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For additional information about the program, contact Emergency Services Grants Division, Texas Forest Service, 801 Tarrow, College Station, TX 77840; or by telephone at (979) 458-6505.

Fire departments can also obtain information at <http://www.tamu.edu/ticcl>.

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## Governor calls for boycott to stop

By **KELLEY SHANNON**  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — Senate Democrats should end their boycott and return to Texas to vote on a proposal to lessen the impact of upcoming Medicaid reimbursement cuts, Republican Gov. Rick Perry says.

"Texans elected you to cast your vote in Austin, so come

on back and go to work," Perry said Thursday in a public plea to the quorum-busting senators. "If you want to make an impact in the state of Texas, do it on the Senate floor in that historic chamber, not in some hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico."

But Perry has no plans to drop congressional redistricting from the agenda of the second special legislative session,

something the Democratic lawmakers have demanded as one way to get them to leave Albuquerque.

"You leave on redistricting then there's something else they don't like and they leave on that. That's like negotiating with, for hostages," said Perry, a Republican.

The senators' out-of-state boycott blocks a quorum in the 31-member Senate and brings

the chamber's business to a halt.

Meanwhile, Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst also urged the senators to come home and said he was disappointed to hear through news reports that they may be on the verge of filing a federal lawsuit in the redistricting dispute.

"By abandoning the state, and now by considering legal action when they don't get

their way, the Democrat minority is doing damage to Senate traditions, and to the Senate as an institution," Dewhurst said in a statement Thursday.

The Democrats would not confirm any plans for a lawsuit, but said they are leaving all their options open.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, told television (See **BOYCOTT**, Page 3)

## Good Samaritan truck driver finds missing teen-ager

By **DEE DEE LARAMORE**  
 EDITOR

A Pampa truck driver's high vantage point and sharp vision may have saved the life of a 16-year-old Thursday.

While driving a truck on Texas 70 south of Pampa near Meers Lake about 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Josue Silva saw a person lying in a ditch, according to Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Heath Cates.

Instead of driving on, Silva stopped to help the unconscious young man, calling authorities and staying with him in the 90-plus degree heat until an ambulance arrived.

Authorities said the boy had been reported as a runaway from Cal Farley's Family Program near Borger.

The youth had been overcome by heat and possibly from an overdose of prescription medication, he said. Officials found some medicine in his possession and there was some medicine that couldn't be accounted for.

After being treated at Pampa Regional Medical Center, the boy was released to his parents, Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing said.

"If that truck driver hadn't been so high up, if he hadn't seen him over the edge down into that ditch, we'd be working something different today," Cates said.

## Checking for hot spots



(Pampa News photo by Dean Lynch)

A Pampa firefighter probes for hot spots in the roof of a carport at 605 E. Campbell Thursday afternoon. Firefighters quickly extinguished a fire in the building, owned by Estaban Barela, 120 S. Russell. The fire is believed to have been caused by smoking material, according to fire reports.

## New 'Saddam' tape issues call to battle

By **STEVEN R. HURST**  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An audiotape broadcast Friday purporting to be from Saddam Hussein issued a new call to arms against American forces, while U.S. soldiers raided two houses in Tikrit, capturing two men said to be "important associates" of the deposed dictator.

The speaker on the tape, which was aired by the Arab satellite channel Al-

Jazeera, said the former leader will "at any moment" defeat the American occupation forces and return to power.

The tape also said looters of government property should not worry about retribution from Saddam and instead should join the guerrilla war and become "a loaded rifle in the face of the invading foreigner."

The voice on the tape sounded like Saddam, but its authenticity could not immediately be confirmed. The speaker said the recording was done Sunday.

Later Friday, soldiers from the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division swept into two houses in Tikrit, Saddam's hometown, at about 4 p.m. while the two men napped in the midday heat. No shots were fired.

The military refused to identify the pair but said their arrests came during a continuing search for the fugitive former Iraqi dictator.

"These are important associates of the former regime," Lt. Col. Steve Russell said. "We believe the informa-

tion they may possess will further help destroy the regime."

U.S. forces have given mixed assessments over the past two weeks of their search for Saddam, with some commanders saying they were on the verge of capturing him and others trying to lower expectations, saying he will be caught at some point.

