

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

BERRY, Florence Schrimpf — 9:30 a.m., First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Pampa. Graveside services, 3 p.m., Kingfisher Cemetery, Kingfisher, Okla.

ON RECORD

POLICE

No arrests or incidents were reported by the Pampa Police Department during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

FIRE

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

Saturday, Feb. 8

4:21 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 100 block of North Warren on a medical assist.

SHERIFF

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

Friday, Feb. 7

Donald Joe Sears, 30, of Farris, was arrested on a bond surrender and warrant for driving while intoxicated - third offense.

AMBULANCE

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

Friday, Feb. 7

10:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to BSA Hospital in Amarillo and transferred one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to IHS Hospital in Amarillo and transferred one to a local nursing facility.

2:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Garland. No patient was transported.

2:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to BSA, Amarillo, and transferred one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

Saturday, Feb. 8

4:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Garland. No patient was transported.

4:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Warren and transported one to PRMC.

Schools may lose money if they bar students, teachers from praying

By BEN FELLER
AP EDUCATION WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration's fresh guidance about how to handle prayer in schools — at the risk of losing federal aid — amounts to a mandate for more religion in public education, a critic says.

But supporters say the Education Department's directive Friday to schools may clarify the debate and free students and teachers to express themselves without fear of reprisal.

The department's message: Schools must allow students to pray outside the classroom and permit teachers to do the same. At the same time, school officials cannot pray with students or try to promote or discourage a particular religious view.

"The Bush administration is clearly trying to push the envelope on behalf of prayer in public schools," said Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. "Administration lawyers have selectively read case law to come to the conclusions they wanted, and school administrators should be aware of that."

Under federal law, the burden is now on schools to prove they have no policy that prevents constitutionally protected prayer. The department's new guidelines make clear that schools can lose their federal aid funds if they don't comply.

"Public schools should not be hostile to the religious rights of their students and their families," Education Secretary Rod

Paige said. "At the same time, school officials may not compel students to participate in prayer or other activities."

The instructions broadly follow the same direction given by the Clinton administration and the courts. Prayer is generally allowed provided it happens outside of classroom instruction and is initiated by students, not by school officials.

The Education Department, however, also offered some significant additions and weighed in on some contentious matters, include the role of religion in public gatherings.

Students taking part in assemblies may not be restricted in expressing religious ideas as long as they were chosen as speakers through "neutral, evenhanded criteria," the guidelines say. Schools may issue disclaimers clarifying that such speech does not represent the institution.

In another significant change, teachers are permitted to meet with each other for "prayer or Bible study" before school or after lunch — provided they make clear they are not acting in their "official capacities."

"I'm very excited about the clarity, and very optimistic that these guidelines will go a long way in solving issues related to students' religious speech," said Mathew Staver, president of Liberty Counsel, which promotes religious expression.

On the Net:
Education Department:
<http://www.ed.gov/inits/religionand-schools/>

FLORENCE SCHRIMPF BERRY 1905-2003

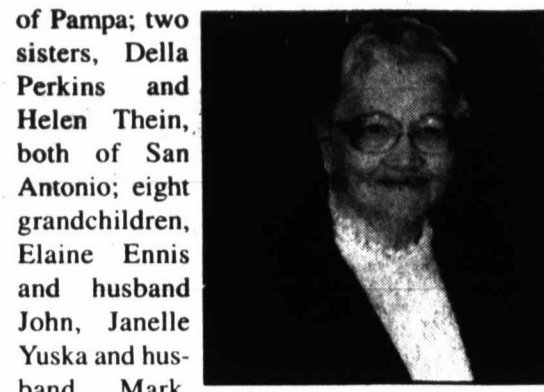
PAMPA — Florence Schrimpf Berry, 97, was called home to be with the Lord, our Savior, Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003, at her home while surrounded by her loving family. Services will be at 9:30 a.m., Monday, Feb. 10, 2003, at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church with the Rev. Albert Maggard, pastor, and the Rev. Scott Barton, pastor of the First Assembly of God in Perryton, officiating. Graveside services which will be at 3 p.m., Monday at Kingfisher Cemetery in Kingfisher, Okla., under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Burial will be in Kingfisher Cemetery.

Mrs. Berry was born on April 14, 1905, at St. Clair, Mo., to August Charles and Eldora Ellen Redhage. Her early life was spent in Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

She was married to Lloyd Alfred Schrimpf on July 31, 1920, in Oklahoma City. She and her husband served in pastoral and evangelistic work for many years. In 1960, she and her husband moved to Kingsmill, Texas, where she lived until 1977.

After the Rev. Schrimpf's death in 1976, she married Fred Berry of Kingfisher, Okla., on Dec. 3, 1977. She lived in Kingfisher for 13 years before returning to Pampa in 1990 to be near her family. Mr. Berry preceded her in death in 1993.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Helen Ross Chavez and husband Col. Joseph D. Chavez of Albuquerque, N.M., and Bonnie June Pletcher and husband Paul Allen Pletcher



of Pampa; two sisters, Della Perkins and Helen Thein, both of San Antonio; eight grandchildren, Elaine Ennis and husband John, Janelle Yuska and husband Mark, Janeva Bailey and husband the Rev. John Bailey, Joyce Creed and husband the Rev. Kevin Creed, Marilyn Tillery and husband Edward, Myrna Jean Pletcher, Timothy Pletcher and Rebecca Barton and husband the Rev. Scott Barton; 11 great-grandchildren, Johanna Boyes and husband Peter, Megan Jones, Cameron and Caleb Creed, Allison and Lauren Yuska, Brianna, Barak and Bodin Barton, Carillion Thiessen and husband Aaron and Carolyn Tillery; two great-great-grandchildren, Jonathan and Zachary Boyes; several nieces and nephews and a host of loving friends. She was preceded in death by a son, Lloyd A. Schrimpf, Jr.; parents August Charles and Eldora Ellen Redhage; stepmother, Anna Redhage; son-in-law, Paul A. Ross; brothers, Eber Leslie Redhage and George Redhage; sisters, Edna Muecke and Lillian Redhage; and by a grandson, Jonathan Andrew Bailey.

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WEATHER FOCUS

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Today's forecast is calling for cloudy skies with patchy fog and a slight chance of snow in the morning changing to partly cloudy in the afternoon with highs in the mid 40s, northeast winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the northwest and a 20 percent chance of snow. Tonight should be partly cloudy with lows in the lower 20s and west winds 5 to 15 mph. Monday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the northwest. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Tuesday, partly cloudy.

Highs in the lower 50s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow. Lows in the upper 30s. Chance of rain and snow 20 percent. Friday, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain. Highs in the mid 50s. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Teamsters' Hoffa outraged at DeLay fund-raising letter from opposing group

AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Teamsters President James P. Hoffa, in a scathing note to House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, expressed outrage at a fund-raising letter bearing the Texas Republican's signature on behalf of an anti-union group, saying it threatened "our developing relationship."

"This anti-union screed not only insults the 1.4 million members of this union, it offends me personally," Hoffa's letter said.

The fund-raising mailer sent last month for the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation accused "big labor bosses" of exploiting the war on terrorism and the Iraq conflict to expand their power.

"It is truly sickening that, at a time when we desperately need everyone in America to pull together, the big labor bosses are willing to harm freedom-loving workers, the war effort and the economy to acquire more power," said the letter, which bore DeLay's signature.

The Teamsters union is one of just a few that regularly cross the political aisle to work with and support Republicans. President Bush has aggressively tried to boost union support of the GOP, particularly with Hoffa. Hoffa got VIP seating for Bush's State of the Union speech last year, and worked closely with DeLay and his staff to pass Bush's failed energy bill last year.

But Hoffa's letter, sent to reporters Friday, could indicate cracks in the relationship with Bush's party.

Hoffa told DeLay that by straying from ideological disagreements and "attacking us personally, your letter creates a significant impediment for our developing relationship." Hoffa also asked for an apology, though the letter did not mention Hoffa or the Teamsters.

DeLay spokesman Stuart Roy said the letter was author-

ized by a member of DeLay's political staff without the congressman's approval.

DeLay "doesn't believe the words that were ascribed to him ... and disavows the contents of the letter," Roy said. "He didn't approve of the letter or the use of his name, nor would he have since he does not believe the message of this overheated fund-raising — hyperbole."

DeLay also plans to call Hoffa. The National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, based in Springfield, Va., opposes mandatory union dues and provides free legal representation for members with allegations of union abuse. President Stefan Gleason would not say how many DeLay letters were sent or how much they raised.

The letter cited examples of unions' drive for power, including:

—Efforts to win collective bargaining rights for firefight-

ers in 2001 "as the World Trade Center and Pentagon still smoldered."

—Launching "a wave of crippling strikes," including by government workers, during that time.

—Exploiting national security concerns with labor disputes with defense contractor Boeing Co. and with shipping companies. The latter dispute led to a West Coast port shutdown.

The letter asked for urgent contributions "for the sake of our men and women overseas whose lives will depend on an uninterrupted flow of arms and equipment and for the sake of our security, prosperity and freedom."

On the Net:

Teamsters: <http://www.teamster.org/>

National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation: <http://www.nrtw.org/>

Longest-living artificial heart patient spent final hours with family, friends

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Tom Christerson, the longest-living recipient of a fully self-contained artificial heart, spent his final hours among family and friends before dying in his sleep. Christerson died Friday afternoon at Jewish Hospital, where he received the plastic-and-titanium device 512 days ago. He was 71.

"He was alert, oriented and visiting with family and friends until he fell asleep and died within the hour," a statement from the hospital said.

Abiomed Inc. of Danvers, Mass., the company that manufactures the AbioCor heart, said the cause of death was the "wearout of an internal membrane" of the device.

Christerson, a retired tire dealer, became the world's second recipient of the AbioCor device in a surgery Sept. 13, 2001. At the time, Christerson

was given little chance of surviving more than a month with his own failing heart.

"I didn't have any idea it would last this long," Christerson said in September during a routine checkup, as his one-year anniversary approached.

The AbioCor device has no wires or tubes that protrude from the chest. An internal battery and controller regulate the pumping speed, and an external battery powers the device by passing electricity through the skin. Earlier mechanical hearts were attached to machinery outside the body.

"While we at Abiomed are saddened by Tom's death, we take solace from the fact that the AbioCor allowed him to enjoy many months of life and many experiences that he would not otherwise have had," said David M. Lederman, CEO of Abiomed.

City Briefs

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THE GROOMING Shop at The Pet Patch will be relocating to 1216 Alcock. For appts. call Mona @ 669-3836.

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By RO APN

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New terror alert brings stepped-up security

By **ROBERT TANNER**
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Law enforcement and private business braced for a possible terrorist attack after the starkest warning since the Sept. 11 anniversary, stopping more cars at borders, readying Coast Guard cutters, and tightening security from airports to theme parks.

Worries were raised New York once again could be a target.

While stepped-up protection stretched across the country, a high-ranking law enforcement source told The Associated Press intercepted communications between suspected terrorists suggested a potential threat to New York.

The communications, some intercepted as late as Thursday night, raised specific concerns about hotels and subways in the city and the East Coast, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Airports, subways, nuclear plants,

hotels, even plans for Sunday's NBA All-Star Game in Atlanta received new attention after the federal government upgraded the terror alert color to "orange," warning of a growing possibility that the al-Qaida network would launch an attack to coincide with Muslim holy days.

"What's being communicated is that we're entering into a very sensitive period," said Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano, who joined other governors in a conference call with Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge. "We're possibly on the brink of war. Obviously there has been some intelligence gathered by the CIA among other agencies that suggests something could happen."

Attorney General John Ashcroft said Friday the government had received intelligence information, corroborated by multiple sources, that Osama bin Laden's terror organization sought to attack Americans at home or abroad during the annual hajj pilgrimage to the holy Saudi city

of Mecca. The five-day hajj involving more than a million Muslim pilgrims begins Saturday.

Potential targets, he said, could include "soft" or lightly guarded targets such as apartment buildings and hotels, and could involve chemical, biological or radiological devices. Al-Qaida might also seek to hit economic targets connected to transportation and energy, or "symbols of American power."

At U.S. border crossings, inspectors began searching more vehicles, and running computer checks on all pedestrians, said Lauren Mack with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Before Friday, Mack said, inspectors ran computer checks on about 80 percent of pedestrians entering the country.

Commercial vehicles entering from Mexico will also be inspected more thoroughly, with many screened by X-ray, said U.S. Customs spokesman Vince Bond. "It may be drugs. It may be avocados. It

may be Cuban cigars. It may be weapons of mass destruction. We're looking for anomalies," he said.

Chicago restarted its emergency operations center for the first time since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and it will remain open 24 hours a day for an indefinite period.

In New York, Gov. George Pataki said specialized units of the state police and the National Guard were activated. He and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced extra security at bridges, tunnels, airports, subways and many public buildings.

Nuclear facilities in California and Washington state, and utilities in New England and elsewhere, all put security plans into action.

The warning about soft targets spurred a response by private businesses from Las Vegas to Florida to New York.

"We have greatly enhanced what was already strict security since 9-11," said Universal Orlando

spokesman Jim Canfield. He wouldn't discuss specific new measures.

In New York, the president of the city's tourism bureau, Cristyne Nicholas, warned guests they might encounter new security procedures. "We should be patient, we should be understanding. If we're asked to show our room key or identification, it's for the betterment of the entire city."

Not everyone felt the same worries. In Hawaii, authorities decided there wasn't any reason to change its security alert. "There is nothing to indicate there is a direct threat to Hawaii," said Gov. Linda Lingle.

On the streets, some said they couldn't really tell any difference.

"Looking around, it seems like everybody's getting on with their daily lives," said Ansley Dickens, a 20-year-old student in Boston. "The likelihood of an earthquake is more of a huge concern of mine," said Rob Huntley, general manager of The Inn At Union Square in San Francisco.

Rumsfeld: Further delays increase chance of war

By **ROBERT BURNS**
AP MILITARY WRITER

MUNICH, Germany (AP)

In a jab at major U.S. allies, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Saturday countries such as France and Germany that favor giving Iraq another chance to disarm are undermining what slim chance may exist to avoid war.

"There are those who counsel that we should delay preparations for war against Iraq. Ironically, that approach could well make war more likely, not less, because delaying preparations sends a signal of uncertainty," Rumsfeld said in the opening address at an international conference on security policy.

President Bush said he will not wait much longer before moving against Saddam Hussein, declaring in his weekly radio address that the Iraqi leader is wasting a last opportunity to come clean.

Rumsfeld said "there is no chance" Saddam will disarm voluntarily or flee his country if given yet another opportunity to comply with the U.N. Security Council resolution from November that demands Iraq's complete disarmament.

Thousands more American forces are converging on the Persian Gulf region in anticipa-

tion of a decision by Bush, within days or weeks, to invade Iraq and oust Saddam. Also, Turkey's top civilian and military leaders reportedly agreed Saturday to let the United States send 38,000 troops to the country to open a northern front should there be war with Iraq.

On Munich's snowy streets, an estimated 14,000 people staged protests against U.S. policy on Iraq. "Today Munich says yes to peace and no to war," said Roman Catholic Bishop Engelbert Siebler.

Rumsfeld said Saddam has time to avert war but should not be given another U.N. reprieve.

"We all hope for a peaceful resolution," Rumsfeld said at the 39th Munich Conference on Security, which attracted lawmakers, policy officials, military leaders and private analysts from the United States, Europe and Asia.

"But the one chance for a peaceful resolution is to make clear that free nations are prepared to use force if necessary — that the world is united and, while reluctant, is willing to act."

In response to Rumsfeld's remarks, German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer made an impassioned plea for patience with Iraq and said the

German public sees no justification for going to war.

"We must not accept the logic of a military campaign," Fischer said. "We must give the inspectors more time."

Bush said in his broadcast from the White House that Saddam "was given a final chance. He is throwing away that chance."

Sergei Ivanov, the Russian defense minister whose government opposes early military action against Iraq, told the Munich conference the main focus should be on fighting international terrorism of all kinds.

Ivanov did not mention Iraq. He and Rumsfeld met later for a one-on-one session that included a discussion of the way ahead in Afghanistan, including the training of a national army.

The split over Iraq among the United States, Britain and numerous other European countries on the one hand and Germany, France and Russia on the other has caused severe strains in diplomatic relations.

Some of the harshest words came from Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who, with Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., led a U.S. congressional delegation to the conference.

McCain hammered France and Britain for blocking a

NATO effort to plan for ways of defending alliance Turkey from potential attacks by Iraq in the event of war. Turkey has requested such assistance, and the United States is strongly in favor of it. The Turks want Patriot anti-missile batteries, surveillance planes and other defensive help.

McCain accused the Germans and French of "calculated self-interest." He said their actions had caused a "terrible injury" to NATO and exposed their "vacuous posturing."

NATO officials are to meet Monday in an attempt to resolve the conflict over defensive aid for Turkey.

In his speech, Rumsfeld left no doubt that Bush is prepared to act soon on Iraq. The Pentagon chief referred to Secretary of State Colin Powell's presentation to the Security Council last week and said it provided "not conjecture but facts" on the Iraqi threat.

"It is difficult to believe there still could be any question in the minds of reasonable people open to the facts before

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Discussion and possible action on the sale of the second crane from the US Bus Building also appears on the agenda.

A request by the The Pampa News will also be discussed in the meeting. Board members may take action.

The local newspaper is requesting that a copy of each meeting's posted agenda be faxed or mailed to them prior to any regular, special and emergency meetings of the PEDC.

Accounts payable will be reviewed and possibly approved.

Military photos of last moments checked for shuttle wing damage

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA investigators are anxious to examine a small, ragged piece of one of Columbia's wings because it may give important new clues about why the space shuttle broke apart in the final minutes of its return to Earth a week ago.

The debris includes a 26- to 27-inch-long piece of a carbon-hardened tile that was part of the leading edge of a Columbia wing. Failure of the thermal control tiles on the space shuttle's left wing is suspected in the destruction of Columbia.

Ron Dittmore, shuttle program manager at the Johnson Space Center, said Friday it was unknown if the debris was from the left wing, where Columbia's trouble may have started, or from the right wing, which gave no indication of problems.

"Certainly we're more interested in the left wing," he said. Each of 27,000 pieces of the shuttle's tile system carries a heatproof serial number so engineers are expected to pinpoint exactly where the wing part came from.

The wing part was found near Fort Worth and is part of the thousands of Columbia pieces that fell across Texas

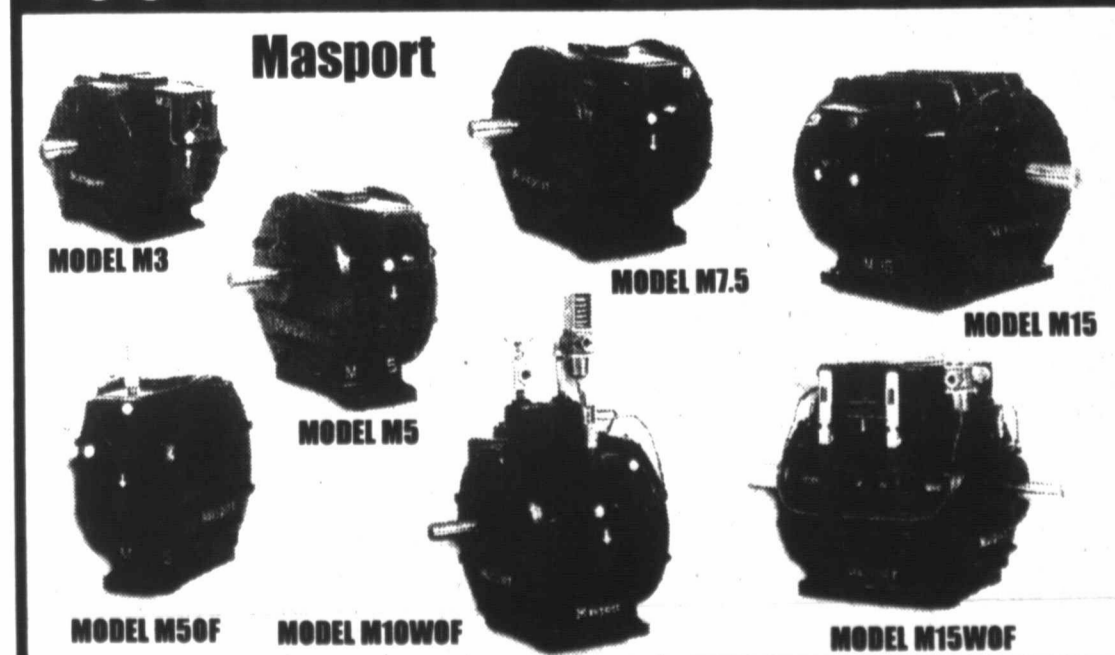
and Louisiana last Saturday morning when the shuttle broke up during a high speed drop from space toward a landing at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The accident killed seven astronauts.

