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# Superintendent search starts

**EDITOR** 

Trustees plan interviews of superintendent candidates on Monday night

Pampa Independent School District's board of trustees search for a superintendent of schools begins Monday, Jan. 20, by looking within the district itself.

"We want to find the best person available," PISD Board President Lee Porter said after a meeting Jan. 6, "and we're not convinced the best person is not right here in Pampa."

Local school board members plan to interview some school district employees in a called meeting set for 5:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 20, at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

"Although the board has not received "We're breaking new ground. We're try-

vacancy, the board would like to inter- possible choice. view some of the current employees of the Pampa Independent School District

..." Porter stated in a Jan. 7 press release. Dr. Dawson Orr, after 13 years of heading Pampa's public schools, will become the Wichita Falls ISD superintendent Feb. 3.

The board and school administration are hosting a reception honoring Dr. Orr and his wife Carol at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23, in the Pampa High School

"Since Orr has been here 13 years, none of the board now has gone through hiring a new superintendent," Porter said.

any applications in regard to the pending ing to be deliberate and make the best

"We're continuing the charge that we gave the district (to reach exemplary status by 2004) and we want to hire the best person to guide them in doing that," he

In the meeting on Jan. 6, school board members voted to name only the finalist for the superintendent's position. While in closed session, they reviewed individual qualifications of possible candidates, according to Porter, then met with Orr in open session to outline the interview procedure, including questions to be asked.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, the board will meet in regular session at 6 p.m. at Carver (See **SEARCH**, Page 3)

# Nat'l Oilwell purchases one part of Halliburton

HOUSTON (Dow Jones /AP) -National Oilwell Inc. said Friday it has acquired Halliburton Co.'s Mono pumpingproducts business for about \$87 million.

Houston-based National Oilwell makes systems and components used in oil and gas drilling.

The Mono business of Houston-based energy services giant Halliburton makes power sections for downhole drilling motors and downhole artificial lift pumps. In 2002, the business posted revenue of about \$80 million

The deal's total price of approximately \$87 million includes \$22.65 million in cash and 3.2 million newly issued National Oilwell common shares. Based on at Wednesday's closing price of \$20.23 on the New York Stock Exchange, those shares are valued at about \$64.7 million.

Under the pact, National Oilwell purchased all the outstanding stock of Monoflo Inc. in the United States and Mono Group in Britain.

Halliburton said the deal is part its plan to divest all of its nonstrategic assets. In July, the company divested its pipe-coating business.

# The case of the vanished plague bacteria

BY BETSY BLANEY ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech University officials are trying to figure out why a renowned researcher would lie to authorities about plague bacteria that was believed to be missing, an incident that sparked a bioterrorism

"That remains a mystery to most of us, what his motive might have been," Glen Provost, vice president of health safety at Texas Tech University's Health Sciences Center, said Friday. "I just can't figure it out.'

Dr. Thomas C. Butler, 61, who remained jailed without bond Friday, was arrested late Wednesday after

admitting he had accidentally other evidence of importation, trans- Butler is not the only one with access, destroyed the 30 vials, according to court documents.

Earlier, Butler told supervisors and authorities that he had noticed the vials missing from his lab.

A woman who answered the phone at Butler's residence said the family declined to comment

Federal agents searched Butler's home late Friday. They removing computers and computer disks belonging to Butler, his wife and two children, said Floyd Holder, Butler's attorney.

According to the search warrant, they also were looking for financial records, records concerning Butler's travel inside and outside the United States since 2001 and documents "or

portation, shipment and/or possession the report states. of biological and chemical" agents.

fishing expedition," Holder said.

declined to comment.

report made Tuesday, Butler initially believed the plague samples had been

Butler told police that on Jan. 1 he had 30 test tubes in a rack on a table in his laboratory. On the morning of Jan. 11, "(Butler) discovered that person(s) had taken the test tubes' from the rack," and that Butler had no suspects, a misjudgment by not telling (the the report states.

The lab is locked at all times but

Earlier in the day Holder said he "I think we would probably call it a doesn't know if there is a motive. Butler will plead innocent to a charge Assistant U.S. Attorney Dick Baker of making a false statement to a federal agent, Holder said. The charge car-According to a Texas Tech Police ries a penalty of up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if he is con-

> "Basically, everybody assumes that this is all a hoax," Holder said. "I don't think so.

> In a statement to FBI agents after signing a written waiver of his Miranda rights, Butler wrote: "I made supervisor) that the plague bacteria (See PLAGUE, Page 3)

# **War or peace? It's Saddam Hussein's choice**

Top weapon inspectors to visit Iraq;

U.N. chiefs seek more cooperation

VIENNA, Austria (AP) -The two agencies searching for arms in Iraq say their chiefs are carrying a familiar message to Saddam Hussein during a weekend trip to Baghdad: War or peace is his

"Time is running out," said Ewen Buchanan, a spokesman for Hans Blix, who is scheduled to visit Iraq on Sunday with Mohamed El Baradei. The Iraqis "need to start providing answers on the many open questions on their weapons programs.'

Feeding fears of war, U.S. military deployments to the

administration accuses Saddam of lying when he says he has no weapons of mass destruction. It insists it has the right to attack Baghdad without U.N. approval.

Thursday's discovery of a cache of empty chemical warheads south of Baghdad could strengthen administration arguments that Şaddam is deceiving the world. If they

Gulf continue as the Bush turn into the "smoking gun" U.N. inspectors are searching for, the find could hasten U.S. military action.

Pushing for peace - at least for now — are Blix, who heads the teams searching for signs of chemical and biological weapons and ElBaradei, in charge of inspectors looking for nuclear weapons pro-

The Iraqi government says

it no longer has any chemical, biological or nuclear weapons and submitted a 12,000-page declaration to the United Nations last month that it said proved its case.

While Blix and ElBaradei agree with Washington that Iraq's declaration is incomplete and fails to support its claims to have destroyed banned weapons, they still are asking for more time for the

inspectors. The United States is skeptical but other U.N. Security Council members back the chief inspectors.

War "is the worst-case scenario," ElBaradei said Friday. "If we can avoid that, even spending a few more months to complete our job, that is time well spent."

Sunday's trip by Blix and ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, is their second visit to Baghdad since they kicked off the new round of inspections Nov. 18. The inspectors previously pulled out of Iraq in

(See CHQICE, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Jose Gomez, left, and Pedro Fuentes with Behne Construction out of Guymon, Okla., begin pouring the concrete sidewalk on the east side of the Central Park bridge on Mary Ellen Street. Pampa's Director of Public Works Richard Morris said the deck of the bridge has already been poured. After the sidewalks, Morris said the ornate side railing will be poured. "They're really decorative," Morris said. "It will look real nice." The project, partially funded by the state, is expected to be finished by the end of February, depending upon the weather.

#### Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will

**CPR** class set

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LOCAL

Pampa Retired Teachers' Association will meet at 2

p.m., Monday, Jan. 20, at

Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

'Story Times' return

on Tuesday, Jan. 21

Lovett Memorial Library

will begin its next session of

story times on Tuesday, Jan.

21. The story times are at 10

a.m. on Tuesdays. Story

Time is for children from 18 months to four years old.

Shanla Brookshire, the chil-

dren's librarian, reads stories

and plans crafts for the chil-

dren participating in the pro-

gram. A special Valentine's

Day program is also planned.

Story times are free and no

registration is required. For

more information, call 669-

**Retired Teachers** 

to meet Monday

conduct a Community CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) class on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m., at the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. CPR for adults, children, and infants will be taught. To register, call 669-

### DEATHS

Darold Haddican Jr., 27, former Pampan.

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Saturday, Jan. 18

ed by the Texas Department of Public Safety for for dri-Jennifer Williams, 24, ving while intoxicated - first

#### FIRE

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

#### Friday, Jan. 17

2:07 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2500 block of Fir.

#### Saturday, Jan. 18

4:36 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

Pampa Police Department made the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday, according to Gray

#### Friday, Jan. 17

Alton Glenn Cook, 19, 710 N. Russell, was arrested for theft over \$50/ under \$500.

Francisco Mendoza, 43, 619 Carr, was arrested on a Texas Department of Public Safety warrant for speeding and instanter for no driver's license.

#### POLICE

County Jail records.

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#### **AMBULANCE**

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

Friday, Jan. 17

10:03 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center

2:03 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Fir and transported one patient to

3:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one patient to Pampa

Coronado Healthcare Center (CHC) and transported one to PMRC.

8:28 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to 1100 block of Neel and transported one to PRMC.

Saturday, Jan. 18 12:29 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Frost and transported one to

4:32 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to CHC and transported one to PRMC.

4:51 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Francis and transported one

5:46 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 5:29 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to CHC and transported one to PRMC.

#### **OBITUARIES**

DAROLD HADDICAN, JR. 1975-2003

Sioux FALLS, S.D. — Darold Haddican, and enjoyed reading, computers, and study-Jr., 27, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, at ing 17th century art and architecture. Sioux Valley Hospital following a brief illness. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., today at Miller Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Miller Funeral Home in Sioux Falls.

Pampa. He moved to Sioux Falls in 1999 Falls.

Survivors include his father, Darold Haddican, Sr., of Sioux Falls; a sister, Kelly of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a step-sister, Karla Hollaway of Colorado Springs; a stepbrother, Jon Haddican of Sioux Falls; and a Mr. Haddican was born May 2, 1975, at step-mother, Rickey Haddican of Sioux

#### **SERVICES TOMORROW**

Services today

**HADDICAN**, Darold Jr. — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Miller Funeral Home, Sioux Falls, S.D.

#### WEATHER FOCUS

#### **PAMPA**

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the lower 60s, and northwest winds 5 to 15 mph, shifting to the southwest. Sunday night should be mostly clear with lows in the lower 30s, and west winds 10 to 15 mph. Martin Luther King Jr. Day should be partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. West winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the south. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the

lower 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s.

# Ridge awaits confirmation next week as first Homeland Security chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tom Ridge awaits Senate confirmation next week as the nation's first secretary of homeland security, charged with the daunting task of crafting a vast new government agency capable of guarding Americans from the threat of terrorism.

"The road will be long, and the mission difficult," the former Pennsylvania governor told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, which swiftly approved his nomination Friday and sent it to the Senate floor for a vote Tuesday.

"We will not have truly succeeded until the day when terrorists know the futility of attacking Americans," he said.

Ridge, President Bush's chief adviser on domestic terrorism since the Sept. 11 attacks, is certain to win confirmation overwhelmingly. The debate before that vote, however, will give senators another chance to air their concerns about the new department — including whether the administration will fully fund anti-terror programs and whether the agency, in tracking down terrorists, will erode civil liberties and privacy rights.

"This Cabinet post may well be the most challenging position created by Congress since it established the Department of Defense in 1947," said Governmental Affairs chairwoman Susan Collins, R-

Ridge, in his testimony, spoke of the "enormity of our task" of bringing together 22 federal agencies with 170,000 employees. Homeland Security "will not in and of itself be able to stop all attempts by those who wish to do us harm," he said.

The department will officially come into being next Friday, although it won't assume operational control of the agencies until March 1. Its headquarters site has not been determined.

While there was no dissent over Ridge's qualifications for the job, senators used the four-hour confirmation hearing to question the administration's anti-terrorism policies

"Overall it's been too weak," Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., a presidential hopeful, said of the administration's record on homeland defense. "Its vision has been too blurry and its willingness to confront the status quo, including with resources, has been too limited."

Lieberman's comment came a day after the Republican-run Senate rejected a Democratic attempt to add \$5 billion to this year's budget for domestic security, primarily to finance programs at the

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Ridge said there would be additional money in the 2004 budget

for "first responders" and others at the head of the fight against ter-

The Homeland Security Department will combine the Secret Service, Coast Guard, Customs Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Transportation Security Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency and other agencies with security-related functions.

Congress last November passed legislation to create the department after a drawn-out debate touching on such issues as whistleblower protections, maintenance of civil liberties, collective bargaining for department employees and the division of labor with the CIA and FBI, which will remain independent.

"The cost of creating this new department cannot be at the expense of our fundamental freedoms," Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-

Hawaii, said at the hearing.

# U.S. pilot under orders to hold fire when bomb dropped

**BARKSDALE** FORCE BASE, La. (AP) — The U.S. pilot who mistakenly dropped a 500-pound bomb on

Canadian troops Afghanistan was under orders to hold fire when the deadly attack was launched, a fellow airman said.

However, Maj. John Milton also testified Friday "hold fire" orders do not apply when pilots believe they are under attack.

The testimony came on the fourth day of a military hearing to determine whether two members of his Illinois National Guard squadron should be court-martialed. Majs. Harry Schmidt and William Umbach are charged with involuntary manslaughter and could face up to 64 years in

AIR a military prison if convicted. The hearing was to resume Saturday. It is expected to con-

> clude Jan. 24. The Air Force has charged the U.S. pilots were reckless in releasing the 500-pound bomb before making sure the area in southern Afghanistan was clear

Defense lawyers say a massive communications glitch caused the incident: Schmidt and Umbach weren't told the Canadians would be holding a live-ammunition exercise, so the pilots attacked when they spotted threatening ground fire.

On Friday, an audio tape and videotape of the accident, taken from Schmidt's F-16 — a key piece of evidence during the hearing — was played again.

On it, a flight controller is heard saying "hold fire" after Schmidt requests permission to fire his 20 millimeter cannons. Schmidt had spotted ground fire and thought Umbach was under attack.

Milton said the order meant Schmidt must refrain from attacking.

Four seconds later, Schmidt said he was "rolling in" to drop the guided bomb. Thirty-nine seconds later, the bomb was dropped, killing Canadian infantrymen Sgt. Marc Leger, Cpl. Ainsworth Dyer, Pvt. Richard Green and Pvt. Nathan Smith. The blast also wounded

eight other Canadians who had been performing anti-tank exercises with live ammunition.

Survivors testified earlier they were not firing into the air at the time. Defense lawyers have suggested the pilots thought they were under fire from enemy forces.

Under cross-examination, Milton indicated a hold-fire order does not apply when a pilot believes he is under attack. Schmidt can also be heard on the recordings citing selfdefense at the same time he said he was "rolling in."

Milton, who has flown similar F-16 missions over Afghan combat zones, was not involved in the April 17 bombing. He was called as a government witness to explain, as a pilot, how he understood the events leading up to the bombing.





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Please join us on January the 25th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 2701 Seminole, Pampa, for Clifford C. Lewis, or some know him as C.C. Lewis.

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Tammy George, left, assistant manager of WalMart, presented a \$400 check for the Safe Neighborhood Hero Award to the Pampa Police Department. Officer Colby Brown, right, accepted the check on behalf of PPD.

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### **SEARCH**

Center. Two items on the agenda pertain to the superintendent selection: consideration of appointment of an interim superintendent and appointment of a superintendent finalist.

These are only two of a long list of action items scheduled Tuesday.

A public hearing on Pampa ISD's 2001-2002 academic excellence indicator system annual performance report is planned. Pampa ISD district-wide received an accountability rating of "academically acceptable" last year. Two schools, Austin and Travis elementaries, received "recognized" ratings, while the rest of the schools in the district earned "acceptable."

Representatives of Brown, Graham and Co. are to present the annual financial audit and the state-required compensatory education audit at the meeting, also.

In one step toward the board's charge for School restructuring plan.

They also plan to approve goals related to

Bids and contracts to be considered

Reports scheduled for the meeting include Recognition Month.

the district to reach "exemplary" status by 2004, they will consider effectiveness and efficiency standards for the Pampa High

the federal "No Child Left Behind Act."

Tuesday include participation in the West Texas food Cooperative and Commodity Processing, contracts with BGR Architects for services at Pampa Middle School (PMS) and Pampa High School (PHS), and bids for PMS and PHS auditorium lighting, elementary gym floors and copier paper.

a discussion of the choir trip, expired terms of Region 16 Education Service Center's Board of Directors, and a governor's proclamation of January as School Board

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#### PLAGUE

accidentally destroyed earlier rather than erroneously first found missing.'

He said he didn't realize his story would result in "such an extensive investigation," according to court documents.

Butler, who was chief of the infectious diseases division of the department of internal medicine at Tech's medical school, has been involved in plague research for more than 25 years and is internationally recog-

nized in the field. Butler was the only person with authorized access to the bacteria, which must be registered with the International Biohazards Committee and the govern-

ment. The university has placed Butler on paid leave, changed the locks on his laboratory, blocked him from computer access and barred him from campus.

Provost said he wonders why Butler would risk his career and reputation by his actions.

well," he said.

nary hearing for Butler was 11 emergency plan. scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday Health officials say 10 to in the courtroom of federal Magistrate Nancy Koenig.

The report of missing vials triggered a terrorism-alert plan and showed how jittery Americans are over the threat of a biological attack, as dozens of federal agents converged on Lubbock and reports of the missing bacteria became instant national

The public did not learn of the report of missing vials http://www.ttu.edu

"A lot of people are obvi- until early Wednesday but ously wondering that as hospitals and medical personnel were notified Tuesday A detention and a prelimias part of the city's post-Sept.

> 20 people in the United States contract plague each year, usually through infected fleas or rodents. The plague can be treated with antibiotics, but about one in seven U.S. cases is fatal.

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#### **CHOICE**

December 1998 on the eve of U.S.-British airstrikes amid allegations that Baghdad was not cooperating with the teams.

Flying in from Larnaca, Cyprus, they will meet with senior Iraqi officials ahead of reporting Jan. 27 to the Security Council on Iraq's cooperation and the findings of the inspectors — a briefing that could help tip the scale in favor of either war or peace.

Ahead of his November trip, Blix said the "question of war and peace" awaits an answer from Saddam, and U.N. officials said Friday that message remained the same.

"The onus is on Baghdad to come forward with evidence that exonerates Iraq," said ElBaradei spokesman Mark Gwozdecky from IAEA headquarters in Vienna. Buchanan, Blix's spokesman, said by phone from U.N. headquarters in New York that the Iraqi regime needs to do "more than

'The onus is on Baghdad to come forward with evidence that exonerates Iraq.'