Military sources further north in the city of Mosul, meanwhile, said Americans now were focusing on a (See **TAPE**, Page 3)

## Swisher County officials turn down DA's request for funding

TULIA (AP) — County officials voted unanimously to deny giving money to the Swisher County district attorney who prosecuted the Tulia drug cases and is now fighting a State Bar of Texas grievance.

Swisher County Judge Harold Keeter said Terry McEachern requested a special session Thursday to ask the commission to help pay for the legal cost of fighting a grievance based on McEachern's role in the controversial 1999 Tulia drug sting.

McEachern asked commissioners for \$5,000 to hire a lawyer to review and assemble documents amassed during cases he built against 38 defendants in the Tulia undercover drug investigation of 1998 to 1999, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported in its Friday editions.

"This is strictly a personal grievance

against the district attorney and his law license," Keeter said. "It's not directed at Swisher County. We have no standing in the grievance and no stake in it."

McEachern said he would like to comment, but state bar rules forbid him from speaking about any aspect of the matter, the Amarillo Globe-News reported in its Friday editions.

McEachern was the prosecutor on all of the cases filed against 46 people, 39 of them black, who were arrested in 1999 after an 18-month investigation conducted by undercover agent Tom Coleman.

After years of legal wrangling, the cases fell apart April 1 when visiting Judge Ron Chapman called a halt to evidentiary hearings he was conducting in Tulia.

(See **TULIA**, Page 3)

## Pampa firefighters to help 'fill the boot'

Pampa firefighters will take their boots to the streets, Aug. 15, 16, 29 and 30, for the 50th annual "Fill the Boot" campaign for Muscular Dystrophy Association.

In 1953, according to an MDA release, firefighters committed their support to MDA until neuromuscular diseases were eliminated.

During the four-day period, Pampa firefighters will ask citizens to make donations and drop spare change into a firefighter boot to help individuals from this area who are affected by neuromuscular disease.

Last year, Pampa firefighters helped raise more than \$101,000 to help people

served by MDA in the greater Panhandle area.

MDA is a national, non-profit organization working to treat and cure more than 43 different neuromuscular diseases. Money raised by MDA goes toward local client clinics, support groups, medical equipment and repair, and summer camp for children with muscular dystrophy.

"Fill the Boot" is one of the biggest fundraisers conducted throughout the year. Totals raised by Pampa firefighters and other area firefighters will be announced on the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, on KFDA, NewsChannel 10.

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# Bush welcomes North Korean decision to join nuclear talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Friday welcomed North Korea's agreement to join six-nation talks on its nuclear ambitions and said he hoped the forum would help persuade Pyongyang to "totally dismantle" its weapons program in a way that can be verified.

"In the past it was the lone voice of the United States speaking clearly about this. Now we'll have other parties who have got a vested interest in peace on the Korean peninsula," Bush told reporters.

North Korea, after insisting for months on one-on-one talks with Washington, acknowledged Friday it has agreed to an American proposal for a broader discussion involving the two Koreas, the United States, China, Japan and Russia.

Bush, speaking with reporters after a Cabinet meeting, called the news a positive development in the long standoff with the communist nation.

Earlier, the president's spokesman, Scott McClellan, said that the United States would also be open to direct talks between U.S. Korean and representatives as part of the process — as the North had sought.

The United States in the past has resisted proposals for one-on-one talks with North Korea, even in the context of a broader meeting.

But McClellan on Friday said, "If you're sitting at a table somebody can talk across directly to us."

For his part, Bush said he hoped the six-way forum would yield "meaningful discussions" all aimed at convincing North Korean leader Kim Jong Il "to change his attitude

about nuclear weaponry."

"We'll see how the dialogue goes," Bush said. "We fully understand the past. We are hopeful, however, that Mr. Il Kim Jong Il, because he's hearing other voices, will make the decision to totally dismantle his weapons program, that he will allow there to be complete transparency and verifiability" by the international community.

"We're optimistic that can happen," Bush said.

North Korea agreed to the multilateral talks after Washington told Pyongyang the two sides can meet separately during the discussions, a spokesman for the communist North told Pyongyang's official news agency KCNA.

"Some time ago the U.S. informed the DPRK through a third party that the DPRK-U.S. bilateral talks may be held within the framework of multilateral talks," KCNA quoted the spokesman as saying.

