodriguez at 669-2683.

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

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

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

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

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

MEDICAL, SUPPORT GROUPS, ETC.

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

Clean Air Al-Anon. Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meet-

ings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 2004 Williston. For more information, call 665-6898.

COAF Web Site. The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center. Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo is now open on Saturdays and will take appointments for blood donations. The new donation hours are: 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday; and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday. The center is also promoting The Birthday Club. If a donor donates blood on their birthday, they will receive a Blood Drop Beanie. For more information, call (806) 358-4563 or 1-800-658-6178.

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

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

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

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

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

HOSPICELINK. Hospice Education Institute, a non-profit organization, has established HOSPICELINK, a national toll-free telephone hotline for people seeking information and education regarding hospice care. The service offers referrals to hospices in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and is available to consumers free of charge. HOSPICELINK maintains a continually updated computer database of all hospices, national and internationally, so referrals are accurate and appropriate to each patient's needs. For more information about HEI, call 1-800-331-1620. HOSPICELINK lines are open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., weekdays, Eastern time.

LifeStyle Medical. LifeStyle Medical Program makes available, at no cost to the patient, breathing medications and nebulizers to patients who use oxygen or who have asthma, emphysema or COPD if they qualify. The Albuterol Products are provided to those with severe breathing conditions and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. For more information, call 1-800-519-4480.

Medicines.md. U.S. senior citizens now have access to legitimate e-mail order links to the world's lowest prices on prescription drugs by visiting www.medicines.md on the Internet, allowing them to have their prescriptions filled by licensed pharmacies abroad. The service adheres to FDA guidelines and offers free access to regularly updated international price lists for the 120 most popular brand-name prescription drugs as well as 1,300 generic medicines.

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

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

MSAA. A wide range of free, direct support services is available to local residents suffering from multiple sclerosis through Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. Services include general informa-

tion, therapeutic equipment, educational literature, national lending library, no-cost MRIs, cool suits, wheelchairs and scooters, support groups and more. For more information, contact MSAA at 1-800-LEARN-MS or access www.msaa.com on the Internet.

MS SOCIETY. The Multiple Sclerosis Society offers a monthly program for people with MS every third Thursday of each month. Some of the topics covered include: "Moving Forward: A Program for People Newly Diagnosed with MS," "When MS Progresses," "Intimacy and MS," "Life after Diagnosis: A Wellness Approach" and much more. A transcript is provided at the site after each program. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT-MS or (806) 468-7500 or contact the National MS website at www.nmss.org and select Educational Programs.

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

Narconon. Narconon, active in the field of drug rehabilitation and education since 1966, provides free professional counseling, evaluation and referral services to internationally recognized alternative and traditional facilities via its hotline and website, 1-800-468-6933 or www.stopaddiction.com. Narconon means "No Drugs."

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

Open Door Al-Anon. Open Door Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m., Monday and Wednesday each week at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-9702.

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

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

Pathways. The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

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

Power Wheelchairs. Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and self-propel a manual wheelchair at their home or independent living quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit www.durablemedical.com on the World Wide Web.

Prescription Drug Booklet. The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published a 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet #: PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at www.institute-dc.org.

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

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

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SPORTS

Slocum's future shaky after last loss

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum has heard the drumbeat to fire him all season. Losing big to rival Texas won't calm things down.

The 10th-ranked Longhorns rolled to a 50-20 victory Friday in a game of redemption for quarterback Chris Simms that raised even more questions about Slocum's future with the Aggies.

While Simms was passing for 278 yards and three touchdowns, Slocum had to be wondering if his 14-year tenure at A&M will soon end.

"Anytime you lose a game by that score it stinks," Slocum said.

The Aggies committed a season-high six turnovers in the 109th meeting in the rivalry.

Slocum's 123 wins are the most in school history but the Aggies (6-6, 3-5 Big 12) are just 29-23 over the last four years. They finished with their first losing season in league play since 1984 and the days of the old Southwest Conference.

Slocum has said he won't quit. University president Robert Gates gave Slocum a vote of confidence last month but left his future in the hands of a new athletic director to be hired later.

"I'm disappointed — and that's as mild as I can put it — about this season," Slocum said, "and I look forward to going back to work."

"There is no question in my mind about my intent to coach the team in a bowl game, or my intent to coach the team next season or for many seasons to come."

Slocum and the Aggies had a tough week, having to play Texas just four days after freshman defensive tackle Brandon Fails died suddenly in his dorm.

Fails' was to be buried Saturday and his teammates wore stickers with his No. 89 on their helmets.

"Without a doubt, we had a major distraction with a young man's death," Slocum said. "I wouldn't want in any way to somehow attribute this loss to losing this player. That wouldn't be fair to his family."

When Simms came to Texas

(10-2, 6-2) in 1999 he brought with him expectations of Big 12 and national titles and even a Heisman Trophy.

He will end his career without any of those.

Instead, Simms and Texas will have to be satisfied with doing something no Texas quarterback had done in 55 years: leading the Longhorns to three straight victories over the Aggies.

Simms, 3-1 in his career against the Aggies, is the first Texas quarterback to win three in a row over A&M since Bobby Layne in the 1940s.

He made his final home game, in front of 83,711 at Royal-Memorial Stadium, a memorable one. He'll leave Texas 15-0 as a starter at home.

"I know everybody back home in New Jersey was watching," said Simms, whose father, Phil, helped the New York Giants win the 1987 Super Bowl. "I had to put that last one good showing on TV. It's tough to explain — I almost started crying before the game when I had to hug my mom, but it ended up being a great day."

Simms had to answer to his own critics, even during a season in which he passed for a school-record 24 touchdowns and 2,938 yards, second best in school history.

"He's meant a lot to this program," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "He took a lot of undue criticism, but his standards were different than others."

NOTEBOOK

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BASKETBALL

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cavaliers guard Ricky Davis was suspended for two games by Cleveland coach John Lucas for "disciplinary reasons."

Davis, who was punished earlier this season by Lucas, will not accompany the Cavs for their games against the Heat on Saturday night and against the Knicks on Monday.

GOLF

COOLUM, Australia (AP) — Jarrod Moseley had a two-stroke lead over fellow Australian Aaron Baddeley on Saturday when a thunderstorm forced the suspension of play in the Australian PGA.

Only 38 of 62 starters completed the third round when the thunderstorm and lightning hit the Hyatt Coolum resort course. The remaining 24 players will finish the round Sunday morning.

Moseley, who began the round with a one-stroke lead over Baddeley, was 16 under after 10 holes.

Peter Lonard was three back at 13 under after 13 holes.

SUN CITY, South Africa (AP) — Ernie Els shot a 7-under-par 65 to take a one-stroke lead over Chris DiMarco after two rounds of the \$4.06 million Nedbank Golf Challenge.

The winner of the elite, 12-player event will earn \$2 million, the richest first prize in golf.

Els, playing in his home country, had an eagle on the 17th hole and is at 135. DiMarco is next after a second straight 68. Darren Clarke rebounded with a 67 and is third at 139.

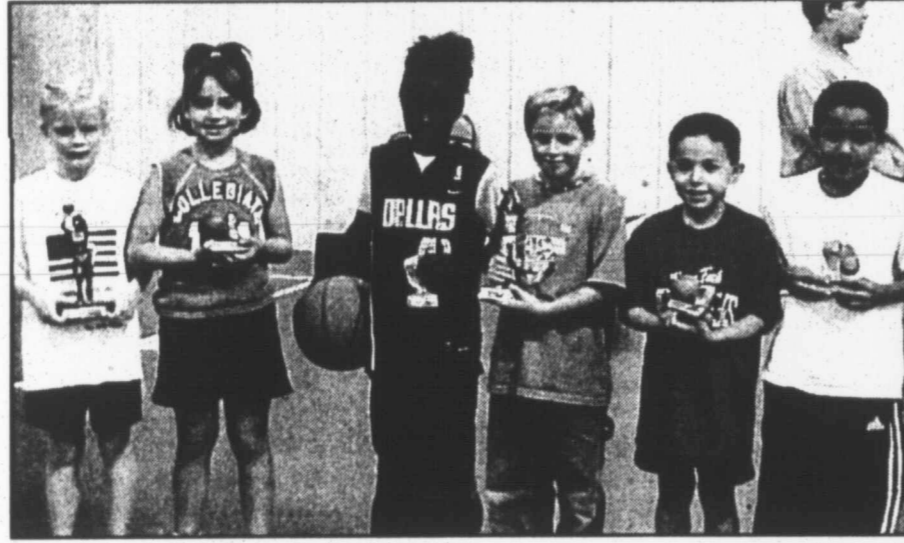
OLYMPICS

MEXICO CITY (AP) — International Olympic Committee put off a debate on kicking baseball, softball and modern pentathlon out of the 2008 games in Beijing.

The IOC voted to delay a decision until after the 2004 Athens Olympics. That sharply reduces the chances the sports would be expelled, in part because it would mean complicated changes for Beijing organizers, athletes and Olympic sponsors.

It also probably rules out the chances of golf or seven-man rugby being added.

Hot Shot winners



(Courtesy photo)

4th grade girls: 1st, Kylee Wyatt (This is Kylee's third time to place 1st in the Hot Shot contest); 2nd, Monica Pairsh; 3rd Taryn Eubank. **4th grade boys:** 1st, Garrett Ericson; 2nd, Roland Butler; and 3rd Terrell Johnson



(Courtesy photo)

2nd grade girls: 1st, Arin Rice; 2nd, Tracy Winters; and 3rd, Breshawna Johnson. **2nd grade boys:** 1st, Jordan Lemons; 2nd, Drew Facio; and 3rd, Timothy Smith.



(Courtesy photo)

3rd grade girls: 1st, Callie Coleman, 2nd, Kaitlyn Ramirez; and 3rd, Andra Cortez. **3rd grade boys:** 1st, Ryan McMinn; 2nd, Rance Schindler; and 3rd, Laketon Harris



(Courtesy photo)

5th grade girls: 1st, Shelbie Watson; 2nd, Carlyn Teichmann, and 3rd, Ashley Facio. **5th grade boys:** 1st, Dytray Williams; 2nd, Brian Gayton, and 3rd, Jessie Jimenez

Local sponsors of the recent Lamar Hot Shots basketball hoop competition included T-Shirts & More, Topographics, Snappy Services, Culberson Stowers, NBC Bank, Perfex Chemical, Larry Baker, Halls Sound, Utility Oil, IRI, First Bank Southwest, Sonic, McLean Feed Lot, Celanese, Robert Knowles, Carter Sand and Gravel, Bartletts, Subway, and West Texas Snow Co.

PMS cagers compete against Hereford, Dumas

PAMPA — Pampa played Hereford in 8th grade girls' basketball action and lost by the score of 37-27.

Brittini Rice and Shandale Young led Pampa in scoring with 10 points each.

"We played great defense, but we had trouble putting the ball in the basket," said coach

Bowers. "our turnovers turned into Dumas points, so we came up a few points short."

McKinsie East had 4 points and Logan Winkelman 3.

Rice had 12 rebounds and two steals while Cassy Tice had six rebounds. East had four rebounds and 1 steal and Chelsea Adkins had three rebounds and two steals.

Stephanie McVay had two rebounds, Young one rebound and one steal, Angela Mechelay one rebound, and Nicole Clark one rebound and one steal.

Pampa lost the B team game 42-26.

Scoring for Pampa were Tamara Trevathan with 7, Heidi Schwoppe 5, Jenae Norris 4, Stephanie Preston 3, Erika Silva 2, Michelle

Adams 2 and Krista McClelland 1.

Norris had six rebounds and two steals, Schwoppe four rebounds, Holly Owens 2 rebounds, Trevathan three rebounds and five steals, McClelland four rebounds and two steals, Preston three rebounds and one steal, Adams one rebound and two steals, Silva three rebounds, Kali Jimenez two rebounds

and two steals.

Pampa lost to Dumas 36-31 in the 7th grade division.

Krishna Henderson had nine points to go with three rebounds to lead Pampa scorers. Others were Kayla Mendoza six points, one rebound; Jasmine Moore five points, four rebounds; Sara Foster five points, five rebounds; Haili Kotara four points, five rebounds; Texi Schaeffer two points; Stephanie Polasek six rebounds; Trisha Moore three rebounds; K'Lyn Holmes and Kathryn Cree one rebound each.

Pampa won the B team game 24-20.

Kambra Jimenez had 7 points and two rebounds, Meagan Crawford six points and six rebounds to lead Pampa. Layce Beesley had four points and three rebounds, Emily Woodruff three points and one rebound, Logan McDonald two points and nine rebounds, Kristen Dunn two points and one rebound, Ashley Prize and Stephanie Jasso two rebounds each, Sarah Smith and Jacey Wagner one rebound each. Amy Adams, Kelli Wilson and Jamie Pergeson played outstanding defense. Jamie had to leave the game due to an injury.

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Big cat sightings continue

By CHESTER MOORE JR.

PORT ARTHUR, Texas — Jay White of Port Acres saw a cougar cross FM 365 between West Port Arthur Road and the super Wal-Mart recently.

"My daughter and I were driving along about 8 a.m. and we saw this big cat bolt across the road. It was an amazing sight," White said.

As we reported earlier this month, White said the cat was about 18 inches tall, had a tawny brown coat and long tail.

"I have heard people say there were cougars in the area. Now I know for sure," he said.

After I ran that story, several reports of cougar and "black panther" sightings came my way.

Before I get into the reports I would like to address the "black panther" issue, which people often bring up when big cats are at the center of conversation. There is no such species as a "black panther."

The beautiful black cats you see in the circus and on television are either jaguars or leopards, both of which commonly have black (melanistic) offspring. Most people assume the "black panthers" reported in Texas are melanistic cougars (also called panther, puma, mountain lion) although science has never observed a specimen. That does not mean they do not exist.

There is a black and white photo of a very dark-colored cougar killed in Costa Rica in the 1950s. The man who shot it said it was black, but without a pelt, science will not accept this is a legitimate report.

Now onto the local reports... Paul Hampton of Nederland reported two occurrences at a

Texas Outdoors

golf course in Beaumont.

