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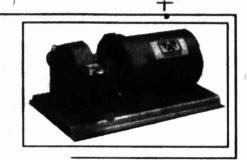
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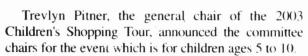
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# Pitner heads up shopping tour

By JOHN W. WARNER FOR THE NEWS



Capt. Patricia Steward of the Salvation Army and Sandra McKinney of the Texas Department of Human Services are in charge of inviting an estimated 125 children to attend. Shelly Cook, a Kiwanian, is in charge of recruiting more than 200 volunteers who will be needed to help chaperone the children on the tour. Volunteers may reach her at 669-2899 or 669-

Optimist Dr. Dan Powell is in charge of contacting churches in the community and inviting them to participate. He may be reached at 665-0801.

The chaperones will meet at the Optimist Club at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13. They will be assigned children by a registration committee headed by John Warner, an Optimist and a Kiwanis member. Pitner will conduct an orientation and answer questions.

The morning session will be sponsored by Tralee Crisis Center, which is represented on the Steering Committee by Karen Hooper. Donuts, coffee and orange juice will be provided for the chaperones. A brochure explaining the project will be handed to the chaperones and will be mailed to all contributors to the project.

Kiwanians Ann Franklin and the Rev. Harold Eggert chair the brochure committee.

About 9 a.m., the chaperones will pick up their children and take them shopping for members of their families. They do not buy presents for themselves. They buy for members of their families.

"This is the first time most of them have ever experienced sharing at Christmas," Pitner explained. "We hope through this project to let them see that the true meaning of Christmas is caring and sharing."

Many of the local stores offer discounts to the shop-

After the shopping is completed, the chaperones and children return to the Optimist gym where the Opti-Mrs. Club, led by Whitney Davis, sponsors a wrapping party.

"Last year the chaperones, children and Opti-Mrs. members wrapped about 700 presents," Ms. Davis said. "Every year we begin right after Christmas gathering the wrapping paper, bows, boxes and other materials needed for the wrapping

Kevin Davis is the chair for the Optimistsponsored luncheon that follows the wrapping party. His committee prepares hamburgers and the trimmings for the chaperones and chil ren.

"We start cooking about 9:30 a.m.," Davis said. "Some of the children return early and some barely get



**Trevlyn Pitner** 

Energizer Sunday School Class of First United Methodist Church is in charge of entertaining children who finish their shopping and wrapping early. Allison Pfitzner is the Energizer chair for the project. Mitch Kelley is the president of the class, which consists of students in Pampa Middle School. They plan to have the children sing Christmas carols, hear Christmas stories, compete in a coloring contest and hear a short talk about the real reason we celebrate the Christmas sea-

The American Red Cross, with Jana Gregory chairing the effort, will provide coffee and assist in providing transportation of a resident of the North Pole, who will visit with each child. The Pampa High School cheerleaders will take pictures of the children with Santa and give them the picture as a keepsake of the

Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr., a Kiwanian, and Harley Knutson, an Optimist, co-chair a committee which will make available a Gideon Bibie to every child who wants one. Bibles will be available in English and in Spanish.

The chaperones are expected to return the children to their homes about noon.

Optimist John W. Warner is the treasurer. Contributions are tax deductible. They should be made payable to the Pampa Optimist Youth Club and mailed to Warner at Box 645, Pampa, TX 79066-0645.

Other members of the Steering Committee, which plans the project, include Dan McGuire, an Optimist member who is past general chair; Linda Daniels, a Kiwanian who served as general chair last year; Sheri Tice, the Optimist president; Trevor Allison, the Kiwanis chair: and Lynn Allison, the Kiwanis presi-

Other organizations involved include First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, 31st District Attorney's Office, Pampa Rotary Club, Aldersgate Sunday School Class of First United Methodist Church, First Christian Church, Body of Christ Church, Gray County Democratic Club, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Preceptor Theta Iota, Catholic Youth Organization and Calvary Baptist Church.

## Christmas float



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Liberty Bloxom, left, Steven Counts, center, and Teresa Lyles, right, all of the Pampa Sheltered Workshop, sort through decorations for the Workshop's Christmas Parade float Friday afternoon. Also assisting with building the float for Saturday's holiday parade were Donna Andrews, Lisa Busby, Janis Smith, Brenda Wilson, Workshop Director Anna Laury and Assistant Director Candi Oxley.

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Poll shows growing optimism about economy BY WILL LESTER ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON Americans' increasing optimism about the economy is starting to improve their attitudes about the direction of the nation and about President Bush, an Associated Press poll finds.

People are increasingly comfortable about job security for themselves and for those they know — 44 percent now, compared with 35 percent in early October. And more approve of the way Bush is handling the economy 50 percent compared with 45 percent in the October poll, according to

the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs. More in the poll say they favor the president's re-election than oppose it. with 41 percent saying they will definitely vote for him and 36 percent definitely against him. One in five is con-

"I'm mulling over what I'm going to do in the next election," said Eydee Nelson, a 32-year-old mother of two

sidering voting for someone else.

young girls in Fort Collins, Colo. "I for those who say they're not, 44 perfeel like the economy is picking up. That definitely makes me more sympathetic to the president's re-election.

The economy is showing mixed signs of recovery: rapid growth that surprised most economists last quarter. indications the job market could be turning around, a rebound in the stock

market over the past six months. But the nation has lost 2.3 million jobs, the turnaround in employment is uncertain and states have been hard hit by revenue losses and are making cuts.

Baby boomers, college graduates and men in general were among the groups more likely to show signs of increased optimism, according to the AP-Ipsos poll.

"Confidence is improving," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. "It's a trend, not a blip. While it's not at the level it was in 1999 and 2000, we

clearly are coming off the bottom." The poll found the percentage of people who say they're more comfortable about job security is higher than cent to 37 percent. In early October, more were uncomfortable

If the economy continues to improve. Bush is expected to benefit. "If things are going well, it's more than likely he'll get a good bit of credit for it," said Doreen Hartley, a 48year-old computer programmer from

While improvements in Bush's ratings were usually small, the upward

Newtown, Pa., near Philadelphia.

shifts were reflected in several poll questions. The public remains sharply divided about the president, but the economic optimism seems to have halted his slide in the polls. Also, his Thanksgiving trip to visit U.S. troops in Baghdad was generally well-

Support for the president's handling of other domestic issues like education, health care and the economy, at (See POLL, Page 2)

# **PEDC** changing meeting location

Pampa Economic Development Corporation's board members plan to meet in a different location Monday.

The PEDC Board will meet at 5 p.m. in the Green Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium, said Board President Doug Locke. Board members also expect to meet with prospective buyers of the organization's property on Texas Highway 152, where Crall Products is located.

Agenda items listed for the meeting also include election of officers for the coming year, and discussion and possible action on insurance, assets and liabilities, and accounts payable.



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Provence had been a Pampa resident most of and a sister, Marie Gonzalez of Pampa.

Survivors include three stepsons, Robert Swanson of Skellytown, Bobby Swanson of New Mexico and Billy Swanson of Amarillo; Born June 19, 1942, at Foreman, Ark., Mr. a brother, Leonard Provence of Avant, Okla.; Help make someone's Holi-

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### **SHERIFF**

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

### Friday, Dec. 5

Earnest Lamar Huff, 68, incomplete address given, of Pampa, was arrested by Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated - second offense.

Lee Dewayne Scott, 51, 611 Barnes, was arrested by DPS for public intoxication.

Randall Kevin Eldridge, 40, Lefors, was arrested for public intoxication.

### Saturday, Dec. 6

Jacob Seymour, 17, Shamrock, was arrested by DPS for public intoxication and minor in possession of alcohol.

### FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

### **POLICE**

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Pampa Police Department made the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday. Friday, Dec. 5

Jane Derie Dedrick, 30. 200 N. Wells, was arrested for no seat belt.

Donald Dane Johnson, 39, 726 Dean Dr., was arrested on a capias pro fine for failure to control speed and for possession of marijuana under 2ounces.

# WEATHER FOCUS

### **PAMPA**

The forecast today is the mid 50s. Northwest calling for partly cloudy winds 10 to 20 mph. skies, highs in the lower Monday night, cloudy. A 70s and southwest winds chance of light rain or 15 to 20 mph. Night snow then a chance of should fall on partly snow showers after midcloudy skies with lows in night. Lows around 30. the upper 30s and southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Monday should see mostly cloudy skies with a 30 chance of snow showers percent chance of rain in the morning. Highs in showers. Cooler. Highs in the lower 40s. Tuesday

Chance of rain or snow 30 percent. Tuesday, partly cloudy. A 20 percent night, mostly clear. Lows the. mid

Wednesday, sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. Thursday night, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

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proving. In mid-November,

his approval was at 50 percent. The public's overall mood about the direction of the country was slightly improved

from November. In the new poll, 43 percent said the country was headed in the right direction, and 51 percent said it was on the wrong

percent had a positive view, and 56 percent said wrong

Divisions on Bush are still apparent.

"I think he does a good job on some things," said Bill Rogers, a 69-year-old retiree from Farnsworth, Texas. "On other things like the war in Iraq, I think he made a mistake.'

While a majority of people support the president on foreign policy and the campaign on terror, they remain closely divided on his re-election.

Joseph Caporino Hoboken, N.J., said he would consider voting for someone other than Bush.

"It depends on the other candidates in the race and what they have to say," the 54year-old account manager said. "There's no sense putting another jerk in there. At least Bush has already been in for a while."

The AP-Ipsos poll of 1,001 adults was taken Dec. 1-3 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

On the Net: Ipsos-Public nttp://www.ipsos.com

Multimedia presentation will be available at http://datacenter.ap.org/wdc/poll.html

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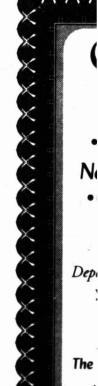
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# Pampa Girl Scouts recognize local businesses for help



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Girl Scouts recently presented certificates of appreciation to Store Manager Carol Carter of Wal-Mart, for her company's support of the recent nut sales. Pictured are, back row from left: Elyxeus Anaya, Chrissi Ditirro, and Mike Gilbert; middle row, from left: Lacey Dodson, Kinsey Griffin, Chelsie Griffin, Keva Dallas; and front row, from left: Macye Wheat and Nikki Girl Scout Cookies sale on Anderson.

The Five Star Girl Scout Council & Girl Scout Troops of Pampa recently recog-Wal-Mart, Carol Carter, Store Manager and United Supermarket, Troy Newton, Manager for their generous support during their fall sales of Girl Scout nuts.

Proceeds from the sales go to help the local troops with expenses, such as funds for crafts, badges, tree angels field trips, and summer camp tuition.

Representatives from all troops in Pampa that participated presented each business with a certificate of appreciation.

"They are our partners for the future, helping mold our next generation of community leaders," said Letha Anderson, Pampa Service Unit Chair. "These businesses have been supporters of Girl Scouts for many years, ' she added.

Nuts are still available and may be purchased by contacting Anderson at 669-

Pampa area Girl Scouts plan to begin their annual Jan. 15, 2004.



Pampa Girl Scouts recently presented certificates of appreciation to Manager Mike Gilbert, United Supermarket, for his company's support of the recent nut sales. Pictured are, back row from left: Elyxeus Anaya, Chrissi Ditirro, and Mike Gilbert; middle row, from left: Lacey Dodson, Kinsey Griffin, Chelsie Griffin, Keva Dallas; and front row, from left: Macye Wheat and Nikki Anderson.

# In effort to improve education, schools look abroad for qualified educators

BY BRUCE NICHOLS THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

HOUSTON — Last year, Vivek Agarwal was teaching math in a private school in his native India. This year, he's teaching chemistry at Smiley High School in Houston's

Mr. Agarwal, 36, who is fulfilling his dream of coming to process, he is making \$2,800 month in India.

School District.

said Tasheka Jones, a 17-yearold sophomore.

Aiming to improve on poor achievement test scores, administrators are also happy. "It's teachers like him who are going to help us reach the goal that we're striving for," said Smiley Principal Norris Rhines.

North Forest ISD honored Mr. Agarwal recently for scoring 100 on his Texas teacher certification test.

Mr. Agarwal exemplifies the expanding global reach of the search for teachers to ease a U.S. teacher shortage that officials estimate at 50,000 a year and likely to grow because of low pay, poor working conditions and retirement of baby-boomer teach-

Companies are springing up to help school officials find teachers overseas, including a

new company in Houston, USA Employment, which specializes in teachers from India. It helped Mr. Agarwal land the job at Smiley.

U.S. schools have imported teachers for years, and Texas and Houston area schools are leaders in the effort, according North Forest Independent to a National Education Association study of foreign "It is very exciting," said teacher recruitment published

Of 10,000 foreign teachers the United States. In the working in U.S. public schools last year, more than a month as opposed to \$300 a 3,000 were in Texas, estimated NEA, the nation's largest His students are happy. "I teachers' union. In the think he's a great teacher." Houston area alone, there of school district officials to spokesman Donnie Claxton Borrowed money for trip were 2,400, including 915 in the Houston Independent School District, while the Dallas Independent School District had 88, the NEA said.

Most were brought to meet the need for bilingual instruction, and with the biggest immigrant populations being from south of the border, the Mexico and Latin America, officials said.

Bringing teachers from India is relatively new, said Ron Kettler, interim director of the Texas Board of Educator Certification.

But the phenomenon likely will grow because there is a need not just for Hispanic bilingual instruction, but for math and science teachers, said Jay Kumar, a former petrochemical engineer who two years ago started USA Employment to help districts

recruit teachers in India.

India has a pool of experienced teachers highly qualified in math and science. And because India had been part of the British Empire, most Indian teachers speak English.

"We think this is the best solution," Mr. Kumar said.

USA Employment is not the only company in the field the NEA report listed several others that have operated longer but in just two years it has placed 120 teachers in districts from Arizona to ices, and we don't want any of

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India to interview candidates. For those unable to travel, it can provide videotapes or teleconferenced interviewing from its Delhi office, run by Mr. Kumar's brother.

The teachers pay their own way, coming to the United States on non-immigrant visas, and they remit to USA emphasis has been on Spain, Employment a fee of as much as \$500 a month for three

years to cover the cost of find- the No Child Left Behind Act, cials said. While students are ing them a job, Mr. Kumar

In its recent report, the NEA expressed concern that not all foreign teachers receive comparable pay. The group also doubted the wisdom of people paying agencies to get jobs in the United

Some districts including Dallas ISD have a policy of avoiding such arrangements. "We don't charge for our servour employees to wind up The company pays the way work for the district," DISD gram," he said.

The Houston school district, working with the Region IV Texas Education Service Center, doesn't use private agencies either, said Terry Abbott, HISD spokesman.

But the need is great and growing, partly because of Congress' recent passage of

requiring qualified teachers in more respectful in India and every classroom, said Larry Zenke, a consultant to school districts.

"We need to expand our traditional recruiting avenues to find the teachers we need," said Dr. Zenke, who recently returned from a USA Gangopadhya, a third-grade Employment recruiting trip for the Jacksonville-Duval County school district in

arrangement with USA Employment has been benefipaying somebody to come to cial. "I appreciate the pro- morale has been really low.

