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LOCAL PEDC to meet 5 p.m. Monday

Reviewing appraisals on the American Energy Building, US Bus Building and the 213 acres of the Industrial Park property will highlight the agenda of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation when they meet at 5 p.m. Monday in the second floor Conference Room at Pampa City Hall.

Texas Capital Fund/Cross Calf will also be discussed and possible action taken.

Other items on the agenda will be discussing and possibly taking action on Crall Products/Cross Calf and discussion of PEDC personnel.

Doug Locke, president of PEDC, said the board will discuss whether or not to continue employing a part-time secretary.

DEATHS

Clifford Blake Allen, 19-month-old infant.

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Preparing for the big day



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Sprucing up the Gray County Courthouse grounds before the rededication ceremony Saturday morning was Gary Anderson of Pampa. An employee of Phoenix I the past seven months, Anderson applied a last minute cleaning to the exterior of the historic structure prior to the rededication ceremony. Photos of the ceremony will appear in Monday's edition of The Pampa News.

Texas governor signs trailer tax legislation

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

A mistake was made by the 77th Legislature in 2001, and the 78th legislators want to rectify it. It will be up to the voters to decide in September.

Taxing personal use travel trailers as local property can be stopped if the voters vote to do so in the September special amendment.

Following its passage last week in the legislature, Gov. Rick Perry signed the travel trailer tax bill, SB 510, on Thursday after the Texas House of Representatives unanimously approved the measure.

State Representative Warren Chisum, who sponsored the bill, said the passage of SB 510 was expected.

"Obviously, it was a high priority of the legislature to correct an injustice done to owners of travel trailers," he said. "It was high on my list as well as the governor's."

Chisum also said, "Hopefully, this can be done before people have to pay taxes again."

He said the measure takes effect Jan. 1, 2004, and applies to taxes imposed for a tax year that begins on or after Jan. 1, 2002, but only if the accompanying constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt local property taxation personal use travel trailers not held or used for the production of income is approved by the state's voters.

By passing the bill, the legislature is providing local tax appraisers with clear direction as to how they should classify personal use travel trailers with

respect to local property tax rolls, according to a release from Chisum's Austin office.

The bill is designed to clarify current state law that requires local school districts to tax personal use travel trailers, and undo the damage of the constitutional amendment from 2001.

Voters thought they were approving a property tax exemption for Winter Texans residing in trailers when they voted on the amendment in November 2001. Instead, it was just the reverse—codify a new statewide trailer tax.

The 12-word proposition that appeared on the 2001 ballot called for an exemption for the trailers, which are popular for housing senior citizens who make annual migrations from the northwest and Canada.

Lawmakers said that before there could be an exemption, the law had to clearly state the trailers otherwise were not exempt. Where the code previously said nothing about the trailers, the law clearly labels them as taxable.

Some state leaders sought to undo the damage of the constitutional amendment by advising that the law be ignored.

While municipalities and counties were not mandated to place taxes on the trailers, the school districts had no other option but to tax the travel trailers. Some taxing agencies ignored the law, while others did not.

Authors of the legislation blamed the rush of the legislation on the word disparities between the ballot version and the final bill.

The special amendment election is scheduled for Sept. 13.

Goddard wants to be cheerleader for city

Editor's note: This is another in a series of interviews with candidates for city and school offices to be decided in the May 3 elections.

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Attitude is Pampa's biggest problem, John Goddard said.

He said it's very negative.

"I think negativity attracts negativity," Goddard said. "We have to be more optimistic."

The Pampa businessman is challenging Lonny Robbins in the May city elections for the position of mayor. Robbins is also being challenged by City Commissioner Jeff Andrews, businessman Mike Rummerfield, hospital administrator Norman Stephens.

Goddard, born in Amarillo, grew up in Pampa, attending Pampa schools. He graduated from Pampa High in 1987.

"I've been here quite a while," Goddard said.

From high school, Goddard went to Amarillo College, then to West Texas A&M where he earned a business degree.



(Pampa News photo)

John Goddard

After college, he went back to school to get a real estate broker's license.

Then he returned to Pampa and started his own business.

"I have a company called West Texas Pest Control," Goddard said.

"We cover the entire panhandle. I also have a company called Accu-Spec. We do real estate inspections throughout the panhandle."

The main reason Goddard decided to enter city politics is because Pampa is his home.

"I live here. My family lives here. All my employees live here," Goddard said. "Every day when I send three pickups to Amarillo to work, I question why Pampa is not more robust."

He says he wants to do something to help the community.

"I'm not leaving Pampa," he said.

Goddard said he wants to raise the mayor's profile in the community.

"I was surprised, when I decided to run for mayor, I'll bet I asked 30 people before they even knew who the mayor was," Goddard said. "I want to be in the forefront, a cheerleader-type mayor with some enthusiasm."

He said he also wants to change the perception of politics for the common people in Pampa.

Goddard said he wants to represent a broad spectrum of the community.

"Not just one group," he said. "I think I can do that."

He said that he would like to see Pampa's growth trends reversed.

"I don't know what the economics are like in this, but I would like to seem it stabilize, at least," Goddard said, "and grow. I want to see it grow."

The city, he said, has its good points.

"Pampa, compared to other towns of similar size, has got quite a bit of diversification, which is good," Goddard said. "It's hard to say which areas, but I feel agriculture-type economies are going to fluctuate, but they're going to pretty much be there."

He said industry is what Pampa needs, but he has no specific industry in mind.

"It's hard to tell in this town," Goddard said, "but as I look at this town, when I talk to people, I wish we could transfer some of the enthusiasm that we have out on the football field for the youngsters into being more positive about the town."

31st Gray County Grand Jury hands down 12 indictments

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Twelve indictments — all drug offenses — were recently returned by the 31st Judicial Grand Jury.

The indictments were released by District Attorney Rick Roach's office at the conclusion of the session.

Indicted on charges were:
John Howard Adams, IV, 36,

of Hollywood, Fla., was indicted on a third degree felony of possession of marijuana.

The indictment states that Adams did intentionally and knowingly possess a usable quantity of marijuana in an amount of 50 pounds or less, but more than five pounds.

Melissa Ann Clark, 34, (See GRAND JURY, Page 2)

FROM THE BARRON

Ryan F. Watson
Branch of service: U.S. Army-Infantry
Rank: Private first class
Job: Honor Guard at Arlington Cemetery
Stationed: Fort Myer, Va.
Graduated: Pampa High School, 1999
Family: Wife, Elizabeth (Ringer), formerly of Pampa; parents, Sherry and Deon Watson of Pampa; sister, Michelle Watson of Amarillo; and grandparents, Billy and Emily Washington of Pampa.

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GRAND JURY

1044 S. Christy, was indicted on a second degree felony of possession or transport of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

The indictment states that on or about Aug. 29, 2002, Clark did possess and intend to unlawfully manufacture a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine, and possess anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.

Ricky Carl Clark, 41, 1044 S. Christy, was indicted on a second degree felony of possession or transport of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

The indictment states that on Aug. 29, 2002, Clark did

possess and intend to unlawfully manufacture a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine, and possess anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.

Allison Nicole Glass, 25, Amarillo, was indicted on a second degree felony of possession or transportation of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

The indictment states that on Aug. 24, 2002, Glass did possess and intend to unlawfully manufacture a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine, and possess anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.

Monty Paul Givens, 38, 400 Louisiana, was indicted on second degree felony charges of possession or transportation of certain chemicals

with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

The indictment states that on Aug. 24, 2002, Givens did possess and intend to unlawfully manufacture a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine, and possess anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.

Jeffrey Paul Gugenheim, 36, Amarillo, was indicted on second degree felony charges of possession or transportation of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

The indictment states that on Aug. 24, 2002, Gugenheim did possess and intend to unlawfully manufacture a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine, and possess anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.

Cobbie Cardrell Harris, 30,

1145 Varnon, was indicted on a first degree felony for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

The indictment states that on or about Nov. 11, 2002, Harris possessed a controlled substance, namely cocaine, in an amount of four grams or more but less than 200 grams.

Rocky Dewayne Harris, 39, Borger, was indicted on a third degree felony for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

The indictment states that on or about Aug. 29, 2002, Harris was in possession of a firearm and was in violation of his probation out of 84th Judicial District Court of Hutchinson County.

Delton Eugene McCormick, 46, Lefors, was indicted on possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

The indictment states that on or about Nov. 28, 2002, he did intentionally or knowingly possess, with intent to deliver,

a controlled substance, namely methamphetamine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams.

The indictment also states a pistol was used or exhibited during the commission of the offense.

Nolan T. McFarland, 33, Lauderdale Lake, Fla., was indicted for a third degree offense of possession of marijuana.

The indictment stated that on or about Sept. 2, 2002, that McFarland knowingly possessed a usable quantity of marijuana in an amount of 50 pounds or less, but more than five pounds.

Janie Sue Morris, 42, Phoenix, Ariz., was indicted

on a first degree felony of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

The indictment stated that on or about Aug. 25, 2002, Morris did knowingly possess a controlled substance, namely, cocaine, in an amount of 400 grams or more.

Brian Keith Watie, 40, 1145 S. Varnon, was indicted on a first degree felony for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

The indictment stated that on or about Nov. 11, 2002, that Watie did knowingly possess a controlled substance, namely, cocaine, in an amount of four grams or more, but less than 200 grams, and that a pistol was used or exhibited during the commission of the offense.

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Proposed regs to keep out chicken disease

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Arkansas needs to adopt an emergency regulation to keep a deadly bird disease from spreading to the state's many flocks of chickens, the director of the state Poultry and Livestock Commission says.

Director Phil Wyrick says the regulation intended to keep the Exotic Newcastle virus out of Arkansas will be considered at a meeting of the commission this week. If adopted, it would be in effect for 120 days.

"It would start requiring any trucks coming back in here (from contaminated states) to be decontaminated," Wyrick said.

As an extreme measure, the commission would "enlist the help of the state police to check our borders," Wyrick said.

Since October, nearly 3.4 million birds have been slaughtered in California, where the current outbreak began. State and federal agencies have spent \$73 million to fight the disease, which has spread to Arizona, Nevada and possibly Texas.

The virus, which poses no threat to humans,

spreads through poultry manure, mucus and eggs. The disease, which is fatal to chickens, spreads from infected backyard chicken flocks, according to the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

"The concern is there, obviously, because of the impact it would have on the poultry industry here in Arkansas," Wyrick said.

Arkansas is home to the world's largest poultry processor, Tyson Foods Inc. of Springdale, as well as several smaller poultry firms, many of which contract with farmers to raise flocks containing thousands of chickens.

In January, Arkansas activated its Emergency Poultry Disease Committee, a group of poultry industry, state and federal officials, to help keep the disease from spreading east.

Several Arkansas veterinarians are helping federal and state officials in California, according to Dustin Clark, extension poultry health veterinarian at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

BULLARD, Viola Blanche — Memorial mass, 10:30 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Denton.

CLIFFORD BLAKE ALLEN

Clifford Blake Allen, 19-months-old, of Pampa, died Friday, April 11, 2003. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Survivors include his parents, Blake and Erica Allen.

ON RECORD

AMBULANCE

Rural Metro Ambulance responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m., Saturday.

Thursday, April 10

9:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Coffee. No patient was transported.

2:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

8:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of East Browning and took a patient to PRMC.

9:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the

2200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

Friday, April 11

4:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Yeager. No patient was transported.

11:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Prairie Drive and took one to PRMC.

12:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Yeager on a call for lifting assistance.

2:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient home.

5:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Foster streets on a motor vehicle accident. No one was transported.

POLICE

Pampa Police arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Friday, April 11

Luis Cano, 18, 514 N. Warren, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500 along with evading charges.

Brandi Howard, 18, 613 Magnolia, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m., Saturday.

Friday, April 11

5:13 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a two-vehicle wreck at Hobart and Foster streets. No injuries and no hazardous materials were reported at the scene.

WEATHER FOCUS

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Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies and breezy conditions with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 80s, south winds 15 to 25 mph and a 20 percent chance of rain. Sunday night should be partly cloudy in the evening then clearing, breezy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening, lows in the lower 50s, south winds 15 to 25 mph and a 20 percent chance of rain. Monday is calling for mostly sunny skies. Windy. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 20 to 30 mph. Monday night, mostly cloudy.

Windy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Windy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the lower 40s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the mid 60s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the lower 70s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the mid 40s. Friday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 70s.

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Friday, April 18th • Noon • Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 19th • 10:00 a.m. • Holy Saturday Liturgy Service

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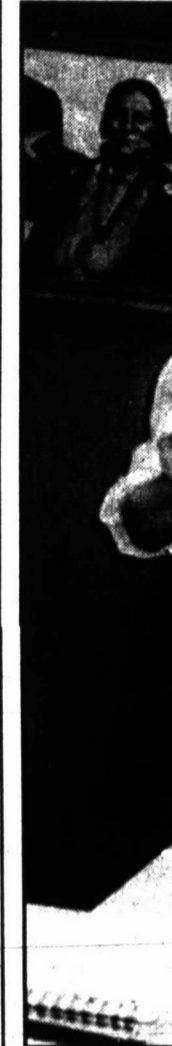
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BY KATE SAN ANTONIO

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(Left-right) with Lilith board mem ed at 2 p.m. The annual information may be ma

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Nadine Craddick, speaker's wife, proves force in her own right

BY KATE HUNGER
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

MIDLAND, Texas — Nadine Craddick grew up in the house her parents built, just across the street from her grandparents' place and steps from her family's dry goods store in Sweetwater.

Today, she lives on the sec-

ond floor of the State Capitol in the House speaker's apartment, occupied for the first time since Reconstruction by a Republican: her husband, Tom Craddick.

"Not in my wildest dreams," she replies when asked whether she ever thought as a bride of 22 that the man she married fresh out

of college would one day rise to one of the state's top legislative posts.

But those who know Nadine Craddick say she's impressive in her own right for backing her husband's political career for more than 30 years and for the civic contributions she has made in their hometown of Midland.

Nadine Craddick, 56, was born to Jo and Fred Nayfa in 1947, in Roscoe, a few miles from Sweetwater. Somewhere in the modest, snug house they built while their oldest child was still a baby, her parents still have the receipt for the doctor's services, including prenatal care, labor, delivery and hospital stay.

Fred Nayfa gets a kick out of that bill — just \$59.

"We thought that was fair enough," Jo Nayfa says with a laugh.

All four of Nadine Craddick's grandparents immigrated to the United States from Lebanon.

"Just on my dad's side of the family, I had 27 first cousins," she said during a recent interview in her Austin office. "We grew up in a huge family — very extended, very strong women, very strong men."

The former cheerleader also scooped up tennis trophies, gave swimming lessons and worked in the family business. She shared a room with her sister Jeanne, nine years her junior, who would tag along on her dates to the drive-in. She also has a younger brother, Abe.

Even as a girl, she impressed others with her drive and energy. "Anything Nadine did, she did well," childhood friend Jacque McCoy says.

Those who met her later in life offer the same view, including Midland Mayor Mike Canon, who grew up with Tom Craddick and worked with Nadine Craddick when she chaired the Midland Chamber of Commerce board in the mid-1990s.

He says he expects her to play a role in Austin, because that's her way.

"Nadine is not just another pretty face," he says. "She is very involved. That's why there's an office there."

Faith and family first
Nadine Craddick, raised a Methodist, converted to her fiancé's faith, and they married in the Catholic church in Sweetwater in 1969 during his first term as a state representative from Midland.

Nadine Craddick is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, a high papal honor bestowed on clergy and lay people. Members are encouraged to visit Israel. The Craddicks took their daughter

Christi in the mid-1990s, and Nadine Craddick said she considers this the best trip of her life.

"I believe in the power of prayer," she says. "I don't know how one makes it through life without prayer and a relationship with the Lord. We all feel that way."

Her professional career was brief: She taught sixth grade for a semester upon graduation. Before that she worked with handicapped children at an Episcopal school, which fostered her interest in health care issues. She is in her second term on the Midland Memorial Hospital board.

When her children, Christi, 32, and Tommy, 29, were younger, she arranged her schedule to be sure she was home when they were. When they grew up, she moved on to what she calls "adult boards."

And when her husband was campaigning for speaker, she chose not to read less-than-flattering news reports about him. It was a level of scrutiny the popular representative and his family had not encountered before.

"I also gave it to God," she says. "I figured if it was in God's will for us to do this, it would happen and if not, it's the same thing I tell my chil-

dren: If this door closes, then there's something else you are supposed to be doing."

Community role
Nadine Craddick has embraced Midland. The couple has lived in the same house since 1970, in a shady, tidy neighborhood of ranch-style houses and clipped lawns.

Gilberto M. Garcia, Midland County Democratic Party chairman, who says he is proud of the 22 percent of the votes he garnered running against Tom Craddick in 2000, taught her children math in junior high.

"She was like all the other mothers," he says. "I never knew that she was the representative's wife."

When Craddick met her future husband, her experience with politics was limited to the voting booth. She absorbed it while walking blocks, working football games, passing out bumper stickers.

"The pair of them are a dynamo," says Katie Heck, who worked on Tom Craddick's first campaign. "They can go longer, harder, more intelligently than anybody I ever saw."

Two months into the legislative session, Nadine

(See CRADDICK, Page 5)

PCCA 'Workers Tea'



(Courtesy photo)

(Left-right) Ruth Riehart, Pampa Community Concert Association president, with Lilith Brainard, PCCA membership chairperson, and Gerry Caylor, PCCA board member, preparing invitations for the upcoming PCCA "Workers Tea" slated at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 13, in the parlor of First United Methodist Church. The annual function will kick-off PCCA's yearly membership drive. For more information about membership subscriptions, contact Riehart at 665-3362. Dues may be mailed to P.O. Box 1935, Pampa, TX 79066.

RRC posts state's top oil-producing counties

AUSTIN — The Railroad Commission of Texas recognizes the top 10 oil and gas producers and producing counties for 2002.