DPRK is the acronym for the North's official name, Democratic Republic of Korea.

North Korea has also tried to get the United States to agree to a nonaggression pact as part of the talks. But McClellan rejected such speculation.

"We are not going to grant inducements for North Korea to live up to its obligations and meet its commitments, that's not something that is being considered at this time," he said.

Earlier, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the United States expects to bring specific proposals to the talks, including ways of insuring that Korea ends its nuclear programs in a "verifiable and irreversible manner."

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## BOYCOTT

station News 8 Austin if a lawsuit is filed in his hometown it would follow in the path of other legal fights over minority rights waged there.

"I would hope that we would have a judge, or a justice, down there that would look at the issue non-partisanly and decide based on the merits of a case. Period," Lucio said.

The governor's remarks at the Texas Hospital Association headquarters Thursday were his strongest yet since he called a second special session and the Democrats walked out Monday.

Perry said he had reached an agreement with legislative leaders to increase Medicaid

reimbursement rates for hospitals and doctors by using \$167 million in new federal matching funds. But he said the measure needs to be acted on right away to lessen the impact of rate cuts that take effect in a month.

Perry said he is asking Attorney General Greg Abbott to determine if the federal dollars can be spent without legislative action. After Perry's remarks, House Democrats said a legislative vote is not needed to spend the money.

The Senate Democrats, who have dubbed themselves the "Texas Eleven," say they'll return to Austin if Perry drops redistricting from the special session or if Dewhurst reinstates the so-called "two-thirds" rule allowing 11 senators to block a vote

on a bill.

The senators have been particularly critical of Perry, who they say is pushing redistricting on behalf of GOP leaders in Washington, D.C.

Texas Republicans want more GOP seats in Congress, citing the state's recent Republican voting trends. Democrats currently hold a 17-15 advantage in the delegation.

Perry declined to say how long he might continue to call 30-day special legislative sessions should congressional redistricting fail in this one, which can last until late August.

"No one's going to turn into a pumpkin between now and the end of August. At that particular time I will make another decision. If the work of the state has been done, I would expect everyone to go on a little Labor Day vacation. If not, we may be back here," he said.

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## TULIA

Chapman then issued findings that Coleman had lied on the stand and the state, represented by McEachern, had improperly failed to turn over evidence favorable to the defense during the trials.

Coleman has since been indicted for perjury, and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles this week recommended the governor sign pardons for nearly all the defendants.

According to a letter sent by the county's insurance carrier, Professional Claims Managers Inc., to Swisher County Judge Harold Keeter,

the State Bar has initiated a grievance against McEachern, the Avalanche-Journal reported.

Specifically, the State Bar alleges that McEachern attempted to bolster Coleman's testimony, failed to disclose certain aspects of the investigation and background regarding Coleman, made false representations during the criminal trials, and failed to turn over evidence that would have helped the defendants, the letter states.

Mark Pinckard, who is with the bar's disciplinary action arm, said he cannot comment on investigations.

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## TAPE

band of Iraq stretching from the Tigris River to the Syrian border between Tikrit and Mosul.

The audiotape, the fourth allegedly from Saddam to be broadcast in just over two weeks, appeared to be an attempt to rally more Iraqis to the guerrilla war being fought against American troops by assuring people they had nothing to fear upon Saddam's promised return to power.

The voice said Saddam had faith that "God will support us, and that one day the occupation army will falter and that victory is possible at any moment."

The tape also included an apparent bid to boost the numbers of those actively fighting the Americans by implying a general amnesty for looters of government property.

"We have decided to consider all the properties of the party and the government a gift to whoever has it, to use as they see fit, to keep or to sell without any restrictions, free from any legal constraints, now or in the future," the voice said.

"We feel bitterness about what has happened, but we are insistent on taking the responsibility to save our people and brothers, even those who have betrayed the nation and cooperated with the criminal invaders," the speaker said.

"We feel that not handling this case with caution would make those concerned feel guilty and fear the future and commit the crime of treason."

"God forbid they should do that, that they should aid the foreigner as a result of this destructive feeling, instead of being a loaded rifle in the face of the invading foreigner and being a part of the pious struggle and not fearing the

future," the speaker said.