> He made two trips to the United States before finding a job, borrowing the total cost of \$6,000 \$2,000 for the first trip, \$4,000 for the second from his father. "I'm paying him back now," Mr. Agarwal

The calculation Indian teachers make is simple, offi-

teachers' position in society is more respected, there's much greater opportunity in

"People want to come basically because this is the best place you can be." said Isha teacher placed in the Houston suburb of Sugar Land by USA Employment.

Teaching at Smiley has Mr. Agarwal said his been challenging but rewarding, Mr. Agarwal said. "The students need me more. Their They're being told they're bad, they're stupid, all these things. ... I tell them they're doing good. I force them to think," he said.

Judging from a recent session in the classroom, his approach is working. As he used the question-and-answer method to walk students

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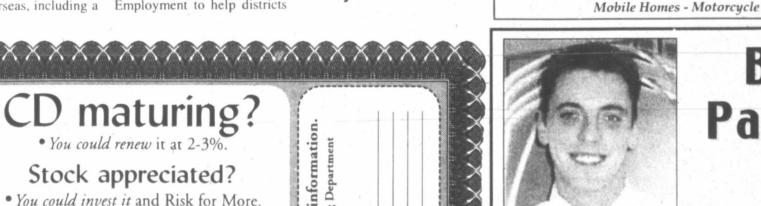


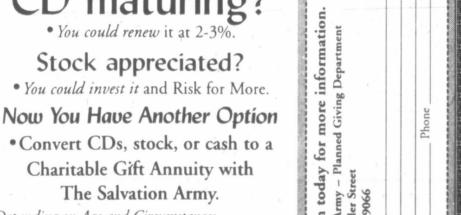
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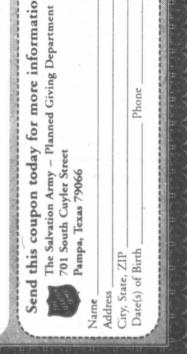


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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Compassionate conservatism?

To the editor:

I am going to go over some examples of what "compassionate conservatism" means to "dubya." While governor of Texas, his policies broke all the school systems in Texas. His "leave no child behind" means unfunded mandates and requires school systems to cheat to meet these standards (on test scores).

His lowering of taxes helped spend any surplus we had and

As President, his payback for massive campaign contributions is obscene. His EPA, which is responsible for safe food, has lowered standards for slaughter houses. A memo came out of the EPA office warning government meat inspectors not to shut down a slaughter production line unless they could prove beyond a reasonable doubt (not just a reasonable suspicion) that contamination of meat exists. The memo was written to mean that if they stopped the production line and didn't find anything, they might lose their jobs. Consequently, in the last year, there have been two of the largest meat recalls in history. It meant that "ready to eat" meat is not really ready to eat; it should be cooked. Recently, after finding contaminated onions from Mexico, it took two months for them to stop the shipments coming into this country. There were two deaths and 600 sick before this action. Now we find out there is no oversight on food coming into this country unless something bad like this occurs. Incidentally, these onion companies were all U.S. companies.

"Dubya" has lowered our safe water standards, our air pollution standards, and has cut the "superfund" use for clean-up of polluted areas (but no longer makes the industries clean up their own pollution.) Bear in mind, the food industry contributed \$41 million to the election of "dubya" and the Republican Party.

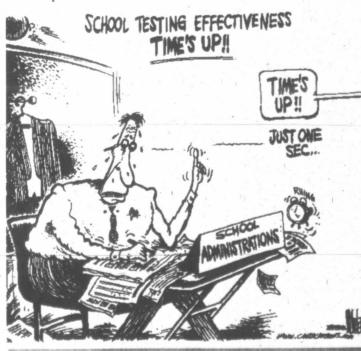
In the 2000 election, Haliburton donated millions to Bush and VP Chaney. Now look at the payback to them in Iraq.

Bush has bankrupted our country with his giveaway to the rich in this country, while trying to eliminate the middle class by doing away with unions and overtime pay. He now is giving credit to himself for better reports of our economy. If I got a handful of credit cards and started spending, I would look good for awhile, until payback time.

Everyone needs to ask himself (herself) if he is really better off now than he was three years ago.

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# Gay marriage, abortion issues

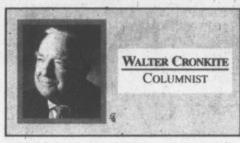
Congress outlawed "partial birth" abortion, and Massachusetts OK'd gay marriages. There is a worrisome affinity in two subjects that are getting so much attention these days.

Conservatives, particularly those of the Christian right, are determined that gay marriage and all abortions must be banned by federal law, even perhaps by amendments to our Constitution. They, of course, are entitled to their beliefs, which many of the religious feel are embedded in their religions. However, there are many other Americans who are equally adamant in their contention that the conservatives have no right to impose their version of morality on the rest of the population. Conservatives are inclined to call these protesters "liberals," a not-particularly accurate designation, but a useful label to identify them here.

The liberals include many who consider themselves good and faithful members of their churches, mosques or synagogues. They resent this dogmatic rightwing portion of the Christian community trying to force their ideas upon them.

In presidential and congressional campaigns of the past decade, the Christianright extremists have even charged that how Christians vote is a test of their faithfulness to their religion, implying that it is sacrilegious to vote for a Democrat. Many church members were deeply offended by this extremism that would dare suggest that one's devotion to his or her religious faith could be measured by his or her political preferences.

The debate split church congregations across the nation. So aggressive was the conservative campaign that their supporters hounded out of the pulpit highly respected and popular ministers who



refused the demand that conservative literature be distributed at church services.

This holy war against "infidels" and its resulting fratricide in the Christian community might be repeated in this coming election year. The conservative Christian leadership plans a major campaign to seek a federal law to ban the marriage of gay couples as the Massachusetts court would permit. This would be combined with its continuing effort to ban all abortions. It goes into the battle flushed with its recent victory in getting Congress to ban so-called "partial birth" abortions, but that might prove to be a premature celebration. Two federal courts have blocked the implementation of the ban, but the conservatives seem confident that superior courts will overturn those rulings. Also, the congressional action on "partial birth" abortions might not necessarily foretell, as the conservatives hope, a ban on other types of abortion.

The late-term procedure has been pictured by its opponents as such a grisly business that it is opposed not only by a majority of Congress, but apparently also by large numbers of people who otherwise support the right of a woman to choose other means of abortion. Their pro-choice arguments are still in place, and the congressional action only strengthens their resolve to raise the votes to protect this basic human right.

Meanwhile, the Christian conserva-

tives don't have a clear field in their fight. against the church marriages of homosexual couples. There probably are many who would agree that their own churches should not celebrate such unions, but who also, as in the case of the abortion debate, would join the fight to preserve our individual liberties and to let churches make their own decisions free of government intervention. That is the way these issues will be joined in the election

It certainly is the right of the antiabortionists and those who oppose gay marriages to defend, express and even propagandize their beliefs, but is it their right to impose their definition of morality on those who hold opposing views? The answer is a resounding "no" from the large chorus of those who believe that our individual rights are precious and should not be trampled upon by even those of deep religious convictions, including those in their own churches. This columnist believes that among conservatives and liberals alike there is a majority who would put the sanctity of individual rights even above the sanctity. with which some would endow the banning of abortion and gay marriage.

As the election campaign gains. momentum, the religious issues might : not assume the importance of Iraq and: the economy, but the Christian conservatives will force them on reluctant candidates, with the possibility that they might turn out to have the power to tilt congressional and even presidential election

(Write to Walter Cronkite c/o King Features Syndicate, 888 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10019, or e-mail him at mail@cronkitecolumn.com.)

### TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 2003. There are 24 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in

British territories and possessions in the Pacific, including the home base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor in

On this date:

the first state to ratify the U.S. run by Army quarterback Constitution.