Dittmore said a high-definition military photo shot in the final moments of Columbia's flight is "not very

revealing," despite the claim by some it shows a ragged leading edge on the left wing and a plume of vapor or smoke trailing behind.

The photo, shot by a powerful Air Force telescope camera in New Mexico, shows a fuzzy, batwing-shaped silhouette of the shuttle with a dark gray streak behind the left wing.

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 advance.

With good reading material tucked under my arm, I made the familiar walk to Gate 31 at Amarillo's airport. That's where the 4:40 afternoon flight to Dallas flies out of. Then I'd transfer to a Little Rock flight.

I made that trip more times than I can count during the five years I lived in Texas.

That day in 1999, I saw a group of about 25 people gathered beside the gate. They were waiting on the plane that I'd fly out on. Children with hand-made signs and a couple of TV crews.

I thought to myself, wonder who is coming? Never the shy one when it comes to questions, I asked someone.

They were waiting on Rick Husband. The name was slightly familiar but just who he was didn't immediately come to mind.

"Who is that?" I asked.

"The astronaut," the woman said.

Right, I thought. I remember. Amarillo's favorite son. He was coming for his first visit home after flying on the Space Shuttle to the first U.S. mission to the International Space Station.

That's pretty cool, I thought. I'll get to

KATE DICKSON
 GUEST COLUMNIST

see him. The Southwest Airlines plane pulled up to the gate and the TV crews turned on their lights. Dressed in street clothes, the attractive man flashed a boyish grin as he walked into the concourse. Some hugs out of the way, he strode up to the microphones and was cordial as he answered all the questions.

I stood close by and watched. His interviews done, he didn't walk away. He squatted down - to be closer to eye level with the children - autographed their signs and chatted with them.

His was the face and name that came to mind first Saturday morning when I heard the news that communication had been lost with the shuttle. I wondered if he was up there. Probably because I

really couldn't name any other active

astronauts. And probably because he's the only one I ever saw.

Sadly he was one of the seven. He was the commander. He was doing what he first declared was his goal when he was four years old ... to be an astronaut. It was something he achieved after four tries to get into the program.

Space flight now is not like when we were children ... when we'd have black and white TVs with rabbit ears in our classrooms and knew their names ... the likes of John Glenn and Gus Grissom.

I'm not sure I even knew a space shuttle was on a mission though I think vaguely I did. Maybe it was because of the news of Ilan Ramon from Israel being aboard ... that country's first astronaut.

The words said by Ramon's long-fearful little girl at liftoff - "My daddy's gone" - haunt me. She may well have known what the rest of us didn't.

Space travel has become so commonplace we give little thought to its dangers. Last Saturday brought us down to earth.

 Kate Dickson is former associate publisher of The Pampa News. She's been transferred to Batesville, Miss.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Hog) food for thought

(According to a Jan. 16, 2003 article in The Canadian Record) - The Hemphill County Commissioners gave their stamp of approval Monday for a \$150,000 road construction project which will provide access to the proposed site of a grain storage facility to be operated by The Scoular Company of Omaha, Neb. Scoular is negotiating with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway to purchase 8.5 acres, and for the railroad to extend the third track in the area by 900 feet. It states the facility will service Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado markets, receiving three one-mile long trains per month, and sending out 60-70 trucks per day to customers. At this meeting, Remelle Farrar, Canadian's Community Development director, said she had also discussed the idea of such a business encouraging a movement to Hemphill county of corporate hog farms. She also said that the best defense against corporate hog farming is a thriving diversified economy. She further stated that Scoular has elevators in Plainview and 13 others in Nebraska.

Our future? Texas Farms, a giant Japanese-owned corporate hog operation, has its own feed mill near Perryton, and since Scoular already has a facility at Plainview, could this be part of a plan to capture the feeding of the growing number of hog factories that are being planned for this part of the Texas Panhandle? It appears that large agribusiness corporation like Scoular, Seaboard Farms and National Pig Development (a subsidiary of Smithfield Foods) have their sights set on the Panhandle.

Dr. Louis Haydon
 Pampa

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 2003. There are 325 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 9, 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an American victory over Japanese forces.

On this date:

In 1773, the ninth president of the United States, William Henry Harrison, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1825, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In 1861, the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States of America elected Jefferson Davis president and Alexander H. Stephens vice president.

In 1870, the U.S. Weather Bureau was established.

In 1933, the Oxford Union Society at Oxford University endorsed, 275-153, a motion stating "that this House will in no circumstances fight for its King and Country," a stand widely denounced by Britons.

In 1950, in a speech in Wheeling, W.Va., Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) charged the State Department was riddled with Communists.

In 1971, the "Apollo 14" spacecraft returned to Earth after man's third landing on the moon.

In 1983, in a dramatic reversal from 50 years earlier (see above), the Oxford Union Society at Oxford University rejected, 416-187, a motion "that this House would not fight for Queen and Country."

In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov died at age 69, less than 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was succeeded by Konstantin U. Chernenko.

In 2001, a U.S. Navy submarine collided with a Japanese fishing boat off the Hawaiian coast, killing nine men and boys aboard the boat.

Ten years ago: NBC News announced it had settled a defamation lawsuit brought by General Motors over the network's "inappropriate demonstration" of a fiery pickup truck crash on its "Dateline NBC" program.

Five years ago: The Pentagon said it was sending up to 3,000 U.S. ground troops to the Persian Gulf region to discourage what one official called "any creative thinking" by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. At the Nagano Games, German Georg Hackl won the men's luge for the third consecutive Olympics.

One year ago: Britain's Princess Margaret, the high-spirited and unconventional sister of Queen Elizabeth II, died in London at age 71.

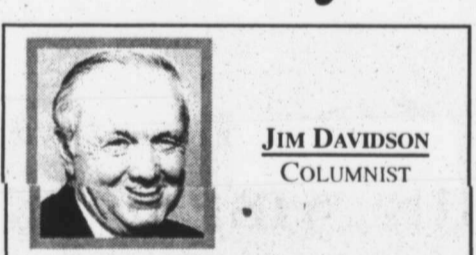


We hurt ourselves by over spending

Former President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "Any government, like any family, can for a year spend a little more than it earns. But you and I know the continuance of that habit means the poorhouse." How many people do you know in today's society who spend more than they earn? Our nation's collective massive credit card debt, amassed by individuals, should give you a hint.

From my observation, I think one of the hardest lessons for many people to learn in today's times is how to do without. It's not easy to do without, especially when we see so many people around us who seem to get everything they want. However, this uniquely American penchant, which is often referred to as "keeping up with the Joneses" has pushed many people so far into debt that bankruptcy and financial collapse is a real possibility. The real problem with trying to keep up with the Joneses is about the time we think we get there, they're refinancing!

I'm fairly conservative. I don't believe in people over-extending themselves, buying things they cannot afford and putting themselves and their family at risk for the future. On the other hand, if people have the means or the where-with-all, as we say, to have all the things they want and do all things they want to do, I think it's wonderful, because that's the



JIM DAVIDSON
 COLUMNIST

American dream. So long as their incomes are derived from legal means, I wish them continued success.

But we see thousands of people, perhaps millions, who want to live this kind of lifestyle, but they simply cannot afford it because they don't have any money. As a result, many of these people suffer from tension, stress, high blood pressure and finally, a stroke or heart attack or some other calamity. I'm not talking about the person who takes a calculated risk when it comes to getting ahead financially, because that's what financial success is all about. I'm simply talking about those people who have formed the habit of spending more than they earn month after month, and there's a big difference.

There are many reasons why we see people in our society who want to live "high on the hog" without having the income to support it. It really comes down to the fact that they have never learned the habit of doing without. If you or someone you love happens to fit in this

category, here are a few thoughts that may help:

Fret not at small beginnings; the oak began as an acorn; the beautiful rainbow had its beginning in a drop of rain and a ray of light; the muscular athlete had trouble crawling; the university graduate started in first grade; the massive international oil industry began with a small shallow well.

In our country, it's still possible for most of us to have the things we want, but it may require a change in our thinking and our attitudes. Instead of buy now, pay later, we must save and invest now and then buy later. Most people who have gotten ahead financially don't ever have to touch the principal of their assets, because they meet their monthly obligations from the income derived from investments.

What this kind of thinking and the resulting actions really does is move our possessions from one side of the ledger to the other. It moves them from the things we can't afford to the things we can afford. Doing without is a difficult lesson to learn, but when we do, our financial future will be much brighter. P.S. Is the money you have burning a hole in your pocket?

(Write Jim Davidson at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72032.)



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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

'LEGACY'

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

PCCA

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

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TDHS VOLUNTEERS

Texas Department of Human Services is seeking volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest, capability and availability of openings. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863.

AMA FILM SERIES

Amarillo Museum of Art will conduct an installment of its "Talking Pictures Film Series" at 2 p.m., Feb. 9, in the museum library on the film "Jonah, Who Will be 25 in the Year 2000" directed by Alain Tanner. The film was shot in Switzerland in 1976 and is a medley of conversation, song, fantasies, speeches, and more. Ben Lifson,

guest scholar, will preside over the series.

CLARENDON COLLEGE
Clarendon College will offer minor in possession classes from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Feb. 10-11 at its main campus in Clarendon and Feb. 17-18 at the campus in Pampa. For more information or to pre-register, contact CC at (806) 847-3571 or 665-8801. CLEP and GED tests will also be administered this month at the college. CLEP testing will be conducted Feb. 17 (pre-register by Feb. 14) and the GED will be administered Feb. 24 (pre-register by Feb. 21). Cost for each exam is \$60. Two forms of ID including photo ID are required. For more information or to pre-register, contact CC at (806) 847-3571 or 665-8801.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB

Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 12 at Lovett Memorial Library. The group will be discussing books by Willa Cather. Visitors are welcome.

MISS TEEN

ALL AMERICAN

Miss Teen All American Pageant officials are currently seeking participants for the contest to be staged July 31-Aug. 3 in Miami, Fla. Deadline for entry is Feb. 14. For more information, contact Marie P. Sweeney at 1-304-242-4900 or e-mail teenal@aol.com.

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.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keep-

ing the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Jan. 15, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Jan. 17, Miami School, Miami; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Jan. 22, Wheeler School, Wheeler; and 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m., Jan. 27, Canadian City Hall, Canadian.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Jan. 23, First United Methodist Church, and Jan. 28 and Feb. 25, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, Pampa; Jan. 1 and 15 and Feb. 5, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Feb. 26, Lefors Civic Center, Lefors; Feb. 10, Lovett Memorial Library, McLean; Feb. 7, Family Care Center, Shamrock; and Jan. 28 and Feb. 25, 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 Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout this month. The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. 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 Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 28, 2003.

POETRY CONTEST

Friendly Poets Society is currently sponsoring a free special religious poetry contest. To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 2255 N. University Pkwy Ste 15 #196, Provo, Utah 84604, or enter on-line at www.friendlypoets.com. Deadline for entries is March 5.

HARRINGTON QUARTET

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

TREE SEEDLINGS

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

UNIVERSITY OF MOBILE

The University of Mobile, Alabama, will stage auditions for vocal, piano and instrumental music scholarships for the fall 2003 academic year on March 15 at the university. For more information or to schedule an audition, contact Dr. Thomas Rowell, chairman of Fine Arts, at (251) 442-2420 or visit www.umobile.edu/msaud on-line. The university will also be holding a "Spring Preview Day" during which students can earn a \$500 scholarship just for attending. To make a reservation or for more details about "Spring Preview Day,"

contact the office of admissions at (251) 442-2273 or 1-800-946-7267.

CRAFTHOUSTON 2003

The Houston Center for Contemporary Craft is seeking entries for "CraftHouston 2003: National Juried Exhibition" to be staged Aug. 8 through Oct. 12 at the center. The entry deadline is April 15. For more information, call (713) 529-4848, ext. 106; e-mail vberry@craft-houston.org; visit www.craft-houston.org; or write Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St., Houston, TX 777002.

TALENT LITERARY GUILD

Talent Literary Guild is sponsoring a free amateur poetry contest. To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 1257 Siskiyou Blvd., PMB 4, Ashland, OR 97520; or enter on-line at www.freecontest.com. Deadline for entries is March 20.

USS SPERRY

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

LST ASSOCIATION REUNION

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

LLANO ESTACADO CLAY GUILD

Llano Estacado Winery and Clay Guild of Lubbock announce the Sixth Annual Wine and Clay Festival to be held June 7 and 8 at the winery, 3.2 miles east of US 87 on FM 1585. The event will include ceramic art, wine tasting, clay demonstrations and more. For more information, call (806) 748-9337 or (806) 745-2258.

HOLLINGHEAD REUNION

The Hollingshead family

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

USS MADDOX

USS Maddox Destroyer Association (DD-168, DD-622, DD-731) is seeking members for a reunion celebration Sept. 4-7, 2003, at Buena Park, Calif. For more information, contact Cliff Gillespie, 215 Wichita Ave., #605, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, (714) 960-5283, cwgilles45@aol.com.



CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

by Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

SHOULDERING THE PAIN

The shoulder is a complex and highly functional body part. Its make-up allows us to reach in different directions and to use our hands and arms in numerous ways. Although the shoulder joint has great range of motion, however, it is highly vulnerable to strain and overwork.

As a person ages the tissue connecting the upper arm to the shoulder blade will degenerate, especially when the same types of shoulder motions are repeated. This can happen, for example, when baseball pitchers continually throw overhand. With time the rotator cuff - which allows the rotation of the arm - may become inflamed, tear, and cause a great deal of pain.

Chiropractors are highly successful in providing care for patients with rotator cuff injuries. They release the scar tissue and restore the muscles to their normal condition by applying gentle tension. The Doctor of Chiropractic will also adjust any stiff joints in the upper back and neck region. Part of the treatment may also include therapeutic exercises to stretch and strengthen the area, electrical muscle stimulation, ultrasound, and ice or heat therapy. Massage therapy may be used in conjunction with those other approaches to get the best results.

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Emergency preparedness to be topic of annual research conference

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's Division of Nursing and WTAMU's chapter of Sigma Theta Tau (STT) will sponsor a presentation on Friday, Feb. 28, by Dr. Kristine M. Gebbie, a nationally-recognized expert on health policy and health services.

Gebbie, presently the Elizabeth Standish Gill Associate Professor and direc-

tor for the Center for Health Policy at Columbia University's School of Nursing, will be guest lecturer for STT's annual research conference, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in WTAMU's Alumni Banquet Facility.

Cost to attend the conference is \$25 for STT members, \$35 for guests and \$10 for students.

Gebbie will present

"Nursing Emergency Preparedness: Needed Action and Needed Research."

Gebbie, who recently completed a four-year stint as senior consultant on public health initiatives with the Office of Public Health and Science for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, previously served as national AIDS

policy coordinator (1993-94). She also has served as secretary of the Department of Health for the state of Washington.

For more information about the annual research conference or to register to attend, contact Dr. Rebecca Robinson at 806-651-2638 or rrobinson@mail.wtamu.edu.

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Remember those tax deductions this filing season

By **JOYCE M. ROSENBERG**
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Like any other taxpayer, small business owners want to get as many deductions as they can and lower their tax bills as much as possible. Yet accountants find there are some obvious expenses that company owners often forget to list on their returns.

Steven Botwinick, a certified public accountant in Rochelle Park, N.J., said a deduction commonly overlooked is for business-related expenses for the owner's car.

"They take depreciation, and forget about maintenance," he said.

There are two ways to deduct auto expenses. One is by mileage; for the 2002 tax year the IRS is allowing owners to deduct 36.5 cents for each mile that the family car was driven for business (the same amount can be

deducted if you reimburse employees who use their own cars on company business). That's up 2 cents from 34.5 cents during the 2001 tax year.

Botwinick noted that in addition to the mileage costs, owners can deduct what they paid for tolls and parking. But they cannot deduct mileage driven in commuting between home and work, in much the same way that employees cannot deduct commuting costs.

The other way to deduct auto expenses is to keep track of your actual expenditures — including depreciation, insurance, interest, registration fees, maintenance, repairs, gas and oil, even going to the car wash.

Once you've totaled up your actual expenses, you need to estimate how much of the car's use is business-related and how much of it was for your personal use. If you used it 25 percent for business, for example, you

can deduct 25 percent of your total expenses.

Business owners can make similar omissions when it comes to deducting expenses for a home office.

It's obvious to many owners that the cost of paint and new carpeting for an office are deductible, but when they put a new roof on the house, they might forget to deduct what they paid for the part that covers the office. They should also deduct a percentage of heating and electricity costs attributable to the office.

Jeffrey Chazen, a tax partner at the accounting and consulting firm Richard A. Eisner & Co. LLP in New York, said one deduction many small business owners

overlook involves retirement accounts. But owners who intended to set up retirement plans in 2002 and didn't (or never even thought about it), do get a second chance as long as the plan is an Individual Retirement Account or what's known as a SEP, a Simplified Employee Pension.

Owners can create one of these accounts and make their 2002 contributions as long as they do so by the due date of their tax returns, which for most small business owners is April 15.

The IRS has information about these retirement plans in its Publication 560, Retirement Plans for Small Businesses. It can be easily accessed from the IRS Web

site, www.irs.gov, or can be ordered by calling (800) TAX-FORM.

Although entertainment expenses might seem to be an obvious deduction, Botwinick said many business owners don't keep track of who they had dinner with, particularly if their guest was a friend as well as a client or customer. So it's a good idea to go over credit card receipts and bills and try to see if you have missed a possible deduction.

Keep in mind that you can deduct only 50 percent of the amount you spend on business entertainment. And, Botwinick said, if you took your family on a business trip with you, remember that you can only deduct

your expenses, not what you spent on your spouse and children.

Overlooking deductions, or not taking as a big a deduction as you should, is likely to be less of a problem if you have your return prepared by an accountant or other tax professional who understands your company and the industry you're in. But if you're completing your return yourself, it probably will help to familiarize yourself with the deductions available to businesses.

One resource is the comprehensive tax preparation guides, such as the books published annually by J.K. Lasser and Ernst & Young. Tax prep software can also be helpful.

WOODROW WILSON HONOR ROLL

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

Second Grade. Tori Ford, Summer Sieber, Chauncy Ishm, Miguel Blanco, Junior Davila, Rosa Hernandez, Reena Patel, Brenda Hernandez, Serena Reyes, Martecia Alexander, Renee Baggerman, Dakota Cochran, Baylin Lawson, Daniel Ortiz, Johnathan Rowell, Michael Steadman, Brittany Weatherford.

