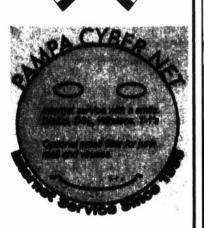
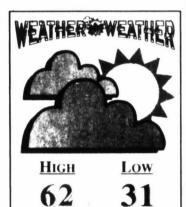
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### Man gets \$1 million holiday surprise

AUSTIN (AP) - A Fort Worth School District employee got an unexpected holiday bonus when he became the first Texas Lottery player to win \$1 million in the Holiday Million \$20 scratch-off game.

Johnny Johnson, 48, said he bought the ticket at K & H Food Store in Fort Worth when he was driving home to finish up some Christmas decorating, Texas Lottery Commission officials said.

The Holiday Million game began Nov. 27. Three more million-dollar tickets are still in circulation, lottery officials said.

Instant games are the biggest revenue generator for the Texas Lottery, which sold \$1.9 billion worth of them in

"The first thing I want to do is tithe to my church because I thanked God for all the blessings I had even before the win," Johnson said.

### DEATHS

Pauline Word "Go Go" Brown, 79, homemaker.

Jackie Dean "Jack"

**Collum**, business owner. Virginia Aileen Green,

90, librarian. Lucille Shafer, 88, home-

Imogene Williams, 83,

homemaker.

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### **West Texas** LANDSCAPE

Nurseries "Our Grass Is Always Greener" 120 S. Hobart 669-0158



Andra Cortez, 9, and her sister, Bobbi, 6, explore the Spanish language software Monday after a two-week Christmas vacation.

(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

at Lovett Memorial Library. Speaking perfect English, the girls were listening to the stories in Spanish for the first time Friday afternoon at the local library. The girls say they are anxious to return to their classes at Lamar Elementary on

# **Spanish-language computer** popular with library visitors

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Se hable espanol translates to "Spanish, mail and web sites.

access to a computer in their native language at Lovett Memorial Library. A newcomer to the Spanish language will also enjoy the specified software.

Children enjoy the games and stories. By clicking on the Spanish language and putting on the head phones, the instructions will be given in Spanish and stories will be read in that language.

Among the lively software on the computers are Abuela (Grandmother) and Monstruito (Little Monster). Children may read the words on the screen as they are spoken over the head

phones. Another world opens up to children and adults alike at Lovett Memorial Library. Exploring the Internet in Spanish, these Pampans are bringing information from the

world into their small community, Librarian Anne Stobbe said the computers are also equipped with word processing and tutorials in Spanish, and that the keyboard is different because it is an International Keyboard.

"Usage on the computer is growing," said Stobbe. The computer has been in the library since November 2000, she said. As word has spread, more and more local residents are utilizing the services.

She said that the staff doesn't watch what people are doing on the computers, but said she knew some were utilizing the Spanish e-

The well-equipped library is also meeting And Spanish-speaking Pampans now have the demand for books in the Spanish language. Children's books as well as adult are available. She said books - both fiction and nonfiction- are available to be checked out.

Many of the books were obtained by grants through the Texas Book Festival and the Texas Library Foundation, said Stobbe. She also said the library purchases Spanish language books.

Stobbe and her staff encourage anyone wanting to use the Spanish language computers and books to drop by the local library.

Numerous computers are available to the public in English also, and people from the public are using the services.

Stobbe said that the staff is currently installing software updates on the 15 public computers that the Gates Foundation purchased for the local library two years ago.

"Gates sent us the software to update them," she said. "We should be finished by the end of January."

The Texas Infrastructure Fund also furnished some of the many computers available to the public in the central part of the library as well as the computer room.

The library is open seven days a week -Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Cost to stimulate economy?

# \$600 billion over decade

By SCOTT LINDLAW ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WACO (AP) - President Bush has signed onto key provisions of an economic stimulus package whose price tag could reach \$600 billion over a decade, administration officials say.

Aides had previously put the likely 10-year cost at about \$300 billion.

Bush's economic growth package probably will include a blend of tax cuts, billions of dollars in aid to financially strapped states and extended unemployment benefits, administration officials said late Friday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The president signed off on portions of the plan Friday at his ranch in nearby Crawford after returning from a visit with troops at Fort Hood in central Texas.

Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle used his party's weekly radio address Saturday to bash the president's tax-break plan, saying it's "the wrong idea at the wrong time to help the wrong people."

would almost exclusively benefit the wealthiest Americans, while ignoring middle-income families.

Driving up the cost of Bush's economic growth plan from \$300 billion to perhaps \$600 billion are several factors: first, his inclination to accelerate tax cuts enacted last year for all brackets, instead of exempting the top bracket.

Also, the president was considering including an expanded tax break for businesses to encourage more capital investment and possibly making a down payment in fixing problems in the alternative minimum tax. It was originally intended to make sure the wealthy did not escape paying some income taxes but is now hitting more and more middle-income tax-

Bush may also endorse an even bigger cut in dividend taxes than the 50 percent reduction administration officials were considering last month, The New York Times reported in Saturday editions.

The president is scheduled to unveil his plan Tuesday in a The plan. Daschle argued, (See ECONOMY, Page 3)

# Pampa ISD board to begin process to replace Dr. Orr

Pampa Independent School District's board will begin the search for a new school superintendent with a special meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 6, at Pampa High School, 111 E.

As the Feb. 3 date nears for Pampa school superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr to assume his new duties at Wichita Falls, local school officials are starting to plan how his position will be filled, both permanently and in the interim.

At the meeting Monday, the board will consider the superinendent search process as well as the appointment of interim superintendent, according to the agenda.

Other personnel matters listed for consideration include deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal and/ or compensation of individual district employees.

The board plans to undergo Level II Teambuilding training, required by state law, at Monday's meeting also.

According to the agenda, the board will meet in Room #116 at the high school and in the PHS library.

# Missing woman brings town back into public eye

This time, the 186,000 residents of Modesto,

Calif., hope things will turn out differently even

though police — scouring neighborhoods,

creeks and irrigation canals for Laci Peterson

By JIM WASSERMAN ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) - The yellow ribbons. The news trucks. The fears for the worst.

Chandra Levy's hometown has been through it all before. With the disappearance of Laci Peterson — eight months pregnant and gone since Christmas Eve - this Central California town is once again at the center of a missing person case that has captured the attention of the

In May 2001, the 24-year-old Levy disappeared in Washington, D.C., triggering speculation about her relationship with Democratic Rep. Gary Condit and his possible role in her disappearance.

One year later, Levy's body was found in a Washington D.C. park, but police have made no arrests. Condit lost a bid for re-election last year.

Modesto also served as command center in the February 1999 disappear-

ance of three women who vanished while visiting Yosemite National Park. Five weeks later, authorities found Carole Sund, 43, her daughter, Juli, 15, and Argentina exchange student Silvina Pelosso, 16, murdered in nearby foothills. Last year, a jury convicted motel handyman Cary Stayner and

have so far come up empty.

gave him a death sentence. This time, the 186,000 residents hope things will turn out differently even though police - scouring neighborhoods, creeks and irrigation canals for Peterson - have so far come up empty

Volunteers have been undaunted.

For 10 days, they have taken over a suite at the Red Lion Hotel, coordinating distribution of thousands of fliers and receiving supportive e-mails from across the nation.

"The more exposure they get the more chances there is she'll come home safe," said Dave Montgomery, a Folsom resident who drove nearly 90 miles to pick up fliers to post in suburban Sacramento.

Kevin Jaeger, of Oklahoma City. also drove from Sacramento for fliers to pass out in various towns along Interstate 40 as he flew his airplane around the area over the weekend.

"They haven't found out what actually happened to her," he said. "This way it gets out on the road."

While many believe Peterson may still be missing, police are looking into the potential alleged role of her 30year-old husband, Scott, in her disappearance. He has not been declared a suspect, nor has he been ruled out.

Police said Scott Peterson has cooperated "to some degree," but declined to confirm whether he has an attorney.

Family members vigorously defend Peterson, a San Diego native who met his wife at California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo and married her five years ago. Both majored in agriculture.

After reporters' bruising questions to police this week about Peterson, Laci Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha, said, "We feel Scott has nothing to do with it."

Joan Pernicano of San Diego, a longtime friend of Peterson's family, said. "It breaks my heart to see what (See TOWN, Page 3)

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Mrs. Green was born July 13, 1912, at Lefors, to Siler and Edna Faulkner. She was a graduate of Pampa High School and Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. She married Eugene L. Green, Jr., on Oct. 5, 1935. They were married 57 years before his death on Dec. 8, 1992.

Directors of Pampa.

She was a charter member of the First Presbyterian Church, joining in 1926. She was on the Board of Regents of the Texas Women's University from 1969-1975. She was also an active board member of the Lovett Memorial Library from Aug. 10, 1964, until she was honored with a reception in 1998 for her 34 years of service.

The Friends of the Library also made her the Librarian of the Year on Nov. 17, 1997. She was the chairperson for creating the reading garden at the library, along with Mrs. Louise Franklin. She was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1968.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Eugene L. Green, III.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert Green of Amarillo, W. Wesley and Kathryn Green of Pampa, and Frances Green of Winona; a brother, Siler Faulkner of Denton; 12 grandchildren, www.carmichael-whatley.com.

both

Green, and Gabrielle Green, all of Amarillo, Doug Green of Minneapolis, Minn., David Green of Chattanooga, Tenn., Stephen Green of Tigard, Ore., and Stephanie Clinton of Los Angeles, Calif.; eight great-grandchildren, Eugene L. Green, V, and Stephanie Green, both of Centerville, La., Maegan Snow and Austin Snow, both of Rattan, Okla., Gus Witt and Samuel Witt, both of Gladewater, Ava Loyd of Tyler, and Katelinn Green of Tigard, Ore.; and a great-great-grandson, Matthew

The family wishes to give special thanks to her caregivers, Brenda Calixto, Carolina Sanchez, Angeles Gonzales, Abdulia Miranda, and Bob Lindsey with Crown of Texas Hospice of Amarillo, for their loyal, faithful, and loving care during her illness.

Memorial Library, P.O. Box 341, Pampa, TX 79066-0341

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### PAULINE WORD 'GO GO' BROWN

1923-2003

Pauline Word "Go Go" Brown, 79, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003, at Lubbock. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 6, 2003, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Jacob Clemmens, rector, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Brown was born Feb. 4, 1923, on McClellan Creek near Alanreed. She moved to Pampa where she was employed by Cabot Corporation. She married John M. Brown on March 4, 1948, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on July 5, 1993,

She was a homemaker, active in her community, and a collector and restorer of antiques. She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-inlaw, Barbara and Steve Sypert of Lubbock; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and



Eugene Green, IV of Centerville, La., Carol Ann Snow of Rattan, Okla., Robert Green and Tony Witt, Gladewater, Karman Loyd of

Elaine Tyler, Green, Genevieve

Green of Centerville, La.

The family requests memorials be to Lovett

Vickie Brown Perkasie.

Pa., Stephen Brown of Dumas; a stepson, Bill Brown Arlington, Va.; and five grandchildren, Matt, Laura, Andrew, Nancy, and Sarah.

The family requests memorials be to St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School Scholarship Fund, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, TX 79065; or the Joe Arrington Cancer Center, 4101 22nd Place, Lubbock, TX 79410.

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### JACKIE DEAN 'JACK' COLLUM 1942-2002

Jackie Dean "Jack" Collum, 60, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at Amarillo. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing. Private memorial services were be held Saturday. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

A longtime Pampa resident, Mr. Collum was born March 3, 1942, at Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1960 and attended the University of Texas at Austin. He worked for First National Bank of Pampa and later became a bank examiner for the State of Texas for a period of five years.

He was vice president of First National Bank in Lubbock for six years and was president of Hot Springs National Bank in Truth or Consequences, N.M., for two years. He co-owned and operated C&C Hydrocarbons, Inc., in Pampa for 10 years, retiring in 1989.

He was a member of First United Methodist

He was preceded in death by his father, Venus Collum, in July of 1987; and by an infant son in

Survivors include two daughters, Shelley Lewis of Hereford and Stacey Weatherly of Pampa; his mother, Dena Collum of Pampa; a brother, Ed Collum of Amarillo; and five grand-

children. The family requests memorials be to First . United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1982, or to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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### **IMOGENE WILLIAMS**

1919-2003

Imogene Williams, 83, a longtime Pampa resident, died Friday, Jan. 3, 2003, at Abilene. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Monday in Fairview Cemetery with Glen Walton, minister of Bell Avenue Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Williams was born Nov. 18, 1919, at Runnels County, Texas. She married R.L. "Rusty" Williams in 1951 at Clovis, N.M.; he died in 1987. She moved from Seminole to

Pampa in 1960 and to Abilene in 2001.

She was a homemaker and belonged to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ for many years prior to joining Eleventh and Willis Church of Christ after relocating to Abilene.

Survivors include a son, Max Ray Williams . of Seminole; a brother, Virgil D. Stovall of Abilene; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite church or charity.

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### **LUCILLE ANNA SHAFER**

1914-2003

CAMAS, Wash. — Lucille Shafer, 88, a 1937, at Drumwright, Okla. The couple lived in Camas Nazarene Church. Burial was in Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Vancouver, Wash., under the direction of Straub's Funeral Home of Camas. A memorial service is scheduled at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 11 at St. Paul Methodist Church in Pampa.

Carney, Okla., to James and Effie Howell. She Okla.; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchilmarried William Henry Shafer on July 28, dren; and a great-great-grandchild.

former longtime Pampa resident, died in Pampa for 60 years where she was a home-Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003. Services were Friday maker and a longtime member of St. Paul Methodist Church.

She moved to Camas in October 2002. She was preceded in death by her parents;

three sisters; and two brothers. Survivors include her husband, William, of

Camas; a daughter, Carolyn James of Camas; Mrs. Shafer was born July 25, 1914, at a son, Elzie Lee Teague of Oklahoma City,

### **SERVICES TOMORROW**

**BROWN**, Pauline "Go Go" Word — Memorial services, 2 p.m., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Pampa.

**GREEN,** Virginia Aileen — Memorial services, 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Pampa

**WILLIAMS**, Imogene — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

### POLICE

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

### COURT

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### FIRE

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

Friday, Jan. 3

5:33 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a natural gas odor in the 600 block of North Price Road. No source of the odor was found.

### **AMBULANCE**

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

Friday, Jan. 3

10:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Prison Unit, east of Pampa, and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

### SHERIFF

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

Friday, Jan. 3

Magnolia, was arrested on a Gray County for driving while intoxicated.

Amanda Ailton, 18, 1001 Twiford, was arrested for burglary of a building.

Michael Blevins, 48, Chickasha, Okla... Delbert Lynn Thompson, 36, 416 was arrested on a motion to revoke probation

### EATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for artly cloudy skies, highs in the lower 60s, and light winds shifting to the south 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain in the evening and a slight chance of rain and snow after midnight.

Lows in the lower 30s. Light winds shifting to the northeast 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain and snow 20 percent.

Monday is predicted to be cloudy and cooler with a slight chance of rain and snow. Highs in the upper 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 Lows in the lower 30s

mph. Chance of rain and snow 20 percent. Monday night should be partly cloudy. Slight chance of snow. Lows in the mid 20s.

Chance of snow 20 percent. Tuesday is calling for partly cloudy skies. Highs in the lower 50s.

Tuesday night should be partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

Wednesday should be mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Wednesday night should be partly cloudy.

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# President Bush rallies troops at Fort Hood

By NATALIE GOTT ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

FORT HOOD (AP) — Taking a brief time out from his two-week vacation, President Bush visited the nation's largest military post to rally Army troops as the nation faces possible war with Iraq.

Bush told the servicemen and women at Fort Hood on Friday that if military force becomes necessary, they may be called into combat to "secure our country and keep the peace.'

"America will act deliberately, America will act decisively and America will prevail, because we've got the finest military in the world," said Bush, greeted with

cheers of "Hoo-ah!" from the during the 1991 Gulf War, more world must continue to speak with advanced digital systems to provide 4,000 camouflage-clad soldiers waving small American flags.

Bush said war is a last resort. Iraq is a threat to the United States and Saddam Hussein has "publicly proclaimed his hatred for our country," he said.

Saddam has used weapons of mass destruction, has defied U.N. resolutions that he disarm and "did not even attempt to submit a credible declaration" to the United Nations on his alleged stockpiles of weapons and his programs to develop more, Bush said.

No soldiers from Fort Hood, home to about 41,000 troops, have been sent to the Persian Gulf region as part of the current buildup. But

than 25,000 were deployed and it's almost certain that some would be

deployed in another war with Iraq. Some soldiers acknowledged they are nervous, even as they said they are well-trained and ready.

"Anybody who said he is not nervous or scared is lying to himself," said Spc. Eric Wilkerson, who would leave behind a fiancee

Others said it is time to act.

It's time to "show Saddam who is boss," said Sgt. Chris Kura of Austin, Texas.

Bush had little to say about the threat posed by North Korea.

"In the case of North Korea, the

one voice to turn that regime away from its nuclear ambitions," the president said.

During his Fort Hood visit, Bush also inspected an Abrams tank, a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, a mobile command center, an Apache helicopter and a Paladin howitzer.

With Gov. Rick Perry and first lady Laura Bush at his side, Bush and young daughter if he is sent snapped salutes and greeted dozens of soldiers in battle gear.

Fort Hood, which sprawls across 350 square miles in Central Texas, is home to the 1st Cavalry Division, a highly mobile unit that relies on helicopters and tanks. Also at Fort Hood is the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), which uses

soldiers with a view of entire battlefields, faster communication and more accurate firepower.

"Fort Hood is our largest Army base and these troops will be on the front line in any significant conflict," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Texas Republican.

Meanwhile, Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., speaking Friday to Florida National Guard members preparing to leave for Fort Stewart, Ga., predicted that the United States will be at war with Iraq by the end of

He said it would be "a fairly short war," followed by years of U.S. military involvement to stabilize the country.

# New bag-screening systems get big test on this weekend

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air travelers will find out this weekend whether the new baggage-screening system that started at every U.S. airport on New Year's Day is capable of handling heavy traffic.

So far, air traffic has been light and few problems were reported as 429 airports began examining bags for explosives. But on Saturday, millions of holiday travelers are expected to return home.

ify that no checked bag contains explosives have been carried out by 23,000 newly hired government workers at airports using new equipment. Before the Sept. 11 attacks, only 5 percent of the roughly 2 million bags checked each day were

**ECONOMY** 

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didn't say how big Bush's

final tax proposal would be

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planned to take their dog,

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"Most (airports) are saying there really haven't been too many customer service issues," said Juliette Wright, spokeswoman for the Airports Council International-North America, an airport trade group. "This weekend will be the true test."

David O'Connor, U.S. director of the International Air Transport Association, which represents 276 U.S. and foreign-owned airlines, said many carriers anticipate problems this

Scattered delays have been reported since screening began.

in Madison, Wis. But the new screening system hasn't caused long lines or flight delays at such hubs as New York, Chicago or Atlanta.

Marion Blakey, head of the Federal Aviation Administration, said Friday,

"When you look at the fact that a year ago we had very little oversight of checked baggage, and now it is virtually 100 percent, it's amazing how well this is moving.

The Transportation Security Administration, created in response to the Sept. 11 terror attacks, is in charge of screening baggage. The agency will be watching carefully this weekend to make sure security checks don't cause delays, TSA spokesman Brian Turmail said.

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be the main part of his tax

plan. Under the plan, the tax

benefits mostly go to the

wealthiest taxpayers because

they are the ones who receive

was likely to propose speed-

ing up previously scheduled

rate reductions for all taxpay-

endorse tax breaks for lower-

and middle-income families.

his radio remarks, Daschle

said that under Bush's plan,

those who make more than \$1

million a year would get a tax

break of \$24,000, while those

who make between \$40,000

a break of \$76.

Democratic lawmakers

Pointing out a disparity in

The Times said Bush also

most dividends

the country more secure. Instead, he said, it will put the nation deeper into deficit

and debt

Daschle said he'll work to replace Bush's plan with a proposal for immediate tax relief for middle-income fam-

"It is wrong to divert to special interest tax breaks the funds we need to make our country safer, stronger and more prosperous," he said.