"About two years ago, my golfing buddy and I had just teed off number 11 hole when we saw a small cat crossing the fairway. My first impression was that of a large house cat, but the unusual color of the animal told me no way. It was not black, but a very deep, dark brown," Hampton said.

"I saw no tail but Kelly said he saw a long tail tucked between the legs. It did not run across, but sort of ambled along as if it were used to seeing people," he added.

The second sighting occurred earlier this year. "We were in the parking lot loading our golf bags on the carts. My partner Kelly spotted the animal crossing the entrance road to the course and alerted me.

"This animal was again very dark colored but larger than the first sighting. I would say it was about three feet long and had a tail about the same length, low slung, and could have weighed between forty to sixty pounds.

"Again, it crossed the road at a leisurely pace. I have talked to at least two other golfers that have spotted animals of this description," Hampton said.

Reader Wayne Cleveland hunts Armstrong Hunting Club near Newton, which is located in the Sabine River bottoms. He said Nov. 14 he and his wife Becky saw a big male cougar at 6:50 a.m. heading in the river bottoms.

"The cat I saw was brown, but the president of our lease and his wife saw three black long tail kittens playing in the

river bottoms. We have had members that have seen both black and brown cats," Cleveland said.

There is no question cougars dwell in Southeast Texas. This is part of their native range and many, many residents have reported seeing them. I saw one myself back in the late 1980s and have cast the tracks of several big ones in local woodlands and marshes over the last few years.

The presence of the black and dark brown cats is another issue. Are these melanistic cougars or perhaps jaguarundi?

Although not widely known by the public, jaguarundis are prime candidates for spawning "black panther" reports. I do not believe they are responsible for all reports, but they could explain some of them.

Despite reports to the contrary, jaguarundis are medium-sized cats with a mean body length of 42 inches for females and 45 inches for males, according to Mexican researcher Arturo Casa. Other sources list them as ranging from 40 to 50 inches with the tail making up the greatest part of the length.

Most specimens sport a dark gray color while others are chocolate brown or blonde. A large jaguarundi crossing a road in front of a motorist or appearing before an unsuspecting hunter could easily look like a "black panther."

Since very few people are aware of jaguarundis, it is highly unlikely they would report seeing one. The term "black panther," however, is quick and easy to report to others. Everyone can relate to a "black panther."

Jaguarundis are known to

range from South America to the Mexican borders of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico. The key word here is "known." That means scientists have observed or captured the species within those areas, however they are reported to range much farther north in the Lone Star State and perhaps elsewhere.

TPWD officials solicited information from the public and received numerous reports of the species in the 1960s, including several sightings from Central and East Texas. Additional sightings came from as far away as Florida, Oklahoma, and Colorado.

In a study conducted in 1984, TPWD biologists noted a string of unconfirmed jaguarundi sightings in Brazoria County, which corners the hugely populated areas of both Houston and Galveston. Brazoria County is more than 200 miles north of the counties of Cameron and Willacy, which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has designated as being the only confirmed areas of Texas that houses jaguarundis.

I have collected big cat reports for 10 years now and the majority of my "black panther" reports are from daylight hours, whereas many cougar reports are from dusk, dawn and nighttime. This is interesting because jaguarundis are one of the only cat species known to be diurnal, which means they roam about in daylight hours.

No matter what these mysterious cats are, getting a look at one in the wild is a true blessing. If you get a glimpse of one, consider yourself lucky.

Three sports may be dropped from Olympics

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The International Olympic Committee overwhelmingly upheld a ban on member visits to bidding cities, and prepared to vote on a proposal to drop baseball, softball and modern pentathlon from the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

IOC president Jacques Rogge called the vote on the visits Thursday even though there was no formal proposal to end the ban on such trips by IOC members — a restriction enacted after the scandal over gifts to Olympic officials during Salt Lake City's successful campaign for the 2002 Winter Games.

Several IOC members expressed resentment of the ban. But when Rogge called for the vote, only six of the 114 IOC members in the room raised their hands.

IOC member Dick Pound, Rogge's chief rival for the IOC leadership in 2001, said the organizations' leaders were saying, in effect, "if there were a proposal, we'd be recommending against it but lets put a stake through the heart of it so it goes away."

On Friday, the final day of the IOC meetings, the committee was to rule on the Olympic fate of baseball, softball and modern pen-

tathlon. A commission suggested in August that the three sports be eliminated from the 2008 games in Beijing, suggesting that they lack global appeal or added high costs to host cities. The commission suggested seven-man rugby or golf as possible replacements, though any vote on adding sports would not come before next summer.

The IOC banned member visits to potential host cities in 1999 as part of reforms meant to improve its reputation after 10 members resigned or were expelled for receiving cash, scholarships and other inducements from Salt Lake bidders.

Some members complained that the rules were vague and cast doubts on their honor.

"There is suspicion in the neutrality of the members and a hidden accusation and lack of confidence," said Samih Moudallal of Syria.

"It was the visit process that nearly brought us down in 1999," retorted IOC vice president Kevan Gosper. "In one wrong decision, we could unstitch the entire process of rebuilding our reputation worldwide. I urge you not to step back into the past, the past that nearly killed us."



Harvester Sports Calendar

Week of December 1

Basketball Monday

Pampa vs. Tascosa 9th grade girls, 6pm away

Pampa vs. Tascosa 9th grade boys, 6pm home

Tuesday

Pampa vs. Perryton varsity-jr. varsity girls, 6pm home

Pampa vs. Perryton varsity-jr. varsity boys, 8pm home

Thursday

Pampa vs. Burk Burnett varsity boys, 2 Canyon Tourney

Friday

Pampa vs. Liberal varsity girls, 6pm away

Wrestling Tuesday

Pampa vs. Hereford varsity-jr. varsity, 7pm away

Saturday

Pampa varsity, Boys Ranch Quad

Swimming Saturday

Pampa, Fort Stockton Invitational

Woods, Mickelson together again in Skins Game

INDIO, Calif. (AP) — Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson don't play practice rounds together. They never have played with or against each other in exhibitions like the World Cup or the Battle at Bighorn. If they have lunch together, it's usually by accident.

The world's two best golfers will be together all weekend at the Skins Game, the most popular silly season event that suddenly doesn't seem all that silly.

"I think there will be a little more added interest ... because certainly when we play against each other, there is an added intensity on both parts," Mickelson said.

That's the problem — it doesn't happen all that much.

They played together in only one tournament all year, the season-ending Tour Championship. Before that it was the final round of the 2001 Masters, where Woods prevailed for an unprecedented fourth straight major title.

Mickelson is 2-up this year, a hollow victory.

He shot an even-par 70 to Woods' 71 in the opening round of the Tour Championship, then closed with a 69 (Woods had a 70) at East Lake Golf Club. Both finished well behind Vijay Singh, and they could make the argument they were not competing against each other.

This time they are.

Woods and Mickelson will join Fred Couples and Mark O'Meara as the Skins Game returns to its regular format. Whoever has the best score wins the hole. If there is a tie, the skins carry over until someone wins a hole outright.

The first six holes are worth \$25,000 each, the next six holes are worth \$50,000, the next five holes are worth \$70,000, and the 18th hole is worth \$200,000.

A year ago, no one could win a skin unless he validated it by having at least a share of the best score on the next hole. The experiment

failed when no one won a skin until Greg Norman prevailed in a playoff and claimed all 18 skins and the \$1 million pot.

"This is a format that provides a lot of instant pressure," Mickelson said. "As the skins' value goes up, the pressure seems to mount on the players, and the importance of each putt seems to get bigger rather quickly."

While having the top two players at Landmark Golf Club for the ConAgra Foods Skins Game is certain to pique the interest, it doesn't guarantee great golf.

"When we have played together, for whatever reason, we have not played our best golf," Mickelson said, an opinion validated by Woods' father.

During an interview two years ago, Earl Woods pointed out several player who seemed to bring out the best in his son. Lefty was not on that list.

"I don't know why that is," Earl Woods said. "There's no rational explanation."

Even more peculiar is their relationship.

Mickelson has gone on a campaign in recent months to dispel rumors that he and

Woods don't get along.

"Somebody came up with a story, and it just kept going," Lefty said. "We get along great. I don't know what else to say. I enjoy being around him."

Mickelson says they simply lead different lifestyles. He's married with two children. Woods is single, with a Swedish model for a girlfriend.

"The difficulty in having a relationship with Tiger is that he is so limited in what he can do," Mickelson said. "He's not really able to go out to dinner or sporting events or do things on the road. He needs to stay private. It's very difficult being him."


"I give him a lot of credit for the way he handles things, because I don't know if I'd be able to do that. He handles a very difficult situation very well."

Strangely enough, Mickelson never has played in the Skins Game, even though the format seems to suit his style.

Why this year?

Part of it is his schedule. Mickelson's wife is expecting their third child at the end of March, and he plans to get in his golf while he can.

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

'LEGACY'

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

GOP HEADQUARTERS

The Republican Party is headquartered locally at 1621 N. Hobart next to the Sears store. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday. For more information, phone 886-4967.

PCCA

Pampa Community Concert Association's 2002-03 season will kick-off with "Swingerhead" scheduled to perform at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Borger High School Auditorium. Borger's CCA will co-sponsor. Other upcoming PCCA presentations include: "Quintet of the Americas," Nov. 19; "The Ennis Sisters," Jan. 11; and "Dancing on Common Ground," March 18. All will be staged at 7:30 p.m., at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. For tickets or more information, contact Ruth Riehart, PCCA president, at 665-3362.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Clarendon is conducting a fund-raiser raffle to benefit cancer aid and research. The grand-prize winner will receive \$2,000. Tickets are \$10 a piece. Other prizes will be awarded. To purchase a ticket, contact a member of the local Ladies Auxiliary.

HOSPICE SERIES

Crown of Texas Hospice will offer an educational series, "Hospice: Living Life to the Fullest," from 1-4:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 12-Dec. 12 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center and at Frank Phillips College in Borger. For more information, contact D'Ann Berry or Sr. Gemma Reyes at (806) 372-7696 or toll-free at 1-800-572-6365.

GRAY COUNTY COMMUNITY PLAN

Gray County Community Plan will meet at 12 noon, Dec. 3, for its yearly planning meeting. Volunteers are welcome. For more information, contact Kim at 669-1131.

GRIEF WORKSHOP

BSA Hospice will present "Grief and the Holidays," a workshop to help individuals dealing with the death of a loved one, from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5 at its location at 800 N. Sumner in Pampa. The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 665-6677 or 1-800-658-6985.

MOOSE LODGE

Moose Lodge will present "The Womanless Wedding" at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 at its location at 401 E. Brown in Pampa. For tickets or for more information, contact Ruth Lard at 665-4037 or 665-9326.

COOKIE DECORATING

Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa will host a free cookie decorating workshop from 10-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at the library for any children who would like to come. Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, will have cookies, frosting, and sprinkles for the participants. To register or for more information, call 669-5780.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Donley County Extension Service will host "Country Christmas Extravaganza" from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, in the Old Gym at Clarendon Junior High, 822 W. 5th, Clarendon. A variety of booths and wares will be featured including baked goods, candies, collectibles, jewelry, sand art, and much more. Door prizes will be offered throughout the day. For more information or to inquire about a booth, contact Donley County Extension Service at (806) 874-2141.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

This year's Festival of Trees will be held Dec.

7-8. Judging will be in the following four categories: Youth Organizations, Commercial, Individual, and Adult Organization. For more information or to enter, call 665-6144, 669-0421, or 669-0900.

SUNSHINE LUNCH

Crown of Texas Hospice will host a "Sunshine Bereavement Luncheon," for those grieving the death of a loved one, at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Texas Rose Steakhouse in Pampa. Cost of the meal will range from \$5 to \$8. For more information, call (806) 372-7696 or (800) 572-6365.

ASAA

American Society of Agricultural Appraisers will offer a 4 1/2-day Personal Property Appraisal seminar Dec. 11-15 in Dallas/Fort Worth. The seminar is the only course of its kind approved by The Appraisal Qualifications Board in Washington, D.C. For more information, call 1-800-488-7570 or visit www.amagapraisers.com on the Internet.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Moonlight Extension Education Club will sponsor its 24th Annual Christmas Bazaar Dec. 14 at Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum in Muleshoe. Applications for booth space will be taken through Dec. 1. For more information, contact Linda Huckaby, 902 W. 8th St., Muleshoe, TX 79347.

COLONEL'S WAY CONTEST

The Seventh Annual Colonel's Way™ Award Contest, sponsored by KFC, is currently under way. This essay contest encourages children to honor outstanding seniors age 50 and older who have had a positive impact on their lives. The contest is open to children 13 and under. For official rules, go on-line to www.kfc.com or send a SASE to: Colonel's Way Award Contest, c/o Edelman, 200 E. Randolph Dr., 63rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60601. Entries must be submitted on-line or postmarked by Dec. 31.

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: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Dec. 3, Groom School, Groom; 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Dec. 4 and 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; 1-3:30 p.m., Dec. 9, McLean School, McLean; and 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3 p.m., Dec. 11, Lefors School, Lefors.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Nov. 26 and Dec. 20, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

UM ART CONTEST

University of Mobile, Alabama, is calling for

entries for its 12th annual "Art With a Southern Drawl" juried art competition. The show is open to artists working in any media, and only original artwork is accepted. To be eligible, artists must be born in or currently reside in Texas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, or Tennessee. The postmark deadline for entries is Jan. 11, 2003. For more information, call 1-800-946-7267, ext. 2420; log on to www.umobile.edu/awsd.htm; or e-mail UMdrawl@yahoo.com.

HARRINGTON QUARTET

Harrington String Quartet will perform its 21st anniversary season in 2002-03. The quartet will perform four subscription concerts on the following dates: Sept. 14, 2002; Nov. 16, 2002; March 8, 2003; and May 17, 2003. For ticket information, call the Amarillo Symphony Box Office at (806) 376-8782.

RELIGIOUS POETRY CONTEST

New Jersey Rainbow Poets is currently sponsoring a religious poetry contest. To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., PMB 70, Linden, NJ 07036; or enter on-line at www.rainbowpoets.com. The deadline for entries is Jan. 4, 2003.