According to Railroad Commission of Texas production statistics, the state's top 10 oil producing counties for year 2002 were: (1) Gaines, 31,401,623 bbl (barrels); (2) Andrews, 25,548,657 bbl; (3) Yoakum, 24,962,607 bbl; (4) Hockley, 22,144,196 bbl; (5) Ector, 20,771,066 bbl; (6) Midland, 10,520,898 bbl; (7) Crane, 10,420,495 bbl; (8) Scurry, 9,180,478 bbl; (9) Pecos, 9,164,497 bbl; and (10) Upton, 8,255,845 bbl.

The state's top 10 natural gas producing counties for year 2002 were: (1) Hidalgo, 305,082,315 Mcf (thousand cubic feet); (2) Zapata, 276,165,319 Mcf; (3) Webb, 274,748,583 Mcf; (4) Panola, 235,798,941 Mcf; (5) Freestone, 215,000,741 Mcf;

(6) Pecos, 171,272,011 Mcf; (7) Starr, 169,684,316 Mcf; (8) Crockett, 111,171,899 Mcf; (9) Denton, 99,781,873 Mcf; and Lavaca, 82,060,563 Mcf.

During year 2002, Texas oil and gas operators produced 386,313,308 bbls of crude oil and 4,781,077,461 Mcf of natural gas. Crude oil was produced from 207 counties, while natural gas was produced from 187 counties.

"New fields have been discovered and well completions are up, indicating that Texas is maintaining a vibrant energy industry," said Williams. "Our healthy levels of exploration and domestic production are crucial during this time of increased demand."

"As the state's leading oil and gas producers, Gaines and Hidalgo counties continue to be vital contributors to the increasing energy demand in Texas and the United States," said Matthews. "The recent

price fluctuations have made the oil and gas industry both prosperous and challenging for producers."

"A strong and vibrant domestic oil and gas industry is important to the Texas economy and our national energy security," said Carrillo.

Drilling permits issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas for year 2002 totaled 9,716 as compared to 12,227 for year 2001. Well completion totals for 2002 were 9,192 for year 2002 and 9,151 for year 2001.

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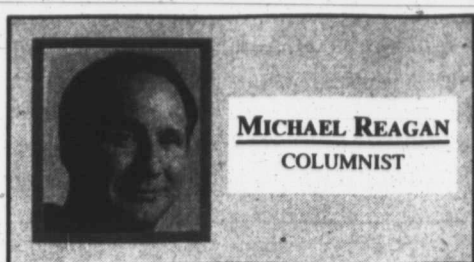
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A statue came down; lies, too

Like millions of my fellow Americans, I rejoiced as I watched United States Marines come to the aid of Iraqis trying to pull down a huge statue of Saddam Hussein. The Marines made short work of the statue to the delight of scores of Iraqis who vented their years of stored up anger at the Saddam dictatorship by beating on the fallen idol.



MICHAEL REAGAN
COLUMNIST

It was an historic moment reminiscent of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Decades of tyranny had ended, and along with it the lies and distortions of anti-Bush liberals, Democrats who predicted that all kinds of disasters would befall America if we went to war with Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

That statue was Iraq's Berlin Wall. And the naysayers, the Rangels and the Kerrys and the Conyers and the Pelosis and the Daschles and all of the American Baghdad Bobs who just a week ago were whining that we're wrong — that the president was wrong and there was going to be body bag after body bag coming home — that this is an unjust and illegal war, were the ones who have been proved wrong.

Instead, what we are seeing today, just a week later, is the beginning of freedom for the first time since Saddam's iron fist was clamped down on his people years ago.

Today Iraqis are jubilant — they're excited because for the first time in their lives they're able to do something they want to do without having to fear that somebody will shoot them, or torture

them or rape their wives and mothers and kill their children.

Every day that's gone by, President Bush and Tony Blair look far wiser and brilliant than those who have been speaking out against. Think about it, the war started a mere 21 days ago — today we're in Baghdad, the Saddam regime has been destroyed and the people of Iraq are free.

As Baghdad Bob has been spewing forth his fantasyland disinformation to the Iraqis and the Arab world, so have the Democrats who for so long said the same things and spread the same types of lies and propaganda about the Republicans and about Ronald Reagan and President Bush and his father before him. As the statue of Saddam come crashing down hopefully America will look at Washington and understand the statue of corrupt liberalism has begun to fall too.

Our people should understand that these scoundrels have been telling lie after lie after lie for so long, whether it be about communism, or Nicaragua or Fidel Castro or Social Security.

People are beginning to hear the truth thanks to talk radio and Fox Broadcasting and internet news services such as

NewsMax.com and the Drudge Report and are telling their friends and neighbors, that there is truth out there to be had, and they no longer need listen to liberalism's lies being trumpeted by the Democrats and their biased liberal media allies.

We have watched one of the most amazing and successful military campaigns in all history and it came about despite the liberal propaganda we were being fed by the media and the Democrats and some retired military soreheads. Propaganda that the strategy was flawed, that we had an insufficient number of troops on the ground, that we had to pause because of all of this, that we were facing a quagmire in Baghdad and guerilla warfare from an outraged Iraqi citizenry that was rallying around the Saddam regime.

They were all lies. As I watched the overjoyed Iraqis dragging the statue's head through the streets, I couldn't help thinking how different things are under George Bush than they were under President Clinton. Under Clinton, it was the bodies of American soldiers being dragged through the streets of Mogadishu — an outrage Clinton allowed to go unpunished. His response was to cut and run. Today, thanks to George Bush's steely determination, it was Saddam's statue's head, pulled down by United States Marines, that was being dragged through the streets.

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GUEST COLUMN

Business incubators could be way to boost Pampa economy

By Dr. Louis W. Haydon

In the past few years, Pampa has been focused on economic development. Some of these projects have produced negative results at a high cost to the taxpayers. On Nov. 14, 2002, at the Gray County Annex, West Texas A&M University Department of business presented a program that should be seriously considered on its merits. This program was presented by Dan Redd and David D. Terry and sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension of Gray County. It is WTAMU's Business Incubator and Accelerator Project — a multi-site business incubator network created to address rural economic development in the Texas Panhandle.

WTAMU is a member of the National Business Incubation Association (NBIA). Historically, NBIA members have produced the following results:

- * 87 percent of all firms that graduate from NBIA incubators are still in business. In contrast, non-incubator industry statistics show a failure rate of 80 to 90 percent during the first five years.

- * Publicly-supported incubators create jobs at a cost of approximately \$1,100 each, compared to other publicly-supported job creation mechanisms (economic development corporations) that often cost \$10,000 or more per job.

These figures are significant, since Pampa's EDC spent approximately \$66,000 for each dairy job created, for a total of \$1,765,000 to dairies alone (and these jobs are now gone), and had plans, before dissolution, to give away another million dollars of borrowed money. Recently, it was announced in the Amarillo-Globe News that Hereford's EDC was allocating only \$24,000 to obtain a steel building fabrication company that will employ 15 to 24 local people. That's just \$1,000 per job; further, the \$24,000 will not be given until the business has been in operation for two years.

Participants in the West Texas A&M University Incubation Program would benefit from these services from the School of Business:

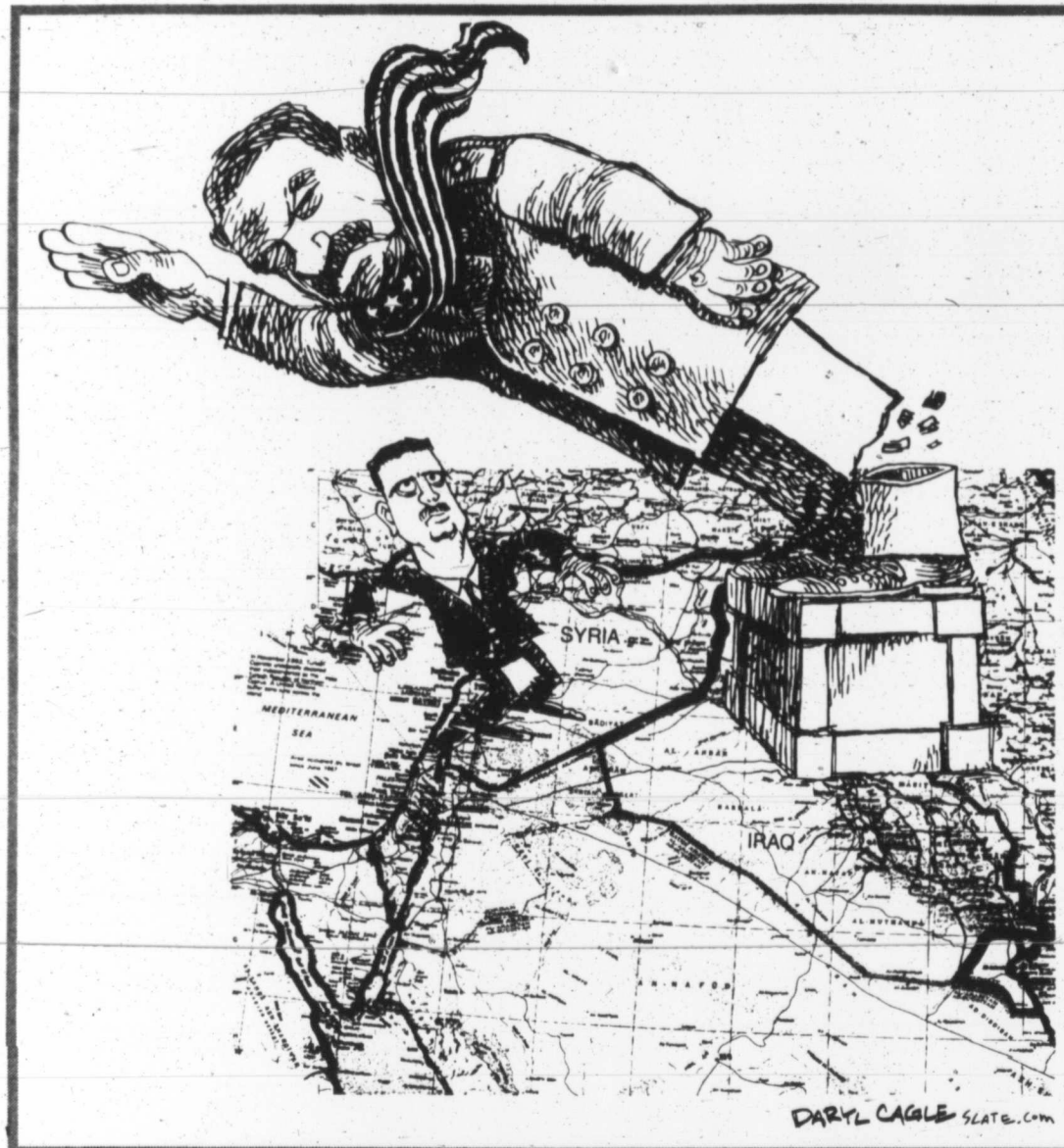
- * One-on-one consulting and nurturing during start-up and early growth phases,
- * Customized business training programs tagged to tenant needs.
- * Lower start-up costs and operating expense,
- * Access to capital, information and technology,
- * Shared tenant facilities and equipment,
- * Administrative assistance service
- * Networking and internal synergies, and
- * Reduced time to market.

Examples of applicable basic businesses are manufacturing, wholesale food products, research and development, biotech and biomedical, technology and Internet, valued added processing, etc.

The participating community would be required only to provide a 10,000 to 20,000 square foot building to house the various incubator businesses. Could part of the U.S. Bus building or some other empty building be utilized? WTAMU staff will screen prospective participants to evaluate their prospects for success, and in addition, this same valuable coaching and assistance will be available to already-established businesses in the community.

Unfortunately, the meeting of Nov. 14, 2002 was not as well attended as perhaps it should have been, as it was well-advertised on the front page of *The Pampa News*. No members of the City Council or of the former PEDC were present.

At present, several civic-minded groups are working to encourage that a public meeting be held in the near future at M.K. Brown Auditorium to allow these speakers to again outline this program to the people of Pampa. It is hoped that the expertise of the WTAMU's School of Business and the NBIA can be utilized for the economic benefit of our community.



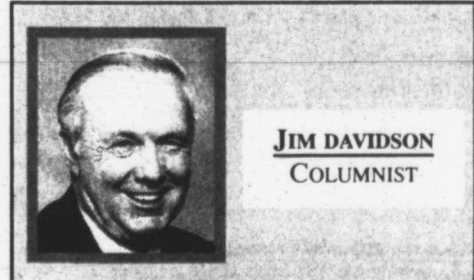
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Answers for those living with volcano

Here is a question I would like for you to think with me about for a few minutes today. Do you live near a volcano? To this question I am confident most people will say "no", save for those people who live near Mt. St. Helens in Washington state and a number of others who live near volcanoes in our newest states of Hawaii and Alaska. When I did research for this column I learned a good deal more than I already knew and that a volcano is "an opening in the crust of the earth from which steam, hot gases, ashes, etc., are expelled, forming a conical hill or mountain with a central crater."

In this case the word "expelled" is not so foreboding, but when they "erupt" that's a different story. We have had over 500 volcanic eruptions around the world in historic times but the one most Americans remember vividly is Mt. St. Helens back on May 14, 1980. The first blast along with subsequent blasts on May 25th and June 12th left 57 people dead. Now as bad as volcano eruptions are, I want to tell you about a different kind of eruption that is far more destructive than any volcano eruption in the history of the world.

This is when human beings "erupt" because of a violent temper. Whether it's in a fit of rage or a deep seated anger, these people are destructive and in their wake they leave bruised and battered lives that never completely recover. Tragically in many cases this is fatal, as countless peo-



JIM DAVIDSON
COLUMNIST

ple in our country lose their lives each year in confrontations with violent and angry people. Fortunately there is help for people who have deep seated anger. Some time ago I ran across a brochure on ANGER RESOLUTION that gave the details of a character building course developed and presented by the Institute in Basic Life Principles based in Oak Brook, Illinois. Here are some symptoms of anger to consider as you think about your own life and your relationship with your family, co-workers, friends and others.

- * No. 1: IRRITABILITY. Are you hurt and offended by people or situations that should not bother you?
- * No. 2: IMPATIENCE. Do the weaknesses and limitations of others frustrate or exasperate you?
- * No. 3: RAISED VOICE. To get your point across, do you speak louder or even yell to get your point across?
- * No. 4: GLARING EYES. Do you stare with cold, mean eyes at someone who has offended you?
- * No. 5: HURTFUL WORDS. Do you show contempt or disapproval by calling people names?
- * No. 6: EXPLOSIVE ACTIONS. When tension

builds, do you slam doors, pound your fist or break things? No. 7 ARGUMENTATION. Do you allow yourself to get involved in heated arguments or debates?"

"When it comes to controlling anger, here is one of the real pitfalls that often keeps many people from doing anything about it until it's too late. Many people think they have no problem with anger because they only "blow-up once in a while." Back to what I said in the beginning, "how would you like to live near a volcano that only erupted "once in a while?" You would live in continual tension wondering if today was the day it would erupt. I'm sure I don't have to tell you that this is the kind of stress that many marriages and families are experiencing.

Anger is the number-one cause of damaged marriages, abused children, and violence in the home, school and workplace. It is the common denominator among juvenile delinquents and the reason that so many youth are running away from home. To do anything about deep seated anger, we must be able to trace it to its roots. If you would like to know more about the ANGER RESOLUTION course, contact the Institute in Basic Life Principles, Box One, Oak Grove, Illinois 60522, 630-323-9800 or visit their Web site www.iblp.org

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

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Palm Sunday, April 13, the 103rd day of 2003. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight - in History:

On April 13 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

On this date: In 1598, King Henry IV of France endorsed the Edict of Nantes, which granted rights to the Protestant Huguenots. (The edict was abrogated in 1685 by King Louis XIV, who declared France entirely Catholic again.)

In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed publicly, in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born.

In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded in New York.

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HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Birthright" by Nora Roberts (Putnam)
2. "Cerulean Sins: An Anita Blake Vampire Hunter Novel" by Laurell K. Hamilton (Berkley)
3. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
4. "Lost Light" by Michael Connelly (Little, Brown)
5. "The King of Torts" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
6. "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold (Little, Brown)
7. "The Jester" by J. Patterson, A. Gross (Little, Brown)
8. "Dead Aim" by Iris Johansen (Bantam)

9. "Children of the Storm" by Elizabeth Peters (Morrow)
10. "The Reluctant Suitor" by Kathleen E. Woodiwiss (Morrow)

NONFICTION, GENERAL

1. "Atkins for Life" by Robert C. Atkins, M.D. (St. Martin's)
2. Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life" by Queen Noor (Miramax)
3. "Stupid White Men... and Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation" by Michael Moore (ReganBooks)
4. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren

5. "The Savage Nation" by Michael Savage (WND Books)
6. "Jarhead" by Anthony Swofford (Scribner)
7. "Dereliction of Duty" by Robert Patterson (Regnery)
8. "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson (Putnam)
9. "Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap...and Others Don't" by Jim Collins (HarperBusiness)
10. "The Power of Engagement: Managing Energy, Not Time..." by Jim Loehr & Tony Schwartz (Free Press)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Dr. Atkins New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins (Avon)
2. "Three Fates" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
3. "Daddy's Little Girl" by Mary Higgins Clark (Pocket)
4. "The Wailing Wind" by Tony Hillerman (HarperCollins)
5. "The Murder Book" by Jonathan Kellerman (Ballantine)
6. "About Face" by Fern Michaels (Zebra)
7. "Up Country" by Nelson DeMille (Warner Vision)
8. "Dreamcatcher" by

9. "The Pursuit" by Johanna Lindsey (Avon)
10. "Don't Look Back" by Amanda Quick (Bantam)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Nanny Diaries" by Emma McLaughlin & Nicola Kraus. (St. Martin's/Griffin)
2. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin USA)
3. "Trading Spaces: Behind the Scenes" by Meredith Books, Brian Kramer (Meredith Books)
4. "Atonement" by Ian McEwan (Anchor)

5. "Mrs. Dalloway" by Virginia Woolf (Harcourt/Harvest)
6. "The Hours" by Michael Cunningham (Picador)
7. "Shopaholic Ties the Knot" by Sophie Kinsella (Delta)
8. "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins, M.D. (Quill)
9. "The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall (Smith Anchor)
10. "Sea Glass" by Anita Shreve (Little, Brown/Back Bay)

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CRADDICK

Craddick's day might include hosting breakfast or lunch for different groups or restoring the apartment in the Capitol's original 1880s style. She hopes to eventually open it to public tours.