> - Mark Gwozdecky ElBaradei spokesman

simply opening doors ... to the inspectors in Baghdad."

Gwozdecky said the Iraqis deserve "a mixed report card."

"They are cooperating in terms of giving us access, but they have not done all they should have in taking the initiative and bringing forward evidence in convincing us ... that they have no weapons of mass destruction," he said.

Another agency official said the chief inspectors would urge Baghdad to do more to blunt widespread feeling it is not revealing all - particularly after Thursday's find of the empty warheads.

"That discovery raised serious concerns," said the official, who asked not to be "The message named. ElBaradei is going to be carrying is 'C'mon guys, help yourselves.' They would be required to do something symbolic — a demonstration of their good intentions and their good will."

Gwozdecky, the IAEA spokesman, said the more time asked for by Blix and ElBaradei was particularly crucial now that inspections had entered a "high intensity" phase.

'You don't just visit a site and declare it clean," he said. "You've got to, in some cases, double and triple check. This requires time.

The current crisis erupted after the United States and Britain accused Iraq of maintaining weapons of mass destruction banned under U.N. resolutions approved after the 1991 Gulf war. They threatened military force unless Saddam disarmed.





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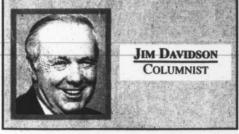
# A fair weather friend or true?

The late Dale Carnegie, founder of the internationally famous course on public speaking and human relations, once said, "You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you."

It has often been said that we all need friends and I personally know this is true. While some people are loners and may not have any friends at all, to my way of thinking, they are missing one of the greatest blessings in life. We all need friends and perhaps even more importantly, friends need us.

Now here is an important question you may wish to consider. Do you have even one really true friend? That is, if you really and truly needed help, someone you can count on and someone you know for certain that would not let you down? I have several friends that I believe I can count on, however, until they are put to the test, I won't really know for sure, will I?

It has been my experience over the past several years that when I've been down and needed help, I've had a lot of people who I thought were my friends, desert me. On the other hand, I've had people who I didn't know were my friends, right there when I needed them most. Have you also found this to be



true in your life?

A conversation I had some time back is what brought these thoughts to mind. One day while having lunch with my wife at the Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock, I met a lady by the name of Mildred Ward. Somehow we got to talking about friends and Mildred told me about a woman she knows who complained to her about not having any friends, and she went on to tell me why this was true.

One morning about two a.m., this woman's telephone rang and on the other end of the line was an elderly lady who had fallen in her home and couldn't get up. So she called her friend, at least someone she thought was her friend, and asked her to come to her home and help her. Now, do you think she went?

Well, the answer is 'no'. It was too far. At least that's what she told her. When this woman complained to Mildred about not having any friends, Mildred said, "I

told her to her face, the reason you don't have any friends is because you don't know how to be a friend. You are a 'fair weather' friend."

When you stop and think about it, this is so true. Most of us can be a friend as long as the sun is shining and it doesn't cost us anything, but when friendship begins to cost us something, it has a way of setting the record straight. At this point the truth is revealed and we are either a true friend or a fair weather friend.

With this thought in mind it might be well to share an old German Proverb that says, "There are three kinds of friends: those who love you, those who hate you and those who care nothing about you."

A few days ago I received a phone call from a lady who was not even a close friend, and she said, "Bill and I have had an accident, can you come get us?" She then told me where they were. Maybe I was motivated because I had just written . this column, but at this point I didn't ask any questions, but said, "I will be there as quickly as I can get there."

The point I'm trying to make is simply this: if we want to have some true friends, we must be there when someone who calls us "friend" really and truly needs us.

(Write to Jim Davidson at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Homeowner thinks insurance industry investing in politics

There is every indication the Texas insurance industry has bought and paid for the right to rape the insurance marketplace. Herewith is a recent personal experience.

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Company unilaterally and arbitrarily increased our coverage by \$40,000. This was done to increase our premium by 92 percent or to \$3,279. We were of the opinion the client, customer, policy holder set the coverage desired.

Last fall, hearings were held in Washington in an attempt to modify banking laws to accommodate insurance company's entering the banking business. Profits had soared. State Sen. Robert Duncan is quoted as saying, "these rates won't come down soon." He is correct, the insurance industry has too much invested in Texas politics to pull back soon.

The state comptroller, prior to the election (on) Nov. 5, 2002, was quoted as saying the state would have a \$5 billion surplus. After the election, the amount became a \$5- and then \$10-billion deficit.

The state is short of funds and levies a tax of 1.6 percent on property and casualty premiums and 1.75 percent on premiums for accident health and life.

These taxes are expected to raise a total of \$1.6 billion for the state over the two-year budget cycle. Consequently the possibility of cheaper homeowner insurance premiums is less than likely.

A final note. If you believe the Homeland Security operation will invade your privacy, it shouldn't bother you. The insurance industry has been doing it for years.

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# We're more entertained than informed

Some years ago, a friend from el Salvador wryly observed that while the American president made only \$200,000 ayear, the president of El Salvador made \$50 million (all but a pittance coming from bribes and other forms of corrup-

Another Salvadoran friend, explaining the absence of bodies after a clash between government forces and guerrillas, said: "If you're going to pay us \$1 million a day to fight guerrillas, you have to understand we can't afford to kill them. After all, there are only about 7,000 of them."

There are two lessons in foreign policy in those remarks, which, remarkably, we have failed to learn in more than half a century of botched attempts at meddling in the internal affairs of other

It is even stranger, if you think about it, that while the president's salary is now \$400,000 a year, a number of actors make \$20 million in a picture just to entertain us for 90 minutes or so.

We are, as a people, more entertained than informed. And I write this with the intention of catching the latest Harry Potter movie this very afternoon. I am addicted to the adventures of this young wizard, as well as to those of the older wizard in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

All in all, measured against the long history of mankind, we certainly live in bizarre times. Despie the explosion of communications, information and what

**Mallard Fillmore** 



is alleged to be education, science and technology have become all but unintelligible to average folks, of whom I am a member of good standing.

We have marvels of technology under the sea and circling the planet, while in between, witch doctors, medicine-show pitchmen and con artists practice their lucrative trades. We can't create life, but we can destroy it by the millions in a second. The list of illnesses that can be cured, beyond a few bacterial infections, is practically nil.

And we are obsessed with entertainment and entertainers. Nearly all of the lists of "famous" people published from time to time are filled with the names of actors and singers. My first clue that I was getting old and out of date was when I read one of those columns of birthdays that newspapers publish and realized that I didn't recognize a single name on the list. My knowledge of the pop-music scene is sparser than my knowledge of cellular microbiology, and my interest in

Who's hot and who's not and who's sleeping with whom and what their gen-

ders and sexual preferences are is not on my radar screen even as a ghost. My interest in entertainers, even those whose work I like does not extend beyond their performances. But even presidents and wannabe presidents feel compelled to associate themselves with entertainers and the entertainment industry.

Bill Clinton probably carried this to the extreme, though Congress runs a close second. I can still remember a congressional committee listening to the testimony of three actresses who had played farmers' wives testifying about an agricultural bill.

Still, it's hard to imagine George Washington wishing to surround himself with jugglers and actors. For sure, Abe Lincoln, had he survived, would not have had a fondness for actors, though he loved bawdy music and off-color sto-

We can at least take credit for having better tastes in entertainment than the Romans, whose lust was for real blood and real death, not simulated. Except in the field of politics, most Americans show the ability to distinguish between fantasy and reality.

As I was about to write a concluding line about some future archaeologist, it occurred to me that the only archaeologist I know by name is the fictional Indiana Jones. Guess that makes my

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## Quilt donation



(Pampa News photo) Five community services benefited from a recent fundraiser conducted by the

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild (PPQG). Guild officers presented checks to representatives of the non-profit agencies Monday, from left: Nancy Looper of Pampa Senior Citizens; Bea Wortham, Southside Senior Citizens; Vice President Jane Jacobs, President Susie Edwards, and Treasurer Thelma Matthews, all of the PPQG; Jeane Autry of Meals on Wheels, and Kim Davis of Tralee Crisis Center. Pampa's Salvation Army will also be receiving a donation from the Guild.

#### WTAMU administrators scheduling fee increase hearing

CANYON — West Texas A&M University students, parents and other interested parties are invited to attend a public hearing to discuss two fee-increase proposals. The hearing will begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center on the WTAMU campus.

One proposal involves a \$2 per-semester-credit-hour increase which would raise Designated Tuition at West Texas A&M to \$30.50 per semester credit hour. The additional revenue, according to Gary Barnes, vice president for business and finance, would be used to help fund operational support and academic ini-

Administrators will also provide information about a Rec Sports Fee increase which would be used to pay for construction, operational and equipment costs at the Virgil Henson Activities Center and other recreational facilities. Students currently pay \$35 per semester. The proposal calls for a flat fee of \$50 per

semester for 2003-2004, \$60 per semester for 2004-2005 and \$70 per semester for 2005-2006. The proposal will be put to a student vote March 4-5. If passed, the Rec Sports Fee will join the Designated Tuition increase on the agenda at the March 27-28 meeting of The Texas A&M University System Board of

(See 'FEE,' Page 7)

# Local firm earns superior ranking

financial-services firm Edward Jones received the No. 1 ranking by "Fortune" magazine in its annual listing of the "100 Best Companies to Work For" in America, according to Pampa Edward Jones investment representatives.

The ranking appears in the magazine's January edition and may also be viewed at its website on-line.

In naming Edward Jones to the top spot for the second consecutive year, Fortune's editors cite the firm's profit-sharing program and significant employee ownership (25 percent of associates are owners.)

"With no layoffs this past year, it has 'highly credible management that stays in constant touch with staff' coupled with 'fantastic training,' on which it spends 3 percent of payroll and an average of 149 hours per employee per year," according to the magazine.

"Making it to the top of such a distinguished list is quite an accomplishment,"

For the second consecutive year, the said John Bachmann, managing partner of Edward Jones. "We are especially proud of this achievement because it is, in large part, the result of how associates view Edward Jones. Except for our clients, there is no group whose approval matters more."

The Fortune ranking is employee-driven with two-thirds of the scoring based upon how randomly selected employees respond to an anonymous survey designed to measure the quality of workplace culture. The remainder of the score is based on an indepth analysis of the company's benefits and practices.

The ranking is the second important recognition the firm has received in recent weeks. For the 10th consecutive year, "Registered Representative" magazine rated Edward Jones No. 1 among the nation's leading brokerages in its anonymous survey of the firm's own brokers.

The Pampa Edward Jones investment Harp, and Joe Harper.

#### CC-Pampa Center offering new programs this year

Classes are currently under way at Clarendon College-Pampa Center (CCPC) in Pampa, and, according to the CCPC Dean Joe Kyle Reeve, several new programs have been added.

One of the new programs at CCPC is a certificate and an associates of applied science degree in computer networking technology.

Classes are offered both during the day and in the evening for the students' convenience. The new program - being taught by DeWayne Stephens - prepares students for a career as a network administrator. Students who enroll for this course will gain the skills necessary to become a MCSE (Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer).

The course also prepares stu-

dents to take a test which will certify them as an A+ computer technician.

According to Stephens, this particular program will prepare a student to take a job in the computer industry anywhere in the world. Stephens said students will receive a total of five certifications during the course of the program.

CCPC recently established a new program in the field of mass communications. Classes offered this semester in this area include Digital Photography, Introduction

to Mass Communications, and Survey of Radio and Television. Delton McGuire is the instruc-

tor for the classes. "The Digital Photography class," McGuire said, "is designed for anyone who wants to get more out of their investment in that new digital camera. The class will focus on composition, layout, and design of photographs. It will also cover basic news photography principles as they relate to photo journalism."

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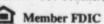
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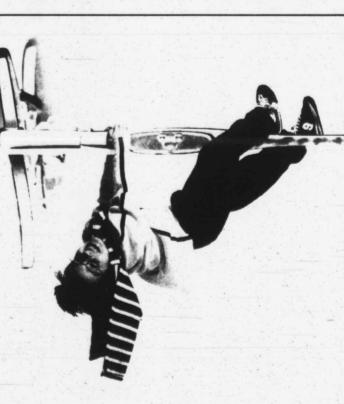


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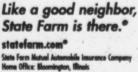
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# **Specialists** aid heart patients

BOSTON (AP) — Heart attack patients fare better if treated by a specialist after leaving the hospital rather than by a general-care doctor, a government-backed study suggests.

Earlier studies had indicated that such patients did better with hospital care by cardiologists, but less was known about how they fared in the months of outpatient care that followed.

The latest findings by Boston researchers Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School were published recently in The New Journal England Medicine.

They studied Medicare data from 35,520 patients age 65 or older in hospitals in California, Texas, New York, Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania Massachusetts.

Patients under a cardiologist's outpatient care were more likely to be younger, white and male.

After two years, 14.6 percent of patients with outpatient care from a cardiologist had died, compared with 18.3 percent of a similar group of patients under the sole care of a family doctor or internist.

The patients under specialized care underwent more medical procedures and rehabilitation, perhaps accounting for the difference between the two groups.

# Learning, memory may reverse brain changes

DALLAS - An interaction between drug use and the expectation of drug reward can cause changes in the addicted brain that modify behavior as well as reduce cravings, a team of molecular psychiatry researchers that includes Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas scientists has demonstrated in a study appearing in this week's issue of Nature.

Dr. David Self, associate professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern and the study's senior author, said the discovery shows that neurobiological changes in the brains of addicts, and the propensity for cocaine relapse, may be reduced by non-pharmaceutical means involving extinction training, learning and memory. Without this procedure, cocaine addiction causes persistent neurobiological changes that facilitate relapse despite attempts to abstain from further drug use.

entirely novel and provocative phenomenon whereby extinction training during cocaine withdrawal produces changes in the brain receptors for the neurotransmitter glutamate (part of the brain's signaling system) in an important brain reward region," said Self, holder of the Lydia Bryant Test Professorship in Psychiatric Research.

Self and colleagues expressed the hope that information gained in this animal study will prove applicable to problems of human addiction. The study - with commentary in this week's issue of Nature Medicine - was conducted at UT Southwestern and Yale University School of Medicine using transgenic technology to manipulate glutamate receptors developed by a Harvard Medical School researcher.

Cocaine usage reduces

"The paper describes an glutamate receptors in an area of the brain critical for communications - the shell, or outside, of the nucleus accumbens, which are part of the basal ganglia. The structure may become activated during reward-and-punishment activities. Glutamate receptor reduction contributes to persistent craving, Self said.

The extinction training used in the study is a technique in which rats were initially taught to press a bar to receive cocaine. Later, the rewards were removed, so the rats' expectations were not met when they pushed the levers, thus extinguishing reinforcement for learned behavior.

Half of the rats used in the study were given the extinction training. Rats undergoing drug withdrawal without the benefit of this cognitive training procedure actually lost some of their glutamate receptors. The researchers found that the amount of glutamate receptors in the nucleus accumbens' shell area was related to the level of extinction during the training pro-"This finding is important

because it demonstrates a profound interaction between drug use and experience in ultimately determining brain changes in the drug addiction process," Self said. "They suggest that extinctioninduced increases in glutamate receptors lessen the urge to seek cocaine in early withdrawal and promote resistance to relapse induced by stressful situations in prolonged abstinence."

The researchers say that "our results also indicate that such upregulation (of receptors) may benefit cocaine addicts both directly, by facilitating control over the urge for cocaine, and, indirectly, by attenuating stressinduced cravings in prolonged abstinence."

Self and the other researchers hope that extinction training may prove a way to restore balance to the brain area and aid in boosting willpower in those attempting to abstain from drugs. "It's like taking the brain to the gym," Self said. "The more this brain pathway is exercised with extinction training, the stronger the glutamate input becomes, and the brain is better equipped to deal with cravings and urges.'

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# Healthbeat: The hunt for better, faster care

By LAURAN NEERGAARD AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — They jokingly call themselves commandos, but instead of camouflage gear they wear white coats — doctors whose mission is to get more stroke victims a clot-busting drug that can mean the difference between permanent brain damage or recovery.

In the handful of cities where these specialists race to emergency rooms at whatever hour stroke victims arrive. patients are up to 10 times more likely to get that drug.

"Usually when we arrive, there's a great sigh of relief" from overworked ER doctors who are unsure how to treat a stroke, says Dr. Edward Jauch of the University of Cincinnati's stroke team.

More than Americans will suffer strokes this year. It is the nation's leading cause of disability and No. 3 killer. Some strokes are caused by the bleeding in the brain, but most are ischemic strokes, caused when arteries feeding the brain are blocked. That's the type that the clotbusting TPA treats.

Yet six years after TPA was named crucial to the treatment of strokes, only two of every 100 ischemic stroke victims receive it.

But in Houston, San Diego, Cincinnati and other cities, the so-called stroke commandos are getting TPA to significantly more patients in time, from 10 percent to beyond 20 percent of patients in some hospitals.

Now the National Institutes of Health wants to spread that success and turned to the commandos for advice. Their recommendation: Within the next year, all hospitals should designate whether they have the facilities for proper stroke care. Then ambulances should begir immediately to carry possible stroke victims to those hospitals that promise state-of-the-art care, even if it requires bypassing a closer ER, just as paramedics now take accident victims to trauma centers.

"Hospitals are not created

of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation told 400 stroke experts at a meeting convened by NIH last week. "Either that 15 area hospitals page for they have to get up to speed, help whenever a stroke victim or they shouldn't be doing stroke care."

Why is it so hard to give

Partly it's a matter of time. TPA must be given within three hours of the first symptoms, and roughly a quarter of patients get to hospitals fast enough.

But too often the hospital plays a role. Patients arrive in time, only to be cared for by nonspecialists confused about how and when to give TPA, stroke experts told the NIH Stroke will post the new recmeeting.

Because TPA can cause bleeding in the brain, a CT scan to ensure the patient isn't already bleeding is crucial. Not every hospital offers 24hour CT scans.