In 1796, electors chose John Army, 21-15.)

Adams to be the second president of the United States.

In 1836, Martin Van Buren was elected the eighth president of the United States.

In 1946, fire broke out at the Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta; the On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese blaze killed 119 people, includ- stabbed and seriously wounded Winecoff.

In 1963, 40 years ago, during the Army-Navy game, videotaped instant replay was used for the first time in a live sports telecast as CBS re-In 1787, Delaware became showed a one-yard touchdown Rollie Stichweh. (Navy beat

In 1972, America's last moon mission to date was launched as "Apollo 17" blasted off from Cape Canaveral. In 1972, Imelda Marcos,

wife of Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos, was shot dead by her bodyguards. In 1983, in Madrid, Spain,

an Aviaco DC-9 collided on a runway with an Iberia Air Lines Boeing 727 that was accelerating for takeoff, killing all 42 people aboard the DC-9 and 51 aboard the Iberia jet.

In 1987, 43 people were killed in the crash of a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner in California after a gunman apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger and the two pilots.

In 1988, a major earthquake in the Soviet Union devastated northern Armenia; official estiforces attacked American and ing hotel founder W. Frank by an assailant who was then mates put the death toll at 25,000.

Ten years ago: A gunman opened fire on a Long Island Rail Road commuter train, killing six people and wounding 17. Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary revealed that the government had conducted more than 200 nuclear weapons tests

# Soldiers paid for today's freedom

One of the greatest possessions any people anywhere on earth can ever have, is freedom. The freedom from external and internal oppression, the freedom to choose their own destiny and the freedom to live in harmony with their fellow human beings. In America we are still working on that

last one, but we do have more freedom and more opportunities than any people in the history of civilization. Yet, millions of people in our prosperous nation do not know the price of freedom, who is responsible for it and what it took to achieve it. These thoughts came to mind when I recalled a question a friend asked his youth Sunday school class one time. He asked the question, "Who pays the preacher?" In a group of 15 young people, he was literally amazed that no one knew the correct answer.

In like manner, we could also ask the youth of our nation as well as adults, "Who is responsible for our freedom?" In other words, who is most responsible for the United States of America being a free nation? What would your answer be? The correct answer may surprise you. It is not the politicians. It is not the lawyers. It is not the educators. It is not the bankers. It is not the corporate executives. It is not the ministers. It is not, well, you fill in the blank. The correct answer for those who are most responsible for our freedom are those people in our country we call "veterans" and we should honor them above all the others that I have named.

We would not have the opportunity to be politicians, lawyers, educators, business executives, professional athletes (newspaper columnists) and to pursue our dreams in any field we choose, were it not for our nation's veterans. If you did not



JIM DAVIDSON COLUMNIST

already know this, I hope you will never forget it because we owe a great debt of gratitude to the men and women who served in combat to win and preserve our freedom. We do honor them on special occasions and observances, but every single American, both young and old, needs to understand both intellectually and emotionally what these heroes, past and present, have done for the rest of us.

The other day a friend sent me something titled,"Our Nation is in Mourning... A Soldier Died Today." Please meditate on these simple words:

"He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast, and he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past. Of a war that he once fought in and the deeds that he had done. In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one. And though sometimes to his neighbors his tales became a joke. All his buddies listened quietly, for he knew whereof he

"But we'll hear his tales no longer, for ol' Bob has passed away, and the world's a little poorer for a soldier died today. He won't be mourned by many, just his children and his wife. For they lived an ordinary, very quiet sort of life. He held a job and raised a family, going quietly on his way; and the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today. When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state. While thousands note their pass-

ing, and proclaim that they were great. Papers tell of their life stories from the time that they were young, but the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed, and unsung.

"Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land, some jerk who breaks his promise and cons his fellow man? Or the ordinary fellow who in times of war and strife, goes off to serve his country and offers up his life? The politician's stipend and the style in which he lives, are often disproportionate to the service that he gives. While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all, is paid off with a medal and perhaps a pension, small. It's so easy to forget them, for it is so many times that our Bobs and Jims and Franks went to battle, but we know, is not the politicians with their compromise and ploys, who won for us our freedom that our country now enjoys.

"Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand, would you really want some cop-out, with his everwaffling stand? Or would you want a soldier. His home, his country, his kin, just a common soldier, who would fight untilthe end? He was just a common soldier, and his ranks are growing thin, but his presence should remind us we might need his like again. For when countries. are in conflict, we find the soldiers' partis to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start. If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise, then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days. Perhaps just a simple. headline in the paper that might say:-"Our country is in mourning.. A soldierdied today."

Let freedom ring!

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Buffalo Courts was built by WT students with petrified wood and native stone. It was originally constructed with a series of rooms arranged around a courtyard and a large two-story lodge. The facility served as the first dormitory in the state reserved exclusively for male athletes.

The two-story main building, completed in 1941, is the only part of the structure still standing. It now houses the Alumni Association, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

"Buffalo Courts was an obvious choice for this year's orna-

CANYON - It's tree-decorating time and what better orna- excited to add it to the collection," Natrelle Long, honorary weeks for delivery.) Profits from the sale of the ornaments benchair of the Christmas ornament committee and wife of WTAMU President Russell Long, said.

> The three-dimensional solid-brass Buffalo Courts ornament orative box bearing the University seal.

> The first ornament in the 11-ornament series was issued in 2000, depicting the University's Old Main building. The next year, a Buffalo ornament was available, followed by an Event Center ornament last year. A new ornament will be introduced every year until 2010 to commemorate the University's 100year anniversary.

> The Buffalo courts or nament is available for \$12.95 each. A limited number of Old Main, Buffalo and Event Center ornaments are available for \$14.95 each. (Handling and shipping is

efit campus beautification projects.

Orders can be mailed to Bookstore, WTAMU Box 60937, Canyon, Texas 79016-0001, or call 806-651-2744, fax 806-651-2752 or visit the University Bookstore in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center on campus.

### ment. It holds a lot of memories for a lot of people, and we're an additional \$4.95 per order and will require two to three Texas Panhandle Regional Development Corp. elects new officers

AMARILLO — Texas Panhandle Department of Agriculture in Amarillo. Regional Development Corporation recently elected Sheryl Hardy, director of Economic Development, Perryton Community Development Corp., as its next president while Duane Hart, Edward Jones in Pampa, is among current TPRDC directors.

Other directors are Lorie Vincent with Canadian, will serve as treasurer. The High Ground of Texas in Stratford, Ralph Maxfield with Lemon Insurance in Booker, Mike Amos with Sun Bank in Panhandle, and Sheila Martin with Texas

Robert Worley, executive director of Dumas Economic Development Corp., was elected vice president; Steve Brunson, executive vice president of First American Bank in Amarillo, was elected secretary; and Milton Cooke, president of Cookya, Inc., in

TPRDC is a U.S. Small Business Administration Certified Development Company which serves the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

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Through SBA 504 Loan Program, TPRDC enables expanding businesses or business start-ups to secure long-term, fixed rate financing for fixed assets such as land and buildings.

# University to offer beef pharmaceutical course

CANYON —Feedyard personnel, cow/calf producers, students of animal science or anyone who distributes or represents pharmaceuticals intended for use in animals will benefit from the class "Use of Pharmaceutical and Biological Products in Beef said. Cattle.

through the Continuing of registering for University Education Center at West Texas A&M University, will meet from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 13-May 4 in the Agricultural and Natural Sciences Building WTAMU.

Dr. Joe Roder, manager of livestock technical services at Schering-Plough Animal Health Corporation, will be the instructor for the course. consultants. Veterinary University faculty and technifrom the pharmaceutical industry will provide guest lectures.