SORGHUM CONFERENCE

National Grain Sorghum Producers will sponsor the 2003 Sorghum Industry Conference and 23rd Biennial Research and Utilization Conference Feb. 16-18 at the Albuquerque Marriott in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information, call (806) 749-3478.

TREE SEEDLINGS

Gray County Soil and Water Conservation

District is accepting orders for windbreak and wildlife tree seedlings and shrubs. The program is designed to offer tree seedlings at a nominal cost for environmental and protection purposes. The seedlings will arrive in the district office at the end of March. The deadline for ordering the seedlings is March 10, 2003. SWCD officials encourage early orders as many species sell-out very quickly. For more information, call 665-1751, ext. 102.

USS SPERRY

The USS Sperry Association is seeking former shipmates who served between 1942-82 for a reunion celebration. For more information, call (517) 784-7810; write George Gallas, secretary, USS SPERRY (AS-12) Association, Jackson, MI 49203-1521; or e-mail george-carole@modempool.com.

HOLLINGHEAD REUNION

The Hollingshead family reunion will be held August 2003 at Moorestown, N.J. The first Hollingsheads arrived in the American colonies around 1700. If you are a descendant or know one who might be interested, more information is available from Brian Hollingshead at HYPERLINK_hollingshead@telus.net or write: 2692 Mountview Place, Burnaby, BC, V3J 1E3, Canada.

LST ASSOCIATION REUNION

The U.S. Association will hold a reunion for all LSTers, from World War II to the present date, March 20-22, 2003 at the Holiday Inn South on I-35 west in Fort Worth. For more information, contact Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948; 1-800-228-5870; USLST@KMBS.Com (e-mail).

Working Ranch Rodeo



(Courtesy photo)

Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen Queen Jamie Schroeder, left, and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Queen Mandy Poole, right, with Pokey the Clown during Working Ranch Rodeo Finals held recently in Amarillo.

WT Division of Nursing to offer health screening at Farm and Ranch Show

CANYON — The Division of Nursing at West Texas A&M University, in collaboration with Amarillo's Coalition of Health Services, Inc., will provide educational information and health screenings at the Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

WTAMU nursing students are scheduled to set up shop from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Glass Room. Free screenings will be offered for blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol levels, hearing and stress.

In addition, nursing students will make several educational presentations throughout the day, covering topics such as tetanus, the West Nile Virus, medical/chemical look-alikes, tobacco, chemical exposure protection and tractor safety.

For more information about the Division of Nursing's presence at the Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show, contact Faye Wilhelm at 806-651-2646 or fwilhelm@mail.wtamu.edu.

WTAMU's Division of Agriculture also has a stake in the Farm & Ranch Show as Dr. Don Topliff, head of the division, chairs the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee, which will sponsor the show's kickoff lun-

cheon at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at the Amarillo Civic Center, Grand Plaza.

Guest speaker for the luncheon will be Dr. Konrad Eugster, former executive director of the Texas Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories, who

now serves with the Institute for Countermeasures Against Agricultural Bioterrorism.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$12 and can be obtained through the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, 806-373-7800, Topliff said.

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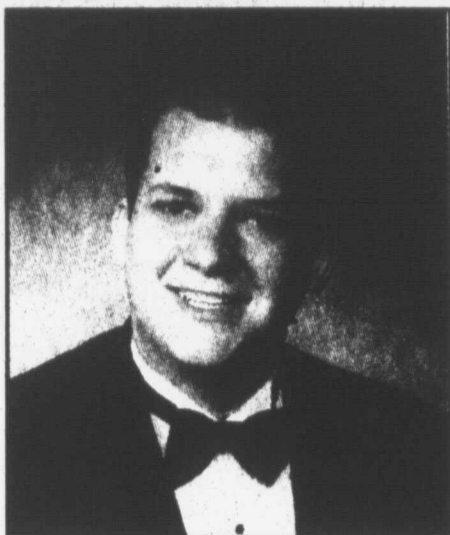
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Joshua Miller

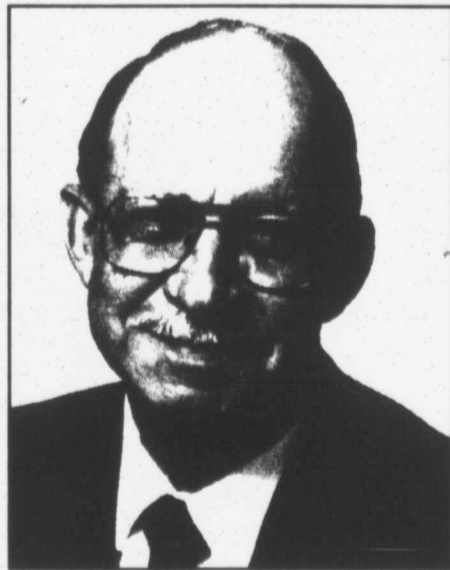
Joshua Miller, a student at Pampa High School, has been selected for membership in The National Society of High School Scholars. The Society inducts only the most outstanding high school students and honors them for superior academic achievement.

Claes Nobel, honorary chairman of the Society, states, "The hard work and success of today's youth provides the foundation for a future dedicated to community — and world — betterment. I congratulate Joshua on being recognized as one of the most outstanding high school seniors in the nation."

As a senior member of the Nobel family, Claes Nobel extends his family's dedication to excellence to the youth of today. Claes' family established the Nobel Prizes in 1901 in order to note outstanding contributions in the fields of Peace, Literature, Medicine, Chemistry, and Physics. More than a century later, these internationally renowned awards continue to distinguish scientists, authors, and leaders in a world forum.

The mission of The National Society of High School Scholars is to recognize and encourage academic excellence among the most exceptional high school seniors. The Society selects students nationally and awards this distinction on a very limited basis. Membership is by invitation only, extended by Chair Claes Nobel.

Miller is the son of Johnny and Jeanna Miller of Pampa and is the grandson of W.H. and Earlene Earp and Gordon and Velda Miller, all of Pampa.



Larry R. Starnes

Larry R. Starnes of Pampa, a Modern Woodmen of America district representative, recently completed a five-day educational program at the fraternal life insurance society's Home Office in Rock Island, Ill.

The program reinforced the concepts of sound financial planning for families through Modern Woodmen life insurance plans, annuities, and IRAs.

The National Dean's List recently announced college students from the area selected for inclusion in the 25th annual edition of "The National Dean's List, 2001-2002."

"The National Dean's List" is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Students are chosen for this honor by college deans, registrars, or honor society advisors and must rank in the upper 10 percent of their class, must be named to their school's dean's list, or must have earned a comparable honor.

Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by Educational Communications, Inc., the publisher, and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities.

(See NEWSMAKERS, Page 28)

Adoption: A beautiful way to build a family

Elizabeth and Russell Ward of Pampa are glorying in the latest addition to their family.

parents beam with their good fortune, saying little Chae is a dream come true.

Elizabeth said the baby adjusted to his new environment as though he'd known he was coming here, as though he'd been waiting for his parents to

explore several different options, but it wasn't until Russell heard about an agency out of Tulsa, Okla., that specializes in international adoptions that the couple actually determined the direction they wanted to go. He discovered the agency through a friend and co-worker.

approximately 18 pounds, and has mastered the crawl. "He'll be walking soon," Elizabeth laughed.

"We have already taken him to the mountains," she said. The couple travel to the mountains occasionally to camp out, ski, and ride ATV's.

Meanwhile, Elizabeth says the baby enjoys being read to, adding that he is quite fond of a particular baby blanket and seems to have an ear for music.

The family attends Grace Baptist Church.

"We had a missionary (at church) who lived in Korea for 39 years," Elizabeth observed.

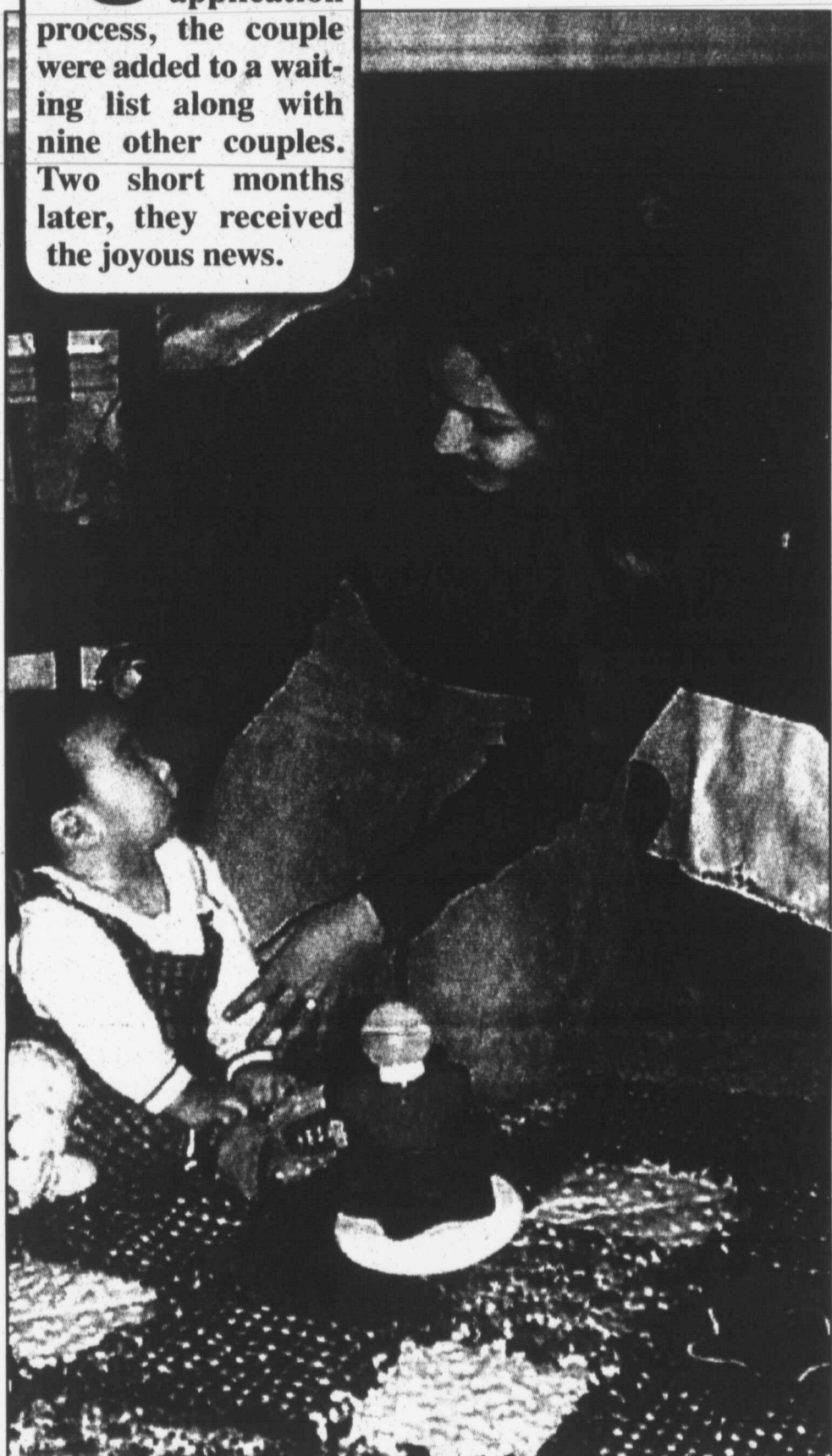
"He spoke Korean to the baby." She said it was fascinating how the baby identified with and responded to his own language.

The couple have lived in Pampa since they married, moving here from Dallas so Russell could attend fire academy. He is a firefighter with Amarillo Fire Department. Elizabeth is employed at Titan where she has a job in sales. She goes back to work at the beginning of December. Chae Glen will go to a private sitter.

"Adoption is a beautiful way to build a family," Elizabeth concluded happily.

By
Skyla Bryant
Community
Editor

Upon completing the application process, the couple were added to a waiting list along with nine other couples. Two short months later, they received the joyous news.



(Pampa News photo)

Elizabeth Ward plays with her new son, Chae Glen. She and her husband, Russell, adopted the baby all the way from Korea.

tion to their happy home — a son, Chae Glen Ward, a baby they recently adopted from Korea.

Russell Ward flew all the way to Seoul to pick

South Korea. Russell brought him home a little over a month ago. The infant was welcomed by his brand-new mom and the family pets — Mady, a

arrive and fly him home.

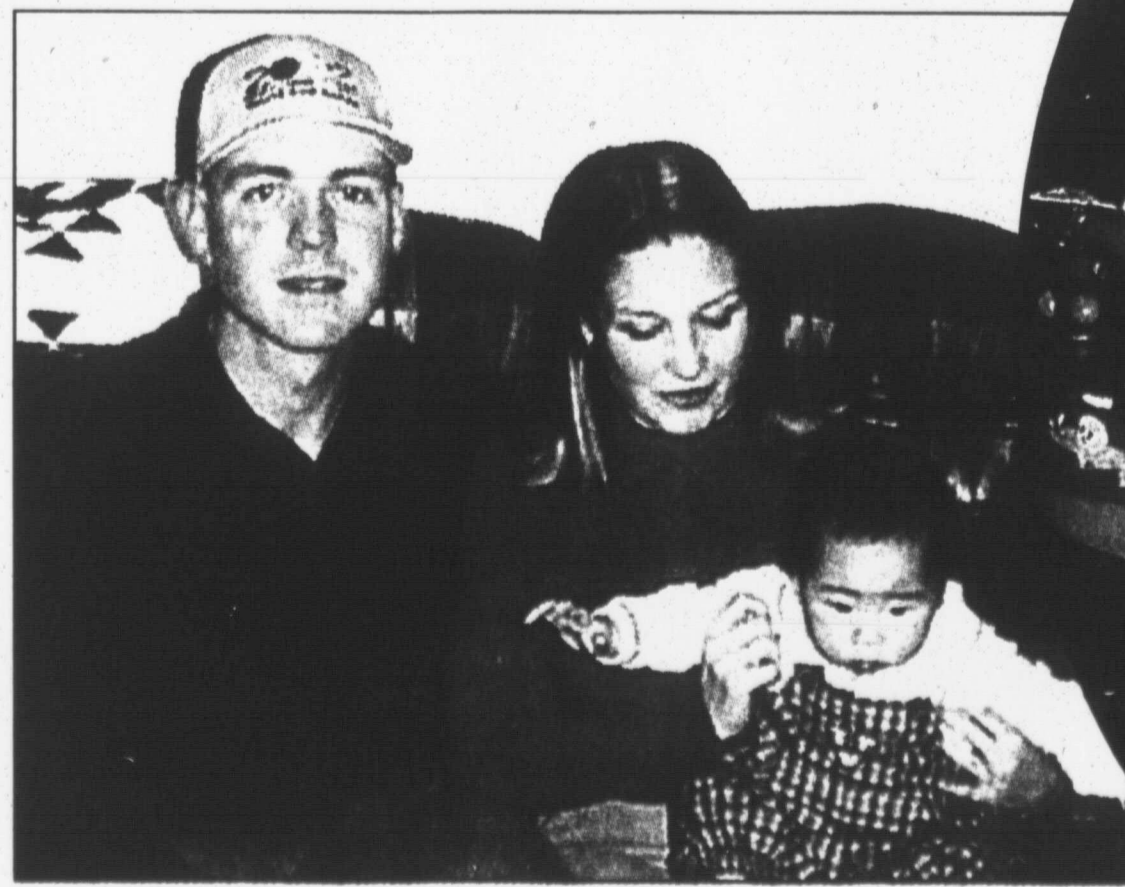
Married five years, the couple had discussed the possibility of adopting for quite some time.