And the scans can be confusing. For example, one study found 32 percent of patients initially deemed to have a stroke too mild for TPA wound up dead or disabled. Yet stroke "is a slowly gathering steam engine" as brain damage builds for hours, so don't rule out TPA just because of an early CT scan, warns Dr. J.P. Mohr of New York's Columbia-

Presbyterian Medical Center. The stroke commandos fight such barriers in different ways. In Houston, for example, University of Texas experts signed up six of 29 area hospitals to offer proper stroke care, with specialists on duty 24 hours a day, and taught paramedics stroke symptoms. Ambulances now are supposed to bring possible

equally," Dr. Anthony Furlan stroke victims only to those six hospitals.

In Cincinnati, Jauch assembled a team of experts arrives. San Diego's system is similar.

In Nevada, where patients can be 300 miles from the nearest stroke specialist, a commando team advises rural hospitals on TPA by phone and computer, and flies patients to bigger hospitals for follow-up care.

There are no national guidelines urging hospitals to adopt such programs. But the NIH's National Institute of Neurologic Disorders and ommendations on its Web site in hopes communities will follow them.

Meanwhile, patients and families can help themselves by knowing stroke symptoms - weakness or numbness on one side of the body, slurred speech and loss of balance -

and seeking help immediately. Women often have some different symptoms, including confusion, disorientation and pain. Don't focus just on those unusual signs - mention any other symptoms like one-sided weakness, too, because those buzz words speed a correct diagnosis, advises Dr. Morgenstern of the University of Michigan.

And don't be reluctant to ask the ER doctor if you or a relative is a TPA candidate, the specialists say.

EDITOR'S NOTE Lauran Neergaard covers health and medical issues for The Associated Press in Washington.

## Worms study could hold key to weight

BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Gene manipulation that created sleek and trim roundworms may ultimately help scientists develop new obesity treatments.

Harvard biologist Gary Ruvkun used a new technique to identify about 400 genes in the roundworm's genetic code related to fat production and storage.

His team deactivated, or "turned off," about 300 of the genes in experiments and "the worms are thin and happy," Ruvkun said. When they knocked out the activity of the other 100 genes, worms grew fatter.

Details of the roundworm experiments and the new genetic technique appear in a recent issue of the journal

"If someone told me we'd be using this kind of protocol even three years ago, I'd have said that's crazy -don't even think about it, Ruvkun said.

Scientists frequently conduct basic experiments with roundworms - known by their scientific name as C. elegans - because they are inexpensive and simple. Scientists can fit 100,000 on a lab dish, and they repro-

duce within four days. Yet humans share about half of the roundworm's 19,000 genes, including 200 of the fat-storage genes. Whether the same gene knockout technique will work in humans is unclear, but obesity drugs might be developed based on the basic understanding of the genes,

Ruvkun said. Other biologists cautioned that drug companies would need at least a decade to safely develop a genetic therapy for obesity. One in five Americans is obese, and obesity is implicated in cardiovascular disease, diabetes

and other illnesses. "The worm studies will allow the identification of many more genes much more rapidly. It'll also speed up the process of figuring out how they work," said Leon Avery of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, which is conducting its own fat gene experiments with roundworms. "For the drug companies, this means a much longer list of 'targets' that they can try to find drugs

Ruvkun used a novel gene identification method developed at the Wellcome Trust/Cancer Research UK Institute in England.



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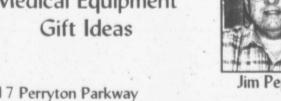
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## **TAAS** issues end-of-year crop report

AUSTIN - The end-ofyear crop estimates for 2002 released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service show that yields for some crops improved from 2001, but less than ideal conditions in some parts of the state resulted in lower yields and some acreage abandonment. On the bright side, many cotton and rice producers harvested record-breaking yields.

The 2002 Texas Upland cotton crop totaled 5.0 million bales, 17 percent above 2001. An estimated 4.5 million acres were harvested, 6 percent more than in 2001. Planted cotton acreage totaled 5.6 million acres, 7 percent less than in 2001. Harvested acreage produced a record yield of 533 pounds per acre, compared with 481 pounds last year and the previous record of 524 pounds set in 1998.

Corn production was estimated at 205.7 million bushels, up 23 percent from 2001. Statewide yield was estimated at 113 bushels per acre, 5 bushels fewer than in 2001. Harvested acreage was estimated at 1.82 million acres, up 28 percent from 2001.

Texas peanut production was estimated at 868 million pounds, down 3 percent from last year. Statewide yield, at 3,100 pounds per acre, was 210 pounds above 2001.

Sorghum production was estimated at 72.8 million hundredweight (cwt), up fractionally from 2001. Harvested acreage was estimated at 2.55 million acres, down 2 percent from 2001. Yield, at 2,856 pounds per acre, was 56 pounds more than the previous

The 2002 Texas soybean crop was estimated at 6.02 million bushels, up 3 percent from the previous year's production. Harvested acreage was estimated at 215,000 acres, down 4 percent; yield was estimated at 28.0 bushels per acre, increased 2 bushels above 2001.

Production of all hav was estimated at 13.9 million tons, 28 percent more than in 2001. Harvested acreage increased 8 percent, and yield was estimated at 2.46 tons, compared with 2.07 tons the previous year.

United States corn production, at 9.01 billion bushels, was down 5 percent from 2001. Yield was estimated at 130.0 bushels per acre, down 8.2 bushels from a year earlier. The U.S. sorghum crop was estimated at 207.1 million cwt, down 28 percent from 2001.

The U.S. Upland cotton crop totaled 16.5 million bales, down 16 percent from 2001. Soybean production was estimated at 2.73 billion bushels, down 6 percent from 2001. The U.S. peanut crop was estimated at 3.32 billion pounds, down 22 percent from a year ago. U.S. rice production was estimated at 211 million cwt, down 2 percent from 2001.

# Farm Scene: Peanut production down

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) - Like many peanut farmers, Neil and Boyd Hagerson are thankful the disastrous 2002 peanut season is behind them. They battled drought during the growing season, then torrential rain during

The government also adopted a new program of assistance for peanut growers, abandoning the one that had been in place since the Great Depression. The change, in the middle of the growing season, was chaotic.

"It was a nightmare," Boyd Hagerson said. "I'm glad it's over."

The Hagersons said they lost about 1,000 pounds per acre because of the weather extremes last year. Their peanuts stood in the fields for three to four weeks because the ground was too soggy for harvesting. By the time they got to them, some of the vines had rotted and the peanuts had fallen off.

"Wet weather tore us up," Hagerson said.

National peanut production dropped from nearly 4.3 billion pounds in 2001 to 3.3 billion pounds last year, according to a recent crop report from U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Georgia — the nation's largest producer — had a crop of 1.3 billion pounds, compared with 1.7 billion pounds in 2001.

Virginia and North Carolina growers were also hard-hit, with a 44 percent year-to-year drop.

"We truly had a disaster," said Don Koehler, executive director of the Georgia Peanut Commission, which represents about 4,800 peanut farmers. "When you look at the drought during the growing season and wet weather during the harvest, some of our growers need help to survive it."

Many Georgia counties were declared disaster areas during the drought, and now the Georgia Peanut Commission is appealing to Congress for disaster assistance.

"To have everything invested in the crop and then not have a crop to gather, it put folks in a situation where they can't handle their debt load," Koehler said. "Farmers work on a thin margin anyway. When you have a disaster, it's devastating."

The new peanut program replaces a quota system that guaranteed some growers \$610 per ton with a base system similar to wheat and cotton.

Under the new system, those with a peanut base are guaranteed \$495 in loans and direct government payments. Those who don't qualify for a base are guaranteed only \$355.

Farmers have until March 31 to establish their bases. But the switch to a new program has caused bottlenecks and delays at local offices of the Farm Service Agency, which is gearing up to administer the program.

"We're waiting on our FSA office to tell us something about our bases," Hagerson said. "It's hard for us to make decisions without knowing the facts. We're just kind of holding back and hoping something will come through. We want to get started on the right track ... to know what we're looking at to make plans and projec-

On the Net:

Georgia Peanut Commission: http://gapeanuts.com/

Peanut Virginia-Carolina **Promotions:** http://www.aboutpeanuts.com/

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### **CCPC**

McGuire further emphasized there will be a significant amount of time spent learning to use Adobe Photoshop in the production of the photos.

Students wishing to enroll for classes to start earning credit toward a degree or individuals wanting to take courses for self-improvement are encouraged to visit with the CCPC Counselor Jennifer Harmon. Individuals wishing to take classes are encouraged to enroll by Monday, Jan. 20.

Schedules are available at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-8801. CCPC regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

# Spearman producer serving on FCC board

AUSTIN — The Tenth District Farm Credit Council recently elected Jon M. "Mike" Garnett, a farmer from Spearman, to represent the district on The Farm Credit Council Board of Directors. Ray Young of Wisner, La., also was elected to represent the 10th District on the national Farm Credit board.

The Tenth Farm Credit District is composed of the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) and 22 local credit cooperatives in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, and

AUSTIN — According to

the Texas Agricultural

Statistics Service, the second-

from last year. Stocks in all

positions on December 1

totaled 91.8 million bushels.

The on-farm wheat storage, at

2.0 million bushels, was

down from the 2.3 million

bushels stored on farms a

year ago. Off-farin wheat

stocks, at 89.8 million

bushels, accounted for 98

percent of all wheat stocks.

financing organization serving the five-state region.

Garnett has been a member of the FCBT Board of Directors since 1999 and has been vice chairman since January 2000. Prior to joining the board, he was a director of the Pampa High Plains Federal Land Bank Association (later Panhandle-Plains FLBA) for 23 years and served as the association's board chairman from 1995-98. He is a former member of the FCBT Retirement Committee.

graduate, Garnett is active tion of the Farm Credit

December grain stocks decline 25 percent

positions for Texas totaled

year. On-farm stocks totaled

2.8 million cwt compared to

the same amount a year ago.

Off-farm sorghum stocks, at

28.8 million cwt, accounted

for 91 percent of all sorghum

U.S. corn stocks in all posi-

tions on December 1, 2002,

totaled 7.63 billion bushels,

down 8 percent from

31.6 million cwt on

All sorghum stocks in all

Texas. It is the largest rural in his local community. He produces wheat, alfalfa, and forage crops, feeds stocker cattle, and operates a custom haying and baling business.

> He is a former consumer codirector, Spearman Chamber of Commerce director, and Spearman Independent School District board member. Currently, he is Perryton Branch president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

His one-year term on The Farm Credit Council board begins in January. The council A Texas Tech University is the national trade associa-

December 1, 2001. All wheat

stocks in all positions on

December 1, totaled 1.32 bil-

lion bushels, down 19 per-

Grain sorghum in all posi-

tions totaled 128.6 million

cwt, down 27 percent from

December 1, 2001. Soybeans

stored in all positions on

December 1, 2002, totaled

2.11 billion bushels, down 7

percent from December 1,

2001. Oats in all positions

totaled 104 million bushels,

down 9 percent from the pre-

vious December.

cent from a year ago.

arnett has been a member of the FCBT **Board** Directors since 1999 and has been vice chairman since

System and represents the system's legislative and regulatory interests.

January 2000.

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If the board receives and approves both requests, the fees will be implemented fall 2003 and will cost a student enrolled in 15 credit hours an additional \$45.

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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

## **Shop Owner's Family Are Becoming Store Fixtures**

DEAR ABBY: Last year I opened my own business. It's a small clothing store for men and women. My problem is I am unable to get through to my family that they cannot visit me there all the time. I love them dearly, but my shop is a place of business - not a second home for them.

My husband is unemployed. He is constantly at the store. He'll sit on a chair near the entrance, holding his cane. Sometimes he falls asleep and starts slipping off his chair. He's the first thing customers see when they walk in. It is very unprofessional.

My daughter drops in daily with her two young children. She brings their lunch, which she sets up on the counter next to the cash register. In no time the kids are running around the store making a mess and throwing merchandise off the shelves onto the floor. My daughter yells at them and then an argument ensures. Time after time, it ends up with me snapping at them to go home, my daughter becoming upset and the kids bursting into tears, Customers sometimes turn around and walk out when they see the commotion. I have lost sales because of this, and I can't afford for it to continue.

How can I make it clear to my family that they can't make themselves at home at my store? I feel like a broken record.

EXASPERATED SHOP OWNER IN PHOENIX

your husband and daughter do not seem to get the message interested in this job, but the that they cannot just "drop in," you must be more assertive and draw the line for them. Get some books on retail merchandising and customer relations and show them that what they are doing is hurting your business. If they persist, stop them at the door and say, "It's nice to at the door and say, "It's nice to see you, but you cannot stay. If the questioning persists, the EEOC should be notified because Love you all - and I'll see you

Please be firm - your economic situation depends on it.

DEAR ABBY: I am a married the past year I've been searching for a better job. Without fail at almost every interview, I'm asked some outrageously illegal questions:

have children? Are you planning on getting pregnant? Exactly when are you planning to start a family? Will you want to stay home when your children are young? What's your biggest health concern? How religious are you? Are you willing to work Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?" (the most religious days on the Jewish calendar).

Abby what a the concern? How religious to religious are you? Abby at the concern? Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90089.

the Jewish calendar).
Abby, what's the best way to avoid answering these questions? The next time it happens, can I press charges? Thanks for your help. ETERNAL JOB CANDIDATE

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The Family Circus

DEAR JOB CANDIDATE: DEAR SHOP OWNER: Since Simply smile and say: "I want you to know that I am sincerely questions you are asking are illegal. I'm telling you this because I'm sure you're interviewing other applicants, and I

the questions are discriminatory.

**Employment Opportunity Com-**

QUOTE FOR THE DAY: Abraham Lincoln said: "If you Jewish woman just shy of 30. For once forfeit the confidence of your fellow citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem. It is true that you may fool all of the people some of the "Are you married? How long have you been married? Do you the people all of the time; but you can't fool all of the people all of the time." (Submitted by Andrew W. Hanley)

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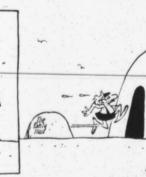


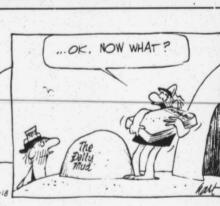


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The M.K. Brown "Legacy" book is currently on sale at White Deer Land Museum, Hastings and the Chamber of Commerce.

**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.

**PCCA** 

Pampa Community Concert Association's 2002-03 season kick-off "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.

COUNTRY PEDDLER SHOW

A Country Peddler show will be staged Jan. 17-19 at the Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. Show hours will be 4-9 p.m., Friday; 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday. The show will feature a variety of wares including: arts and crafts, jellies, salsas, home decor, clothing, furniture, jewelry, and much more. Admission for all three days is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for seniors. Children under 12 get in free.

TACAC HOTLINE

Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC) will sponsor its 18th annual toll-free College Information Hotline from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Jan. 18-19, 2003.

students and their families. To access the hotline, call 1-877-275-7007 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., the 18th or 19th. **CPC LUNCHEON** 

The Contract Procurement Center in Amarillo will sponsor a business luncheon for small, minority and women entrepreneurs from 11:45-1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21 at Luby's Cafeteria, 4530 Canyon Dr., Amarillo. The guest speaker will be Allen Schmieding, director of purchasing, Amarillo College. For reservations or for more information, contact Edmond Esparza, (806) 372-3381.

**PASD** 

Pampa Area Singles Dance will be from 8-11 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25 at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa with Mike Porter. No smoking or alcohol is permitted. Snacks will be served. Bring your favorite refreshment. For more information, call 665-

**DIAMOND MISS** 

Our Diamond Miss Pageant will be conducted at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, at Pampa Middle School Auditorium. For more information, contact Jeanna at 669-7671 or 665-

**EAGLE HIKE** 

Queen of the Valley Tours will host an eagle-watching hike at p.m., Jan. 25 at Caprock Canyons Trailway State Park. A minimum of five is allowed. The tour will lead down the Trailway in search of the elusive eagles. For more information, contact the park at (806) 455-1492.

**BSA TRAINING** 

BSA Hospice will conduct a volunteer training and community education class entitled "The Hospice Approach to Living and Dying" from 1-4 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, Jan. 27-Feb. 20 at Frank Phillips College in Borger. The class is open to adults interested in becoming The event provides informa- hospice volunteers or who 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 tion about post-secondary want to learn more about hos- p.m., Jan. 15, TDH, 736 S.

worth 2.4 CEUs. For more information or to preregister, call Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, BSA Hospice, at (806) 274-9111 or

1-800-658-6985. **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** BSA Hospice will offer the grief education and support group "Putting the Pieces Together" on six consecutive Thursdays beginning Jan. 30 at First Presbyterian Church in Borger. The program is free of charge. Hospice officials recommend participants wait three months after the death of a loved one before attending the support group. For more information or to preregister, call (806) 274-9111 or 1-800-658-6985.

> **AC ALUMNI NOMINATIONS**

Amarillo College is currently seeking nominations for its 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award. The award is open to former students who have made outstanding contributions to their field and/or community. A ceremony will be held for the recipient April 27, 2003. For more information, contact Rhonda Stephenson at (806) 371-5322 or via e-mail at stephenson-ri@actx.edu. Deadline for nominations is Jan. 31.

**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC** 

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, (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: educational opportunities for pice care. The program is 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.

> **ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION**

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout this month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The 10 trees are two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Goldenraintrees, two Washington hawthorns, and two American redbuds. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Aye., 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.