Daschle apparently is leaning strongly toward making a run for the White House, though close aides say the decision is not final and they don't know when he'll announce his decision.

and \$50,000 a year would get He has not said whether he would give up his Senate leadership post if he runs for The South Dakota senator said the president's proposal president, but senators have won't help middle income been maneuvering to fill families, won't contribute to that position should he give it up.

# economic growth or make

There is little to bolster or knock down his story at the Marina, a tight-knit community where residents who live aboard boats gather at the bait shop for coffee, or at the boatyard to see whose

Peterson has reportedly produced a receipt from the local boat launch, but the receipts come from a selfservice machine and include only the time they were issued. Weather records show the

wind was light and favorable to small boats like Peterson's. "That morning, the water

was flat," said Roland Jeffery, a deck hand on charter boats who spent the morning fishing from the Marina pier.

Editor's note: Associated Press Writer Ethan Rarick contributed to this report.

On the Net: Read updates about Peterson's disappearance at: http://www.modestopolice.com and http://www.lacipeterson.org



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# New year brings questions

We're fixing to end this year and start a new one. Is it going to be any better than this one or worse?

There's a lot of really good-hearted people here that's willing to give their time and money to help people. But it's a sad situation when three-fourths of the town are having to depend on these people in order to survive.

How many of them are going to be arrested and fined this time next year because they are living in the parks because they don't have a roof over their head and no job. How many will lose their children and how many more low income people will be living in unsanitary conditions. How many of them will be reported?

How did these people and this town get in this mess? You have to have perfect credit, perfect income, perfect this and perfect that here in this town. How many with that attitude can look God himself in the face and say they have never been in this situation? They've never been late with their bills; they've never had disasters hit their lives. They've never been broke. What if somebody along the way hadn't been there to help them? They would be in the same shape today that the rest of us are in.

What if God hadn't saved some souls, where would these people be today? They can say they've never had bad things happen in their lives. Somebody had to have been willing to help them at times in their lives. Everybody needs help in some form, sometime or other. What if along the way, somebody had done to them the way they are doing people now? Are they more perfect in every way than the rest? Are they that much better than anybody else? They need to look at where they've been and where they are today and ho they got where they are. Did they get there all by themselves?

What's going to happen if their bosses from New York City or wherever decide to come in and shut and lock their doors? Who's going to get left holding the bag while they move on to better towns and jobs?

Sue Meeks Pampa

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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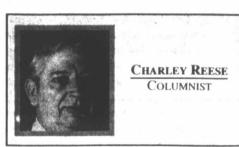
# Declaration of conflicts of interest

Because I hate the lists that crop up in journalism this time of year. I always use the opportunity to declare my conflicts of interest, both fiscal and philosophical. I believe readers have aright to know this about journalists.

For the first time, I have income from Social Security, and I know now why so many seniors bag groceries. You'd be hard-pressed to live on it. My main source of income is the sale of this column, or my half of it, anyway. King Features gets the other half, and rightly so, for doing the work of selling and physically processing it.

I had intended to have some income from my individual retirement account, which I rolled over just in time for the market to take a shark-sized bite out of it. As for the part in bonds, the Federal Reserve has seen to it that I won't be going on a spending spree anytime soon. I don't accept fees for speaking, and so, in short, I have no financial conflicts of

As for the organizations I belong to, there are just three: the Sons of Confederate Veterans (one grandpa and two great-grandpas proudly wore the gray); the National Rifle Association; and the League of the South. The last has been called a hate group by the Southern Poverty law center, but if you believe anything that outfit says, you should do a



good Internet search and read some of the exposés that have been written about it. Personally, I don't know anybody in the league who hates anybody, including Yankees, some of whom are members. I personally hate beets, and there are probably some who hate spinach. I suspect it's our love for the Constitution that brought us the ire of the SPLC, which makes millions scaring liberals. At any rate, you can see for yourself by checking the Web site, www.dixienet.org.

I refuse to allow anyone or any organization to dictate my beliefs, associations or behavior by name-calling. I stand by what I say and what I write, and if you like it, fine, and if you don't, fine. When I quit the advertising business years ago, I gave up writing with an ulterior motive. What I write is what I believe at the time to be true. Being a fallible human, it might or might not be true. I don't pretend to be the source of ultimate truth, just an informed opinion. My only goal is to provoke readers into thinking.

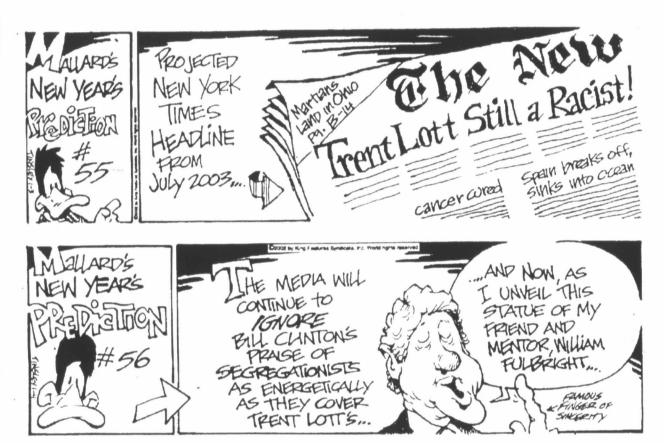
I'm registered as a Democrat, but like many Americans I vote for the candidate, not the party. Personally, though I am a conservative, I have more respect for honest liberals than I do for phony conservatives. Those are politicians whose conservatism never gets beyond their campaign speeches. I do indeed hate to be lied to. In retrospect, I wish I had voted for Ralph Nader. He was the only candidate last time who actually told the truth. If we're going to get stuck with socialism, I'd prefer it be called socialism rather than "compassionate conservatism."

As for the details of my political belief, you can read the farewell address of George Washington. I agree with everything he said. No exceptions. To sum up, a strict interpretation of the Constitution, a strict separation of powers, a strong national defense, an isolationist foreign policy, a free economy and the absence of foreign influence in our

Well, that's about it. I hope you have a happy New Year. I hope we don't get into a war or a depression. Life is tough enough without politicians and usurers making it worse. Don't let cynicism make you forget that we have a responsibility to children to leave them a decent world. (Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box

2446, Orlando, FL 32802)

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# North Korea becomes more dangerous

By GEORGE GEDDA ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - Winston Churchill once suggested that the United States and the Soviet Union were engaging in overkill with their propensity for building large numbers of nuclear

Beyond a certain point, he said, these weapons would serve no purpose other than to "bounce the rubble.

North Korea now has one or two weapons and Secretary of State Colin Powell says that number may soar to six in a matter of months. Pyongyang, according to analysts, is a long way from the nuclear redundancy that Churchill found in superpower weapons development programs decades ago. Yet, at North Korea's levels, there is broad agreement inside and outside of government that each new weapon is significant.

"North Korea's options increase exponentially with each additional nuclear device that it has in its arsenal," says Nicholas Eberstadt, a Korea expert at the American Enterprise Institute.

He acknowledges that the largest leap North Korea took occurred when it went from "zero to one" and made itself much more of a force to be reckoned with.

But with six nuclear bombs and the missiles to deliver them, a whole range of targets in South Korea and Japan, not to mention U.S. military bases in Northeast Asia, "can be credibly threatened," Eberstadt says.

Robert Einhorn, a former State Department Korea expert who is now with the Center for Strategic and WASHINGTON TODAY

International Studies, agrees with Eberstadt's thesis.

But he cites an additional concern. 'With one or two weapons, you're not going to sell any to any country or group," he says. "But if you have six or seven, and you're desperate enough ... you might be tempted to export the technology" — with incalculable consequences for international power balances,

Powell is concerned about Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions but says it is not yet time to hit the panic button. He noted in interviews on Sunday that North Korea has had nuclear weapons for some time without serious consequences. He is hopeful that international pressure can induce the North to dismantle its program.

"We have months to watch this unfold to see what happens," he says.

Powell says he does not want to reward the North's "bad behavior" by opening negotiations.

But Alan Romberg, an Asia expert formerly at the State Department and now at the Henry L. Stimson Center, says the administration may have no choice but to cut a deal with the North.

He says the United States should be willing to offer the North formal security assurances under circumstances in which the Pyongyang would agree to dismantle its nuclear programs.

Romberg acknowledges that, given the North's propensity for violating promises

to become a non-nuclear state, comprehensive verification of any such arrangement would be critical.

Eberstadt believes the outcome of the standoff with North Korea could well be influenced by whether the United States goes to war with Iraq and, if so, whether Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is

removed from power. If that goal is achieved, that would mean the elimination of one-third of President Bush's "axis of evil." North Korean Chairman Kim Jong Il knows he also is on the "axis" list and there would "certainly be the implicit threat" that if Saddam goes Kim could be removed

next, Eberstadt says. How Kim would react is not clear. If Saddam survives, the Korea crisis would take on a different — but difficult to predict — coloration.

Sandy Berger and Robert Gallucci, who were top foreign policy aides to former President Clinton, say the Bush administration should give equal priority to both Iraq and North Korea.

The administration cannot afford delay on North Korea because Pyongyang, left unchecked, can make the Asia Pacific region a far more dangerous place within months, Berger and Gallucci wrote in an opinion piece in Tuesday's Washington

Deferring action on Iraq also would be a mistake, they wrote, because it would send a "chilling message" if the United States were to be "knocked off course in one arena by trouble-making in another.'

Both developing crises should be dealt with at once, Berger and Gallucci say. "There are no safe back burners."

### TODAY IN HISTORY

### BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2003. There are 360 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On Jan. 5, 1896, an Austrian 'newspaper ("Wiener Presse") reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen of a type of radiation

that came to be known as "Xrays.

On this date:

In 1589, Catherine de Medici of France died at age 69. In 1781, a British naval expe-

dition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va. In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason,

Mass., at age 60. was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

governor in U.S. history. In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton,

In 1925, Nellie T. Ross suc-

governor of

In 1943, educator and scientist George Washington Carver died in Tuskegee, Ala., at age 81.

In 1949, in his State of the ceeded her late husband as Union address, President Wyoming, Truman labeled his administrabecoming the first female tion the "Fair Deal.

In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, was found murdered with his wife and daughter at their Clarksville, Pa., home

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# **CCPC** scholarships available

Evelyn Noble of Pampa earned a scholarship in the amount of \$500 to attend Clarendon College-Pampa Center (CCPC) in the fall of

Scholarships of \$500 are now available for qualifying students at CCPC for the spring 2003 semester. Applications may be obtained at the college at 1601 W. Harvester or by calling 665-

A sophomore elementary education major, Noble chose to attend CCPC because it was convenient and close to home

"I enjoy the smaller classes because they allow more personal relationships with the instructors. The instructors are willing to work with you if you do not understand a concept and if, because of sickness, you have to miss class. I've enjoyed attending Clarendon College-Pampa Center," Noble said.

Students must be enrolled full-time (12 hours) at CCPC or be a student at the ApTech Center and must carry a 2.5 GPA for the previous semester in college or high school to be eligible for the scholarship. The deadline to apply for the spring semester is Jan. 10.

Classes begin Jan. 15. The scholarships are made possible through a grant from administered through Pampa Amarillo Area Foundation, Center Foundation.



(Courtesy photo)

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# ORCA awards \$10,000 grant to Shamrock General Hospital

AUSTIN — The Office of Rural Community Affairs recently announced it has awarded a grant of up \$10,000 to Shamrock General Hospital in Wheeler County. The funds will be used by the hospital to perform a Financial and Operational Feasibility Study for a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) designation for the facility.

The study involves a review of the hospital's operations and an evaluation of the fiscal impact the CAH designation may have on the facility.

"Our medical facilities are dedicated to meeting the health care needs of our friends and neighbors," said Senator Craig Estes. "I applaud Shamrock General Hospital for their ongoing efforts to continue to provide quality health care to our community."

Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa commented, "Rural health care is a priority, especially in medically underserved areas. I am grateful for the funding from the Office of Rural Community Affairs to assist Shamrock General Hospital in this feasibility study which is an important first step in addressing the healthcare needs in Wheeler County."

"We are pleased to be able to assist Shamrock General in their efforts to qualify for the Critical Access Hospital designation," said Mike Easley, director of ORCA's Rural Health Unit. "This is an important first step in enabling them to expand services and increase revenue."

Robert J. "Sam" Tessen, MS, ORCA's executive director, echoed Easley's comments, "The Office of Rural Community Affairs applauds the efforts of this rural hospital

provide care to the community. The CAH program is designed to provide an alternative model to allow small rural hospitals to remain viable. Shamrock General's administration should be commended for their resourcefulness and dedication to providing care in Wheeler County."

qualify for the CAH designation, which allows for increased service and staffing flexibility and increased reimbursement from Medicare.

The Medical Rural Hospital Lubbock at (806) 741-4200. Flexibility (Flex) program funds the feasibility study for the CAH program. The Flex program also works to bolster through the development of a network of CAHs and supports CAHs with programs that include: development of a conversion of small rural hospitals to CAH designation; development of rural health networks associated with CAHs; integration strengthening of rural emergency medical systems; and improving the quality of healthcare services for rural populations.

As the State Office of Rural

in exploring all opportunities to Health, ORCA administers the Critical Access (CAH) program and the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) grant in

ORCA's door is always open for comments and suggestions regarding the agency, and any other rural issues of concern. Contact ORCA at P.O. Box Hospitals that meet certain 12877, Austin, TX 78711; federal and state criteria may (512) 936-6701 or toll-free at 1-800-544-2042

The ORCA Executive Committee member nearest to the area benefiting from this award is Jim Roberts of

ORCA was created by the 77th Legislature to facilitate and focus the State's health, economic development, and fragile rural health services community development programs targeting rural communities in Texas. ORCA's programs and services support health care delivery in rural statewide rural health plan; Texas, and address rural community planning activities, and housing and public facility needs such as sewer, water system, road, drainage improvements, and disaster relief funds. ORCA also administers programs designed to improve the leadership capacity of rural community leaders. ORCA is the door to Texas government for rural citizens.

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# TDH continues rabies bait drop program

coyotes and gray foxes in South and West-Central

Texas. Dinner is served.

These hungry animals may look to food falling from the sky in the lean winter months as a special treat. But to staff from the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) zoonosis control program, feeding coyotes and gray foxes specially prepared food packets is not particularly an act of kindness. Rather, it is part of a vitally serious program to protect the public by helping control the spread of rabies.

For the ninth year, TDH will airdrop bait food filled with oral rabies vaccine. This year, the Oral Rabies Vaccination Program (ORVP) will drop about 2.5 million baits from airplanes flying across 50 counties beginning in early January. The first flight takes off Jan. 7, weather permitting, from the Zapata County Airport in South Texas. The second portion of the drop will begin about Jan. 15 from the Kímble County Airport in

### RRC sets monthly gas allowables

AUSTIN - Texas Railroad Commission recently January 2003 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 32,764,291 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the January 2003 allowable represents a decrease of 676,494 Mcf when compared to actual production of 33,440,785 Mcf in January 2002. In setting the January 2003 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from January 2002 and producer forecasts for the January 2003 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for November 2002 is 303,212,741 Mcf compared to 323,441,221 Mcf in November 2001. The December 2002 gas storage estimate is 279,117,383 Mcf.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for 9 percent of total gas well production in

Preliminary statewide production reported for October 2002 is 28,757,398 barrels of crude oil and 367,968,777 Mcf of gas well

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0350 for crude oil and 1.1091 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

AUSTIN — Attention all Junction, and the final phase to 54 through last October. will fly from the Pecos County Four Beechcraft King Air air-Airport in Fort Stockton beginning about Jan. 23.

TDH initiated the program in 1995 in South Texas where canine rabies in coyotes and domestic dogs had reached epidemic proportions and threatened to invade San Antonio and other major population areas. The next year, an airdrop began in West-Central Texas where an epidemic of gray fox rabies had been occurring since

The TDH plan was to create zones of vaccinated coyotes and gray foxes to, first, stop the spread of the rabies virus, then eliminate canine and gray fox is less likely to eat them if peo-

"This program continues to show results," said TDH veterinarian Tom Sidwa, ORVP director. "We have had no human cases of rabies in either area since the vaccine airdrop began. And among the coyotes and gray foxes we have seen a significant drop in the number of animal rabies cases."

The number of canine rabies cases in South Texas has declined from a high of 142 cases when the program began in 1995 to 1 in 2001 and none in 2002 through October. Gray fox cases have shown a similar decline from 244 cases in 1995

craft are used to spread the baits. The number of air miles flown in distributing the baits each year is equal to four trips

around the world. The baits offer fish meal for coyotes and dog food containing molasses and flavored with vanilla for gray foxes. Inside each bait is 2 milliliters of oral rabies vaccine in an edible

"The baits are harmless," Sidwa said. "The vaccine inside the bait cannot cause rabies in people or animals."

People should not handle these baits, however; wildlife ple have touched them. Anyone who comes in con.act with the baits may call TDH toll free at 1-877-722-6725 for information. Each bait, which measures 11/4 by 11/4 by 3/4 inches, is marked with a label that includes the telephone

Sidwa emphasized that owners of domestic animals still need to get their pets vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian as required by law. A domestic animal's rabies vaccination can be safely given even if the animal recently ate an oral rabies vaccine bait, he

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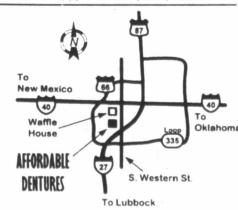
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EMF. Educational Merit Foundation, a nonprofit, Texas-based, student exchange organization, is seeking host families for high school students from Europe. For more information, call (972) 495-3868 or 1-800-467-8363.

FAN Booklet. The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C., is offering the following booklets, "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" and "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills." The first booklet includes information on how and where to get free and low-cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program. The second booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills. Consumers can obtain a copy of "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Free & Low Cost Medical Care Booklet, Dept. MCB-0725, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. To get a copy of "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills" send \$5 to: Financial Assistance Network - Government Help for Energy Bills, Dept. GHEB-1219, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. The information is also available www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

Fear Not Foundation. The Fear Not Foundation offers free to the public Lee Crull's "Ten Golden Rules for Safety," a "kidnapproof" set of guidelines to help children protect themselves from would-be predators. Crull is an elite ex-commando, former undercover agent, and professional bodyguard. For more information, send a business size SASE to: The Fear Not Foundation, P.O. Box 403, Syracuse, NY or go on-line www.GoodForYouAmerica.com and click on The Fear Not Foundation to link to the "Ten-

**FEI Booklet.** The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., is offering the booklets "The

100 Most Popular Government Giveaway Programs" and "Directory of Micro Loan Sources." Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, 100 Government Giveaways - Dept. 100GG-0110 or Micro Loan Sources - Dept. DMLS-0313, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, DC 20090-6071; by calling (202) 595-1031; or by visiting www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the World

FHRC Booklet. Family Health Research Council offers the booklets "Overcoming Depression and Anxiety" and "Getting the Sleep You Need." The booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs to treat depression and anxiety. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Fulfillment Center East, Overcoming Depression and Anxiety, P.O. Box 3176, Elmira, NY 14905-3176; or Regional Fulfillment Center, Sleep Booklet #143, P.O. Box 692634, Boston MA 02269-2634. For additional information, visit the Council's website at www.FamilyHealthResearch.org

FIT. Foundation for Intercultural Travel is seeking host families for exchange students. Students bring their own spending money for clothes, entertainment and other expenses and provide their own medical insurance as well. Host families agree to room and board and to include the exchange student in the family. For more information, call (877) 439-7862.

FSA. USDA's Farm Service Agency has launched a redesigned website located at www.fsa.usda.gov. on the Internet. The redesign includes user-friendly features and easily accessible on-line FSA forms.

Heifer Project International. First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit http://www.heifer.org. on the Internet.

HFA Publication. Hospice Foundation of America has published "Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses." The book offers insight and practical suggestions for those assisting family caregivers as they respond to the challenges of caregiving, make critical end-of-life decisions and cope with grief. For more information, call 1-800-8543402 or visit www.hospicefoundation.org on the World Wide Web. HFA also offers the following pamphlets: "Supporting Your Friend Through Illness & Loss," and "Caring for Someone Who is Dying."

International Library of Photography. ILP holds several free photography contests throughout the year for amateur photographers. For more information or to stay abreast of upcoming shows, visit www.picture.com on the

World Wide Web.