"The agency will call with a referral of a baby, and you get to deny or accept that baby," she said.

Upon completing the application process, the couple were added to a waiting list along with nine other couples. Two short months later, they received the joyous news. Six babies had come up for adoption at the same time. The Wards were number six in line. They acted swiftly to accept the referral.

Russell made the trip to Korea and back in approximately 30 to 33 hours. The trip did not appear to phase Chae Glen. Russell said the baby endured the ordeal like a trooper though Elizabeth felt the time difference caused him some discomfort.

Both say he is a serene baby and an utter joy — "except when he's cutting



(Pampa News photo)

Russell Ward with wife Elizabeth and young son, Chae Glen.

the infant up and bring him home. The proud

Yorkie, and Brandy, a golden retriever.

They researched various channels and

teeth," Russell said.

Seven-and-a-half pounds at birth, Chae Glen now weighs



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WEEK OF DECEMBER 2-6

Pampa Schools

MONDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
Lunch: Fish strips or chicken nuggets, blackeyed peas, macaroni/cheese, applesauce.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Waffle sticks.
Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce or burritos, green beans, salad, fresh fruit, garlic toast.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast.
Lunch: Frito pie or cheese nachos, pinto beans, salad, peaches.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy.
Lunch: Steak fingers or hot dogs, whipped potatoes, English peas, pineapple, rolls.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage.
Lunch: Soft tacos or pizza, refried beans, Spanish rice, apple slices.

Lefors Schools

MONDAY
Not available at press time.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or chicken chow mein, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, northern beans, cherry chip cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Pepper steak/rice or baked chicken, onion

potatoes, spinach, cream corn, pinto beans, black forest cake or coconut cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, carrots/peas, baked cabbage, beans, lemon cheese cake or caramel cake, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Chicken strips or barbecued beef/onion rings, potato salad, brussels sprouts, fried squash, baked beans, strawberry shortcake or blueberry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Catfish and hushpuppies or lasagna, potato wedges, cheese grits, broccoli, beans, brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread or garlic toast.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY
Sloppy joes, tater tots, pork and beans, apricots.

TUESDAY
Chicken pot pie, pickled beets, corn, pudding.

WEDNESDAY
Eggs, bacon, biscuits, gravy, peaches.

THURSDAY
Comdogs, macaroni/cheese, peas/carrots, applesauce.

FRIDAY
Roast, whipped potatoes, green beans, jello.

AMA to conclude lecture series

AMARILLO — Amarillo Museum of Art will present the final lecture of a two-part series on the history of photography by presenter Ben Lifson at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4 in the library of the museum.

The series is based on Lifson's current book endeavor "A Critical History of Photography" and developing projects for the museum itself.

Lifson holds a master of arts degree from Yale University and has taught and lectured at many leading universities throughout the United States.

He founded and led the photography program at California Institute of Arts (Valencia) and has contributed to various art journals and magazines including "Art News" and "Art in America."

The lecture series is free and open to the public. The Effie Burkhalter/Yale Endowment Fund managed by Amarillo Area Foundation provides support for the program. Additional funding is provided by Institute of Museum and Library Services in Washington, D.C.



by Otoniel Huertas, M.D.
Obstetrics & Gynecology

GETTING BACK INTO SHAPE

New mothers should not expect to get back in shape as fast as celebrity mothers who have the resources to hire trainers, nutritionists, and nannies to quickly resume pre-pregnancy shape. Generally, it is recommended that women who have uncomplicated pregnancies and deliveries wait six weeks after delivery before heading back to aerobics classes. Strenuous workouts right after childbirth can slow healing of the uterus and cause bleeding. Because hormonal changes during pregnancy soften connective tissues, joints are especially vulnerable to injury in the weeks after childbirth. During that period, exercise should be limited to slow walking and light stretching. Once it is safe to exercise more vigorously, women should be careful not to get dehydrated, especially if they are breast feeding.



Please consider the amount of exercise you normally had before and during your pregnancy. If you were always active, it will be easier to return to activity than to start at full throttle if you were sedentary before. As always start slowly and build gradually. For your OB/GYN care, call my office at 806-273-7771. We are located at 106 S. Bryan, Borger. New patients are welcome.

P.S. A nursing mother should lose no more than half a pound per week.

WEDDINGS

Norton-Collins

Stephanie Norton of White Deer and Casey Collins of Austin were wed Nov. 30, 2002, at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church in Austin with Byran Schwartz, pastor, officiating.

The maid of honor was Jennifer Norton, sister of the bride. The bridal attendants were Kelli Strader, Jenny Howard, Kelly Cherry, and Dionne Walker. The flower children were Hannah and Danielle Galatoire, Miller and Mason Brandt, Wesley Preston, and Autumn Cates.

The best man was Omar Omungo. The groomsmen were Christian Adams, Kyle Taylor, Josh Norrell, and Rob Pirkle. The ring bearer was Kollin Abbey.

The ushers were Byron Norton, Cade Collins, Colby Collins, and Wade Woodford.

A reception was held following the service at Barton Creek Country Club in Austin with Marni Lunsford, Summer Lunsford, and Joi Pierce hosting.

The bride is the daughter of Becky and Ray Norton of White Deer, is the granddaughter of Darrell and Bernice Norton of White Deer and Betty Lee Brandt of Georgetown, and is the great-granddaughter of Francis Norton and Fern Christian, both of Farwell.

She graduated from White Deer High School and holds a degree from West Texas A&M University. She is currently employed as an administrative assistant with Providential Capital.

The groom is the son of Cindy Miller and Walt Collins, both of Austin. He graduated from Westlake High School in Austin and holds a degree from International Bible College in San Antonio. He is sole proprietor of Providential Capital.



Stephanie Norton

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Playa del Carmen in the Caribbean.

Treasure hunter discovers rare Spanish coin

By VICKI GRAVES
SHERMAN HERALD DEMOCRAT

BONHAM, Texas — History runs deep in Fannin County ... about seven inches deep on the courthouse square.

As downtown Bonham takes on a nostalgic look and construction workers unearth a firefighters cistern from the 1890s, Joseph Holmes, president of the Fannin Artifact Recovery Organization, has unearthed a 200-year-old coin about seven inches deep and just two feet away from that spot.

"No telling what else we'll

find before they finish with all this construction," said Tom Scott, curator of the Fannin County Museum of History.

Treasure hunter Holmes said curiosity got the better of him recently and he made his way down to the construction site on the Courthouse square.

"I'm always looking for a place to (treasure) hunt and when I saw them tear that up, I stopped and asked if I could hunt for about 15 minutes. Workers had already cut out the street on the southwest corner of the Courthouse square. In the old days, that spot would have been about the

middle of the dirt street," he said.

"While they were taking a break, I went over there and got a signal. I had a small hand shovel in the mud, but the detector told me it was a good metal."

When he unearthed the coin, Holmes found that it was black on both sides and figured. Since it was so thin, he thought it was going to be a token, he said.

Back in his truck, as he used a wet towel to wipe it off, he recognized a bust that he knew he'd seen somewhere before. He started rubbing and soon uncovered the portrait of King Charles IV of Spain.

All cleaned up, the coin is marked with the words "Carolus IIII Dei Gratia 1794." Carolus is Spanish for Charles.

The portrait of Charles IV can be seen on the obverse and the Spanish arms between two pillars on the reverse. In the reverse legend the monogram Limae is the mintmark indicating the coin was produced at the mint in Lima, Peru.

This is followed by 2R, which indicates the denomination of two reales. The I and J are the initials of the assayers, Ignacio Zenon Gelves and Jaun Martinez de Roxas, who worked together from 1787-1803.

"Somebody could have brought it back from the east," Scott said, noting that the solid silver is worn thin.

Holmes said, back then, people used their coins until they were practically gone.

"There's no hard evidence about Spanish influence up here, except we know they were in the area. Who knows? Some guy could have carried this as a lucky piece and when they were paving the streets for the first time in 1911, it fell out of his pocket up

there."

Holmes hunts everywhere, he said.

"When you go over something, the metal detector sends a signal down into the ground. When the signal hits something, it bounces back up and comes through the head of the detector. The newer detectors will pretty much tell you whether its a coin, you just have to decide at that point whether or not you're going to dig it," he said.

Holmes said he started with a \$199 metal detector.

"I found a lot of this stuff with it. As I got more and more into it and started going to competition hunts, I stepped up. You can get hooked on this real fast. It takes about 100 hours using a metal detector before you feel comfortable knowing what the machine is telling you."

Of the three or four tones, the highest pitched one indicates the better metal, he said.

"Every time you go across, the detector will make one beep noise. That's how you kind of zero in on the target," he said.

Holmes showed other coins he's found in the past, the oldest being an 1897 quarter. But the Spanish Carolus IIII is more than 200 years old.

"It tickled me to find that one. I never thought I'd find a Spanish coin to begin with, let alone that old."

Among other items he has in showcases are belt buckles, knobs, knives, rings, lead toy soldiers, a metal Amlico credit card and a Confederate convention badge from 1902 (Dallas).

The Fannin Artifact Recovery Organization is a small club with membership of about 10 people from Grayson, Fannin and Lamar counties.

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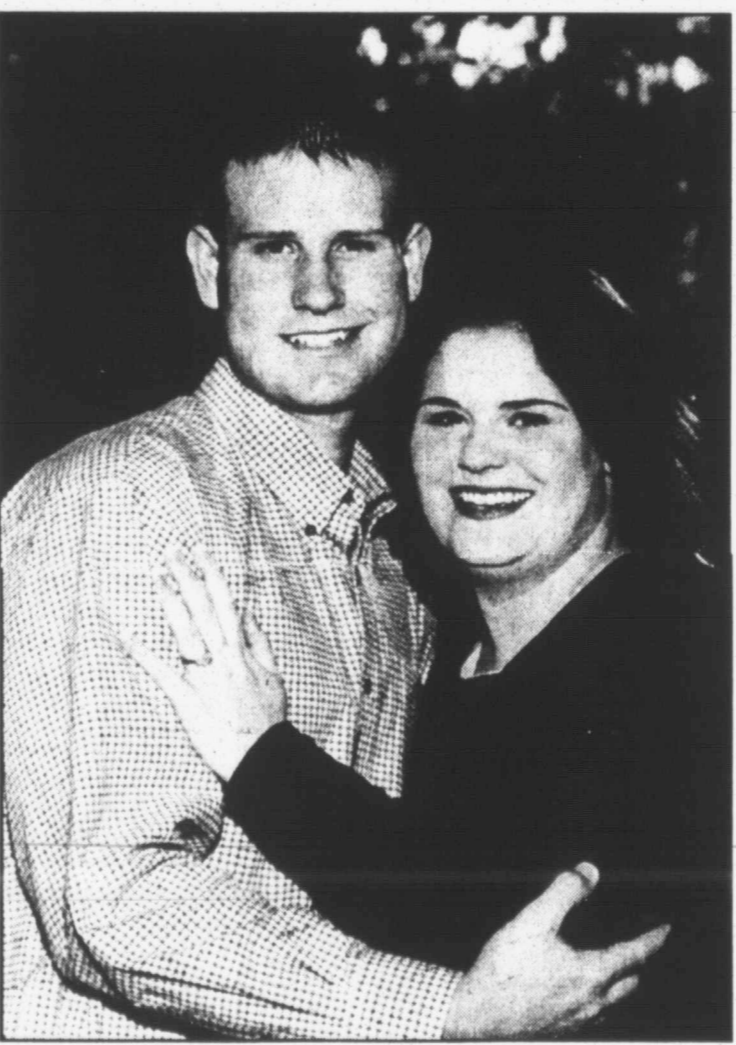
ENGAGEMENTS

Orr-Knipp

Kimberlee Michelle Orr and Jared Ron Knipp, both of Amarillo, plan to wed Jan. 11, 2003, at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mike and Terri Orr of Amarillo. She graduated from Amarillo's Randall High School in 1999 and is currently enrolled at Amarillo College where she is pursuing a degree in elementary education. She is a teacher at Polk Street United Methodist Church.

The prospective groom is the son of Ron and Debbie Knipp of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1998 and holds a bachelor of science degree in computer science from West Texas A&M University. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in software engineering at Texas Tech University and is employed at Corporate Systems.