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#### LEFORS ISD HONOR ROLL

ISD Lefors announced its honor roll for the third six-weeks grading period of the 2002-03 school

A Honor Roll

Dylan Ward Connell, Khori Lott, Brian Tyler McBee, Koltan Spur Morris, Spencer Hagen Nicholson, Jeffrey Kyle Smith, Taylor Wayne Ray, Seth Edward Scully, Meira Rhiannon Vaid, Shayley Renee Morriss, Joseph Cameron Barnes, Haley Jeannette Smith, Emily Joann Jackson, Ashlyn Denea Johnson, Devin Nichole Rebecka Jones, Joyce Lawrence, Gabriel Heath Miller, Amanda Rena Lawrence, Hannah Dawn Maness, Rusty Travis Warner, Jacob Rudy Garcia, Alicia Whitehead, Katherine Jeanette Barnes, Dennis J. Boyd, Andrew Wiley Klein, John Stamper, Zachary Lafawn Kidd, Sarah Marie Schwab, Jennifer Lynn Sprouse.

**AB Honor Roll** 

Dustin Blake Wallace, Ryan Chase Holt, Andrew Hayden Morriss, Jeffrey Kyle Smith, John Michael Webb, Caleb Jinks, Brenden Chase Kimbley, Story Lumae Pairsh, Kaittlynne Michelle Porter, Amber Lee Shephard, Dennis W. Sprouse, Destiny Terry, Robert James Tidwell, Brandon Lynn Wood, Kambra Jeann Boaz, Sharon Brooke Franks, Casey Pine' Graham, Stormy Howard, Mercedes O'Brien, Roger Lee Smith, Kolton D'Wayne Boaz, Keely Shaye Callaway, Daniel Ray Cox, Seth Zachary Fry, Steven Tyler Kimbley, Abigail P. Maness, Dakota Wakely Pairsh, Janie Leigh Ponce, Keenan J. Santacruz, Ashley Nicole Shephard, James Arun Vaid, Daniel James Wariner, Gage Dane Zeek, Christina Marie Cook.

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A Honor Roll First grade. Bracie Harris, Ashton Standerfer.

Second grade. Claire Hopkins, Alex Stevens.

Third grade. Amber Harris, Hilary Zedlitz. Fifth grade. Hilary Acker. Sixth grade. Jessica Hopkins.

**AB Honor Roll** First grade. Ela Earhart. Second grade. Alex Ragsdale, Joseph Slatten.

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Third grade. Jazmine Rose, Celby Snapp, Chloe Zedlitz. Fourth grade. Reid Bradley, Kyle Turner.

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# SPORTS

#### BASEBALL

ATLANTA (AP) -Four-time Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux didn't get a financial windfall during free agency. He hopes to make up for it in arbitration.

The Atlanta Braves pitcher asked for \$16 million, short of Derek Jeter's record request two years ago but still a \$2.9 million raise over Maddux's salary last season.

The Braves countered with an offer of \$13.5 million, which would basically keep Maddux's salary on par with the \$13.1 million he made in 2002. The \$2.5 million gap is the largest between any team and player.

#### **BASKETBALL**

DETROIT (AP)

Chris Webber faces additional charges on accusations he lied to a grand jury about his dealings with a Michigan basketball booster.

The new indictment charges the Sacramento Kings star, his father Mayce Webber Jr. and Charlene Johnson with nine counts, including conspiracy to obstruct justice and per-

They are accused of lying to a federal grand jury about their dealings with ex-booster Eddie Martin.

Martin says he gave \$616,000 to Webber and three other Wolverines players while they were amateurs. Martin, who pleaded guilty to illegal gambling, said he gave Webber and his family \$280,000.

#### ICE SKATING

DALLAS (AP) -

Naomi Lang and Peter Tchernyshev overcame a stumble in their free dance and held their place at the top, winning their fifth title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Tiffany Scott and Philip Dulebohn won their first pairs title, but it was hardly a performance worth remembering. They botched three major elements and skated without any passion.

#### **GOLF**

HONOLULU (AP) -For a 21-year-old playing his first PGA Tour event as a cardcarrying member, Aaron Baddeley isn't the least bit nervous about being tied for the lead with Retief Goosen through 36 holes in the Sony

Open. Then again, why should

he? As an 18-year-old amateur, he coolly stared down Greg and Norman Colin Montgomerie to become the youngest winner in the 95year history of the Australian

He beat Robert Allenby in the Australian Open the next year, then defeated Sergio Garcia in a playoff in the 2001 Holden International.

All three times, he was playing in the final group.

"All those guys have won on tour," he said. "It gives me confidence knowing that if I play well, I can win on the PGA Tour, as well."

The next test comes this weekend at Waialae Country

Baddeley finished off a 6under 64 with birdies on three of his last five holes Friday to share the lead with Goosen, a former U.S. Open champion.

PAMPA — Local residents will suit up for a Donkey Game on Wednesday, starting at 7 p.m. in McNeely Fieldhouse. The Donkey Basketball

Game is sponsored by the Pampa Lions Club.

Advance tickets are five dollars and tickets at the gate are six dollars.

For more information, call

Local residents who will be taking part in the fun game include Mayor Lonnie Robbins, District Attorney Rick Roach, City Manager Mitch Grant, Buddy Allen of Cabot, high school coach Andy Cavalier, Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, PHS band director Jason Jones, County Attorney Todd Alvey, Sue Fatheree of Culligan Water Conditioning, Peggy Coleman of Rural Metro, Rev. I.L.

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# Donkey Ball coming PSHOF to honor coach Quarles, again

AMARILLO - Pampa High tennis 'coach Carolyn Quarles has been selected as the 2002 Tennis Coach of the Year by the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame.

Quarles has guided Pampa to five straight district titles and five consecutive Region 1-4A semi-final appearances.

Her teams, which have a 76-2 district record, have won 40 consecutive district match-

"This is a great honor to be selected. There are so many great coaches in the



**Carolyn Quarles** 

Panhandle that I respect. This award actually belongs to the entire tennis family at Pampa High School," coach Quarles said. "It would not have been possible without coach (Donna) Turner, the players, parents and the support of coach Dennis Cavalier, our athletic director.'

This is the third year Quarles has been honored by the PSHOF.

She received coach of the year awards in 1998 and 2000.

Quarles will be honored along with other area coaches at PSHOF induction ceremonies Feb. 2 at Amarillo College's Ordway Auditorium.

Ceremonies begin at 2 p.m.

# Pampa storms by Plainview

PLAINVIEW - Chance Bowers scored 20 points and Ryan Zemanek added 18 as Pampa stormed to a 71-55 win Friday night over Plainview.

Pampa finished the first half of District 3-4A play with a 5-1 record and all alone in second place. Plainview falls

The Harvesters took control in the second quarter, scoring 15 unanswered points to go up by 19 (33-14). Bowers, a 6-1 junior, led the charge, scoring 7 of those 15 points.

While Bowers was doing the damage inside the lane, the 6-3 Zemanek was taking care of business from the out-

Zemanek hit four 3-pointers in the first half and had 14 points by halftime. Pampa led by as much as

29 points in the third quarter. Zemanek, who also had 15 rebounds, wasn't the only Harvester hitting from 3-point land. Jed Martin came off the bench to hit a pair of 3-point goals while Brittin East and Matt Robben each had one.

High School **Basketball** 

East finished with 9 points, while Martin and Max Simon each had 6, Clayton Hall 5, Collin Bowers 4 and Robben 3. Simon, who leads district rebounders, had 6 boards as Pampa had a commanding 40-25 advantage in rebounding.

Xavier Hall had 14 points and Todd Jeffers 10 to lead the Bulldogs.

In the girls game, two-time defending state champion Plainview defeated Pampa 66-

Alesha Robertson scored 24 points and Tojjinay Thompson 23 to lead the attack for the Lady Bulldogs.

Valerie Velez topped Pampa in scoring with 10 points.

The Lady Harvesters had the early lead on Plainview and trailed by only eight (16-8) after one q quarter. By halftime, however, Plainview's lead had grown to 23 (39-16).

Others who scored for are 2-3.

Pampa were Abbi Covalt with 5, Jackie Gerber 4, Callie Cobb 4, Casey Fisher 2, Jennie Waggoner 2 and Mariza Scott 2.

WHITE DEER - White Deer notched double victories over Vega in District 1-1A basketball action Friday night.

Brian Knocke tossed in 17 points to lead the Bucks to a 48-38 victory. Jacob Brame added 9.

David Martinez was Vega's top scorer with 13 points. Keith Pingel followed with 8.

White Deer held off Vega in the second half for a 42-37 victory.

Cassie Petty netted 23 points to lead the White Deer offense. Ashley Davis followed with 8.

Halftime score was 19-15, White Deer's favor.

Amanda Ruiz was Vega's high scorer with 11. Courtney Parsley was next with 9.

White Deer boys are 3-2 in district, and White Deer girls

## Ming was there at the end vs. Lakers

HOUSTON (AP) — Yao could finally breathe." with 22 points, 11 rebound Ming made it clear early that he belonged on the same court with Shaquille O'Neal.

And the 7-foot-6 Chinese rookie was there at the end to score the biggest basket of the game.

In one of the most hyped matchups of the season, Yao blocked O'Neal's first three shots, altered Kobe Bryant's attempt at the end of regulation and dunked with 10.2 seconds left as Houston beat the Los Angeles Lakers 108-104 in overtime Friday night.

Yao's big start didn't last very long. He faded in the mid-portion of the game but he came back in the closing minutes to help the Rockets pull out the overtime victory. O'Neal outscored his young rival and also gained Yao's respect.

"He's like a truck," Yao said, happy to have his first game against O'Neal over. "I felt like I was under water for a long time and now I

O'Neal, finished with the better statistical line - 31 points, 13 rebounds and four assists to Yao's 10 points, 10 rebounds and six blocks.

"At the beginning, I told myself I'd do my best because he is one of the most important parts of the Lakers," Yao said. "I don't know how to describe it because I've never encountered someone that strong."

The Yao-Shaq battle was almost overshadowed by the exciting game and by Steve Francis, who scored a career-high 44 points and turned a broken play into the biggest play of the game when he passed to Yao for a dunk with 10.2 left in overtime for a 104-100 lead.

"He's a classy guy," O'Neal said of Yao. "I was looking forward to playing him. He's a great player. It's another challenge for me."

Cuttino Mobley added 29 for Houston and for the Lakers, Kobe Bryant shot just 5-for-21 and finished and nine assists.

A sellout crowd of 16,285 delighted at the start when Yao made three of his first four shots, missed his next seven - all of them turnarounds and fadeaways, and made his last one — the dunk that gave Houston a 104-100 lead.

Francis hit one of his six 3-point baskets with 13 seconds left in regulation play for a 92-92 tie.

O'Neal scored the Lakers' first six points of overtime, all of them with impressive power moves against Yao. The final one was a dunk with 1:27 left that cut Houston's lead to 99-98.

O'Neal then committed a flagrant foul against Francis, and coach Phil Jackson got a technical for arguing. The three free throws made it 102-98. Yao was called for a foul trying to block Robert Horry's dunk attempt with 33.6 seconds remaining, and the two free throws made it a

# Four straight losses not enough to knock out AFC teams

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) -Around the time most four-game losing streaks reach their crescendo, teams usually start thinking about next season. Not the Oakland Raiders. And

all-state in 2001.

DALLAS(AP)—Troy

Aikman and Roger Staubach

quarterbacked the same NFL

team. Now they're part owners

of the same team — planning to

enter a car in NASCAR's

The former Dallas Cowboys

quarterbacks are partners in

Hall of Fame Racing, which

will be directed by former

Trans-Am driver Bill Saunders,

who will act as managing part-

"Roger and I have discussed

Winston Cup Series in 2004.

not the Tennessee Titans.

Despite their matching fourgame losing streaks this season, the Raiders and Titans will meet in the AFC title game Sunday. It's a statement as much about the resiliency of the teams as the forgiving nature of a league built for

"Some teams would have caved it in," Raiders offensive lineman Lincoln Kennedy said. "We had a lot more respect for our game than that. We knew it came during a part of our season we could recover from. We just kept coming back to work and pushing forward."

As with any breakdown of that magnitude, almost anything that could go wrong did during Oakland's four-game slide.

The 28-13 loss to St. Louis: Overconfident from a 4-0 start and the prospect of facing firsttime starter Mark Bulger.

this for a while, and all the

pieces just came together.

We're not naive going into this

thing. We recognize it will be a

real challenge," Aikman said in

a telephone interview Thursday

team has no shop, no equip-

ment, no employees other than

the three owners, no driver and

The latter will be a priority,

the three-time Super Bowl

no sponsor.

winner added.

So far, Aikman said, the

with The Associated Press.

Miami senior Hal Rogers was named to the first

team of the Six-Man Coaches Association All-State

Football Team this season. Rogers was second team

Guess who's coming to NASCAR?

San Diego 27, Oakland 21 in OT: Two costly early break-

downs inside the Chargers 20. A blocked field goal and Jerry Rice's turnover doomed them in a 20-10 loss to Kansas City.

The capper came a week later, when the defense let San Francisco control the ball for 15 straight minutes - seven in regulation and eight in overtime - in a 23-20 loss.

"I thought we were improving, even though a lot of people didn't see it that way," Raiders coach Bill Callahan said Friday night

The Raiders (12-5) finally snapped out of their streak with a 34-10 win in Denver in a Monday night game. Rich Gannon completed 21 straight passes. Rod Woodson returned an interception 98 yards in what might have been their best per-

formance of the season.

In the NFL this season, 15 teams combined for 17 losing streaks of four games or longer. Only the Raiders, Titans and Jets came back to make the playoffs.

Those three teams got through their streaks before the second half of the season began proof that while it's not impossible to recover from such a string in a league filled with evenly matched teams, the timing is crucial.

"In a situation like that, you have the tendency to come unglued a little bit," Rice said. "This team, we just fought through it. Bill Callahan pretty much left it up to the players, saying, 'It's up to you guys to get the job done.' That's what we

So did the Titans, who arrived in Oakland late Friday after a week of snow and cold in Tennessee

Their streak was probably demoralizing

Oakland's because they hadn't already won four games. Then, there was the fact that they kept getting worse as the losing progressed

Loss No. 3 was 52-25 to the Raiders, a game in which they fell behind 21-0 after six minutes. No. 4 was a 31-14 embarrassment at home to Steve Spurrier and Washington. The Titans fell to 1-4 after that game, and owner Bud Adams publicly wondered whether Jeff Fisher was getting outcoached.

'We weren't startled at all," running back Eddie George said of the reaction to Adams' comments. "Pretty much, not only his job was in question but a lot of jobs were in question around here. So we just had to buckle down, win some games and see what happens."

The Titans (12-5) got back on track with a 23-14 victory over Jacksonville. It was the start of an 11-1 stretch Tennessee carries into the AFC title game.

In that span, the Titans found two pass rushers — Kevin Carter -and Carlos Hall - to fill the role of the then-injured Jevon Kearse.

McNair became an MVP candidate, on his way to a careerhigh 3,387 yards. His offense became multidimensional, able to spread teams out when needed instead of just grind.

The Titans won games in just about every way imaginable: High-scoring shootouts\_(34-31 OT over Pittsburgh last week), late comebacks (32-29 OT over the Giants), boring blowouts (28-10 over Jacksonville) and even on days when they weren't playing their best (13-3 over Houston).

"We just have more confidence now," Titans safety Lance Schulters said. "We're borderline cocky. We feel like we can't lose. Coming back from 1-4, I mean, who would have thought it?"

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# Former Southwest Conference rivals are still friends

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ **AP Sports Writer** 

HOUSTON (AP) - The years have slowed the old warriors' gaits, but their wit is as sharp as ever.

The Frank Broyles and Darrell Royal show played one more time Thursday night during the Bear Bryant Awards dinner when Broyles, the former Arkansas coach, received a lifetime achievement award from Royal, former coach of the Texas Longhorns.

The rivals became friends when they were young coach-

es on the way up and they remained close despite being fierce opponents to the very end of their coaching careers. They even retired on the same day after coaching against each other one more time to end the 1976 season.

"We both decided, but we didn't talk earlier about retiring," Royal said. "We met before the game and Frank said, 'Well, I'm retiring after this game.' I said 'So am I,

"That's the first time we talked about it. Everybody thought we did it and planned it. Heck no. We just had all and it was time to quit."

The lifetime award was presented by the National Sportscasters Sportswriters Association during ceremonies at the Bear Bryant Award dinner. Ohio State coach Jim Tressel won the Bryant honor as the national college football coach of the year.

Still, Broyles and Royal were show stoppers.

"It's the easiest thing I've ever had to do because there's no one that's been of service to college football and athletics in general over a longer period than Frank and he's that rich fudge we could eat still at it," Royal said in presenting the award.

Broyles is the Razorbacks' athletic director.

The combatants' biggest game was labeled the "Game of the Century" on Dec. 6, 1969 when the No. 1 ranked Longhorns staged a dramatic comeback and beat the No. 2 Razorbacks 15-14 to capture the national championship.

"I met Frank over 50 years ago when he was at Georgia Tech and I was at Mississippi State," Royal said. "I called Frank and they were running what they called the belly series or the second man through.

"They were having suc-

and asked him for the coaching points on it. We put it in our offense and I ran it all the rest of the time I was coach-

ing including the last game." For all the intensity of their rivalry, Royal says there's never been a cross word between them and Broyles has treasured Royal's friend-

"Darrell is wonderful person," Broyles said. "I just had such respect for him. We believed the same things about the value of football and how it should be managed."

Their professional battles

cess with it. I called Frank have long been put into the record books but they still getting together for golfing vacations.

> "After we retired, we were on a plane going to a high school clinic at Michigan with Bo Schembechler," Broyles said. "Darrell said 'Frank, one thing we've never done is discuss our games. I've got to ask you, were you picking up our defensive signals in 1971?'

> "I said 'well, Darrell, before I answer, were you picking up our offensive signals in 1962?'

"He said yes and I said yes

# Bucs must protect Johnson from blitzing Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — After chasing Michael Vick all over the field, the Philadelphia Eagles are glad to see Brad Johnson.

Johnson, the NFC's toprated passer, leads the Tampa Bay Buccaneers into Veterans Stadium for the there.' NFC championship game against Philadelphia today.