On Thursday, four days after the tape allegedly was recorded, Saddam's daughters Raghda and Rana, whose husbands were executed on Saddam's orders in 1996, were granted refuge in Jordan with their nine children.

Jordanian Information Minister Nabil al-Sharif told The Associated Press that King Abdullah II offered them refuge because "they are Arab women who have run out of all options."

The whereabouts of Saddam's wife, Sajida Khairallah Telfah, and his youngest daughter, Hala, were unknown. His sons Odai and Qusai were killed in a July 22 firefight with U.S. troops in a villa in Mosul in northern Iraq.

Also Friday, a natural gas pipeline near Baiji, 75 miles north of Baghdad, burned for a second day. Maj. Michael Panciera of the 4th Infantry Division there said the Americans believed the explosion and fire that began Thursday night were accidental.

Five mortar shells also exploded Thursday night outside a Polish military logistics

base in the Iraqi city of Hillah, 60 miles south of Baghdad, but no one was injured, according to the Defense Ministry in Warsaw.

Dozens of Polish, Bulgarian, Romanian and Hungarian troops are stationed at the base.

Defense Ministry spokesman Col. Eugeniusz Sloczak said there was no information about who fired the shells, which caused no damage.

In Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell said the informant whose tip led to the deaths of Odai and Qusai Hussein should get the combined \$30 million reward that was on their heads.

For his protection, the informant has not been identified, although people in Mosul have speculated it was the owner the house being used by the brothers as a hideout. Military officials in Iraq said the tipster was in protective custody.

In the hunt for Iraq's former leader, the Army has created images of what Saddam could look like after three months on the run, although it refused to release the pictures to the public.

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# RELIGION

## FBC-Groom celebrates 100th-year anniversary

**GROOM** - Members of First Baptist Church, 407 E. 1st, will celebrate its 100th anniversary Sunday, Aug. 3, beginning with worship service at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, and a celebration service beginning at 2 p.m. The public is invited.

The church was first organized in August 1903 when a small group of citizens met at the school house. They called Rev. Cebe Thomas to serve as moderator of the first business meeting and as the first pastor of the congregation. He served the church for two years.

The 13 founding members included Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Massie, Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Whatley, Mr. and Mrs. F.P. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Boswell, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Slay and C.R. Slay.

They continued to meeting in the school building, with growing membership, until April 1907. By then the first church building

had been built and was dedicated without debt. Three additions were added over time to make room for growing Sunday School classes.

The Ladies Aid Society had all the Protestant ladies in Groom attending for some time. About 1909, Mrs. J.A. Burgin talked to the Ladies Aid about securing a bell for the church. Mrs. Burgin had come from Iowa where all the churches had bells. Those ladies baked, sewed, cooked meals, and did many other things to raise money to buy the bell. It stayed in the church belfry until 1947 when it was given to Boys Ranch.

In 1928, a goal was set for a new church building with enough room and equipment to take care of present and future needs.

"Let us pray for it, work for it, and give for it, and it shall be done," their goal stated.

The building was designed to accommodate 350 people. On Feb. 19, 1950, the new build-

ing was dedicated and was debt-free by 1951.

The baptistry was painted by Janice Stringer, wife of the pastor at that time. The chimes were given by Mrs. Safronia Jackson and Mrs. George Whatley in memory of Mrs. Whatley's son, G.C., who died serving his country in the U.S. Navy on Nov. 20, 1944.

Many changes have taken place since 1950. In 1966, a new education wing was completed and dedicated. The new space included 11 new Sunday School rooms, offices and well-equipped kitchen. The original building was remodeled to add a 60-foot tower and steeple to the main entrance. The sanctuary was remodeled with new paint, pews, hymnals, carpet, choir loft and stained glass windows in 1989.

Ten years later, the nursery was enlarged and remodeled. The purchase of a new van and construction of a garage to house it was also

completed in 1999.

The new millennium brought about changes as well. During the past three years the church grounds have been landscaped with trees and plants. New carpet was installed in the hallways and the stained glass windows were refurbished. Fellowship hall has been updated with paint, tile floor and art work.