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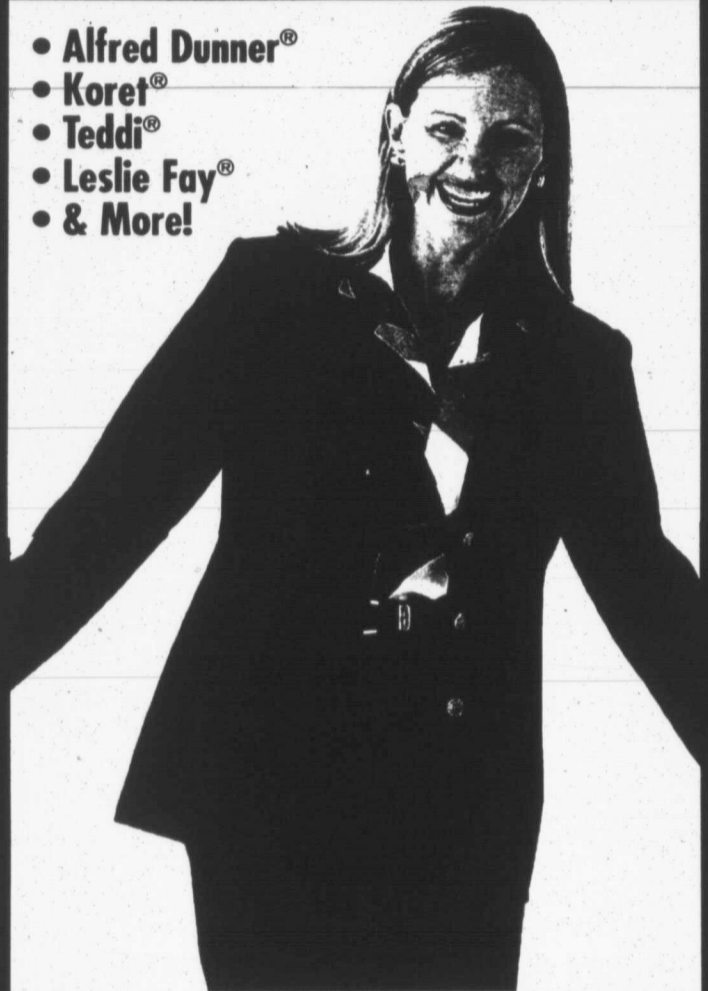
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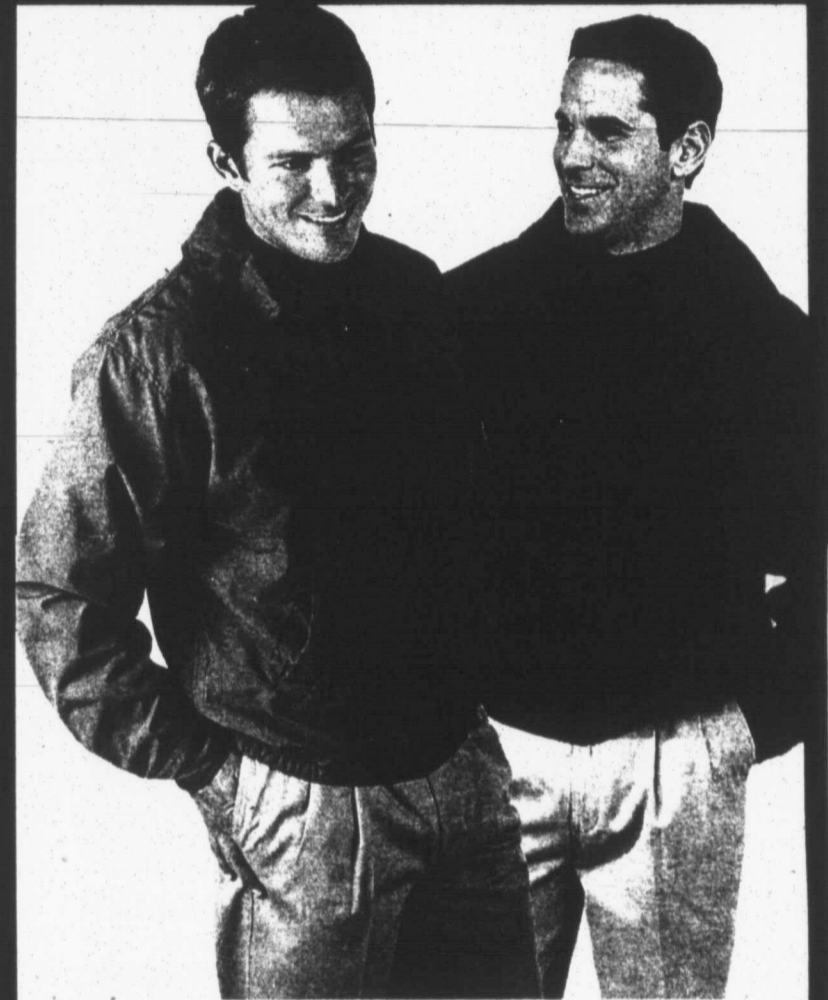
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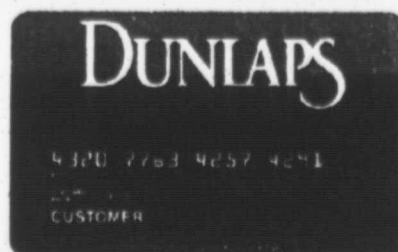


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Dunigan-Wilson

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The matron of honor was Jane Jamieson of Houston. The bridesmaids were Cherie Waring of St. Petersburg, Fla., Susanna Holt of Austin, Kimberly Wesclitz of Grayslake, Ill., and Jennifer Farmer of Albuquerque, N.M.

The best man was Trent Schiek of Tyler. The groomsmen were Tom McCay of Fort Worth, Terry Saenz and Chad Knipe, both of Houston, and Jeffery Clark of Ponca City, Okla.

The ushers were Edward Dunigan and Patrick Dunigan, both of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service at St. Regis Hotel with Mary Alice Warner of Pampa and Rebekah Warner of College Station serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Dunigan of Pampa. She holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University and a master's degree from the University of Miami. She is currently employed by St. Joseph Sports Medicine.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Wilson of Dallas and Ms. Linda Wilson of Houston. He earned a degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and is employed in the field of cotton restoration.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii.



Kathleen Michele Dunigan

CRADLE CALL



Nathan L. Mears

Nathan Mears

Nathan Lee Mears was born at 5:05 a.m., Oct. 10, 2002, at Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger to Megan Worley and Ryan Mears of Pampa.

Nathan weighed 6-pounds, 10-ounces at birth and was 19-inches long.

He is the grandson of Larry and Belinda Caviness and Ronald and Juanita Mears, all of Pampa.

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CattleWomen

Top O' Texas CattleWomen met Nov. 11 at Red River Steakhouse in McLean. Among those present were guests Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hess. Mrs. Hess was the first president of Top O' Texas CowBelles, renamed Top O' Texas CattleWomen in 1986.

Others present included: The Rev. and Mrs. Bill Siles, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Adcock, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marett, Mrs. Ed Brainard, Sena, Army, and Edy Brainard, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Buckingham, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Buckingham, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sims, Mrs. Tom Christner, Mrs. Tommie Hennard, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Clements, Shelby and Elysa Clements, Mr. and Mrs. O.D. Coulter Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Mitchell, and Ms. Andra Taylor.

The chapter will next meet at 10:30 a.m., Dec. 2 at The Cattle Exchange in Canadian.

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met Nov. 26 at Pampa

Country Club with President Anne Stobbe presiding. Billie Sue Evans and Brenda Hampton served as greeters. Janet Bilyeu attended as a guest.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The Accent was delivered by Maxine Watson who read a poem entitled "Recipe for a Good Life."

—Celebration of Lights volunteers will work at the donation booth on Dec. 10.

—The next ASTRA meeting will be Dec. 5 at Pampa High School.

—A Career Clinic will be held from 9 a.m.-11:30 p.m., Dec. 4 at PHS. Consultants and other participants will be guests of the Rotary Club for lunch at Pampa Country Club.

—The Altrusa Christmas reception will be from 2-4 p.m., Dec. 8 at the home of Cleo Worley, 1901 N. Russell.

—Salvation Army Gift Wrapping project is set from 5-8 p.m., Dec. 16-17, at The Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler. Members were asked to donate boxes, paper, and ribbon.

—Judy Warner introduced her husband, John Warner, who presented an informative, historical memoir entitled "And He was a Lawyer."

The next meeting will be at 12 noon, Dec. 10 at Pampa Country Club.

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COIN

"We would really love the club to grow," Holmes said, inviting people to come to the monthly meetings. "We have a little competition going. Every month, people bring their finds and place them in one of eight different categories including coin, token, jewelry, toys and other."

Scott said a gold mine to detect around would be the land north of Bonham where the old race track, pavilion, lake, fairgrounds, opera house and ballpark were before the turn of the last century.

Guessing when the Spanish coin was lost on the ground, Scott said, "I go more toward Spanish troops that were through here. They were all over Texas and

claimed ownership of Texas.

"There was no town here then, he said. There wasn't any kind of settlement here until the summer of 1837."

Holmes said anybody can come to the meetings, even if they don't have a detector.

"See what the club has found during that month. It's a good place to get different information and decide whether to pursue the hobby any further," he said.

He added that if anybody ever loses something, they can feel free to contact the club. The members will look around for the object for no charge, as a community service.

"You just get started looking, and you can't stop," he said.

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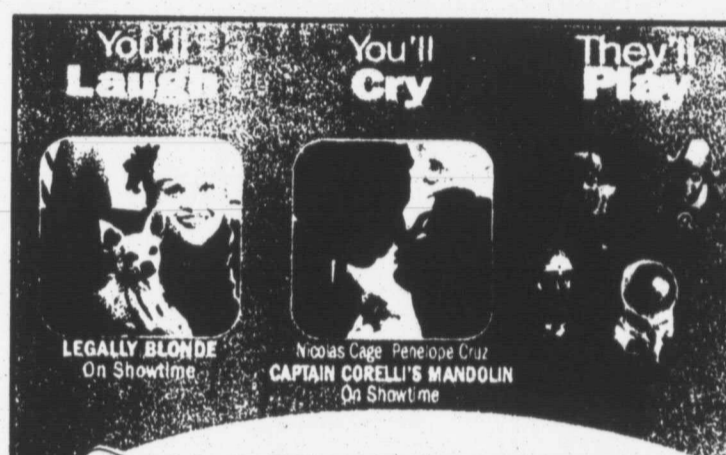
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ENTERTAINMENT

Lone Star Living: The truth about Miles Davis' life

By **JOE GROSS**
AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

AUSTIN — Talk about the slipperiness of evil: On the first page of the engaging, wildly informative "So What," Yale professor and jazz scholar John F. Szwed admits he ran into the same roadblock encountered by anyone who tries to write about Miles Davis: Many of the stories he heard about Miles never happened.

"All of which is to say that his life is now, as it was when he was alive, in the realm of legend . . . resistant to quick interpretations," Szwed writes.

So the author instead opts for "a meditation on (Davis') life, one that looks at the variety of meanings that were projected on him," from handsome jazz innovator and ambassador of cool to degenerate drug addict and musical fraud.

It was a smart move, and it's yielded the best one-stop take yet on Davis' life and art. It helps that there's a great deal to unpack.

Davis was one of the century's great musical thinkers, a canon-altering talent who rewrote rules regarding melody, harmony and composition in jazz, rock and contemporary classical. He made fun-

damental contributions to bebop, cool jazz, hard bop and fusion, bringing elegant modalities to modern jazz and abstract improvisation to funk, and Szwed plays these changes with confidence and style.

It helps that he was able to interview previously underutilized sources such as Davis' brother Vernon, bringing a new level of detail to Davis' early life.

Davis grew up in an upper middle-class home in East St. Louis, the son of a prominent dentist. It was a volatile, albeit well-dressed place: Davis' parents fought often, and he likely owed his temper to his mother and his womanizing to his father.

Due to their wealth, Davis and his siblings were given the best of everything possible to an African American family in 1920s East St. Louis, and Davis developed a taste for fine clothes, the ladies and the trumpet, which Szwed reports he took up mostly because he thought it looked cool.

After a brief stint at Juilliard, Davis made his first significant

recordings with Charlie Parker. Szwed sees parallels in Davis' myriad difficulties with both his mentor Parker and his protege John Coltrane — both were revolutionary saxophonists who craved the spotlight and dope in equal measure, their limitless talent often earthbound by addiction and what Davis saw as a lack of discipline. (Szwed: "When Coltrane explained his long solos by saying that he couldn't find a way to stop, Miles suggested that 'you might try taking the horn out of your mouth.'")

But his time with Parker gave Davis some credibility that his quartet with Coltrane cemented, and besides, Miles was no picnic himself. His mercurial dealings with pretty much everyone make his solid relationships that much more intriguing.

White, working-class arranger Gil Evans — who midwifed so much of Davis' more orchestral work — was probably the black, upper-class musician's closest friend. Teo Macero, who edited Davis' '70s jazz-funk jams into

workable forms, gave life to his visions.

He relied on a series of wives, especially the actress Cicely Tyson, to keep him alive and couldn't seem to help himself from abusing them. He alienated musicians, club owners, bands and ultimately legions of jazz fans — such as Wynton Marsalis, who felt "Davis had abdicated his role as elder master" — with his movement into fusion.

But Davis was also a born innovator, one of those singular talents able to get the best from his musicians. As Szwed quotes Herbie Hancock: "He didn't want to stifle your creativity . . . he wanted to stimulate you to think."

Szwed sees Davis in the Method tradition — think Marlon Brando and Montgomery Clift — embodying the role of esoteric, "restless" talent in the jazz world, conveying a "new form of American naturalism," as he literally turned his back on his audience and toward art and exploration, all the while building a public image as one of the coolest human beings alive, walking between the raindrops of black and white, rich and street, junkie and businessman.

While "So What" does not include an album-by-album critical discography, which is a shame, Szwed outlines key albums — "Birth of the Cool," "Kind of Blue," "Bitches Brew" and more — with the critical eye of a scholar who knows Davis' catalog inside and out.

He pays particular attention to "Kind of Blue," a "flowing, weightless" album on which "every note seems perfect." Which is a marked contrast to his rock and funk crossovers of the early 1970s.

Inspired by the way in which Sly and the Family Stone "radiated the celebratory and forbidden poles of life," Davis sought to fuse funk's drive and jazz's most abstruse freedom with the radical editing techniques of musique-concrete.

Like many visual artists, it's clear that the true audience for his '70s fusion experiments was not yet born when he created them; many of the musical ideas therein are now accepted tenets of dub reggae, electronic music and improvisational rock.