The Eagles are thrilled because Johnson's one of the slowest quarterbacks in the NFL. And, he's struggled against Philadelphia. In his last three starts against the Eagles, Johnson has thrown six interceptions and no touchdowns.

"Playing against Michael Vick, you have to worry about him running every single play. It kind of takes away from the other things you're doing on the field," lipebacker Carlos Emmons in franchise history.

"(A pocket passer) gives you a better sense to know where the quarterback is going to be and now you can concentrate more on coverage and trying to keep him from getting the ball in

The Eagles held Vick to just 30 yards rushing in a 20-6 win last week over Atlanta in an NFC divisional play-

During a 20-10 victory over the Bucs earlier in the season, the Eagles sacked Johnson five times, sending him to the bench with broken ribs after the last sack. Rob Johnson finished up, and he was sacked once.

The Bucs know they must to do a much better job of protecting their quarterback to have a chance to get to the Super Bowl for the first time

avoid turnovers, and give Brad time. That's the biggest thing," right tackle Kenyatta Walker said.

In his first year in Jon Gruden's offense, Johnson proved to be one of the league's top quarterbacks. He completed 281 of 451 passes (62.3 percent) for 3,049 yards, 22 touchdowns and only six interceptions. His rating of 92.9 led the conference.

The Eagles, who led the league with 56 sacks, rely heavily on the blitz to harass quarterbacks.

But their defensive line, led by three-time Pro Bowl defensive end Douglas, also generates a lot of pressure.

Defensive coordinator Jim Johnson is known for his confusing blitz schemes after the quarterback.

"We need to run the ball, and willingness to send just about any player at any time, making it difficult for offenses to plan against the Eagles. Eight Philadelphia's sacks this year came from its secondary.

"They definitely do some things that are unorthodox," Walker said. "That's what makes them so special. The challenge is on us. It's not pressure. I think they are the ones with the pressure on them. We are underdogs."

Philadelphia blitzes frequently because it has three Pro Bowl players in its secondary, including cornerbacks Troy Vincent and Bobby Taylor and free safety Brian Dawkins. Vincent, Taylor and nickel cornerback Al Harris are strong in man-to-man coverage, allowing the safeties to go

And if it's the cornerbacks who are blitzing, Dawkins, a two-time All-Pro, is excellent in coverage. Strong safety Blaine Bishop, a former Pro Bowl player, also had a solid season.

Bucs wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson respects the Eagles' secondary, but wouldn't say it's a personal challenge to beat them.

"Whether they are Pro Bowlers, guys who have been pushed into the starting lineup because Pro Bowlers got hurt, rookies, or 12-year veterans, I get fired up to play on Sunday," Johnson said. "It might be extra motivation for those who need it, but I stay motivat-

Though Tampa runs a version of the West Coast offense, which features the short passing game, the Bucs throw downfield more than

other teams in this style of offense. They've had 37 passing plays of more than 20 yards.

Johnson caught 76 passes for 1,088 yards and five TDs. Keenan McCardell had 61 catches for 670 yards and six TDs, and Joe Jurevicius had 37 receptions for 423 yards and four TDs. Jurevicius caught a TD pass in last week's 31-6 win over San Francisco, and has become more of a threat late in the season.

"It's going to be a tough task for us," Taylor said. "We feel like we can match up well against them, but that doesn't promise us we're going to have success. We know we're going to have to be on our A game to do some of the things we want to do."

### Williams closes in on 'Serena Slam' at Australian Open

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The top-ranked Williams ing game. won her 24th consecutive overpowering Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn 6-1, 6-1 said. "We're only in the third to advance to the fourth round of the Australian Open.

"My priorities still remain to try and stay No. 1," said Williams, who has beaten sister Venus in the last Grand Slam finals. "It's going to be hard because there are lots of people after me - namely Venus, who really wants to be No. 1 again."

Serena also has an eye on fourth-seeded Kim Clijsters of Belgium, a possible semifinal opponent.

6-2, 6-1 winner over Belarus' Tatiana Poutchek, has lost only six games in six sets and is averaging just 50 minutes in her three matches. She has won 22 of her latest 23 matches, including consecutive wins over the Williams sisters in the WTA Championships in November.

Men's No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt started slowly, droppingthe the first two games to Radek Stepanek, but dominat-

Duncan scored 27 and San Antonio never trailed in beat-

ing the Atlanta Hawks 106-93 on Friday night and winning

its third straight and sixth in the last seven games. Tony

Parker added 19 points, Malik Rose had 16, and Emanuel

Ginobili scored a career-high

"It was a good game, we focused well," San Antonio

coach Gregg Popovich said.

"We played good defense and

executed on offense. It was a

good night and it will be good

open with a 9-0 run to open

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80-62, following two free throws by Duncan with 10:48

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Spurs.

(AP) — Serena Williams is 3, 6-2, 6-0 victory. Stepanek, looking over her shoulder as ranked No. 61, had four break points before Hewitt dropped serve in an eight-minute open-

> better as it went on. Hewitt round, so you don't want to play your best tennis yet."

Hewitt, who lost in the first round last year while recovering from chickenpox, said it was a big relief to make the second week at Melbourne

Hewitt's next opponent is Moroccan Younes El Aynaoui, seeded 18th and a U.S. Open quarterfinalist last year, who beat Spaniard Feliciano Lopez 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (8).

Marat Safin, the men's run-The 19-year-old Clijsters, a ner-up last year, withdrew from his third-round match against Germany's Rainer Schuettler because of a wrist injury. The third-seeded Safin, who came into the week with a shoulder problem, said his left wrist was too swollen to

play.
"I couldn't hold the racket," Safin said. Schuettler will play James

Blake, the 23rd-seeded American who advanced beyond the third round for the

3, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 win over Spain's Alberto Martin.

In other matches, ninthseeded Roger Federer of Switzerland beat Sweden's "I started a bit rusty tonight Andreas Vinciguerra 6-3, 6-4, Grand Slam match Saturday, and was able to get better and 6-2, 25th-seeded Mikhail Youzhny of Russia upset seventh-seeded Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, and ninth-seeded American Andy Roddick beat Spain's Fernando Vicente 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

The 20-year-old Roddick will face Youzhny in the fourth round.

"He won the Davis Cup for Russia, so nothing is going to faze him at the moment," said Roddick, who has lost twice to Youzhny. "I think I'm playing better tennis than the times I've played him before."

Federer will face Wimbledon finalist David Nalbandian, the 10th-seeded Argentine who led No. 20 Xavier Malisse 4-6, 6-2, 6-0, 3-0 when the Belgian player retired because of fatigue.

"I think Roger is a great player, but I know him from juniors. From a long time ago I beat him two times," Nalbandian. "I think it's going to be a tough match, but I have a strong chance."

Serena beat Venus in the

MELBOURNE, Australia ed the rest of the way for a 6- first time in a major with a 6- French Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open finals last year after missing the Australian Open because of an ankle

"She's never sat down and told me, 'Serena I'm going to take No. 1 away from you.' But I'm sure that's what she wants to do," Serena said.

"She's working hard, she's playing really well. She is just on a different level from a lot of the girls and everyone else. When I'm practicing with her, I don't know how I was ever able to beat her. I'm just trying to do what I can to stay in the position,"

Serena's first priority is overcoming No. 18 Eleni Daniilidou of Greece, a 6-4, 6-3 winner over No. 16 Nathalie Dechy of France.

Clijsters will face No. 19 Amanda Coetzer of South Africa, a 6-0, 6-2 winner over No. 14 Anna Pistolesi of Israel.

No. 10 Chanda Rubin reached the fourth round for a fourth consecutive Grand Slam with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Austrian qualifier Barbara Schwartz. American will meet No. 8 Anastasia Myskina of Russia, a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 winner over No. 28 Clarisa Fernandez of Argentina.



#### Harvester Sports Calendar Week of Jan 19 Basketball

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Pampa vs. Canyon 9th grade boys, 6pm home Tuesday

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7:30pm home Friday Pampa vs. Palo Duro varsity-jv girls, 6pm away

Pampa vs. Palo Duro varsity-jv boys, 7:30pm away Saturday Pampa vs. Randall 9th grade girls,

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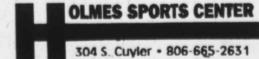
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#### Spurs 106, Hawks 93 SAN ANTONIO (AP) -Tim Duncan's big game wasn't a surprise. It was the offense from his teammates that helped the San Antonio CULBERSON-STOWERS COLLISION

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# CALENDAR ITEMS

**COMMUNITY, CHURCHES** 

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

various special vocal and

instrumental presentations.

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

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

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

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

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

RCIA. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church hosts Rite of

(RCIA) beginning at 7:15 p.m., Wednesdays at 2004 Williston. For more information, call Aloise Martin at 883-4901 or Peggy Rodriguez at 669-2683.

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

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

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

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

VFW Bingo. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Christian Initiation of Adults Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors

open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

American Legion. American Legion Post 334 meets at 7 p.m., the third Thursday of each month at Freedom Museum, 600 N. Hobart.

**Butterfly Garden Club.** The Butterfly Garden Club of America offers free butterfly garden seeds (with growing instructions). To receive a packet, send a long SASE with two stamps to: The Butterfly Garden Club of America, P.O. Box 629, Burgin, KY 40310. Limit one free packet per household. Additional packets are available for \$1 each.

Golden Spread Coin Club. Golden Spread Coin Club, originally Amarillo Coin Club, meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. GSCC is a American member of Numismatic Association. For more information, call (806) 352-8281 or (806) 342-9536.

Gray Co. Ass'n Retarded Citizens. Gray County Association Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

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

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

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

Magic Plains ABWA. Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at The Coffee Shop, 220 N. Cuyler. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

Pampa Citizens on Patrol Ass'n. Pampa Citizens on Patrol Association meets at 8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at 824 S. Cuyler.

Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club. The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1

p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Carol Carpenter at 669-7940.

Pampa Fine Arts Ass'n. Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will met at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building (Chamber building).

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

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

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

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

Pampa Woodcarving Club. Pampa Woodcarving Club meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Meetings are open to any individuals interested in woodcarving from beginners to all experience. Projects and instructors are available. For more information, call 669-3008.

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

Shrine Club. Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

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

**SUPPORT** MEDICAL, GROUPS, ETC.

Palsy

CPF. Cerebral Foundation is seeking families

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

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

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

GCAP for Moms and Babies. Gray County Partnership of Moms and Babies meets at 12 noon on the third Friday of each month at Medical Office Building, second floor conference room, in Pampa. For more information, call 664-2459 and leave a message.

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

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

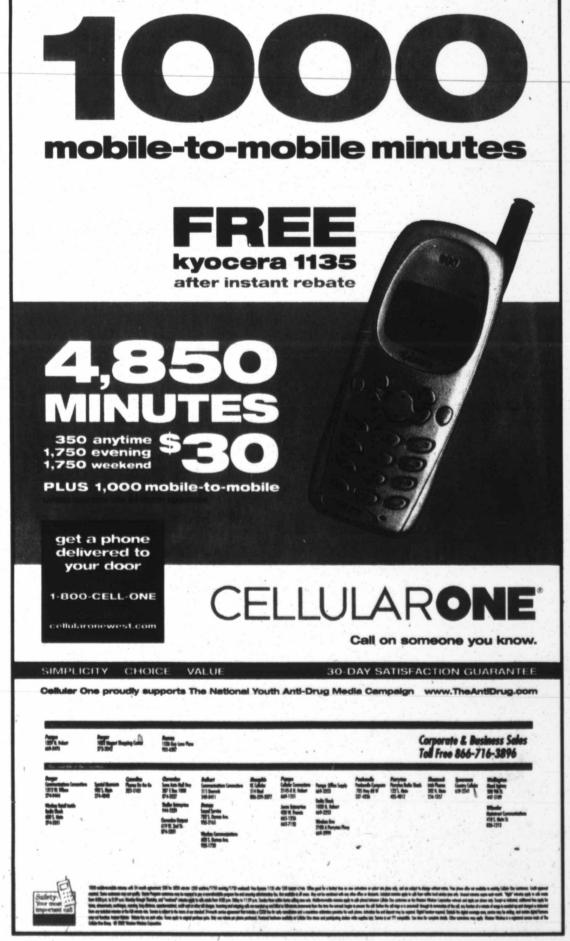
**HOSPICELINK.** Hospice Education Institute, a nonprofit organization, has established HOSPICELINK, a national toll-free telephone hotline for people seeking information and education regarding hospice care. The service offers referrals to hospices in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and is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

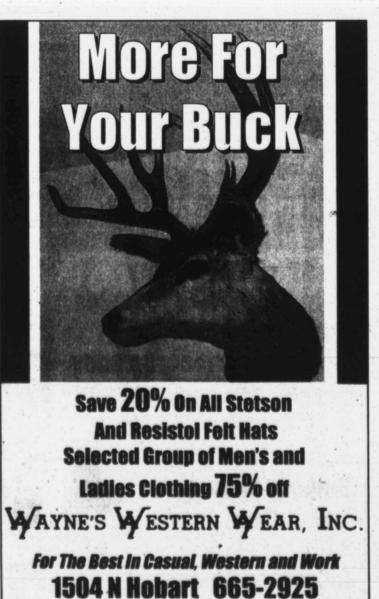
LifeStyle Medical. LifeStyle Medical Program makes available, at no cost to the patient, breathing medications and nebulizers to patients who use oxygen or who have asthma, emphysema or COPD if they qualify. The Albuterol Products are provided to those with severe breathing conditions and who meet the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

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

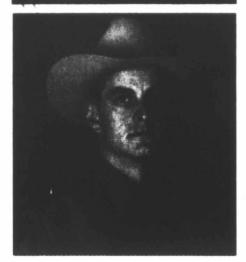
Miracle Ear. Miracle-Ear Children's Foundation, a nonprofit organization, works in cooperation with Miracle-Ear Centers nationwide to provide free hearing aids and services to children 16 and under whose families do not qualify for public assistance, yet cannot afford the expense of hearing aids for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

Mom Mania. Mom Mania, a support group for mothers with small children, meets at 6:30 p.m., the last Tuesday of each month in the meeting room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Come for facts, food and fun. Nursery not included but infants and toddlers are welcome. For more information, call 664.-





#### NEWSMAKERS



Richard G. Atkinson

AUSTIN — **Richard G. Atkinson** of Pampa recently graduated from Texas Department of Public Safety's 122nd Training Academy.

"The men and women in today's graduating class are dedicated to making Texas a safer place to live," said Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, who spoke at the graduation ceremony. "They are well trained and ready to provide the high quality of law enforcement that Texans expect."

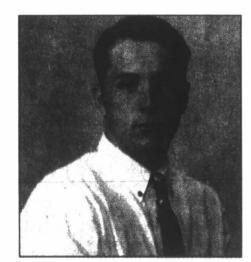
Lt. Gov.-elect Dewhurst addressed the graduating class at Riverbend Center in Austin.

DPS assistant directors Lt. Col. Frankie Waller and Lt. Col. David McEathron also participated in the ceremony along with DPS training officers.

The 27-week school is the longest continuous training academy offered by any law enforcement agency in Texas, and one of the longest in the nation. The cadets entered the academy in June and completed 1,214 hours of instruction — more than twice the training required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

The students received instruction in criminal law, traffic law, arrest procedures, accident investigation, first aid and other law enforcement subjects, as well as classes aimed at developing self-esteem and goal-setting skills.

Trooper Atkinson is assigned to the Highway Patrol in Breckenridge.



Jamisen Hancock

CANYON — Jamisen Hancock, 1997 Pampa High School graduate and son of Lynn and Janet Hancock of Pampa, was recently awarded a master of business administration degree, specializing in marketing, from West Texas A&M University, graduating with a 3.8/4.0 grade point average.

Hancock previously earned a bachelor of business administration degree, magna cum laude, from WTAMU in

His academic accomplishments include: Alpha Chi National Honor Society, top 10 percent of his class, Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society, President's List, and M.K. Brown Leadership Scholarship Award.

Hancock is currently employed at Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and is professor adjunct at Wayland University.

Scott D. Daughtry recently graduated from the U.S. Air Force Special Investigations Academy at Andrews Air Force Base, Camp Springs, Md.

The special agent studied law and investigative techniques with special training in criminal, counterintelligence, and fraud investigations in and against the Air Force and its interests.

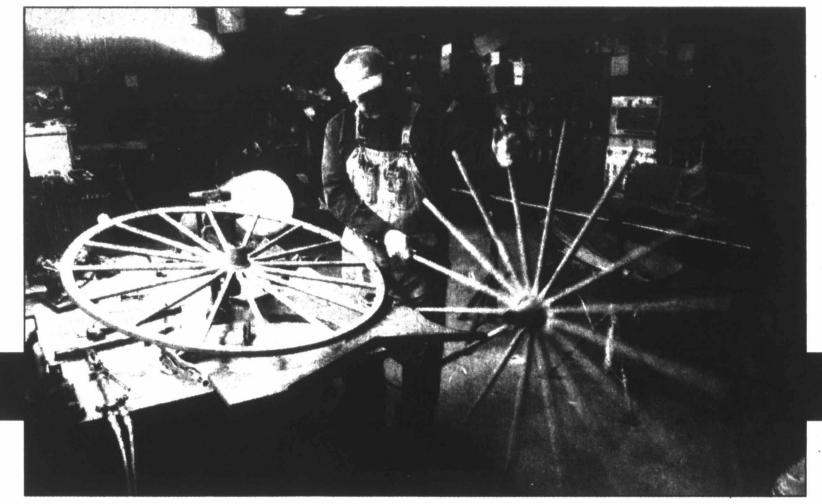
Daughtry is assigned to Detachment 250, Lajes Field, Lajes, Azores, Portugal.

He is the son of John M. Daughtry Sr. of Tucson, Ariz., and Rebecca L. Cox of Indianapolis, Ind.

His wife, Jacqueline, is the daughter of Jack Hilton of Pampa.

Daughtry is a 1983 graduate of Santa Rita High School, Tucson.

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Preston Pairsh examines a wagon wheel he's been working on at his shop.