Eric Cochran, a graduate student in agriculture at WTAMU and manager of the Research University's Feedlot, has taken the course. He said it teaches good clinical techniques and gives a thorough understanding of

pharmaceutical products that are currently being used in the animal health industry.

"I think it is a very practical, informative class that could benefit students, regardless of their level of experience or knowledge," Cochran

Cost of the course is \$315, The class, being offered and students have the option credit. Three credits may be earned in Agriculture and Natural Science 280, 490 or 5490. Students also have the option of enrolling in the course as non-credit. A certificate of completion will be awarding issued. Continuing Education Units at the conclusion of the course.

WTAMU graduate Michael Jeter of Friona also completed the course at WTAMU

"Overal!, I thought this was cal service representatives one of the best classes I took at WT," Jeter said. "The course is very practical, informative and in-depth. It's taught in a manner that all students, regardless of their level of experience c knowledge, will benefit."

Call the Continuing Education Center at 806-651-2037 by 5 p.m. Jan. 12 to reg-

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### **TEACHERS**

through how various materials conduct electricity, he held the attention of most in the class.

"When he's trying to teach you something, he makes sure you get it before he goes on," said John Davis, a 16-yearold sophomore.

"He doesn't give up," said Jessica Contreras, 16. "If you don't give up, he won't give up. He keeps going. ... He really cares about his students. way he teaches."

Problems at first Both Mr. Agarwal students his acknowledged there were some communica-

tion problems at first because of his Indianaccented English and their Texas accents and American slang.

You can tell it from the together to understand each other," Ms. Jones

> "Initially, I was having some problems, but now I am comfortable," Mr. Agarwal agreed.

enter the country on visas lasting up to six years, many seek to stay either as permanent resi-"We had to work dents or become U.S. citizens. Mr. Kumar wants to bring his wife, Tulika, to the United States and eventually to become a citizen. He has no chil-

Even if he doesn't Associated Press

Although teachers stay in the country, Mr. Agarwal said the experience will have been valuable. "I've really learned a lot, and if I go back from here, I've a very good chance to become a principal or to guide other teachers," he

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# **Children Never Outgrow Need** For Their Grandmother's Love

DEAR ABBY: "Loving Grandma in Omaha" was unsure whether it was OK to still hold her 11-year-old grandson on her lap.

Her letter reminded me of the time my 10-year-old nephew and my mother and I were at a restaurant. (Mom had helped to raise him as a baby.)
Toward the end of dinner my

nephew went to sit on my mother's lap. I asked him, "What happens when you're too big for Grandma to hold anymore?" Without blinking, he replied, "Then I'll hold her." I had tears in my eyes the rest of the evening KATHLEEN C., COMMACK, N.Y.

**DEAR KATHLEEN: Smart** child. That is what I used to do with my mother. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was close to my maternal grandmother. Some mornings she would call my mother at 7 a.m. and tell her to take my temperature because I was sick. (She was always right!) After I was 10 or so, I rew too big for her to hold, so I'd lie on the couch and put my head in her lap and she'd rub my neck and head. She died just before my 13th

birthday. I was in school, but I "knew" it had happened before I was told. She had a wonderful Yiddish saying: "Tsuris (trouble) is what you get from children. Naches (joy) is

what you get from grandchildren!" SENTIMENTAL IN NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y.

DEAR SENTIMENTAL: There's truth in those old Yiddish sayings. Here's another: "When a man who has been previously married marries a woman who has been previously married, four people go to bed." But I digress, Back to the subject:

DEAR ABBY: I rocked my son when he was a baby. When he was 6 or 7, he began having minor problems at school. His teacher suggested that I start rocking him again. I d. 1, and within a few days, his teacher began commenting on how much better behaved he was.

I did not rock my son to sleep. We used the time to talk. He would confide his fears, little hurts, good things that happened — things we would never otherwise have shared. I continued to rock him until he was

nearly bigger than I was. It was one of the best things I ever did. Today he's in college, and a very personable young man.

PROUD MOM, CEDAR HILL, TEXAS

DEAR PROUD MOM: And I'm sure your wonderful relationship continues.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 32, and I still lie on the couch and put my head in my grandmother's lap. My sister is 28, a sergeant first class in the Army, and she still climbs into bed with Mom to talk. Some of my most precious memories are tied to those moments. Please tell "Loving Grandma" to continue rocking her grandson. As my mom is so fond of saying, "You cannot spoil a child by loving him."

STILL CUDDLING, DAVENPORT, IOWA

DEAR STILL CUDDLING: Your mother is right.

DEAR ABBY: Grandchildren are never too old to be held and shown affection. I would give anything to feel my grandmother's arms around me just once more.

It has been four years since her passing. I still have days when the pain hits like it did when I first lost her, but I get through it knowing she is always with me. Sometimes, when I need her most, I still feel her arms around me.
STILL MISSING GRANDMA

IN N.C.

DEAR STILL: You have said it well. The people we love always remain in our hearts. The memory of their love and wisdom is their most important legacy.

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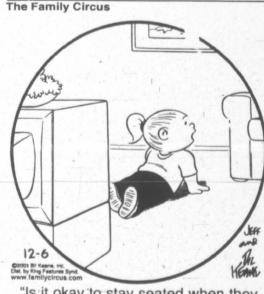
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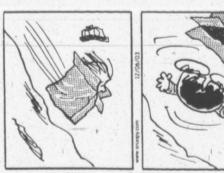


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World Heritage. World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is currently seeking a local community representative to provide high school exchange students with program support. For more information, call Ande Bloom at 1-800-888-9040 or visit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

### MUSEUMS, MILITARY

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

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

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

The Old Guard. Current and former members of the U.S. Army's oldest Infantry Regiment, the 3d U.S. Infantry or "The Old Guard Association" (also known as TOGA) are being sought for membership in the association. For more information, write to: Membership Committee, The Old Guard-Association, 1000 Winchell Rd., Drawer 22, Aurora, OH 44202; or visit www.oldguard.org on the Internet.

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

PPHM Story Time. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present "Story Time" at 2:30 p.m. every second Saturday of each month except December and January on the second floor of the museum. For more information, contact PPHM at (806) 651-2244.

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

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

### Other

Ballroom Dancers. United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association is seeking support for a chapter for beginner social or recreational ballroom dancers in the Amarillo area. If enough interest is expressed, a local steering committee will be formed to guide the project and enroll members. For more information, call 1-800-447-9047; e-mail USABDACENT@aol.com; or write: USABDA, P.O. Box 128, New Freedom, PA 17349.

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

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

Tetra's Virtual Acquarium. Tetra's Virtual Acquarium is located at www.tetra-fish.com on the World Wide Web.

TEXAS Vacation Packages. The Musical Drama "TEXAS" is continuing its fall, winter and spring vacation packages showcasing area attractions such as Amarillo Rattlers, Amarillo Opera, Amarillo Symphony, Lone Star Ballet, American Quarter Horse Association and much more. The packages include hotel/motel accommodations, dining in the best western

tradition and one-stop shopping. For more information, call 1-800-655-2181 or visit www.texasmusicaldrama.com. on the Internet.

### COMMUNITY, CHURCHES

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

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

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

Church of the Brethren. Church of the Brethren hosts a country gospel program at 7 p.m., every Monday at its location at 600 N. Frost.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Macedonia Baptist Church. Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

Pampa Area Literacy Council. Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill, stated meeting is the third Thursday of each month at the same time.

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

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

Monday of each month at First L Pampa Mall. For more information, 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

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RCIA. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church hosts Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) beginning at 7:15 p.m., Wednesdays at 2004 Williston. For more information, call Aloise Martin at 883-4901 or Peggy Rodriguez at 669-2683.

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

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

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

Texas Department of Human Services. 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.