National Arbor Day Foundation. The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering "What Tree is That?," a 72-page tree identification guide book. The book is free of charge and may be obtained by sending your name and address to: "What Tree is That?," The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410. Also available is a "Conservation Trees" booklet with colorful photos and illustrations and easy-to-understand descriptions to help people plant and care for trees. To obtain a booklet, send name and address to: Conservation Trees, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

NESRI. A booklet, "Nuclear, Biologic and Chemical Attack — Survival Resource Guide," is being offered through New Era Survival Research Institute. To receive the free booklet, consumers must send five first-class stamps for postage/handling to: New Era Survival Research Institute, NBC Survival Booklet Offer #NBC0924, P.O. Box 60944, Washington, DC 20039-0944. Additional information is available by calling (202) 882-9000 or via the Internet at www.NewEraSurvival.org.

NFFF SCHOLARSHIPS. Scholarships are available through National Fallen Firefighters Foundation for children of firefighters who have died in the line of duty. For more information, visit www.firehero.org and look up scholarships. To receive a free information packet, call 1-877-453-FIRE.

NIA Guides. National Institute on Aging is offering "Talking with Your Doctor: A Guide for Older People." The 30-page booklet is available in single or bulk copies. Also available through NIA is the 36-page booklet, "Who? What? When? Resources for Women's Health and Aging" to help women as they age. For more information, call the NIA Information Center weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., toll-free at 1-800-222-2225 or TTY at 1-800-222-4225.

PETFINDER.COM. Petfinder.com, the Internet's largest and oldest virtual animal shelter, is available to those seeking to adopt a pet. The Internet service includes a total of 100 shelters in Texas and represents 1,600 shelters nationwide. The website allows users to search by kind of animal, breed, gender, size and age. Results of the search are ranked in proximity to the user's zip code.

PIE. Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families for foreign exchange students. The students, age 15-18, have spending money and carry accident and health insurance. PIE reps match students with host families through an informal in-home meeting. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-631-

PRS. Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services conducts a monthly informational meeting for individuals interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at its office (6200 I-40 West) in Amarillo. Contact Darla Ingram at (806) 354-6230 for more details.

School-to-Career Program. Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs, contact the local Texas Workforce Commission or call (512) 470-0918

SHARE. SHARE! High School Exchange Program, sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust, is seeking host families for foreign exchange students for a semester or for a year. The hosts must provide housing and meals. The students are covered by medical insurance and have their own spending money for personal expenses. For more information, call Yvette Coffman at the Southwest Regional Office, 1-800-941-3738.

Stuttering Foundation. Stuttering Foundation of America is offering a free copy of its brochure "The Child Who Stutters at School: Notes to the Teacher." For more information, contact the non-profit foundation by mail: Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111; or phone 1-800-992-9392. The brochure is also available at www.stutteringhelp.org. on the World Wide

TCA Web site. A list of "10 Hot Summer Cultural Events" can be accessed via the Texas Commission on the Arts website at www.artonart.com — the most comprehensive arts calendar on the Internet in Texas. Visitors to the site can search the database by city, region, date, topic or organization name as well as access a travel planner section that allows visitors to hyperlink to vendors to rent a car, make airline reservations or book hotel rooms.

TG Web Site. Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. (TG) has revamped its "Adventures Education" website located http://www.adventuresineducation.org http://www.aie.org on the Internet. Although the site is targeted to middle school, high school and college students as well as high school counselors, each section can assist parents in helping their children prepare for college. TG is a public nonprofit corporation that helps create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Its mission is to provide information to help families and students realize their educational and career dreams.

Tuition Assistance. U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance - College Bound is an

organization with a listing of over 700 different private scholarship sources for college students. Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; other can be applied towards tuition, living expenses and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools. For more information, send a SASE (business size, #10) to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

World Heritage. World Heritage, a nonprofit student exchange program, is currently seeking a local community representative to provide high school exchange students with program support. For more information, call Ande Bloom at 1-800-888-9040 or visit www.world-heritage.org on the World Wide

**82nd Airborne.** The 82nd Airborne Division Association is seeking new members. Airborne is the only requirement for membership. The Association holds a national reunion each year plus many mini-reunions, picnics and dinner dances. For more information, write AIR-BORNE 2001, 5459 Northcutt P, Dayton, OH 45414-3742; or call S.R. Gossett (WWII) at (937) 898-5977.

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

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

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

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

USS Columbus. USS Columbus Veterans Association is seeking Navy and Marine Corps shipmates who served on the USS Columbus (CA-74/CG-12) 1944-1976 and the USS Columbus (SSN-762) past and present. Contact Alvin S. Lewis, president, 726 E. Covina Blvd., Covina CA 91722-2955; (626) 339-3568; email homeport@lewisengraving.com

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

### OTHER

Ballroom Dancers. United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association is seeking support for a chapter for beginner social or recreational ballroom dancers in the Amarillo area. If enough interest is expressed, a local steering committee will be formed to guide the project and enroll members. For more information, call 1-800-447-9047; USABDACENT@aol.com; or write: USAB-

DA, P.O. Box 128, New Freedom, PA 17349. Clarendon VFW Bingo. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7782, Hwy 287 east, Clarendon, hosts charity bingo every Saturday. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m. Ten games are played per session. For more information, call 874-VETS. The maximum award is \$750 per game and \$2,500 per

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

TEXAS Vacation Packages. The Musical Drama "TEXAS" is continuing its fall, winter and spring vacation packages showcasing area attractions such as Amarillo Rattlers, Amarillo Opera, Amarillo Symphony, Lone Star Ballet, American Quarter Horse Association and much more. The packages include hotel/motel accommodations, dining in the best western tradition and one-stop shopping. For more information, call 1-800-655-2181 or visit www.texasmusicaldrama.com. on the Internet.

### **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.

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# Former PHS graduates show appreciation for alma mater

Returning students often express gratitude for the education they received at Pampa High School, and several classes have made significant contributions to the school to show their appreciation.

The class of 1944 instigated the project of landscaping and beautification which has made the campus so attractive. A marker has been placed on the south lawn of the campus.

The class of 1957 donated trophy cases to display photographs and biographies of the members of the Harvester Hall of Fame. These cases are placed in the main hall of the high school building.

The class of 1948 presented to the school a large map showing the Gray County part of Captain Randolph B. Marcy's expedition to trace the Red River to its source. This display, "Expedition of 1852," hangs in the gallery of the White Deer Land Museum. The map was researched and compiled by Richard B. Hughes, Tom Chisholm, Don Lane, and

Ann Campbell. In 1852, Capt. Marcy was ordered to examine the

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# **Insurance** proposals emerging at capitol

**BY NATALIE GOTT** ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. Rick Perry has declared homeowners insurance reform a legislative priority for the 2003 session, and lawmakers are already working on it.

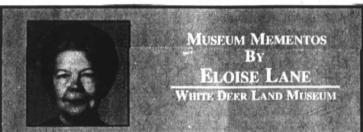
More than two dozen bills have been filed to address insurance, a leading issue in the November elections.

Since the Legislature last met, in 2001, lawmakers have been hit with consumer complaints about the rising cost of homeowners insurance. Some consumers say their rates have increased as much as 200 percent.

Insurance companies blame the higher premiums on the rising cost of water claims and other factors that have caused them to lose money. Two of the state's three largest insurers have stopped writing new homeowner policies in Texas.

There is little the state can do now to control the rates because about 95 percent of homeowner policies in Texas are written by subsidiaries that are exempt from rate regulation by the Texas Department Insurance.

Many lawmakers have called for some type of insurance regulation.



of Cache Creek (near present Fort Sill) to the source of Red River. Marcy's account of his Red River exploration contains one of the most accurate and lucid descriptions of a portion of the Great Plains ever printed as a government document.

Marcy's command entered eastern Wheeler County on June 10 and Marcy found the Panhandle abundant in fresh water, beauty, game, wild fruits, and onions, and widespread signs of Indian war

The camp of June 12 was near the site where Fort Eiliott was located later, and the explorers entered eastern Gray County on June 14. On June 16, Marcy's party reached the head of the North Fork and camped in a grove of cottonwood trees near present-day

Lefors. On the largest tree, Marcy carved an inscription: "Exploring Expedition, June 16, 1852." Under the tree, he buried a bottle containing a memorandum stating that he and his party had traced the

Marcy realized that he was near the Canadian River which he had explored three years previously in 1849, and he was anxious to establish the relationship between the Red and Canadian Rivers.

Red River to its source.

With a selected party, the Captain struck northward across the Staked Plains "where the eye rests on no object of relief within the scope of vision." A march of 25 miles led to a point on the Canadian which he immedi-

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ately recognized. Having established that the Red River and the Canadian River were two separate rivers, Marcy returned to his main party at North Fork. On June 25, the entire command moved 12 miles southward

toward the Salt Fork. They came to a small stream of sweet water that Marcy named McClellan's Creek because he believed McClellan "to be the first white man that ever set eyes on it." Brevet Capt. George B. McClellan, an engineer, was second-in-command to Marcy and later became Marcy's son-

A state historical marker, dedicated in 1985, has been placed five miles south of

Pampa on State Highway 70. The class of 1956 sponsored the bronze Harvester statue unveiled on the south lawn of the Pampa High School campus in October 2001. This 7foot high statue depicts a wheat farmer surveying his land near the turn of the century and represents the spirit of a true Harvester who is determined to succeed in spite of

difficulties. Ted Swindle, vice president of the class, explained that the statue is a tribute to all who have been a part of Pampa High School with "memories of the past, excitement of the present and accomplishments of the future."

Granite blocks below the statue are being sold for honorariums and memorials to provide scholarships for Pampa High School graduates. It is hoped that each graduating class will make a donation,

adding its name to the plaza. So far the largest donation has been made by the class of 1950 — this is second only to the sponsoring class of 1956 in acquiring funds for scholarships. The class of 1950 purchased an 18-inch statue to present to the White Deer Land Museum in honor of the Gray County Centennial. This statue, costing \$2,000, is numbered 5/50 in a limited

edition. The statue is placed on a pedestal of birch wood made by Jim Davidson. The pedestal has a beveled marble top made in Amarillo. Joan Stroup Brown, Joyce Jones Hutsell, and Beverly Friauf made the arrangements by

telephone and e-mail. In January of 2002, Hutsell of Groom came to the museum for the dedication of the

statue on the pedestal.



(photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum) This replica of the Harvester statue commissioned by PHS Class of 1956 and the pedestal on which it stands were presented to White Deer Land Museum by the Class of 1950 in honor of Gray



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BY KELLEY SHANNON ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

**AUSTIN** (AP)Republicans are set to control both houses of the Legislature for the first time in 130 years, just as the state sinks into a massive money mess.

The budget figures to be the overriding issue during the upcoming legislative session.

After a decade of running surpluses, state government faces a budget shortfall of at least \$5 billion for the next two years, according to the comptroller.

The shortfall — the amount of extra money needed to keep state services at current levels could go even higher, Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander says.

Cuts in spending may be in offing, because Republican legislative leaders and GOP Gov. Rick Perry say they don't want to impose new taxes.

"We've got some real challenges in front of us," said Lt. Gov.-elect David Dewhurst, who will preside over the Senate. "Arguably this next session is going to be one of the most competitive sessions,

toughest sessions, in the last 12 years."

Other painful problems await legislators when they convene Jan. 14.

Lawmakers are seeking to reform insurance industry oversight in the wake of skyrocketing homeowners' premiums. Perry has said he will declare insurance an "emergency" issue, meaning legislators can pass insurance bills in the first 60 days of the ses-

There is also a tort-reform movement afoot, in response to soaring medical malpractice insurance rates that have forced some doctors out of business. Insurers blame rising premiums on the cost of defending against malpractice lawsuits.

One Republican senator has filed a bill that would limit noneconomic damages, which juries sometimes award to cover plaintiffs' pain and suf-

Plaintiffs' lawyers are "going to fight it until the last dog dies," said Jack McGehee, president of the Trial Lawyers Association.

Legislators are also looking

rate, at \$1.50 for every \$100 in property value.

But it's a mystery where lawmakers would get money under a different schoolfinance system. Presumptive new House speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, said the issue is so thorny it could require a special legislative session after the regular, 140day session ends.

"School-finance reform is something that has to be tackled," Craddick said. "We've got to do something with it."

Craddick, who toiled for years as one of the few Republicans in the House, is riding the wave of the GOP's takeover of state government.

Republicans already held all statewide offices. Now they dominate the House too, with 88 Republicans elected to the 150-member chamber in November. The GOP hasn't controlled the House since Reconstruction.

In the Senate, Republicans increased their advantage to 19-12 in the recent election.

Craddick, set to replace outgoing Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, has promised to be fair to Democrats. Much of the work in the House is done in committees, and Craddick said he will name Republicans and Democrats alike to lead those panels.

"I think I can do a better job of apportioning those committees than has been done in the past," he said.

A number of Democrats jumped in to support Craddick's bid for speaker after the election, when it became clear he was amassing the support to win the job.

Just as they had no hope of electing one of their own as speaker, few Democrats expect to make big strides on their pet issues. Many simply are looking to play defense.

"I'm going to work very, very strong, to have no cuts for children," said Rep. Dora Olivo, D-Rosenberg. "That's going to be an important issue for us, whether it's health care, whether it's child care, whether it's education issues."

The Mexican American Legislative Caucus, made up mostly of Democrats, will work on those issues, she said.

Large chunks of the current \$114 billion biennial budget are dedicated to areas that can't easily be cut, including education and children's health care.

Even in places where cuts might be made, lawmakers face tough choices. For instance, do they abandon a \$1.24 billion teacher health insurance program that the 2001 Legislature passed with much fanfare?

In public remarks in December, Perry and the new legislative leaders hinted at the cutbacks to come as they stressed improving the efficiency of state government.

"The issue is spending," Perry said. "The hard-earned tax dollars sent to Austin by taxpayers must be invested wisely, not viewed as some blank checkbook.'

# Astronomy alive in Central Texas

BY MELANIE THOMAS KILLEEN DAILY HERALD

KILLEEN, Texas -Peering at the rings around Saturn through a telescope keeps at least one Harker Heights resident up at night looking at the sky.

"The fascination of an ever-changing and evolving night sky is what holds my interest," Steve Ernst said.

With two organizations constructing facilities that will be available to the public, astronomy is making a big move into Central Texas.

"Amateur observing has always been easier for Texans than for folks living in more densely populated states," said Steve Schmidt, planetarium director at Central Texas time in history. College.

"There are big open spaces and lots of sky," Schmidt said.

"It's no surprise to me that amateur astronomy is alive and well in Texas," he said.

Ernst, a member of the Central Texas Astronomy Society, said he became seriously interested in astronomy after he was given a small telescope as a gift five years ago.

After using the small telescope for a year, he said he wanted something more sophisticated.

Ernst said Central Texas Astronomy Society's involvement in building a robotic telescope that will be Internet accessible by students is what got him interested in the society.

"I want to help promote the instrument and its availability to the Killeen School Independent County," he said.

Whether conducting star parties for school children or giving a lecture for a civic organization, John McAnally, president of the Central Astronomical Society, said, "I always run into people that have an interest in astronomy.

"They just haven't found a way to formalize it or put it into practice," McAnally said.

He said there's an interest in astronomy because, as a famous astronomer once said, astronomy is both aesthetic and intellectual.

"It's a visual and intellectual kind of thing," McAnally said.

He said that at least once a week, some astronomyor space-related article is in the newspaper or on TV.

"It's become part of who we are, what we do today," McAnally said.

Central Texas largest stargazing facility will open in the spring on the CTC campus.

Groundbreaking for the \$8.6 million technology center and planetarium was in April 2001.

The total cost of the planetarium equipment is \$2.9 million. The planetarium will seat 184 people, including four handicapped spaces.

Schmidt said the planetariums audience will include K-12 school groups from the Region 12 service area and other areas such as Austin.

He said the planetarium's dome will simulate the sky from virtually any

In that way, Schmidt said the planetarium instrument is much like a time

the coolest jobs on campus. I get to bring astronomy down to earth by explaining it to students in terms of analogy and then showing them visually on the dome," he said.

"We will simulate things on the dome that are difficult, if not impossible, to demonstrate in the classroom," Schmidt said.

He said the school programs will be aligned with Texas

will overlap with math, earth science and other disciplines, will help a teacher justify the cost of a field trip, Schmidt said.

The public sky shows at mixture of entertainment

Large format films on a variety of topics as well as laser shows will be shown.

Just by pressing a few digits on a keyboard, students, educators and astronomers soon will be able to gather information about the moon, stars and planets.

enclosed inside an observatory is being constructed in the countryside between Clifton and Turnersville.

Observatory is being funded by the Paul J. Meyer Foundation in Waco.

McAnally said the foundation donated \$375,000 in March 2000 to CTAS for the construction of the observatory and the purchase of the telescope.

(See STARS, Page 9)

American Legion

American Legion Post 334 met recently and discussed the future of veterans in the region.

Present were: Travis Lively, Gary Pettit.

The post meets at 7 p.m., the third Thursday of each month at Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart. All veterans, including Korean and Vietnam vets, are

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That already has consumer and industry groups at odds with each other.

"It is going to be critical for real Texas homeowners and consumers to make sure their legislators know that they want real reform and that token reforms are not going to be tolerated," said Dan Lambe, executive director of the consumer group Texas Watch, which advocates state regulation over insurance rates.

Jerry Johns with the industry group Southwestern Insurance Information Service said his group would like to see lawchoices in the type of policy they

His group also would support a "reasonable" file and use system, allowing companies to file their rates with the insurance commissioner, who then would have a designated period of time to reject the rates if they were unjustified.

"We need to look at this in a balanced, reasonable way, devoid of emotion and try to get this market stabilized and get us customers," Johns said.

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Sponsor: Rep. Lon Burnam, D-Fort Worth.

- SB 125 would prohibit an insurance company from writing any other line of insurance if it withdraws from the homeowner or auto market in Texas. Last fall, Farmers Insurance threatened to stop writing homeowner policies but continue selling other coverage in Texas. Sponsor: Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay.

 HB 45 would ban an insurance company from using an underwriting guideline based on a person's credit history or rating. Sponsor: Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston.

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# Small supermarket chain thrive in shadow of H-E-B store

By ELIZABETH ALLEN SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

SAN ANTONIO - Ronnie Catlett of San-Antonio's La Fiesta supermarkets thought the old Albertson's on North St. Mary's Street was a beautiful site, but the store was too big for the La Fiesta format and the property's rent and taxes were sky high.

If La Fiesta had ventured there and failed, "it could really damage our company," Catlett

And La Fiesta has not survived in the shadow of H.E. Butt Grocery Co. for 22 years by being careless.

The six-store chain occupies a modest but profitable niche in mostly West Side locations catering to the Hispanic community.

At the La Fiesta at Bandera Road and Woodlawn Avenue, shoppers Alicia Peña and Virginia Lopez paused from choosing among flour and corn tortillas to explain why they like to shop there.

"Porque somos Mexicanas, ¿verdad? (Because we're Mexicans, right?)" Lopez said as Peña chuckled and threw an extra package of corn tortillas in their basket.

The supermarkets appeal to their customer base, which is 80 percent Hispanic, by devoting large sections of the small stores to fresh produce and meat. They feature chayote squash and tomatillos, as well as plenty of

tripe alongside chicken breasts and pork chops.

Dark red chiles mounded beside pale piles of corn husks announced the holiday season.

This is what the grocery business is all about," said Catlett, general manager of the San Antonio stores and vice president at Foodarama, the Houston company that owns them. "If you need a T-shirt, TV and tomatoes, you need to go to Wal-Mart, but if you want somebody that specializes in groceries,

Grocer competitors like H-E-B and Albertson's, which pulled up stakes and left earlier this year, often try to be all things to all shoppers, and most of the time, they do it very well, Catlett said.

La Fiesta stores do have customer-service centers, but most extra services are expensive to run and some, like bakeries, are usually money-losers, he said. Pharmacies can be profitable, but require a steep initial invest-

"The inventory that it takes to stock a pharmacy is just astronomical," Catlett said.

Keeping overhead and up-front expenses to a minimum is part of La Fiesta's strategy, an important one in an industry with razor-thin profit margins of sometimes less than 1 per-

One way to keep overhead down is by encouraging managers to work on the store

floor instead of in offices.