# Preserving a dying craft

BY DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

It was a cold winter's day when Preston Pairsh decided to start restoring the wagon he had recently acquired.

He had traded a bird dog for it.

"The wagon set out here for several years," he said, sitting in his welding shop south of Pampa on the Bowers City highway.

His kids played on the wagon.
"They drove it a million miles sitting there," Pairsh grinned, "but it finally

began to fall apart.

That's when he decided it was time to do something with it. The first thing he

was going to rebuild was the seat.
"That was the simplest looking part," he

said.

Pairsh expected to spend a couple of hours working in the shop on the old

hours working in the shop on the old wagon seat.

"I've got all kinds of power tools and

stuff here," he said.

He had modern equipment that the old wagon makers and wheelwrights didn't

have.
"About two days later," he said, "I finally finished it. I have the greatest respect now for those old-timers that built those wagons with hand tools. There wasn't a

Everything was beveled and fitted." It's a hobby, Pairsh said.

"I enjoy doing it," he added. "I got into it by accident."

One of the hardest things about restoring wagons, he said, is not to improve them.

"You tend to think 'this would be a whole lot better if I did this or that,' but that's not the way these things were built," Pairsh said.

To restore a wagon, it has to be repaired to its original condition, not beyond.

Pairsh has an old wheelwright table amid the welding and fabrication equipment that fills his shop.

"The wheel actually sits down in the middle of it," he said of the table. "There's a place for the axle and clamps for other parts of it."

Once he began working on wagons, he said he quickly realized there were a number of things that he was going to have to have.

Many of the wheel parts can be ordered. Pairsh said that when he first started he thought he could make all of the wheel, but quickly found out how costly such a process was in time. Now many of the parts he uses to build wheels are ordered from Amish wheelwrights in Pennsylvania.

"I try not to build the hubs," Pairsh said. The spokes are riveted in to the hub.

"That makes your spider," he said, holding up a hub with the spokes extending out in all directions.

He said he orders his spokes.

"I could build them," he said, "but I can tool. order them for so much less."

Pairsh said he tried, when he first started, turning spokes on his lathe, but quickly found out that it was tricky and very time consuming.

wagons with hand tools. There wasn't a The cross section of a spoke is not straight cut on that seat anywhere. round but a tear drop shape.

On the outer edge of the spoke, what is called a tendon is cut. Cutting a tendon essentially is taking the end down and shaping it like a dowel pin to fit the rounded wooden part of the wheel which will be covered by an iron tire. That wooden part of the wheel which is covered by the iron tire is called a fellow.

Pairsh said he's tried building some fellows of his own, but it too is a tricky business.

"You can't just cut one out," Pairsh said, "because of the grain of the wood, it will snap."

The wood has to be bent so the grain follows the curve of the wheel.

Cutting a tendon is also tricky and requires some especially designed equipment, Pairsh said.

First, the end of the spoke has to be shaved to a point like the point on a pencil.

Pairsh was able to find a new spoke pointer, but it was hand operated. Pairsh modified it to fit a drill.

Without a pointed spoke, the rest of the wheel building process won't work.

Once there is a point on the end of the spoke, a second cutting is made with a ten-

don cutter to round the end of the spoke to the shape of a dowel leaving a shoulder above.

He found an original, and a worn, tendon cutter in South Dakota. It has two

slips into the fellow, and another to cut the shoulder.

The tendon cutter, Pairsh said, is quite a tool.

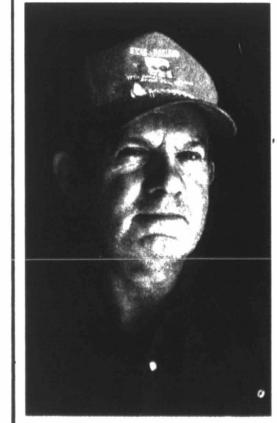
The fellow, the round wooden part of the wheel on the outside that's covered with an iron tire, comes in halves or quarters and are spliced together with metal fittings.

These days, Pairsh said, fitting the iron tire to the wheel is not too critical. A hundred years or more ago, it was.

The wooden frame of the wheel is supposed to be slightly bigger than the iron tire, just a fraction of an inch. A century or more ago, the tire would be heated until it expanded enough to go over the frame, then cooled to tighten it around the wheel.

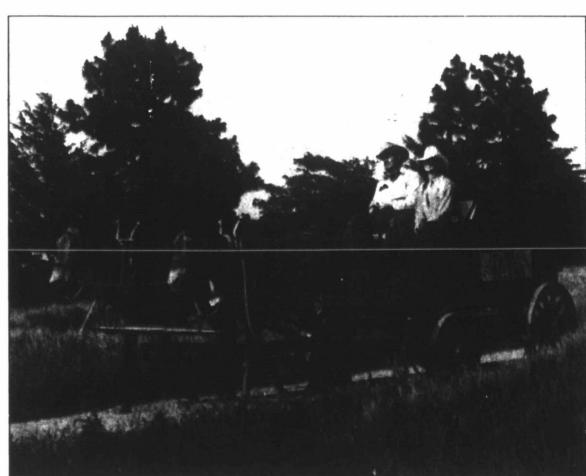
Today, Pairsh said, if the iron is too loose, he'll take a torch and cut in two and make it fit, but old time wheelwrights didn't have modern welding and cutting equipment.

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**Preston Pairsh** 

■ Photos by David Bowser.



Pairsh's wagon won several prizes in area competitions.

# LIFESTYLES

#### WEDDINGS

# Ingram-McElroy

Sheila Ingram and James McElroy, both of Pampa, were wed Jan. 3 in the parlor of First Baptist Church in Pampa with Randy White of Pampa officiating.

The bridal attendant was Lindsey Ledbetter, daughter of the bride of Pampa.

The groom's attendants were Brant McElroy and Reece McElroy, both sons of the groom of Fritch.

Registering the guests were Karissa Internann and Cassie

Music was provided by vocalists Joyce Field and Rick Smith,

both of Pampa, and guitarist Greg Crawford of Dumas. A reception was held following the service in the church parlor with Denise Internann, Sherri Schaible, Sherrie Nicolet, all of Pampa, and Rena O'Brien, sister of the groom, and Amber Stephens, sister of the bride, both of Amarillo, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and JoAnn Stephens of Pampa. She is currently employed at Lewis Meers, CPA.

The groom is the son of Max and Adell McElroy of Brownfield. He is currently employed at Cabot Corporation.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Bar NI Ranch in Colorado and intend to make their home in Pampa.

# Strate-da Silva

Zee Strate of Pampa and Dr. Nigel da Silva, D.O., of Rankin were wed Jan. 4 in a private ceremony at the bride's parents' home in Pampa with Garry Schwalk, uncle of the bride and minister of education at First Baptist Church of Dumas, offici-

The matron of honor was Kim Felix, sister of the bride of Pampa

The best man was Michael Lewis of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service with Kim Felix of Pampa and DeLisa McKay of Broken Arrow, Okla., both sisters of the bride, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Gerald and Janice Strate of Pampa. She graduated from Frank Phillips College School of Nursing in 1996 and is currently employed at Rankin Medical

The groom is presently acting medical chief-of-staff at Rankin Community Hospital and Rankin Medical Clinic in

The couple plan to honeymoon this summer in the South Caribbean and Hawaii and intend to make their home in Rankin.



Sheila Ingram and James McElroy



Zee Strate

#### basis due to space limitations. that week. Thank you. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at Highland Hobby Club 5 p.m., (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving Jan. 6 at the home of hostess

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Angel Tree Christmas project. if you won a free vacation? Monies for December

birthdays were collected.

The February meeting will be Baumgardner. a the home of Holmes.

ing. Five members were present. Education Association (TEEA) The following business was Club met Jan. 9 at the home of Ruth Barrett with President June Rowan presiding.

The following business was con-

-Roll was taken with the A report was given on the question: Where would you go

—Minutes were approved as read by Secretary Helene

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#### Mc's Car Wash 4 Bay Self Service 1811 N. Hobart



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# CRADLE CALL



Payton C. Poole

# Payton Poole

Payton Chandler Poole was born Dec. 19, 2002, to Chris and Wendy Poole.

Payton weighed 8-pounds, 14-ounces at birth and was 20 1/4-inches long.

Payton's Mickenzie and Madison Poole of Fort Worth. The baby's grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. M.E. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Poole, all of Pampa.

#### MENUS

#### WEEK OF JANUARY 20-24

#### Pampa Schools **MONDAY**

Breakfast: Waffle sticks. Lunch: Popcorn shrimp or chicken nuggets, French fries, baked beans, applesauce, rolls.

#### **TUESDAY**

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Pigs-in-a-blanket or burritos, English peas, salad,

#### pineapple tidbits.

WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Scrambled eggs,

toast. Spaghetti/meat Lunch: sauce or cheese nachos, green beans, salad, bread sticks, fruit.

#### **THURSDAY**

Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls. Lunch: Chicken fajitas or ham-

#### burgers, refried beans, Spanish

rice, tortillas, apples. FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Egg rolls or pizza,

#### broccoli/cheese, corn, cookies. Lefors Schools **MONDAY**

Breakfast: Pancake-on-a-

stick, cold cereal, toast, juice, Lunch: Barbecue wieners

or mini-corndogs, potato salad, coleslaw, beans, salad, fruit, milk

#### **TUESDAY**

Breakfast: Muffins, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

#### -Stocks -Bonds ·Mutual Funds -IRAs -CDs



Joe Harper

Edward **Jones** 

Lunch: Frito pie or chicken patties, blackeyed peas, salad, fruit, milk.

#### WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: Meatloaf or chicken patties, scalloped potatoes, corn, salad, fruit,

#### **THURSDAY**

Breakfast: Eggs, sausage, cold cereal, toast, juice,

Lunch:Rotel chicken or chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, salad, fruit, milk.

#### **FRIDAY**

Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwiches, soup, chips, fruit, milk.

#### **Senior Citizens**

**MONDAY** Chicken fried steak or mozzarella chicken bake, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, peaches/cream cake or

blackberry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. TUESDAY Pork or turkey, dressing, yams, green bean casserole, cream corn, pinto beans, Boston cream pie

#### tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

or rice pudding, slaw,

WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, fried okra, baby carrots, butter beans, German chocolate upsidedown cake or cherry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot

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rolls or combread.

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### **MENU**

#### **THURSDAY**

Chicken strips or meatloaf, rosemary potatoes, squash casserole, brussels sprouts, beans, dreamsicle cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello

#### LIFESTYLES **POLICY**

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality, Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a selfaddressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appear-

ing in the paper.

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3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wed-

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

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7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).

#### salad, hot rolls or cornbread. **FRIDAY**

Catfish/hushpuppies or taco salad potato wedges, chopped broccoli, beans, carrot cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

#### Meals On Wheels **MONDAY**

Chopped sirloin, green beans, mashed potatoes, pumpkin bars. **TUESDAY** 

Sausage, rice, English peas,

WEDNESDAY Stew, cornbread, applesauce.

 THURSDAY Ravioli, chuckwagon corn, green beans, cake.

FRIDAY Chicken spaghetti, pickled beets, broccoli, jello.

Kimberlee Michelle Orr and Jared Ron Knipp, both of Amarillo, were wed Jan. 11 in Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo with Regi Fowler, of the church, officiat-

The maid of honor was Jennifer Baltz of Amarillo. The bridesmaids were Ashley Knipp, sister of the groom, and Christi Hardee, both of Amarillo, and Tiffany King of Abilene. The flower girls were Morgan and Darci Davis of Austin.

The best man was Todd Lancaster of Amarillo. The groomsmen were Cory Orr, brother of the bride, and Dustin Crosley, both of Amarillo, and

Orr-Knipp Aaron Allen of Midwest City, Okla. The ring bearer was

Elliott Davis of Austin. The ushers were Jody Been and Matt Hutchison, both of

Amarillo. Registering the guests were Erica and Jessica Gonzales.

Music was provided by soloist Ashley Knipp, sister of the groom.

A reception was held following the service at the church with Angela Reeves, Grace Gonzales, Ashlee Simpson, all of Amarillo, and Brittney Orr of Hollis, Okla., serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Terri Orr of Amarillo. She graduated from their home in Amarillo.

Randall High School in Amarillo in 1999 and is currently pursuing a degree in elementary education at Amarillo College.

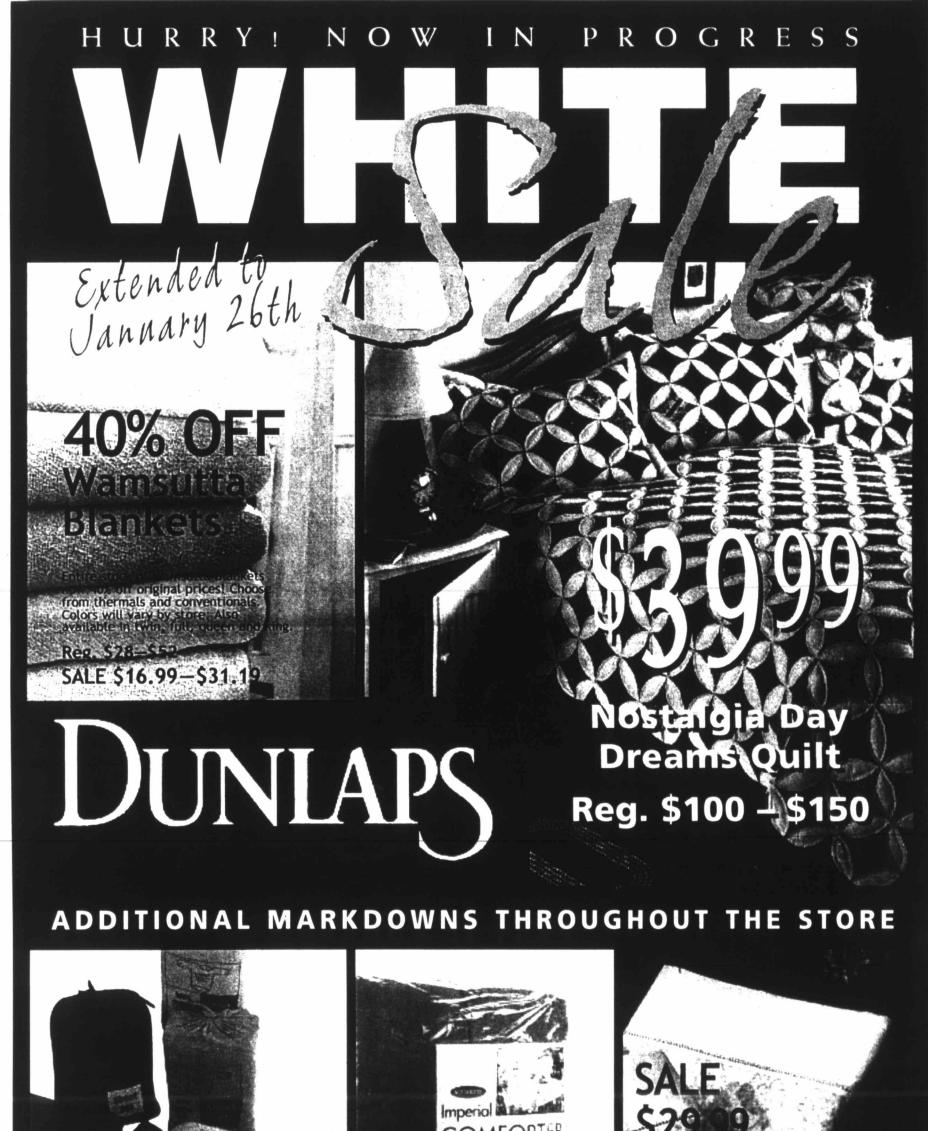
WEDDINGS

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

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Puerto Vallarta. Mexico, and intend to make



Kimberlee Michelle Orr





by Otoniel Huertas, M.D. Obstetrics & Gynecology

#### PAIN RELIEF DURING CHILDBIRTH

There are two main categories of pain relief available to a woman during childbirth - . gional blocks and opioid analgesics. Regional blocks, such as epidurals, spinals, or combined spinalepidurals, are injected into the lower back to deliver pain relief to the uterus and vagina. They

work by stopping nerve impulses from traveling up the spinal cord. Opioid analgesics are narcotics that are injected into a muscle or run through an IV



into a vein. They dull the senses and decrease the brain's ability to perceive pain throughout the body. According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, regional blocks are preferable because they allow the mother to remain more alert and to participate in the labor.

Ideally, you will see your OB/GYN care giver to make certain all is in order before undertaking a pregnancy, and you will see him or her on a regular basis for prenatal care. During these visits, it is normal to discuss your options and preferences regarding anesthesia well in advance of labor and delivery. For an appointment, call my office at (806) 273-7771. We are located at 106 S. Brayn, Borger. New patients are welcome

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#### **OMTA** acquires old school building

Mobeetie Texas Association (OMTA) recently acquired the Old Mobeetie School Building, located two blocks east of the Mobeetie Jail Museum in Old Mobeetie.

OMTA officials believe the purchase of the facility will provide for future growth of the museum and house additional activities when the building is renovated. Currently the museum does not have room to display all of the artifacts in its possession.

Unfortunately, the building is in dire need of repairs.

The museum board is actively soliciting donations to cover the cost of purchase and repair of the roof and windows so additional deterioration to the building will

Approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 is needed to get the building in proper condition. The museum, a nonprofit organization, does not possess the funds in its cur-

MOBEETIE — Old rent budget to cover these expenses. All donations are tax deductible.

> Many students attended school in this historic old building which is approximately 80 years old. The foundation and brick walls are in good condition considering the building's age. The roof, however, is a different story and must be repaired. Museum officials believe some of the work can be done with volunteer labor and are relying on volunteers to help rid the building of all accumulated junk after the roof is put to rights.

Donations must be marked "Mobeetie School Building" and may be sent to OMTA, P.O. Box 66, Mobeetie, TX 79061, or to First State Bank of Mobeetie, Box 8, Mobeetie, TX 79061. All donations so marked will be used to renovate the school building. For additional information, call the museum (806) 845-2028 or Joe VanZandt (806) 845-2101.