Third Grade. Devin Asencio, Nicole Brashears, Pedro Castillo, Brienne Moyer, Cody Parks, Joleen Pittman, Marlene Ramos, Danny Villegas, Joseph Vizcaino, Miguel Villegas, Meganne Fraser, Junnis Garcia, Samantha Powell, Courtney Ward, Seth Almanza, Yelitza Anguiano,

Andrew Chambers, Nicole Devers, Tammy DuBose, Jenny Recendiz, Jose Renteria, Mario Rivera, Dustin Whinery, Caylee Steward, Carl Whinery.

Fourth Grade. Amber Adams, Mary Beth Cox, Brennan Dickinson, Mikey Feagin, Andres Jimenez, Karen Jimenez, Amber Faith Lang, Lesleigh LaRue, Salvador Lopez, Cody

McIntyre, Eric Ortiz, Cory Perkins, Tyler Randel, Alex Recendiz, Layce Smith, Jessica Gutierrez, Cynthia Solis, Kira Soto, Dakota Turlington, Allen Harden, Crystal Garcia, Shelby McCollum, Moses Mireles, Kaci Reyes, Tatiana Rios, Bernardo Tinajero, Jessica Vargas, Tayleranne Callahan.

Fifth Grade. Meghan Asencio, Brittany Bennett,

Nichole Cox, Ryan Jimenez, Leonel Madrid, Aleah Noble, Miranda Waldrop, Daniel Valenzuela, Justin Carlton, Matricia Davis, Bethany Mosteller, Britney Poulin, Agapito Salazar, Delissa Salazar, Shayla Keith, Amanda Castleman, Ricky Cabellero, Kelsey Ford, Jordann Hughes, Phoenix Keeter, Nathan Smith.

LAMAR ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

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

SECOND GRADE
A Honor Roll. Bianca Apodaca, Eddie Castillo, Valeria Chavez, Jessica Kenney, Diamond Marrufo, Alexis Pena, Shaleigh Price, Raquel Ramirez, Mariela Resendiz, Miguel Resendiz, Nicholes Rodriguez, Tracy Winter, Monica Zubia.

AB Honor Roll. Calli Brewer, Itzayana Miranda, Monica Miranda, Kiana Nelson, Samantha Munoz, Adrian Ramos, Bobby Ream, Carlos Regalado, Zachery Wolfe.

THIRD GRADE
A Honor Roll. Brandon Cox, Khale Guthrie, Caitlynn Ramirez, Sarai Soria, Iris Wheat.

AB Honor Roll. Andra Cortez, John Angel Cota, Dakota Davis, Danny Estep, Miguel Garcia, Jose Granados, Angelica Lopez, Marshall McGrath, Ernie Ramirez, Michael Rossiter, Isaac Silva, Danielle Williams.

FOURTH GRADE
A Honor Roll. Reba Bailey, Martin Caldwell, Angela Rendon.

AB Honor Roll. Emily Barrett, Orlando Castillo, Mercedes Cota, Aubrie Dowdy, Bianca Hernandez,

Ramon Jimenez, Ieisha Tindall, Danielle Towles.

FIFTH GRADE
A Honor Roll. Ashley Akins, Mikaela Flores, Cristina Garcia, Tessa Walker.

AB Honor Roll. Steven Botello, Jessica Brown, Margarita Cervantes, Amanda Estes, Adrian Garcia, Katzen Hernandez, Marticka Jackson, Justin Kenney, Laura McGrath, Cindy Meza, Dillon Pierce, Jessica Ramirez, Andrew Regalado, Fabiola Soria, Chris Wood.

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of the intellectual and the sensuous, the mundane and the spiritual, the timely and the timeless. He is steeped in ancient Chinese culture and taught traditional ink painting for seven years before emigrating to the United States as an exchange student at age 32 in 1987. But having left in search of artistic freedom, he refuses to bow to convention.

"An artist must reflect on his condition and that of his world," he says. "I am not interested in doing this

through documentary photographs or such, but through artistic forms that respond to this particular time."

"Most post-modern artists fall into three stereotypes," he says. "They either translate their own culture, ignore where they came from and are influenced by their adopted culture, or combine the two.

"One or the other or both are not enough for me," he says. "I want everything, so I try to be maximally inclusive to involve all different cultures and people."

It's a utopian idea, he says, acknowledging that "the more global our society becomes, the more divided countries there are." Taking that into account, he left 10 blank rubber stamps at the end of "United 7561 Kilometers." If war causes other separations during the course of the show, names of additional countries will be added.

After closing in Denton the exhibition will travel to Artspace at the Kansas City Art Institute and the Institute of Contemporary Art at Maine College of Art. A comprehensive catalog, the first book devoted exclusively to Gu's work, will be published in the spring. The project is supported by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, the Texas Commission on the Arts and others.

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ANIMALPRINTS.COM. AnimalPrints.com has dedicated \$1 from each sale of a newly released series of artist's prints to benefit animals in need. For more information or to view the prints, go to AnimalPrints.com on the Internet.

AIYSE. American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking American high school students, ages 15-19, to participate in its foreign exchange program. Students will spend a semester or year with an European family or participate in a 4- to 6-week family stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIY-SEP school counselors and educators in local schools. To qualify, students must have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575 or visit www.aise.com on the World Wide Web.

Arbor Day Foundation. The National Arbor Day Foundation offers a "Tree Planting Resource Kit for Volunteers." The kit is available for \$29.95 plus shipping and handling and includes a leadership guide, a Celebrate Arbor Day guidebook, and a video to help motivate volunteers. For more information, call (402) 474-5655, go on-line to www.arborday.org, or write: The National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

AYA. Academic Year in America program is seeking host families for international exchange students between the ages of 15-18 1/2. For more information, call Danielle Carpino at 1-800-322-4678 ext. 5146.

BBB RESOURCE

GUIDE. The Better Business Bureau is offering "The Spring BBB Membership Directory and Resource Guide." The publication is available free of charge and includes a listing of BBB member companies as well as businesses who qualify as members and who uphold BBB's standards of ethical practices. The guide also provides tips on how to be better shoppers along with information on current scams. For more information or to obtain the guide, call (806) 379-7133.

CASE. Hosting a high school exchange student is like bringing the world to your doorstep. U.S. Government sanctioned, CSJET listed non-profit educational organization is seeking families of all types; retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples. Students will be arriving from various counties, ALL of whom speak English. You can choose a male or female between the age of 15 and 18. You will have the support of a LOCAL Area Representative with you throughout the exchange. Students arrive sometime in August (depending on when school starts). Your new son or daughter will attend your local high school for either 5 or 10 months. All students have their own medical insurance. As a host family, you agree to provide room and board and to include your student as a member of your family. For information, contact Joyce toll-free at 877-846-5848.

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

FAN Booklet. The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C., is offering the following booklets, "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" and "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills." The first booklet includes information on how and where to get free and low-cost medical care under

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

Fear Not Foundation. The Fear Not Foundation offers free to the public Lee Crull's "Ten Golden Rules for Safety," a "kidnap-proof" set of guidelines to help children protect themselves from would-be predators. Crull is an elite ex-commando, former undercover agent, and professional bodyguard. For more information, send a business size SASE to: The Fear Not Foundation, P.O. Box 403, Syracuse, NY 13215; or go on-line to www.GoodForYouAmerica.com and click on The Fear Not Foundation to link to the "Ten Golden Rules."

FEI Booklet. The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., is offering the booklets "The 100 Most Popular Government Giveaway Programs" and "Directory of Micro Loan Sources." Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, 100 Government Giveaways - Dept. 100GG-0110 or Micro Loan Sources - Dept. DMLS-0313, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, DC 20090-6071; by calling (202) 595-1031; or

visiting www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the World Wide Web.

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

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

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

Heifer Project International. First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-

denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org> on the Internet.

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

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

World Wide Web.

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

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

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TERROR REIGNS AND SHANGHAI TROOPS REVEL

Buildings Are Looted, Bodies In Streets, British Shoot

NORTHERNERS TO SURRENDER SOON

International Boundary Problem Cause For Disorders

(By The Associated Press.)
SHANGHAI, March 22.—The reign of terror which started here yesterday with the capture of Shanghai by the Cantonese continues unabated today. Buildings have been looted of all valuables. Latest reports state that many dead bodies are lying in the streets.
A number of disorders are also reported along the boundaries. The international settlement problem is said to be one of the disturbances causing the boudry trouble.
British troops shot and killed 12 and wounded at least a score more Siamtungees when they attempted to break through the barriers. Settlement was officially announced today, however, when General Pi Shuchen, commander of the Northern forces agreed to surrender.

Hassell To Get Case Review And Death Is Delayed

(By The Associated Press.)
AUSTIN, March 22.—George Hassell, Farwell confessed slayer of 13 persons, will be taken from the state penitentiary and placed in some safe jail until the Court of Criminal Appeals decides whether the verdict shall stand.
Hassell, therefore, will not die March 25.
Reese Tatum, court official at Dalhart, today wired Governor Moody that the sheriff of Farmer county had been ordered to take Hassell to another jail pending action on an appeal yet to be filed. Hassell cannot be executed while the appeal is pending.

Gang Leader In Clash With Men

HARRISBURG, Ill., March 22.—Five men attempted today to burn the home here of Charles Birger, gang leader, but were forced to retreat when met by gun fire.
Birger said the men are known to him.

"Not Guilty" Is Plea of Pair In N. Y. Love Plot

NEW YORK, March 22.—Mrs. Ruth Snyder and Henry Gray, who signed confessions that they murdered Mrs. Snyder's husband, Albert Snyder, in a love and insurance plot, pleaded "not guilty" in court today and were held without bail for the grand jury.
They repudiated their confessions.

Leopold Well Is Gassing Today

A strong showing of gas at 2,280 feet this morning is believed to be the fore-runner of a good well in the Sturm well on the Leopold farm north of Pampa.
This well is in semi-wildcat territory about 3 1/2 miles from this city. Several local men have interests in the test. Indications have been good for several days, and completion of the hole is expected hourly.

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Judging by Babe Ruth's cheerless expression here he little relishes the invalidism imposed upon him by an injury received in a Yankee-Cincinnati Reds practice game at Orlando, Fla. With a cane, the Sultan of Slam has been hobbling around the Yankee's St. Petersburg training camp downheartedly watching his teammates do their diamond stuff.

Campaign For New Fire Truck Gets Under Way

More than \$600 toward making the first payment on a new fire truck was subscribed in a few minutes last night in a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce. Since that time the amount has increased to about \$900.
The first large subscribers were the Gordon Stores company, \$100; the Southwestern Public Service company, \$250; Schneider hotel, \$100; and H. B. Lovett, \$100. Mr. Lovett said that while his property holdings are not large enough to make him fear the personal effect of higher insurance rates and possible fires, his interest in Pampa and his realization of the great need for the fire truck prompted him to make the donation.
It is desired to raise \$6,000 at once, since about 60 days are required to receive the truck after the order is placed. Of the \$6,000, salary for a man to give his time as a paid fireman is included to the amount of \$1,000.
A thorough canvass of the property owners of the city is planned. A committee to make this canvass will meet this evening to perfect plans. It includes W. T. Frazier, chairman; Len Boyd, Ike Lewis, J. G. Christy, Ben White, Alex Schneider, Tom Rose, W. R. Campbell, W. W. Shaw.

Sapiro Must Amend Suit Before Trial Can Be Continued

DETROIT, March 22.—The plaintiff's declaration in the Sapiro million-dollar libel suit against Henry Ford was pronounced faulty, needing several amendments, today by Judge Raymond.
The declaration as it stands is insufficient in many of its allegations, said the judge.
"I suggest that the counsel before the case continues should be amended in several particulars to clarify issues so the trial can bring about an equitable result."

PAMPA FIELD WORK SHOWS NO CURTAILMENT, SURVEY PROVES

That reports of alleged Pampa oil field activity curtailment are unfounded was absolutely certain today as officials of the major companies stated normal or increased crews are busy.

The Texas, Roxana, Gulf and Wilcox companies reported normal employment and no slacking in work. Several companies stated that additional men are being employed as warmer weather nears. Leading this list is the Magnolia Petroleum company, which during the last ten days has employed 60 additional men.

Contracts, offsets and important wildcat tests are plentiful enough to insure no let-up in activities, it was said, while contemplated improvement of plants, offices, warehouses, living quarters and similar equipment will be made in early spring.

The crude oil cut is taken as the most effective means of causing a general reducing of production, but the completion of pipe lines into the Panhandle field is expected to make greater production feasible in this area.

Altogether, conditions are satisfactory for the present and very promising for the near future, many oil men were heard to say today.

NEW WELL IS BIG SENSATION

Cherokee County Test Flows 1,200 Barrels From Pay

(By The Associated Press.)
SHREVEPORT, La., March 22.—The Humble Oil Refining corporation's new well in Cherokee county, Texas, which came in yesterday, today is flowing at the rate of about 1,200 barrels daily, according to information received here.
The well is about 100 miles from near Jacksonville. The well today was a mecca for oil men from Shreveport, as well as from the various Texas fields.
The hole was completed at a depth of 3,841 feet.

Was To Hang, So Hangs Self

(By The Associated Press.)
DANVILLE, Ill., March 22.—Nate Harris, sentenced to hang April 22 for double murder, hanged himself in the county jail here today.

Two Men Who Broke Jail Here Have Been Caught

William Carl and Jeff Cornwell, alias J. D. Thomas, two of the men who escaped from the local jail about two weeks ago, have been caught and are being held in Pawhuska, Okla. According to a statement made by Carl, a fellow prisoner after being released handed, says to the prisoners.
After escaping Carl and Cornwell stole a Dodge coupe from an oil company about ten miles from Pampa and went to Hominy, Okla., where they stole a Buick sedan. They went from there to Kansas City and later to Pawhuska, where they were captured.

Train Men Die As Engine Explodes

(By The Associated Press.)
VILLA GROVE, Ill., March 22.—E. M. Robinson of Salem, engineer, Fireman Ed. Bruce, and brakeman C. M. Farlow the latter two of Villa Grove, were instantly killed today when the engine of their freight train blew up near Saint Peter, Ill.

Pampans To See First Boxing Bout

Pampa's first boxing bout is to be held in the skating rink Wednesday night. Joe Vincent, a local boy, is to referee the bouts.
Part of the proceeds are to be donated to the hospital fund. George Heilmann proposes, at a later date, to put on a larger card for the benefit of the Hospital.

Not for Brides



—NEA, Kansas City Bureau
Senator Fletcher Johnson, of Bristol, Okla., asked the Oklahoma legislature to make it illegal for any biscuit to weigh less than one ounce or measure less than six inches in circumference. But he had a second thought and asked that brides' biscuits be exempted.

U. S. Fails To Make a Treaty With Mexico

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Intimation that the United States had been unsuccessful in efforts to negotiate a commercial treaty with Mexico are contained today in the state department that a smuggling convention between the two nations would terminate March 28.
The statement issued today said inasmuch as the United States has no commercial treaty with Mexico, it is not deemed advisable to continue in effect the arrangement which might bind this country to cooperation for the enforcement of laws relating to importation of commodities of all sorts into another country, with which there is no agreement safeguarding American commerce against possible discrimination.

College Band To Play 2 Concerts In City Tomorrow

The stirring airs of a 30-piece college band will be heard in Pampa tomorrow when the Buffalo band from the West Texas State Teachers college at Canyon visits this city on its Panhandle tour.
The organization will arrive at 3 p. m. and will go immediately to the high school auditorium, where a public concert lasting about an hour will be played. After this appearance the group will play a few numbers in front of the Chamber of Commerce rooms. A night concert will be played in Panhandle.
Accompanying the band will be President J. A. Hill who will make a few remarks, and at 4 p. m. will meet the Boy Scout committee in a special session at the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Hill is chairman of the Panhandle Boy Scout foundation. Mrs. T. V. Reeves, director of the bureau of public service at the college, also will be in the party.
C. E. Strain is director of the Teachers band. The members making the trip are Meyers, Stafford, Shanklin, Neufeld, Lang, Struve, Cobe, Coffee, Oberst, Stapleton, Kiker, Witt, Shaw, Weyland, C. E. Strain, Jr., Thomas, Gilbert, Higdon, Wohlford, Mead, McClure, and Misses Slack, Wible, Roland, White, and Martha Strain.
Many of the musicians are soloists.

Wales Falls, But Is Still Lucky

HOLDENBY, England, March 22.—The Prince of Wales was thrown from his horse here today at the first jump in the Army steeple chase, but he escaped injury.

City Water Problem Solution Seen In Letting of Two Contracts by The City Council In Session Last Night

ments, aggregating \$35,000, were let by the city council in last night's session.
H. C. McCall and company of Waco received the contract for the extension of the water mains, bidding \$1.25 a foot for 6-inch mains and \$1.75 for 8-inch lines, or a total of about \$20,000.
G. Burnett, local contractor, was low bidder on the construction of two water wells, which will cost about \$15,000 equipped. The wells are guaranteed by the driller. They will be completed in 60 days or less.
The water extensions include the following:
1. Extending the 8-inch main on Cuyler from the intersection of Brown street south three blocks to Ford street.
2. Extending the 8-inch main from the Rex theatre west on Foster to the alley between Purviance and Ward streets, then north to the water wells.
3. A belt line beginning at the Liberty hotel corner at the intersection of Atchison and Ballard streets, west on Atchison street to Frost street, north on Frost street to Kingsmill avenue, east on Kingsmill avenue to Ballard street, and south on Ballard street to the beginning.
Four fire plugs will be placed at the corners of this belt line, which will be of 6-inch pipe, and will tie into the 8-inch extension. Other belt lines will be built at a later time.
The council discussed the presence of several hundred head of hogs in the city dumping grounds, and instructed the marshall to have the animals removed today.

AVOIDING MULE NEARLY FATAL MONDAY NIGHT

Narrow Escapes Are Made In Auto Accident

HUDSON COACH ROLLS IN ROAD

Joe Bowers, Driver, Is Thrown Over Fence

Six local people were injured, but escaped wounds of serious consequence, when the Hudson coach driven by Joe Bowers overturned on the Miama road about 8 p. m. last night.
Mr. Bowers said he was avoiding a mule and had applied the brakes when the car skidded, rolled over about six times and threw the occupants in many directions.
The injured:
Joe Bowers, broken shoulder.
Clarence Olson, broken leg.
Carl Cooper, badly cut about the face.
Miss Rena McElwain, broken arm and leg.
Miss Crystal Barris and Miss Marie Renotte, minor bruises.
The party were enroute to Miami and were travelling at a rapid rate about 10 miles from Pampa. A mule suddenly appeared out of a ditch along the road and started across. When the brakes were applied suddenly, the car got out of control, turned over, and was demolished.
A passing car brought the injured to Pampa, where emergency treatment was given at a local hospital.
All of those hurt received miscellaneous bruises. They were resting well today.

Railroad Presidents Are Approached On Railway Question

Presidents of large railroad companies are being consulted by the Chamber of Commerce railroad committee relative to possibilities for a through-line crossing the Santa Fe at Pampa.
The committee met last night and decided upon its course of action.
At the same time, the Santa Fe is being queried as to its plans, if any, for a line crossing through Pampa, possibly from a point in Oklahoma across the Panhandle to Spearman or other points.
City Marshall Andrews and Deputy Sheriff Pipes are attending court in Panhandle today.

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TWPB to hold biennial election

AMARILLO — Texas Wheat Producers Board, engaged in wheat research, market development and services designed to add value to the wheat crop, will hold its 16th biennial mail election between March 31 and April 14, according to Chairman Gary Murphy.