With box cutters and feather dusters as part of Martin Castillo's uniform, the Bandera store manager can handle small tasks around the store when he sees them.

Competitive pricing is also crucial, and La Fiesta can thank its supplier, Houston-based Grocery Supply, for helping it in that category. Grocery Supply has set up a buying coalition among its customers that helps them get products at a lower price.

Representatives at the wholesale company could not be reached for comment on the arrangement.

Another part of La Fiesta's strategy is to allow individual stores to make pricing and scheduling decisions. John Rodriguez, the Bandera store's meat section manager, said he appreciates having the authority to approve overtime.

Overtime pay is a costly issue and many companies refuse to authorize it, but the resulting labor inflexibility can hurt a company more. Rodriguez used to work for Albertson's, where he chafed under the more corporate regime.

The Boise, Idaho-based giant this year retreated from most of the Texas market. including San Antonio, in an attempt to get its finances in order.

Catlett blamed that company's failures in part on a central-planning approach that is not iways a good fit in far-flung regions.

"It takes an act of Congress to get a decision out of Boise," he said.

H-E-B's stores also are ruled more closely from the home office, although as a regional company it's more nimble than Albertson's.

The San Antonio-based grocery company did manage to force La Fiesta out of Eagle Pass in 1998. The seventh La Fiesta was across the street from a much larger H-E-B that was being remodeled, Catlett said. Also, an uncertain peso and enforcement on the Mexican side of a \$50 import limit cut heavily into the business La Fiesta relied on from Mexican shoppers.

"Out there, we had a 16,000-square-foot store going up against a monster," he said. 'We're not ignorant to the fact that they're huge, and they determine a lot of things in the market and we're around because we've been able to adjust to what our competition does."

Catlett saw H-E-B from the inside in the mid-1990s when he worked for the company's Pantry store operations in Houston. It made him a better retailer, he said. But internal politics got to him, he said, so when he saw an opportunity to return to Foodarama with the San Antonio stores, he jumped at it.

"It was a good thing when I left, and it was a better thing when I came back," Catlett said

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# Mother of eight becomes first in family to earn bachelorette degree

By MITCH MITCHEL FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

FORT WORTH — Beatrice Rosas started working at age 6, got married at 16 and had the first of eight children at 17, but she never gave up on the idea of earning a college degree.

At 69, Rosas achieved that goal last month when she walked across the stage at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth to receive her bachelor's degree in sociolo-

Blind in one eye and arthritic, she endured the death of her husband and one child to become the first person in her

family to earn a college degree.
"No one is more surprised

by that than I am," she said. Rosas has no dreams of a big job waiting for her after she graduates. Her degree was a personal journey, one that she crossed off her list of things to do in life. Learning is good for the soul, Rosas said.

"I've learned in my life that everything I do has a purpose behind it," she said. "I may not know what it is, but it falls into place later.

Rosas, who lives in south Fort Worth, focused on college after her husband, Jesse Rosas, died in 1992.

"The biggest motivator in my life was my husband," she

said. "He always felt that there wasn't anything that I couldn't do. I didn't feel that way, but he did.

She dropped out of school in the sixth grade to work at a drugstore in Fort Worth, helping support her family after her father, a single parent, became ill.

In her early teens, she began dating Jesse Rosas, and eventually, she married him. They had met at a relative's house when she was 9. Jesse Rosas was playing marbles outside. She raised their eight children while he worked at his body shop.

until their It wasn't youngest child started kindergarten that she pursued her

general equivalency diploma. After spending two years at what is now Tarrant County College, she received her GED in 1984.

"I had to teach myself the things I missed when I did not get my high school diploma,' Rosas said.

Through the years, she also started a food pantry, served on boards in the Catholic Church and worked with nonprofit groups. She now works for Southeast Area Churches, or SEARCH, which distributes food and clothing to the needy. But she always longed to go to college.

And it has never been easy. When she went to register for classes at Texas Wesleyan,

Rosas could not climb a set of stairs because of arthritis an ailment she has endured for 20 years. A student saw her predicament and got an employee from the registrar's office to come downstairs to enroll Rosas

When Rosas suffered a minor heart ailment during midterms last semester, Denise Burns gave her notes from a class they were taking.

'I was concerned when she missed the class, because she is always there," Burns said. The university's security

staff gives her rides to and from classes. Such acts of kindness have touched Rosas.

"The young people in col-lege are beautiful," Rosas said. "There are always three or four people willing to

help."
Katherine Luskey, one of Rosas' daughters, attended Texas Wesleyan and said she had to work hard to compete with her mother's grades.

"It was good to see her on another level, to work with her as a study partner, Luskey said. "We would go out to the 7-Eleven for double cappuccinos so we could stay awake and study all night. She's always stressed the importance of education."

Sociology Professor Sara Horsfall said Rosas interjects points of view that are not usually presented during class discussions. "She was a little older and from a minority group, and her experiences added to the class," Horsfall said. "She talked about her children and her grandchil-

Perhaps the greatest compliment came at her son's funeral two years ago when his friends told her how proud he had been of her. Jesse Richard Rosas, who died of heart problems, had been attending the University of Texas at Arlington.

"I see so many young people who are dropping out of school, and I just want to let them know that they can do this," Rosas said. "Whatever obstacles you meet can be overcome.

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### **STARS**

Prior to that, he said, of Waco donated five acres of operate the machine. project.

The concept of telescope use, McAnally said, is that up to 45 percent will be available to students and educators in the Region 12 area, which also includes private and charter schools.

He said 35 percent of telescope time will be devoted to actual research done by a visiting astronomer or society member. McAnally said the remaining 20 percent will be used for public outreach.

"We anticipate having the observatory open to the public at least once a month," he said.

"Our society, since its inception, has provided star parties to school children and other educational activities," McAnally said.

He said the society's mission statement is "to promote education and research in and public awareness of the science of astronomy.

The 24-inch reflector telescope will sit on the second floor of the two-story observatory. The telescope, which weighs two tons, will be supported by a concrete pier, weighing 23 tons.

McAnally said the telescope should arrive by next

He said the observatory should be operational by the

Since the telescope will be computerized and robotic, McAnally said it can be run

CONTINUED FROM PAGE EIGHT from a remote location.

He said this will enable a person with proper clearance, whether from Waco, Killeen, Charles and Dorothy Turner or anywhere in the world, to

School children ca mission from their science classroom, McAnally said.

He said students can go to their computer, access the society's Web site, find a page to pull up on the screen and then fill in what they want the telescope to do.

Once the requests have reached the observatory at the appropriate hour, McAnally said, the computers will turn everything on, open the dome, and resort all the missions that came in that night into some logical order.

He said the computer will then turn the telescope into the Western sky and pick up the first target and run the mission on target, whether its taking a photograph, a photometrical observation, or taking the spectrum of the object.

"Once the missions done, it will move to the next target," McAnally said.

He said the telescope would repeat this process throughout the night.

All the data will be downloaded into a file on the observatory's computer.

McAnally said, the next day, students will go back to the classroom, get on the Web site and find data to bring back to the classroom.

"Now the students have real data that they can do research with," he said. "they're no longer just reading about astronomy, they're doing real research.'

In high school, there are labs for chemistry and biology, but in Central Texas, there has never been anything to allow astronomy students to do

"Now the Paul J. Meyer Observatory will be their astronomy laboratory," he said.

something, McAnally said.

Carol Harrison, an astronomy teacher at Ellison High School, said she is looking forward to the opening of the planetarium at CTC so she can take her students out there.

"It's hard to teach astronomy because its very abstract," Harrison said. "It's not something where you can go and reach out and touch," she said. "I think that because of the

Hubble telescope and the pictures we get back, there's much more interest in the science," Harrison said, adding that science fiction keeps inter-

She said the importance of astronomy in education is that it "keeps us asking questions about why. Science is about

why.
"Understanding more about space, we learn more about ourselves," Harrison

In her astronomy classes, which are considered an academic elective, she said her students study constellations and connect history and mythology

"It's an elective, but its not easy," Harrison said.

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She said not having a facility such as the planetarium or observatory has limited her and her students.

"Were at a real disadvantage right now. The closest thing we could go to is Fort Davis, or Houston," Harrison said.

For someone to get started in astronomy, both Schmidt and Ernst said it shouldn't be costly.

"It doesn't cost anything but your own time," Ernst "You don't need an instru-

ment to get started in astronomy, you just need a clear, dark sky and an open pair of eyes," Schmidt added.

"In Texas, we have an abundance of clear, dark skies and flat horizons," he said.

For a modest investment, Ernst said an amateur astronomer can buy a good pair binoculars.

"A pair of hand-held binoculars is far superior optically than the scope used by Galileo," he said.

Ernst said he cautions those who want to buy a telescope to go to star parties, test an astronomy club members telescope and ask what they like

and dislike about their scope. He said he encourages amateurs to "get a free look, a free ride" before investing money in a telescope.

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On December 6, 2002 Atmos Energy filed a Statement of Intent to change its service charges with the Railroad Commission of Texas and each incorporated city listed below. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days after filing.

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Reconnect delinquent service or service temporarily off at customer's request	\$37.50	\$56 25	
Miscellaneous service calls	\$11.25	\$16.88	

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Copies of the filing are available at the Atmos Energy Office at 5110 80th. Lubbock. TX 78408-1121 or at an Atmos Energy Office nearest to you Affected persons whose gas rates are subject to the original jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes with the Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective.

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PAMPA — There will be a Harvester Soccer Booster Club meeting at 7 Tuesday night in the Ready Room at the high school athletic fieldhouse.

### **BOWLING**

PAMPA — Short season bowling leagues are now forming at Harvester Lanes.

The Celanese Mixed League, consisting of fourmember teams, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 6 to organize. Starting date is Jan. 13.

The Senior Mixed League, consisting of bowlers 50 years of age and older, will also meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 6. Starting date is Jan. 13. The senior league will be made up of threemember teams

### **SHOOTING**

### SANFORD

Meredith Gun Club will hold a match Jan. 12 at the shooting range just south of Antelope Creek between Borger and Sanford on SR# 1319. Antelope Creek is the deep canyon just outside of Sanford.

It will be .22 Rabbit Gun Silhouette Match, ironsighted sporter types only (8 1/2 pounds maximum). It will be large pistol silhouettes.

Entry fee is six dollars. A .22 bench rest for two dollars will be available for those interested.

All matches start at 1 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Beginners are welcome to compete.

All matches are unsanc tioned and open to the public.Other matches scheduled this month are on Jan. 19 and Jan. 26.

If more information is needed, call Don Sanders at 857-3217 or John Trirogoff at 665-9626.

### **FOOTBALL**

**PAMPA** Harvester Booster Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the high school athletic building to finalize plans for the annual football banquet.

The banquet to honor the 2002 Harvesters will be Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 p.m. in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Tickets, at \$8.50 per per son, can be purchased Monday through Wednesday from Sandy Clark at the athletic office during regular school

No tickets will be sold after. Jan. 8.

### **BASKETBALL**

### WHITE DEER

White Deer opened the District 1-1A basketball season Friday night with a 42-39 win over Stratford.

Jacob Brame had 14 points and Brian Knocke added 13 to lead the White

Deer attack Cass Melton had 15 for

Stratford. White Deer fell 52-41 in

the girls game.

Amy Sladek was the leading scorer for Stratford with 15 points.

Cassie Petty led White Deer with 16 points. Ashley Davis followed with 11.

# Buckeyes win national title in two overtimes

# Ohio State snaps Miami's 34-game winning streak

hardly too long to endure for a chance in the first overtime. team waiting 34 years for another national title.

Showing patience and poise of a champion, Ohio State outlasted Miami in one college football's greatest games, beating the Hurricanes 31-24 Friday night in the Fiesta Bowl.

"At least once a week we have one play where it's the last play in the world and it means everything," All-American safety Mike Doss said. "We stepped up to the challenge."

On this night, the Buckeyes needed many plays to derail the Hurricanes' run for back-toback national titles and snap their 34-game winning streak.

Craig Krenzel engineered two touchdown drives in overtime — with help from a delayed penalty -- and the relentless Ohio State defense came up with a goal-line stand in this shocking, thrilling season-ender.

The confident 'Canes rushed

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Two ing they had won, only to learn nerve-racking overtimes and a that a pass-interference call delayed officials' call were game the Buckeyes another

> Krenzel tied the game with his second touchdown and freshman Maurice Clarett scored on a 5-yard run in the second overtime to give the second-ranked Buckeyes (14-0) the win over No. 1 Miami (12-1). Ohio State was an 11 1/2-point underdog.

"It's no different than what we've done all year," Krenzel said. "We make plays in the big games when we have to." Miami's Todd Sievers sent

the game into overtime with his 40-yard field goal on the final play of the fourth quarter. The Buckeyes' punishing

defense rattled and pounded Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey all night. And on the last play of the game, on fourth-and-goal at the 1, Cie Grant blitzed and forced

Wilhelm batted to the ground. "It hurts. Losing hurts,"

Dorsey to heave a desperation

pass that linebacker Matt

what this team has done. I should have made some of those throws, and I take responsibility for that."

While Miami coach Larry Coker lost for the first time in 25 games, Tressel has a major college title to add to the four he won in Division I-AA at Youngstown State.

Nine times since Woody Hayes coached the Buckeyes to the 1968 title, Ohio State lost a late-season game that cost it a possible championship. But the Buckeyes finally brought the title back to Columbus with a conservative offense and fierce defense that Hayes would have

The fantastic finish was nothing new for Ohio State this season. The Buckeyes won six games by seven points or fewer.

After Kellen Winslow Jr.'s 7yard TD catch gave Miami a 24-17 lead in the first overtime, Krenzel converted a fourth-and-14 pass.

The Buckeyes then faced a fourth-and-3 at the 5 when Krenzel threw to the right corner of the end zone for Chris Gamble, who was being covered Glenn Sharpe.

As Gamble reached back for

even more. thinking back to but couldn't hold on. Seconds later, field judge Terry Porter threw a flag from the back of the end zone indicating pass interference even as Miami players and fans spilled onto the field.

"He was holding me. He was in my facemask and my shoulder pads," Gamble said. "I was waiting for the flag, but he kind of hesitated. I didn't see him going for the flag and I thought, 'He ain't going to throw it.' Luckily, he did, and I'm like, 'Whew."

Porter said: "I saw the guy holding the guy prior to the ball being in the air. He was still holding him, pulling him down while the ball was in the air."

Order was restored quickly, and three plays later Krenzel scored from the 1 to send the game to a second OT.

Dorsey, a Heisman Trophy finalist, finished off his career with just his second loss in 40 starts. Willis McGahee, the Hurricanes' other Heisman finalist, left early in the fourth quarter with an injured left knee.

The Associated Press poll of writers and broadcasters was released early Saturday with the Buckeyes No. 1. They also were the champions of the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, onto the field at one point think- Dorsey said. "For me, it hurts the ball, he got his hands on it which automatically goes to the yards out with 1:10 left.

Fiesta winner, this season's designated Bowl Championship Series title game.

Ohio State led 14-7 at the half, and extended the margin to 10 points on Mike Nugent's 44yard field goal. The 'Canes closed to 17-14 on McGahee's 9-yard scoring run with 2:11 left in the third quarter. And that set the stage for Sievers' kick, leaving the Sun Devil Stadium crowd of 77,502 breathless.

The Buckeyes' ferocious defense had Dorsey in trouble from the opening series with two sacks. Although Ohio State fell behind 7-0 on Dorsey's 25-yard pass to Roscoe Parrish, the constant pressure paid huge dividends in the second quarter as the Buckeyes took a 14-7 halftime lead, turning two turnovers into touchdowns in a 78-second span.

After an interception by . Doss, Krenzel tied it with a fourth-down run from the 1 with 2:28 left in the half.

On the next play from scrimmage, Dorsey dropped back to pass, but defensive tackle Kenny Peterson came around from the right side and spun him to the ground as the ball came loose. Darrion Scott recovered at the Miami 14.

Clarett then scored from 7

# Pampa boxers claim two matches at WT tourney

— Youth Survival Club of Pampa boxers can certainly handle themselves in the ring. They proved it last month as two of four club members posted wins at the West Texas Championship.

Jerry Jimenez of the Lubbock division while Jose Nunez win tion next month. by technical knockout in the Hernandez of Slaton in the matched. 125-pound division.

Larrazola went three rounds ence made him the winner. sors for the boxing team and Larrazola has over 43 bouts all interested persons can contact across the United States. He will fight in the West Texas Golden Gloves Tournament

"This kid is a true champion," says club founder J.R. Moreno.

Jose Venegas (165-pound division) and Marcelo Lopez (201-225 pound division), both boxed well in losing efforts for Pampa.

Moreno felt Lopez should have won his Super Heavyweight bout against David Bocanegra of the Lubbock Warriors.

"Marcelo exploded with a right cross to Bocanegra's

to finish him off. Even though it was his first fight, Marcelo fought his best for three rounds, but lost by points. Marcelo said he hit his opponent so hard it stunned him, JoJoe Larrazola outpointed also," Moreno said.

Warriors in the 106-pound state Golden Gloves competi-

Five other local boxers first round over Erik made the trip, but were not

The Youth Survival Club is and determination plus experi- looking for additional spon-Moreno at 663-7002. The yearly sponsor's fee is \$35 per boxer, which covers both boxing license and medical insur-

> Moreno urged Pampans to support these young boxers.

"If you don't support them now, they will move onto another town. Our population is decreasing rapidly and our youth is Pampa's future. This is a good program, hundreds of kids have been through this program," added Moreno.

Many of these young boxers are struggling just to get through each day, Moreno pointed out.

"This is why our program is

chin, but didn't follow through called Youth Survival Club. town. They're representing Help us keep these kids off the streets by sponsoring one kid for \$35 a year," Moreno said. "Some of these kids didn't have a Christmas tree or gifts to put under it.'

Moreno said each boxer is Lopez will also fight in representing Pampa every time he or she steps into the ring.

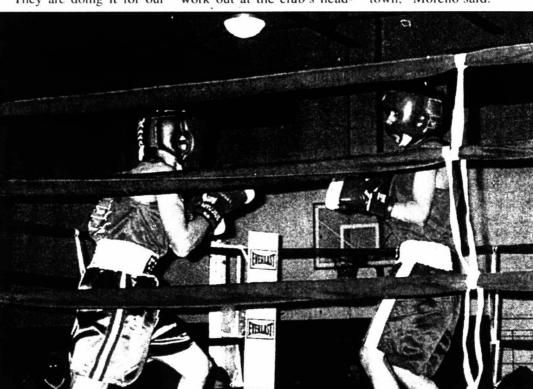
you and me," Moreno said. "They're unmatched in

courage and determination, and they want you to know that they are trying their best to change their lives by being in this program."

Residents are urged to come and watch these boxers "They are doing it for our work out at the club's head-

quarters, located in the old Horace Mann school build-

"Let's not be so greedy. Turn that television off, get out of that recliner and head to the boxing club to meet some of these boxers. Tell them what a fine job they're doing in representing your town," Moreno said.



Jo, Joe Larrazola (right) of Pampa exchanges punches with Lubbock opponent Jerry Jimenez in the 106-pound division. Larrazola won by a decision.

# Parcells faces interesting challenge in Dallas

By DAVE GOLDBERG

AP Football Writer

Two things to remember about Bill Parcells' new venture in Dallas:

His accomplishments have diminished as he's moved from team to team: Two Super Bowl victories with the Giants; a Super Bowl loss with the Patriots; and an AFC championship game loss with the Jets.

- He had Phil Simms as quarterback with the Giants; he was able to draft Drew Bledsoe in New England; and he had Vinny Testaverde with the Jets. In Dallas, he has Chad Hutchinson and Quincy Carter.

"I know there are certain cards here on the table," he said when asked about the Cowboys' quarterbacks. "They're not all bad cards. I

know that. Maybe there are cards that haven't been turned over yet that I can turn over." OK, so these Cowboys aren't the worst team that the

Tuna has taken over His first year with the Giants, 1983, they were 3-12-1, but the team had a lot of

voung talent, led by Simms, Lawrence Taylor and Joe Morris. He got them to the playoffs the next two seasons, then won the Super Bowl in

In 1993, he took over a New England team that had been 2-14 the previous season. That got him the first pick in

He made the playoffs at 10-6 his second year, and made the Super Bowl in 1996, where his Patriots lost to the Packers and he packed up and went back to New York and

His first Jets team had been 1-15 the previous year, but it had underachieved badly under an underachieving coach, Rich Kotite. They were 9-7 in his first season and got to the AFC title game in his

This time, he might sign a veteran QB (the 39-year-old Testaverde?) or trade for one

he'd probably jump for a Marc Bulger. Even then, he probably won't challenge the Eagles and Giants in the NPC East next season.