She's started making speeches and sometimes serves, in her words, as a "mini ambassador" to her husband by listening to people's concerns and relaying them to him.

There's also the fun stuff. She met Miss America and running back Emmitt Smith, who was released by the Dallas Cowboys and honored

University gearing up for 'Educator's Expo'

CANYON — School district representatives from Alaska to Tennessee will be on hand for West Texas A&M University's annual Educator's EXPO set for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, April 14 at the WTAMU Event Center.

The event, sponsored by the WTAMU Career and Counseling Services, gives education majors and prospective teachers an opportunity to learn more about the different school districts represented, personnel needs and the career paths offered. More than 80 school districts will be represented at the event and job openings range from speech pathology and math to science and bilingual education.

WTAMU students and any educator who is certified to teach as of fall 2003 are encouraged to attend. Senior education students from Eastern New Mexico University, Wayland Baptist University, Oklahoma Panhandle State University and Southwest Oklahoma

Midland County Commissioner Josie Ramirez, a Democrat, once served on the hospital board with Craddick and recalls her going out of her way to sit with "the smaller people."

by the Legislature last month.

She says she plays a background role and isn't steeped in legislative details. Of the current projected budget shortfall, she says lawmakers will try "not to hurt the people who really need the dollars."

Partners, best friends
Tom Craddick compliments his wife's knack for speaking and campaigning.

"I think she's been a major impact on my career," he says. "We talk about some

issues. We're real partners."

Nadine Craddick calls her husband her soul mate and friends regard them as equals.

"I'm behind the scenes," she says. "I don't have an agenda. I have things I have a passion for, but I have not set them out there as an agenda."

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with "the smaller people."

"To me, that made her a bigger person," Ramirez says.

If her new role in Austin has done anything, Craddick says, it has forced her to let go of her perfectionist tendencies.

But when she stood beside her husband in January as he was sworn in on a day most Republicans decades ago never thought would come, she reveled in the moment.

"I was pretty proud standing beside him," she says. "We're blessed with strong family and strong friends who support us and we support them. What more blessing can you have than that?"

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State University have been invited.

"I encourage all students who may be considering teaching as a career to come to the EXPO," Kim Storey, assistant director in career and counseling services, said. "It will be a great source of information, not just for those seeking a job in August, but for anyone interested in the field of education."

Those attending are encouraged to bring multiple copies of their resumes and an official transcript. Some of the representatives may conduct on-the-spot interviews for openings in their school districts.

"If you are job hunting, dress professionally and bring your resumé, otherwise feel free to come 'as you are' to visit with school district representatives," Storey said.

The Educator's EXPO allows students to make contact with a large number of school systems at one time, in one place. The event also helps students make decisions about any additional classes or activities they may need to complete their coursework for a certain career path.

For more information about the WTAMU Educator's EXPO, please call Career and Counseling Services at 806-651-2345.

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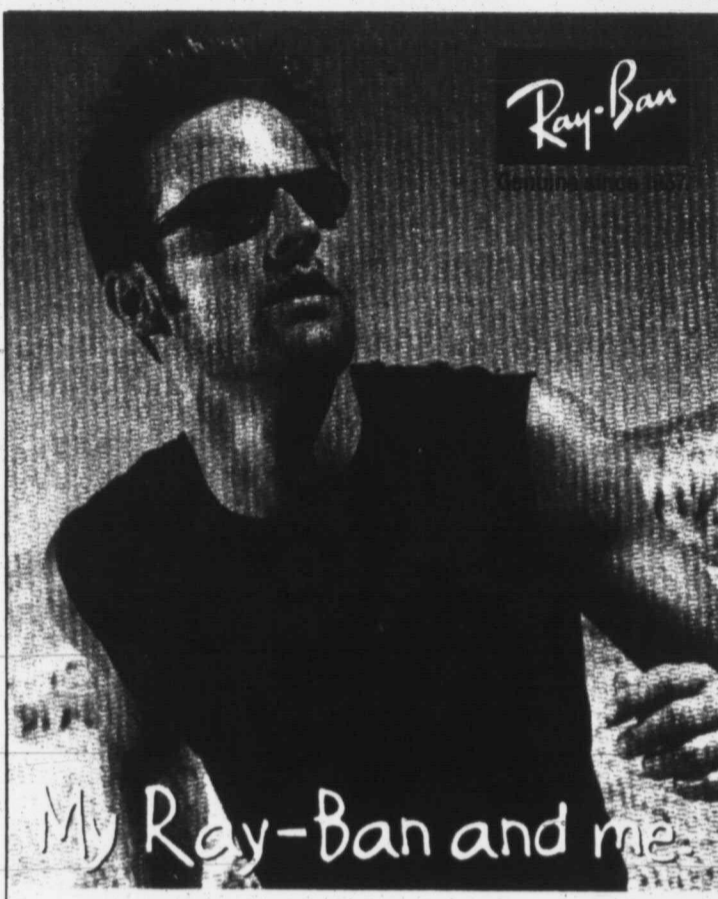
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Doctors see rise in diabetes among children

By DANIEL O. HANEY
AP Medical Editor

BOSTON (AP) — Once a true medical oddity, children with adult diabetes are becoming commonplace. Doctors blame the twin evils of too much food and too little exercise and fear a tragic upswing in disastrous diabetic complications as this overweight generation reaches adulthood.

At hospitals everywhere, boys and girls who range from chubby to hugely obese are being diagnosed in unprecedented numbers with type 2

diabetes. Most are barely into their teens. Some are as young as 6.

This disease used to be called adult-onset diabetes, since it rarely occurred before middle age. But over the past decade, it has slowly become clear this is now a disease of the young, as well.

Just how frequently is uncertain, since nationwide statistics are still being gathered. Nevertheless, doctors are convinced they see the leading edge of a dangerous shift, one that will inevitably lead to kidney failure, blindness, heart attacks, amputations and more as these young people live another 10 or 20 years with their diabetes.

"There is an epidemic of type 2 diabetes in youth, absolutely," says Dr. Lori Laffel, head of the pediatric unit at Boston's Joslin Diabetes Center. "Over the years, we always saw an occasional child with type 2. It was a handful a year."

But in the early '90s, the pattern changed. Out of the blue, it seemed, large children, usually accompanied by overweight parents, began to show up with type 2 diabetes. During the early '90s, Joslin's totals increased five times. Since then, they have doubled again.

Until this shift, almost all diabetes in children was type

1, what was called juvenile diabetes. In many ways, it is a different disease. Type 1 results from a misguided attack by the immune system on the insulin-making cells in the pancreas. Victims stop making insulin completely, so they cannot convert sugar to energy.

But type 2 has always been a disease of people in their 50s, 60s and beyond. Their bodies still make insulin, just not enough. They may go for years without realizing they have it.

Around the country, doctors say Joslin's 10-fold rise in childhood type 2 over the past decade is typical. Is it because they are looking harder or doing a better job of separating type 2 from type 1? Not likely, they say.

"It's not because we missed a lot of cases," says Dr. Phillip Lee, head of pediatric endocrinology at UCLA. "We just didn't see it. Now referrals of type 2 are almost 50 percent of our diabetes cases."

Why? Doctors have little doubt. They blame inactivity and overeating. The hours on end in front of the tube, for instance, and the 20-ounce sodas in school vending machines. (Swilling four of those a day is nothing special for many kids, one doctor notes, and adds up to 1,000 calories, close to half of a

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Still, the ones with diabetes tend to be especially big, tall for their age and large all over. Twelve-year-olds weigh 250 pounds. Invariably their parents are heavy, too.

"These are not little kids," says Dr. Morey Haymond, head of diabetes care at Texas Children's Hospital. "Even the 6-year-old is a big kid for his age."

Nearly all of them have a skin condition called acanthosis nigricans, velvety, dirty-

looking dark patches around the neck and other skin folds.

They are a sign of insulin resistance, an inability to respond efficiently to insulin, which is common in the overweight.

In girls, the insulin resistance often triggers hormone upsets that result in facial hair, acne and ovarian cysts.

Young blacks and Hispanics have more of this kind of diabetes than do whites. Their extra weight alone may explain some of it, although experts believe these minorities also may have an extra genetic tendency toward diabetes that is compounded by their weight.

Many who do not have outright diabetes still have abnormalities that put them at high risk for diabetes. Doctors estimate that for every youngster with type 2, four or five others have what's called syndrome

X or metabolic syndrome, a combination of obesity, insulin resistance, bad cholesterol counts, high triglycerides and high blood pressure.

"Unless we make a significant alteration in their lifestyles, they will likely progress to a deteriorating course of insulin resistance, pre-diabetes and diabetes," says Dr. Francine Kaufman, endocrinology chief at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and president of the American Diabetes Association.

Adults with type 2 diabetes face many complications that shorten or worsen their lives, although these can be reduced or prevented with medicines, weight loss and exercise.

Since the problem is so new, no one knows exactly what will befall those who start the disease in their teens rather than their 50s. But many fear the complications will emerge in early adulthood.

"The horizon is really dark," says Dr. Jorge Calles-Escandon, a Wake Forest University endocrinologist.

"We know what happens to adults with type 2 diabetes who don't take care of it properly. They die prematurely. They have heart attacks, strokes, blindness, renal failure. There is no reason to

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CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

by Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

ARRESTING SCOLIOSIS

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High blood sugar in obese linked to memory loss

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have found yet another reason to slim down: The high blood sugar so common among the overweight may contribute to the fogged memory of old age.

A small study, published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, showed that middle-aged and elderly people with high blood sugar actually had a smaller hippocampus, the brain region so crucial

for recent memory.

The good news: If the findings are confirmed, simple diet and exercise could help many people protect their brains. Maybe the threat of memory loss will provide the final push for aging baby boomers to take those steps, said lead researcher Dr. Antonio Convit of New York University.

"That's a great motivator to stay off the calories and stay off the couch," he said.

For every Alzheimer's patient, there are eight older people who suffer enough memory loss to significantly harm their quality of life even though they have no dementia-causing disease, said Convit, an NYU psychiatry professor who set out to uncover the causes.

Blood sugar was a natural suspect because scientists have long known that diabetes are at higher-than-normal risk for memory problems. Diabetes harms blood ves-

sels that supply the brain, heart and other organs.

The new study found that people's memory may be harmed long before they ever develop full-fledged diabetes — and that it's a problem of fuel, not plumbing.

Convit studied 30 non-diabetic middle-aged and elderly people. He measured how they performed on several memory tests; how quickly they metabolized blood sugar after a meal; and, using MRI scans, the size of the hippocampus.

The slower those outwardly healthy people metabolized blood sugar, the worse their memory was — and the smaller their hippocampus was, Convit found.

Unlike most other tissues that have multiple fuel sources, the brain depends on blood sugar for almost all its energy, Convit explained. The longer that glucose stays

in the bloodstream instead of being metabolized into body tissues, the less fuel the brain has to store memories.

Convit's research found no specific threshold at which memory automatically worsened. Overall, though, the slower the glucose metabolism, the worse people did.

Once that metabolism reaches certain levels, it becomes a condition called "impaired glucose tolerance" or pre-diabetes, thought to afflict 16 million Americans. It strikes mostly in middle age, although people of any age who are overweight and sedentary are at risk. Without treatment, pre-diabetes usually turns into full-fledged diabetes, which in turn brings deadly heart attacks, kidney failure and numerous other ailments.

Why did only the memory-crucial hippocampus seem harmed? Previous animal and human research shows it's the region most likely damaged by any brain insult, Convit said. Conversely, it's also a very adjustable region, with the

potential for some recovery if people bring their blood sugar under control, he said.

Convit's study sheds important light on yet another risk of bad blood sugar, said Dr. Fran Kaufman, president of the American Diabetes Association.

She cautioned that it was a small study that requires confirmation before doctors test glucose solely for memory complaints.

But if confirmed, the same advice for lowering people's overall diabetes risk — drop a few pounds and do exercise as simple as walking 30 minutes a day — apparently would help protect people's brains, too, Kaufman said.

Meanwhile, the diabetes association already recommends pre-diabetes testing for everyone 45 or older, and for younger people who are significantly overweight and have one other risk factor: a diabetic relative; bad cholesterol; high blood pressure; diabetes during pregnancy; birth to a baby bigger than 9 pounds; or belonging to a racial minority.



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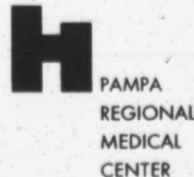


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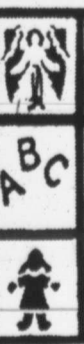
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America's readiness against anthrax questioned

By MITCH MITCHELL
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

FORT WORTH — Nearly 16 months after anthrax-contaminated letters killed five people, voices are rising to say that America is unprepared for another anthrax attack, whether it comes via the mail or from the skies.

The U.S. Postal Service has irradiation equipment that can protect federal employees in Washington, D.C., facilities from infection through anthrax-tainted letters. But postal officials say the equipment is too expensive for widespread use, and legal issues must be resolved before implementation of technology that could protect postal workers and the public.

And while the federal government has created a plan to speed medicine to any area

attacked with airborne anthrax, a scientific study released this month concluded that in large urban areas, individuals could not receive medicine fast enough to stop infection.

Other scientists and public officials say that they have confidence in the ability of the health care system and first responders to safeguard people during a biological attack.

The study on airborne anthrax attacks states that because of the lag time in delivering medicine, an attack could cause more than 120,000 deaths in a metropolitan area with a population of about 13 million. The numbers are based on computer projections by the three university researchers involved in the study.

"Although the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) says it can get med-

icines into the affected areas within seven hours of the discovery of an outbreak, what you don't see is any indication of the amount of time it would take to get the medicines into people's mouths," said Edward Kaplan, a Yale School of Medicine professor and one of the researchers for an article published this month in the 'Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.'

"If people have these medicines on hand, you can greatly reduce the number of deaths. But instead of everyone having the medicines on hand, you have to wait for them to come from the government. For each day of delay, you lose 10,000 lives."

A biological attack through the mail could also cause thousands of casualties, said Glenn Webb, a Vanderbilt University mathematics professor.

Webb constructed a computer model illustrating the possibilities of a mail-borne anthrax transmission, adding to the numbers of letters that were mailed in the 2001 attacks and allowing for greater cross-contamination of letters.

"It quickly became apparent that a more serious attack could have easily occurred," Webb said. "In that case, it would become necessary to suspend postal service to block the danger from anyone who was receiving letters."

Scott Lillibridge, a physician and director of biosecurity and public health preparedness at the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston, agrees that an airborne anthrax release would be a significant challenge, but said he believes that it is one that health care services could meet.

Lillibridge also sees flaws in suggestions made by the federal government's critics, which include government examination of individual stockpiles of anthrax-fighting antibiotics.

"Imagine if we would tell people to store things for all different types of contingencies," Lillibridge said. "It would just not be practical."

U.S. Rep. Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth, said that lawmakers are trying not to federalize every public response to every eventuality. The federal government's job is to make sure treatment and the best distribution methods are available if there is a problem, Granger said.

"I have a lot more confidence in our first responders," Granger said.

According to Jerry Kreienkamp, a Postal Service spokesman, the Postal Service wants to install biodetection and vacuum filtration systems in its mail processing facilities that would protect the public from an anthrax release from mail. But officials say that contracts to

install the systems can't be finished unless companies that make and install the equipment can be guaranteed protection from litigation.

That could be achieved by executive order or by passage of a federal law, Kreienkamp said.

The system under review would sound an alarm should anthrax or any of several biological weapons be detected. Then any biohazard would be sucked into a closed-air system that would prevent it from spreading to other postal workers or outside the postal facility.

The Postal Service is testing the biodetection and vacuum system in one of its Baltimore facilities, with plans to expand the testing to 14 additional facilities during the next few months. The Bush Administration has included more than \$400 million in its current budget to purchase the technology, Kreienkamp said.

Kreienkamp said the Postal Service wants to eventually place the equipment in all postal central processing facilities. "The ultimate goal is to put these systems in all of our 281 facilities," he said.

U.S. Rep. John Culberson, R-Houston, who serves on the subcommittee that will evaluate Postal Service appropriations, said he is suspicious of explanations concerning barriers to the new equipment's installation.

The federal government could take responsibility for the machines once they are installed, or Congress could enact a law setting liability limits for manufacturers and installers, Culberson said.

"I am frankly very skeptical of the liability excuse, because there are plenty of ways to deal with this," he said.

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DIABETES

believe this will be different for adolescents."

One follow-up study suggests he is right. Researchers from the University of Manitoba tracked down 51 people, mostly in their 20s and 30s, who had been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes as children. Two had died of kidney dialysis, and three others were still on it. One 26-year-old woman had lost a toe to amputation, while another had gone blind.

In an attempt to find out how many young Americans actually have the disease, the CDC will count all the diabetes cases among 6 million people under age 20 for five years. It expects 6,000 of them to have it at the start and 800 more to be diagnosed annually, 30 percent of them type 2.

"Whatever we get will be an underestimate of the true disease," says the CDC's Dr. Desmond Williams, since the study will not go looking for youngsters with diabetes, only record those who come to doctors' attention.

The diabetes association recommends testing children for type 2 diabetes if they are overweight and have two other risk factors, such as a parent with the disease, signs of insulin resistance or if they are black, Hispanic or American Indian.

Nevertheless, outside of big hospital obesity clinics, experts say this kind of testing is rare. Pediatricians and family physicians simply are not trained to think about adult diabetes in the young, and without obvious symptoms, children are likely to be missed.