This year, the six-year term of five of the current 15 board members will be expiring. Those individuals include: District I's Scott McGarraugh, Perryton; District II's David Cleavinger, Wildorado; District III's Ralph Sides, Childress; and District IV's Bob Beakley, Ennis, and Ben Scholz, Wylie.

All board members with expiring terms are eligible for re-election.

Districts are divided into the following counties:

District I. Dallam, Sherman, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford, Roberts, Moore, Hartley, Hutchinson and Gray.

District II. Carson, Potter, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Briscoe, Swisher, Castro,

Parmer, Hale and Floyd.

District III. Childress, Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Throckmorton, Haskell, Archer, Baylor, Wilbarger, Wichita, Young and Clay.

District V. All other Texas counties.

This year's election will be held Monday, April 14. Any person living in any of the designated districts who is engaged in the business of producing wheat (or causing wheat to be produced) for commercial purposes is eligible to vote including owners of farms and their tenants and share croppers, if such person is subject to paying the assessment that is collected on a refund-only basis on wheat within the districts.

Murphy said any person qualifying to vote in the election may place their own name in nomination for a six-year membership on TWPB by application to the organization, signed by himself and at least 10 other voters at least 30 days prior to the election date.

The election will be held by mail ballot which will be

provided to all eligible voters 14 days prior to the election. Murphy said any person qualified to vote who does not receive a ballot within the designated time period may obtain one at Texas Cooperative Extension offices as provided by Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

In addition to Murphy and the five other members with expiring terms, other TWPB members are C.L. Edwards, Panhandle; Ken David, Grandview; Fred Dwyer, Wichita Falls; Foy Gibson, Bend; Cagle Kendrick, Stratford; Jack Norman, Howe; David Moore, Dumas; W.R. Moore Jr., Munday; and Tommy Womack, Tulia.

Applications for named to be placed on the ballot should be sent to Texas Wheat Producers Board, 2201 Civic Circle, Suite #705, Amarillo, TX 79109.

Texas Wheat Producers Board (TWPB) is dedicated to assisting producers through research, market development and education in an effort to strengthen producer income.

TDA secures specific exemption for use of Tilt to control ergot on grain sorghum

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption to use Tilt fungicide(propiconazole) to control sorghum ergot on grain sorghum. The specific exemption allows the use of Tilt from Dec. 14, 2002, through Dec. 14, 2003.

The specific exemption for Tilt, manufactured by Syngenta, applies to all grain sorghum-producing counties in Texas. All applicable directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA registered product label for Tilt fungicide, as well as restrictions within the EPA approval notice, must be followed.

Other restrictions include:

—Applications should be made only by certified applicators, by licensed applicators or by persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators. Applicators must have a copy of the

Section 18 exemption notice before making any applications.

—Tilt may be applied at the rate of 4 fluid ounces (0.113 lb. a.i.) per acre in a minimum of 15 gallons of water per acre when ground application equipment is used or in a minimum of 5 gallons of water (10 gallons recommended) per acre when aerial application equipment is used.

—Tilt should not be applied within 21 days prior to harvest.

—Crops intended for food, grazing or any component of animal feed or bedding should not be planted within 105 days of Tilt application, unless the crop appears on the product label.

—Tilt may be used on a maximum of 300,000 acres of grain sorghum in Texas.

For more information, contact your county Texas Cooperative Extension office or TDA at (512) 463-7407. A copy of the EPA Approval Notice is available on TDA's web page [www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/exemptions/pest_tilt03.html].

Estate planning seminars set next month

Texas Cooperative Extension Service will be presenting four two-day seminars on estate planning throughout the month of March beginning with a seminar at Lubbock's Ramada Inn March 6-7 followed by a seminar in Houston March 20-21 at the Harris County Extension Office. Additional seminars are scheduled March 24-25 at Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene and March 27-28 at Thompson Conference Center in Austin.

"A properly drawn estate plan may save some farm and ranch families up to \$400,000 in estate taxes, income taxes, and administrative fees," said Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Extension economist and attorney. "But," Hayenga continued, "for many families the estate tax savings are not as large — if they have smaller operations. In fact, for many families, the income tax savings of a properly prepared estate plan can be greater than the estate tax savings."

The estate planning seminars are structured to help people learn how to lower their tax burden and ease administrative burdens that affect passing their estates on to their loved ones. In addition to discussing estate planning systems, tax savings possibilities will be explored from corporations,

partnerships and trust when family members are involved in the business. Making gifts to avoid estate taxes will be another topic to be discussed.

Participants must pay a \$100 registration fee. For more information, call Sharon at (979) 845-2226 or e-mail s-wehring@tamu.edu.

Texas milk production up

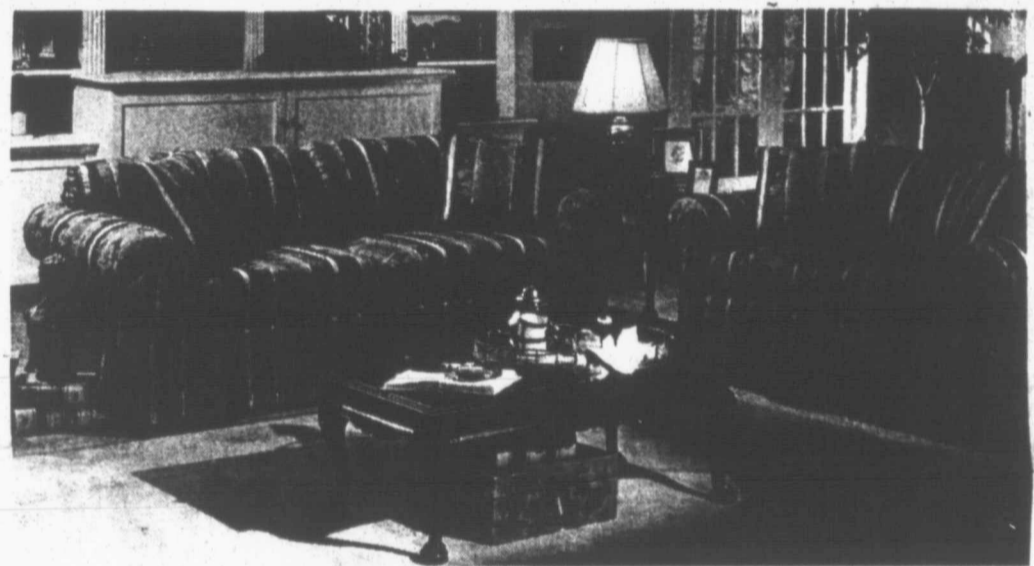
AUSTIN — Texas milk production totaled 456 million pounds during December, up 6 percent from last year's production of 429 million pounds. November 2002 production totaled 417 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during December averaged 311,000 head, up 1,000 head from last year and 2,000 from November 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,465 pounds during December, up 6 percent from last year and 9 percent from the 1,350 pounds during November 2002.

Milk production in the 20 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from production in these same states in December 2001. November revised production, at 11.7 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from November 2001. Production per cow during December averaged 1,567 pounds, 18 pounds above a year ago.

The average number of milk cows in the 20 states was 7.80 million head, 47,000 head more than last year and 6,000 head more than November 2002.

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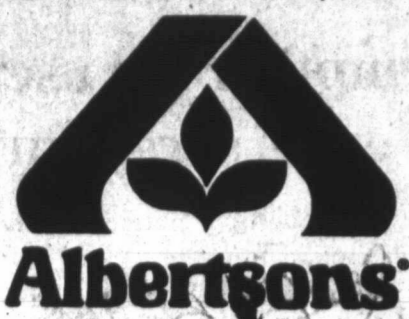
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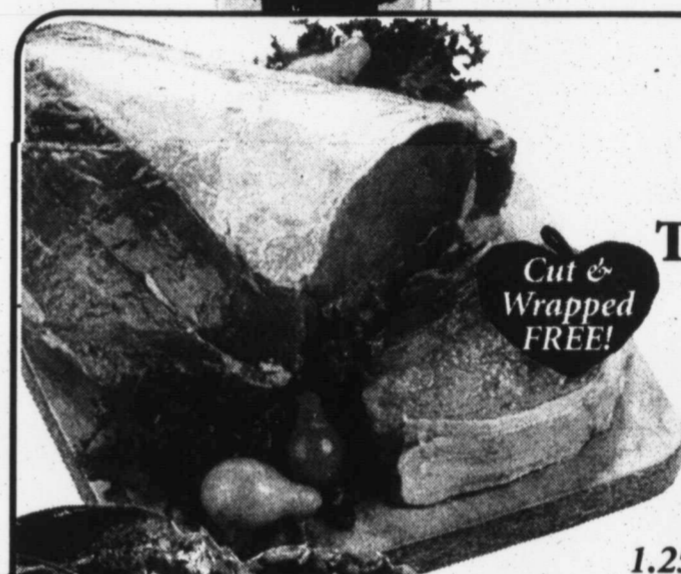
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MEDICAL

UT researchers developing new procedures to make bone-marrow transplants safer

DALLAS — Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are helping develop new procedures that may reduce infections and diseases resulting from bone-marrow transplants.

The work by Dr. Ellen Vitetta, director of the Cancer Immunobiology Center, and Dr. Robert Collins, director of the UT Southwestern Hematopoietic Cell Transplant Program, is part of research at UT Southwestern designed to identify the problem cells in a bone-marrow transplant and eliminate them before the transplant is carried out.

The latest findings will appear in a recent issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences and online at the journal's web site.

In a bone-marrow transplant, the patient is treated with very high doses of chemotherapy, with or without radiation, to destroy cancer cells. This process also destroys the bone marrow, which is replaced with healthy marrow cells obtained either from the patient beforehand (autologous) or from a healthy donor (allogenic). Once transplanted, the donated bone-marrow cells multiply and repopulate the patient's blood cells.

Allogenic stem cell transplants are preferred for many hematologic malignancies or inherited disorders. But while this type of transplant often has an anti-leukemic effect,

the risk is graft-versus-host disease (GVHD), where the donated immune system (the graft) begins to attack the recipient's body (the host).

If the graft T cells (lymphocytes) are depleted prior to transplant, GVHD is eliminated. However, there is no anti-leukemic effect, and the patients are at-risk for infection.

"Graft-versus-host disease — when T cells are not eliminated and infections when they are — causes significant morbidity and mortality in patients," said Vitetta, the study's senior author.

To combat this problem, Vitetta and Collins are developing and refining an in-vitro procedure to activate the donor T cells responsible for causing GVHD. These activated T cells are then eliminated with an immunotoxin against the cellular activation marker, CD25. This removes the cells responsible for GVHD, but spares cells responsible for the anti-leukemic activity and for fighting infections.

Immunotoxins are drugs created by linking an antibody to a portion of bacterial or plant toxin to destroy cells expressing the molecule to which the antibody binds.

"One of the major goals — the Holy Grail of bone-marrow transplantation — is to separate graft-versus-host disease from graft-versus-leukemia, and we're still not sure it can be done. But, what we've seen

so far is very encouraging. If this approach proves successful, it would make transplants a lot safer and more widely utilized," said Collins.

In a recent clinical study in France, Vitetta's group showed the incidence of GVHD was greatly reduced in patients who were infused with the treated cells.

"What came out of the French trial is that this procedure is the way to go," Vitetta said. "Now, we're trying to refine our work and see how broadly it can be applied."

A study by Collins will open soon at UT Southwestern involving both related and unrelated bone-marrow transplant recipients. Instead of getting a full complement of T cells from the donor, he said, patients will receive T cells that have been selectively depleted of the allo-reactive T cells that researchers believe cause graft-versus-host disease.

In addition to this work, Vitetta and Collins are investigating whether T cells that cause GVHD can be distinguished from T cells with anti-leukemia activity. This is accomplished by generating clones of the two types of receptors and sequencing them.

Their in-vitro research, featured in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences article, has shown there are separate donor T cells that respond to the patient's normal cells and leukemia cells.

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Lean economic times may be beneficial to health, study says

By JUSTIN POPE
AP BUSINESS WRITER

BOSTON (AP) — The sickly economy may have a silver lining: Research shows tough times are good for your health.

In a paper published by the National Bureau of Economic Research in Cambridge, Mass., economist Christopher J. Ruhm concluded that when jobs are scarce, both unemployed workers and those who keep their jobs (but perhaps with less work to do) behave in a healthier manner.

They're more likely to exercise, less likely to pig out at restaurants or skip doctors' appointments, he concluded. Also, it's the heaviest smokers and most obese who change their behavior during a slump.

Ruhm's idea flies in the face of conventional wisdom, including work by Johns Hopkins University researcher M. Harvey Brenner, who suggested the downturns of the early 1970s and 1980s harmed health.

But Ruhm, a researcher at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, worked with data from 1972 to 2000 and said his numbers suggest the reverse of Brenner's conclusions, with two big caveats.

First, he readily admits mental health does not necessarily fit the same pattern. And the emphasis of the study is "temporary" economic downturns. In the long run, he says, economic growth is indisputably good for health.

"My strong belief is that moving from Bangladesh to the United States is very good for your health," he said. "There's no question about that."

But long-term growth comes from technology, and technology doesn't develop at a regular pace.

In the short term, technology may not improve productivity fast enough, so people make up the difference by working longer, more stress-

ful hours. When work is more pressing, and even more rewarding, there's an increase in the "opportunity cost" of doing anything else — including exercising, seeing a doctor and taking the time to cook a healthy meal.

Admittedly, the data show small changes, Ruhm said. He concluded an increase of 1 percent in a state unemployment rate reduces smoking, obesity and physical inactivity rates by 0.6 percent, 0.3 percent and 1.8 percent.

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by Otoniel Huertas, M.D.
Obstetrics & Gynecology

A TINGE OF CONCERN

Most newborns develop some degree of jaundice, a yellowish tinge to the skin and whites of the eyes. In nearly all cases, it is harmless if appropriately diagnosed and treated. The most common kind, physiologic (low-risk), appears by the third or fourth day and subsides within a week or two. It occurs when a newborn's immature liver cannot process all the bilirubin (the pigment formed when red blood cells break down). Less common, pathologic (high-risk) jaundice results when excess bilirubin is generated. This usually occurs when a mother and child have different blood types and the mother produces antibodies that break down the fetus' blood cells, triggering a sudden release of bilirubin.

To minimize risk to your baby, it is important to see your doctor as soon as you think you are pregnant and to continue with routine prenatal visits as advised for the duration of your pregnancy. That's the best way to ensure your health and get your new baby off to the best possible start. To schedule your next OB/GYN visit, phone my office at 806-273-7771. We are located at 106 S. Bryan, Borger. New patients are welcome.

P.S. Pathologic jaundice typically shows up within a day or two of birth.

Study recommends ephedra regs since linked to deaths

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ephedra, an herb found in weight-loss and bodybuilding supplements, is unsafe even when taken in recommended doses and should be restricted, according to doctors who studied reports of bad reactions to the herb.

U.S. poison control centers reported 1,178 adverse reactions to ephedra dietary supplements in 2001, said the study, which was to be posted on the Annals of Internal

Medicine's Web site Tuesday and published in the journal next month.

Ephedra accounted for 64 percent of all adverse reactions involving herbs, even though it is found in fewer than 1 percent of all herbal products sold.

"It comes down to a risk-benefit ratio," said one of the report's authors, Dr. Stephen Bent of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center. "The benefits for

ephedra are not at all well established. It is a minimal benefit that goes away when you stop using the product. And the risks are really substantial."

The study, based on data collected by the American Association of Poison Control Centers, is just the latest to question ephedra's safety.

The Food and Drug Administration has reports of nearly 100 deaths of people who had taken the herb, a stimulant that can quicken a person's heart rate and cause their blood vessels to constrict.

The American Medical Association has also advised people not to use ephedra, which has been banned by the International Olympic Committee, the National Football League and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The Bush administration ordered a review of ephedra's safety in June.

Wes Seigner, a lawyer for the Ephedra Education Council, a group funded by the supplement industry, insisted the herb can be used safely.

He noted that the study compared ephedra only to other herbs, including such mild agents as ginseng and St. John's wort, and not to medications used by people trying to lose weight.

The study also didn't explore the seriousness of the reactions reported to poison centers, Seigner said. Some of the reported side effects could be as benign as a headache, he said.

Seigner said that while the industry generally agrees that ephedra supplements should come with a mandatory warn-

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Plans under way for health fair

Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo will be coming to town during the upcoming 2003 Community Health Fair sponsored by Celanese-Pampa Plant and Pampa Regional Medical Center. The health fair will be conducted from 1-6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 27, at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

The theme of this year's fair is "Special Care for Special People." Activities will include a free Coffee Memorial Blood Center blood drive; cholesterol (fasting not necessary), blood sugar, blood oxygen, blood pressure/pulse, height/weight and glaucoma screenings; giveaways; and door prizes.

The event is free and open to the public. All are urged to attend — it's a matter of health.

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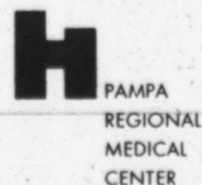


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SPORTS

Lady Pacers are victorious

PLAINVIEW — The Pampa Academy Lady Pacers finished the regular season recently with a 45-33 win over Plainview Lady Eagles. The Lady Pacers have a 13-6 record for the season.

Pampa trailed Plainview by three at the end of the first quarter, but outstanding defense in the second quarter limited the Lady Eagles to only four points. Pampa led by five at halftime.

The Lady Pacers were cold from the floor in the third quarter, allowing Plainview to narrow the gap. However, six points from Kellie Mullican and 70 percent free throwing shooting from Shay Chapman and Kendra Raber in the fourth quarter gave the Lady Pacers a 12-point lead at the final buzzer.

Raber finished the game with 22 points, followed by Mullican 11, Chapman 10 and Tabitha Epperson 2.

The Lady Pacers are entered in post-season basketball play in Lubbock.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's James Silva (55) gets two points against Randall in a District 3-4A basketball game Friday night.

Pampa wins clash with Randall

RANDALL — Some accurate long-distance shooting helped Pampa claim sole possession of second place in the District 3-4A standings with a 50-44 win over Randall Friday night.

The two teams were tied for second at 7-3 going into the district showdown. A win Tuesday night over Plainview would secure the No. 2 seed for Pampa going into the playoffs.

Jed Martin, Pampa's junior guard, had the hot hand against Randall, hitting four 3-point goals and finishing with a team-high 13 points.

Ryan Zemanek tossed in

three 3-pointers and totaled 11 points.

Randall was up by six when Pampa went on a second-quarter scoring surge that turned things around. During that stretch, Pampa went on a 15-point run to gain a nine-point advantage, 25-16. Zemanek hit a pair of 3-pointers, while Martin and Collin Bowers had one each to help give the Harvesters a lead they would never relinquish.

Pampa led by seven (27-20) at the half and was out in front by four (31-27) after three quarters. The Raiders, desperate to regain the lead,

hit only 7 of 20 field goal attempts in the fourth quarter. Pampa was 5 of 9 from the floor and 6 of 12 from the foul line in the last eight minutes.

Randall got within three points early in the fourth quarter, but Pampa went on another of those 3-point runs to pull further ahead. Clayton Hall and Martin each canned 3-point goals, while Chance Bowers added a pair of buckets to give Pampa an 11-point bulge with time running out.

Pampa won out the boards 33-23 as James Silva and Max Simon pulled down

eight rebounds apiece.