That's not to say Parcells won't succeed.

he doesn't like the owner very much. And he has what he likes best — a good defense with a potential impact player in rookie safety Roy Williams.

But no team wins in the NFL without a quarterback, so Parcells may go out and get one, letting Hutchinson and the draft and he used it to take Carter learn their trade from the sidelines. He is noncommittal about Emmitt Smith's future, but Smith (or Darren Woodson) is the kind of veteran leader Parcells always has used as an intermediary with younger players.

Still, the two teams at the top of his division aren't likely to get worse. The Eagles are young, and so are the Giants, who have \$17 million in cap room to play with in the offseason

The Cowboys went 0-4 against those two, and the combined score of those losses was 139-40. They were in only one of those games — a 21-17 loss at home to New

"It wasn't long ago that everyone was bashing the NFC East. There are a couple of teams from there in this tournament right now," Giants

He always has, even when coach Jim Fassel said. "I think that both are on the upswing you could build a case for Philadelphia that way and you could build a case for us."

Most people who know both Parcells and Jerry Jones — Jimmy Johnson for one think it's inevitable that there eventually will be a clash between two of the strongest wills in football. Jones may be willing to step away for now, but he's impatient by nature and Parcells loathes meddling,

But don't forget about parity. No team stays bad for long these days, except teams with clueless owners, such as Cincinnati and Arizona. The Cowboys are due to improve after three consecutive 5-11 seasons that finally convinced Jones to stop acting like Mike Brown of the Bengals, Bill Bidwill of the Cardinals and Dan Snyder of the Redskins.

Still, if Parcells wanted an interesting challenge, those would have been better places for him.

### **DIRTY DOZEN**

The top six and bottom six: 1. Tennessee (11-5). Can't argue with 10 of 11.

2. Philadelphia

Should get to San Diego, but only if Donovan McNabb is at least 90 percent.

3. Oakland (11-5). Haven't been to Super Bowl for two decades. Are the Raiders due? 4. Tampa Bay (12-4). Need

Brad Johnson back for the playoffs. 5. New York Giants (10-6).

Hot hand. NFC sleeper. 6. New York Jets (9-7). Hot

hand. AFC sleeper.

27 (tie), Houston (4-12), Dallas (5-11). Texas Twins. Both need offensive help, although David Carr gives the Texans a legitimate QB.

28. Arizona (5-11). If it wasn't for the Bengals, the NFL's laughingstock would be in the southwest.

29. New Orleans (9-7). Second straight late-season collapse. Part but not all is Aaron Brooks' sore shoulder.

30. Chicago (4-12). Give Dick Jauron credit for getting his team to play right down to the end.

31. Detroit (3-13). Team president and coach have to be on a very short leash.

32. Cincinnati (2-14). Condolences to the new coach

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# Bowl win should give Texas big boost in 2003 pre-season poll

AUSTIN (AP) — Chris Simms is gone, Roy Williams will be back and a disappointing 11-2 season is done.

Texas started the 2002 season with renewed dreams of a national title, only to once again get beaten by Oklahoma and then drop out of the Bowl Championship Series with a defeat at Texas Tech.

before, Simms got maybe too much credit when the Longhorns won, too much of the blame when they lost.

Now the most scrutinized player to wear a Texas uniform will go to the NFL. He leaves a legacy of school records, biggame meltdowns and a reputa-

huddle and with the media. "I don't give a damn about my legacy," Simms said after

the 35-24 loss to the Sooners in October. "The only thing I care about is my team and winning Simms led Texas to big

wins over Kansas State, Nebraska, Texas A&M and Louisiana State. Three inter-And just like the year ceptions in the loss to Oklahoma and another in Lubbock will haunt many fans' memories of the season.

The record books will note that Simms' 26 touchdown passes were a Texas single-season record. Career marks of 58 TD passes and 26 wins as a starter rank second. He also tion as one of the toughest goes out as the first Texas quarplayers on the team, both in the terback to beat Texas A&M

three times in a row since Bobby Layne in the 1940s.

"He'll be able to buy all the guys who criticized him because he'll be a great pro player," coach Mack Brown school quarterbacks ever while said after Simms passed for 269 yards and two TDs in a 35-20 Cotton Bowl win over LSU.

"He handled himself with class and he handled himself with dignity," Brown said.

The job of replacing Simms will fall to Chance Mock or Vince Young. Mock was Simms' backup this season and has three years in the Texas system. Young will enter next season as a redshirt freshman. And like Simms four years ago, he'll have the weight of great expectations on his

Brown closes his practices to the public so few have seen what Young can do. The mystery, and his reputation as one of the greatest Texas high playing at Houston Madison, only fuel the legend growing around him.

At the going rate, Texas fans will be disappointed if Young doesn't start and throw for 400 yards and four touchdowns against New Mexico State on Aug. 30.

Williams was dubbed a legend by a local sports columnist before he ever played a college game. He finally lived up to it this season.

Williams played half the season with a nagging hamstring injury but still caught 64

passes for 1,142 yards and a school-record 12 TDs. He turned around the Cotton Bowl with touchdowns on a 51-yard pass and a 39-yard run, and he set up the go-ahead score with a 75-yard reception.

Williams surprised many when he decided to forgo the NFL draft to return to Texas for his senior year, when he won't have a proven quarterback to get him the ball.

Williams was unstoppable when healthy. Texas was predictable when he was hurt. Staying injury-free in 2003 could make the difference between a national title or playing in the Cotton Bowl

this season, but did get 11 wins for the second consecutive year, the first time that's happened in school history. A second-consecutive Top 10 finish is all but guaranteed.

"This bunch has exceeded every expectation anyone could've asked," Brown said. "You can say they didn't win a championship — other than that, they did everything else."

Brown improved his bowl record at Texas to 3-2. And the Cotton Bowl win will give the Longhorns a good boost in the 2003 preseason rankings, when fans will again start demanding their first undisputed national title since 1969.

They just won't have Texas didn't win the Big 12 Simms to kick around anyor the national championship more if it doesn't happen.

# Hall of Fame football coach Sid Gillman is dead at 91

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sid Gillman was years ahead of his time in the game of football. The proof will be on display this weekend as' the NFL playoffs begin.

Gillman, the Hall of Fame coach who was one of the masterminds behind the West Coast offense used by several of the NFL's best teams, died early Friday. He was 91.

Gillman died at home in his sleep, his wife, Esther, said.

"We loved watching football, we were so looking forward to the playoffs," Esther Gillman said. "My life with him was wonderful, the memories, we shared so much.'

Gillman coached the Los Angeles Rams from 1955-59 and the Chargers in Los Angeles and San Diego from 1960-69 — their first 10 years of existence — and again in 1971. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1983 and also was a member of the National Football Hall of Fame.

In 18 years as coach of the Rams, Chargers and Houston Oilers, Gillman had a 123-104-7 record.

Former Chargers running back Keith Lincoln remembers Gillman at his best in the AFL.

"He was so innovative," Lincoln said. "When we won the championship in '63, during the regular season we played Boston twice so we were playing them for the third time for the championship. He showed them some things that we hadn't done before. I think that's what gave us the advantage in that game."

Al Davis, who coached the Oakland Raiders from 1963-65 when he and Gillman were AFL coaching rivals, called Gillman "the flagship for the modern-day passing game."

"It was my good fortune to know him for 50-60 years, be a part of his life," said Davis, the Raiders' managing general partner. "Obviously, he exerted an influence on my life. The great ones, time never ends for them. Immortality is real when it comes to those people. I am sad. We'll miss him greatly."

The West Coast offense has been used by several successful teams over the years, including the Raiders, San Francisco 49ers and St. Louis Rams.

And the New York Jets made their run to the playoffs with such an approach.

The 49ers, quarterbacked by Joe Montana and Steve Young, used it to win five Super Bowls in the 1980s and 1990s.

The Rams won the title three years ago.

It's similar to the passing offense Gillman used, one that spreads the field horizontally and vertically to open up passing lanes and give quarterbacks more options to throw the ball.

Kansas City Chiefs general manager Carl Peterson said Gillman was the father of the modern passing game.

"Absolutely, without question," Peterson said. "Sid was a true giant in our business. He was probably the most innovative offensive mind in our game."

"Last night was the first and only night that Sid was in a hospital bed," Esther Gillman said. "We brought a hospital bed up just yesterday, because we thought it would be a little more comfortable for him."

Esther Gillman said her husband died peacefully at 5:15 a.m.

"That was the most important thing, he had such a nice smile on his face," she said: "That was the best part. The whole time, he was never in pain.

"He was in his room with all the plaques and all the footballs and all the mementos from all the years. It was a wonderful room. And he was aware of that. He always went into his office, especially during football season."

The Gillmans, married for 67 years, moved to Century City, Calif., 18 months ago to be closer to family, Esther Gillman said. They had lived in Carlsbad, Calif. — some

- for many years before moving north.

Gillman is also believed to be the first coach to use game film to analyze the opposition. His reliance on film was attributed in large part to the fact that his family operated movie theaters in Minneapolis.

In his first coaching job, at Denison, Ohio University in 1935, he saw an advertisement for a 35-millimeter projector for \$35.

"We can't afford that," Esther Gillman recalled in an interview three years ago. "He says, 'I have to have this.' That was the beginning. He would come home, we would put up a white sheet on the wall, Sid would show me these films."

The Gillman garage in Carlsbad was loaded with dozens of reels of film and videotapes, along with about 50 binders resembling an

30 miles north of San Diego encyclopedia set chock full of football plays and philosophies.

Gillman, 88 at that time, said he watched football tapes about two-to-three hours every other day.

"I'm still involved; I will be, as long as I keep getting movies from these coaches," he said at the time. "Every once in a while I ask myself, 'I'm not coaching, why do I do this?"

He answered his own question by saying: "I'd hate to have something on the football field happen that I'm not aware of."

Gillman is also survived by four children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held Sunday for family and close friends. Esther Gillman said a tribute will be held at a date to be deter-

# Pampa bowling roundup

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# Spurs trim Warriors, 98-95

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — With the game on the line, the Golden State Warriors could only watch in amazement as Tim Duncan ran down the court and showed off another move.

"It's hard to put into words, to describe Tim," Golden State's Antawn Jamison said of the reigning MVP, who scored a seasonhigh 37 points in the Spurs' 98-95 victory Friday night.

Duncan made 14 of his 18 field-goal attempts and went 9-of-9 from the line. He also had nine rebounds and four assists, and he led the Spurs in scoring for the 13th straight time.

"Tim is playing MVP basketball, unfortunately we're having a hard time finding people to join him," coach Gregg Popovich said. "We needed a win and we got it. Wins are always good.

The Spurs had lost two in a row, and three of four on their road trip — all to sub-.500 teams. In their last defeat, 105-103 at Washington on Tuesday night, Duncan had a

then-season high of 35 points and also grabbed 13 rebounds.

Duncan has 24 double-doubles this season, second only to Kevin Garnett.

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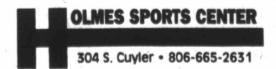
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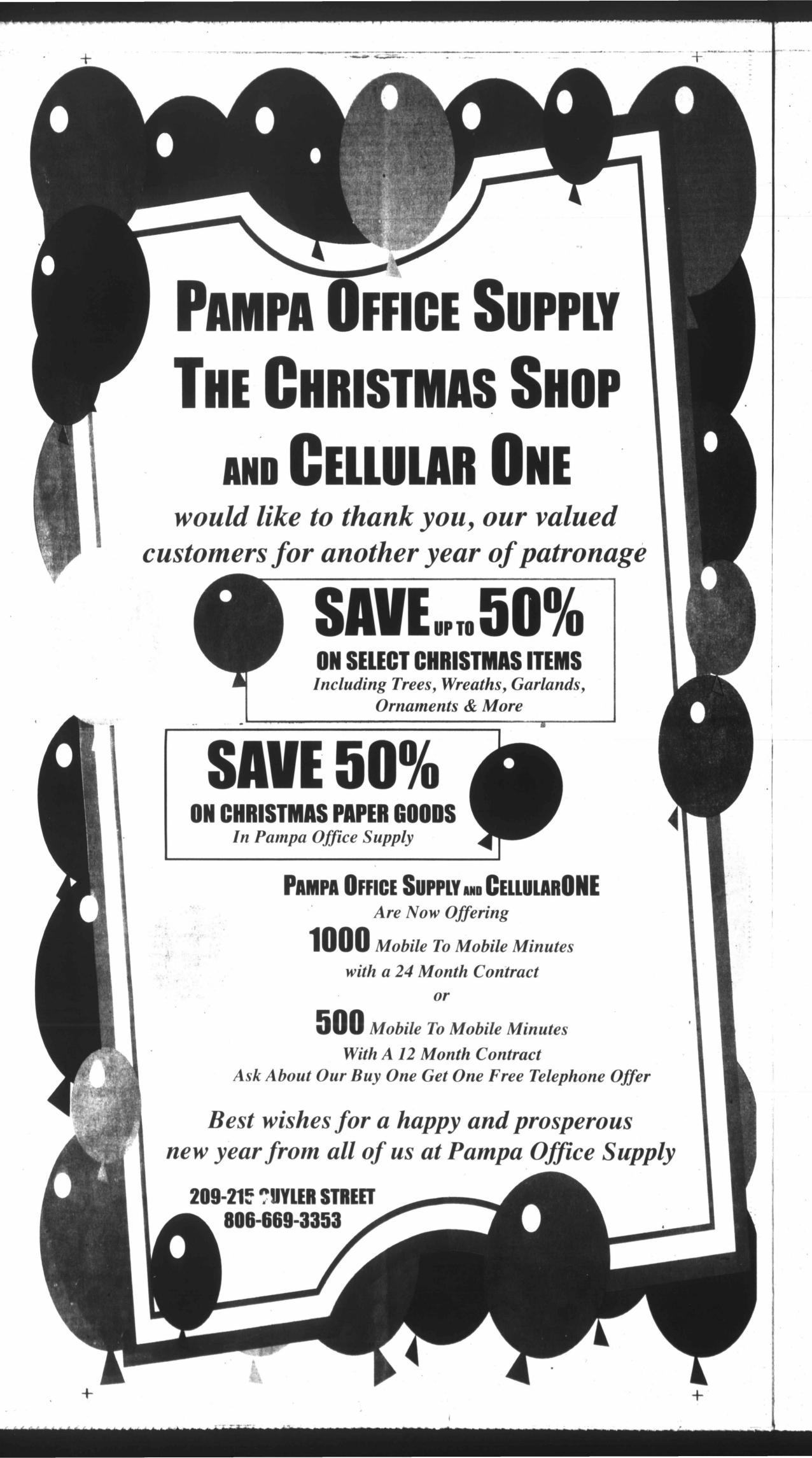
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# COMMUNITY

### NEWSMAKERS



Geniva Ruth Hogan

STILLWATER, Okla. — Geniva Ruth Hogan was recently awarded a bachelor of science degree in agricultural education with specialties in leadership, floriculture, and poultry from Oklahoma State University during commencement at the Gallagher-Iba Arena at Stillwater.

As an active member of the OSU Chapter of Alpha Zeta, a nationwide honorary fraternity for men and women in agriculture, Hogan received an award for "Most Dedicated" (2001) and served as chapter censor (vice-president) during the 2001-02 academic year.

Her other honors, activities, and accomplishments include: OSU President's and Dean's honor rolls; Alpha Tau Alpha agricultural education organization; OSU Poultry Judging Team (two years); and International Women's Cooking Class-Family Resource Center.

For now, Hogan plans to continue to work for OSU as senior account clerk in the University Residential Life Department of the University Apartments for Family Housing.

Hogan and husband, Rob, are Wheeler County residents. Their parents are Chuck and Louise Hogan of Mobeetie.



Jordan E. Fruge'

Jordan E. Fruge' recently graduated cum laude from Texas A&M University School of Engineering, earning a bachelor of science degree in industrial distribution.

Fruge' is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Fruge' and is a 1998 graduate of Pampa High School.

PLAINVIEW — Shanna Michelle Buck, a 2001 Pampa graduate, was recently named to the President's List at Wayland Baptist University for the 2002 fall semester.

To be eligible for the honor, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

Buck is the daughter of Mike and Shirley Buck of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Bryan and Betty Buck of Pampa and Jack and Katie Clements of Wilson, Okla.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

### 'LEGACY'

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

### WDLM

White Deer Land Museum will host an exhibit of paintings by artist Grant Johnson Jan. 2-29 at its location at 112 S. Cuyler in downtown Pampa. The show is entitled "The Face Behind the Face" and will be on display during regular museum hours.

### 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.

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COMMUNITY EDITOR

What is an artisan welder?
Well, Russell "Rusty"
Neef, owner of "Neef
Welding Works" in Pampa,
certainly brings these terms
to mind. Although a welder
by trade, Neef occassionally branches out with projects that go beyond functional, that enter that rarified realm of "unique" and
"original" with results that
often benefit the entire
community.

Some of the pieces that Neef has put together include the musical song notes at the park near M.K. Brown Auditorium, the newly erected gazebo at Von Brunow Park adjacent to the post office, the Masonic symbol at Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381, and the sign in the parking lot of Pampa Community Building.

"The gazebo is the latest thing," Neef said.

It was placed in its current location the week before Christmas but was actually built three years ago.

"The idea of the gazebo stems from the city commissioners when they decided to purchase the property that it's on," Neef said. "One of the stipulations was that it be made into a park, and it would have to be an operating park – not just some property there with grass and flowers."

"One of the stipulations was," he concluded, "it was to have a gazebo."

Neef said he more or less inherited the project during his tenure with the Parks and Reacreation Advisory Board of which he is still a member.

He was nominated when no one bid for the job. He drew up a set of plans, lobbying persuasively for it to be of metal instead of wood, and was eventually given the goahead.

The gazebo sports 225 scrolls, he said, all of them hand-rolled. It is wheelchair accessible, as required by law, and its steps and handrails, he added, are also "up to spec."

The cupola is adorned with a "country doctor" weathervane in honor of Dr. Von Brunow who himself was a country doctor and is segmented by six stars which designates "six flags over Texas."

When asked why it took three years for the gazebo to be placed in the park, Rusty explained that a basement

exists beneath the property. Though it has been filled, water did not initially drain from it properly, causing a myriad of problems including the rather lengthy waiting period for the mandatory structure.

In addition to serving on the

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Neef also belongs to Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art (PAFOA), joining approximately 12 years ago. It was his association with this organization that led him to erect the song notes, near M.K. Brown Auditorium.

"My original plans were only to have maybe the treble cleft, the sharp sign, and about three notes, and that was going to be it. And I had picked the name of 'Windsong' for the sculpture."

"They (PAFOA) were wanting to have sculptures along the footpath, so that people who used the footpath would have something to look at that would be interesting enough for them to use the footpath and to keep going. As this thing progressed, they talked me into 'why not use a song and use actual notes up there.'

His wife, Berdena, suggested "This Land is Your Land" by Woody Guthrie, and the rest is history.

Wanetta Hill, a local music teacher, arranged the piece in a format he could use.

"I decided, well, it's got three stanzas there. I'll make the first one, and I won't do the other two." But, he said, "I got interested in it, and the first thing you know I, uh," he

Clockwise from top: 'This Land is Your Land' sculpture; 'country doctor' weathervane; Neef and Von Brunow Park gazebo; aluminum Masonic symbol; and sign at Chamber of Commerce parking lot.

### ■ Photos by Dee Dee Laramore and Skyla Bryant.

laughed, "did all three stanzas!"

The sculpture grew to be 150-feet long and 12-feet high. According to Rusty, the pieces were so large, he had to remodel a trailer to carry them.

The notes are rolled in a four-foot diameter, making each approximately the same size.

Rusty selected their position carefully.

"Different times of the day when the sun changes location, different seasons of the year when the sun changes locations," he observed, "it gives you a different picture. The shading, the shadowing, and the sun on it at different times changes the

looks of it."

The musical notes were completed and installed in the early 1990s.