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#### NEWSMAKERS

WEATHERFORD, Okla. Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) recently announced its President's and Dean's honor rolls for the 2002 fall semes-

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must maintain an "A" average while enrolled in 15 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include: Randi Jo Riley of McLean.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a "B" average while enrolled in 15 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include: Hayley Lynn Markham of Allison.

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Okla ALVA, Northwestern Oklahoma State University at Alva recently announced students named to its President's Honor Roll and its President's Honorable Mention lists for the 2002 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 14 undergraduate or 12 graduate semester hours at the university. Students named to the honor roll include: Aaron **Dunnam** of Wheeler.

To be eligible for the President's Honorable Mention List, a student must maintain a 4.0 GPA while enrolled in a minimum of three to a maximum of 13 semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include: Stephanie Cameron of Pampa.

**NOTICE TO PROPERTY TAXPAYERS** 

NOTICE TO FILE RENDITION STATEMENTS, PROPERTY REPORTS,

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CHAPTER 22, SECTION 23.43; AND SECTION 23.54 CHAPTER 23, TEXAS

PROPERTY TAX CODE, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE ON BEHALF OF GRAY

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#### **PAIRSH**

"Year's ago, when you had to beat it together with a hammer, you'd like for it to fit the first time," he said.

Pairsh said he's been lucky. He hasn't had to cut one yet. His wife, Diane, called it skill.

The wheel he was working on now is from an old Henney buggy, a doctor's buggy, he explained.

Some shops use oak for wagon wheels, but Pairsh uses hickory because it's a harder wood and doesn't split like

"It weathers better," he

Once the wheel is assembled, then it can be made true.

"Something that most people don't realize," Pairsh said, "is that a wheel is dished."

That makes it track and run

Pairsh said he had no idea how complex a wagon was.

"I thought if somebody could do this with their primitive tools a hundred or two hundred years ago, that's no problem for me to do now," Pairsh grinned.

He's done several wagons, carts and hacks. Many of them were for use in parades.

Pairsh has a rubber tired beer wagon that belonged to his brother-in-law.

"Down asphalt," Pairsh said. "Down brick streets. The rubber tires are a whole lot smoother."

The rubber tires in this case are similar to the iron rims on most wagons, but with hard rubber for a smoother ride.

Pairsh put roller bearings in the wheels so they wouldn't have to be greased.

"The old wagon wheels had

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to be greased daily," Pairsh said. When the Sesquicentennial Wagon Train came through Pampa a few years ago, Pairsh said he worked on several of the wagons and drilled a hole behind the spokes and inserted a metal sleeve so a grease gun could be used on them.

"That way they didn't have to pull the wheels off every day to grease them," Pairsh said.

He said he also put hydraulic hub brakes on the rear of the brightly colored beer wagon.

It was done in the name of safety, so various historical societies will allow such mod-

"I still have mixed feeling about it," Pairsh said, "but they say it's all right."

Wagons a century or more ago had mechanical brakes that were essentially a block of wood that was pushed against the rims of the rear wheels when the driver stood on a

Pairsh said he's doing more and more wagons, particularly chuckwagons, since there are more and more chuckwagon competitions. In addition to restoring the wagons, he makes the chuck boxes. He even makes the pots and pans using his blacksmith skills.

"It's got to look authentic," he shrugged.

Pairsh said he can't weld on

"We do quite a bit of blacksmithing," Pairsh said, examining a large spoon that he had created at a forge and anvil.

He said each chuck box seems to be different. Some want drawers, others want sugar was about it." shelves or cubby holes.

those old timers didn't have that much," Pairsh said. "Salt, pepper, flour and



(Photo by David Bowser)

Pairsh stands in the doorway, propping up one of the big wheels.

At one time, had a wagon "The thing is most of and team of mules. He has a series of prizes, including one from a parade in Pampa, for the wagon and team.

scheduled Jan. 27 at the

The next Progressive Glub

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Eventually, one mule died and Pairsh sold the other one, but he still has the harness in his barn ... just in case.

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"I might want to do that again," Pairsh said.

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-Mary Ann Bailey present-

ed the treasurer's report. Annex this month. -Rowan reported on the —A Council meeting is

Annex:

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Christmas social. -Geneva Barton delivered a program from the Amarillo

Conference entitled "What's meeting will be at 2 p.m., Feb. Up December?"

—Bailey was named card chairman.

—Belle Lee won the hostess Heritage Art Club door prize.

Heritage Art Club met Jan. 6

—The chapter will conduct at Lovett Memorial Library in Barbara a kitchen-cleanup at the Pampa with

sent.

Stubblefield

Carol Peet delivered a program on polymer jewelry. Each member present made a piece of jewelry.

Twelve members were pre-

#### Altrusa

Altrusa International Inc:, of Pampa met Jan. 14 at Pampa Country Club with Vice President Billie Sue Evans presiding. Bradley and Kevin Turner attended as guests. Louise Bailey and Terri Gamblin served as greeters.

The following business conducted announcements made:

-The Accent was presented by Myrna Orr on the Altrusa Key: Amity, Loyalty, Talent, Reciprocity, Unity, Service, and Achievement.

-A three-month leave of absence was Rochelle Lacy. —Elia Smith

approved for membership. —DeLynn Gordzelik, Judy

Warner, and McAndrew were elected to the Nominating Committee.

-Mid-Year Evaluation forms were distributed to members to be turned in before the next meeting.

-"Add an Altrusan Day" was held recently at Clarendon College-Pampa Center.

-The ASTRA charter and installation ceremony will be held Feb. 23 at M.K. Brown

-Members will meet at Meredith House on Jan. 22 to prepare food for the Lamar Health Fair scheduled Jan.

—The Altrusa Style Show date has been set for March 29 and will be held at the M.K. Brown Heritage Room. The theme will be "Happy 50th Birthday Altrus'a.' Tickets will be distributed at the Feb. 11 business meeting.

-Birthday greetings went to Louise Bailey, Diann Birdsell, Gordzelik, Jodi Roden, and Chleo Worley

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m., Jan. 28 at Pampa Country Club.

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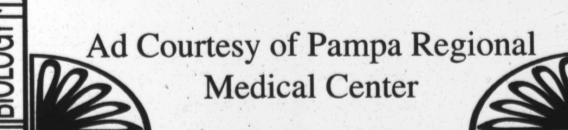
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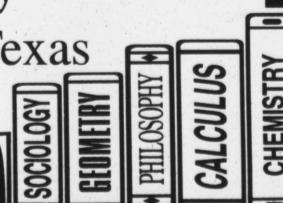
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# ENTERTAINMENT

#### BILLBOARD MUSIC CHARTS

#### By The Associated Press

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

#### BILLBOARD HOT 100: TOP 10

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

- 1. "Lose Yourself," Eminem. Shady.
- 2. "Bump, Bump," B2K & P. Diddy. Epic.
- 3. "Air Force Ones," Nelly feat. Kyjuan, Ali & Murphy Lee.
- 4. "Beautiful," Christina Aguilera. RCA.
- 5. "'03 Bonnie & Clyde," Jay-Z (feat. Beyonce Knowles). Roc-
- "Work It," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind.
  - 7. "I'm With You," Avril Lavigne. Arista.
  - 8. "Cry Me A River," Justin Timberlake. Jive.
- 9. "Don't Mess With My Man," Nivea (feat. Brian & Brandon
- 10. "All I Have," Jennifer Lopez (feat. LL Cool J). Epic. Copyright 2003, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.

#### THE BILLBOARD 200 TOP ALBUMS: TOP 10

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

- 1. "Come Away With Me," Norah Jones. Blue Note. (Platinum)
- 2. "This Is Me... Then," Jennifer Lopez. Epic. (Platinum certified sales of 1 million units)
- 3. "Let Go," Avril Lavigne. Arista. (Platinum)
- 4. "Home," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
- 5. Soundtrack: "8 Mile." Shady. (Platinum)
- 6. "Justified," Justin Timberlake. Jive/Zomba. (Platinum)
- 7. "Up!," Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville).
- 8. "Under Construction," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind. (Platinum)
  - 9. "I Care 4 U," Aaliyah. Blackground.
- 10. "Stripped," Christina Aguilera. RCA. (Platinum) Copyright 2003, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan,

#### HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY

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

- 1. "Cry," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
- 2. "Can't Stop Loving You," Phil Collins. Atlantic.
- 3. "The Game Of Love," Santana (feat. Michelle Branch). Arista. 4. "A Thousand Miles," Vanessa Carlton. A&M.
  - 5. "Landslide," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
  - 6. "A Moment Like This," Kelly Clarkson. RCA. (Gold)
  - 7. "Soak Up The Sun," Sheryl Crow. A&M.
  - 8. "Superman (It's Not Easy)," Five For Fighting. Aware. 9. "Hero," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
- 10. "Forever For You," Darryl Hall & John Oates. U-Watch.

#### TOP CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ALBUMS

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

- 1. "WOW Hits 2003," Various Artists. EMI CMG.
- 2. "Worship Again," Michael W. Smith. Reunion/Provident.
- 3. "iWorship: A Total Worship Experience. Various Artists. Integrity. (Gold)
- 4. "Songs 4 Worship Shout To The Lord," Various Artists. Integrity. (Platinum)
- 5. "Woven & Spun," Nichole Nordeman. Sparrow.
- 6. "Stanley Climbfall," Lifehouse. DreamWorks.
- "Worship," Michael W. Smith. Reunion/Provident.
  - 8. "Spoken For," MercyMe. INO. 9. "Almost There," MercyMe. INO. (Gold)
- 10. "The Rebirth Of Kirk Franklin," Kirk Franklin. Gospo
- Centric. (Gold)

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- 2. "Always," Saliva. Island.
- 3. "Cochise," Audioslave. Interscope.
- 4. "The Red," Chevelle. Epic.
- 5. "All My Life," Foo Fighters. Roswell. 6. "Fine Again," Seether. Wind-up.
- 7. "Bother," Stone Sour (feat. Corey Taylor). Roadrunner.
- 8. "Weathered," Creed. Wind-up. 9. "Prayer," Disturbed. Reprise.
- 10. "Poem," Taproot. Velvet Hammer.

#### MODERN ROCK TRACKS

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

- 1. "All My Life," Foo Fighters. Roswell. 2. "Always," Saliva. Island.
- 3. "No One Knows,' Queens Of The Stone Age. Interscope.
- 4. "The Red," Chevelle. Epic.
- 5. "When I'm Gone," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
- 6. "Fine Again," Seether. Wind-up. 7. "Honestly," Zwan. Reprise.
- 8. "Still Waiting," Sum 41. Island. 9. "You Know You're Right," Nirvana. DGC.
- 10. "Poem," Taproot. Velvet Hammer.

#### HOT COUNTRY SINGLES AND TRACKS

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

- 1. "19 Somethin'," Mark Wills. Mercury. 2. "She'll Leave You With A Smile," George Strait. MCA Ludacris) The Gold Mind.
- 3. "Fall Into Me," Emerson Drive. DreamWorks.
- 4. "The Baby," Blake Shelton. Warner Bros.
- 5. "These Days," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
- 6. "Who's Your Daddy?" Toby Keith. DreamWorks. 7. "I Just Wanna Be Mad," Terri Clark. Mercury.
- 8. "You Can't Hide Beautiful," Aaron Lines. RCA.
- 9. "A Lot Of Things Different," Kenny Chesney. BNA.

10. "Man To Man," Gary Allan. MCA Nashville. Copyright 2003, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.

#### TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS

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- 1. "Home," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
- 2. "Up!," Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville). 3. "Elv1s: 30 (NU)1 Hits," Elvis Presley. RCA. (Platinum)
- 4. "Tim McGraw And The Dancehall Doctors," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
- 5. "Cry," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum) 6. "Unleashed," Toby Keith. DreamWorks (Nashville).
- 7. "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
- (Platinum) 8. "Melt," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street. (Platinum)
  - 9. "Living Out Loud," Aaron Lines. RCA.
  - 10. "Drive," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
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#### HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLES AND TRACKS

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

- 1. "Miss You," Aaliyah. Blackground.
- 2. "Bump, Bump, Bump," B2K & P. Diddy. Epic.
- 3. "Ignition," R. Kelly. Jive. 4. "Love Of My Life (An Ode To Hip-Hop)," Erykah Badu (feat
- Common). Fox. 5. "Air Force Ones," Nelly feat. Kyjuan, Ali & Murphy Lee. Fo'
- Reel. 6. "I Should Be...," Dru Hill. Def Soul.
  - 7. "In Da Club," 50 Cent. Shady.
- 8. "Work It," Missy "Misdemeanor". Elliott. The Gold Mind.
- 9. "Fabulous," Jaheim (feat. Tha Rayne). Divine Mill. 10. "Mesmerize," Ja Rule (feat. Ashanti). Murder Inc.
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- 5. "Better Dayz," 2Pac. Amaru.
- 6. "I Wanna Go There," Tyrese. J.
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- 3. "'03 Bonnie & Clyde," Jay-Z (feat. Beyonce Knowles). Roc-
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- 4. "He Is (Remixes)," Heather Headley. RCA. 5. "Head," Thunderpuss & Barnes. No Label. 6. "Tears From The Moon," Conjure One (feat. Sinead
- 7. "Through The Rain (Full Intention, M. Joshua, & H. Hector Mixes," Mariah Carey. MonarC. 8. "Like I Love You (Deep Dish & Basement Jaxx Mixes),"
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O'Connor. Nettwerk.

Justin Timberlake. Jive.

- 4. "Asi Es La Vida," Olga Tanon. Warner Latina. 5. "Que Me Quedes Tu," Shakira. Epic.
- 6. "No Me Ensenaste," Thalia. EMI Latin. 7. "Quizas," Enrique Iglesias. Universal Latino.
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# PI shares 20 years of sleuthing experience

BY RUTH RENDON **HOUSTON CHRONICLE** 

HOUSTON — The professionally dressed woman who walked into the offices of Blue Moon Investigations was not unlike thousands of others who suspected their husbands were having affairs.

This one, however, knew the affair was taking place and merely wanted proof that, as promised, her orthodontist husband of 10 years was ending his yearlong fling with his office receptionist. The woman wanted a recording of her husband telling his mistress their affair was over.

But the husband, David Harris, ended up dead.

Witnesses said his wife, 44year-old Clara Harris, ran him over with their Mercedes as a Blue Moon investigator videotaped the incident. Blue Moon was in the spotlight again recently when the Webster company tried to gain access to a videotape shot by one of their investigators the night David Harris was run over. The tape had been turned over to police immediately after the incident.

Spying on unfaithful spouses accounts for about 30 percent to 40 percent of the company's business, depending on the season.

Perhaps it's the blooming flowers, but owner Bobbi Sue Bacha says "spring is the highest time for infidelity."

The company, which includes Bacha's husband and a corps of 38 investigators, is the largest in the Clear Lake area. It also works with insurance companies and takes on a lot of competitive intelligence cases. Those cases involve investigating franchise owners or managers of stores to see whether they are reporting all sales transactions and are following company policy on refunds and exchanges.

Blue Moon gets a lot of cases because it is the first listing in the yellow pages "private detective agencies." The company's Web site at www.pibluemoon.com also attracts a lot of business.

The name Blue Moon came not from a popular teledetective-agency series but from Bacha's own experience. After her first divorce, Bacha would sit at her blue-and-white house on Tiki Island and stare at the moon from her back porch.

"I was really blue after my divorce. My friends would come by and call me the blue moon lady," the thrice-married mother of three said.

Bacha, 43, who is vice president of the company, started her career as a private investigator in 1983 just after divorcing her high school sweetheart.

"Investigations were my career and helped heal my broken heart. I stayed very busy on cases and taking care of my children," she said.

Her first PI job was with Turman and Associates, a then-newly established firm in the Clear Lake area. She mainly did insurance investigations and later moved to work for other agencies.

"I have over 20 years of experience and managed, over the years, to balance the difficult position of a female PI in a male-dominated profession and be a mother to my three children," she said.

Bacha met her third husband, Lucas, 50, an aerospace engineer, through their doctor when she was being treated for pneumonia. The two have been married eight

The majority of Blue Moon's spousal cases prove an adulterous relationship. A memorable case involved a local woman who hired the agency to follow her professor husband on a "business" trip to Mexico City.

Detectives at the Mexico City airport quickly spotted

the professor in the arms of another woman. The couple then checked into the same hotel room and didn't venture out for more than a day.

When the twosome finally left for an afternoon trip to a local grocery store, the spying sleuths convinced a maid to let them into the room. Inside they got the necessary proof to report to the wife that her husband was indeed having an affair. The detectives also found a large jar of Cheez Whiz, which was included in a report to the wife.

"She was so upset," Bacha said of the wife. "She said, 'I thought the Cheez Whiz was our thing.' She was more upset about the Cheez Whiz than her husband's infidelity."

Blue Moon charges about \$340 for romantic-involvement cases in which people want information on their daughter's boyfriend, or grown sons and daughters want information on the person their parent is going to

The Harris case is not the only one that has brought Blue Moon into the public eye. Bacha was hired to find the family of Morris Black, a 71year-old Galveston man whose dismembered body was discovered in Galveston Bay. She found that Black, a drifter, had five brothers and six sisters and had never married or had children.

Robert Durst, an heir to a New York City family real estate fortune, is accused of killing him on Sept. 30, 2001. Durst's capital murder trial is this year.

Durst, a cross-dresser, and

ollowing unsuspecting spouses is not Bobbi Sue Bacha's favorite aspect of her job. Tracking down individuals is what she does best.

Black lived in the same four-

Blue Moon-led searches of the bay in February came up with two female wigs, women's clothing, unopened makeup and what appeared to be a bloodstained piece of carpet. The police took custody of the evidence. Bacha and others involved are under a gag order and cannot discuss

Having grown up in Galveston with a police officer as a father, Bacha said, she acquired her love for investigations from him.