Pampa 50, Randall 44

Pampa 10 27 31 50

Randall 11 20 27 44

Pampa - Jed Martin 13, Ryan Zemanek 11, Chance Bowers 7, Clayton Hall 5, Max Simon 5, Collin Bowers 5, James Silva 4; **Three-point goals:** Martin 4, Zemanek 3, Collin Bowers 1, Hall 1.

Randall - Kendall Webb 21, Jason Pirnie 7, Josh Welch 6, Jared Krieger 3, Blake Arp 3, Brandon Jones 3, Chris York 1; **Three-point goals:** Webb 3, Krieger 1, York 1, Arp 1, Pirnie 1.

Furyk edges atop crowded field at Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Taking the second-round lead at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am was a thrill for Jim Furyk, though it didn't really compare to the thrill of playing with one of his boyhood idols.

Furyk birdied his final three holes for a 6-under-par 66 Friday, moving one stroke atop a crowded leaderboard while teaming up with former Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Lynn Swann.

First-round leader Kevin Sutherland was among five players sitting one stroke back, with Davis Love III and five-time Pebble Beach champion Mark O'Meara two strokes off the pace.

An impressive round at Poppy Hills was nothing for Furyk compared to his trip behind the Steel Curtain this weekend. Furyk grew up in Pennsylvania as a huge Steelers fan, and he still holds season tickets in Pittsburgh.

Many pros are quietly annoyed by the pro-am format and the resulting six-hour rounds at Pebble Beach, but Furyk arranged his pairing with Swann several months ago. He resisted the urge to reminisce about Super Bowl triumphs with the Hall of Famer, however.

"I wanted to be his partner if he was going to play," said Furyk, who was at 7-under 137 after two rounds. "I figure on my days off, I don't want to talk about golf, so I haven't quizzed him too much. I could probably bore him to death for hours."

Scores are fairly high through the first two rounds, thanks largely to the gorgeous weather that has confounded most pros' usual approach to the Monterey Peninsula's three normally soggy courses.

An intermittent wind kicked up Friday, particularly for the golfers playing Spyglass Hill, but the firm, dry fairways and greens forced big adjustments for every competitor.

"It's just been different," said Furyk, who matched Tim Clark for the best round of the day. "I've never seen the golf courses this way in a lot of years playing here."

"I never realized how much

slope there is on some of these greens. I've played here a lot when the greens were very wet, and they're usually slow. Not this year."

Tiger Woods isn't scheduled to return from knee surgery until next week when he plays at the Buick Invitational in San Diego, but there's no shortage of competition at the pro-am. Paul Stankowski, Tim Herron, Rod Pampling and Tom Lehman joined Sutherland at 6 under.

Robert Gamez, who led at the turn Friday, had four bogeys and a double-bogey on the back nine at Pebble Beach to plummet seven strokes off the pace.

Furyk's closest competitors aren't big names, with 11 combined victories among the five.

Pampling, an Australian who was a PGA Tour rookie last season, is best known for taking the lead after the first round of the 1999 British Open — and then missing the cut, following his opening 71 with an 86 at Carnoustie, Scotland.

"Whenever there's wind around these courses, it's always going to be hard to pick them," Pampling said. "The hard thing was that it was coming up and then dying

down. It wasn't a consistent direction."

O'Meara eagled No. 2 at Pebble Beach and closed with three birdies in his final five holes, but it's never a surprise to see O'Meara among the leaders at the tournament he has won five times since 1985.

The Prince of Pebble Beach actually enjoyed playing without the huge galleries that inevitably follow Woods, his friend, neighbor and frequent playing partner in this tournament.

Woods is home in Orlando preparing for his return to the PGA Tour, but he's following the happenings at Pebble Beach, where he missed the field for the first time since 1996.

While O'Meara was at the famous Tap Room with a couple of Irish friends on Thursday night, he sent a text phone message to Woods, joking about Phil Mickelson's recent comments about Woods' Nike equipment. O'Meara got an immediate reply.

"It said, 'Six birdies, 1 under par ...'" O'Meara said, recalling his unsatisfying Thursday round. "I can't tell you what he put under that."

Dunbar coach matches mark

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Fort Worth Dunbar coach Robert Hughes won his 1,274th game Friday night, matching the most wins by a high school basketball coach.

Morgan Wootten, who retired in November after 46 years at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md., had a 1,274-192 record. Wootten, 71, two years ago became only the third prep coach inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Hughes, who began coaching in 1958, has a 1,274-248 record.

Dunbar (29-1), the top-ranked Class 4A team in Texas, posted a 81-39 win over Fort Worth North Side (1-26) for the record-tying win. Hughes has never lost to North Side, including a 95-24 win on Jan. 14.

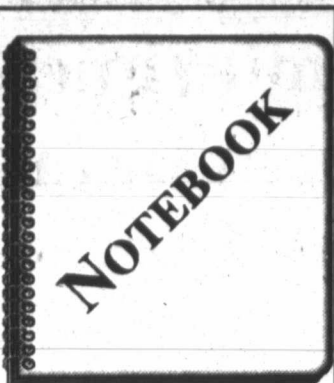
Hughes will get a chance to surpass Wootten on Tuesday night when Dunbar plays its regular season finale against Fort Worth Polytechnic. That game has been moved to the TCU campus to accommodate a larger crowd.

As of now, Hughes, 74, has no immediate plans for retirement. He said he will coach another season, and will return even if Dunbar wins the state championship this season.

Arizona rallies to beat Baylor

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Joe Little allowed four runs and threw one strike-out in six innings as Arizona overcame an early deficit to beat Baylor 7-4 on Friday.

Baylor led 4-3 through the fourth inning, but Arizona scored three times in the bottom of the fifth, then added another run in the sixth to take the win.



SOFTBALL

PAMPA — An organizational meeting for all coaches in the Pampa Optimist girls' softball program will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Optimist Club.

Persons interested in coaching a team this year are urged to be at the meeting.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis gave final approval Friday to a rule that will allow two private schools to participate in the University Interscholastic League in Class 5A.

Under the decision, Dallas Jesuit and Strake Jesuit of Houston can apply for membership for the 2003-04 school year for all activities except varsity football, which would start in the 2004-05 school year.

Until now, only public and charter schools were allowed membership in UIL.

UIL officials acknowledged that they supported the changes in part because of a federal lawsuit filed by Dallas Jesuit and legislative attempts to knock down the public school barrier.

The rule Alanis approved keeps private school membership in UIL to a minimum.

To qualify, a private school must be accredited by the Texas Private School Association, must not qualify for membership in any organization similar to the UIL, such as the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools, and must meet the UIL's definition of a high school.

Also, a school could not have had its participation in another league revoked or suspended because of a rules violation.

Currently, only Dallas Jesuit and Strake Jesuit fit those criteria, UIL officials said.

The private schools will have to adhere to the UIL's athletic eligibility standards.

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PSHOF award winners



Two of the award winners at this year's Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame ceremony in Amarillo were Pampa tennis coach Carolyn Quarles and Texas Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers. Coach Quarles, a Pampa native, received the Tennis Coach of the Year award for the third time. Myers, a Borger native was presented with The Dick Risenhoover award. Both Quarles and Myers attended Texas Tech on athletic scholarships.

Reorganization key in USOC Olympic crisis

CHICAGO (AP) — Discarding presidents and chief executive officers like outdated clothes certainly hasn't solved the U.S. Olympic Committee's crisis.

The group has gone through four presidents and CEOs since 2000 alone, with the executive committee set to begin the search for another president at a meeting here this weekend.

Yet the turmoil continues almost uninterrupted, alarming even Congress with its frequent scandals.

"You can't just put a Band-Aid on a thing that keeps festering," Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, one of five senators investigating the USOC, said Friday. "It's important we get this figured out. We're doing a disservice to the people who really believe in the Olympic movement."

The latest crisis began with chief executive officer Lloyd Ward. First there was a dustup over his membership at Augusta National, then he was accused of trying to steer Olympic business to his brother's company.

The executive committee gave him a mild reprimand Jan. 13, prompting five USOC members to quit in protest.

Some colleagues blamed president Marty Mankamyer, claiming she was working behind the scenes to oust Ward in hopes of gaining more power. Mankamyer resigned Tuesday, and some — including Campbell — think Ward should, too.

Mankamyer still has her supporters, and Campbell is worried Ward's presence will be a distraction to any reorganization efforts.

"It's like a boil: It has to be taken care of before it can heal," he said. "I just don't see how it can heal with some of the players involved."

Some in Congress also remain concerned about Ward's membership at all-male Augusta, Campbell added.

"There are some of us who feel so strongly

about his involvement (in Augusta), I think the Olympic Committee will find a lot fewer friends in Congress, I will put it that way," he said.

But one major Olympic sponsor said the USOC needs to forget about personalities and politics and focus on reorganization.

"The process is going to cause much of the leadership to leave anyway. So I'm not looking at the personalities so much anymore," David D'Alessandro, chairman and CEO of John Hancock Financial Services, told USA Today.

Any restructuring will likely begin with the USOC's size. The USOC has a 123-member board of directors as well as a 21-person executive committee.

That's a huge group of people to consult on major decisions, and maintaining it isn't cheap.

In fact, Forbes magazine warned recently that the USOC's overhead is too high and it doesn't spend enough money on its programs.

"I'm optimistic that we'll come out of this with a much-improved USOC," vice president Paul George said. "I think we will have the collective will to make significant changes."

They'd better — or Congress will step in and do it for them. Under the 1978 legislation that created the USOC, Congress does have the authority to revoke the committee's charter.

Campbell doesn't want to see it go that far, but he would like a yearly report to Congress that includes an independent audit of the USOC's books.

The Senate Commerce Committee has a second hearing scheduled Thursday and asked for suggestions on how to fix the USOC's operating structure. Campbell also wants to compare the USOC's workings with that of the charities shown to be the most effective by the Forbes survey.

Blake gives USA 1-1 tie in Davis Cup

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — James Blake did just what he was supposed to do as the lone veteran on the U.S. Davis Cup team.

Blake beat Mario Ancic 6-1, 6-2, 7-6 (5) Friday to lift the United States into a 1-1 tie with Croatia in the first round.

Ivan Ljubicic had given Croatia the early lead in the best-of-five series by serving 30 aces to defeat Mardy Fish 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 on the quick indoor court.

With Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi skipping Davis Cup and Andy Roddick out with a wrist injury, the 23-year-old Blake is the only experienced member of the American squad.

And his first Davis Cup match came just 15 months ago.

Still, with an 8-1 career record in the competition (5-1 in singles), Blake had a mental edge against the 18-year-old Ancic.

"In my first Davis Cup, my stomach was churning," Blake said.

"I probably know a little bit what was going through Ancic's mind and I wanted to capitalize. Once I got my confidence I got energized and played about as well as I could there for a while in the second set."

The Americans have won the Davis Cup a record 31 times, but their last title came in 1995. They can take a 2-1 lead Saturday by winning the doubles, in which Blake and Fish will take on 2001 Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic and Ljubicic.

Ivanisevic, who had left shoulder surgery in May, isn't sure how much pain he'll be in.

At Sydney, Australia's doubles combination of Lleyton Hewitt and Todd Woodbridge beat Britain's Arvind Parmar and Miles Maclagan 6-1, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 Saturday to complete a 3-0 sweep in a world group Davis Cup match.

Australia advances to face the winner of the Sweden-Brazil match in the quarterfi-

nals. Britain will take part in a playoff to determine whether it will remain in the world group for 2004.

On Friday, Hewitt beat British left-hander Alex Bogdanovic 7-5, 6-1, 6-2 while Mark Philippoussis defeated Alan Mackin 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. Britain is playing without the injured Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski.

Ljubicic's string of brilliant serves demoralized Fish, who was making his Davis Cup singles debut. The Croatian ended the match with an ace.

"I've never played anybody with a serve like that," said Fish, who had 11 aces. His only previous Davis Cup match was in doubles.

"I had no answer for his serve, and that doesn't happen very often, because one of the best parts of my game is my return," Fish added.

Ljubicic improved his Davis Cup record to 15-10. He overcame 16 double faults, including two in the final game.

Wadkins leads Florida tourney

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Bobby Wadkins is playing too well to let back spasms slow him down in the Royal Caribbean Classic.

Bothered by painful spasms after birdieing the 12th hole, Wadkins shot a 6-under-par 66 on Friday to take a two-stroke lead over Ireland's Christy O'Connor Jr.

"If I can stay in the lead, I can have six things in my back," said Wadkins, the 2001 Long Island Classic winner.

McGrady will try again to make M.J. a starter in all-star contest

ATLANTA (AP) — Tracy McGrady's consistency is reflected in his NBA-best 30.4 scoring average. He can be persistent, too, especially when it comes to honoring Michael Jordan.

McGrady will try for a second time to give his starting spot in today's NBA All-Star game to Jordan, who'll be making his 14th and final appearance.

"He opened a lot of doors for guys like myself and other guys. It's all about respect and 'Thank you,'" McGrady said Friday.

Jordan has already said no thanks to McGrady and Allen Iverson when they offered to give their spots in the Eastern Conference starting lineup. McGrady planned to take another shot at persuading Jordan before Sunday night's tipoff.

"I hope he does, I think it will be great, not only for myself but for the fans as well and for the game," McGrady said. "We are going to do something and try to convince him as a team. That's all we can do and if he doesn't take it, we tried."

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"The goal is to get rid of the T cells that cause damage and save the beneficial ones," Vitetta said. "Even though we're in the early days, both in the clinical trials and in the laboratory research, this is very encouraging."

"Importantly, it would really be the first time something like this has been done entirely in-house, without companies. We make the immunotoxin, do all the preclinical studies, file and get an IND (Investigational New Drug Application) with the FDA, and do the clinical study, all on-site. We are hoping this will be a flagship for future efforts in this and related areas."

Because a variety of disorders are treated with bone-marrow transplants, the use of immunotoxins to eliminate harmful cells prior to the transplant could have a significant impact in increasing transplant success rates and reducing hospital time.

Bone-marrow transplants can benefit patients with several types of cancers, including leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma or aplastic anemia. Occasionally, those with certain genetic diseases of the blood (such as thalassemia, sickle-cell disease and severe combined immunodeficiency)

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"If you can eliminate graft-versus-host disease but retain or even enhance the other beneficial effects of T cells, this could be applied to a variety of malignancies that are sensitive to donor T cells," Collins said. "It could be utilized in patients who have greater degrees of mismatch and in older patients. If this works out and makes transplants a lot safer, then I know we're going to be doing a lot more transplants."

Vitetta hopes to see the procedure expanded into different areas, such as the treatment of breast, prostate and other cancers.

"I'd like to see this apply to all transplants and become standard-operating

procedure," she said. "This could establish a new paradigm."

The research was partially supported by a grant from the Leukemia Association of North Central Texas.

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EPHEDRA

ing label and shouldn't be marketed to children, banning them would be to ignore a potential treatment for obesity.

Ephedra, also known by its Chinese name, Ma huang, was once widely used in the United States as a decongestant and asthma treatment. Doctors stopped prescribing it in the 1930s in favor of safer medications.

Now it shows up most in "performance enhancing" dietary supplements marketed to athletes.

An Alabama jury last year ordered supplement maker Metabolife International to pay \$4.1 million to four people who suffered strokes or heart attacks after taking an ephedra-based appetite suppressant. And the families of a dead 28-year-old body-builder in Las Vegas and a dead 27-year-old Marine Corps officer in Florida sued supplement-maker Twin Laboratories Inc. blaming the deaths on an ephedra supplement called "Ripped Fuel."

UNT exhibit explores culture misperceptions

BY JANET KUTNER
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

DENTON, Texas — "Misunderstandings are essential all of human knowledge is based on them," says Wenda Gu, an internationally renowned artist who divides his time between his native China and New York City. His first Texas exhibition, titled "From Middle Kingdom to Biological Millennium" and on view at the University of North Texas Art Gallery, speaks in universal terms of change and of art's potential as a healing force.

Six poetic installations, including a spectacular "temple" designed for the UNT Art Building's soaring, three-story atrium, points to misconceptions between East and West. The exhibit is on view through Feb. 25 at the University of North Texas Art Gallery.

The temple is made from the unlikely material of human hair, and its title, "United 7561 Kilometers (4,698 Miles)," refers to the length of hair used to create it. The piece is part of a global art project Mr. Gu started in 1993, which he calls "United Nations."

"More than 1 million people have contributed their hair to my project," the 47-year-old artist said while in Denton, explaining that the "United Nations" designation has nothing to do with the international organization.

Rather it reflects his own efforts to bring people from disparate cultures together, symbolically represented by rubber stamps bearing the names of all 191 countries now in existence, which anchor two floor-to-ceiling curtains fashioned from braids.

The curtains frame a transparent column formed from loose locks of hair held in place by fragile layers of Elmer's glue, which glisten like thin sheets of melting ice. Relationships are that tenuous, the work suggests.

The idea that everything loses something in translation is conveyed by the fact that the names of the countries are printed backward and thus are hard to read. That concept is couched in more subtle, albeit more complex terms in a room-size installation titled "Forest of Stone Steles Retranslation and Rewriting of Tang Poetry."

Contemplative in spirit, "Forest..." juxtaposes six 1 1/2-ton blocks of slate quarried from an ancient site in Xian City, China home of the famous terra-cotta army of soldiers and horses and six ink rubbings of the inscriptions carved into their surface. The iconography, a combination of Chinese characters and English words, takes a famous Tang poem through a series of translations and permutations, ending in gibberish that is none the less pleasing to the eye.

Even the toughest of Gu's works, such as glass jars containing powdered human placenta, are beautiful to look at. And conceptual pieces are rendered with such exquisite attention to craftsmanship that even the most commonplace materials are elevated to a higher plane. The latter include "Tea Alchemy," an installation tracing the transformation of green tea into delicate sheets of "rice" paper that in turn were used to make two accordion-pleated books in the classic Chinese manner.

Overall, Gu's work is an evocative blend

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HEALTH

respectively.

Such studies demonstrate the growing interest of economists in questions of whether people behave rationally when it comes to their well-being. Why, for instance, have obesity rates in the U.S. risen so sharply over the past 25 years, despite general prosperity?

But nobody has found much success understanding the relationship between the health of the economy and the health of individuals.

That's because it's virtually impossible to isolate so many causes from so many effects. Laid off workers, for

instance, may lose their insurance but may gorge on medical care just before it expires. Prosperous workers have more options for a healthier lifestyle — such as gym memberships — but also more temptations — vacations that lead to sunburn, for example.

"When people have had trouble finding a relationship or it goes counter to what they expect, part of the problem may be it's just so devilishly hard to measure," said Dr. Alan Garber, director of the Center for Health Policy at Stanford University.

WT receives approval from state board for new special education masters degree

CANYON — West Texas A&M University has received approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer a Master of Education with a major in special education.

The program offers students seeking teaching certification in special education an opportunity to earn an advanced degree in this specialized field. The curriculum will prepare graduate students for the special education classroom by exposing them to mild and severe disorders, communication skills, technology and special education laws. Course work will also prepare students for the Texas special education certification exam. The program is comprised of 12 hours of graduate core requirements and 24 hours of special education courses.

"This program opens the door and allows us to be flexible with our graduate students," Dr. Conn Thomas, associate professor of education, said. "Anyone with a bachelor's degree with an interest in special education now has this option open to them."

Special education is a high need area for Texas schools and professional educators predict that the shortage of special education teachers will only increase in the coming years. The WTAMU master's program with a special education major will help fill this high need area with more educators who are skilled and trained to work with special needs children.

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Katherine Cook

Katherine Mae Cook was recently inducted into the Kappa Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at South Plains College in Lubbock.

Cook, majoring in computer information systems, is the daughter of Dale and Rebecca Greenhouse and Johnnie and Brenda Cook, all of Pampa. She is the granddaughter of John and Adney Parker of Pampa.