"' Texas Highways' magazine," Neef commented, "has carried it (articles or pictures of the notes) a couple of

sent a professional photographer down here."

The piece has been included

times in their magazine. They

in other publications as well.

"There was a lady that was with the University of Texas Printing Department that was doing a composite collection of outdoor art that was available in Texas, and she called me one day wanting to know if I would mind furnishing her a picture and a short statement about the musical notes, so we corresponded two or three times, and she put her book together, and the musical notes were in it."

Neef's involvement with the Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge symbol predated the outdoor sculpture by a number of years.

"In 1975, the Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 built a new lodge building," Neef explained, "and, being a member of it, I wanted to contribute what I could to help the building. I had seen the square and compass and letter 'G' signs welders had made at different lodge buildings, and they just liked a lot being what I thought they ought to be, so I decided to make one for the new lodge."

(See NEEF, Page 24)



Russell "Rusty" Neef

# LIFESTYLES

### ANNIVERSARIES



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrington

### Harrington anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrington of Pampa celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 21, 2002, at Dyer's Bar-B-Que with 21 family members present. Children of the couple hosted the event.

Charles Harrington and Artie Switzer were grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

married Dec. 21, 1942, at Drumright, Okla. They have been Pampa residents for 57

Petroleum Company after 38 years of service. Children of the couple are Jerry Harrington of Pampa, Janice Steele of Huffman, and Sharon Moss of Borger. They have eight

Mr. Harrington retired from Phillips

# Kemph anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Kemph of Pampa will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 7, 2002.

Doug Kemph and Cindy Neal were married Jan. 7, 1978, at Lamar Full Gospel Church in Pampa. Both are lifelong Pampa residents and each is active in Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant, Amanda Jacobs Memorial, and Pokey's WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeos.

Mr. Kemph is currently employed with Oneok where he has worked for the past 13 years.

Mrs. Kemph is a homemaker and serves as secretary for Pokey's WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeos as

Children of the couple are Brandy and Ray Adamson of Amarillo and Britany and Tristan Perry of Pampa.



Mr. and Mrs. Doug Kemph

### Hogan anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Glen A. Hogan of Pampa celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Jan. 4, 2002, with a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Glen Hogan and Martha Gaines were married Jan. -3, 1953, at Wheeler. They have been Pampa residents for 48 years and are members of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Mr. Hogan retired from Cabot Corporation Carbon Black Plant on March 3, 1995, after 40 years of service.

Mrs. Hogan is a homemak-



Mr. and Mrs. Glen A. Hogan

Melinda and Montgomery of Pampa and

Children of the couple are Alisa and Dee Orr of Duncan. Monty Okla. They have three grand-

### Johnson anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Johnson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Jan. 4 2002. They married in Shamrock in 1953, but have lived most of their lives in Pampa where they raised two sons, Larry and Grant



Mr. and Mrs. Orval Johnson

# Napoleon fodder for Toronto artist

BY NAOMI WATTS ODESSA AMERICAN

ODESSA, Texas - When Tony Scherman quit painting mythological figures in favor-of painting historical figures, he discovered a paradox.

There underneath the superficial layer of what are the bare bones usually distributed about historical figures, lies so much that what you knew to be true about history may, in fact, be a

Call it thinking too much. Call it soul searching. Whatever it is, the Toronto resident says his paintings in the traveling exhibit, 'Chasing Napoleon," on display at the Ellen Noel Art Museum until Jan. 19, is an exercise in trusting himself.

"With Napoleon, I find myself painting a guy I can't know,' Scherman said. "It's my deconstruction of a myth. I find contra-

olds. (See form for more details.)

dictions of a myth. It's not to give you a history lesson. I'm trying to give myself a history lesson.

What that all means takes a bit of explanation. You can't look at Scherman's enormous paintings of Napoleon glaring and say, "Oh I get it." That would be too easy. You would have to go back to Scherman's childhood.

Scherman grew up in Paris because his father was a musician. more. And what you uncover is He stayed in Europe and earned degrees from the Royal College of

> "I grew up with the French Revolution as part of my doctrine," Scherman said. "I remember seeing Napoleon's tomb when I was young. I thought this is not a tomb for a man; It's a tomb for a

Scherman heard all the stories and read the texts on what the French Revolution was and did. But it wasn't the whole story.

"I re-examined the French. Revolution," Scherman said. "It's

much more sinister. What leads me into projects is paradox something that doesn't sit right, and it's usually of an ethical

He discovered death tolls in French villages during the revolution were much higher than previously recorded and in fact, he said you can't get a history book to agree on actual death

Much like any historical subject, very few books, authors, historians are going to agree on facts. Everyone has his or her own take on things, he adds.

So Scherman had these images of Napoleon flashing through his mind as the man who transformed Europe in his supreme reign, yet he fell to such miserable depths before he died (murdered, if you ask Scherman)

And all the while, while visions of Napoleon dance in Scherman's head with queasy historical realities coming forth, Scherman's brain was working ahead of him. He wanted to paint. He had an idea of why he wanted to deconstruct the myth of Napoleon by painting him.

However, Scherman will tell you now that other ideas blossom after the works are finished or are in the process of being finished. They build on one anoth-

Something, such as a connection between the Third Reich to the French Revolution, would arise. And thus, a painting of Joseph Goebbels masked in baby blue is born. That's where the trusting himself comes in.

What's the connection you may ask. It's simply the fact that things aren't what they seem, Scherman said.

Goebbels, if you'd just met him and knew nothing of his murdering, might seem like a nice guy. And he was, in certain realms. He's a murderous Nazi monster and the jokester of small mixers all at the same time. It just depends on which context you're in, Scherman

Apparently, although a military genius in some historians eyes. Napoleon never mastered the art of shaving and always nicked himself, Scherman said. But Napoleon shaving is more fascinating than the fact that he couldn't hold a razor correctly. (See NAPOLEON, Page 15)

### WEEK OF JANUARY 6-10

### Pampa Schools **MONDAY**

Menu was not available at press time

Lefors Schools MONDAY

Breakfast: Donuts, cold

cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza or chicken nuggets, corn, salad, fruit, milk.



by Otoniel Huertas, M.D. Obstetrics & Gynecology

### MISPLACED HOPES

Ectopic, or tubal, pregnancies have nearly tripled over the past decade Experts believe one culprit behind this rise is sexually transmitted diseases (SIDs), particularly chlamydia and gonorrhea, which can scar and narrow the Fallopian tubes, rendering it difficult for the fertilized egg to move down to the uterus. As a result, the egg implants outside

the uterus, usually in a Fallopian tube. Without early diagnosis and treatment. the pregnancy will continue in the tube. which will eventually burst This will destroy its ability to

carry fertilized eggs to the uterus in future conceptions and could threaten the mother's life. Thus, it is important to watch for signs of cramps and tenderness in the lower abdomen during the first 10-12 weeks of

A ruptured Fallopian tube is a surgical emergency. While removal of the tube and fertilized egg are cause for sadness, it should be remembered that the pregnancy was not viable. If the other Fallopian tube and ovary are in good working order, conception in the future will still be possible. For compassionate and professional OB GYN care, phone my office at (806) 273-7771. We are located at 106 S. Bryan, Borger, New patients are welcome.

P.S. Other early signs of ectopic pregnancy include brown vaginal spotting or light bleeding and. sometimes, nausea, vomiting

### TUESDAY

Breakfast: French toast cornbread sticks, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Baked potato/all the fixens, fruit, milk

WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Breakfast tacos. cold cereal, toast, juice.

Lunch: Sausage wraps or mini corndogs, peas, salad, fruit, milk

### THURSDAY

Breakfast: Hot cereal, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken strips or

steak fingers, green beans, potatoes, gravy, rolls, fruit,

### FRIDAY

Breakfast: Sausage biscuits, cold cereal, toast, juice.

Lunch: Hamburgers or barbecue sandwiches, French fries, salad, fruit, milk.

### Senior Citizens MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken/broccoli casserole, mashed potatoes, English peas, beets, beans, cherry chip cake or tapioca cups. slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or combread.

### TUESDAY

Sweet/sour pork or Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, spinach, fried squash, beans, black forest cake or butterscotch pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or

### WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket/brown

gravy or cook's choice. mashed potatoes, carrots, cream corn, beans, red velvet cake or apple/raisin cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

### THURSDAY

Chicken strips or cabbage tator Scandinavian blend, turnip greens, beans, spice cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or corn-

### FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or barbecued sausages/onion rings, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, brownies or cherry cream icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

### Meals On Wheels MONDAY

Chicken/rice casserole, tomatoes, mixed vegetables, pears. TUESDAY

Ham, dressing, sweet potatoes, WEDNESDAY

### Shepherd's pie, lima beans,

candied carrots, cherries. THURSDAY

### Oven-fried chicken, macaroni/cheese, zucchini/tomatoes,

FRIDAY Swiss steak, sliced potatoes,

### LIFESTYLES POLICY

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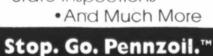




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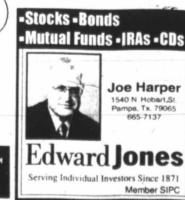
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Karmen Lea Martin of Panhandle and Jeremy Michael Buck of Pampa were wed Dec. 21, 2002, in First Baptist Church of Panhandle with Sterling Edwards, youth minister of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

The maid of honor was Sarah Nenstiel of Panhandle. The bridesmaids were Bethany Holland of Marble Falls, Shanna Buck of Pampa, Lindsay Vandiver and Whitney Vandiver, both of Richardson, and Evan Inmon of Dumas. The flower girl was Madison Edwards of Pampa.

The best man was Danny Kirkpatrick of Pampa. The groomsmen were Brad Nunneley of Granite, Okla., Jared Smith and Jonathon Taylor, both of Pampa, Keith Wright of Canyon, and Kevin Pingelton of Alva, Okla. The ring bearer was Dayne Bruce.

Registering the guests was Erin Gray of Salt Lake City, Utah. Music was provided by pianist Hal Skaggs of Amarillo and vocalist Jenna Edwards of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service in fellowship hall of the church with Andi McKiernan of Panhandle, Jodi Hayley of Archer City, Emily Keen of Shawnee, Okla., and Nikki Clements and Kaitlyn Clements, both of Bridgeport, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of James and Janet Martin of Panhandle. She is currently attending Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) in Shawnee.

The groom is the son of Mike and Shirley Buck of Pampa. He also is currently attending OBU in Shawnee.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Orlando, Fla., and intend to reside in Shawnee while attending university.

# Lindsey-Huber

Leigh Ann Lindsey of Dallas and Nathan Huber of Denver, Colo., were wed Nov. 2, 2002, in Delaney Vineyards at Grapevine, Texas, with Pastor Leighton Farrell, of St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Plano, officiating.

The maid of honor was Lori Lindsey of Oklahoma City, Okla. The bridesmaid was Lisa Farina of Keller. The flower girl was Chasey Brownell of Castle Rock, Colo.

The best man was Joseph Huber of Rogers, Ark. The groomsman was Matt Puryear of Nashville, Tenn. The ring bearer was Cody Kapeles of The Colony.

The ushers were Todd Poticny of Arlington and Alex Potts of

Registering the guests was Taylor Poticny of Arlington. Music was provided by vocalist Carol Ziegelgruber of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service at the vineyards. The bride is the daughter of Susie and Tommy Lindsey of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School and holds a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from West Texas A&M University. She is currently employed as project coordinator for Columbine Corporation.

The groom is the son of Jimmie and Joseph Huber of Rogers. He graduated from Rogers High School and holds a bachelor of science degree. He graduated from United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and is currently an information technology manager for Columbine Corporation.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Negril, Jamaica, and intend to make their home in Denver.



Karmen Lea Martin



Leigh Ann Lindsey of Dallas and Nathan Huber

# Dolphin-loving couple finds calm on the waves

THE BROWNSVILLE HERALD

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND. Texas — When a bottlenose dolphin is stranded or a brown pelican is injured, Scarlet Colley is usually first on the

For her, it's personal.

"We're personally involved," she said of her relationship with the Bay Area crea-

Dozens of photographs of dolphins and birds cover the walls of the living room of Scarlet and George Colley's home. Hours of videotape fill numerous plastic tubs. She has spent years documenting the families of dolphins in the Laguna Madre for several years. Some she's named and recognizes by their dorsal fin.

"These dolphins are a very special part of our family," she said.

When the Colleys, who run dolphin tours from the island, go out on the water, they never take more than six people with

"It makes it a more personal experience," Scarlet Colley said. "They get to meet them (the animals).'

On a recent cool, calm day, she took a group of four out to meet the marine mammals. In the Brazos Santiago Pass, the ship channel's opening into the Gulf of Mexico, a female and two young dolphins swam about 30 feet from the boat.

Angel and Ceta, the Colleys' dogs, accompany them on the tours. Each has a stool in the front of the boat. Angel snarled and barked as she slammed her paws on the rail.

"Hey, don't you growl at my dolphins," Scarlet Colley called

As the boat entered South Bay, the dogs quieted. The group looked through binoculars at the roseate spoonbills and the great blue herons feeding on the banks of a nearby island.

The tour continued closer to the Queen Isabella Causeway in and a group of 5- and 6-year-old male dolphins swam and leaped, circling the boat.

"Woo-hoo," Scarlet Colley screamed and clapped. "There's Titan. He was born April 14th six

from front to back. "I call Ceta at Pan American Coastal Studies the LDDD or long distance dolphin detector," George Colley said.

Excitement ensued and more young male dolphins joined the group, totaling about eight. They pierced their noses through the calm glasslike waters and swam

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underneath the near still boat.

"This is what we call dancing with dolphins," Scarlet Colley said. "This is a party. They're choosing to stay with us."

Since they started doing tours their company Fins2Feathers, the Colleys had countless experiences with dolphins. When a pregnant woman is on board, the dolphins go crazy, she said.

"I can't tell you how many magical moments we've had," she said. "They have intuition. I can't put a finger on it, but we know it's real."

Both volunteer to care for the The dogs yapped and scurried aquaria at the University of Texas Laboratory and are part of the Marine Mammal Texas Stranding Network. Scarlet Colley writes a monthly dolphin and wildlife column for the South Padre Island Parade Magazine.

In recent months, the two

were awarded a third grand prize in the Small Tract Competition for the Valley Land Fund photo contest and the 2002 Regional Steve Thompson Award for special achievement on behalf of

Rev. Tom Pincelli, an internationally renowned birder, said the contributions the Colleys make with their commitment and passion make them great stewards for the community.

"We're going to discover a lot more things about the Laguna Madre, simply because Scarlet and George are out there," Pincelli said. "The Valley is blessed to have people like them."

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### **NAPOLEON**

"Every morning a guy sees himself in the mirror when he shaves,' said Scherman. "And sometimes, in a rare instance, he actually sees himself. You see that you are.'

Scherman said this discovery lasts a mere nano second and sometimes is forgotten. It transcends the typical mornings logical thinking one goes through when planning the days events. It's the split second when a man really sees himself as the person he really is, whether good or bad, Scherman

That's what these enormous paintings hanging in Ellen Noel's gallery are close-ups of Napoleon when he sees himself at different times (morning shaves) throughout

"He views himself at different moments, and we are on the other side of the mirror," Scherman said. "It's the idea of moving through life, presenting stills from an inter-

What's even more interesting than the thought of Napoleon looking at himself and seeing what he really is, is that the viewer can simultaneously watch Napoleon as if in a movie and be Napoleon. After all, he is looking in a mirror, Scherman said.

Then what? That's deconstructing the myth. It's the bare truth. No hiding.

Another aspect of the paintings that makes them cinematic is that they're so large. Scherman intentionally painted Napoleon so large that there is no vanishing point, no

"It's a compressed depth of field," Scherman said. "You can never get that close to a person. Napoleon in his own mirror can't get that close to himself. Somebody's watching something they're not supposed to be watching. It's Napoleon at a private moment, and you're on the other side of the mirror.

By the time the viewer gets to the last painting of Napoleon, his last shave, apparently this is the end of something great

He's bloated. He's not as attractive. He's, well, he's just like Elvis, Scherman said.

Come again?

Scherman admits he is also fascinated with the rise and fall of giants. Elvis and Napoleon were beautiful, even divine in a sense, when young and on top. Then, they both got fat, bloated, had similar haircuts and fashion style, and both died due to drugs — Elvis of an overdose and Napoleon of arsenic. That's why right beside Napoleon's last shave is Elvis' last

Marlon Brando has had a similar fall from his throne on Mount Olympus, Scherman said.

'Elvis, Napoleon, and Marlon Brando — they're Apollo turns into Dionysius," Scherman said. "To me the connection is there. The connections in my work are surprising but not surprising to me. They're waiting to be discovered."
"Chasing Napoleon" and its

paradoxical theme continues with portraits of the actress Gillian Anderson in the same large-scale form as Napoleon. Scherman explains that his friend Anderson

has the most genuine, warm smile. The idea of Liberty 1776 (the first of three Anderson portraits) is that liberty is Gillian Anderson's smile," Scherman said. "Her smile is very genuine, like the scheme of the American Revolution.

In "Liberty 1789: Gillian Anderson," Scherman said the idea is that liberty is "sexualized." It's changed, and no longer pure.

"Her breasts are out, and she's breast-feeding the country," Scherman said. "It was not the joyful event it was portrayed to be.

The picture of Anderson's smile is bloody and no longer warm. The idea behind "Liberty 1793: Gillian Anderson" is that liberty has gone way off its original course and is "demented," adding that she might be with the Marquis de Sade in an insane asylum.

The portrait of Anderson is graphically bloody, with some of her teeth missing.

Adding to the unusual perks of Scherman's work is the medium he chooses. Scherman paints with wax, a method called encaustic. Layer upon layer is slathered onto his canvas, creating depth.

What I fell in love with was the sensual nature of it," Scherman said. "It's like nothing I've ever worked with.

In 1974 as a graduate student with a hideous case of what he calls "painters block," his tutor at the Royal College of Art suggested he try encaustic painting. Scherman was going to have to present finished paintings to his professors at the end of his schooling and yet he had no paintings to show.

"Graduate students are desperate people," Scherman joked. So he tried encaustic because he knew it was a difficult medium and that since it was a difficult medium, his professors would cut him some slack and thus he would buy some time in perfecting it.

So he slapped some tinted wax onto his surface and it moved. And when he put another layer on top of that, this time a different color, he loved the effect.

'It is so impossibly surface affirming," Scherman said. "It sort of sat on the surface.'

And he said he hasn't painted with anything else since.

Scherman said the title of his exhibition, like his works, has more than one meaning. First, and easier to explain, is

that Scherman was chasing Napoleon himself, trying to deconstruct that myth.

Second, chasing is a gambling

"In compulsive gambling if ou start chasing a loss then you're Scherman "Napoleon does the same thing, but with men.

Countless men died under Napoleon's efforts to conquer the world, not just defeated communities, but his own soldiers. Scherman said when a compulsive gambler (warmonger) loses for the first time, it tattoos itself to the back of his or her mind. And forever, they are trying to one-up that loss and make it

The irony is that it is a futile pursuit.

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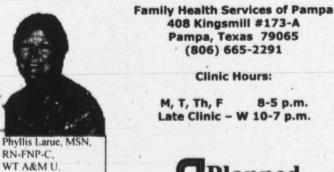
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# HEALTH BRIEFS

Abnormal hormone levels in women may be sign of PCOS

Up to 10 percent of all women may suffer from a disorder unheard of by many of them. Yet a variety of medical problems, including infertility related to ovary damage, may signal the presence of polycystic ovary syndrome, often called PCOS.

The syndrome is a metabolic disorder characterized by abnormal hormone levels, a condition that may be associated with a wide range of afflictions, ranging from acne, excessive hair on the face and/or body, and obesity, to more severe disorders such as infertility, diabetes and heart disease. It is not unusual for women to seek treatment for different PCOS symptoms without having the syndrome recognized, says Dr. Bruce Carr, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and a reproductive endocrinologist.

Because symptoms appear throughout the metabolic system, an endocrinologist may be the best type of specialist to diagnose the syndrome, Carr says. Often, a diagnosis of PCOS is made when a woman seeks medical help for infertility.