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

VFW & Ladies Auxiliary. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1567 meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the VFW Hall, 105 S. Cuyler. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall.

VFW Bingo. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

### CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

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

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

**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.

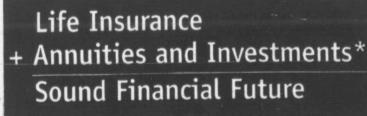
Gray Co. Ass'n for Retarded Citizens. Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

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

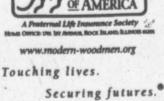
Magic Plains ABWA. Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Clint and Sons Smokehouse, 1421 N. Hobart. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone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



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### UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

### **PCCA**

Association's 2003-04 concert series includes the following programs: Lee and Suits Duo - 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 30, M.K. Brown Auditorium; "Guthrie in Dance and Music" - 3 p.m., Jan. 20, M.K. Brown Auditorium; "The Woods Tea Co." - Feb. 15, Heritage Room, M.K. Brown Auditorium; and Cantus -7:30 p.m., April 26, Borger High School Auditorium. Memberships/tickets available at the door. For more information on any of these contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631

### OHS/WIC

Stay-at-home moms who would like to work a few hours a week may be eligible for a part-time position as a breastfeeding peer counselor for Outreach Health Services Women, Infants and Children program. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and a telephone, must have successfully breastfed an infant and must be a current or former WIC client. For more information, call 1-800-200-7121.

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vant Sancho Panza, awaits his

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### **TDHS VOLUNTEERS**

Pampa Community Concert 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.

### **FESTIVAL OF TREES**

Pampa Garden Club will hold its annual Festival of Trees from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, and from 12 noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Contact Debbie Davis at 665-0123 for more information.

### APPRAISAL SEMINAR

The American Society of Agricultural Appraisers will offer a 4 1/2-day Personal Property Appraisal Seminar Dec. 10-14 in Dallas/Fort Worth. The seminar is designed specifically for individuals who currently are, or who desire to be, a livestock, farm equipment or horse appraiser. For more information, call 1-800-488-7570 or visit www.amagappraisers.com on

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### **CHILDREN'S** SHOPPING TOUR

The annual Children's Shopping tour will be held the morning of Dec. 13. The event will get under way at 8 a.m. at Pampa Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven. The tour matches underprivileged children with adult volunteers who take the children Christmas shopping for family members. Over 200 volunteers are sought for this year's tour. For more information, call Trevlyn Pitner, Pampa 'Police Department, at 669-5700 or Shelly Cook, Guaranty Abstract & Title, at 669-2899.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Moonlight Extension Education Club will host its 25th Annual Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 14 at Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum at Muleshoe. Booth space is available until Dec. 8. To request an application, write to Linda Huckaby, 902 W. 8th St., Muleshoe, TX 79347.

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

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### (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:

cough (pertussis), measles,

mumps, HIB

9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Dec. 3 and 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 8, at Baker School, 723 Cheyenne Ave., Canadian.

### **AMARILLO QUILT SHOW**

Amarillo Quilt Show is scheduled from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, March 19, and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 20 in the Regency Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. The event is being sponsored by Piecemakers Quilt Club, a member of National Quilting Association. Admission will be \$3 for adults. For show information, call (806) 359-3315; for class information, call (806) 655-7401; and for quilt show entries, (806) 353-1164.

### COLGATE YOUTH

SERVICE CONTEST Local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls Inc., Camp Fire and 4-H organizations are invited to enter their best community service projects in the 2000 "Colgate Youth for America" campaign. Cash grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded to the most creative and best executed projects from local clubs and troops. Local club and troop community service programs running between March 1, 2003, and March 1, 2004, are eligible for the contest. Entry forms are available through regional offices of the national organizations or by sending a SASE to: Colgate Youth for Allen Shankles as artistic America Campaign, P.O. Box director, Rolando Salazar as 1058, FDR Station, New York, music director/conductor and NY 10150-1058. Deadline for entry into this year's program is April 30, 2004. Forms are also Tickets are available at available on-line the Amarillo Little Theatre www.youthforamerica.com.

### **USS SPERRY**

Circle or by calling (806) The USS Sperry Association 355-9991. Tickets may also is seeking former shipmates who served between 1942-82 for a reunion celebration. For more information, call (517) 784-7810; write George Gallas, secretary, USS SPER-RY (AS-12) Association, Jackson, MI 49203-1521; or carole@modempoolcom.

# **TPMHMR** board hears PNAC program update

**AMARILLO** Newsom, Administrative Support Services director, was presented to Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation Board of Trustees at a board meeting recently. Newsom addressed the board about a proposed Centers Workshop Utilization Project while Susan Kitchens, Clients Rights officer, and Tim Bowles, Planning and Public Information director, updated the board on the new Planning and Network Advisory Committee (PNAC) structure and membership requirements.

Trustees approved the relocation of the administrative staff currently located in the Taylor facility to the Wallace facility; Children's Services and STAR program will move from Wellington Square to the Taylor facility, all in Amarillo. This consolidation is projected to save the agency approximately \$84,000 over the next fiscal year.

The board approved a PNA Committee consisting of nine members, five whom are either consumers or have family members that receive services from the agency. The following representatives from the region were appointed to the new committee: Linda Brain, Charlene Brownlow, Buck Formby, Charles Gill, David Hagler, Vicki Lane, the Rev. James Peach, Karen Pshigoda and Jerry Williams.

TPMHMR approved the to refinance its Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF-MR) to the Home and Community Based Services (HCS) program. This move is expected to provide more options for clients with mental retardation while helping ease the administrative burden of operating two separate systems of rules and reimbursement.

Employment contracts for Bud Schertler, executive director of TPMHMR, and Dr. Michael Jenkins, chief medical officer, reviewed and approved.

The Volunteer Services Council will be conducting its annual Christmas projects for the benefit of the clients of TPMHMR. Ornaments reflecting one wish each for qualifying clients are being hung on the Christmas trees located in the lobby of select Amarillo banks. Other proj-

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The Board of Trustees represents the citizens served by TPMHMR in the upper 21 counties of the Texas Panhandle and serves as the policy making body. The board meets monthly and conducts business in accordance with the Open Meetings Laws of Texas. Board members are The Hon. Willis Smith, chair, Higgins; Dr. Sam Reeves, vice-chair, Amarillo; Janis Robinson, secretary/treasurer, Hereford; Steve Cornett, Canyon; Diane Scroggins, Borger; Elaine Vivens, Amarillo; Lee Ann Reno, Amarillo, Patty Hamm, Amarillo; Sharon and Braddock, Pampa. The center has offices in Amarillo, Borger, Clarendon, Dumas, Hereford, Pampa, Perryton and Wellington.

Any individual served by TPMHMR, their families, agency personnel, service providers or the general public who have questions or concerns regarding services provided by TPMHMR may contact Susan Kitchens, director of Client Relations, at (806) 349-5607.

### Scholarship deadline near

CANYON - The application deadline for West Texas A&M University scholarships is fast approaching, and students are encouraged to start thinking about the application process now.

Feb. 1, 2004, is the scholarship deadline for the fall 2004 and spring 2005 semesters, and that date comes quickly after classes begin Jan. 13. Applications for scholarships are available www.wtamu.edu/scholarships.

The WTAMU scholarship committee has made the application process easier this year by eliminating the requirement for letters of rec-

ommendation and transcripts. "Students should take their time filling out the application to ensure they include all pertinent information and proofread carefully before submitting," Velma Murillo, assistant to the president, said. "The holidays are a great time to do this since most classes are not in session."

Scholarships are available to WTAMU students, transfer students and entering freshmen. Last year, WTAMU awarded approximately : \$454,800 in scholarships. Students can apply online at www.wtamu.edu/scholarships.