"It's possible that we are looking at the tip of the iceberg, the ones with the most-severe disease or with pediatricians who are attuned to looking for

this," says Dr. Stephen Daniels, a pediatric cardiologist at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati.

If so, what can be done? Doctors understand what they are up against — a culture of cheap, high-calorie food and sedentary pleasures — and can think of no easy solutions. These are, after all, teenagers. They feel immortal and are loathe to do anything their friends do not, such as ordering a salad or joining an aerobics class.

Some wonder if refocusing the exercise and eating habits of the entire society is the only solution. Others think about more focused approaches, such as luring overweight girls into after-school workouts, where they might learn something both fun and sweaty, like break dancing.

Some experts believe exercise is as crucial as weight control in preventing type 2. Pediatrics professor Bernard Gutin of the Medical College of Georgia notes that physical activity stimulates movement of sugar into cells and improves the body's response to insulin.

"Vigorous exercise in kids is especially important," says Gutin, who is testing the effects of basketball, soccer and dancing on overweight boys and girls. "That translates simply into running rather than walking."

But the first, and often biggest, hurdle is getting youngsters and their parents to acknowledge they actually have a problem, that the weight must go. Often they come from families where everyone is overweight, where nobody exercises in any way.

"It's difficult to change what you have grown to accept as normal all your life, and you are surrounded with an environment that is not willing to change," says Dr. Silva Arslanian, director of clinical research at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

One large federally financed study, involving several thousand young people in North Carolina, Texas and California, will see if modest changes at school can make a difference. It will test whether healthier choices in the cafeteria, better access to water and improved phys ed programs, among other things, have an effect on youngsters' risk of type 2 diabetes.

"Can we really reverse things?" asks Kaufman, who's directing that study. "We're not going back to the 1950s, but we could make this a healthier time in which to live."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Medical Editor Daniel Q. Haney is a special correspondent for The Associated Press.



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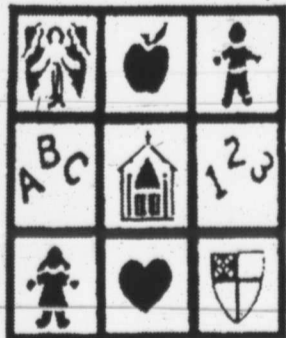
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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

'LEGACY'

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

SQUARE HOUSE EXHIBIT

Carson County Square House Museum will present "Country Memories," an exhibit of artwork by Sam Doering, throughout March and April. For more information, call (806) 537-3524.

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.

PARKS FOR PROGRESS

Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council (www.TexasPTMC.org or http://www.texasptmc.org) April meeting in Quitaque will address the issue of how communities in the Panhandle can use parks and public areas to increase tourism and local economic development. In addition to a presentation by the staff at Caprock Canyons State Park, the meeting will feature an itinerary development workshop where attendees will identify tourism destinations, products and services. The meeting includes lunch, music and an art exhibit; attendance is \$10 per person. The meeting will be held at the interpretive center in the park; in the event of inclement weather it will be held at the community center in Quitaque. RSVP to Judy Burlin at (806) 874-2421 or via e-mail at clarendon@donleytx.com, or to Phil Barefield at (806) 455-1446, or via e-mail at philbare@caprock-spur.com.

THC EXHIBIT

The Ticket Office of Potter County Santa Fe Building is the site of a monthlong exhibit of key projects and programs of Texas Historical Commission. The exhibit is part of THC's 50th anniversary tribute and will be on display throughout the month of April.

TRAIN SHOW

Amarillo Railroad Museum will present "Tri-State Train Show" April 12-13 at Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. Show hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Admission is \$4. Children 12 and under get in free. Booth space currently available. For more information, call (806) 358-9274 in the evening or e-mail broth@am.net.

PCCA TEA

Pampa Community Concert Association's "Workers Tea" will be

held at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 13, in the parlor of First United Methodist Church. The event is open to all workers involved in PCCA's membership campaign.

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@craftthouston.org; visit www.craftthouston.org; or write Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St., Houston, TX 77702.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Republican Women will meet from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, April 16, at the Schneider House in Pampa.

PACS

Pampa Area Cancer Support Group will meet from 7-8 p.m., Thursday, April 17, in the second floor classroom of Pampa Regional Medical Center Medical Office Building. No advance reservation is necessary. The program will be a video presentation entitled, "Living with Cancer: A Message of Hope." For more information, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 235.

PDG MEETING

Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District will host a public meeting of the Program Development Group at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 17, at Gray County Annex. PDG is seeking input concerning the Environmental Quality Incentive Program. For more information, call 665-1751, ext. 3.

FPC RODEO

Frank Phillips College Rodeo will be held April 17-19 at Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena on the outskirts of Pampa.

GRAPE DAY

Texas Cooperative Extension and Newsom Vineyard will sponsor the Second Annual Vineyard Grape Day from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., April 18 at Newsom Vineyard of Plains. Participants must RSVP to Neal Newsom at (806) 456-6877 for the noon meal. The event is free and open to the public. For further information, contact Extension Agent Arlen Gentry at (806) 456-2263 or Ed Hellman at (806) 746-6101.

EMBASSY CONTEST

Embassy Music is currently sponsoring a "New Artist and Song Search." The deadline for entries is April 18. For more information, log onto www.embassymusic.com or phone the Ultimate Helpline at (615) 345-2500.

DESERT REIGN

Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford in Pampa, will host the gospel music group "Desert Reign" at 11 a.m., Sunday, April 20. Admission is free.

SUNSHINE LUNCHEON

Crown of Texas Hospice will host a Sunshine Luncheon for individuals grieving the death of a loved one at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 22, at Dyer's Bar-B-Que in Pampa. Menu items will cost between \$5 and \$8. For more information, call (806) 372-7696.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING

Gray County American Red Cross will conduct Lifeguard Training from 6-10 p.m., weekdays and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, April 22-26 and 28-30. Cost is \$85 per person and includes a book and CPR barrier. A pre-test is scheduled from 6-10 p.m., April 22 at Pampa Youth and Community Center. To

register or for more information, call 669-7121 or stop by the local ARC office at 108 N. Russell.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

Administrative assistants, office coordinators, executive secretaries and other types of administrative support staff in the Amarillo area are invited to network with other professionals during the annual Administrative Professionals Day Reception slated from 5:30-7 p.m., April 23 at Monte's, 3218 Hobbs, Amarillo. The reception will include a short program, an awards ceremony and refreshments. Admission is free. To RSVP, call Emily at (806) 353-7321.

PPHM EXHIBIT

Beginning April 23, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will feature the work of artist Dean Porter. The exhibit will include paintings in watercolor and oil. A Samuel H. Kress Fellow, Porter holds a master's degree and a Ph.D., in art history from State University of New York at Binghamton and served as curator for the art gallery at Notre Dame from 1966 until accepting a post as director of the Snie Museum.

CATTLEWOMEN

Top O' Texas CattleWomen Scholarship application forms have been distributed to area high schools. Three scholarships will be awarded altogether - one in the amount of \$500 and two in the amount of \$250. Students from Gray, Carson, Collingsworth, Hemphill, Hutchison, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties are eligible. The deadline for applications is April 25. Applications must be submitted to: Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. For more information, call (806) 826-3572.

AHA CASINO NIGHT

American Heart Association will have its "Royal Heart Casino Night" fund-raiser at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, April 26, at Pampa Country Club. For more information, call Veronica at 665-0356.

PAS DANCE

The next Pampa Area Singles Dance will be from 7-11 p.m., Saturday, April 26, at M.K. Brown Auditorium with Mike Porter. A covered dish dinner will be served with ham. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish and no smoking or alcohol is allowed. For more information, call 665-7059.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., April 2 and 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: April 22, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

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BIG Z BARBECUE

Zion Lutheran Church's annual Big Z Barbecue will be held from 5-7 p.m., Saturday, May 3, at 1200 Duncan.

GRASS ROUTE

The City of Pampa will resume its seasonal grass route on Monday, May 5, in Ward 1; Tuesday, May 6, in Ward 2; Wednesday, May 7, in Ward 3; and Thursday, May 8, in Ward 4. Collection times will be the same as last year. Only City of Pampa residents will be included in the service. Clippings should be gathered in bags of 50 pounds or less and must not include other debris or trash.

PAC SHOW & TEA

Pampa Art Club will host its 55th annual Art Show and Guest Day Tea from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Thursday, May 8, at Lovett Memorial Library. The event will include a variety of art in various mediums. For more information, call 665-4742.

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Eighth Grade. James Walter Coffee, Meredith Brooke Coutts, Michael Craig Crowell, Jareth Fortenberry, Katie Jo Holmes, Eric Michael Knott, Erwin Adolfo Kuehne, Andrew Scott Lowrance, Kelli Jean Martin, Landon Allen McNeely, Angela Mechelay, Whitney Nicole Morris, Kenzi Lea Nickell, Holly Francene Owens, Maegan Marie Patterson, Ashley Yvonne Pitman, Manuela Retana, Brenon Thomas, Cassandra Tice, Alexander Torres, Taylor Lane Vandagriff, Abigail Trese Weaver, Isaac Jon-David Wilson.

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David Robert Gutierrez, Jennifer Erin Haley, Amanda Lynn Harkins, Amanda Helfer, Calee Rane Henley, Ashley Hernandez.

Christa Dawn Holt, Mikah Kathleen Howard, Jennifer Huffhines, Alexandra Renae Hutto, Tyler Diane Jones, Michael Allen Kelley, Daniel Shane Kirkland, Melissa Nicole Leal, Zachary Allen Licklider, Dustin Jay Mathis, Kamy Lynn Miller, Shelby Lynn Needham, Dustin Kristoffer Neef, Karlie Kay Novian.

Callie Renee Preston, Lillian Grace Price, Tristin Janae Reeves, Nicholas Lee Riley, Juan Victor Rivera, Norman William Rodgers, Justin David Romero, Mayra Salazar, Belinda Saldierna, Julianna Schuneman, Kelsie Serrato, Chyana Dawn Shaw, April Rose Silva, Krista Marie Silva, Hayden Brooks Skinner.

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Seventh Grade.

George tickets won't be necessary," Killebrew said. "We can welcome all graduates, friends and families — the more, the merrier." Invitations for graduates of the Pickens College of Business and the College of Education and Social Sciences will have to be changed, and the University has agreed to cover printing costs for the new inserts. Affected students should contact the University Bookstore — Customer Service at 806-651-2744.

Timothy Albear, Brittany Ann Balay, Megan N. Barnett, Sean Paul Beedy, Crystal Blanco, Anthony Dean Brown, Russell Arron Carter, Tanner Cochran, Trevor Wade Collins, Stevie Shane Contreras, Colby Aaron Copeland, Jimmy Lee Craig, Meagan Crawford, Solomon Ray Cruz, Annie Jo Day, Andrew Michael Dunn, Garrett Glen Eggleston, Yesenia Flores, Erin Nichole Hall, Aubrey Hamilton, Stephanie Hassell.

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Ryan Kelly Braswell, Kirby Lynn Broaddus, Dru Cameron Buttram, Jacklyn Jean Cargill, Kerri Dawn Carter, Todd Carter, Johnny Ray Carver, Levi N. Cave, Juan Antonio Chavez, Jarron Freeman Clark, Nicole Darlene Clark, Michelle Dawn Coil, Bridget Katherine Craig, Maegan Nichole Crain, Robbie W. Dixon.

Mckinsie Rae East, Gavin Glen Eggleston, Con Elliot Elledge, Courtney Marie Ericson, David Brett Ferrell, Dustin Wade Forney, Shon Anthony Freelen, Benjamin K. Gibson, Shaunna Lynne Gray, Adam Joseph Hagerman, Ryan Nicholas Hansen, Margaret Sue Hopkins, Logan B. Howard, Tyler K. Hucks, Kyle Mark Irvin, Alba Nayeli Jimenez, Kali Dawn Jimenez, Shawn Alan Johnson, Michael John Kane, Alyssa Janay Kelsey, Cherish Autumn Kirkland, Alicia Grace Kirkwood,

Natalie Rae Knowles, Richard V. Leal, Jeffery W. Lester, Jonathan Jose Maciel, Dock Allen Mackie, Jack Andrew Mackie, Kaley Rachele Maddox, Stephanie Paige McVay, Lensey Ann Mixon, Karim Molinar, Kailey Renae Murrar, Bryant Lee Noble, Jenee Brionne Norris, Kelci Leigh Penrod, Aaron Pepper, Samantha Toni Pereira, Britteni Ashton Rice.

Michael Robinson, Jacob Lee Russell, Devan Roland Shults, Erika Nicole Silva, Jade Ambra Skinner, Cody Lane Snow, Donna Luisa Solis, Maribel Soto, Jonathan Stewart, Tanna Jo Stowers, brittanie Tambunga, Anjela Kasey Tindol, Connie J. Torres, Labaron Lekeith Towles, Tamara Kaele Trevathan, Urvis Trivedi, Donald Van Houten, Amber Renea Williams, Logan Winkelman, Kelsie Shae Wyatt.

West Texas to host two graduation ceremonies

CANYON — In order to accommodate the largest West Texas A&M University graduating class in history, they're splitting up. Graduates of the College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences and the Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities will receive their diplomas during a 10 a.m. ceremony on Saturday, May 10 at the WTAMU Event Center. A ceremony for the graduates from the Pickens College of Business and the College of Education and Social Sciences will follow at 1 p.m.

"About 650 students applied for graduation last May, the most in our history, and we developed our initial plans for this May's graduation on the belief that we would have similar numbers," Dr. Flavius Killebrew, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said. Instead, 759 students have applied for May 2003 graduation. Traditionally, each graduate averages more than 10 friends and family members in the audience, and there is no appropriate indoor facility in Canyon or Amarillo that can accommodate those numbers.

"The fairest and most reasonable solution is to host

two ceremonies," Dr. Russell C. Long, WTAMU president, said. "It will free up parking and traffic outside and seating inside and will make for a much more pleasant experience for everyone. And that's as it should be. This is a very special day."

The two-ceremony solution also eliminates the need to control the size of the crowd, which was to have been accomplished by implementing a 10-ticket-per-graduate system.

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

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

Downtown Business Association. Pampa Downtown Business Association meets at 8:30 a.m., the second Tuesday of the month at The Coffee Shop on Cuyler. For more information, call Chase Roach at 665-1251.

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

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

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

Gray Co. Genealogical Society. Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For

membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society. Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

Magic Plains ABWA. Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Clint and Sons Smokehouse, 1421 N. Hobart. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

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

Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club. The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Carol Carpenter at 669-7940.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEDICAL, SUPPORT GROUPS, ETC.

Al-Anon. Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-6898.

Alzheimer's Support Group. The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson at 6650 0356.

American Heart Ass'n. American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant in Pampa.

ARC. Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs (with pot) and hospital beds for its Loan Closet. For more information or to make a donation, contact the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.

Area Agency on Aging.

Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle needs volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Tanya Mock, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

Beginnings. "Beginnings," a Harrington Cancer Center program for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients, will meet weekly in Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173, or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

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

Clean Air Al-Anon. Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 2004 Williston. For more information, call 665-6898.

COAF Web Site. The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have

grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

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

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

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

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

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

H.O.P.E. Crown of Texas

Hospice and Northwest Texas Healthcare System are co-sponsors of "H.O.P.E.," an education and support group for parents grieving the death of a child. The group meets the second Thursday of each month at Crown of Texas Hospice in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 372-7696.

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

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

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

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

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

Mamá Manía. A support group for mothers entirely in Spanish. It meets at 10 a.m., the third Thursday of each month at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. For more information, call 1-888-892-2273, ext. 228.

Mom Mania. Mom Mania, a support group for mothers with small children, meets at 6:30 p.m., the last Tuesday of each month in the meeting room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Come for facts, food and fun. Nursery not included but infants and toddlers are welcome. For more information, call 664-2459.

Mommy 'N' Me. A support group for nursing mothers and women needing information on breastfeeding that meets at 10 a.m., the first Monday of each month at Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan. For more information, call 664-2459.



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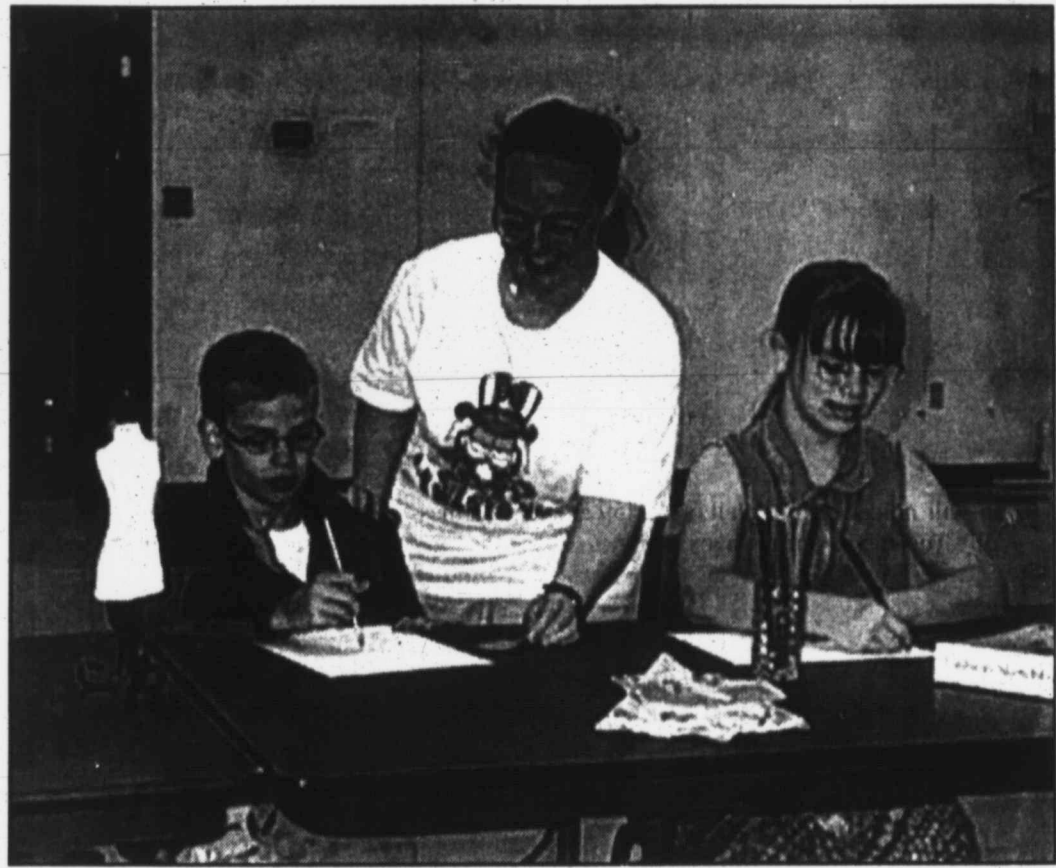
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4-H Fabric and Fashion project



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Senior Gray County 4-Her Sarah Schwab, Gabriel Miller while Tammy Syfrett works on her sketches. Miller and Syfrett are among seven 4-Hers participating in the 4-H Fabric and Fashion Design project taught by Schwab. The 4-Hers will have an opportunity to enter their design portfolios at District Fashion Show scheduled May 3 in Panhandle. For more information about this or other 4-H projects, call the local Extension office at 669-8033.