"Diagnostic tests include those for both male and female hormone blood levels, blood lipids, insulin and the ability to process blood glucose," says Carr. "The patient may also undergo an ultrasound examination to detect ovarian enlargement, cysts or areas of thickened uterine lining, as well as a biopsy for endometriosis."

Self-exams still important to detecting breast

A 10-year study involving 260,000 Chinese women recently showed that breast self-exams didn't reduce breast-cancer mortalities among those women, but that doesn't mean selfexams should be discontin-

Dr. Phil Evans, who leads the breast-imaging program at the Southwestern Center for Breast Care at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas; says women should perform self-exams in conjunction with screening mammograms and regular exams by their doctors.

"Most doctors have known for a long time that mammography is the only tool proven to reduce breast-cancer mortality, but self-exams can be important in finding some cancers," Evans says.

Evans points out that while the women in the trial were instructed to perform selfexams every six months, commonly accepted practice calls for monthly self-exams. He says monthly self-exams promote awareness of how the breast normally feels and allow women to notice subtle changes that might indicate the presence of cancer.

"I have seen cases where women noticed a minimal change that could have seemed insignificant but, with further examination, was found to be cancer," Evans says.

# UT researcher helps identify gene linked to sleep disorders DALLAS - A researcher identified slimb about five ing pathways that are rele-

at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas has helped uncover key information in the treatment of sleep disorders by identifying a gene that controls the rhythmic behavior of animals. Dr. Jin Jiang, assistant pro-

Developmental Biology and of pharmacology at UT Southwestern, researchers from Rutgers

University have learned through studying fruit flies (Drosophila melanogaster) that the gene slimb is a vital component in the regulation of the circadian clock - the brain's day-night mechanism that allows humans and other organisms to anticipate daily environmental changes and then tailor behavior like sleeping, waking and eating to the appropriate time of

"Slimb is one of the newest clock genes being identified, and we believe it is also involved in human clock regulation," said Jiang, co-author of the study, published today in Nature. "We've only demonstrated the clock regulation in insects so far, but given the conservation in core clock mechanisms between insects and humans, I'm confident this gene is important in human clock regulation."

Researchers previously have identified genes in the brain that drive the circadian clocks in humans, fruit flies, mice and other species. Fruit flies have long been used as a model organism to uncover the molecular basis of the circadian clock. Researchers 30 years ago. Jiang years ago while screening genes that control fruit flies' physical development.

"You would think the genomes of fruit flies and of human beings as well as humans are totally different, but in the regions that control metabolism, behavior, fessor in the Center for organ development and other functions, they are quite similar," said Jiang. "Almost 70 percent of human-disease genes have counterparts in fruit flies including the clock genes in the brain."

Clock genes oscillate in a 24-hour cycle that ultimately leads to the day-night change of behaviors. It has been known for years that per protein level goes up and down each cycle, but how the leveling is regulated was unknown.

The new study, Jiang said, demonstrates that slimb acts in conjunction with another clock gene, doubletime (dbt) , to control the oscillation of per. By altering the activity of slimb in the fruit fly brain, the circadian clock can be accelerated, decreased or disarrayed, he said. When slimb activity is reduced, the circadian clock is lengthened, and vice versa. If slimb activity is eliminated, the clock operates at random because there is no oscilla-

Dr. Luis F. Parada, director of the Center for Developmental Biology and professor of cell biology, said Jiang's research helps in the overall understanding of genetic disorders and can-

"This research exemplifruit fly in dissecting signal-

vant and related to the genes in human beings and that we know are involved in both the developmental biology in cancer," said Parada, who also is director of the Kent Waldrep Center for Basic Research on Nerve Growth and Regeneration.

"These signaling pathways are like a switch on a wall. You might assume it turns on a light, but it might also turn on a fan, turn off a heater or turn on an intercom. Between Drosophila humans, what is and between the switch and the output is conserved, even if the output is not. In this particular case, however, Jiang and colleagues provide a compelling example of what may turn out to be not only conservation of the wiring but also of the outcome."

This discovery may lead to the development of drugs that speed up or slow down the circadian clock, Parada predicted. Sleep disorders affect 70 million Americans, according to the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research.

"It's a long process from basic research to clinical applications, but each step definitely helps," said Jiang. "We need to have a complete picture of how the circadian clock works by identifying every single molecule involved."

Jiang collaborated with two Rutgers University researchers: Hyuk Wan Ko, principal investigator, and Dr. Isaac Edery, senior author.

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# Genes deliver heart kicker

**BY JANET McCONNAUGHEY** ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

A study published recently may help explain why blacks are more likely to experience congestive heart failure than whites, researchers say.

Two pairs of genes that rarely occur together in whites generate a tenfold risk for heart failure among black people who have both the gene pairs, according to the study in a recent New England Journal of Medicine.

The genetic combination plays a role in one-quarter of the cases of congestive heart failure diagnosed each year among blacks, said Dr. Stephen B. Liggett of the University of Cincinnati College Medicine, who was a leader of the study.

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Liggett and his colleagues found that a single pair of genes that does nothing bad by itself can double the risk created by a second pair.

About 5 percent of U.S. blacks have both sets of genes, Liggett said. But it is far rarer among whites.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Roger J. Hajjar of Massachusetts General Hospital called the study "provocative," but said the researchers hadn't proven cause and effect.

Doctors have long known that blacks are more likely than whites to suffer from heart diseases and certain other illnesses, and are more likely to die from them. Some researchers have suggested that blacks receive inferior care, perhaps because of unconscious prejudice among doctors.

An analysis of 81 studies released Wednesday as part of a campaign by major health foundations to close the racial health gap found that the evidence that minorities get inferior cardiac care is compelling.

Liggett's study, however, is part of a growing body of research indicating that at least part the racial gap can be explained by genetics.

Nearly 4.8 Americans have congestive heart failure. It affects about 3.5 percent of all black men, 3.1 percent of black women, 2.3 percent of white men and 1.5 percent of white women, according to the American Heart Association.

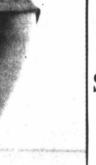
That would mean about 733,500 blacks have the disease. It shows up earlier and is more likely to have serious complications in blacks than in whites. Also, blacks do not get as much benefit from or need higher doses of ACE inhibitors and beta-blockers, two common groups of medicines for heart disease.

There is no one explanation for those differences. High blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, smoking and obesity all increase the risk.

Discrimination, lack of access to care and other societal inequities are indeed a problem - but may not be the main reason for the gap, said Dr. Clyde W. Yancy of the University of Texas-Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

"When you control for those variables, there is still more heart disease in African-Americans. Particularly this disease called heart failure," he said.

One of the gene pairs in question increases production of a chemical that increases blood pressure, heart rate, and the heart's contraction and relaxation. The other gene pair makes heart cells which take up the chemical, norepinephrine, more sensitive to it.



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Scientists map chromosome 14, site of multi-illnesses **BY RICK CALLAHAN** DNA that has been sequenced: ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

French and American scientists have mapped chromo-14, the longest sequenced to date and the site of more than 60 disease genes, including one linked to early onset Alzheimer's.

The feat enlisting nearly 100 researchers marks the fourth of the 24 human chromosomes mapped so far as

part of an international effort. Scientists at Genoscope, the French national sequencing center, said the chromosome is comprised of more than 87 million pairs of DNA, all of which have been sequenced so that the chromosome's map includes no gaps.

"At the present time, this is the longest piece of contiguous

We made an effort to close all the gaps," said Genoscope's director, Jean Weissenbach.

The researchers describe chromosome 14 and its 87,410,661 pairs of DNA — a fraction of the total 3 billion pairs found in human genome — in a paper published online by the journal Nature.

The project was led by Genoscope, with contributions from scientists at Seattle's Institute for Systems Biology and the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

The scientists identified 1,050 genes and gene fragments, among them more than 60 disease genes. Those include genes linked to early onset Alzheimer's, spastic paraplegia, NiemannPick disease and a severe form of Usher syndrome.

Although the accomplishment is noteworthy, it does not mean science is any closer to conquering Alzheimer's, said Bill Thies, vice president for medical and scientific affairs the Alzheimer's Association in Chicago.

He said the chromosome 14 gene linked to early onset Alzheimer's accounts for only a fraction of cases of the degenerative brain disease. Several genes, as well as environmental factors, are known to play a role in a person's risk of developing Alzheimer's, Thies said.

During the last three years, nearly complete sequences of chromosomes 22, 21, 20 and now chromosome 14 have been published.

By April, researchers around the globe hope to complete the sequencing of the remaining 20 chromosomes, said Mark Guyer, director of the division of extramural research at the National Human Genome Research Institute.

April is also the 50th anniversary of the publication of James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick's 1953 paper in Nature describing DNA's double-helix structure.

Guyer said the institute, one of the National Institutes of Health, intends to mark the occasions by publishing a paper outlining its vision of the future human genetics studies.

"Once we've sequenced the chromosomes, that is essentially just the basic set of instructions. We still need to learn how to read the instructions and understand what they mean," he said.

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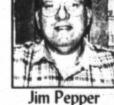
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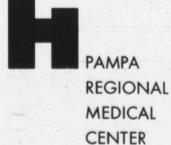
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# DEAR ABBY

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# **Low-Income Family Can't Give High-Dollar Wedding**

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Jenny," is engaged to marry a nice young physician. It's going to be an elaborate "black tie" affair in a castle in Europe. The young man's family is enormously wealthy, and his siblings are all doctors or lawyers. Some of the wealthiest people in the world will attend the wedding.

On the other hand, our combined income is less than \$30,000 a year. We pay our bills on time, but we have nothing extra at the end of the month. The good news is that the groom-to-be's family has contributed a lot of money toward the wedding. The bad news is that they're asking me why we haven't contributed any. Our daughter mentioned that some of her friends parents have taken out a second mortgage on their homes so they can give their daughters their dream weddings. (We live in an apartment.) Jenny hasn't lived at home for 12 years and makes more money than I ever will.

Abby, what is expected of me and my family? How can we explain to Jenny that we are happy for her and love her, but cannot and will not use our small retirement say ings to pay for her elaborate extravaganza? As it is, we will all have to travel to her castle, and pay for hotel rooms, tuxes, plus give them a lovely gift. We need your expert advice - and fast! NOT EVEN CLOSE

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beyond your means. If the groom's family is unaware of this fact of life, please waste no time in explaining it to them. There should be no shame in doing so. It's reality.

DEAR ABBY: I am miserable. I am married and the mother of two children. I don't know how to get out of my marriage. My husband is

so volatile he hollers, throws things, and is loud and verbally abusive to me. He also acts this way with the I do not love him. I married too

young and for all the wrong reasons. When we argue, he goes running to my family and tells them a sob story, and they blame me. When I try to talk to them, they refuse to listen and push me to stay with

I don't want to have to walk out on all of my possessions, but I will if I have to. I am willing to do almost anything to get out of this marriage.

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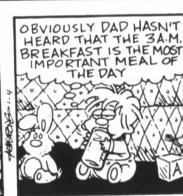


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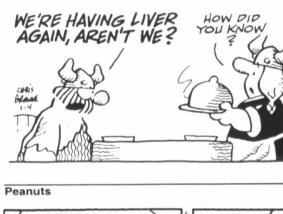


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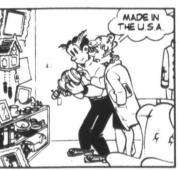




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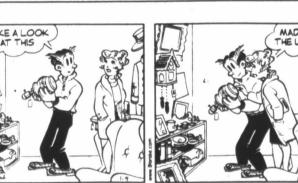


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# Software company tries to survive terrorism investigation

QUINCY, Mass. (AP) — Life has quieted down at Ptech Inc. in the month since the software firm was raided by federal agents. But it's a bad kind of quiet: Business has slowed, and 17 of 27 workers have been let go.

Those who are left are confronting hateful voice message and e-mails. The bank accounts of four employees of Middle Eastern descent have been canceled, without explanation.

"I feel like I'm not allowed to dream," chief executive and co-founder Oussama Ziade said in a recent inter-

Ptech is similar to a thousand other software startups, but its fortunes turned on a distinction: It has connections to Middle Eastern people and groups that have attracted attention from federal authorities investigating the funding of terrorist groups like al-Qaida.

Ptech calls itself an injured bystander in the war on terrorism. Ziade says the company has been assured neither it nor any employees are the target of government investigations, and the government has said Ptech's software poses no threat to clients like the FBI and Pentagon.

Ptech says its connections simply reflect how networking takes place. Investors introduce other investors. Employees refer other employees. It's hardly surprising, the company maintains, that expatriate Middle Easterners should have their own network.

Still, some anti-terrorism experts are troubled by the company's ties to groups under suspicion by the U.S. gov-

"It's more a question of what kind of people are we giving access to our government institutions," said Matt Epstein of the Investigative Project, a Washington, D.C., research group focused on international terrorism. "If it's the same guys our government is investigating, that's a problem."

Ptech was born in 1994 when Ziade, who had come from Lebanon to study at Harvard, teamed up with co-founder James Cerrato to develop software.

The idea was to help the military and other large organizations create a visual picture of how their assets — people and technology — work together. Then the software could show how little changes, like combining two departments, might affect the whole. Ptech

even thought it might help the new Department of Homeland Security.

Ziade did what any entrepreneur would do: he made calls, milked connections, hoped for a break.

One came from BMI, a New Jersey company that had leased computer equipment to the pair and that introduced Ptech to Sarmany Ltd., an investment company backed by Saudi financier Yasin al-Qadi. Sarmany invested \$5 million in Ptech, a quarter of the \$20 million Ptech raised from about 50 investors.

Al-Oadi visited Ptech in 1994, and he and Ziade met several times in Saudi

"What we tried to do is keep him interested, because he's connected to a lot of VCs (venture capitalists) in Saudi Arabia," Ziade said.

But al-Qadi wouldn't bite on another round of funding. Ptech figured it had seen the last of him.

A month after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, however, al-Qadi's name surfaced on a U.S. government list of individuals and groups suspected of fund-

ing terrorism. His assets were frozen. Ptech officials say they debated

whether to volunteer to authorities that al-Qadi was a long-ago investor. Because al-Qadi was never a shareholder of record, Ziade said, company lawyers suggested nothing needed to be

Ptech's attention was focused on surviving the post-Sept. 11 slump. Customers and potential investors closed up their checkbooks. Ptech got a federal disaster loan but still had to lay off workers. It was also a troubling time for the handful of Muslim employees.

"Their religion was being hijacked and they were troubled by that," former chief financial officer George Peterson said. "The employees who had to travel were concerned about being pro-

Last August, the company's problems escalated. According to Peterson, a Dubai-based investor who had committed \$7 million to the company pulled out, apparently worried that a lawsuit filed by victims of the terrorist attacks could freeze U.S. assets of Middle Eastern investors.

That same month, another former chief financial officer called to say she had been questioned by federal authorities about al-Qadi. Ptech said it called the FBI and offered full cooperation, but got no response.

Ptech heard nothing from the government until federal agents said they wanted to take a look around the firm's offices Dec. 6.

Al-Oadi has denied funding terrorism. Ziade also said Ptech had no business' dealings with al-Qadi after he appeared on the government list.

Al-Qadi is not the only link between Ptech and groups that have attracted authorities' attention:

- In a 1998 FBI affidavit, al-Qadi was said to have provided a loan related to a complex land deal in Chicago that was used to fund Hamas, the Palestinian terrorist group.

The loan was instructed to be repaid to Qadi International, care of BMI, the company that introduced Ptech to Sarmany, and "Attn: Gamel Ahmed." Ahmed was Ptech's comptroller for about a year-and-a-half in the 1990s.

- Last March, federal authorities raided businesses controlled by Sterling Advisory Services, whose chief executive was Yaqub Mirza, a man who also served on a Ptech advisory board.

# A LOOK AT THE TEXAS 2003 LEGISLATURE

# Budget expected to dominate the session Lawmakers to watch

### How 2002-2003 budget is spent

### BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of the major facing Legislature beginning Jan. 14 is writing a state budget for the 2004 and 2005 fiscal years.

But first legislators must deal with cost overruns in the current two-year \$114 billion spending plan, which will make drafting the new budget more challenging.

How the current budget is being spent:

—\$35.1 billion on social services

-\$33 billion on public education

-\$15.7 billion on higher education -\$13.9 billion on

business and economic development

-\$8.3 billion on public safety and criminal justice

-\$2.7 billion on general government -\$2.2 billion on nat-

ural resources --\$1.1billion in tobacco settlement funds used on various

health care items -\$795.7 million on

regulatory agencies —\$569.5 million on general provisions

—\$430.8 million on the judiciary —\$294.4 million on

the Legislature

Legislature meets, arguments about education, abortion or the death penalty often grab headlines, but it's the budget that really comes first.

By state law, the budget is the only bill that must be passed.

"The rest," former Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby once said, "is just poetry."

There's nothing poetic about the budget. But what it lacks in style, it makes up for in importance and size — \$114 billion over two years.

Lawmakers arriving for the legislative session that begins Jan. 14 will confront a budget shortfall of \$5 billion, maybe more. How the Legislature deals with that shortage will mean something to every one of Texas' 21 million people.

Legislators will be asked to write a 2004-05 state budget ing. while finding ways to cover more needs with less money for roads, schools, prisons, police, health care, courts and more.

For Sherri Simmons, a 39year-old single mother of three from Houston, the budget means money for medical treatments that help her asthmatic children breathe.

"I work hard. I try to do what I need to do, and it's not my intent to bleed the system," said Simmons, who works part time while attending graduate school. "It's just to have the freedom to do things for my children so they can eat; to have the same opportunities that other children have."

Simmons' boys, ages 4, 5 and 17, are enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program, the federal-state program for children whose families earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but can't afford

AUSTIN (AP) — When the private coverage. She fears the money will be spent elsewhere.

> CHIP is one of several programs that cost the state more than expected in the existing budget, creating the estimated \$5 billion shortfall. Because the state constitution requires a balanced budget, lawmakers must use money that would be spent in the next budget to cover overruns in the current spending plan.

That means less money will be available for the new budget, leaving lawmakers with a difficult choice between raising taxes or cutting programs.

Republicans will control the House and Senate — and the budget process — for the first time in 130 years. Many candidates promised no new taxes, leading many to believe deep spending cuts are com-

Republican leaders promise to rein in spending and use taxpayer money wisely.

"This problem is not a revenue shortfall," said Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock. "This problem is all because of a lack of fiscal restraint over the last decade."

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Addison, says the new leaders will look to eliminate programs they believe are unnecessary. She offered no specifics, but asked for trust.

"Everybody just assumes that if you're going to make cuts they are going to be Draconian cuts in the services that are the most heartfelt," Shapiro said.

"We are not here to tell you that we're going to throw your grandmother out of the nursing home, for heaven's sake, but we're going to find a way to treat her in a more efficient, more effective way that's bet-

### As a state representative in 1987, Gov. Rick Perry was among a group of young legislators known as the "Pit

Now, Perry is poised to take a larger role in crafting the state budget than past gover-

cuts when money was tight.

Bulls" for their fierce budget

State law requires the governor to submit a budget proposal and vision for the state, but legislators have usually ignored those plans in favor of their own.

This session, Republican Perry plans to work with the GOP's new legislative leaders to offer one budget proposal as a starting

"Why have three or four competing budgets if we can come together and agree what the baseline should be and then go from there?" Perry

Perry has already asked state agencies what cuts of 3 percent to 5 percent would do to their operations. It prompted some angry responses from department heads, who predicted consequences such as closing the Capitol to the public, removing phones from courts and eliminating services for abused and neglected children.

Texas cannot afford to cut social services and other programs that serve the needy, said Rep. Craig Eiland, a Galveston Democrat who has been a budget leader in previous sessions.

"I am a Christian, and I know this, if this was Judgment Day, and God came to Texas, and he judged us on the way that we treat our mentally retarded and mentally ill, disabled, blind, and elderly," Eiland said, "He would send us straight to hell."

the Texas House and 31 more in the Senate, making it easy for lawmakers to get lost in the crowd.

Some, however, stand out because of their powerful positions, reputations or skill at getting things done. Here is a glimpse of lawmakers to watch in the upcoming session.

HOUSE Craddick, Tom Midland: First elected in 1968, Craddick, is in line to become the first Republican House speaker since Reconstruction. How he handles the job will be most powerful job in state govclosely scrutinized.