Like Bob Dylan's 1966 motorcycle accident, Davis' hip surgery in '75 derailed a run of startling, if often misunderstood, creativity. He misread to his New York apartment for five years of almost nonstop drug use, returning in the '80s, when he was reborn as living icon, occasional product pitchman and maker of slightly-less-than-thrilling albums.

The man had a singular ride, and it ended when Davis, who seemed to have been living on borrowed time since about 1975, died on Sept. 28, 1991, of pneumonia, respiratory failure and a stroke.

"So What" does not do for Davis what Szwed did for avant-jazz big band leader Sun Ra in his biography "Space is the Place," if only because Ra's contribution had never before been codified, and Davis is one of the most picked-over personalities in contemporary art.

But Szwed delivers on the idea that while no artist is ever truly ahead of his time, it's remarkable how utterly contemporary much of Davis' work sounds, how much of a revolutionary presence he remains.

"Kind of Blue" remains the most popular jazz album of all time, still moving thousands of copies a year. (Indeed, Columbia/Sony's recent reissue program of his entire catalog has proven popular.)

"So What" goes a long way to making the Miles enigma accessible and compelling. Even if only his music spoke the truth, as much now as in the 1950s, at height of his public popularity, "he was the man."

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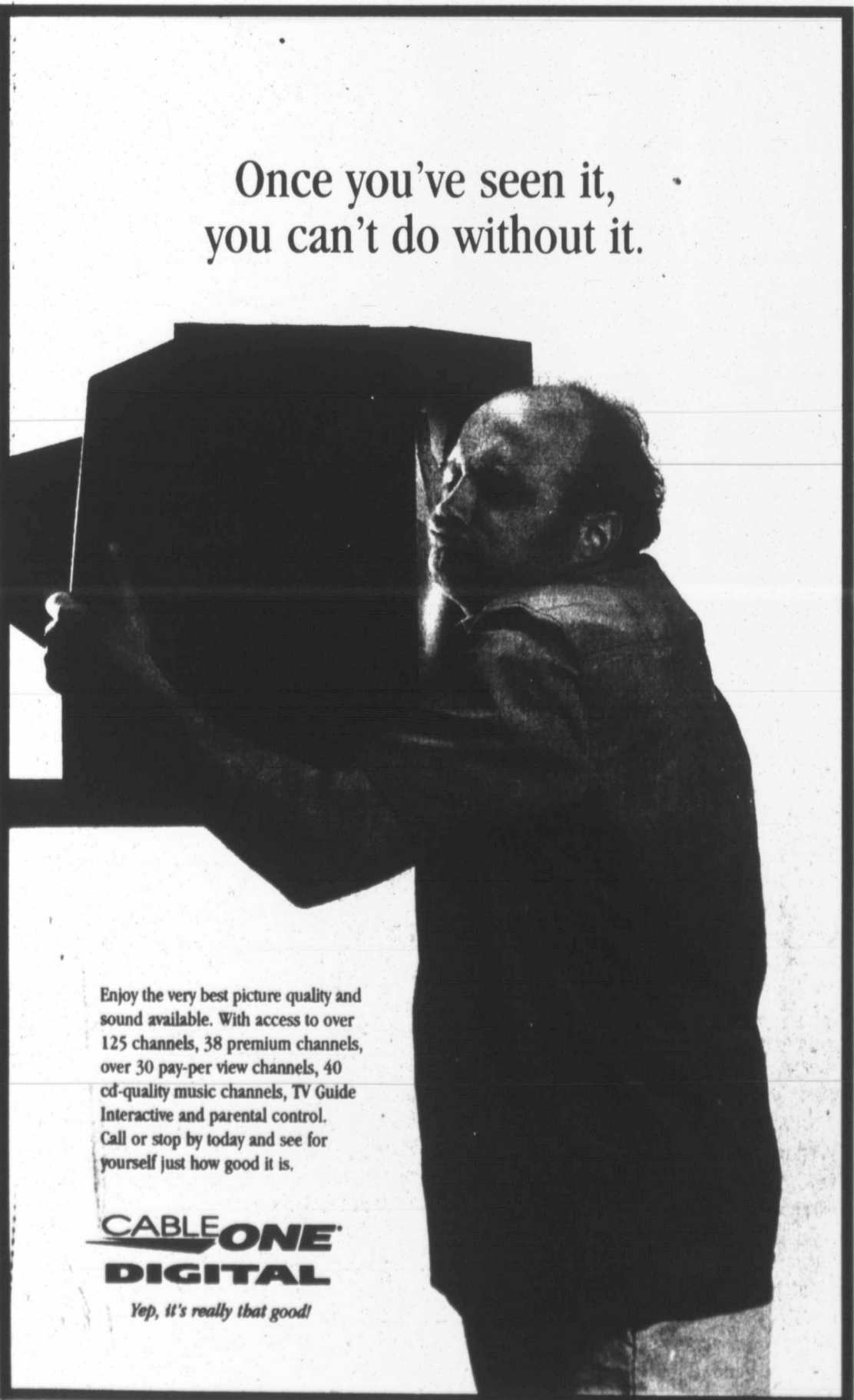
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HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLES AND TRACKS

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

1. "Work It," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind.
2. "Love Of My Life (An Ode To Hip-Hop)," Erykah Badu (feat. Common). Fox.
3. "Luv U Better," LL Cool J. Def Jam.
4. "Dontchange," Musiq. Def Soul.
5. "Lose Yourself," Eminem. Shady/Interscope.
6. "'03 Bonnie & Clyde," Jay-Z (feat. Beyonce Knowles). Roc-A-Fella.
7. "Gimme The Light," Sean Paul. Black Shadow.
8. "Air Force Ones," Nelly feat. Kyjuan, Ali & Murphy Lee. Fo' Reel.
9. "When The Last Time," Clipse. Star Trak.
10. "I Care 4 U," Aaliyah. Blackground.

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TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUMS

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1. "The Blueprint 2: The Gift And The Curse," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
2. "The Last Temptation," Ja Rule. Murder Inc.
3. Soundtrack: "8 Mile." Shady.
4. "Under Construction," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind.
5. "More Than A Woman," Toni Braxton. Arista.
6. "Quality," Talib Kweli. MCA.
7. "3d," TLC. Arista.
8. "Still Ghetto," Jaheim. Divine Mill/Warner Bros.
9. "Kings Of Crunk," Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz. BME.
10. "The Eminem Show," Eminem. Web. (Platinum)

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6. "Air Force Ones," Nelly feat. Kyjuan, Ali & Murphy Lee. Fo' Reel.
7. "When The Last Time," Clipse. Star Trak.
8. "Dilemma," Nelly (feat. Kelly Rowland). Fo' Reel.
9. "React," Erick Sermon feat. Redman. J.
10. "Hey Ma," Cam'ron (feat. Juelz Santana, Freekey Zekey & Toya). Roc-A-Fella.

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HOT DANCE MUSIC—CLUB PLAY

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1. "Die Another Day (Remixes)," Madonna. Warner Bros.
2. "Mr. Lonely (Dance Mixes)," Deborah Cox. J.
3. "Troy (The Phoenix From The Flame)," Sinead O'Connor. Radikal.
4. "The Sound Of Violence," Cassius With Steve Edwards. Astralwerks.
5. "Poor Leno," Royksopp. Wall Of Sound.
6. "Sorrow (Orange Factory & E-Smoove Mixes)," Dolce. Tommy Boy Silver.
7. "Irresistible!" Superchumbo. Twisted.
8. "Dark Beat," Oscar G & Ralph Falcon. Twisted.
9. "Body (Reach Out) (Wildlife & Hard Attack Mixes)," Faith Trent. Tommy Boy Silver.
10. "Wake Up With You (The I Wanna Song) (Remixes)," Julia Fordham. Vanguard.

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HOT LATIN TRACKS

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1. "El Problema," Ricardo Arjona. Sony Discos.
2. "Asereje," Las Ketchup. Sony Discos.
3. "Cuando Me Miras Asi," Cristian Ariola.
4. "Es Por Ti," Juanes. Surco/Universal Latino.
5. "El Dolor De Tu Presencia," Jennifer Pena. Univision.
6. "Perdoname Mi Amor," Conjunto Primavera. Fonovisa.
7. "Todo Mi Amor (The One You Love)," Paulina Rubio. Universal Latino.
8. "Suena," Intocable. EMI Latin.
9. "Entra En Mi Vida," Sin Bandera. Sony Discos.
10. "Si Tuviera Que Elegir," Ricardo Montaner. Warner Latina.

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3. "Jenny From The Block," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Jadakiss & Styles). Epic.
4. "Underneath It All," No Doubt (feat. Lady Saw). Interscope.
5. "The Game Of Love," Santana (feat. Michelle Branch). Arista.
6. "Luv U Better," LL Cool J. Def Jam.
7. "Gimme The Light," Sean Paul. Black Shadow.
8. "'03 Bonnie & Clyde," Jay-Z (feat. Beyonce Knowles). Roc-A-Fella.
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THE BILLBOARD 200 TOP ALBUMS: TOP 20

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1. "Up!," Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville).
2. "Now 11," Various Artists. Universal.
3. Soundtrack: "8 Mile." Shady.
4. "The Last Temptation," Ja Rule. Murder Inc.
5. "The Blueprint 2: The Gift And The Curse," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
6. "More Than You Think You Are," matchbox twenty. Melisma.
7. "Audioslave," Audioslave. Interscope.
8. "Under Construction," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind.
9. "Let Go," Avril Lavigne. Arista. (Platinum)
10. "Justified," Justin Timberlake. Jive/Zomba.

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MODERN ROCK TRACKS

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1. "All My Life," Foo Fighters. Roswell.
2. "You Know You're Right," Nirvana. DGC.
3. "She Hates Me," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.

4. "Bother," Stone Sour (feat. Corey Taylor). Roadrunner.
5. "Prayer," Disturbed. Reprise
6. "Always," Saliva. Island.
7. "The Red," Chevelle. Epic.
8. "No One Knows," Queens Of The Stone Age. Interscope.
9. "Fine Again," Seether. Wind-up.
10. "Cochise," Audioslave. Interscope.

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HOT COUNTRY SINGLES AND TRACKS

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1. "These Days," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
2. "Who's Your Daddy?," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
3. "She'll Leave You With A Smile," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
4. "Somebody Like You," Keith Urban. Capitol.
5. "Landslide," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
6. "Red Rag Top," Tim McGraw. Curb.
7. "I'm Gonna Getcha Good!," Shania Twain. Mercury.
8. "My Town," Montgomery Gentry. Columbia.
9. "19 Somethin'," Mark Wills. Mercury.
10. "A Lot Of Things Different," Kenny Chesney. BNA.

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TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS

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1. "Up!," Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville).
2. "Cry," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
3. "Home," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
4. "Unleashed," Toby Keith. DreamWorks (Nashville). (Platinum)
5. "Elvis: 30 (No.) 1 Hits," Elvis Presley. RCA. (Platinum)
6. "Let It Be Christmas," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
7. "Melt," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
8. "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
9. "Totally Country Vol. 2," Various Artists. Epic.
10. "Drive," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)

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Exalted salt: Snobbery knows no bounds

By **BRYAN S. WELBORN**
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BEAUMONT, Texas — Snobbery knows no bounds.

The pursuit of the perfect, whether a hand-rolled cigar, vintage bottle of wine or aged-to-perfection cheese, has reached new heights — or lows, depending on your political and social persuasion.

Who would have thought that something so abundant and elemental as salt could command a selling price of up to \$40 a pound?

Designer salts have become the darlings of food snobs, who swear there is a difference in flavor between common table salt, or even basic sea salt, and the best of the best.

Whether that difference is subtle or pronounced is in the taste buds of the partaker.

Nevertheless, gourmet shops like The Kitchen Shop at the Green Beany are carrying products from Brittany, home of some of the most expensive salts.

Caroly Wood, owner of The Kitchen Shop, said sea salt is the

only kind she carries. Her salts, even the Fleur de Sel from Brittany, are more affordable than the \$40-a-pound varieties touted by some chefs. Fleur de Sel de Camargue, for example, sells for \$5.99 for 4.4 ounces. Sea Star sea salt from Brittany, a natural slightly gray salt, sells at \$10.99 for three-quarters of a pound.

Fleur de Sel (flower of the sea) comes from Brittany. The salt fields are long and narrow, and paladiers (salt harvesters) sweep the top of evaporating sea water to harvest the salt crust.

Marvin Dunnam of Kitchen Concepts says his customers have begun asking about sea salt as well.

"They say they don't have to use as much of sea salt and they like the gourmet touch of using a grinder," he said.

Dunnam's customers haven't asked for the really pricey stuff yet, he said, but that could change.

When he went into business seven and a half years ago, no one had even heard of sea salt. "We sold pepper mills 15 to 1 to salt

grinders. Now, that's down to 3 to 1."

Salt stuff: Without salt, our hearts cannot beat, we cannot digest food or send nutrients through the body.

Salt has been used for hundreds of generations to preserve food, suppress growth of bacteria and keep food edible. Salt bars once were used as currency in Ethiopia; cakes of salt were used as money in Tibet and Borneo. In ancient Greece, slaves were traded for salt, giving us the expression "not worth his salt."

Table salt: Fine-grained, taken from salt mines. Minerals are removed during processing and anti-caking agents are added.

Kosher salt: Free of additives and usually comes in flakes that dissolve easily. Less pungent than table salt. Often used on top of pretzels and on the rims of margarita glasses.

Sea salt: Taken directly from the sea, by boiling the water or channeling seawater into large clay trays and allowing the sun and wind to evaporate it. Less refined than other salts; still contains traces of other minerals,

including iron, magnesium, calcium, potassium, manganese, zinc and iodine. Can have a grayish tint from minerals and earth.

Fleur de sel: French for "flower of the salt." This is the salt that rises to the top of the water when the weather is just right, and forms delicate, off-white flakes that take on a floral flavor and a pink tinge as they dry.

Bamboo salt (jukyom): Made by roasting sea salt in bamboo cylinders plugged with yellow mud. The salt absorbs minerals from the bamboo and mud, which in turn leach the salt of impurities. Found in Korean markets.