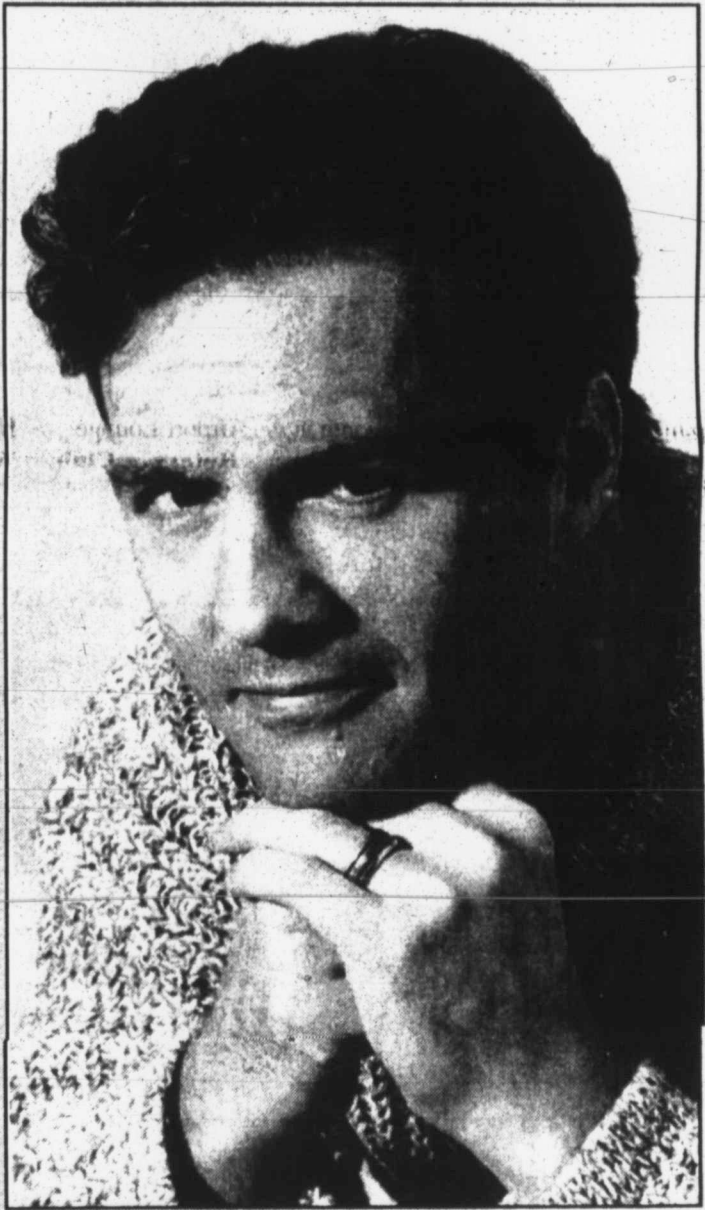
LSB to take stage during upcoming 'Broadway to Galaway' production

AMARILLO — On April 26 at the Civic Center Auditorium in Amarillo, Lone Star Ballet will be performing during "Broadway to Galaway," a production featuring Irish tenor Ciaran Sheenan.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, Sheenan moved to New York City to pursue a career in theater. He began his acting training with noted Broadway director Bobby Lewis and studied voice with well-known tenor Robert White.

He appeared in a televised memorial mass for John and Carolyn Kennedy singing "Danny Boy" and has played the title role in "The Phantom of the Opera" on Broadway and in Toronto. He also had a part in Frank McCourt's PBS hit, "The Irish ... and How They Got That Way."

"From Broadway to Galaway" includes Broadway songs, contemporary favorites and classic Irish ballads. Also performing will be Eily O'Grady Patterson, award-winning pianist and producer wife of the late Irish tenor Frank Patterson; Fiona Murphy, Irish soprano; and Brian Conway, Irish violinist. For reservations or ticket



Ciaran Sheenan
 information, call (806) 372-2463. Lone Star Ballet is a non-profit educational institution.

A&M System board approves requests

CANYON — The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents met March 27 in College Station and approved all three West Texas A&M University requests and a fourth system-wide item that may affect WTAMU and its students.

In anticipation of possibly severe state budget cuts, the board pre-approved an A&M System university's right to increase designated tuition to \$46 per semester credit hour. Designated tuition at WTAMU for fall 2003 is currently \$30.50 per semester credit hour.

"I hope we can hold it at \$30.50," Dr. Russell C. Long, WTAMU president, said. "That's our plan, but it all depends on how this legislative session turns out. If the budget cuts are as severe as some think, we may have no choice but to raise designated tuition. The board has given us approval to exercise that option if necessary."

The board also approved WTAMU's request to remove CIS 105 — Introduction to Information Science, a basic computer course, from the University's core curriculum requirements, thus reducing the core from 49 to 46 semester credit hours.

"We're finding that more and more students are graduating from high school with the kind of basic skills covered in CIS 105," Dr. Flavius Killebrew, provost and vice

president for academic affairs, said. "Computer competency will remain a requirement for graduation, but students will not have to take CIS 105 to demonstrate that competency."

The Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Mechanical Engineering is one step closer to being added to the University curriculum. The board granted its approval as well as permission to present the program request for final approval to The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Finally, five retirees were granted Professor Emeritus status by the board in recognition of their long and distinguished service to West Texas A&M. They are Fred Marsh, assistant professor of political science; Dr. Pete Petersen, professor of history; Dr. Winston Stahlecker, professor of marketing; Leon Trekell, associate professor of accounting; and Guy Yates, assistant professor of speech communication. All five retired in 2000 and have a combined 153 years of service to the University.

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SPORTS

Lady Harvesters stun district-leading Dumas

PAMPA — Pampa gained some long, awaited revenge in handing Dumas its first district loss in girls softball action Friday.

Pampa dominated in every area - pitching, hitting and defense - to deal the district-leading Demonettes a 7-3 setback before a huge crowd at Recreation Park. This group of Lady Harvesters had not beaten a Dumas team since their grade school days in the Optimist League.

Pampa pitcher Dusti Wilson, who was recognized as the team's only graduating senior, got the mound win in her last home appearance. Wilson (13-2) pitched seven innings and gave up six hits

while striking out two and walking four.

Wilson is the daughter of Gary and Audra Roden.

Second baseman Amy Youree led



Dusti Wilson

Pampa's 10-hit assault with 3 hits in 4 times at bat, including a run-batted-in. Jennie Rogers had 2 hits, 1 RBI; Abbi Covalt 2 hits, 2 RBI; Stacy Johnson 1 hit, 1 RBI; Haley Bowen 1 hit, 2 RBI; Jackie Gerber 1 hit, 1 RBI.

Dalila Paredes led Dumas with 3 hits in 4 times at bat.

Jordan Gresham and Heather Schaefer pitched for Dumas with Gresham, the starter, taking the loss.

The contest was scoreless until the third when Pampa exploded for five runs.

The Lady Harvesters added two more runs in the fifth to make it 7-0.

Gerber scored 2 runs for the Lady Harvesters while Rogers, Youree, Covalt, Johnson and Teryn Garner scored 1 each.

For the Demonettes, 19 of their 21 outs came on groundballs or fly-outs. They scored their first run in the sixth inning and two more in the

seventh, Wilson struck out Chelsea Phillips for the final out in the seventh.

It was the third win in a row for the Lady Harvesters, who have sole possession of second place in the district race with an 8-3 record. Dumas was 9-0 in district going into Friday's game. The Demonettes are 16-8 for the season.

Third place belongs to Randall, which has lost twice to Pampa.

The Lady Harvesters, 21-8 for the season, host Caprock at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the regular-season finale.

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Kent hits two-run homer to lift Astros past Cards

HOUSTON (AP) — Matt Morris is having a tough time beating the Houston Astros.

Morris (0-1) pitched an outstanding complete game but gave up a two-run home run to Jeff Kent with two out in the ninth inning Friday night as the Astros beat the St. Louis Cardinals for the third straight time this season.

On April 5, Morris shut out Houston for eight innings before being removed by manager Tony La Russa in a game the Astros won 2-1.

"It's funny how situations come up like that," Morris said. "It happened five days ago and we all know how that came out. Everybody was second-guessing us and

everything. But it's not that way. I just made a bad pitch."

Kent's second homer of the season ruined a splendid pitching performance by Morris, who retired 17 of 18 batters before Lance Berkman's two-out infield single in the ninth.

"I just put it into the wind," Kent said. "Morris pitched a great game. We just got to him late. Our bullpen gives us confidence by keeping it close that we can come back."

La Russa was poised to take Morris out in the ninth.

"We had (Steve) Kline ready," La Russa said. "If one of the first two guys got on, I was going to get him. I was going to have the lefty go against Berkman."

Jeff Bagwell homered in the third inning. Both pitches were fastballs that got up over the plate. Morris allowed six hits. He struck out five and walked one.

Kent then sent a 3-1 pitch over the left-center field fence to give Houston a thrilling win in the opener of a three-game series between teams that have combined for the last seven NL Central titles.

"I wanted to go back out there," Morris said. "I appreciated the fact that Tony had faith in me to send me back out."

Octavio Dotel (1-1) worked a scoreless ninth for the victory. He was the fourth Astros pitcher.

Jim Edmonds hit his third homer of the season — all

against Houston — in the first inning off Brian Moehler. Scott Rolen added an RBI double for the Cardinals, who have lost three straight and five of six.

Edmonds went 1-for-3 and is hitting .405 with 18 homers and 42 RBIs in 49 career games against the Astros. He went 4-for-4 with two home runs, two doubles and four RBIs against the Astros in St. Louis on April 4.

After Edmonds' homer, Albert Pujols singled to right and scored on a double by Rolen for a 2-0 lead.

Moehler gave up six hits in five innings. Pete Munro, Brad Lidge and Dotel combined to allow just one hit in four scoreless innings the rest of the way.

Four of St. Louis' five losses this season have been in the opposing team's final at bat.

"We still have a long way to go," Martinez said. "We've had nine games that we've played hard every night and we've been in every one of them. So, things could change any day. We'll be fine. I'm not worried about this team at all."

Notes: Rolen has hit safely in all nine of St. Louis' games. Richard Hidalgo also has an eight-game streak for the Astros. ... Cardinals 2B Fernando Vina was a last-minute scratch from the starting lineup because of a hand injury. ... Edmonds played despite being slowed by a strained left calf.

Woods has rocky start at Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Before teeing off at the Masters, Tiger Woods had some advice for his college playing partner.

"Enjoy yourself," Woods told U.S. Amateur champ Ricky Barnes.

Woods didn't have that luxury. It wasn't a fun day for the two-time defending champion at Augusta National — and not just because Woods had to grind out 28 holes on a squishy, elongated course.

Seeking an unprecedented third straight Masters title, Woods stumbled through the rain-delayed first round Friday.

He finished with a 4-over-par 76 — his worst opening at a major since he was a 20-year-old amateur playing the U.S. Open in 1996.

When Woods arrived at the clubhouse for a brief layover, he had yet to make a birdie and was seven shots

behind the amateur.

Barnes thoroughly enjoyed his first trip to the Masters, opening with a 69 despite the toughest scoring conditions for a first round at Augusta National since 1988.

Asked whether he expected to be seven strokes ahead of the world's greatest player

after 18 holes, Barnes deadpanned: "You're kidding."

When the horn sounded to end play for the day, the sun had already slipped behind the Georgia pines, and Woods was back on track. He played the first 10 holes of the second round at 2 under and was 2 over for the tournament.

Plainview defeats Pampa

PLAINVIEW — There is now a three-way tie for first place in the District 3-4A baseball race.

Plainview surprised Pampa 8-4 and Randall edged Caprock 5-4 in Friday's action. That left Pampa, Plainview and Randall all tied up at 6-2 in district with four games remaining.

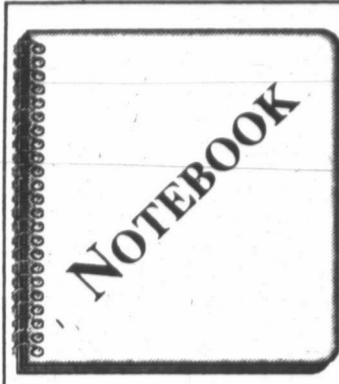
Plainview jumped out to an early lead and never trailed as lefthander Michael Chavez scattered eight hits.

Jacob Alahosa had two of Plainview's nine hits. Todd Jeffress had a solo home run for the Bulldogs.

Senior outfielder Tyson Moree and sophomore catcher Shea Brown had two hits each to lead the Harvesters. Moree knocked in a pair of runs with a double and single.

Max Simon took the mound loss.

Tyler Doughty, Ryan Zemanek, Derek Lewis and Jered Snelgroes had one hit each for Pampa.



GOLF

PAMPA — Ladies are urged to come join the fun with the Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association, which starts summer playdays on May 5.

Tee time is 5:45 p.m. every Monday throughout the summer.

For more information, call Jackie Harper at 669-5790 or Brenda Kelley at 665-8000.

PAMPA — Prizes will be awarded April 28 in a 9-hole Golf Scramble, sponsored by the Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association.

There will be a 5:45 p.m. shotgun start at Hidden Hills Public Golf Course.

Entry fee is \$five dollars plus green fees and carts.

The scramble is open to both men and women, and entry deadline is Sunday, April 27.

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Palmeiro makes baseball history

SEATTLE (AP) — Buck Showalter is happy to have a front-row seat to watch Texas slugger Rafael Palmeiro make some baseball history.

"It kind of slaps you in the face when you make note of some of the people he's passing and approaching," the first-year Rangers manager said Friday night after Palmeiro hit his 494th homer to pass Lou Gehrig for 19th place on the career list.

Palmeiro's two-run homer in the fifth inning helped the Rangers overcome Chan Ho Park's wildness and beat the Seattle Mariners 4-2.

The 38-year-old Palmeiro is six home runs shy of becoming the second player to reach the 500-mark this season. The Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa did it April 4.

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(La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevario a cabo de lunes a viernes en Pampa ISD Personnel Office - 321 W. Albert, Pampa, TX entre las 8:00 a.m. inenamu y las 4:30 p.m. empezando el 16 de abril de 2003 y terminando el 30 de abril de 2003)

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Seven Pampa High tracksters qualify for regionals

DUMAS — Seven Pampa athletes are headed to San Angelo after qualifying for regionals at the District 3-4A track meet this week.

each event qualified for the Region 14A meet to be held April 25-26 in San Angelo. In the boys' division, Greg Wiley ran a 14.92 in the 110 hurdles to take second place. Also qualifying

was the 400-meter relay team of Johnny Moore, Greg Wiley, Jesse Tarango and Mark Williams, which placed second with a time of 43.66. In the girls' division,

Skye Niccum claimed second in the shot put with a throw of 38-8 1/2. Teryn Stowers was second in the triple jump (36-9 1/2) and Kaysha Lee was second in the high jump (4-

10 1/2). In the final team standings, Pampa was fifth in the girls' division with 68 points. Pampa was sixth in the boys' division with 42

points. Hereford finished with 140 points to win the district boys' title. Palo Duro had 193 points to win the girls' crown.

State ponders area specific bag-limits for bass anglers

BY MIKE LEGGETT
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — White bass anglers do it. Striped bass anglers do it. Black bass anglers have been doing it for years.

Now, it appears that saltwater anglers finally may be doing it, too.

We're talking about fishing in different areas of the Texas Gulf Coast with different bag limits on game fish. It makes all the sense in the world.

Some bay systems produce bigger trout than others.

Some have more redfish than others. They can be hundreds of miles apart, fed by vastly different rivers and creeks and fished by completely different groups of anglers. It only stands to reason that there would be variations in what anglers could catch and the size and bag limits established by Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists.

The Parks and Wildlife Commission obviously thinks so, too. During a recent public hearing to discuss setting a 25-inch maximum size limit on spotted sea trout and limiting anglers to just one fish per day above that size, commissioners heard a steady stream of coastal fishing guides ask the

state to consider setting limits that match each system's fish population. They then handed the idea to Coastal Fisheries director Hal Osburn, with instructions to check it out.

"We collect data in every one of the bay systems (on the coast)," Osburn told commissioners. "We see different trends in every one of them. Over time, though, the mobility of anglers has brought them closer together." That's true. A serious trout angler who lives near Galveston Bay is much more likely to pack up and head to Port Mansfield for a few days to escape crowding in his home area and possibly pick up on some of the large trout in the Lower Laguna Madre.

But enough differences exist in game-fish populations to justify having one limit for Baffin Bay and another for Galveston Bay, just as Lake Fork and Lake Travis have different limits for largemouth bass. Osburn often trumpets his staff's census information for coastal waters, so it would be a short step to create suitable limits for the distinct bay systems.