Established in 1918 by two-year college presidents, Phi Theta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious honor society serving two-year colleges around the world. The Society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service programming.

Students must rank in the top 20 percent of the class to be invited to membership in Phi Theta Kappa and must maintain high academic standing during their enrollment in the two-year college.

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.5 million members and 1100 chapters located in 50 United States, United States territories, Canada, Germany and Japan.

In 1929, the American Association of Community Colleges recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the official honor society for two-year colleges. The Society holds membership in the prestigious Association of College Honor Societies as the general scholarship honor society representing two-year colleges.

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University awarded approximately 1,500 degrees at the conclusion of the 2002 fall semester. Commencement exercises were held at the university.

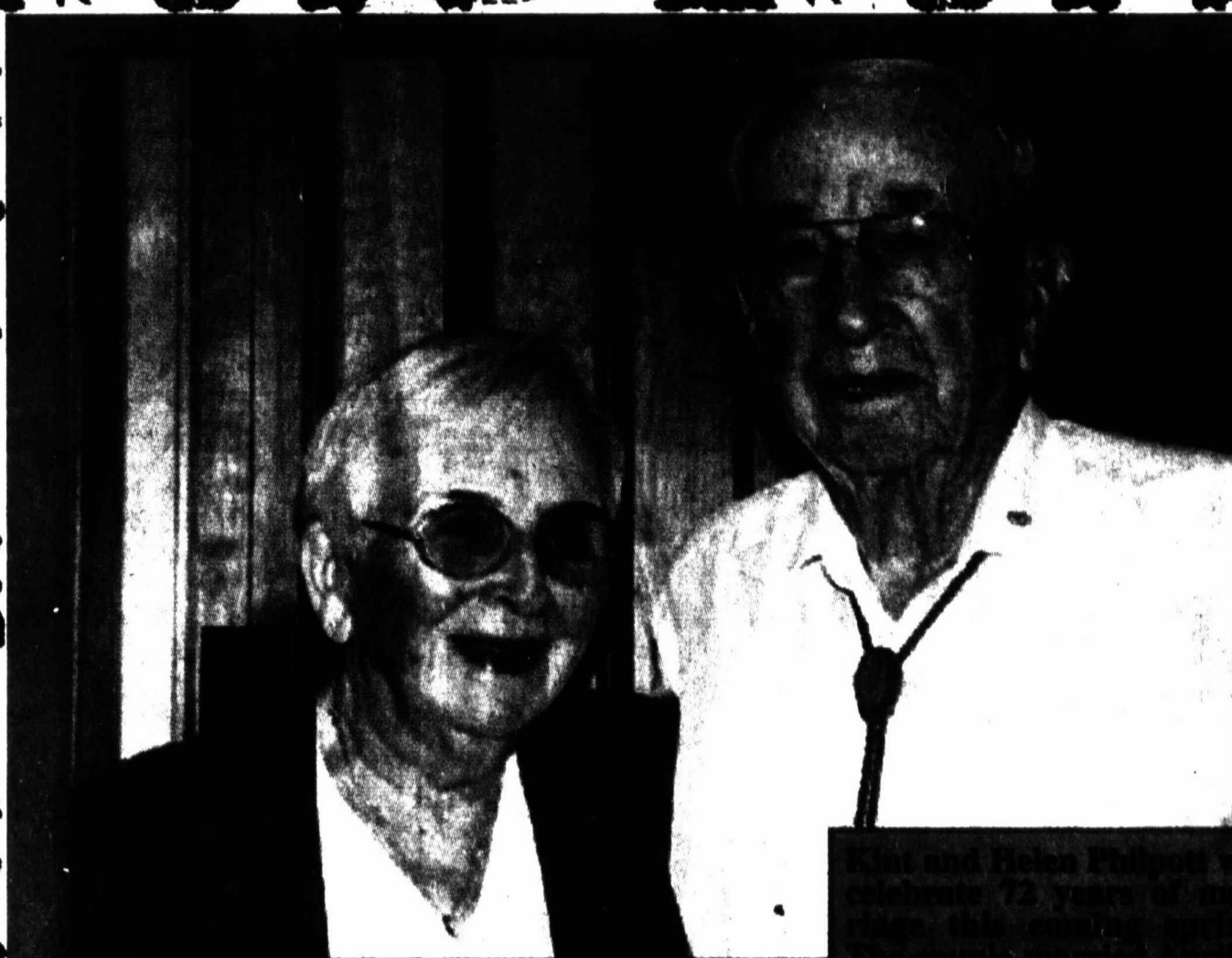
Students receiving diplomas included: **George Rudolph Herrmann**, master of science degree; **Robert Chad Hogan**, bachelor of science degree (BS); **Nonnie Rhea James**, BS; **Kamnani**, BS; and **Victoria Anne Street**, BS, all of Pampa.

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University recently announced students named to its President's and Dean's lists for the 2002 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include: **Cali Vaughn Covalt**, **Abigail Leigh Horn**, **Samantha Jean Jasso**, **Lindsay Michele Langford**, **Aaron Joseph McKean**, **Jessica Beth Morrison**, **Jared Weston Spearman** and **Christopher Sean Stowers**, all of Pampa.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5-3.9 GPA while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include: **Stacie Brooke Carter**, **Jamie Christine Clay**, **Megan Elizabeth Coutts**, **Ashley Kate Derington**, **Nicholas Wayne Dyer**, **Mark Wayne Ford, III**, **Samantha Ashley Ford**, **Dillon Ross Hill**, **Karen J. Kirkwood**, **Collin Lyn Lewis**, **Nicholas Trevor McKean**, **Ashleigh Beth McWilliams**, **Lizette Anita Navarrete**, **Michael Olon Plunk**, **Amanda Michelle Rains**, **Phillip Joe Reed**, **Jonathan David Waggoner**, **Asia Gayle Wilson** and **Stephanie Alexis Zeagler**, all of Pampa.

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Kint and Helen Philpott - forever valentines

By SKYLA BRYANT
COMMUNITY EDITOR

Childhood sweethearts? High school sweethearts? Kint and Helen Philpott can't decide. They've known each other too long. They don't even know how or when their romance started only that it has lasted 70-plus years. Seventy-two, to be exact, this coming spring.

Both grew up in Miami and both still attend Miami Methodist Church. Kint, born to J.W. and Nora Philpott, is a native of Miami.

Helen was born in Clay County but moved to Miami with her parents, W.B. and Mary Walker, at an early age.

"My father was in the grain business, buying and shipping grain out of Miami," Kint Philpott recalled, examining a long ago memory predating their marriage by several years. "Her father did some wheat grazing."

"She rode to town on a load of wheat one day, weighed over the scales, got up and run off to the drug store. She didn't weigh back across the scales, so my father bought her at about a bushel and half of wheat."

"She weighed probably 90

pounds," he said. "That made her valuable at about a dollar and a half!"

Kint, who was present during the transaction unloading grain and such, said it took him about two years to pay for her.

Kint and Helen were married April 4, 1931, at Erick, Okla., at the tender ages of 18 and 16 respectively.

"They said it would never last," Helen Philpott said, eyes twinkling.

They married during the height of the Great Depression when times were extremely hard.

"We hit the 1930 Depression right on the head," Kint said. "We had a pretty rough go-around of it for about seven years. Along around 1938, things cleared up a little bit."

Helen recalls the dust storms, and that it was then she learned to turn her glasses upside down to keep them from filling up with gritty brown dirt.

They moved from Roberts to Gray County approximately 33 years ago and to Pampa 11 or 12 years after that.

They farmed and raised cattle five miles west of Laketon. Kint also sold farm implements and

was involved in the grain elevator business. They retired from farming in 1974 after 52 years.

A true helpmate, Helen often assisted her husband around the farm and was a homemaker as well. She loves butterflies and says she and her husband share a love of traveling, saying they have traveled throughout the United States since 1936.

"We have traveled in all the Continental United States — all 48 of them," Kint said, adding "the roads to Hawaii and Alaska have been a little too rough for us."

They have ceased traveling in the last several years.

They have two sons, Don Philpott and wife Barbara of Miami and Marvin Philpott and wife Shirley of Delaware, Ohio; six grandchildren; numerous step-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Helen says the secret to a successful marriage is love and compromise.

"It takes a lot of love," she said, "a lot of give and take."

Kint said it is important take time to be sure of what you are doing, to look before you leap to ensure you don't leap the wrong way or to the wrong person.



(Photo by Skyla Bryant)

Helen Philpott loves butterflies. These colorful representations decorate her house.



Kint and Helen on their 50th wedding anniversary as depicted on a commemorative plate.

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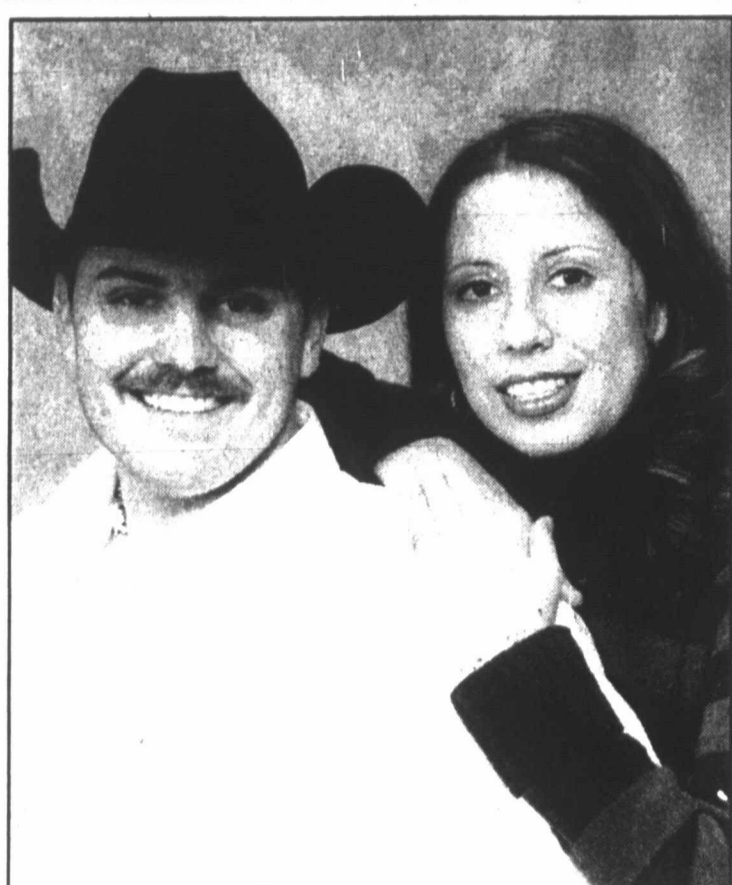
ENGAGEMENTS

Rodriguez-Albus

Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez of Waco and Anthony Ray Albus of McLean plan to wed Feb. 14 at First Baptist Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Rodriguez of San Luis, Mexico. She graduated from high school at San Luis and formerly worked in the cash office of K-Mart Super Center at Waco.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary McFall of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Albus of Pampa. He graduated from McLean High School and is currently a deputy sheriff in Canadian.



Anthony Ray Albus and Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez

MENUS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10-14

Pampa Schools MONDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
Lunch: Steak fingers or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, broccoli/cheese, applesauce, rolls.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Waffle sticks.
Lunch: Pigs-in-a-blanket or macaroni/cheese, green beans, mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits.
Lunch: Bean/cheese burritos or chef salad, corn, salad, apricot blooming cake.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast.
Lunch: Ribcuc-in-a-bun or hamburgers, French fries, vegetable beans, fresh fruit.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage.
Lunch: Egg rolls or pizza, English peas, rice pilaf, peaches.

Lefors Schools MONDAY

Breakfast: Muffins, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Ravioli or mini corn dogs, peas, salad bar, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast pock-

ets, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Roast beef or chicken nuggets, potatoes, corn, gravy, rolls, salad bar, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Pancakes, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Stew or Frito pie, cornbread, green beans, salad bar, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza or tacos, hominy, salad bar, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Sausage biscuits, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Hamburgers or chicken sandwiches, French fries, beans, salad, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken ala king/cornbread, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, devil's food cake or blueberry cream pie, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Baked chicken or ham salad, country potatoes, green beans, cream corn, beans, caramel cake or

chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, squash casserole, turnip greens, beans, party swirl cake or cheesecake, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or Spanish pork chops/rice, curly fries, fried okra, carrots, beans, French vanilla cake or butterscotch pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or burritos/chili/cheese, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, strawberry applesauce cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels MONDAY

Sloppy Joes, tater tots.

TUESDAY

Chicken pot pie, pickled beets, corn, pudding.

WEDNESDAY

Eggs/bacon casserole, hash browns, biscuits, gravy, peaches.

THURSDAY

Corn dogs, macaroni/cheese, peas/carrots, applesauce.

FRIDAY

Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, 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 self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing 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 wedding.

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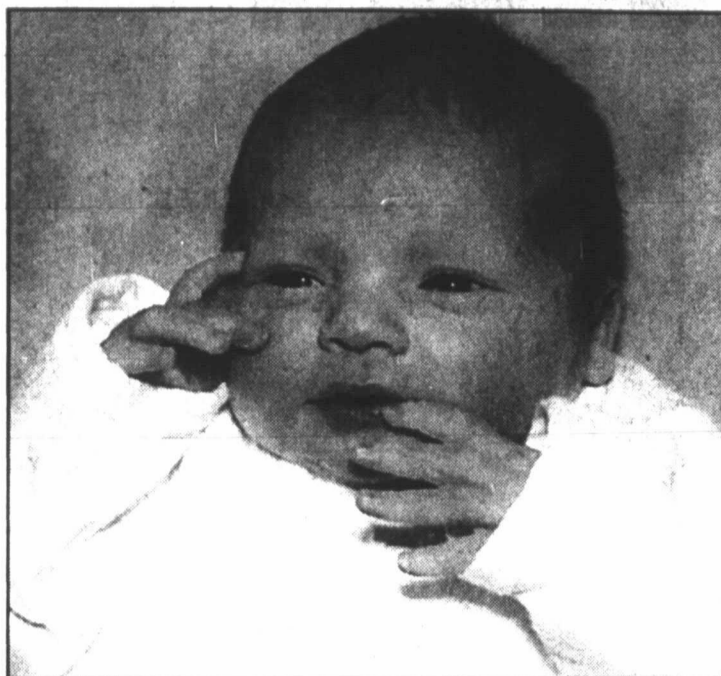
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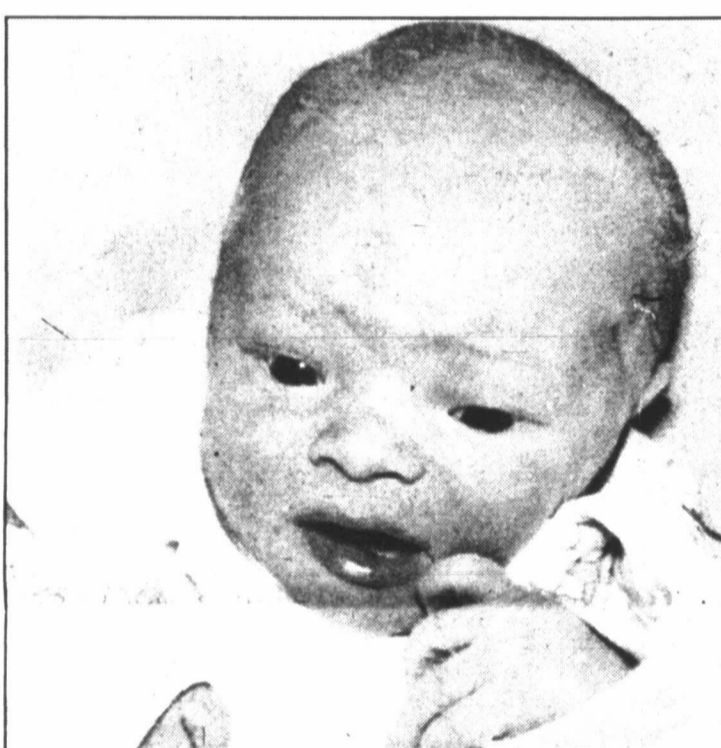
Mason Wade James

Mason James

Mason Wade James was born at 11:57 a.m., Dec. 27, 2002, at Presbyterian Hospital in Allen to Kilyn and Curtis James of Howe.

The baby weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces at birth and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Brock of Howe, is the grandson of Lonnie and Marilyn Shelton of Pampa, is the great-grandson of Gene and Ernestine Cade and Junior and Joy Shelton, all of Pampa, and is the great-great-grandson of Ollie Knotts of Pampa.



Lawrence Heath Holtman

Lawrence Holtman

Lawrence Heath Holtman was born at 2:07 a.m., Nov. 7, 2002, at Pampa Regional Medical Center to Lauren Heath Holtman and Faye Marie Bennett of Pampa.

The baby weighed 7 pounds,

7.5 ounces at birth and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Lawrence is the grandson of Lynn and Spencer Boyd and Brenda and Larry Bennett of Pampa.

CLUB NEWS

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m., (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met Jan. 23 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center with President Susie Edwards presiding.

The following business

was conducted and announcements made:

—Roll was answered with "What is a current project you are working on?"

—The Spring Seminar, to be taught by Terry Tennell April 11-12, was discussed.

—Fabric for the Quilt Challenge will be distributed at the next monthly meeting.

—Clara Ostrated how to as tulips, Jon fodils for indors.

—A work day is scheduled Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Sands Fabrics.

—The guild contributed monetary donations to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, Meals on Wheels, Tralee Crisis Center, The Salvation Army and Southside Senior Citizens Center.

—Members showing finished projects were Carol Willis, Susan Carter, Judith Lisman and Edwards.

—Kathy White delivered the program, showing her many soft-sculptured dolls and their colorful costumes.

The next meeting will be Feb. 27 with Janie Van Zandt giving to program.

PGC Pampa Garden Club met recently at the home of Mary Ann Bailey with Vice President Cynthia Mann presiding.

(See CLUB, Page 17)

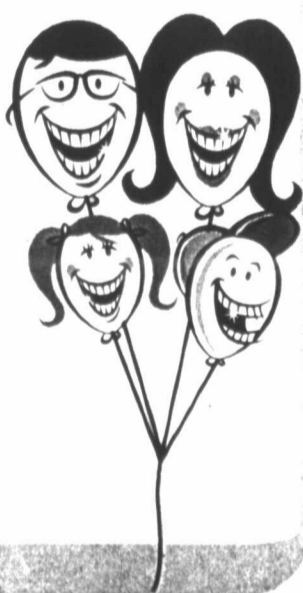
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FW&D came to Pampa in 1932

Even before the discovery of oil, Pampans had longed for a north-south railroad route to match the excellent east-west service of the Santa Fe. Organization of the citizenship



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through the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of City Development had obtained the Clinton, Oklahoma and Western in 1927-28, and local citizens began to look more intently for a connection to the south.

The Fort Worth & Denver and its parent Burlington Northern became interested in establishing a line from Childress to Pampa. Although the project was complicated by rival groups — the Rock Island and the Santa Fe — the Board of City Development and local citizens persisted in their efforts to obtain the railroad that would provide a more direct route to Central Texas and Gulf points.

On Aug. 5, 1930, the Pampa Daily NEWS "extra" announced that the Interstate Commerce Commission had granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Pampa-Childress line, with the stipulation that work should begin on or before Dec. 31, 1931, and providing that the Rock Island and Denver Northern should jointly construct and use the line between Wellington and Shamrock to prevent a duplication of expenditure.