Black salt (kala namak): Found in Indian markets. More tan than black, with strong, sulfuric flavor.

Hawaiian salt (alaea salt): Unrefined sea salt with pinkish-brown color from Hawaiian clay, which is rich in iron oxide. The clay also imparts a subtle flavor to the salt. Expensive and hard to find on the mainland.

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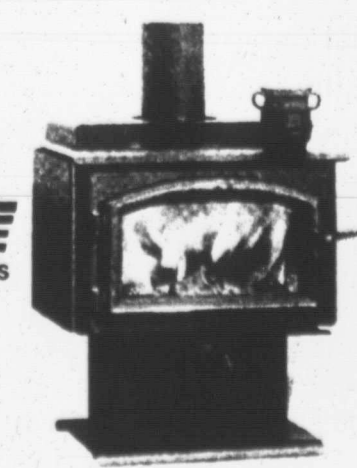
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jenna Phillips

Today Be Full of Thanks For How You Are Blessed

DEAR ABBY: I am a 21-year-old college student. This year I'm living with three sorority sisters in a house off campus. We get along fine except for one thing.

The mother of one of our roommates comes to stay with her daughter and the rest of us every single weekend — from Friday night to Sunday night. She is always underfoot. She is always in the bathroom when we need to use it. She uses the last of the toilet paper and never replaces it. In fact, she uses all the household supplies we buy as a group. We are struggling students and cannot afford to pay for a fifth roommate.

To add insult to injury, last weekend not only did this woman come to stay, but Grandma came with her! Never once has our roommate asked if these visits were convenient for the rest of us, nor have Mom's sleepovers been brought to our attention beforehand.

When we finally addressed the problem with our roommate, she promised her mother would start getting hotel rooms when she came to town. Unfortunately, that hasn't happened yet. We don't expect her to always stay in a hotel because of the expense, but none of us signed up to live with a housemother. Please help us!

IRKED COEDS IN WACO, TEXAS

DEAR IRKED COEDS: I feel sorry for your roommate. Either the mother is unable to let her daughter grow up and separate

from her, or she may be seeking to escape an abusive environment. However, the current arrangement is unfair to you and your other roommates. So stick to your guns and insist that the mother keep her promise to make arrangements for other accommodations.

DEAR ABBY: My son is going through separation and divorce. It is not a friendly one. He is now serving in the military

overseas. His wife and two children are here in the United States and live close to my husband and me. She allows us to see our grandkids whenever we want. However, since the divorce, she's fallen on hard times — economically and emotionally — and it kills us to know she is suffering the consequences of her decision to break up the marriage.

The issue, Abby, is loyalty to our son. He is very upset by what she did, bringing the children back to the states and destroying his military career. He is bitter and adamant that our relationship with his ex-wife come to a halt. He says when he returns home, she is not welcome in our house. The children won't be an issue, as they have joint custody.

I love both my son and daughter-in-law. I feel terrible that our relationship with her must end. What would you do in our shoes?

HURTING IN HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

DEAR HURTING: I'd remind my son that his almost ex-wife is still the mother of your grandchildren, and that whom you invite into your home is your decision, not his. This is not his choice to make. For the sake of the children, do not burn any bridges.

CHUCKLE FOR THE DAY: The apes in the zoo have a dilemma: They can't figure out if they are their brother's keeper — or their keeper's brother!

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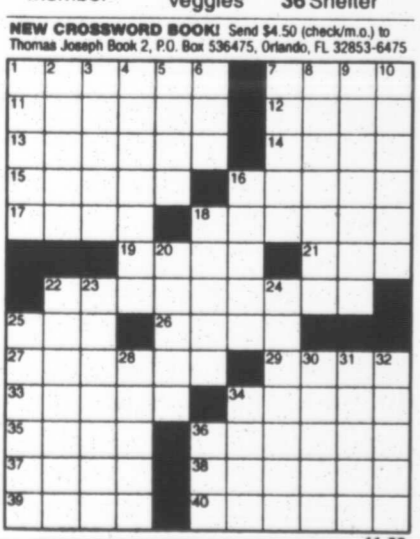
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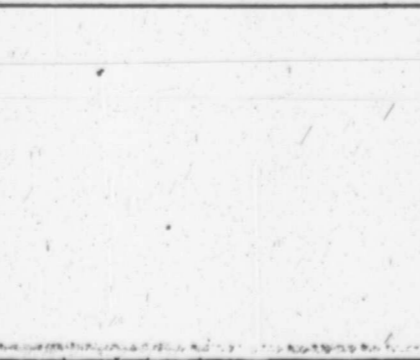
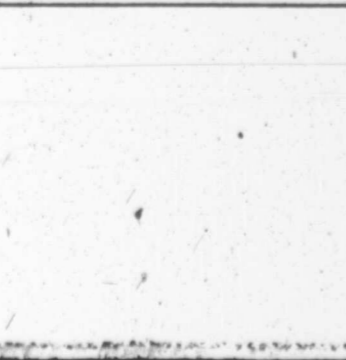
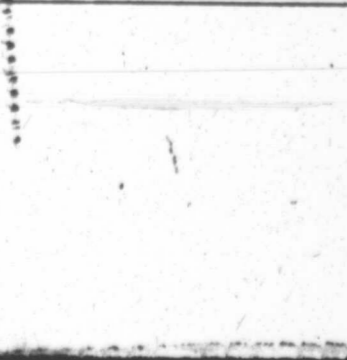
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Report: Bigger hospitals tend to fare better

By SHERRY JACOBSON
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

DALLAS — Health care consumers are getting their first look at hospital performance, and many could be frightened by what they see.

Findings from Texas' first report card on hospital quality support numerous scientific studies that show better care is found at larger, urban hospitals that perform certain procedures with more frequency.

Some of the highest mortality rates were found at smaller, community hospitals, the report revealed.

The state-mandated Indicators of Inpatient Care report, released last month by the Texas Health Care Information Council, used patient billing records to compare how well 351 hospitals handled 25 medical conditions or surgical procedures, including treatments for heart attacks, strokes and abdominal aneurysms.

Never before had such detail been available on hospital outcomes.

The report was intended to give consumers a basis for selecting the best hospitals for their procedures, and consumer groups hope that it will have a profound effect on how hospitals are run.

"The whole purpose is to put pressure on them to improve quality," said Lisa McGiffert, a senior policy analyst for Consumers Union in Austin.

Many hospital officials who are unhappy with their results complain that the methodology for the hospital ratings is flawed, and the state's strongest advocate for hospitals, the Texas Hospital Association, cautioned that the data based on 2000 billing records doesn't yet constitute a trend.

At least one independent expert on

health care in Texas called the report card "a very rudimentary measure but a step in the right direction."

"Hospitals are going to oppose this kind of effort, arguing that it's not risk-adjusted and that consumers don't understand it," said Dr. Phil Decker, director of the health care administration program in the School of Business at the University of Houston at Clear Lake. "But it's never going to be done perfectly. There's always going to be flaws, which is why you do it often. If you find the same result over and over, you have to figure it's probably true."

Jim Loyd, executive director of the Health Care Information Council, said the report was drafted carefully with the full participation of the hospital industry. The mortality figures were "above dispute," he said, because they were certified by each hospital during a lengthy review process this summer.

He said the council relied on computer software developed for the federal government by 3M Corp. to determine the severity of illness for each patient and then assigned mortality risks based on which patients died in a hospital's care. Hospitals may use other standards to judge their quality, he said.

Report's role

How such a report card will affect a hospital's ability to attract future patients is not yet clear. But employers may press the issue.

The primary purchasers of health insurance in the United States have been clamoring for more data in recent years to help them make better purchase decisions and keep health care costs from spiraling further out of control.

Employers interested in choosing

the highest quality plans for their workers have embraced a similar report card for managed care plans, said a spokesman for a Washington, D.C., independent, nonprofit organization that has issued the managed care report cards annually since 1997.

"It took about three years for employers to begin using our report cards," said Brian Schilling of the National Committee for Quality Assurance, which offers voluntary accreditation for HMOs, PPOs and other managed care plans.

"The annual performance scores went up rapidly on some of the plans that did poorly in the beginning. Nobody liked having a bad score. Now the plans use our reports as a marketing tool."

The Texas hospital report cards have put some hospital administrators in the hot seat.

East Texas Medical Center in Athens, for one, had the state's highest mortality risk for heart attack patients, 36.8 percent, according to the report.

Stunned

Officials at the 117-bed hospital admitted they were stunned by the report, and they had to scramble to explain why their mortality risks in two areas exceeded those of much larger hospitals. Athens' mortality risk for acute strokes was 16.5 percent. Officials there said they had been building up the hospital's cardiology program in recent years and are looking to hire a third cardiologist.

But if the council's assessment is correct, it could mean that an average group of heart attack patients would have a five times greater risk of dying while undergoing treatment in Athens than if they were admitted to Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, for

example. Dallas County's 997-bed public hospital was rated as having a 7.2 percent mortality risk in the same report. The statewide average was 10.8 percent.

"It is impossible that Athens is the worst place to go for a heart attack in the state of Texas," said Mike Thomas, vice president of strategic planning for the East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System, which operates the Athens hospital and 12 others.

He said the hospital's mortality risk for heart attacks doesn't seem to take into account the fact that East Texas Medical Center transfers its more treatable cardiac patients to other hospitals.

Two years ago, 23 inpatients died out of the 50 who underwent treatment for heart attacks at the Athens hospital. Most of the deaths were among elderly patients who were too sick or too unstable to be transferred for aggressive cardiac treatment at a larger hospital, Thomas said. "If we had retained more of the patients we sent to other hospitals, our statistics probably would have been well within the state norm."

Officials at Presbyterian Hospital of Kaufman — a 91-bed facility that, like the Athens hospital, had a high mortality risk for heart attack patients — also took exception with the numbers.

"We don't think the numbers show the true picture of how we treat our patients out here," said Kirk King, president of the Kaufman hospital, whose mortality risk for the condition was 25.2 percent. The report noted that there were nine deaths among the hospital's 30 heart attack inpatients in 2000.

In addition, the hospital was among the highest in the state in the mortality risk for acute stroke patients — 20.3 percent, compared with a 10.9 percent state average.

"The whole horror of all this is that it's left up to the judgments and perceptions of consumers, who may not understand what they're looking at," King said.

Indeed, consumers shouldn't conclude from the data that small means bad when it comes to hospital care.

RHD Memorial Medical Center in Dallas had mortality risks that were higher than average for inpatient heart attack care, while Lake Pointe Medical Center in Rowlett had the lowest mortality risk for heart attacks among the 26 Dallas-region hospitals rated on the condition.

"They obviously gave us a big black eye, and nobody is happy about that," said Carrie Nelson, vice president of business development for RHD, a 150-bed hospital owned by Tenet Health System.

Nelson said hospital officials felt that their patients were sicker than the report recognized. In three areas — heart attack, gastrointestinal repair and coronary artery bypass — RHD scored "significantly higher" mortality risks, according to the report.

Meanwhile, Lake Pointe Medical Center credited its good outcome on heart attack care to hard work. The 97-bed Rowlett hospital had a 4.7 percent mortality risk.

"This did not happen by accident," said Dr. James S. Sharp, one of three cardiologists on the Lake Pointe staff. "A cardiologist has been here night and day, serving our heart attack patients. This shows all the hard work we've put in."

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Gray

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER Respondent(s)

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court, 223rd Judicial District, Gray County, Texas at the Courthouse thereof, in Pampa, Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation then and there to answer the Petition of RETHA SUE DORSEY AND WILLIAM H. DORSEY filed in said Court on the 17th day of April, 2002, against UNKNOWN FATHER, Respondent(s) and said being numbered 32566 on the docket of said Court, and entitled:

IN THE INTEREST OF DEANNA MICHELLE NUNN, A MINOR CHILD

the nature of which suit is a request FOR TERMINATION AND ADOPTION

Said child DEANNA MICHELLE NUNN was born on the 23rd day of August, 1992, in PAMPA, GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS

The Court has authority in this suit to enter and judgment or decree in the child's interest including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption, which will be binding on you.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Pampa, Texas, this 8th day of August 2002.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Gray TO: TERRANCE A. GAINES, Respondent(s) GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court, 31st Judicial District, Gray County, Texas, at the Court-house thereof, in Pampa, Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation then and there to answer the Petition of KELSEE L. MCCANN, filed in said Court on the 20th day of November, 2002, against TERRANCE A. GAINES, Respondent(s) and said suit being numbered 31938 on the docket of said Court, and entitled:

IN THE INTEREST OF

AMBRYS RAE GAINES, A MINOR CHILD the nature of which suit is a request to TERMINATE THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP Said child AMBRYS RAE GAINES was born on the 10th day of April, 2000, in PAMPA, GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption, which will be binding on you.

ISSUED AND GIVEN

under my hand and seal of said Court at Pampa, Texas, this 20th day of November, 2002.