Pastors that have served at FBC include Cebe Thomas, Roy Byrd, H.S. Goodman, Rev. Hamilton, J.R. Hill, K.F. Keller, J.W. Barker, C.B. Stephenson, Rev. Baxter, W.L. Williamson, Rev. Brooks, Guy Newman, Presley Hand, Merle Weather, L.E. Godwin, Gene Newman, Carl Stringer, W.H. Lloyd, J. Walter Davis, James Coffman, Alvin Hiltbrunner, John Gillispie, Dean Tucker, Barry Bradley, Rick Burton, Dr. Ed Hogan, Dr. Bryon Richardson, Byron Williamson and David Kelley.

## Revival to feature Church of God leader

**BORGER** - Tim Hill, administrative bishop for the Church of God in southern Ohio and gospel writer, is to be guest evangelist at a revival Aug. 3-6, at Borger Church of God, 700 Franklin.

Services are planned for 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 3. Services Monday through Wednesday, Aug. 4-6, begin nightly at 7 p.m.

Hill has written gospel songs for the past 20 years, many recorded by the nation's top gospel artists including The Speers, Janet Paschal, The Hoppers, The Dixie Melody Boys, Doug Oldham, Walt Mills and The Pieffers.

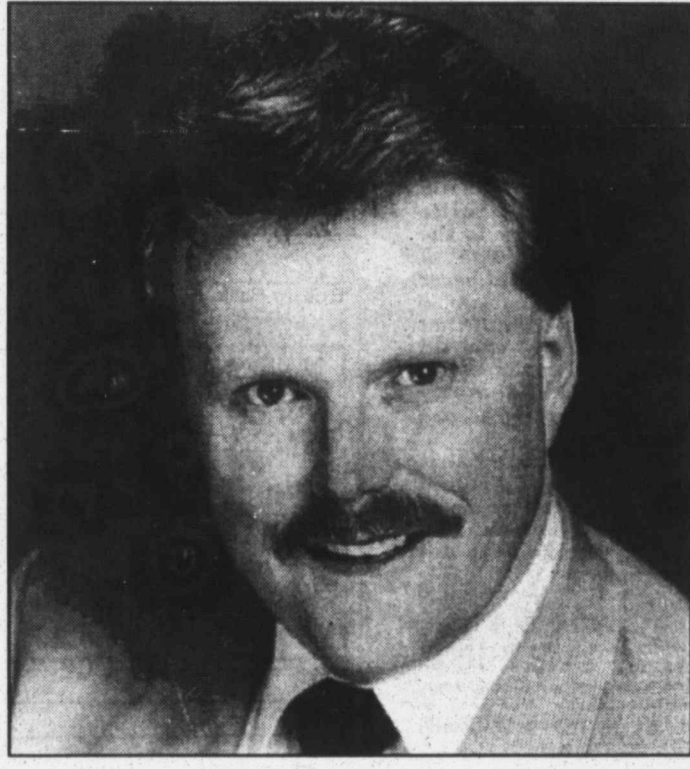
He is author of the number one song, "He's Still in the Fire," voted 1990 Song of Year by Gospel Voice Magazine. Other songs he has written

include "In the Midst of It All," "I just Came Back to Cry Holy," and "The Spirit Will Come Down."

As a speaker, Rev. Hill has traveled extensively across the United States and around the world. He also served as administrative bishop for the Church of God in Oklahoma. His most recent pastorate was the 800-member Riveroak Church of God in Danville, Va., where he hosted daily television and radio programs.

Hill graduated from Graham High School in 1978 and Lee University, Cleveland, Tenn., in 1987. He and his wife Paula have three daughters, Melinda, Brittany and Tara.

—He currently serves as chairman of the Executive Council for the Church of God.



Tim Hill

(Courtesy photo)

## CHURCH BRIEFS

### St. Mark's to host breakfast

Breakfast will be served at St. Mark's Methodist Church, 406 Elm, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 2. Donations are welcomed.

### Gospel Night 2003 offers favorites by local talents

**LAKE MEREDITH** -Lakefest Gospel Night 2003, hosted by the Center For Texas Culture in association with Hutchinson County Ministerial Fellowship, will feature local talent performing gospel favorites at Fritch Fortress Amphitheater of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.

Performances begin at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 5. The park opens at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person with \$2 of every ticket sold to go to the Hutchinson County Ministerial Fellowship's Community Projects fund. Children six and under are free. Concessions will be available.