After the Rock Island decided to default on the Quanah-Shamrock project, the ICC gave the Fort Worth & Denver (FW&D) a permit to proceed alone.

It was necessary to obtain right-of-way and to employ engineers and contractors. The laying of rails was completed on June 14, 1932, and the

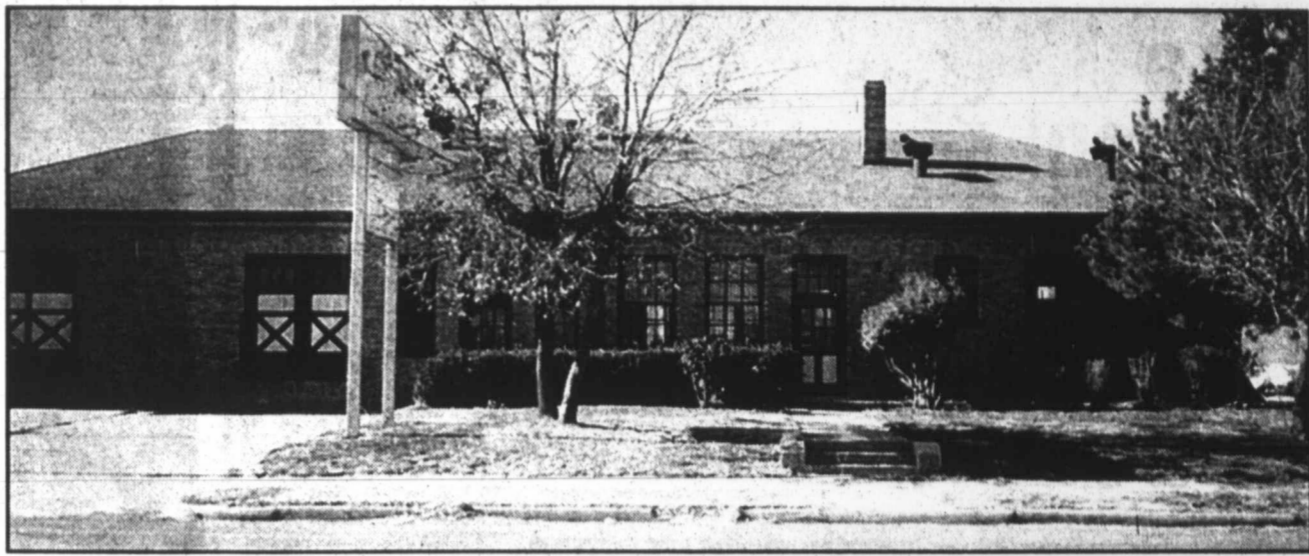
first paid freight arrived on June 27. The Fort Worth & Denver Northern was ready to celebrate the completion of the 110-mile, \$4 million railroad that was the only major railroad constructed in the United States in 1932.

Coming northward from Childress to Pampa, the railroad passed through Wellington, Shamrock and Lefors. Lesser points were Abington, Smithdale, New Loco, Lillie, Samnorwood, Denworth, Magic City, Meldavis (near Lefors), Wesco and Elfco.

At 4:30 a.m. on Friday, July 15, 1932, a number of Pampa citizens left on a special train for Childress, so that they could return to Pampa on the first passenger train from Childress to Pampa. Upon arriving at Childress at 8:15 a.m., they were served a chuck wagon breakfast.

At 9 a.m., more than 1,600 persons boarded two special trains headed for Pampa. The first train carried the delegation from Pampa; the second train carried railroad officials and state candidates including Gov. Ross Sterling, C.V. Terrell and E.O. Thompson, and there were special cars from Fort Worth and Wichita Falls.

Because of speaking programs and slow re-loading at Wellington and Shamrock, the special trains were late in arriving in Pampa where a parade had begun at 2 p.m. Bands from Wellington and Shamrock and



(Photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)

The building above, currently listed as at 514 S. Russell, was originally the Fort Worth & Denver depot, completed on Aug. 9, 1932.

the Fort Worth and Denver band from Fort Worth played for the parade.

When the special trains arrived at Pampa, the huge throng flowed through the business district and stopped east of the courthouse where Gov. Sterling and Railroad Commissioner E.O. Thompson spoke to the crowd.

After the parade "broke," invited guests went to the high school gymnasium (corner of Cuyler and Browning) where the Board of City Development hosted a barbecue served by Junior Chamber of Commerce members. The Canary Sandwich Shop barbecued Gray County beebes for the occasion.

A program broadcast by remote control over station KGRS began at the First Methodist Church at 3:15 p.m. Gov. Sterling was not able to attend because he had an engagement in Borger. The program was to welcome railroad officials and to give them an opportunity to be heard.

Ralph Budd, president of the

Burlington system, said that the railroad was built by faith in perilous times. He praised Pampa citizens for procuring the permit from ICC and in obtaining the right-of-way. He commended the contractors, pointing to the nicely chiseled cuts and symmetrical fills.

The locating engineers were praised for bringing the road up on the plains with a minimum grade. Those who had expected the new roadbed to be rough and crooked were surprised to note the smoothness with which the six coaches, pullman and baggage car moved over the shining ribbons of steel.

The Fort Worth & Denver Northern (FW&DN) had purchased land from John Hyatt for a depot and other structures necessary for its operation at Pampa. On May 10, 1932, the firm of Glover and Boyington was awarded a contract to build the railway station. The building, one of the most modern and up-to-date on the FW&DN line, was

completed and occupied by the office staff on Aug. 9.

Although the building has always been at the present location, it has been listed otherwise in city directories: 510 S. Russell in 1933, 201 W. Brown in 1947, 512 S. Russell in 1969 and 514 S. Russell in 1990.

Agents for the FW&D depot in Pampa have been U. Glen Kerss in 1932, J. Leo Southern in 1939, Delaney M. Dickey in 1940, Forrest O. Montgomery in 1954, A.C. Latham in 1960, Bobby G. Mongingo in 1962 and Charles B. Querner in 1969.

After the railroad ceased operations, the building was occupied by Magabar Drilling Mud Service from 1970 to 1975; Pampa Feed and Seed in 1985, Mc-A-Doodles screen painting in 1990 and C.J.'s Custom Screen Imprinting in 2002.

(Note: Most of this article is based on John Mead's research at Lovett Memorial Library.)

AIM High School in Odessa gives dropouts a second chance

By RAECHAL LEONE
ODESSA AMERICAN

ODESSA — When Yuvicela Madrid dropped out of Nimitz Junior High School

four years ago, she was pregnant and had resigned herself to never finishing high school. But as she watched her daughter didn't want her daughter to

think it was OK to drop out of school.

A lot of hard work and a few years later, Madrid is prepared to receive her diploma from AIM High School in May.

It's a success story a school district task force hopes to repeat with nearly 200 dropouts who have re-enrolled in school since November, said Merle Dunn of the Ector County Independent School District.

Employees of the student assistance services department knocked on doors and walked neighborhoods on a mission to track down the 177 students who dropped out of ECISD schools last school year, said Dunn, the department supervisor.

If the district had not been able to "recover" the students by finding some track to a diploma, then district high schools would have been operating at the level of a low-performing school in the Texas Education Agency's accountability ratings system, Dunn said.

But the recovery effort had as much to do with making students' lives better as it did with complying with state standards, Dunn said.

"We want to make sure

these kids are successful," Dunn said. "It's our community, and it's our future."

After the recovery effort, the district's dropout rate is about 3.3 percent, Dunn said. The standard set by the state is 5 percent. "We had to show these kids that there are options available," Dunn said.

One of the options for ECISD dropouts under the age of 21 is AIM High, which offers day or night classes for ECISD dropouts. The school is a different avenue for

dropouts who later decide to finish school, said AIM Principal Claudette Jones.

"There's no excuse for them not to finish," Jones said.

AIM offers transportation, flexible class schedules and day and night day care for students with children, Jones said.

Madrid said she wouldn't be able to finish school if it were not for the services such as day care that AIM High provides.

(See AIM, Page 26)

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CLUB

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Minutes were read by Geraldine Lovinggood.

—The Treasurer's Report was delivered by Ruth Barrett.

—Mann reviewed points on how to conduct a business meeting.

—A plant sale was scheduled for April 19 at the home of Hub and Louise Homer. Seeds, plants, bulbs and cuttings will be sold to the public as a fund-raiser.

—Plans were made for a Garden Club tour to Canadian on April 14 to hear cowgirl poet, Sarah Gill Northcutt.

—Clara Quary demonstrated how to set bulbs such as tulips, Jonquils and daffodils for early bloom indoors.

PFAA

Pampa Fine Arts Association held its annual meeting Jan. 28 at Pampa Country Club. Herb Smith entertained the gathering, playing his guitar and harmonica.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—President Linda Nowell reviewed the year's activities, introduced 2002-03 Artist of the Year Mimi Gross and introduced new officers and board members for 2003-04 as follows:

Sue Abbott, president; Joe Mullenax, vice president; Ruth Barrett, secretary; Roy Morris, treasurer; and Lilith Brainard II, Rebecca Greenhouse, Alberta Jefferies, Oddline Jones,

Bruce Rienhart, Grady Rose and Norman Stephens, all members-at-large.

—Mrs. Lewis Epps introduced Kathy Gist, Artist of the Year for 2003-04.

—President-elect Abbott and Vice President-elect Mullenax discussed future association plans.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met Feb. 4 at the home of hostess Pat Kindle with President Mimi Gross presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Madeline Gawthorp read minutes from the previous meeting.

—Plans for the annual Guest Tea and Art Exhibit May 8 were discussed.

—Members were made aware of upcoming art classes to be held by The Hobby Shop.

—Betty Fletcher reviewed the club's by-laws. A committee will be assembled with Fletcher as chairperson.

—Kathy Gist delivered a program on flower pounding. Gerald Sanders will present the next program on paper pressing.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m., Feb. 18, at Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium in Pampa with hostess Peggy Palmittier.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Resentful Worker's Full Plate Includes Cooking for the Boss

DEAR ABBY: My new boss is a nifty man who barks orders at everyone, and has a huge belly. I'll call him Ralph. Every few weeks on a whim, Ralph schedules office potlucks on company time and orders his employees to bring homemade dishes as a "team-building" exercise.

Ralph frequently reminds us that each dish *must* be homemade. As late as the day before a potluck, he'll post a sign-up sheet in the lunchroom that dictates food categories and limits. (For example, only two people may bring salads, etc.)

I e-mailed my boss asking if I could bring a high-quality store-bought item, because between working full time and my long commute, spending time in the kitchen isn't something I care to do. Ralph never bothered to answer. With great resentment, I ended up making a large tuna casserole at midnight for the potluck the next day.

Abby, are employees like me powerless in these circumstances? How can I avoid participating in the potlucks without being labeled insubordinate or getting punished? No one else in our office has spoken up, but each time that sign-up sheet is posted, the tension is so thick you could cut it with a knife.

RESENTFUL
 IN NEW YORK CITY

DEAR RESENTFUL: I don't blame you for resenting being compelled to do something outside your job description, on your own time and at your own

expense. I don't know the labor laws in New York; however, many states have labor statutes that could protect you.

Allow me to offer this food for thought: Consider another kind of "team-building" exercise with your co-workers. Confront your boss as a group and tell him how much his demands are resented by all of you. There's safety in numbers. He can't fire all of you, or there would be no "leftovers" to boss around.

DEAR ABBY: My dear husband passed away two months ago. We had been married for 26 happy years.

When people in the neighborhood or in town see me, they say, "You are doing great," or "You look wonderful," and "How are you feeling?" I know people don't know what to say at a time like this, but how should I reply?

Although my clothes are clean and my hair is combed, don't they realize I am heartbroken? Am I supposed to weep and tear my hair in public? I may look strong, but inside it's all apoplexy.

If people feel awkward, can't they just say, "I think of you often," or "I'm glad to see you"? Please tell me how to respond to these Pollyannas who think I'm just peachy.

GRIEVING PRIVATELY
 IN FLORIDA

DEAR GRIEVING: Smile at those well-intentioned folks and say, "Thank you for the compliment. Losing my darling has been traumatic, but with time I'm slowly adjusting." It's the truth, but it also conveys an accurate message.

DEAR ABBY: I am a fifth-grader. I never thought I'd be writing to you but I am, so let me get right to the point:

I am really short. Kids at school make fun of me because I'm the shortest student in my grade. I was hoping you could give me some advice about what to say when I'm called "Shorty."

ANONYMOUS GIRL
 IN NORTH DAKOTA

DEAR ANONYMOUS: People should be measured from their eyebrows up — not from top to bottom. There are many successful people who are not tall in stature. I am one of them. Tell your classmates that good things — like diamonds — come in small packages. Then change the subject.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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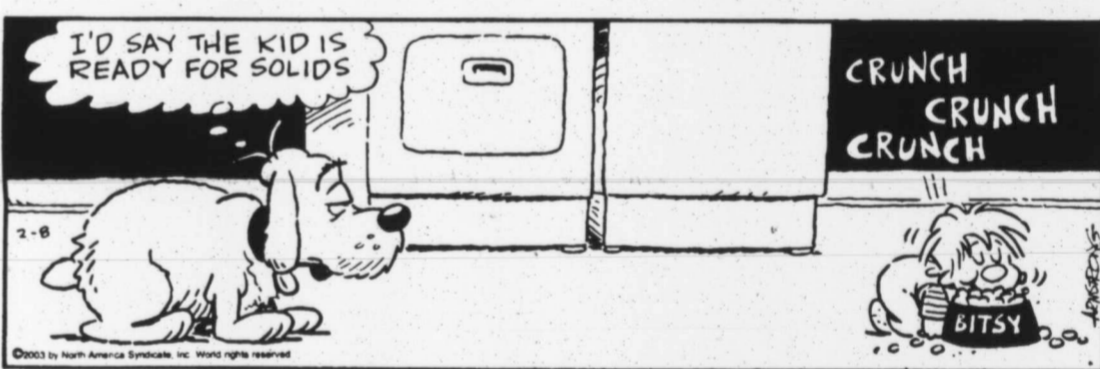
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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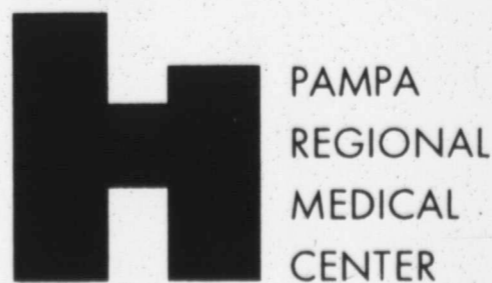
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Houston couple opens office in inner-city neighborhood

By ALAN BERNSTEIN
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

HOUSTON — It's hard to tell who benefited more when an empty office building in a ragged part of northeast Houston came alive with a lawyer's office upstairs and a doctor's office and promotional advertising business downstairs.

It wasn't just a boost for the Fifth Ward, which had a shortage of those services. It also was a family bonding experience.

Clarence Nicholas runs the promotional business. His wife, Dianne W. Nicholas, is the physician. His sister, Dorita A. Kerelegon, is the lawyer.

They grew up together in and around the nearby Frenchtown neighborhood. About 30 years ago, they went to Wheatley High School, a few blocks from their office building on Lyons Avenue.

The street, which serves as the main artery of a historic African-American neighborhood, is a mixed bag of redevelopment projects and urban blight.

Jobs and marriage took the three family members away for many years. Clarence Nicholas ran Omega Advertising

Specialty Projects from an office near Reliant Astrodome. Nicholas was part of a group medical practice near Hermann Park. Kerelegon, after stints in New York and with the Texas attorney general's office, had a law office in southwest Houston.

Then the Nicholases got the idea that business could be better, and life simpler, if they set up shop in a neighborhood they knew and where they were known.

"We just decided to come to the neighborhood to develop our roots in the inner city and redevelop the Fifth Ward," Clarence Nicholas said. "All of us collectively saw a need."

His wife moved into the building first, taking over a dormant medical office. That fulfilled her longtime vision of being one of the few doctors in a neighborhood where she had always admired the doctors who treated her as a child.

Now, three years later, there has been a business payoff.

At its previous location, the promotional advertising operation never drew much business from a telephone directory ad that costs thousands of dollars, Nicholas said. But now that it's

in the Fifth Ward, business is better because of word-of-mouth trade with nearby churches, schools and a local mortuary, he said.

As Nicholas spoke, a woman and her son came in seeking a jacket emblazoned with the name of Our Mother of Mercy Church, where the boy goes to school. Nicholas makes such products for the church, and worships there, too.

The company makes personalized computer mouse pads, license plate frames, banners and the like. The neighborhood mortuary recently ordered a slew of customized coffee mugs.

Across the street are three old houses, two of them boarded up. In collaboration with other physicians, Dr. Nicholas may augment her Lyons Neighborhood Medical Center by putting a physical rehabilitation center in one of the houses.

Meantime, many of her patients in the neighborhood appreciate the fact that they don't have to drive to the Texas Medical Center area to receive care, she said.

And as a solo practitioner, she gets to spend more time with each patient than she did in a

group practice that saw a high volume of patients.

"I have a pretty loyal group of patients and I'm more in control of the time," she said.

Kerelegon, who practices family law, was the last of the trio to agree to the move. She gave in to her relatives' urgings and the pull of familiar territory.

"It was like, 'Come on and go,'" she said.

Much of her business comes from court appointments in Fort Bend County, so she often is away from the Lyons Avenue office. Freeway construction has made it hard for Houston clients to get to the Fifth Ward to see her, she said.

But Kerelegon said she is considering revamping her practice, becoming more versatile in other areas of law to attract more business from people in the Fifth Ward area.

To the east lies the largely Hispanic Denver Harbor neighborhood, which was the source of some of her first walk-in clients when she made the move to Lyons Avenue. After one of the those clients sang her praises on a Spanish-language radio station, Spanish-speaking potential clients began calling her. But Kerelegon doesn't speak

Spanish yet.

That's another anecdote from melting-pot Houston: Three African-American products of the Frenchtown area, which was settled in the 1920s by Creoles from Louisiana who spoke a French patois, might someday be able to tap into a Spanish-speaking Hispanic clientele.

A few people have stopped in the law office to renew acquaintances after seeing Kerelegon's sign. There aren't many Doritas around; once some Wheatley graduates saw the name, they knew their old friend was back.

She and her sister-in-law may be the only lawyer-doctor combination with a rear-building view of a community vegetable garden that borders a railroad track.

Then there's the intangible benefit of working a few steps away from relatives every day.

"We are a very close-knit family. We always have been," Kerelegon said. "Now we get to see each other and fraternize more than we normally would."

Although their busy schedules keep them apart some days, they sometimes have lunch at the nearby Victual restaurant, which is part of the Pleasant Hill Village Retirement Center com-

plex that serves as an anchor for redevelopment of the neighborhood.

Across the street is a sculpture garden; a townhouse/office development is nearby. But Lyons Avenue still has its share of clogged drainage ditches, peeling and shuttered houses and weed-clogged lots.

One hulking, empty movie theater is decorated with a stunning mural sponsored by the Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corp. Another former cinema building houses a church.

Nicholas and Kerelegon said the neighborhood is safe and welcoming for business. They hope that the end of construction on U.S. 59 and Interstate 10 will bring more commerce to the area.

"They've given us a lot and we feel like we've given back," Nicholas said. "Once people see something positive coming back, it kind of rebreeds itself."

None of the three lives in the neighborhood, but Kerelegon said that if she is convinced that it would be safe for her children, her family might build a house.

"I still have relatives in the neighborhood and would love to come back," she said.