There are some obstacles, of course. The surf would be one of them. Would it be one limit all the way from Sabine Pass to Boca Chica, or would

the limit in the surf match its nearest bay neighbor? Are barrier islands part of the surf or part of the bay, and could there be a different limit on either side?


If there were, it would be up to game wardens to sort out where, the fish were caught. But head game warden Jim Steinebaugh told commissioners he didn't see a problem and that his wardens would enforce any limits fisheries biologists put in place. That throws the issue back to Osburn and his staff, who would have to come up with limits that give anglers the maximum opportunity while providing game fish the proper protection.

"It is a viable management concept," Osburn said. "We need to see strong local support. In the short term, those restrictions could decrease participation in some areas and folks need to be prepared for that."

That said, Osburn told commissioners he would assess the possibility of revising limits. "Any size and bag limit changes angler behavior," he said. "Our charge is to create an optimum fishery, and we take social issues into account. Regionalization (of limits) is a social, biological and economic issue."

Track

Pampa Middle School Girls Track Meet
8th Grade Division
400 relay: 3. Nicole Clark, Destiny Dora, Cassy Tice and Logan Winkleman.
110 hurdles: 3. Britteni Rice.
100: 5. Nicole Clark; 6. Katie Kirkpatrick.
400: 3. Kelsie Wyatt.
300 hurdles: 3. Britteni Rice; 6. Maggie Hopkins.
200: 6. Katie Kirkpatrick.
1600 relay: 5. Pampa.
Long jump: 1. Logan Winkleman 15-3 1/4; 5. Nicole Clark 13-11.
High jump: 1. Logan Winkleman 5-1 (new district record).
Discus: 1. Cassy Tice 101-0 1/2; 3. Kenzi Nickell 71-6.
Shot put: 1. Cassy Tice 38-0 1/4 (new district record).
Pole vault: 1. Tamara Trevathon 6-6 (new district record); 3. Kelsie Wyatt 6-0; 5. Jenee Norris 5-0.
7th Grade Division
400 relay: 2. Pampa (Trisha Moore, Jasmine Moore, Ashley Price and Kalynn Jones).
800 relay: 2. Pampa (Kalynn Jones, Jasmine Moore, Kayla Mendoza and Ashley Price).
Mile relay: 5. Trisha Moore, Jasmine Moore, Krishna Henderson and Kalynn Jones.
100: 3. Ashley Price; 5. Keili Wilson.
400: 4. Krishna Henderson.
200: 4. Amber Brown.
Discus: 1. Sara Foster 68-3; 2. Ashlee Winkleblack, 64-9 1/2.
High jump: 5. Krishna Henderson, 4-2.
Pole Vault 3. (tie) Kamra Jimenez & Brittan Balay, 5-6.
Long jump: 4. Jasmine Moore, 13-2; 6. Kelli Willson, 12-6.



SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, APRIL 15
BASEBALL
Pampa vs Palo Duro • 4:30 Away

THURSDAY, APRIL 17
SOFTBALL
Pampa vs Caprock • 4:30 Away

SATURDAY, APRIL 19
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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 13, 2003:
Focus on the big picture. Often, you debate the pros and cons of a financial situation. Just pick and choose your advisers with care. You will need different points of view. Your work enhances your life, and you'll reap your just rewards as a result. A pay raise or promotion might be likely this fall. Enjoy the social nature of your life. If you are single, you could meet "the one" by September. Certainly, you'll appreciate the jovial nature of this tie. If you're attached, your relationship will become more dynamic and exciting if you give it the necessary time. VIRGO helps you with your projects.

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)
*** Although you want a lazy day, others have different plans for you. Realize that a friend means well, even if he or she might be costing you money. Say "no" to what you deem a bad idea. Brainstorm with an associate for answers. Tonight: Start thinking Monday.
This Week: Defer to others. You might like what someone presents to you on a silver platter. The answer is "yes."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Express your playfulness; others will respond. Yes, a parent or older relative could be a bit uptight. Relax and go with the flow, knowing what you want. Add extra spice to a romantic tie or bond. A child might need more attention. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.
This Week: Pace yourself, with an eye to completing the workweek. Expect to do more networking toward the end of the week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** You might not be quite ready to take action with a child or loved one. Review news and get to the bottom of what is bothering you. Your ability to see someone on a different level needs to come out. Tonight: Dinner at home.
This Week: Your lively and dynamic personality helps you zero in on what you want. From Wednesday on, you might need to make up for lost time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Expressing your thoughts doesn't mean you will cause an uproar. Your sense of potential and direction could change substantially once you open up a conversation. Understand that someone else might not have the same goals you have. Tonight: Go with the flow.
This Week: Lie low. Close your door. Get as much done as quickly as possible. Your ability to get the job done demands your ingenuity. You can do it!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Your personality melts barriers and draws many together. You might not expect someone to play devil's advocate, but he or she is likely to do just that. Loosen up with others, as you have very little control over what goes on. Just be yourself. Tonight: Your treat.
This Week: Speak your mind. Others will listen right now. You make headway with whatever you decide to focus on. Handle one item at a time. Think success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Slow down and take your time rethinking a decision. You get diverse information — some from people at a distance, other information from associates. You cannot give a solid answer just yet. Worry less about structure. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.
This Week: Recognize what might be going on financially, either personally or professionally. You could be overwhelmed. Once you clear out a problem, you will be more connected.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
** More information comes your way. Certainly, you don't always have to agree. Don't jump to conclusions just yet. Your ability to read between the lines develops if you can go with the flow. A child is full of excitement. Tonight: Get a good night's rest.
This Week: You're full of life. Recognize all the possibilities around you. Start taking advantage of them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Follow your friends, and you'll enjoy what can and will happen. A family member might be confused about your plans. Reach out for others, make an additional effort. Let others express themselves spontaneously. You can't stop them anyway. Tonight: Let the party continue.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 14, 2003:
You might not be exactly sure what will work emotionally this year, but it seems that others are. Listen to the advice of your counselors, but still make your own call. Your personality blooms this year, especially through September. Others respond to your inquiries and questions. You know how to encourage teamwork. Do just that. Curb tendencies to be wildly overindulgent and to go overboard. If you are single, you will meet someone quite special and different this year. Your relationship will build, if attached. Spend more time alone together. LIBRA is full of fun.

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)
**** Though you hit a midday block, you will easily work around it. Question more of what you want. A discussion could reinvestigate you later on. You along with it. Bosses continue to be expressive a special sense of confidence and well-being that others respond to. Tonight: Say "yes."
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Dig into your creativity to find solutions. You will like the net results if you remain optimistic. Your instincts serve you well with a money matter that weighs on your heart. You might not be able to make someone else understand your point of view. Tonight: Get some R and R.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Stay close to home and manage a personal matter. You might not feel free until you solve a major hassle. Your perspective is renewed because of others' points of view. Think before you leap sleep.

into action right now. Your humor and happy ways take you down a new avenue. Tonight: So what if it's Monday?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Your ability to resolve a problem takes you to a new level of understanding. Keep conversations flowing, and you'll experience unusual success. Realize more of what you want through verbalizing. Make time for a family member. Tonight: Put your feet up.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** You might want to rethink a money agreement, especially if you are getting a lot of negative feedback. You might have been overly extravagant or made a mistake in judgment. Keep driving and heading in the direction that you want. Tonight: Where your friends are.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Evaluate what you want from those around you. Sometimes you hesitate to ask for what you really desire. Now isn't the time. Evaluate a loved one's request. You just might want to go along with it. Bosses continue to be demanding and touchy. Tonight: Your treat.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** What puts a smile on your face causes you to think through a decision more carefully. Consider your options with those in your immediate surroundings. You might want to read between the lines with someone at a distance. Tonight: It's your call.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Rethink a decision. What you say might have a greater impact on a friend than you realize. You might not be able to change the group consensus on an issue. Go with the flow. Don't fight the inevitable. Tonight: Get a good night's

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Work demands take priority. You might have difficulty with a loved one who wants and believes he or she needs your attention now rather than later. Schedule a lengthy dinner with this person in order to focus on what counts, at the right time. Tonight: Where the gang is.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Your fiery nature takes over. Though a boss might be put off, you head in the right direction. Why not add a splash of diplomacy to your conversations? You might want to discuss your feelings on a deeper level. Hold off. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** A partner might push very hard to have someone agree with you. Clearly, not everyone is on the same page. You could be on a frustrating, uphill battle. Detach some, and you'll get positive results when it counts. Tonight: Put yourself in someone else's shoes.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Allow others to play their cards. You might not be sure what someone needs or wants, otherwise. With that information, you can hit a home run. A partner falls in line after a conversation. Realize how well-intended those around you really are. Tonight: Dinner for two.

BORN TODAY
Actor John Gielgud (1904), baseball player Pete Rose (1941), country singer Loretta Lynn (1935)

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'College Day' at CCPC



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa High School students Ericka Hill, left, and Kaylie Brewer, right, visit with Jan Haynes, Office Technology instructor at CCPC, during College Day held recently at the center.

SBA loans earmarked for area businesses effected by drought

FORT WORTH — The U.S. Small Business Administration has extended its filing deadline for businesses in certain Texas and Oklahoma counties to apply for low-interest disaster loans.

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans area available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to drought that occurred from June 1, 2001, and continuing; and by lightning and wildfires that occurred on July 16, 2001.

This loan program will cover the impact of 2001, 2002 and 2003 crop losses as a result of the continuing drought experienced by non-farm businesses in the affected areas. This special 60-day extension will be effective April 7 through June 6, 2003, and will include all "2001 and continuing" Secretary of Agriculture declarations with filing deadlines in 2002 and 2003.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans; however, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Businesses in the following counties may qualify for an EID loan: Gray, Childress, Collingsworth, Donley, Hall, Wheeler, Beckham and Harmon.

Due to the weather, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels.

It is common for many states to request — via the Secretary of Agriculture or USDA — to have disasters declared separately for each individual crop year with "and continuing" designations, which ultimately results in filing deadlines within a few months after the incident period.

With some of these declarations, the economic injury period of the agriculture-dependent business does not always end before the filing deadline, due to varying business cycles and/or the time in which the disaster was declared. This situation is most notable with drought declarations beginning with the 2001 crop year.

In an effort to allow equitable treatment of all agriculture-dependent businesses regardless of when the 2001 crop year was declared, SBA will allow all businesses applying for assistance under a "2001 and continuing" drought declaration and

extended application deadline.

EID loans can help businesses meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had disaster not happened along. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not covered under this program. The loan is designed

for businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related needs of the business. Interest rates are 4 percent or less with terms extending to 30 years.

Royal Hearts gala



(Courtesy photo)

Local American Heart Association board members, Stephanie Paronto and Suzanne Courtney, are busy planning this year's "Royal Hearts Casino Night" gala slated Saturday, April 26, at Pampa Country Club. Cardiovascular diseases rank as America's number one killer, claiming the lives of over 40 percent of the nearly 2.4 million Americans that die each year. Help fight cardiovascular disease by attending the gala. Tickets are available at \$20 per person. For tickets or more information, call Veronica Kirkwood at 665-0356.

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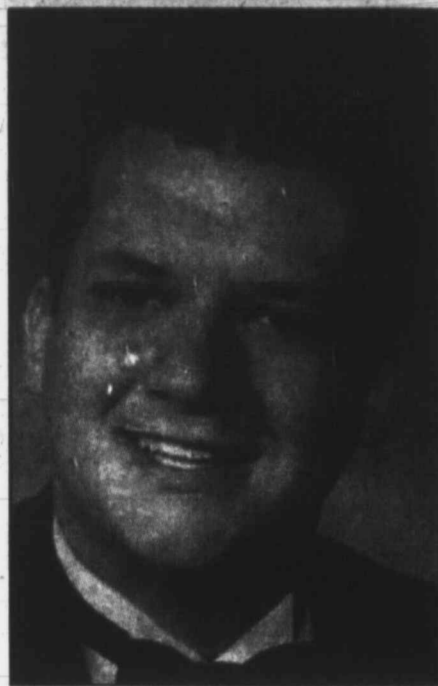
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NEWSMAKERS



Joshua Miller

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — **Joshua Miller** of Pampa was recently awarded the Non-Resident Tuition Scholarship at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Only a select group of out-of-state freshmen receive this scholarship which allows full-time, out-of-state students to pay only the resident tuition and fees. The non-resident tuition waiver is the highest dollar value scholarship offered by SWOSU.

Miller will be a freshman at SWOSU during the 2003-04 academic year and plans to major in pharmacy. He is the son of Johnny and Jeanna Miller of Pampa.

Marine Corps Reserve Lance Cpl. **William B. Shipman**, son of Monica F. Hall of Pampa, was recently called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division, based in Amarillo.

4th Marine Division is the largest ground combat element in the Marine Corps and is comprised of approximately 22,000 Marines based in 42 states.

The unit's primary mission is to provide trained combat and combat support personnel and units to augment and reinforce the active component in time of war or national emergency.

A 1995 graduate of McLean High School, Shipman joined the Marine Corps Reserve in 1999.

AMARILLO — **Rachel Bowers** of Pampa was among 12 second-year Nuclear Medicine Technology Program students at Amarillo College who recently participated in a mock registry exam in Oklahoma City.

The exam accesses strong and weak points in preparation for the national registry, taken after August to certify those who pass as nuclear medicine technologists.

CANYON — Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team from the Pickens College of Business at West Texas A&M University is headed to national competition thanks to a regional championship earned earlier this month in Memphis, Tenn.

In all, 14 WTAMU students — including **Matt Lowe** of Shamrock — participated at the regional event, where they secured a berth in the SIFE USA National Exposition May 11-13 in Kansas City, Mo.

The national champion in the four-year-school division will compete in the SIFE World Cup this October in Frankfurt, Germany.

Active on more than 1,400 college and university campuses in 33 countries, SIFE is a student organization which focuses on teaching entrepreneurship and the free market system.

Lowe is a junior accounting and finance major at WT.



Courtesy photos

- (Clockwise from top) A tile mural in the men's bathroom of the eastbound rest stop recalls the days of motoring along Route 66.
- This sign boldly proclaims the new rest area as the Donley County Route 66 Safety Rest Area.
- A side view of the Donley Co. facility.

Rest stop or tourist attraction?

TxDOT opens state-of-the-art rest area in Donley County ...

Things have definitely changed when a rest stop on the side of a highway becomes a major tourist attraction.

But that's what's happened with the opening recently of the first of two Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) safety rest areas, located south of Pampa on Interstate 40.

Pampa's High Plains Cruisers Car Club turned out en masse for the grand opening April 3 of the Donley County Safety Rest Area built on the old Route 66 theme. Approximately 30 club members drove their gleaming antique and classic vehicles to the event. The old cars and music by Patrick Robertson and KEFH 99.3 FM "golden oldies" radio station of Clarendon providing a bit of Old Route 66 flavor to the festivities.

Delbert Trew of McLean and a member of the Old Route 66 Association of Texas presented a history of the historic highway. The Old Route 66 Association of Texas and McLean's Devil's Rope Museum provided historical displays for the opening.

TxDOT officials participating in the program included District Engineer Mark Tomlinson of Amarillo; Amadeo Saenz, assistant executive director; and Zane Webb, maintenance division director.

The new rest areas feature essential safety features including security systems, expanded truck parking areas for 50 trucks, separate parking for passenger vehicles, up-to-date restroom facilities, sheltered picnic areas, and walking paths. Inside an air-conditioned lobby, travelers can find maps, tourist information, road condition reports and weather updates.

A neon sign reminiscent of Route 66 roadside diners and motels transports visitors of the eastbound Donley County facility to a bygone era. The rest stop features tile murals and an outdoor walking path that looks like a highway and traces Route 66 along a map.

But this rest area provides more than comfort and entertainment — it's also a safe haven from bad weather with interior storm shelters and a back-up generator in the event of a power failure.

A neighboring earth-sheltered rest area two miles away on westbound I-40 offers similar amenities, according to TxDOT information. This rest stop, with native landscaping, reflects the rugged Panhandle countryside and features local natural and historic features.

Offices for local law enforcement officials have been incorporated into both



Yale Poland of White Deer photographs the new eastbound rest stop while Larry Rose of Pampa takes in the sights.

rest stops, also, officials say. Gray County Sheriff's Office has an office in the westbound rest stop and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers have offices in the eastbound area.

In a response to travelers' comments, Texas Transportation Commission officials made the project a priority in 1999 to be paid for through federal enhancement funds. As a result, new rest area facilities are being constructed throughout the state using new and innovative designs.

Ralph Hanson of TxDOT designed Donley County's Route 66-themed rest area, while Mark Wampler, also of TxDOT, came up with the concept for the Gray County rest area.

An estimated 50 million travelers visit Texas rest areas annually, according to TxDOT information.



Courtesy photos

- (Top three photos, left-right) Brennan and Brady Broggin of Pampa at the rest stop's grand opening.
- A view of the westbound rest area sports a blue star.
- Austin Bruner of Pampa poses in the parking lot of the eastbound rest area with one of the hot rods.
- (Center) A pathway designed to look like a highway was created with the same materials the Texas Department of Transportation uses in road construction.