To make inquiries or reservations, contact Staci at (806) 274-9050 or Elaine at (806) 273-5107.

### Bishop lifts suspension of Lutheran minister who said God didn't exist

**COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)** — A Lutheran minister who was suspended for claiming that neither God nor the after-life existed was allowed to return to work as a preacher. But the local bishop vowed to keep an eye on him.

Thorkild Grosboel, pastor of Taarbaek, "has apologized for his comments that caused doubts about the church's confession of faith," said Bishop Lise-Lotte Rebel of the Helsingoer diocese, which includes the town of 51,000 just north of Copenhagen.

"Because he has expressed his understanding about his obligations, the bishop has decided to remove the suspension," she said in a statement co-signed by Grosboel.

## Turning disadvantage into advantage

With the presses all set to run 3 million copies of Theodore Roosevelt's 1912 convention speech, the publisher found permission had not been obtained to use photos of Roosevelt and his running mate, Gov. Hiram Johnson of California. Copyright laws at that time put the penalty for such oversights at \$1 per copy. They were faced with a seemingly insurmountable problem. Time was at a premium.

The chairman of the campaign committee was equal to the situation. He dictated a telegram to the Chicago studio that had taken the pictures and it read like this:

"Planning to issue 3 million copies of Roosevelt speech with pictures of Roosevelt and Johnson on cover. Great publicity opportunity for photographers. What will you pay us to use your photographs?"

An hour later the reply was



### Minister's Musings

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wired back: "Appreciate opportunity, but can pay only \$250."

That particular chairman displayed various traits of exciting leadership. He showed himself to be cool under fire. He didn't let an oversight that might have daunted a lesser man effect his approach. Thus he turned a problem into an opportunity.

Often when something seems to go wrong, the human tendency is to capitulate, to assume the worst. This in turn can lead to a sort of mental paralysis, which only compounds the problem. Imagine where this country would be if

all our leadership became paralyzed when faced with a problem.

When things go sour, remember to keep your wits about you. If you do, you may be able to think your way out of trouble. Or at the very least,

lessen the blow.

Instead of giving in to the knee-jerk reaction, consider the alternatives. Ask for some help from a person whose knowledge you trust and character you respect. You need a different perspective, a new angle.

If worse comes to worst, don't attempt to cover it up, face it squarely.

When you really become accomplished at handling the disadvantages of life, you may even graduate to turning them into advantages.

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*I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1*

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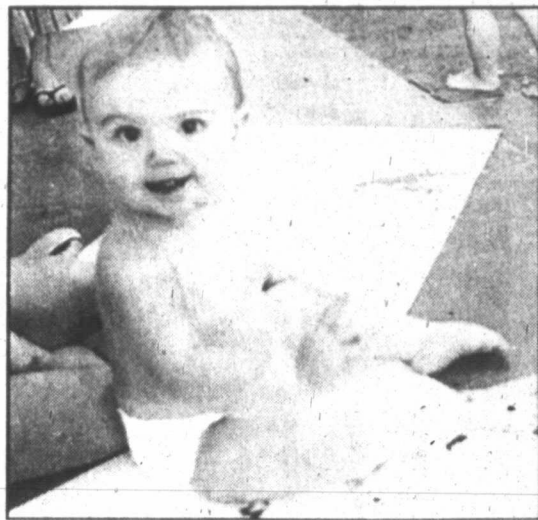












(Courtesy photo)

Ruth Ann Andrews does body art at High Plains Youth Art Festival.

## Police charge youth in poisoning probe

BEVERLY HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Prosecutors filed juvenile charges against a 12-year-old boy accused of putting cleaning fluid in his math teacher's tea.

The boy allegedly squirted the clear liquid into the teacher's cup while she was distracted in class May 15. She drank a few sips of the tainted tea before other students alerted her.

The fluid used to clean dry-erase boards contained a warning that it could be harmful if swallowed, school officials said. The teacher was treated and was unharmed.

Neither the teacher nor student, who turns 13 on Aug. 11, were identified.

If found guilty, the boy most likely would be ordered to perform community service, receive counseling or serve probation that could extend until he is 18, said Steve Lynch, chief of the juvenile division for the Oakland County prosecutor's office. An adult could face up to 10 years on the same charge — placing harmful objects in food.