GAYE HONDERICH,

Clerk 31st District Court Gray County, Texas P.O. Box 1139 Pampa, TX 79066-1139

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 2, 2002:

Many options appear when you least expect them. Opportunities come in a manner that could be surprising. You find that if you kick back and work with the unexpected and new, you will gain. What you can count on is the changeability of situations. Learn to read between the lines with others. You'll find unusual solutions when you learn to bottom-line issues. In September 2003, you start an unusual career-building cycle. Take classes and bone up on your specialty prior to that date. If you are single, you could meet someone quite unique this year, which will encourage you to learn new forms and different styles of relating. If you're attached, understand a loved one more by not automatically reacting. Lie back and specialize in listening. SCORPIO can be your best friend or your worst enemy.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Extremes punctuate your interactions at work. Communication riles you as well as others. No one quite knows what to do with new information and possibilities. Give yourself a day or so to work with the present issues. Tonight: Find a nice spot to chill out. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Others let you know exactly what they want. The problem you will encounter will be a lack of consistency. You recognize how very changeable those around you are. Leave space for change, though maybe not immediately. Tonight: Just ask. Others will say "yes." GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Read the Aries message for a

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002:

You have the ability to make a strong impression on those around you. This year, your words might carry more weight than you're aware of. You could easily hurt people with a more developed sarcastic wit, and you could touch people more easily when sharing your feelings. This Week: Your creativity and imagination could get you in trouble. Remember, understand. You have the ability to home in on others, but don't assume others have the same gift. You gain because you can detach and get past problems. Specialize in finding solutions. Your star rises on the horizon this year, especially after August. If you are single, a relationship will bloom in your life. You could easily decide that this person is perfect for you. If attached, share more of your inner self with your partner. Keep close-cold.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Your humor mixed with sensitivity could easily save the day. You can trust that everyone has new and different opinions. What counts is what you think and feel, which could take a while to sort through. Dig into your creativity. Tonight: Play away. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You mean well, but convincing others of your positive thinking and attitude could be complicated, to say the least. Someone close could be creating an uproar. There is nothing you can do to get matters back under control. Tonight: Follow the path of calmness. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Others have plenty to say. Review a personal matter that could be close to the heart. Consider more of what is a priority in your world. Don't let others walk on you. Claim your power, if need be. Think through a decision. Tonight: Swap war tales with your pals. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Use caution with your finances. Sometimes you become quite distracted when you are too social or overly involved with people. Focus on what works. Refuse to let family or friends talk you into something that doesn't work for you. Tonight: Work on your holiday list. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Listen carefully to someone close who means a lot to you. Consider more carefully your options that involve a child or loved one. A family member's actions tell you a lot about where his or

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Read between the lines. Tonight: Do what you want. Step back. You might want to ease someone's concern about a work- or health-related matter. Know your limits, and you'll gain right now. By tomorrow, you'll find that the whole picture changes. Hold back on a major decision. Tonight: Say "yes." CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep aiming for what you want, but don't be surprised if events point you in a different direction. Carefully realize your limits with a child or loved one. Unexpected financial developments could reverse themselves in a few days. Tonight: Where the gang is. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your reaction bowls others over. Know when to establish limits and how to say that something is enough in a more sensitive manner. Not everyone can simply follow through on his or her directives. Tonight: A must appearance. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Read between the lines and come to a greater understanding of associates. Your nerves could be more fragile than you're aware of. You gain insights into associates who might encourage you to head in yet another direction. Tonight: Relax while watching a movie.

BORN TODAY

Singer Britney Spears (1981), French painter Georges Seurat (1859), Gen. Alexander Hag (1924)

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Your efforts come back in multiples. Your creativity emerges with this child and/or loved one. Whether you opt to play Santa's elf or a romantic fantasy depends on your company and stature in life. Let go. Play. Tonight: The good times happen. This Week: Your creativity and imagination could get you in trouble. Remember, understand. You have the ability to home in on others, but don't assume others have the same gift. You gain because you can detach and get past problems. Specialize in finding solutions. Your star rises on the horizon this year, especially after August. If you are single, a relationship will bloom in your life. You could easily decide that this person is perfect for you. If attached, share more of your inner self with your partner. Keep close-cold.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Know when to step back. Others seem to dominate. Although you have a lot you want to say and share, work with timing, which isn't now. Listen to someone share some of his or her long-term desires. Schedule a fun afternoon gathering with a friend. Tonight: Call it an early night. This Week: Sit back on Monday. By Wednesday, you could be the captain of a boat in a major storm. Changes are afoot. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Friends make suggestions. You carefully weigh the pros and cons of a personal situation. You don't have to make a decision just yet. Reach out for friends and family. You might opt for a spontaneous, not necessarily seasonal, party. Tonight: Plan on going till the wee hours. This Week: Use Monday and Thursday to crusade for your cause. Consider calling in sick Tuesday and Wednesday. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Whether at home or at work, others seem to have projects for you. You might not mind hanging the mistletoe, but you could be aggravated at someone who is pushing you to do something you might not want to do. Tonight: A must appearance. You have a good time anyway. This Week: Take charge, as various forces hit from left and right. Don't be upset if something falls apart on Wednesday. Give this issue time. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Take off for a day trip, or call those who live at a distance. Make it a point to catch up on others' news and their year. Some of you might decide to address cards and write lengthy notes. Use this holiday season to connect. Tonight: Relax with a movie. This Week: Look past the obvious, and you'll gain. Be ready to soar right in when chaos hits.

BORN TODAY

Comedian Richard Pryor (1940), singer and actress Betty Midler (1945), actress Julie Condra (1970)

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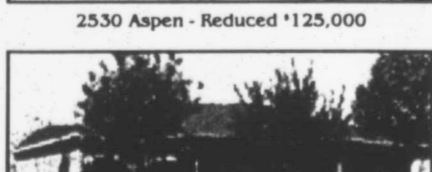
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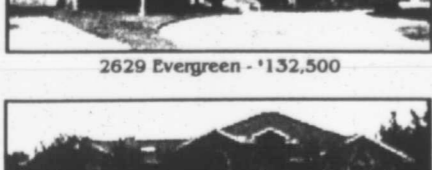
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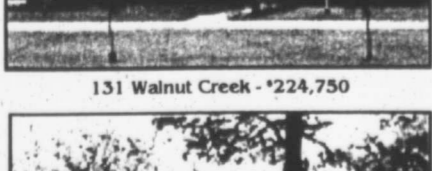
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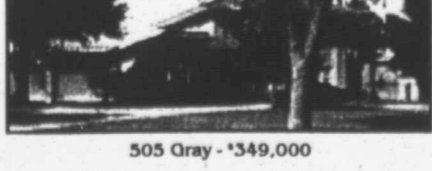
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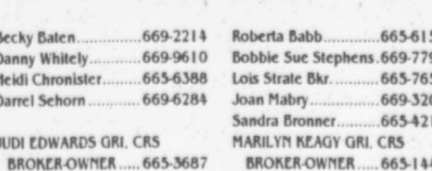
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Famed writer, reporter reflects on 'storied' career

By WILSON RING
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BENNINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Little in Bill Heinz's apartment hints that he is one of the few reporters alive who wrote about the greatest sports stars of the mid-20th century, or that he wrote one of the best sports novels of all time.

The only outward hint that he crossed the sands of Normandy in the summer of 1944 to write about the American-led assault on Europe is a 1932 Remington typewriter next to his desk. Its olive green case still bears the gray-maroon-gray striped pattern used to ensure it would be packed in the right place on a troop ship crossing the Atlantic.

There's nothing to show that he helped write "MASH," one of the funniest — yet poignant — anti-war books that emerged from the cauldron of wars the United States fought in the 20th century.

Yet in recent years the cream of the nation's sports journalists have been lining up at his door. They're looking for one more chance to capture the first person accounts of a man who came to represent a new breed of journalist, whose "you-are-there" style has been copied ever since.

In the last few years Heinz, 87 now and slowed by age, has been featured in Sports Illustrated, Esquire, Vanity Fair, on ESPN, in newspapers and in other magazines.

"He has this ability of description. He makes you feel a part of the story," said Sandy Padwe, an associate professor in the journalism school at Columbia University.

"I was a young kid coming up when he was at the peak of his career," said Padwe. "I remember reading him and saying, 'I'd like to be like him someday.'"

Today, Padwe encourages his students to write

like Heinz, who wrote under the byline W.C. Heinz.

"Often I'll say to a student, 'Go out and attack that story.' He did that in a quiet way," Padwe said.

The renewed interest in Heinz prompted the re-publication of some of his best work. Da Capo Press of Cambridge, Mass., has reissued "When We Were One, Stories of World War II," "The Professional," and "What a Time It Was, The Best of W.C. Heinz on Sports."

"I was of such an age, there aren't many around who can remember being around Babe Ruth or Red Grange," said Heinz. "The guys would come up and they would have a list of things to ask."

After the death of his wife, Betty, last winter, Heinz moved to an assisted living facility in Bennington in June. He tells his visitors the stories of writing about baseball, or boxing or horse racing in the aftermath of World War II.

He talks about starting work at the New York Sun in 1937, shortly after he graduated from Middlebury College, as a \$15 a week messenger and later copy boy. He got his big break writing a feature story about the women who rode the subway into Manhattan every night to clean the offices of New York's rich and powerful.

"I so much wanted to be a newspaper man," he said.

The story about the cleaning women moved him into a regular reporting job. When World War II broke out, Heinz got the nod over a colleague to be one of the paper's war correspondents.

He talks about how the colleague joined the Army and, worn out by combat in Italy, shot himself in the hand as a way to ensure his survival. "I might have done this, too," Heinz said in his signature understated style, conveying the emotional trauma felt by the young men who fought the war.

He didn't duck danger,

however. He talks about how the typewriter that now sits next to his desk would jump a half-inch off a table in the bowels of the battleship Nevada as the ship fired its 14-inch guns at German emplacements in France on D-Day.

He wrote about a day in 1944 spent with a team whose job it was to pick up the bodies of American soldiers killed during a bloody battle in Germany. He called it, simply, "In The Hurtgen Forest."

"The first one was right where the lieutenant had said he would be. He was lying face down at the right side of the road with his left arm extended ahead of him, and just below the left shoulder blade was a small round hole around which the blood had dried."

"The two G.I.s put the stretcher down at the side of the road and rolled this first one away from it, so that he was lying on his back. His eyes were open and there was a small round hole over the left pocket of his field jacket, and the blood had dried around that too. When they rolled him over an unopened K ration carton fell out of the front of his jacket but a hand grenade still clung to it."

The Sun didn't publish the story. His editors felt it would have been too much for Americans to read.

After the war Heinz was able to indulge his true passion to become a sports writer. Writing about athletes brought him closest to the heroes he yearned to emulate.

"If I could be around them, some of the glory might rub off," he said.

In a June 1948 column in the Sun, Heinz chronicled Babe Ruth's last appearance at Yankee Stadium during a reunion of the 1923 Yankees. He paints a tender picture of the ailing star almost two months to the day before Ruth died of throat cancer at age 53.

"The Babe started to undress. His friends helped him. They hung up his

clothes and helped him into the parts of his uniform. When he had them on he sat down again to put on his spiked shoes, and when he did this the photographers who had followed him moved in. They took pictures of him in uniform putting on his shoes, for this would be the last time," he wrote in "What a Time It Was..."

Yet Heinz was probably best known for writing about boxing. He knew and chronicled the lives of the greatest fighters of his day: Joe Louis, Archie Moore, Floyd Patterson and Sugar Ray Robinson.

Perhaps his greatest work is his 1958 novel, "The Professional," about a middleweight contender and his manager.

The book drew praise

from Ernest Hemingway, who called it the greatest boxing book ever, and Elmore Leonard who said his letter to Heinz was the only piece of fan mail he'd ever written.

"Games mean so damn much," Heinz said. "We need these releases. It's not sacrilegious after 9/11 for a release and maybe abate some of the tension."

In the mid-1960s Heinz hooked up with Maine physician H. Richard Hornburger who had sent a manuscript for the book "MASH" to 17 different publishers, all of whom rejected it.

Heinz moved to Maine for a time and helped rewrite the book, published under the pseudonym Richard Hooker, and turned it into the work that spawned the hit 1971

movie and television series.

Through it all, Heinz was known as the master of the tiniest details that can tell a story in a few words. He tells how another Maine physician who had read the final version of "MASH" called upon a surgery scene in the book to know how to do a rare procedure.

"That's the kind of thing I tell the writers who come to me," said Heinz, who watched a surgeon perform more than 30 operations on lung cancer patients in researching his novel "The Surgeon." "It starts with great reporting."

His papers have been donated to the University of Vermont. The memorabilia that he accumulated during a lifetime of following sports have been sold to a dealer in Pennsylvania.

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CORPUS CHRISTI — Rebekah Long of Canadian will be among Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) youth who will take the spotlight on Dec. 8 as scholarships will be handed out to winners of TFB's Free Enterprise Speech, Miss Texas Farm Bureau, and Talent Find competitions to be staged during TFB's 69th annual convention Dec. 8-11 at Bayfront Plaza Convention Center in Corpus Christi.

Participants qualified for the state competition by winning their district contests earlier this year.

Long will compete for the Miss Texas Farm Bureau title. Miss TFB will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. The runner-up

will earn a \$1,500 scholarship. Other district winners in each contest will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

LUBBOCK — The College of Human Sciences at Texas Tech University recently awarded the L.J. Davidson Scholarship to Barry Brauchi for the 2002-03 school year. The scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000.

Brauchi, the son of Ronald and Donna Brauchi of Pampa, is a senior family financial planning major at the university. He is involved in Wesley Foundation and is active in Late Nite at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

LUBBOCK — Brian Frels and Christopher Stowers are among Texas Tech University students recently named to the 2002 "Who's Who Among Students in American

Universities and Colleges."

Frels is the son of Mark and Rhonda Frels and Stowers is the son of Richard and Janet Stowers, all of Pampa.

Eighty-six Texas Tech students were awarded the prestigious honor this year.

Who's Who has recognized individual academic excellence on a national level since 1934. Selection is a one-time honor awarded annually to students who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, academic achievement, campus leadership, and community service.

To be considered, undergraduate students must have attained senior status with at least 90 total semester hours prior to the fall semester. At least 30 hours must be completed at Texas Tech and applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

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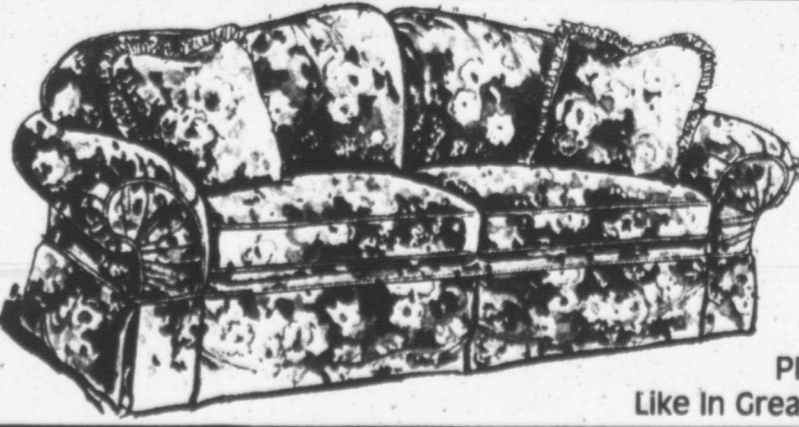
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