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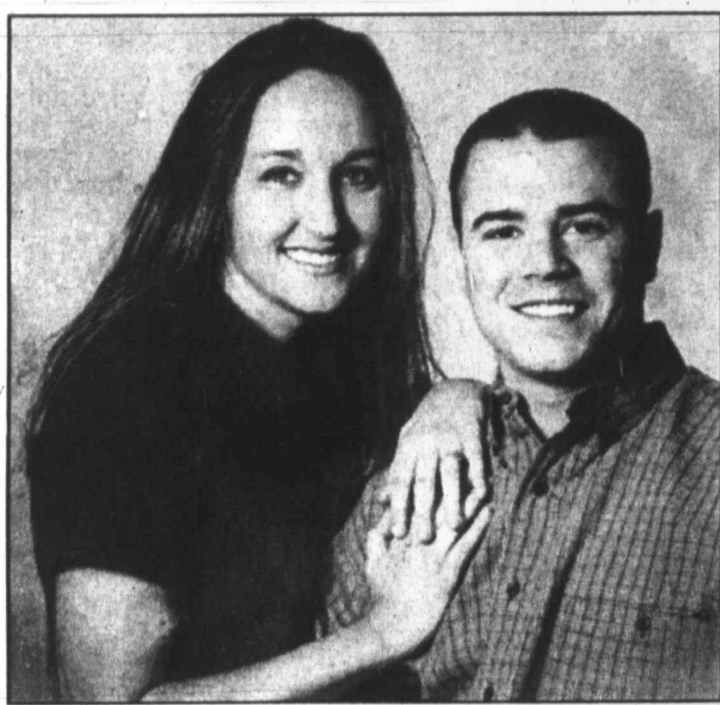
ENGAGEMENTS

Beaty-Knutson

Julie Beaty and Jeremy Knutson, both of Pampa, plan to wed June 14 at First Baptist Church in Elk City, Okla.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Tom and Debbie Beaty of Elk City and is the granddaughter of Milton and Mary Lee Gage of Elk City and A.F. and Lila Muriel Beaty of Cheyenne, Okla.

She graduated from Cheyenne High School in 1995 and holds a degree in elementary education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University (2001). She is currently employed with Pampa Independent School District as a teacher at Lamar Elementary School.



Julie Beaty and Jeremy Knutson

The prospective groom is the son of Carol Knutson of Pampa and is the grandson of Robert and Bettie Craig and Harley and Joy Knutson,

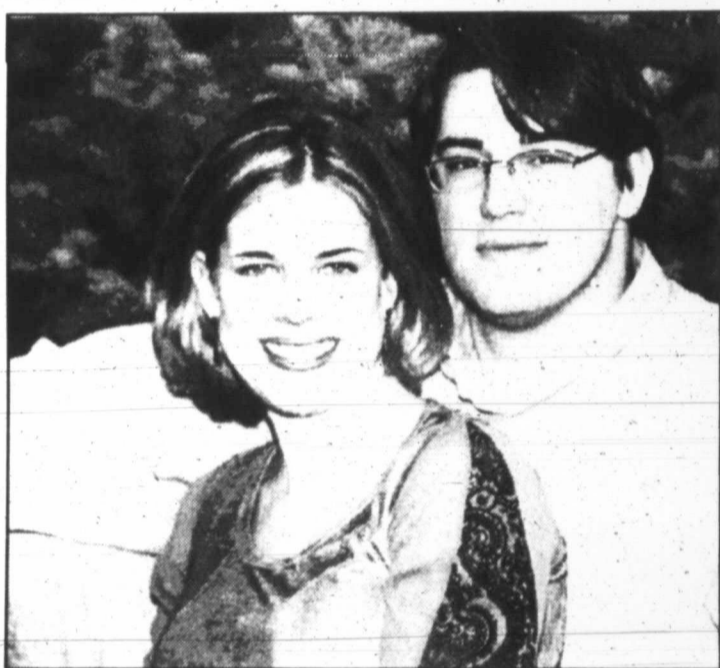
all of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and is currently employed by Team Inc. in Borger.

Norton-Smith

Jennifer Leigh Norton and Blake Edward Smith plan to wed July 12 at First United Methodist Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norton of White Deer. She graduated from White Deer High School in 1998 and holds a bachelor's degree in interior design from Texas Tech University (2002).

The prospective groom is the son of Mark and Lynette Smith of Panhandle. He graduated from Panhandle High School in 1997 and received a bachelor's of arts and sciences degree from Texas Tech (2002). He currently teaches



Jennifer Leigh Norton and Blake Edward Smith

Spanish at Borger High School and has been accepted into optometry school at the

University of Houston. His course work will begin in the fall.

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.

20th Century Club
Twentieth Century Club met April 8 at the home of hostess Louise Bailey with Bailey, president, presiding.
The following business was conducted and announcements made:
—Minutes were approved as read by Billie Dixon.
—Committee reports were delivered.
—Vonna Wolf presented the program on "Prince Edward Island" in the absence of Adelaide Colwell who

recently moved to Belton.
The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., April 22, at the home of Myrna Orr.
Highland Hobby Club
Highland Hobby Club met recently with President Fernline Calvert presiding. Gloria Norris served as hostess. Six members and one guest were present.
The following business was conducted and announcements made:
(See CLUB, Page 17)

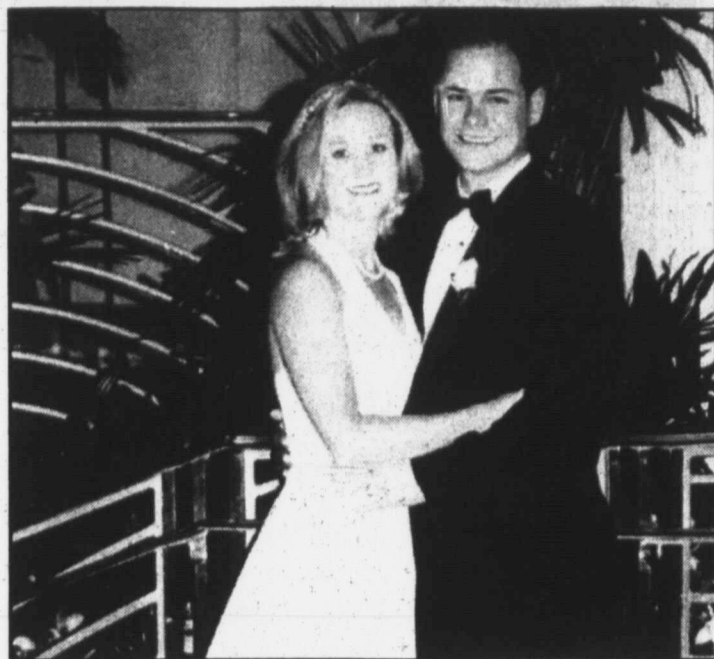
WEDDINGS

Kinsey-Bybee

Denise Kinsey and Tony Bybee Jr., both of Sulphur Springs, were wed Feb. 21 at Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Becky Colley and Dennis Morris, all of Sulphur Springs. She holds a bachelor's of science degree from East Texas State University and is currently employed as an elementary school teacher in Sulphur Springs.

The groom is the son of Mary Henry and Tony Bybee, both of Pampa. He graduated with a bachelor's of science degree from Wayland Baptist



Denise Kinsey and Tony Bybee Jr.

University in 1996 and is currently employed as a technician at Car Max.

The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas and intend to live in Sulphur Springs.

MENUS

WEEK OF APRIL 14-18

Pampa Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
Lunch: Pizza or chicken nuggets, green beans, potatoes, pears.
TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy.
Lunch: Mini corn dogs or macaroni/cheese, English peas, corn, peaches.
WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets or chef salad, whipped potatoes, salad, strawberry short cookie, rolls.
THURSDAY
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage, tortillas.
Lunch: Cheese nachos or hamburger, pinto beans, Spanish rice, fresh fruit.
FRIDAY
Holiday.

all the fixens, salad bar, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY
Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Sack lunch, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY
No school.
Senior Citizens
MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or lasagna rollups, mashed potatoes, Scandinavian blend, bets, beans, strawberry swirl cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
TUESDAY
Chicken strips or mochi filet mignon, sour cream potatoes, hominy, broccoli casserole, beans, peaches and cream cake or butterscotch icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Holiday.
Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
Chili, salad, cookies.
TUESDAY
Spaghetti/meatsauce, green beans, bread sticks, blueberries.
WEDNESDAY
Tater tots casserole, cabbage, blackeyed peas, pumpkin bars.
THURSDAY
Ham, okra/tomatoes, pinto beans, pudding.
FRIDAY
Holiday.

BIT announces season finale

CANYON — The hopes and dreams of the American family will come into focus with the West Texas A&M University production of "A Different Moon" at 7:30 p.m. April 23-26 in the Branding Iron Theatre.

The production, directed by Royal Brantley, professor of theatre and head of the Department of Art, Communication and Theatre, will close out the Branding Iron Theatre's 43rd season.

"A Different Moon," by Ara Watson, looks at the Biars family and their son Tyler as he prepares to leave and defend his country in Korea. Tyler appears as a charming, all-American boy, but as his flaws are exposed so are the meaning of family and the ties that bind.

Cast members for "A Different Moon" are listed by hometown, classification, major and role.

Tickets are priced at \$10 or \$7 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. Admission is free to WTAMU students, faculty and staff with a Buffalo Gold Card. For tickets, call the box office at 806-651-2798 Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.

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OB/GYN Update

by Otoniel Huertas, M.D.
Obstetrics & Gynecology

DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

If screening tests produce abnormal results, if you have a family history of birth defects, or if you will be over age 35 when you deliver, you may undergo certain diagnostic screening tests to rule out problems with the fetus. The two most common are amniocentesis and chorionic villus sampling (CVS). Amniocentesis, which is typically performed between the fifteenth and twentieth week of pregnancy, can detect all chromosomal "errors" (such as Down syndrome), as well as many genetic disorders. It involves



Dr. Huertas

the insertion of a needle in the abdomen to withdraw a sample of amniotic fluid. CVS, which can also detect chromosomal or genetic birth defects, can be performed as soon as ten weeks after conceptions.

Though both procedures are performed frequently and considered safe, neither is completely without risk to the fetus. If your doctor recommends either for you, you will be given all the information you need to make a wise choice. For competent and compassionate obstetrical care, phone my office at 806-273-7771. We are located at 106 S. Bryan, Borger. New patients are welcome.

P.S. Chorionic villus sampling involves the insertion of a needle through the abdomen or a catheter through the vagina to take a sample of the outer fetal membrane.

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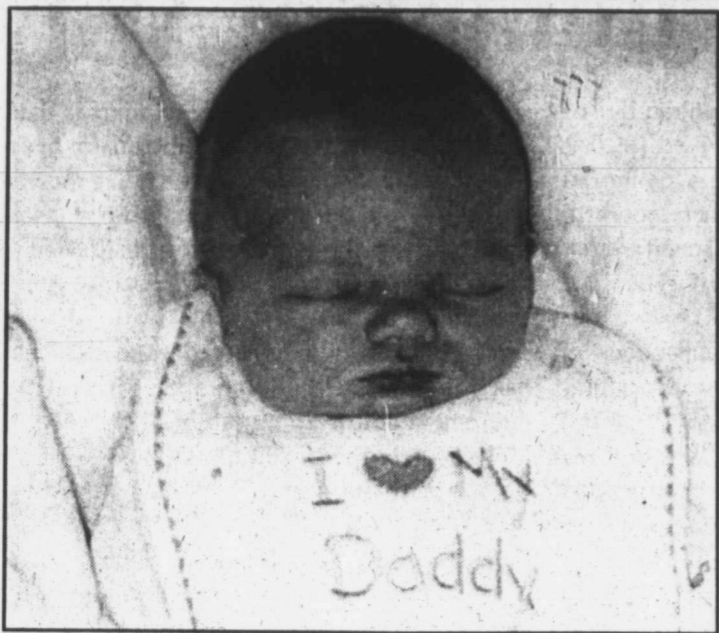
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CLUB

—Minutes were approved as read by Secretary-Treasurer Mairlyn Kirkwood.
 —Plans for the next monthly meeting were discussed. Members voted to have a social with their husbands in attendance. The time and place will be decided at a later date.
 The door prize was won by Kirkwood.

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.
2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.
3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.
4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.
5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in *The Pampa News* office later than one month past the date of the wedding.
6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.
7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)
8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to *The Pampa News*, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.
9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).



Jackson D.W. May

Jackson May

Jackson Daniel Walker May was born at 5:15 p.m., Jan. 27, at Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger, to Alexandria Barnett and Samuel May Jr. of Pampa.

Jackson weighed 8-pounds,

2-ounces at birth and was 21 1/2-inches long.

His grandparents are Rose and Micheal Lowrey of Pampa, Valerie and Vernon Snethen of Enid, Okla., and Darryl Barnett of Ponca City, Okla.



Nicholas R. Mize

Nicholas Mize

Nicholas Ryan-Mize was born at 6:52 p.m., March 19, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, to Casey Dunham and Jake Mize of Pampa.

Nicholas weighed 6-

pounds, 5-ounces at birth and was 19 1/2-inches long.

His grandparents are Tim and Pam Dunham of Pampa and Jack and Kim Mize of White Deer.

Artist, students design sculpture for campus

BY TRICIA SCHWENNESEN
 CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER-TIMES

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Philadelphia artist Robert Roesch wanted to make a statement with whatever sculpture design he entered in a competition for a work to grace the entrance of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

The piece needed to say, "This is the University," like a huge billboard, without the borders and text. It needed to be a modern piece that would somehow meld with its environment, becoming part of the hill's natural landscape at Ocean Drive and Island Boulevard.

So, Roesch came to visit — alone.

He drove past the Circle K, over the short causeway and it whispered to him: a majestic, 30-foot wide stainless steel, scalloped wave shape etched in such a manner that it absorbs and reflects any natural or manmade light as if it breathes.

As students and visitors drive by, the sculpture would move without actually moving, changing shape for 360 degrees from a descending, curving sign that states the university's name and points to five, 32-foot-tall stainless steel spires with cobalt blue lighting.

Roesch's vision won him the donor-funded commission and the chance to make a statement for the university.

"Island University," A&M-CC's benefactor, Corpus Christi philanthropist Dusty Durrill, who also is the man behind the remodeling of the Art Center of Corpus Christi, the miradors on Ocean Drive and the Selena Memorial, said the piece is a dynamic, stand-alone item, created for an undisclosed price.

"This spikes the imagination," he said from the metal fabrication shop that is now Roesch's studio. "This stimulates the imagination, which is really what the college does. It opens the door to your imagination."

Roesch agreed. "It takes into consideration the wind, the waves and a sail, but it's not the wind, a wave or a sail," he said. "The more you look at it, the more it grows on you."

Durrill said he takes on projects that create a presence, or an aura, that make people feel good and more a part of Corpus Christi. It was

also important to both men that students be a part of the process and that the actual work of creating the sculpture takes place in Corpus Christi.

Six art students are helping build the sculpture and are also spending their free time grinding the texture onto each piece of the stainless steel. The students are Autumn Flores, 22; Amy Robinson, 27; Curtis Miller, 23; Chris Parker, 33; Christopher Stroop, 24; and Emi Zuniga, 27.

The modern design is fitting for the entryway to the university, the students said, comparing the design to a Japanese or Chinese fan.

"It's nice to have a contrast to the typical realism," Miller said.

Stroop agreed. "It's representative of a lot of things. It could be a boat or an oil rig. Anyone who looks at it will see something."

The work is clearly a collaboration, but each student is able

to make his or her own mark.

"The texture will reflect the sky and the land," Robinson said. "It's going to pick up all the beautiful colors."

Flores added, "It's beautiful that you can't tell where my mark ends and your mark begins."

Zuniga said she is looking forward to the rare day when the ocean is perfectly still and flat, like glass.

"The light is different from day to day and from morning to the next hour," she said. "It's going to complement very nicely."

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Ag education program up and running at WT

CANYON — Steve Favreau was resigned to the notion that he'd have to leave town to pursue his goal of becoming a high school agriculture teacher. But last year, when West Texas A&M University launched a degree in agriculture science with a teacher-certification option, Favreau did an about-face.

"I originally thought I was going to have to head south," Favreau, a sophomore agriculture major from Canyon, said. "When they announced the start of a new program here, I knew I was going to be able to stay home and get my teaching degree in ag. I can't wait to take what I learn here and share it."

In only the second year since its inception, WTAMU's ag-ed program already has attracted about 40 students.

"The program has grown phenomenally in a short period of time, which pleases us very much," Dr. Lance Kieth, head of the ag-ed program said. "Last fall we had zero students, now we have approxi-

mately 40 ag-ed majors. "From the president all the way down, support for this program has been enormous," Kieth said. "Support at high levels of administration is what makes new programs go. I'm glad to be a part of this."

WTAMU pursued the program in response to a pressing need for more teachers of agriculture in Texas public schools. According to Dr. Don Topliff, head of WTAMU's Division of Agriculture, statewide projections indicate that 40 percent of agricultural science teachers will retire from Texas high schools in the next five years.

"It's a looming crisis," Topliff said, "yet until last year we were turning away students who want to teach agriculture. Now we can begin producing agriculture teachers right here, and I think we're positioned to provide teachers that can incorporate the cutting edge of technology in high school classrooms. I think this is one more example of how the Division of Agriculture is trying

to serve residents of the Panhandle of Texas."

The program, like all teacher-preparation programs, is a partnership between the Division of Education and the specific area of expertise — in this case, the Division of Agriculture. On the ag side, it is designed to focus on the three mainstays of any successful agriculture curriculum in Texas public schools: classroom experience, FFA involvement and supervised agriculture experience. Ag-ed majors are required to take 21 semester hours on the agriculture side, including nine hours each in the areas of leadership and agriculture mechanization.

The leadership courses cover education issues and incorporate FFA values. A collegiate chapter of FFA was begun to coincide with the start of the ag-ed program. The mechanization courses cover welding and metalwork, engine-power theory and agricultural structures. The final three required hours are a capstone course that incorporates all aspects of ag education.

"The main thing for these students is that they learn how to teach what they learn here to others," Kim Hays, instructor of ag mechanization, said. "But this is a good bunch of students who are working very hard. They are actually helping build this program from the ground up."

Hays believes in practical education; he has his students building their own shop equipment and welding tables as they learn how to wield their welding torches.

"We're learning how to weld by making things we need," Hays said. "Whatever the Division of Agriculture needs, that's what we'll weld. It just makes sense. Next semester, we might build a portable meat freezer for the Meat Lab. And we might slip in a barbecue grill when nobody's looking."

"This group of students isn't just showing up; it's setting the standard for agriculture education at West Texas A&M."

For more information about the Division of Agriculture at West Texas A&M, call 806-651-2550.

Celebrated state bloom, Texas bluebonnet may be branching out

BY ALLAN TURNER
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

HOUSTON — Texas bluebonnets — long the wildflower superstars of the Texas spring — are about to hit the big time.