Craddick, 59, already has been criticized for being too close to business lobbyists. He hired two prominent lobbyists for his transition team and his daughter was a Capitol lobbyist until recently, stepping down when questions arose about a potential conflict of interest.

Craddick has vowed to lead the House with a "fair, even hand. No one will be shut out."

Craddick will decide who chairs House committees. He also will set the tone for how business is done.

He has promised that all issues are open for debate. He has said state lawmakers can balance the budget without raising taxes, despite a projected shortfall of \$5 billion or more.

Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston: Heflin, 62, is a favorite to be appointed chairman of the powerful House Appropriations Committee. Under the rotating system with the Senate, the budget bill will

originate in the House. That means Heflin would have tremendous influence over what goes in or gets left out of the 2004-2005 spending plan. While potentially the Legislature's most influential position, it could be the most difficult.

The appropriations chair must craft a budget under dire predictions of massive shortfalls and Republican predictions of no new taxes. It will take thick skin to deflect the criticism that will come with any cuts in services.

Pete Laney, D-HaleCenter: Laney, 59, is in the rare position of leaving the speaker's office to rejoin the House rank-and-

It didn't happen by choice. Laney has served as House speaker since 1993 and isbeing ousted because Republicans won a majority of the chamber's seats November.

Laney could become the leader of the Democratic minority and a potential thorn for the Republicans. Or he could slip quietly back into the chamber and be easily over-

Burleson: A Republican expert recommendations.

There are 150 members of on Medicaid, Wohlgemuth may be in a key spot because of the health care program's exploding cost.

Wohlgemuth, 55, has supported efforts to make it easier to sign up children for Medicaid, but she has tried also to add more requirements to the program for low-income and disabled residents.

SENATE Lt. Governor David Dewhurst: Dewhurst, 57, is stepping from the relative obscurity of being state land commissioner to arguably the

ernment, Dewhurst, a Republican, will assign Senate committees and preside over the chamber during the 140-

day session.

Dewhurst will have a 19-12 Republican majority - more manuevering room than GOP predecessors Rick Perry and Bill Ratliff.

Dewhurst angered many lawmakers in both parties in 2001 with his votes on the Legislative Redistricting Board that ultimately pushed the GOP into the majority in the House and strengthened its hold in the Senate. One Republican lawmaker said publicly that Dewhurst's Democratic opponent would be better in the job.

His ability to heal any lingering doubts will depend on how he makes committee assignments and how he handles the transition to power.

Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant Like Laney in the House, Ratliff, 66, is in the unusual position of stepping down from the lieutenant govemor's office to return to his Senate seat. Ratliff took a step back by choice — a fill-in when Perry became governor, he decided against a run for statewide office last year.

A former Senate Finance Committee chairman, Ratliff's experience could be crucial during consideration over the state budget. But Ratliff has angered top Republicans in the past and appointed Democrat Rodney Ellis as Finance chairman in 2001. He also fueded with Dewhurst during the 2002 primary and Republicans may insist that he be pushed aside.

Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo: Bivins, 55, chairs the Senate Education Committee and is considered a favorite in the race to lead the finance panel in the new session.

Dewhurst has predicted that lawmakers won't have time to address the state's public school funding formula, but Bivins insists something must be done.

He co-chaired a committee that was directed to find a solution to the school funding problem, but the committee completed its yearlong review without agreeing on specific

# Freshman legislators will learn Capitol ropes

college freshman's first day at the big uni-

versity. Early in December, newly elected legislators gathered for a conference in Austin. Eager lawmakers-to-be searched for apartments and roommates. They nervously navigated their way through the maze of Capitol hallways.

The band of 35 freshmen — the largest number of legislative newcomers in a decade — were briefed on the ins and outs of their new roles, ranging from setting up

an office to dealing with news reporters. When the 78th Legislature convenes Jan. 14, these legislators will face their real test. They'll get their first crack at making laws in a particularly difficult

Formidable issues face these freshmen, including a projected \$5 billion state bud-

get shortfall. Some in the group say their fresh out-

look is an advantage. "We can offer a new perspective and new ideas to streamline in the shortfall and to avoid the tax increases that some people are talking about," said Rep.-elect Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs, a 24-

AUSTIN (AP) — It was sort of like a year-old recent Princeton University grad-

The inexperienced lawmakers are prepared for a frenzied five months.

"There's no doubt it's going to be frantic and busy," Rose said. "But people who are elected are supposed to be putting their lives on hold for this." Handling a homeowners' insurance cri-

sis, expanding education programs and putting limits on lawsuits also rank high on legislative agendas. Rep.-elect Martha Wong, R-Houston,

is undaunted by the long itinerary, starting

with the budget deficit. "The economy is picking up, so I think we'll be OK, but if we don't have the money we just won't spend it," Wong said. "We'll have to learn how to tighten our belts. I'm very optimistic that we will be able to operate with moneys that we

So far, Republican and Democratic newcomers seem to be developing cama-

"It's exciting," said Rep.-elect Inocente Quintanilla, D-El Paso. "This is the first for all of us, so we're all getting to know each other and becoming very good friends. There's just a feeling of friendship all around."

So friendly, in fact, some newcomers have circulated their own lyrics to the tune of "Texas, Our Texas," detailing their expectations:

'Freshman of Texas! We'll change old Robin Hood. Freshman of Texas! We'll do just what we should. We'll remember Texas, their water and their kids. We'll prioritize our issues; our spending will have lids."

Written primarily by Rep.-elect Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands, the group presented a copy of the song to Gov. Rick Perry and presumptive House speaker Tom Craddick.

As the session draws nearer, freshmen also are receiving the benefit of some hard-learned lessons from more veteran lawmakers. "The one thing that veteran legislators

have stressed to us is to keep our word,"

said Rep.-elect Bryan Hughes, R-

parties have stressed that to us."

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with others. No one can totally accept Tonight: In the limelight. someone he or she does not know. Your CANCER (June 21-July 22) others as a team, and success will greet in. Tonight: Buy a new CD. you. You will be attracted to more men- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) at the right time.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

when to move ahead. You're the expert at charging forward. Work on the art of LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) you. Others prove highly responsive. moment efficiently. You have a way with Tonight: Take your time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

group meeting. With perspective, you're air. Tonight: Luxuriate in a favorite way. more likely to get what you want. Take a SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) leadership position, if need be. \*\*\*\* Allow your caring to flow, Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at Understand what should happen, and your creativity will soar as well. The http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. Tonight: Follow your friends.

as others, this year. Sometimes you hold ers who seem most favorably disposed to gant. Tonight: Ever playful. back, worried about hurting others' feel- your long-term desires. Remember, you SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ings or yourself. Reveal yourself if you don't need to do all the work. Let others \*\*\* Your energy might go in a conwant to have an authentic relationship pitch in. They can only be too delighted, trary direction from your goals, or per-

professional life soars because you will \*\*\*\* While others rant and rave, in you. Your laughter helps relax a tense excel in your communications. Some of you wonder what is going on here. Be as scene. Tonight: Just be yourself. you might even opt to take a course in the helpful as you can when dealing with ability to have your message heard or others, which looks like not only giving \*\*\* You might not always underhow to be a better listener. Work with feedback but also being willing to pitch stand what makes a loved one do what he

introduce you to someone quite special. deserve. You might discover just how If you are single, your newfound relating resourceful an associate is. Together you long-overdue talk. ability will draw in an especially power- tighten up a project and allow greater AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ful relationship. If you are attached, you possibilities to enter your life, if you

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll ★★★★ Your caring and loving ways 5-Dynamic: 4-Positive; do make a difference. Please, count on it. Tonight: Now, go with the flow. Sometimes others respond harshly when PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Knowing when to pull back can you desire. Work with associates. be as instrumental to success as knowing Tonight: Happy at home. Let a loved one want, but others seem to be able to point dote on you.

lying back. Watch the world come to \*\*\* Pace yourself and handle the words. Use your talent and skills to get BORN TODAY past a problem. Understand a friend or Poet and novelist Khalil Gibran (1883). \*\*\* You might want to think loved one better by accepting who he or novelist E.L. Doctorow (1931). French through a decision involving a friend or she is. Good feelings filter through the Saint Joan of Arc (1412)

two are linked, whether you like it or not.

Be more direct in your dealings with a \*\*\* Take hold of a vision and, for loved one. You'll get a strong response. Make a point to indulge yourself, as well once, make it a reality. Reach out for oth- Be careful with a tendency to be extrava-

> haps goals that someone else decided on. Learn to accept this innate rebelliousness CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

or she does. You also might react unusually strongly to this person's energy. tal pursuits after summer. Travel could \*\*\*\* Give others the respect they Don't give in to a grudge; rather, flow with conversations. Tonight: Have a

\*\*\* Others knock on your door as will have the power to bond even more defer. In a personal relationship, you they seek you out. You feel the good 129 Realtors closely. PISCES asks the right questions grow and develop. Tonight: Let someone intentions, but there is a minor issue, such as work. You might need to screen your calls and make the most out of your time. Schedule fun and games for later.

looking for different answers. Remain \*\*\*\* All eyes turn to you as a open and gentle. You'll get the results source of reliable and good information. You might not always be sure what you you in the right direction. Why not follow a boss's or older relative's directive? Tonight: What you want.

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### HOTOSCOPE BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

You might not be as sure as you would like to be about certain ideas or friends, but what you know, you really know. Stand up for what you think and want more often. Dig into your creativity to get through problems, especially at work. You can and will find answers if you're willing. Allow greater creativity and ingenuity into your life. You pull the wild card financially, never quite sure what will happen. Be willing to buy a lottery ticket, if you feel lucky. Be a smart Capricorn, and never go overboard. If you are single, you will meet someone in the second part of the year who could prove to be very special and significant to you. If you are attached, be willing to express your feelings more often, even if you're uncomfortable. Build a more honest relationship. AQUARIUS is unpredictable

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)

\* \* \* \* \* Your friends and family surround you. You might need to clear the air by getting some physical exercise. Your plate could easily be full. Reach out for a loved one. Speak your mind. Unexpected developments mark plans. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

This Week: You can watch life or work go by through Wednesday, as long as you finish paperwork. You might want to try this laid-back style.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\* \* \* You might feel as if you've had enough get-togethers. Still, one more might be inevitable. Do not express your frustration: simply do what you must. Start thinking about tomorrow's work. Tonight: Stay in the limelight.

This Week: Think powerhouse. Act like a powerhouse. You'll clear out all your work by Thursday. You've got a lot to smile about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* \* Make an additional effort toward someone at a distance. You could be overwhelmed by what happens. Someone loses his or her temper when he or she least expects it. Add more happiness and humor to your life. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.

This Week: Step out in the limelight. Act

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 5, as if you're captain of your ship. Before those around you. you know it, you will be! Success will SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) greet you by Thursday.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) you in a new direction. Someone might danger of exploding and losing your temexpress his or her anger or frustration in per. Make your decisions carefully that a way that you could find difficult to involve a difficult partnership. Tonight: hear. Your instincts help you with a part- Chat and visit with a friend. for togetherness.

sip and get the true facts. You'll be all the Wednesday on. better and wiser if you do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

some solid thinking about a friendship. Tonight: Your treat. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

thing. Investigate alternative solutions. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* Pace yourself. Deal directly with \*\*\* Your fiery and spunky nature a problem rather than pulling back and could be slumping downhill. You have avoiding the issue at hand. A boss or put on quite a show lately, trying to avoid someone in charge puts pressure on you. a somewhat difficult situation. A friend-Has this person ever heard of Sunday? ship could be changing right in front of Tonight: Pace yourself.

This Week: Network. Get a sense of what Tonight: Do your thing days. Everyone counts on you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \* \* \* Be careful with a money expenditure that could take you over the line. Knowing when to say "no" to a child could make all the difference in what goes on. You're also establishing longoverdue limits. News from a distance

might force you to stop and think. Tonight: Kick up your heels. This Week: Plunge (and I do mean plunge) into your work. You accomplish much more than you thought possible.

Schedule meetings for Thursday. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Deal with basics, and express your frustration. Your caring takes you in another direction if you're willing to be vulnerable. Still, don't be surprised if a partner is no longer receptive. You might have pushed this person way too hard.

Tonight: Stay close to home. This Week: Use your ingenuity, and you'll be on cruise control. For that matter, your genius is catchy. Lucky are

\*\*\* Speak your mind, but in a way that someone can hear your anger or \*\*\*\* One-on-one relating takes frustration. Otherwise, you might be in

ner who means a lot to you. Tonight: Go This Week: Keep your thoughts close to your chest. You might agree with others. This Week: Do bother to check out gos- Creatively state your case from

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Realize more often just what \*\*\*\* Others come toward you. you need to do with a difficult friend who Your frustration could be rather high might always be requesting something when dealing with a loved one or a room- from you. The time might have come to mate. Talking through the issue could say "no." You have emotional and physprove rather volatile, if not difficult. Do ical limits. Honor them more often.

This Week: Return calls and set up meet-This Week: Others come to you, though ings early in the week. Be a wizard at that doesn't mean you have to do any- clearing out work. Now, that's more like

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You might be a bit gruff with this person. your eyes. Don't take your anger out on an innocent bystander, like the cat.

must be accomplished in the next few This Week: Finances play a distinct role in the decisions you make. Could you be

considering not going in to work? PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\* Take your time dealing with a toasty friend or a loved one at a distance. You could find anger forthcoming if you don't handle the situation appropriately. Be sensitive to a family member who might be rather blue. Tonight: Get as much sleep as you can.

This Week: The Moon beams you into a powerful week. Use your energy to accomplish more of what you want.

BORN TODAY

Actor Robert Duvall (1931), explorer Zebulon Pike (1779), politician Walter Mondale (1928)

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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.

### **PACSG**

Pampa Area Cancer Support Group voted at its last meeting not to convene during the month of December. The next meeting will be an "After the Holidays" party on Jan. 16.

### **CLARENDON COLLEGE**

Clarendon College will be through Jan. 3. Offices will reopen Monday, Jan. 6 for regular business hours. Registration for the spring semester will be conducted from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and from 6-8 p.m., Jan. 13-14 at both the Pampa and Clarendon campuses. For more information, call 665-8801 or (806) 874-3571.

### **QUICK TASP**

Clarendon College will offer a Quick TASP test at 8 a.m., Jan. 7 and again at 1 p.m., Jan. 8 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky. For more information or to register for one of the exams, contact CCPC at 665-

### PAMPA BOOK CLUB

Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss "The Horse Whisperer" by Nicholas Evans. Visitors are welcome.

### **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@vahoo.com.

### CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

"Children of the World" International Children's Choir will perform at 10:45 a.m., Jan. 12 at First Baptist Church in Pampa.

TACAC HOTLINE

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### **AC ALUMNI NOMINATIONS**

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### **IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Jan. 15, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Jan. 17, Miami School, Miami; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Jan. 22, Wheeler School, Wheeler; and 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m., Jan. 27, Canadian City Hall, Canadian.

### HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Jan. 23, First United Methodist Church, and Jan. 28, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, Pampa; Dec. 23, and Jan. 1 and 15, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Dec. 27 and Jan. 10, Family Care Center, Shamrock; and Jan. 28, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. 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.

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Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Jan. 31, 2003.

### CIVIC AMARILLO AUDITIONS

Auditions for Civic Amarillo's presentation of: "Les Miserables" School Edition will be conducted Saturday, Feb. 8. The try-outs are open: to full-time students age 10-19. Audition packages are currently available during normal. business hours at Amarillo Civic Center. Administration offices in downtown Amarillo.

### **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.

### 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.

### 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 georgecarole@modempoolcom.

### 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).

### 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.

# Young golden eagles summer in oil-rich northern Alaska

### By MARY PEMBERTON Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Young golden eagles migrating for the first time don't return to their birthplace in Denali National Park and Preserve in central Alaska, but summer instead in oil-rich areas in the Arctic.

The surprise finding was part of a four-year study to track for the first time the golden eagles. The finding again raises concerns about oil development on Alaska's North Slope and in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, and about the increased pressure to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling.

"We are really afraid we will lose what's special about the western Arctic before we even understand what is there," said Sara Chapell, spokeswoman for the Sierra Club in Alaska.

After wintering in the south, the young eagles headed north, bypassing the 6 million-acre national park and flying another 450 to 600 miles to summer on the Arctic coastal plain. A few ended up near the Alaska Range in the Interior or on the Kenai Peninsula south Anchorage, but most flew

"They were all across the North Slope," said Carol McIntrye, a wildlife biologist at Denali who has been studying eagles since 1987. The park is home to at least 100 breeding pairs of golden

Golden eagles weigh 8 to 12 pounds and have gold and buff-colored feathers on the crown and nape of the neck. They are found in the northern part of the Northern Hemisphere and have been protected in the United States since 1963.

The \$250,000 study was funded by the National Park Service and the U.S. Geological Survey.

McIntyre said in 1997 and 1999 tiny Teflon backpacks containing small satellite transmitters costing \$2,500 each were attached to the backs of 45 golden eagles just prior to their first migration.

Weights and measurements were taken on the young birds before they left their nests in late July to mid-August. The eagles didn't depart Denali until late September and early October, a time when the parents continue to feed and protect them and the young practice their flying and hunting skills.

McIntyre and Michael Collopy, a former USGS scientist, tracked the birds as they flew south from central Alaska, wintering anywhere from southern Canada to northern Mexico.

Scientists don't know why some birds stop in Canada and others fly all the way to Mexico. Some could be looking for food. Weather could be a factor. Maybe they simply "feel the need to keep going," said Collopy, now department chairman of Environmental and Resource Sciences at the University of Nevada in Reno.

Twelve of the 45 eagles survived their first year, often migrating more than 5,000 miles. Most of those that died starved, but some also were hit by cars, electrocuted by power lines, accidentally poisoned and shot, McIntyre said. Most of them died in Canada, where necropsies were performed and the tiny transmitters sent back to McIntyre for reuse.

Not all the young eagles made the trip the same way. Some flew just a few dozen miles a day while others flew nearly 200 miles a day.

"Some really just beelined right to where they were going and some meandered along the way," McIntyre said.

He said the young eagles probably bypass Denali because the park's adult eagles would drive them off. Their Arctic destination holds a wealth of immature waterfowl, Arctic ground squirrels and caribou calves that make easy prey for the inexperienced hunters.

McIntyre worries that golden eagles, which are much less tolerant of human beings than bald eagles, won't be able to adapt to increased development in the wilderness, whether it's on Alaska's North Slope or wintering grounds in Canada, northeast-Washington, Idaho, Montana, North and South Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and New Mexico.

"We are kind of choking them out of where they live,' she said.

Collopy is most concerned about changes caused by recent wildfires in the West. The fires in the area between the Sierra Nevada and Rocky Mountains is killing the sagebrush, which is being replaced by exotic weeds, particularly cheatgrass from Europe and Asia.

Without sagebrush, there are no jackrabbits - the golden eagles' main food, he

Drilling for oil in the Alaska refuge is a key part of the Bush administration energy plan, which likely has a better chance of passing next session when Republicans control the House and Senate.

The administration has called for increased exploration in the 23 million-acre oil reserve, designated in 1923 specifically for oil development. The USGS said in May the reserve has four times as much oil as previously estimated.

In June, several oil companies successfully bid to lease 579,269 acres in the NPR-A. The Bureau of Land Management plans two more lease sales in the next four

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### NEEF

"I didn't want it to be something that had to be painted every two or three years," he said, "so I made this thing out of stainless steel, and we dedicated the building in, I believe, 1973. That's 30 years ago."

"Everything on it was handmade. This was before some of the modern cutting equipment was available. I took a hacksaw and sawed it out."

The sign commissioned by

the Chamber of Commerce he fashioned from a 4x4-foot piece of metal.

"They wanted a sign for the Chamber of Commerce new parking lot here a few years back, and at one time we had the logo in Pampa 'hang your hat in the Top O' Texas' which was a state of Texas with a western hat hanging on it, so they told me what they wanted, and I did it."

Neef modestly denies possessing any notable talent and said he had a lot of help from various quarters along the way. "I'm not an artist like you normally think of an artist, but there is a certain amount of technique that has to go into (any project) that you build."

Neef came to Pampa in 1928 and holds a degree in petroleum geology with a minor in design engineering from Texas Tech University. He and wife, Berdena, a recently retired longtime educator, are the parents of a son, Dusty, and a daughter, Misty. They have three grandchildren.