Second chance

West Texas school offers drop-outs opportunities to earn their diplomas

By RAECHAL LEONE
ODESSA AMERICAN

ODESSA — When Yuvicela Madrid dropped out of Nimitz Junior High School four years ago, she was pregnant and had resigned herself to never finishing high school. But as she watched her daughter grow, Madrid realized she didn't want her daughter to think it was OK to drop out of school.

A lot of hard work and a few years later, Madrid is prepared to receive her diploma from AIM High School in May.

It's a success story a school district task force hopes to repeat with nearly 200 dropouts who have re-enrolled in school since November, said Merle Dunn of the Ector County Independent School District.

Employees of the student assistance services department knocked on doors and walked neighborhoods on a mission to track down the 177 students who dropped out of ECISD schools last school year, said Dunn, the department supervisor.

If the district had not been able to "recover" the students by finding some track to a diploma, then district high schools would have been operating at the level of a low-performing school in the Texas Education Agency's accountability ratings system, Dunn said.

But the recovery effort had as much to do with making students' lives better as it did with complying with state standards, Dunn said.

"We want to make sure these kids are successful," Dunn said. "It's our community, and it's our future."

After the recovery effort, the district's dropout rate is about 3.3 percent, Dunn said. The standard set by the state is 5 percent. "We had to show these kids that there are options available," Dunn said.

One of the options for ECISD dropouts under the age of 21 is AIM High, which offers day or night classes for ECISD dropouts. The school is a different avenue for dropouts who later decide to finish school, said AIM Principal Claudette Jones.

"There's no excuse for them not to finish," Jones said. AIM offers transportation,

flexible class schedules and day and night day care for students with children, Jones said.

Madrid said she wouldn't be able to finish school if it were not for the services such as day care that AIM High provides.

Madrid, 20, leaves her 3-year-old daughter, Eliza, at the day care while she attends classes for eight hours a day.

"The hardest step was having to come back," said Madrid. "I don't think I would've gone back to a regular high school because I wouldn't have had anywhere to leave her."

As it is, the day care has enabled Madrid to attend AIM and her husband to attend Odessa College. Madrid said she plans to enroll in OC shortly after graduation.

Since July, AIM has employed OC instructors at the campus to teach opportunity classes that teach specific skills students can use in the work force, Jones said. Students train to be a certified nurse's assistants, welders, day care workers or lifeguards.

"It gives them the opportunity to do more than flip burgers," Jones said.

After all, a diploma isn't the real payoff for finishing high school. The real reward is a bigger paycheck.

Whatever they do for a career, it's a fact that dropouts earn substantially less money than their counterparts who complete high school, Dunn said. The median income for a high school dropout is \$12,478 compared to \$20,889 for a graduate, according to the 2000 Census Bureau.

Dropouts who want to earn their degrees but choose not to attend AIM have options such as taking the high school equivalency exam or participating in a job corps, Dunn said.

The key to retaining students, he said, is to make dropouts aware that they do have options. The district plans to make the same kind of recovery effort that the task force recently completed a few times a year now, Dunn said.

"We're becoming proactive instead of being reactive," Dunn said.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday Feb. 9, 2003:

You will discover that your unpredictability comes with a price. Question the different ways you express yourself to the many people in your life. You discover that a more expressive and open manner will help others understand you. Your objective will not be to alienate others but to draw them closer. By being willing to reveal your inner thoughts more often, you will succeed. If you are single, you will tumble into a major relationship. This person could be the right one. If you are attached, your relationship will grow far more if you reveal more of your inner workings. TAURUS understands you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Indulge yourself, breaking custom and doing something very special for yourself. Unexpected developments force your hand with friends. You might want to get together with others and kick up your heels. Let the good times rock and roll. Make the most out of an inquiry. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** You could find a family member to be difficult and somewhat testy. Reach out to someone at a distance. You might hear unusual news that could open your eyes. You know what you want — go for it. Realize more of what you need by being yourself. Tonight: Whatever will put an ear-to-ear smile on your face.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** How you deal with someone close to you might determine the long-term results of a personal matter. Keep a secret that a partner shares. This person means the world to you. Examine your long-term objectives before you take a leap of faith. Tonight: Take some time to yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Aim for more of what you want. A friend plays a dynamic role in what goes on. Examine what you need to do in order to make the unexpected occur. Realize what a partner or loved one is saying. His or her feedback helps point you in the right direction. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You might not be totally aware of what needs to happen in order to put a family member more at ease. Realize what might be behind someone's unpredictability. Control could be a profound issue. Invite others into a project or something fun. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Make it OK to meet someone halfway and share a meal. Visiting with each other puts a smile on your face. You don't always have to feel so very distant. Unexpected news comes through a friend or loved one. By now you might be getting used to the upheaval. Tonight: Take in a movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** How you see a partner could change because of information that heads your way. You might not be comfortable with someone's thinking, especially if it can or will cause upheaval in a relationship. Take an action rather than being at the mercy of someone. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You might want to carefully

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Discuss a project or a key decision that could affect your family or domestic life. Someone's unpredictability makes you smile. You know how to deal with this person. Tonight: Be as clear as possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Manage a problem with your normal astuteness and directness. You have the creativity to sleuth through answers. You have the willingness to ask the correct questions. Pressure over a money matter could make you a bit unpredictable. Tonight: Where the fun is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Your unpredictability eats at a family member. You might wonder what your limits are and when to establish boundaries. Others might let you know loud and clear what is and isn't enough. You could be irritated by someone. Let it go. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Realize that you might be a bit overly pressured by a situation involving your day-to-day life. Not making more of it than need be could be instrumental. You gain insight through someone's comments. Others share much of what is on their mind. The unexpected surrounds you. Tonight: Visit with a friend over dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** You might want to carefully

RETHINK a change that involves a partnership. You might need to open a new door. You find that a family member lets it all hang out. You might not enjoy the vision of what you are seeing. Tonight: Go along for the ride.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Let an associate have it his or her way. Deal with a loved one or partner directly. Learn to detach more often, and you will greet success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Allow others to express their ideas. You'll want to gain another perspective. Deal on a one-on-one level from Thursday on.

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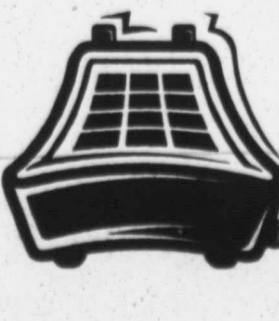
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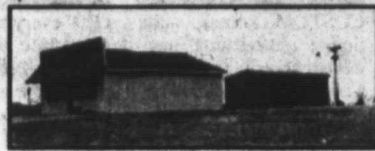
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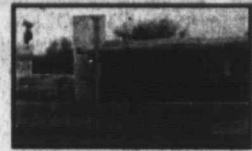
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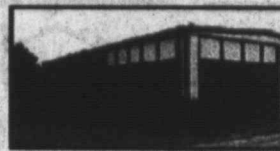
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb.
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You make waves whether you intend to
or not. Others step back and watch what
you do. In some way, you become a role
model for others. You're able to reach
out and make a difference to many
because of your creativity and humor.
You demonstrate that not everything has
to be heavy or hard to accomplish. You
relate well to others, opening doors and
opportunities simultaneously. If you are
single, it will become clear that that par-
ticular status will no longer remain so.
You will draw many suitors, but you
might not settle down immediately. If
you are attached, your relationship will
move in a new direction. You might feel
like you just met each other! GEMINI
reads you cold.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll
Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;
3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Finally, you feel that the
"Force is with you." Associates help
cheer you on, and more. Trust in your
ability to get the job done. Stop and take
time to have a discussion or visit with
friends. You might be easily over-
whelmed. Tonight: Hang out, even if it's
Monday.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Expenses might need curbing,
even if you think you're OK. Somehow,
an unexpected expenditure or a late
check could toss you into a tizzy. Realize
what is happening with those around
you. Do your best to anchor plans effec-
tively. Tonight: Balance your checkbook,
then decide.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Your smile wins over not
only those in your immediate circle; but

also those around you. Question what
might be going on with a friend you care
a lot about. This person might only be
able to discuss the situation in vague
terms at best. Tonight: Smile. Let the rest
happen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
** You might want to discuss exactly
what is happening within a partnership.
Getting a straight answer could take
more than just talent. Trying to read
between the lines could get you nowhere
fast. Lighten up with this person. Help
another relax. Tonight: Lay low.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Pull back, especially if you
see strange happenings or someone act-
ing a bit off. You know what you want.
You might need to set a boundary or ask
for some support. Realize that your cre-
ativity is enhanced through conversa-
tions. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Bosses push you. You might
not be as clear as you would like to be.
Brainstorming takes you in a new direc-
tion. You cannot avoid a must appear-
ance. Listen to someone's suggestions.
Give others credit. Tonight: Work late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Reach out for others without
the fear of understanding what could be
possible. Your sense of humor helps you
understand a child or loved one. What
you say and what you do takes you down
the right path. Your creativity plays a big
role in your decisions. Tonight: Relax
your mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You might be as directed as
a partner likes. You are an endless source
of answers and creative solutions. You
will see a personal matter in a new light
if you relax more. Deal with others
directly and ask key questions. Trust
your instincts. Tonight: Buy a water

fountain on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Your ability to interpret infor-
mation goes a long way. In fact, others
seek you out for feedback and direction.
Your intuitive nature comes through.
Listen to your inner voice more often.
Reach out to others. Don't let a problem
continue. Tonight: Step one — just ask.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Recognizing your assets could
prove to be very important with an asso-
ciate. Sometimes you assume that others
view money the same way you do. Make
clear where you're coming from when
dealing with loved ones and friends.
"Verify" and "clarify" need to become
your bywords. Tonight: Easy does it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Reach out for others in your
immediate circle. Use your creativity and
imagination, and you will delight others.
If you relax, you will feel much better.
Allow more humor in your life. You
make life much easier for many. Tonight:
So what if it is Monday?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Stay on top of a personal mat-
ter. Your perspective changes consider-
ably if you listen to your instincts. Often,
you might not be sure about your choic-
es. Check in with a loved one or friend
you care about. You need your anchors.
Count on them. Tonight: Mosey on home.

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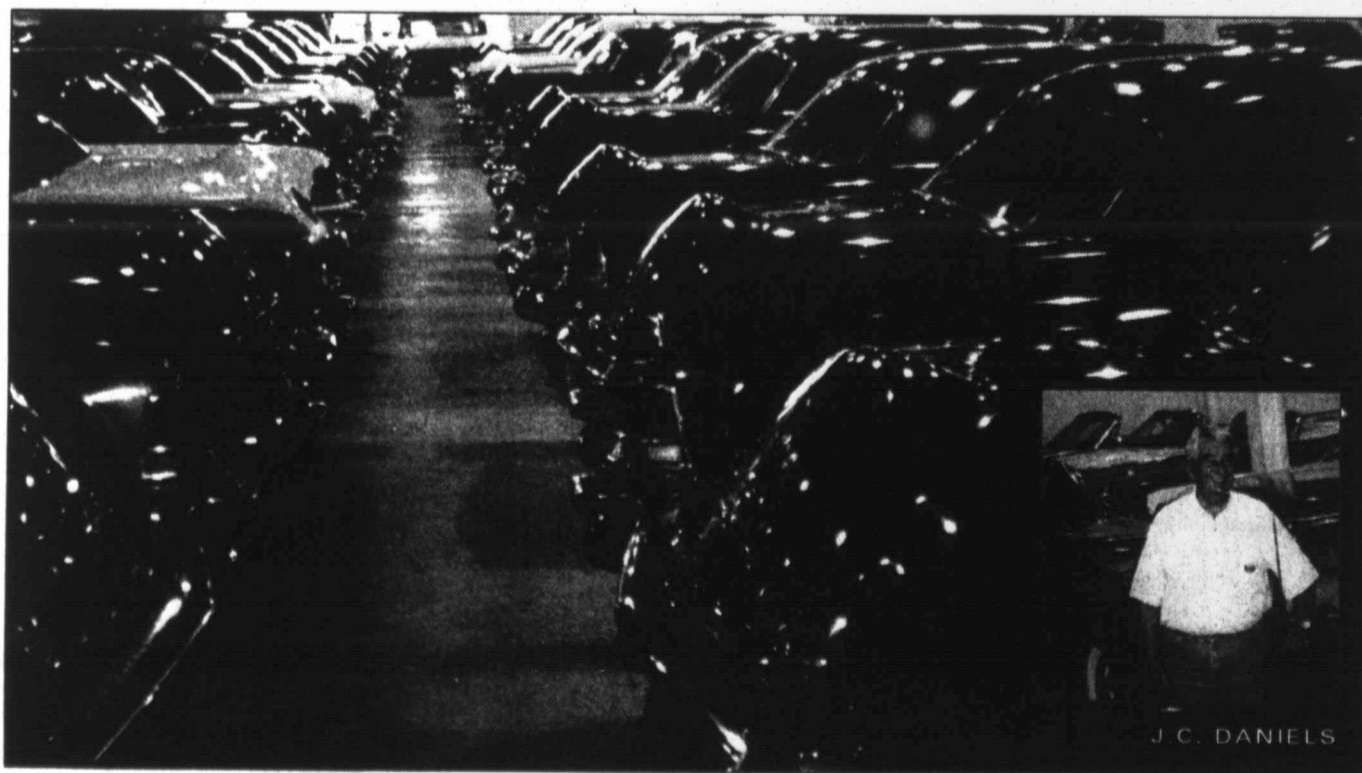


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TAAS: Texas cattle inventory up 3 percent from last year

AUSTIN — The inventory of Texas cattle and calves totaled 14 million head on January 1, 2003, up 3 percent from last year's inventory of 13.6 million head, and a 2 percent increase from the 2001 inventory of 13.7 million head.

"Summer and fall rains in major areas made for an abundant feed supply and

producers retained or increased their inventories during the latter part of 2002", said Robin Roark, State Director.

Texas continued to rank first in the nation in total number of cattle and calves with 15 percent of the total United States inventory.

Beef cow inventory, at 5.49 million head, was up 1

percent from last year's total of 5.44 million head. Milk cow inventory, at 311,000 head, was up slightly from the 2002 total of 310,000 head.

Total inventory of all cows that have calved was 5.8 million head, up 1 percent from last year's total of 5.75 million head.

Beef replacement heifers

totalled 760,000 head on January 1, up 1 percent from the 2002 total of 750,000 head. The milk replacement heifer inventory was 110,000 head, up 10,000 head from last year's total.

Texas's inventory of steers 500 pounds and over totaled 2.75 million head, up 8 percent from the 2002 total of 2.54 million head. Total inventory of heifers, steers and bulls under 500 pounds was 2.5 million head, up 2 percent from the 2002 total of 2.44 million head.

The 2002 calf crop totaled

5.0 million head, down 1 percent from the 2001 crop of 5.05 million and there was no change from the preliminary estimate of 5.0 million set in July.

The United States inventory of all cattle and calves totaled 96.1 million head on January 1, 1 percent below last year's inventory of 96.7 million head, and 1 percent below January 1, 2001.

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 42.1 million head, down slightly from the 42.2 million on January 1, 2002 and down 1 percent

from the 42.6 million two years ago.

Beef cows totaled 32.95 million head, 1 percent less than a year ago, while milk cows were up slightly from a year ago at 9.15 million head.

Beef replacement heifers, at 5.61 million head, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Milk replacement heifer numbers were up 1 percent to 4.1 million head.

The 2002 calf crop was estimated at 38.2 million head, down slightly from 2001 and down 1 percent from 2000.



(Courtesy photo)

Mella (Mitchell) Hill, seated, celebrates her 100th birthday surrounded by her children (left-right) Kate, June, Lena, Dorothy and Melvin.

Mella Hill celebrates 100th birthday

Wheeler Care Center was the location of the 100th birthday celebration for Mella (Mitchell) Hill. She was surrounded by family and friends, including four daughters and her son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mella was born in a rural area near Erick, Okla., and around two or three years of age was moved to Texas, where she was raised and attended the Benonine School, located east of Shamrock, Texas. Her life was dedicated to being a housewife and mother, and she greatly enjoyed sewing, embroidery, tatting and other

needle/sewing arts. Mella moved to town (Shamrock) in 1965 and has been a resident there since.

Her four surviving daughters — Dorothy of Samnorwood, Lena of Shamrock, Kate of Friona and June of Dallas — along with her son, Melvin, of Shamrock, did their best to make the occasion as memorable and happy as they could.

Besides her children, Mella is blessed with 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and many, many friends. All of whom wished her a very, very Happy Birthday!

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AIM

Madrid, 20, leaves her 3-year-old daughter, Eliza, at the day care while she attends classes for eight hours a day.

"The hardest step was having to come back," said Madrid. "I don't think I would've gone back to a regular high school because I wouldn't have had anywhere to leave her."

As it is, the day care has enabled Madrid to attend AIM and her husband to attend Odessa College. Madrid said she plans to enroll in OC shortly after graduation.

Since July, AIM has employed OC instructors at the campus to teach opportunity classes that teach specific skills students can use in the work force, Jones said. Students train to be a certified nurse's assistants, welders, day care workers or lifeguards.

"It gives them the opportunity to do more than flip burgers," Jones said.

After all, a diploma isn't the real payoff for finishing high school. The real reward is a bigger paycheck.

Whatever they do for a career, it's a fact that dropouts earn substantially less money than their counterparts who complete high school, Dunn said. The median income for a high school dropout is \$12,478 compared to \$20,889 for a graduate, according to the 2000 Census Bureau.

Dropouts who want to earn their degrees but choose not to attend AIM have options such as taking the high school equivalency exam or participating in a job corps, Dunn said.

The key to retaining students, he said, is to make dropouts aware that they do have options. The district plans to make the same kind of recovery effort that the task force recently completed a few times a year now, Dunn said.

"We're becoming proactive instead of being reactive," Dunn said.

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NEWSMAKERS

OXFORD, Ohio — Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, headquartered in Oxford, has announced that **Matthew Crow** was recently initiated into its Gamma Phi Chapter at Oklahoma University.

Crow, son of Kent and Donna Crow of Pampa, is a graduate of Pampa High School.

Established in 1839, the fraternity is dedicated to scholarship, brotherhood and community service. It has more than 118,000 members including 6,500 collegians on 127 campuses in the United States and Canada.

DENTON — The

University of North Texas at Denton recently announced **Jill Forman** of Pampa was named to its College of Education Dean's Honor Roll for the 2002 fall semester.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university.

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee recently announced students named to its President's Honor Roll for the 2002 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.70

or better grade point average for the semester. Students named to the list include: **Jeremy Michael Buck** and **Andrea Marie Shank**, both of Pampa.

ABILENE — McMurry University at Abilene recently announced students named to its Dean's List for the 2002 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include: **Kira Chumbley, Kelley Stowers** and **Timothy Williams**, all of Pampa; **Lacey Steel** of McLean; and **Cheyenne Oldham** of Shamrock.

PHS, PLC receive Student Success grant

Pampa High School and Pampa Learning Center have been awarded the Ninth Grade Student Success Initiative (NGSSI) grant from the Texas Education Agency, school officials recently announced.

The two secondary education campuses will implement this program this spring semester. The NGSSI award provides PHS and PLC with

\$135,000 over a two-year period to aid ninth grade students in the district.

Pampa ISD will coordinate resources from the NGSSI with other state and local resources to implement a plan to provide intervention strategies, accelerated instruction, and instructional technology to ninth grade students who are identified as eligible for the program.

Goals of the NGSSI are to improve student performance in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies, as well as improve attendance and reduce retention in the ninth grade.

For more information about the NGSSI, contact John Kendall at Pampa High School or Richard Steele at Pampa Learning Center.

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