As the first azure-hued blooms appear in pastures and along roadsides, horticulturists predict the beloved state flower soon may be coveted around the world.

Already a long-stemmed

variety native to the Big Bend has been test-marketed in the flower shops of New York, Holland and Japan. And closer to home, gardeners in Texas and Oklahoma are being targeted with seeds for bluebonnets that are not only blue, but pink, white and maroon.

Seed for a brilliant red variety recently was perfected, but isn't yet commercially available.

Fredericksburg-based

Wildseed Farms, one of the nation's largest purveyors of wildflower seeds, sells up to 50,000 pounds of bluebonnet seeds each year, said owner John Thomas.

And in recent years the blue-flowered legumes have made their appearance at retail nurseries as bedding plants.

For generations, bluebonnets — designated the state flower in 1901 — have been celebrated in poetry, stories, paintings

and untold thousands of family snapshots. The state highway department has sown seeds along Texas roadways since 1930.

This year, the agency scattered 33,000 pounds of wildflower seeds, including bluebonnets, throughout the state. Experts say timely rains in the fall and spring should assure the most spectacular bluebonnet display in several years.

Texans have a particular fondness for bluebonnets, said Robert Breunig, executive director of Austin's Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

"I think Texans have a much stronger sense than people in many other states of their heritage, of all the myths that go with being Texan," Breunig said. "They have a stronger sense of the natural heritage of the state. To the extent that bluebonnets represent that, they take a position of honor."

The bluebonnet — also known as "buffalo clover," "wolf flower," and, in Spanish, el conejo (the rabbit)

— was selected as state flower from a field of contenders that included an open cotton boll ("the white rose of commerce") and the prickly pear.

The decision was clinched when Texas members of the Colonial Dames of America paraded a painting of bluebonnets into the legislative chamber. The resulting applause "shook the old walls."

The new generation of bluebonnets, though, bears only a passing resemblance to the Hill Country flowers depicted in the Dames' landscape.

The variety destined for the world cut-flower market features stems at least 24 inches long.

Wayne McKay, an environmental horticulturist at Texas A&M University-Dallas, has worked 12 years in perfecting the bluebonnet species found in the arid Texas borderlands.

"What we have done is develop it as a greenhouse cut flower," he said. "We have improved its vase life to last longer when shipped and displayed. When you look at cut flowers, there are very few blue flowers and we're trying to fill that niche. I think there's a worldwide market based on their color."

McKay has developed two varieties of the long-stemmed bluebonnets, one blue, the other white. Unlike regular field-grown bluebonnets, which bloom in March and April, the greenhouse variety could be sold November through June. They can be stored in a florist's refrigerator up to 20 days and displayed in a vase 7-10 days longer.

The flowers now are in limited production at a single El Paso greenhouse.

(See BLOOM, Page 21)

Panhandle-Plains earns top rating

SAN ANTONIO — Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association, FLCA, received the Farm Credit Bank of Texas Pacesetter Award recently for achieving the bank's highest possible rating in 2002. The award recognizes outstanding performance in the areas of growth and financial operations.

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Milk production in the 20 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 11.6 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from production in these same states in February 2002. January revised production, at 12.5 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from January 2002.

Production per cow during February averaged 1,485 pounds, 13 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 20 states was 7.81 million head, 66,000 head more than last year and 3,000 head more than January 2003.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Pregnant Navy wife Wasn't Expecting Rude Questions

DEAR ABBY I am a Navy wife whose husband is currently deployed. Two months after he left, his mother passed away after a short, fierce battle with colon cancer. My grieving husband barely made it home in time for her funeral, and he never got to tell her goodbye.

My husband and I spent 10 emotion-filled days together in his mother's hometown before he had to return to his ship and I had to travel home to our two children. Out of that terrible heartache, we received a blessed gift — we discovered that we're pregnant!

However, our "happy news" has created an awkward situation. Now that I'm beginning to "show," people who don't know about my husband's mother are asking when I'm due — and I can see them mentally add the months my husband has been deployed. One woman actually counted out loud on her fingers and then exclaimed, "But he's gone! How is it that you're expecting?"

Our children are 13 and 11, and people have asked in their presence if they come from previous relationships — and if this new baby will be my husband's and my first child together. One of my daughter's teachers even had the nerve to ask her who the father of the baby is! My darling daughter responded in typical teen-age fashion, "My dad, of course!" Then she rolled her eyes.

How should we as a family respond to these outrageous inquiries? I am at a loss.

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DEAR NAVY WIFE AND MOTHER: When you are asked who the father of the baby is, smile and reply, "Ask my husband when he gets home. He was there when it happened."

DEAR ABBY: On Sept. 11, I tragically lost my brother, New York firefighter Michael Kiefer, Ladder 132 in Brooklyn. He was only 25 when he died, and his greatest dream was to be a New York firefighter. He lived his dream for only nine months.

The pain of losing my brother in such a violent and senseless act has been unbearable. My parents told me about the "pennies" letters in your column — how each time someone finds a penny, it means a loved one in heaven is thinking of us. I cannot begin to tell you how true this has been for my family.

Whenever one of us is feeling especially down about Michael, we always find a penny. An example: My brother loved to go to the gym, so one day I decided it was time for me to get back in shape and make him proud. All during my workout I told my angel brother I was doing it for him. As I walked out of the gym, there it was — a bright, shiny penny! I knew then that Michael was proud of me. It truly was a penny from heaven, and without a doubt for my brother, whom I love and will miss for the rest of my life. Michael, you will always be our hero and you will never be forgotten!

LAUREN M. KIEFER,
FRANKLIN SQUARE, N.Y.

DEAR LAUREN: I extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your heroic brother. The "pennies from heaven" letters have moved many of my readers. And one day I hope to publish a collection of the letters I have received with their messages of hope. Thank you for sharing yours.

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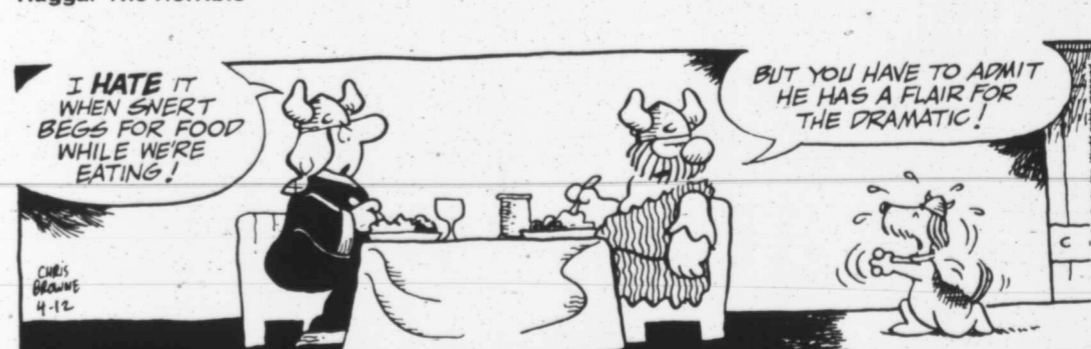
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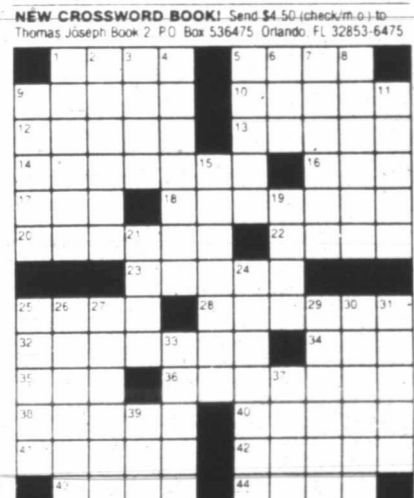
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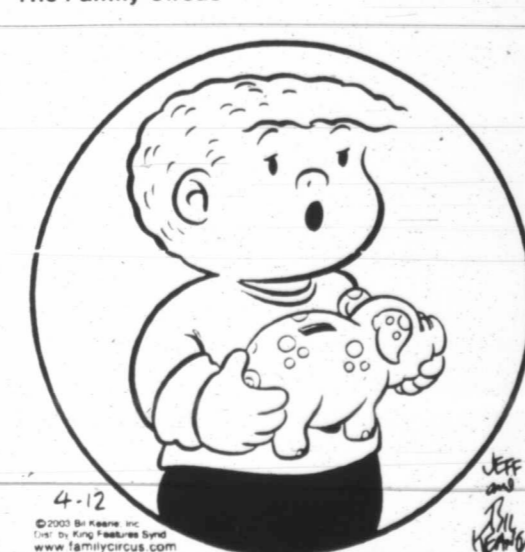


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Southeast Texas father and son join National Guard together

By BETH GALLASPY
BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE

LIBERTY — If 17-year-old Blaine Shellhammer must go off to war, his father, Dwayne, does not want him to go alone. So when Blaine, a senior at Liberty High School, decided to join the Texas Army National Guard, Dwayne, 38, joined with him.

"With all the stuff that was going on here, if Blaine did go to war, at least I could go with him," Dwayne Shellhammer said. "I'd be in the same unit with him."

To Dwayne, his oldest son's decision also provided the push to follow through on something he had considered doing for years.

Dwayne, a union electrician who lives in Nome, served on active military duty for 8 years, first in the Navy then in the Army. When he left the military 10 years ago, he missed it.

"It was real tough with two young boys, especially what I did, being gone all the time," said Dwayne, who was a Green Beret and an Army medic.

To Blaine, the National Guard seemed the perfect way to pay for college. He hopes to major in criminal justice at Stephen F. Austin State University with the goal of becoming a state trooper.

Military service has been part of his family for generations. Dwayne's brother remains in the Army at Fort Bragg, N.C. His father served in Vietnam, and his grandfather in World War II.

Blaine said he considered joining the Army on active duty, but that would not have left enough time for school.

"I decided on the National Guard so I could go to college full-time and then work part-time and still be able to pay for all my college," Blaine said.

By serving in the Guard for six years, Blaine will receive paid tuition to any state-supported university where he is accepted plus a \$300-per-month stipend. He must drill one weekend each month and two weeks in the summer.

However, if his Guard unit, the 133rd, is called into active service, Blaine realizes his plans could change.

"It doesn't bother me at

all," he said. "If it happens, I'll go. If the president needs us, I'll go."

Sgt. Lee Whitehead, the recruiter who worked with the father and son, said that the chances of the unit being sent to the Middle East are slim since the emphasis of the National Guard is on homeland security.

"We would be one of the last to go," Dwayne Shellhammer said.

He sees another advantage

to signing up, though.

"If you get drafted, you don't have a choice of what job you're going to have," Dwayne said. "At least if you've already volunteered to get in the National Guard you can pick your own job."

Both father and son will serve as medics. Dwayne is a sergeant in the unit and, with his prior service, does not have to go through basic or other lengthy training.

Blaine leaves June 10 for 10

weeks of basic training at Fort Sill, Okla., followed by 17 weeks of advanced individual training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

The pair attended their first weekend drill in February. Blaine said the weekend, where he learned what to expect from basic training, was "neat." For his father, it was an adjustment.

"These are part-time soldiers. They have regular jobs throughout the week so it was

a little bit different," Dwayne said. "I was used to a little more military structure, a little more discipline."

Dwayne said he expects his younger son, Brandon, to follow the military tradition, too. A sophomore at Liberty High, Brandon has talked about signing up for active service as an Army medic once he turns 17 and reporting for basic training next summer, his father said.

Having a father and son sign up together was very rare,

Whitehead said. "We were fortunate that we were able to put them in the same job in the same unit," he said.

In fact, father will be supervising the son. But, they expect no problems from that arrangement.

"It's no different, I'm a sergeant at home, right? So you're used to it," Dwayne said as they both laughed.

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NASA picks landing sites for Mars rovers

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA unveiled the landing sites Friday where it hopes to land twin rovers on Mars next January to look for geological evidence that the Red Planet was once a warmer, wetter place hospitable to life.

Data gathered from NASA satellites orbiting the planet suggest both sites once abounded in water.

One is a crater into which a now-dry river apparently once emptied, perhaps filling the basin with a brimming lake. The other is a plain rich in hematite, an iron mineral that typically forms in standing water.

The sites, both near the equator in the southern hemisphere of Mars, are halfway around the planet from each other. They are each 60 miles to 120 miles long and roughly 12 miles wide.

"They aren't the safest sites, they aren't the riskiest sites, they are the best sites," said Steve Squyres, a Cornell University geologist and principal investigator for the instruments the rovers carry.

Scientists are confident the scientific tools carried by the \$800 million pair of rovers will enable them to operate as robotic field geologists. The landing sites, Gusev crater and Meridiani Planum, have been studied more closely than any other spots on Mars.



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LIONS CLUB SWEETHEARTS



Andrea Lee

Andrea Lee, daughter of Dr. Nam and Kay Lee, was Pampa Lions Club Sweetheart of the Month for January.

Andrea's honors, activities and accomplishments include the following: Cheerleader (three years); varsity cross-country (freshman year); varsity track (freshman, sophomore years); choir (three years); Concert Choir (two years).

Speech Award of Excellence; National Honor Society (two years); senior cheerleader captain; student council member; student body historian; PHS honor student (second in her class); and a Special Olympics and a Children's Shopping Tour volunteer.

Andrea plans to attend either the University of Texas or



Taryn Fallon

the University of Notre Dame in the fall. She is a member of First United Methodist Church.

Both Taryn Fallon and Katie Shaffer were named Pampa Lions Club Sweethearts of the Month for February.

Taryn is the daughter of Melinda Ritthaler and Ben Fallon of Pampa. Her honors, activities and accomplishments are as follows: PHS Cheerleader (four years); cheerleading captain; ASTRA Club; D-FY-IT; Who's Who Among American High School Students; and United States Academic Achievement Award. Taryn plans to major in psychology at the University of Oklahoma in the



Katie Shaffer

fall and to eventually attend law school.

Katie is the daughter of Dr. Craig and Nancy Shaffer of Pampa. Her honors, activities and accomplishments are as follows: Tap and ballet under the direction of Jeanne Willingham; tennis (freshman year); athletic trainer; D-FY-IT; choir; National Honor Society; student council junior representative; and Student Leadership Forum.

Katie is a member of St. Matthews Episcopal Church where she is active in the youth group and in the church's Sunday nursery school. She will graduate from high school after only three years and plans to pursue a degree in business at Oklahoma University in Norman next year.

Financially strapped airlines' stock buybacks not best use of cash

By RACHEL BECK
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's financially strapped airlines sure could use now the spare cash that they squandered in the late 1990s.

Sure, the fallout from terrorism and war, the weak economy and higher labor costs have hurt their businesses in recent years, but they've made some mistakes of their own, namely how they used billions of dollars in excess cash during the late 1990s.

Instead of covering debts or putting it toward other costs, they launched massive stock buybacks that were intended to boost share prices and please investors. As long as the stock market surged and their businesses thrived, it looked like money well spent.

But today, in the midst of a crippling financial mess across the industry, the way the cash was used has been deemed a critical error with a lingering effect.

Of course, no one knew what the future would hold for the industry. When carriers were launching their buyback programs, it was the booming 1990s.

Airlines' revenues kept rising, thanks to a surge in both business and leisure travel and higher ticket prices, and that more than compensated for the continued jumps in labor and other costs.

As a result, the airlines were able to build up big cash reserves, but they felt like they had to put the money to work.

Wall Street analysts, along with

executives who were getting some compensation in stock options, liked the idea of spending it on buybacks, which have long been considered a way for companies to boost undervalued share prices.

In a buyback, a company repurchases its stock, and by doing so reduces the numbers of shares outstanding and gives remaining shareholders a greater percentage of ownership in the company.

They also can offset the effect of stock options by negating the excess of stock in the market that results when options get exercised.

So many airlines, like many other industries at the time, started massive buyback programs. American Airlines spent more than

\$2.5 billion in the late 1990s. US Airways' total topped \$1.9 billion and other carriers engaged in similar plans.

"It was the atmosphere of the times. If you were not doing share repurchases, you were not rewarding shareholders," said Philip Baggaley, airline credit analyst at Standard & Poor's who points out that airlines were spending nearly half their net income on buybacks in the late 1990s.

The repurchases did give airline stocks some lift, which not only was a boon to average investors but also to airline executives flush with stock options.

But the stock gains didn't hold for long. By early 2000, the stock

market began what has turned into a three-year retreat and airlines were left with stock holdings far below what they paid for them.

Look at American Airlines, for instance. During its stock buyback program, its shares rose above \$160 a share before announcing a two-for-one stock split in June 1998. It now trades around \$4 a share.

And American was left in a difficult financial position when other troubles surfaced.

The terrorist attacks in New York and Washington in 2001 dramatically curbed airline travel, which was already under pressure

from a downturn in the economy. The pullback in demand has only intensified in recent months as the war with Iraq neared and then got under way.

At the same time, their costs have just kept rising, with new expenses for upgraded security, underfunded pensions and higher fuel costs adding to already bloated labor costs.

Their debts have also grown significantly. Carriers have had to borrow money just to meet their payrolls and pay their bills.

Things have gotten so bad that some airlines, including United and US Airways, have filed for

bankruptcy protection, and the industry is asking the government for \$9 billion in aid on top of the \$15 billion bailout that came after the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Even American Airlines chairman and CEO Donald Carty has said in hindsight that the stock buybacks limited the carrier's financial flexibility.

"The repurchase of stock, the bad use of their money, contributed to an already bad situation with their cost structure that they needed to address, but didn't," said Frank Werner, associate professor of finance at Fordham University's Business School.

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Holy Week

April 14th ~ April 20th

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Wed., April 16th ~ Noon ~ Stations of the Cross
Meditation Service

Thurs., April 17th ~ 7:00pm ~ Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Fri., April 18th ~ 6:00am ~ Midnight
Good Friday Prayer & Meditation At Kelley Chapel

Sun., April 20th ~ 6:30am ~ Easter Sunrise Service
8:30am ~ Contemporary Service
9:30am ~ Easter Egg Hunt
10:45am ~ Traditional Easter Service

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