## Festival paving future with art

By SETH DAVIDSON  
FOR THE PAMPA NEWS

Miami and Pampa recently hosted the first annual High Plains Youth Art Festival. Thirty-four youths from Canadian, Shamrock, Wheeler, Miami, Amarillo, Pampa, McLean, and Claude entered the show and competed for \$1,000 in cash prizes.

Category winners were: Lindsey Thompson, of Pampa, 0-5 age group; Maddie Brown, of Canadian, 6-10 age group; Nick Hardcastle, of Wheeler, 11-14 age group; and Jennifer Meyers, of McLean, 15-18 age group.

More than 70 people attended the festival, and the next one will be held in spring of 2004. Plans include cash prizes of \$3,000 as well as on-site activities to allow young artists to explore a variety of art media.

Canadian artists Amy Winton and Dr. Malouf Abraham, Jr., as well as Miami artists Dr. Bill Philpott and Mary Jane Kent judged the categories. All remarked on the high level



(Courtesy photo)

Jennifer Meyers took the prize for the 15-18 age division at the High Plains Youth Art Festival recently.

of accomplishment, enthusiasm, and talent of local artists.

The purpose of the festival was threefold: To encourage youngsters to do more art, to dis-

play their art, and to support them by rewarding them for engaging in art. The festival seeks to bring together the community of young artists and to reward them for their endeavors.

## French actress dies after alleged beating by rock star

PARIS (AP) — French actress Marie Trintignant died Friday of swelling of the brain, a doctor said. She had been comatose since the weekend, when she was allegedly beaten by her rock star boyfriend. She was 41.

Trintignant, who had been kept alive for several days on an artificial respirator, died at the Hartmann Clinic in suburban Neuilly at 10:20 a.m., according to neurosurgeon Stephane Delajoux.

Trintignant was hospitalized in the Lithuanian capital Vilnius on Sunday after her boyfriend, French rock singer Bertrand Cantat, allegedly beat her at the hotel where she was staying with him, her mother and one of her sons.

She and her mother, director Nadine Trintignant, were finishing two months of filming a television movie "Colette," based on the life of famed French writer Sinoué-Gabrielle Colette whose novels explored the plight of women in a male-dominated world.

Trintignant was flown to Paris on Thursday. Cantat is in police custody in Lithuania and is the prime suspect in her death. A Lithuanian judge on Thursday ordered his detention through Aug. 14.

The actress, who had four children, was in a coma when she arrived at the hospital and underwent emergency surgery twice to ease pressure on her brain caused by cerebral hemorrhaging.

Cantat, lead singer of France's most popular rock band, Noir Desir (Black Desire), had been admitted to the same Lithuanian hospital Sunday after drinking heavy amounts of alcohol, authorities said. Released two days later, he was immediately detained on "suspicion of causing bodily injury."

Lithuanian lawyers say Cantat — who denies beating the actress — could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted. No charges have been filed.

Trintignant hailed from one of French cinema's best-known film families and enjoyed a successful movie and stage career of her own. She appeared in 30 mostly French movies during her career.

## Network says 'Terminator' to announce political plans

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Californians may have to stay up late watching TV on Wednesday night to discover if Arnold Schwarzenegger intends to convert his Hollywood glamour into a political run to replace Gov. Gray Davis.

NBC and representatives of the actor said Thursday that Schwarzenegger plans to make his decision public Wednesday on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno." That would come three days before the Aug. 9 deadline for candidates to declare plans to run.

Another famous name emerged as a potential candidate: Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt. Flynt is one of the 200 people statewide who have filed paperwork with county registrars.

"California is the most progressive state in the union," said Flynt, 61, a Democrat. "I don't think anyone here will have a problem with a smut peddler as governor."

So far, the only declared Republican candidate is Rep. Darrell Issa, who funded the recall petition drive. Bill Simon, the GOP businessman who lost to Davis in November, and state Sen. Tom McClintock are also expected to run.

As recently as last week, Schwarzenegger's political aides said they expected him to run, but after the recall qualified and Schwarzenegger returned from promoting the third "Terminator" movie, his interest in a candidacy appeared to sour and speculation swirled that he was bowing out.

NBC didn't say what Schwarzenegger's answer would be, but an adviser to the actor, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Schwarzenegger is still leaning against running.

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