"He is a wise investigator and one of the best. I used to ride with him at times on calls and remember him bringing home evidence in murder cases to go over and review," Bacha said of her father, Robert Trapani, a retired 38year Galveston police veteran. "I would watch in wonder as to how he would sort through and ponder it all. My father is my idol, and I have learned everything from him and owe him everything."

Bacha said her father, who is known on the island as "Trap," taught her to "always let the evidence present itself to you - and it does."

until after Harris' murder trial set this month to see the videotape evidence gathered by a Blue Moon investigator. In November, State District Judge Carol Davies imposed a gag order to keep all video and audiotapes under wraps until after the trial.

When she went to the Blue Moon offices July 23. Harris. who remains free on \$30,000 bond, provided the agency with times and locations of where her husband and his mistress, Gail Bridges, would be, license plate numbers and a description of Bridges.

By the next evening, Harris, a dentist from Friendswood, stood accused of running over her husband in the parking lot of the Nassau Bay Hilton Inn. The incident occurred after Harris encountered her husband and Bridges, 39, in the hotel's lobby.

The two women fought in the lobby and were asked to leave. When the parties left the hotel, Clara Harris got into her car and sped toward her husband and Bridges' Lincoln Navigator, witnesses said.

Harris struck the Navigator and then hit her 44-year-old husband. Witnesses said she ran over him three times while Bacha will have to wait 16-year-old Lindsey Harris,

David Harris' daughter from a prior marriage, sat in the front

Following unsuspecting spouses is not Bacha's favorite aspect of her job. Tracking down individuals is what she does best.

"She is like Yoda. She can find anyone, anywhere," chief investigator Jeff Moore said of Bacha, comparing her to the Jedi master in the Star Wars

Locating individuals, especially biological parents, always is a pleasure, Bacha said. The firm's success rate is about 98 percent.

"A 40-year-old woman wanted to find her biological mother, and I looked for a week," Bacha said. "I found the mother, who had left her maiden name as part of her namé, in Florida.

"When I called her and asked her if she had a daughter 40 years ago, she said, 'I've ten the necessary information, been waiting for this call.' It was very touching.'

Barbara Spencer of League City hired Blue Moon to locate her husband's older brother, who had been given up for adoption.

"We wanted to find him," Spencer said. "I called Bobbi and told her the story and asked her to do what she could do about finding him."

Bacha confirmed the brother's birth in San Francisco but was unable to get the adoption records unsealed to contact the brother.

"She went as far as she could. She has a tremendous a mount of resources that she can use, and she is very creative," Spencer said.

For a competitive intelligence case, Bacha needed fresh trash" from a Dallas business. She sent the company a fax offering a free office cleaning. The company agreed and the Bachas drove to Dallas, stopping along the way at a Wal-Mart to buy cleaning supplies and a vacuum cleaner.

"That's the hardest I've ever worked. That office was dirty," Lucas Bacha said. "I asked one guy if he wanted me to take his trash. He said yes, so I did."

The Bachas finished their cleaning duty and left Dallas with a trunk full of trash bags. From the trash, which included thrown-away calculator tapes and accounting information, the Bachas were able to show their client, who owned the company, that the office was hiding assets.

The Bachas may have gotbut they didn't do a very good job cleaning.

"They called us back and asked me to redo the windows," Bobbi Bacha said, adding the duo broke the vacuum cleaner and squeegee.

Looking over her career, Bacha says it has all been worth it.

"We find the facts and the truth, whatever that may be," she said. "We make many friends, and we do make enemies as well. This is not a popularity-contest type of business. The truth is not always easy for people to understand or to accept.'

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Tonight: Pay bills. 5-Dynamic;

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\* Unusual pressure could veer you Though you might not be thrilled by off course. The more you weigh and con- what you hear, you certainly cannot sider an issue, the more likely you are to change another's impulsiveness. come up with a volatile response. By the Recognize an ally. Tonight: Do some- this action might work more times than end of the day, you opt to speed out of the thing you really want to do. office to do something just for yourself LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) just what the doc ordered. Tonight:

Get physical. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) else who's close to you does. You feel ing your opinions to yourself. Observe a (1931), director David Lynch (1946) lid off and walk away. Use your ingenu- Tonight: Cocoon. ity to pull out of a power play that isn't to SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) your liking. Tonight: You need a nice,

hardy romp GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

vide a new direction. Not everything is as it seems. You can be sure of that fact.

4-Positive; VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \* ★ ★ ★ The Moon in your sign gives Tonight: Be with a favorite person. you a slight edge over others as they pon- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) der the pros and cons of a situation.

> \* Know when to back down — like Tell it like it is. now. Right now, finding an amenable solution could be impossible. Every BORN TODAY

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\*\*\* Sometimes you want more from a situation than others are willing to give. As a result, you cause an uproar, often shaking up the status quo. Though not, it also takes a toll on your relationships. A boss pushes you hard. Tonight:

\*\*\* The way you see a situation question you ask could be met with a Blues guitarist Huddie "Leadbelly" might not be the way a boss or someone defensive response. You're best off keep- Ledbetter (1889), actor Martin Landau

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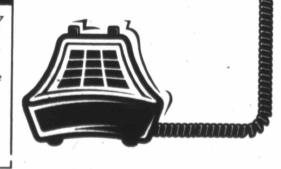
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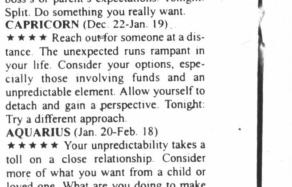
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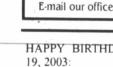
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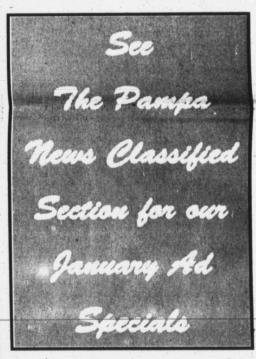
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an ability to relate to others more easily. sonable. through a partnership or business venture tivity crests. after August 2003. If you are single, you LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

## 3-Average, 2-So-so, 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You have no concept of how your attitude can make a difference when approach. Realize when you need to call smile proves to be a sure-bet. You'll get associate. Express your support, though Prepare to take action. Tonight: Where the answer "yes" rather than "no." News don't feel you need to do anything the gang is. from a distance could be quite exciting. Sometimes being a good listener is all

Tonight: Dance away. This Week: Let others vent or, at best, night's sleep. express their ideas. You might be surprised by just how much happens if you now. Make the most of your high mag-

#### allow others to be the pioneers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Stay anchored when dealing with those in your immediate circle. A partner could change his or her tune, which might really please you. Listen to what this person shares. Together you might be able to bond on a far deeper and more

loving level. Tonight: Happy at home. This Week: Your ingenuity comes into play, whether involving your work or personal life. You might mix in more than your share of pleasure this week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* \* Much can be accomplished through words and phone calls at this time. Opportunities knock on your door. Realize that everyone has his or her limits, especially a close friend or partner. Know when to pull back and let someone else express his or her caring. Tonight:

Let the party go on. more to your liking, you will flow - too. Bring groups of people together especially on Thursday.

\*\* Take a strong hand with your developing a skill to look at life more organization or change. Someone close positively. The more optimistic you are, expresses his or her responsiveness to the better the end results will be. Allow your ideas. Refuse to go to extremes or more happiness in your life, and develop be extravagant. Tonight: Keep costs rea-

Be open to possibilities, adding to your This Week: Make an effort to touch base ability to grow and gain through net- with those around you. Listen to their working. You will gain financially stories. Consider their issues. Your sensi-

will have the opportunity to end that sta- ★★★★ Your smile draws many. tus this year. You will meet someone Sometimes even you need to get some quite special. If you're attached, your distance. Be careful just how close you relationship will benefit if you allow let someone get, so you don't have to your sweetie to take the lead more often. pull away at a later date. Keep a balance LEO challenges you, but also adores with a greater consciousness of those around you. Tonight: The world is your

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll This Week: Pretend you're a banker. might be surprised at how sound your

decisions are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \* \* You might marvel at someone's

This Week: You're at a pinnacle right netism. Others will say "yes." What would you like to ask for?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \* \* \* \* The only answer to an invitation involving your friends is "yes." Where you might have expected to have

a good time, you'll have a great time. You might suddenly change your plans as a result. Tonight: Just do what you This Week: Lay back and watch the

world go by. You might like to be an

observer rather than a player, for a

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\* \* Stop in and check on an older Inventor (steam engine) James Watt relative or someone you care about. Treat this person to dinner or an outing. You (1736), Gen. Robert Edward Lee (1807), cannot imagine how much your attention Edgar Allan Poe (1809) will be appreciated. Don't worry so much about spending today. Tonight: Out

This Week: Deal with the basics at work

This Week: You know what you want and at home. Once you structure events and have a way of letting others know,

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Reach beyond the obvious, gaining a better understanding of what might be anticipated by others. Sometimes you need to walk in others' shoes. Opt for adventure. Take a risk or do something totally different. Tonight:

Get concert tickets. This Week: Steer your ship with the expectation that success will be yours. Guess what? It will happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \* \* \* \* Review offers with an eye to gain and growth. You know what you want; make sure you let associates know too. Working with others allows you to grow and gain in a new light. Think through the possibilities. Tonight: Go along with another's requests.

This Week: Do your best to take an overview. Once you feel you've seen the 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; Make a decision from that position. You different possibilities, choose your path.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Others seek you out. Your ability to make waves doesn't have to come out. You'll find that loved ones are only too happy to make your wish a realdealing with those around you. Your it quits when dealing with a cantankerous ity. A friend leads you in a new direction.

> that is needed. Tonight: Get a good one offers. Try to get the details down in This Week: You might like what some-

> > print before Thursday, if you can. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\* You might not be exactly sure what to do to make someone comfort-

> > Check in on an older relative who might not feel up to snuff. Your attention is most appreciated! Tonight: Out with your friends.

This Week: Others do all the work. Now

that's more like it. Let others run the

able. Why not ask him or her? You're

bound to learn a lot about this person.

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# Train man keeps engine chugging along for children

**By LAURA GRIFFIN** THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

DALLAS — Underneath a mountain, with the constant clickety-clack of trains passing by, Felder Fitzgerald tinkers.

The 62-year-old fixes motors, shines wheels, replaces axles and makes sure nothing keeps the toy trains at Children's Medical Center from entertaining the patients.

'They need a place where they can come and forget they're sick for a little while," he said. "Whatever the problem is, it's not so bad for the moment when they're here.'

With 1,300 feet of track, three levels, eight trains and a trolley car, the trainscape that fills the two-story entrance of Children's is one of the largest permanent train exhibits in the country.

Maintaining it is no small job. For about 13 years, Fitzgerald, also known as the Train Man,

has maintained the exhibit five days a week, three or four hours a day and occasionally on weekends. "I'm just a big kid myself. I love working on the trains," said

Fitzgerald, wearing a striped cap and a Children's ID badge labeled "Engineering." Fitzgerald, a piano player by night, might seem an unlikely

toy train engineer. But it was while on the road decades ago with his bass player that he became a train enthusiast.

"Someone had left a catalog in the hotel room, and we looked at it and decided to start building train sets in his garage," he said. Before they knew it, he said, they were building exhibits for companies and museums all over the country.

But nothing as elaborate as the trainscape at Children's.

Placing the trains at the hospital's entrance was intentional so children wouldn't be so scared when they came in, said Children's president and CEO George Farr.

'The idea was that we needed something extraordinary to immediately let children know that this place was different and that it was for children," Farr said. "It was to distract them from what was taking place around them."

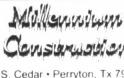
Fitzgerald was part of a 15-member team that worked for six months in 1989 to build the \$250,000 trainscape. Trains run through the Arizona desert and the Colorado Rockies and past Pike's Peak, Mount Rushmore and the Dallas skyline.

Fitzgerald worked day and night, creating rocks molded from casts of rocks in a creek outside his home and piecing together intricate retaining walls, trellises and suspension bridges.

We'd work all day, go home, get something to eat, take a nap, and come back and work until we were goofy," he said.

When the trainscape opened in 1990, hospital officials needed someone to maintain it. Because Fitzgerald works at night, he volunteered — temporarily, he said.

"I told them I'd do it for a few months until they found some-



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one," he said. "Five years later, I told them, 'OK, don't find anyone. These are my trains until I'm done with them.

He's constantly adding animals to the circus train or characters, even superheroes, to some trains. And he always adds holi-

Fitzgerald recently perched Santa and some reindeer atop a snow-covered mountain. But that meant removing the plastic Tyrannosaurus rex — "I didn't want it to look like T-R ex was chasing Santa Claus," he said.

Fitzgerald also added a Santa train that plays "Jingle Bells" as it passes downtown.

'Because he's always changing details and subtle nuances or decorating the set for the holidays, it's always interesting," said Ellen Hollon, director of the hospital's Child Life program. "It's a great motivator for the children. It's a goal for recovery for children in post-op to get well enough to go see the trains.

Farr tells a story of a child who came in for day surgery. "When his father told him it was time to go home, the boy

said, 'We can't go yet. We haven't seen the trains.'

In his workroom under the mountain, Fitzgerald maintains a

bulletin board with letters from children and parents and pictures of kids who've spent a lot of time in the hospital — and at the trainscape.

"This little guy started coming here when he was a baby," Fitzgerald says, pointing to photo of himself with a boy about 6 years old who died not long after the picture was taken.

"It can be heartbreaking here sometimes," he said.

Though it's the mechanical work that keeps the trains going, Fitzgerald said, his favorite part of the job is working on tracks in the landscape and watching the children.

"The kids are always amazed by it," he said.

A boy, still groggy from a CT scan, recently visited the massive train room before leaving the hospital.

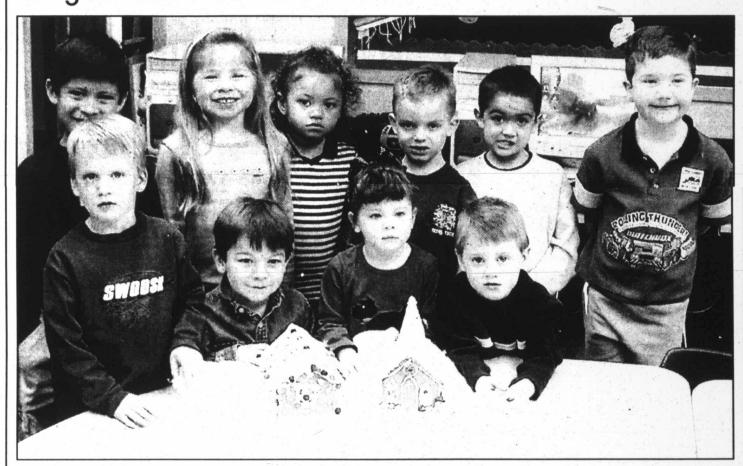
His face brightened, and he bolted upright in his stroller. "Choo-choo, choo-choo," the 19-month-old said, pointing in

every direction. The Train Man smiled.

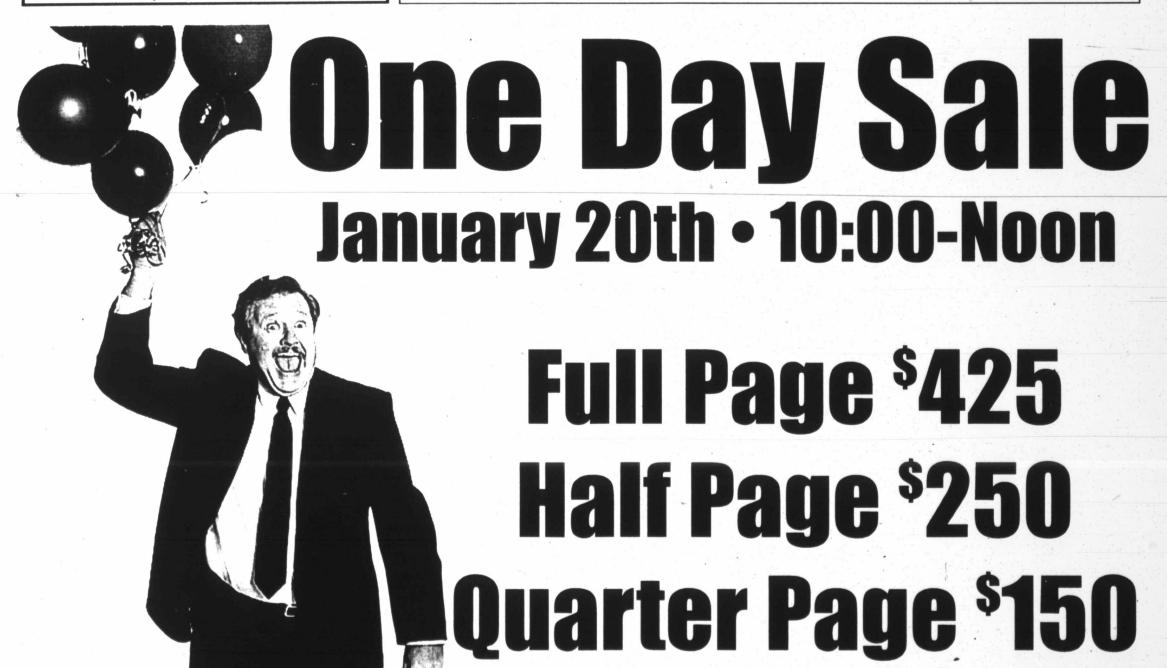
"That's what it's all about," he said.

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### Gingerbread Houses



Children from St. Matthew's Afterschool Day Care Program won first place with their gingerbread school and church entered in a contest sponsored by Downtown Business Association/Chamber of Commerce recently. Pictured with their creations are (front row, from left) Cason Troxell, Brady Harrison, McKenzie O'Neal, Alec McClendon; (back row, from left) Lee Buckhaults, Maddie Smith, Michaela Blalock, Shattner Reeve, Junior Villegas, and Jonathan Doyle.



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