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# MEDICAL

# **SARS** strain worries physicians, medical magazine reporting

has Texas physicians and other public health officials concerned, Texas Medicine magazine reports in its December issue. People are developing skin eruptions that cannot be treated by ordinary antibiotics, and while theories have been presented, researchers are not certain why outbreaks are occurring.

The skin eruptions are result Staphylococcus bacteria called methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA.

People in jails, day care centers, schools, and other facilities in Texas and elsewhere have suffered outbreaks of the infection over the past 19 months, the magazine reports. A San Antonio hospital reports more than 100 MRSA cases among children in recent months, and even one case in which the young patient died as a result of MRSA. Scores of inmates at the Bexar County jail also have contracted the malady since last December.

"What we have noticed

since 1997 is that an organism that is usually seen only in the hospital is now becoming very common in the community," Jaime E. Fergie, MD, chair of the Medical Association's (TMA's) Committee on Infectious Diseases, tells the magazine. "That bacteria, that germ that in the past was just associated with infec- rily through person-to-pertions acquired in the hospital, is now being seen in children who are otherwise perfectly healthy," adds the pediatric infectious disease specialist.

Purcell, MD, PharmD, RPH, have published an article on the subject in a medical journal. Their work notes a significant jump in MRSA cases in Corpus Christi's Driscoll Children's Hospital as early as 1997, Texas Medicine reports. Their study examines 147 cases of MRSA at the hospital from October 1990 through December 2000. Of those 147 cases, 60 cases are deemed to have been community-acquired MRSA; 53 occurring since 1997, and 35 in the year 2000 alone.

Where else is MRSA Texans.

A mysterious scourge showing up? On our kids' school sports fields. Some student-athletes on middle school and high school teams are contracting the skin eruptions. One health official tells Texas Medicine that 20 high school football teams across Texas have players suffering from the infection. "We have one football team with 25 members with soft tissue infections," Neil Pascoe, RN, an epidemiologist with the Infectious Disease Division of the Texas Department of

> magazine. Of those, nine are confirmed cases of MRSA, he says. Person-to-person contact with wounds often suffered in athletics apparently increases the spread.

Health (TDH) says in the

The MRSA infection is resistant to penicillin and other similar antibiotics, but it can be treated effectively with other drugs, including non penicillinrelated antibiotics. Public health officials are warning physicians that Staph infections not responding to antibiotics may be MRSA.

Proper detection and diagnosis is key, Texas Medicine reports, which is easier when the infection afflicts the skin, the most common target. However, infection showing up in less-obvious places in the body, such as internally, is more difficult to detect, diagnose and treat.

MRSA is spread primason contact, so Texas Medicine says TDH's top prevention tip is thorough hand washing. But cases in which a person has no direct contact with an Dr. Fergie and Kevin infected patient may be caused by the over-prescribing of antibiotics, and patients not completing their dosages of antibiotics when prescribed them.

> Texas Medicine is a publication of the Texas Medical Association, a 38,000-member statewide association of physicians and medical students.

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation. It is located in Austin and has 120 component county medical societies around the state. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all

# Experimental pill may block organ rejection

WASHINGTON (AP) -Scientists mimicked a powerful immune-system disease in creating a pill that may block the rejection of transplanted organs without as many of the side effects that patients now face, researchers reported recently.

The experimental drug helped monkeys that had been given kidney transplants - a crucial hurdle, the researchers said. Although much more research is needed, human safety studies are beginning.

If it works, the drug, created by Pfizer Inc., could mark a more sophisticated way to prevent transplant rejection. Unlike today's anti-rejection drugs, it was specially engineered to inhibit a molecule called JAK3 that is key to marshaling the immune cells that attack and destroy newly implanted organs.

Ironically, the new compound was inspired by the deadly "bubble boy disease," in which children are born a functioning immune system. A complete lack of JAK3 is at the root of

immunodeficiency. With the new compound. Pfizer scientists hope to harness JAK3's immune suppression powers enough to help transplant recipients without overwhelming the body's defenses.

"It's a brand new concept," said Dr. Dominic Borie, transplant immunology chief. at Stanford University School of Medicine, who tested Pfizer's drug in 12 monkeys given varying doses for three

While it completely protected only a third, "indeed it works, and does as well as other immunosuppressive drugs," with fewer side effects, he said,

Borie, along with scientists from Pfizer and the National Institutes of Health, reported the results in the journal Science.

The big question is how well the drug will work in people who are already sick instead of monkeys who start off healthy, cautioned Dr. John Fung, transplant chief at the University of Pittsburgh Still, he's intrigued.

"It looks like a very promising approach," Fung said. "It ushers in a new era of drugs that are targeted at specific pathways" of organ rejection.

The body's reaction to a new organ is thousands of times more aggressive than its fight against routine infections, so transplant recipients take powerful immune-suppressing drugs, sometimes for the rest of their lives.

Despite the obvious benefits, today's anti-rejection drugs can cause debilitating, even deadly, side effects. Some raise blood pressure cholesterol levels, increasing the risk of heart disease. Some cause anemia. And some gradually destroy the kidneys, eventually forcing many transplant recipients onto dialysis.

Those side effects arise because the older drugs' molecular targets are found in cells throughout the body. Because the new compound's target, JAK3, is an enzyme found only in immune cells, it shouldn't cause kidney, heart other

researcher Paul Changelian.

The hunt for the drug - so . far known by the unwieldy code name CP-690,550 began almost a decade ago, when the NIH discovered JAK3 and found it's crucial in activating infection-fighting white blood cells. Working with NIH. Pfizer then designed a pill to curb white blood cells' attack on donated organs by inhibiting JAK3's

It worked in mice given heart transplants. Stanford then tested 12 monkeys. Four had no signs of kidney problems after three months, and others had varying degrees of rejection earlier, suggesting the drug is comparable to other medications, Borie said. The monkeys' only side effect was anemia from the highest dose.



### CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

### HAVE A JOLLY. **HEALTHY HOLIDAY**

Chiropractors receive a greater number of phone calls around holiday time. Patients lift heavy presents, lug the Christmas tree, and get into awkward positions to assemble toys and children's vehicles. Here are a few reminders to keep your body

Bend your knees when picking up an object. When lifting, keep the load as close to your body as possible. Do not flex forward when carrying the object since this creates pressure on the joints of the low back. A straight back is the best position.

Do not slouch in the car when in the car, especially when driving for long periods to visit the relatives. Also, regularly stop and stretch your legs and walk around. Similarly, watch how you sit in the recliner and sofa after the big holiday meal. Wrong positions could hurt your back. No one likes making many trips back and forth to the car with small packages. However, carrying a heavy suitcase, package or box can hurt your

Be careful how you move when on your back assembling the new bike or crib. Make an appointment with your chiropractor if feeling unusual aches or pains

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### the genetic disease, also Medical Center, who was not called SCID or severe cominvolved with the research. explained Pfizer **HEALTHBEAT:** Researchers developing

therapies for troubling skin disease By LAURAN **NEERGAARD** AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) It's a new era for patients covered in the itchy, scaly skin disease psoriasis. After years with few good treatments, doctors finally have a handful of therapies that promise to help control the incurable condition with fewer bad side effects.

What changed? Scientists learned that psoriasis isn't just a skin-deep disorder but a dysfunction of the immune system, so the new therapies

target the real culprit. "Five to six years ago, I was telling my patients it was the wasteland," says Dr. Craig Leonardi of St. Louis University Medical School, who participated in studies of the new treatments. "Now there's this huge explosion of amazing drugs coming for-

The new options don't help everyone, cautions Dr. Michael Tharp, dermatology chief at Chicago's Rush University Medical Center. And they're very expensive, costing \$10,000 a year or more.

But, "it's a great first step," Tharp says. "Now we've got very directed molecules and know where they work and how they work. ... I hope it is

just the beginning." Two unique psoriasis shots, Amevive and Raptiva, recently won Food and Drug Administration approval. Two drugs already sold to treat other conditions - Enbrel and Remicade - are used against psoriasis, too. A list of other potential treatments is under study.

The four newest options haven't yet been compared to each other, but because each works somewhat differently, specialists expect hard-totreat patients to find some

relief among the bunch. 4.5 Americans have psoriasis. Of those, 1.5 million suffer moderate to severe symptoms their skin covered in red or white scaly patches that burn and itch. It's triggered when certain immune system cells, called memory effector T cells, run amok, causing skin cells to multiply faster than normal and become inflamed.

It can be life-altering. "I wouldn't wear anything but long-legged pants and long-sleeved shirts because I got so tired of people asking me questions," says Lyle Newcomb, 60, of Milwaukee, Ore., who tried every treatment without success. "You don't allow yourself to get real close to anybody because you don't know how they're going to accept it."

Then Newcomb entered a study of Raptiva. "I had never been clear of psoriasis in my life, but I was totally clear in three weeks," and, two years later, weekly shots keep symptoms at bay.

Ointments and light therapy - ultraviolet beams, sometimes with light-sensitizing drugs, a few times a week - are effective for milder

Until now, severely hit patients had two powerful options, each with serious side effects. The immune suppressor cyclosporine, commonly used to prevent rejec-

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### **SWIMMING**

PAMPA - Deadline for joining the Pampa Aquatic Club is Dec. 15, and interested youngsters may contact Anna Saiz at 669-1740 or Tammy Henthorn for more information or to sign

The club is for youngsters in age groups 6; 7-8; 9-10; 11-12; 13-14 and 15-

Youngsters who wish to join must be able to swim. PAC (Pampa Aquatic Club) is not a swimming pro-

Club activities begin in January.

### BASKETBALL

PAMPA — There will be a boys basketball organizational meeting today at 2 p.m. at the Pampa Optimist Club.

Any interested in coaching boys in the third and fourth grades; fifth and six grades are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Sheri Tice at 665-3505.

### **GENERAL**

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is in search of non-returned equipment. The equipment can be turned in to the Optimist Club at 2 p.m. today at the equipment

Any football equipment, such as helmets, game and practice pants, game jerseys, shoulder and leg pads or any miscellaneous items like blocking dummies can be turned in Sunday.

### **GOLF**

**POIPU** BEACH, Hawaii (AP) — Jim Furyk could join some pretty good company: Only Tiger Woods has won the fourplayer PGA Grand Slam of Golf since 1998.

Furyk, the U.S. Open champion, shot a 5-underpar 67 Friday to take a five-stroke lead over Masters champion Mike Weir heading Saturday's final round.

"Overall, I'm happy with the position I'm in," Furyk said. "I want to stay focused on going out and playing another good round.'

British Open champion Ben Curtis shot a 73, and PGA champion Shaun Micheel had a 75 in the 36-hole event for the winners of the year's four majors.

It was the first event in the Grand Slam's 21-year history featuring all firsttime major champions.

Furyk was down a stroke when he took command in the middle of the round.

After sinking a 4-foot birdie putt on the 405-yard ninth hole to tie Weir, Furyk birdied three of the next five holes to open a three-stroke advantage,

An 18-foot birdie putt on the par-4 No. 10 gave Furyk his first lead.

### Lady Harvesters defeat Liberal, 59-33 PAMPA — Pampa's Lady

Harvesters jumped out to an early lead and were never threatened in a 59-33 win over visiting Liberal, Kan. Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa improved its record to 5-6 for the season. It was the season opener for Liberal.

Senior guard Abbi Covalt led the Lady Harvesters with 13 points, including three 3point goals. Freshman guard Britteni Rice added 10 points and a team-high 5 rebounds.

Victoria Carlile had 14 points for Liberal. Regan Bloom followed with 11.

Pampa held a 14-point lead (25-11) at the half.

The Lady Harvesters host Randall at 7:30 Tuesday night

in a District 3-4A opener. Pampa 59, Liberal 33

P - Abbi Covalt 13, Britteni Rice 10, Tara Jordan 9, Jackie Gerber 8, Jaclyn Spearman 8, Lindsey Ammons 4, Callie Cobb 3, Stacey Johnson 2, Jennie Waggoner 2.

L - Victoria Carlile 14, Regan Bloom 11, Holly Krause 4, Cari Carter 2, Mesha Mason Coronado JV boys game at 6

The Pampa Harvesters are entered in The Gene Messer Tournament in Canyon.

Playing in the loser's bracket Friday, Pampa lost a close contest to Hobbs, N.M. 79-77.

Collin Bowers had 19 points and Chance Bowers 16 to lead the Harvesters.

Leading scorer for Hobbs was Ervin Youmans with 25 points. Benny Baeza added 17. Pampa fell to Amarillo High

65-25 in first-round action. Chance Bowers had 10 points while Brandon Johnston

and Jed Martin had 4 each. James Davis topped AHS in scoring with 17.

Pampa meets Lubbock Coronado at 7:30 Monday night in the West Texas A&M Event Center.

The game will be a fundraiser with the admission fee going to the Harvester Boys Basketball Booster Club. Boosters are urging the

fans to come out and show their support for the Harvesters. There will be a Pampa-

Monday night.



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe)

Pampa's Lindsey Ammons (3) looks for a teammate while closely guarded by a Liberal player. The Lady Harvesters host Randall at 7:30 Tuesday night in a District 3-4A opener.

### boys fall in second round at Miami Pampa J Girls

lost to Fort Elliott varsity from 3-point range. 63-54 Friday and played Saturday for fifth place at the Tomahawk Classic.

Fort Elliott advances to the semi-finals.

Justen Bryant led the Cougars in scoring with 22 Braydon Baker 4, Weston points.

from Sharod Young while Tyler Hall chipped in 17. one 3-point goal. Hall had a hot-shooting hand in the first quarter, Wheeler

Fund-raising game

Hall finished with four formance the Shamrock-Adrian loser 3-point goals and Young

scoring for Hammond. Others Pampa were Tyson Hickman with 7 points, Teichmann Craig 2, Pampa got 21 points Crowell 1 and Eric

> In other boys action, downed

MIAMI — Pampa JV nailing his first three shots Samnorwood 83-59 Friday behind the 21-point perof Hector Emiliano.

> Sammnorwood had 20 points from Jeff

Fort Elliott beat Wheeler 60-46 Friday in the girls division.

Katie Donaldson's 22 points led Fort Elliott and Kingcade 1. Hickman had J'Shay McCasland had 16 Gregory 15. for Wheeler.

**Tomahawk Classic** 

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P - Nicole Clark 18. S -Kinniman 9.

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Shamrock 47, Hedley 41 S - Ledbetter 18. H -

Mclean 45, Miami JV 26 ML-Keisha Menifield 16. M -Adcock 13.

Wellington 55, Lefors 43 W-Scott Sims 19. L-

Rickey Vaughn 40. Miami 55, Booker 54 Scoring leaders not

reported.

Channing 59, Mclean 20 C-W. Grant 34. M - Zane Richardson 6.

Follett 60, Hedley 45 F -Robertson 23. H -Wallingdorf 12.

# Injuries ravage former Jaguars

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. regretted taking Boselli. "It Texas — or at least that's you move on." what the hand-painted sign in the last time the Houston Texans visited Jacksonville Jaguars.

This year, many of those Ex's are living in the trainer's room.

When the injury-riddled Texans (5-7) visit the Jaguars (3-9) on Sunday, none of the three players the Texans took from the Jaguars in the expansion draft — Gary Walker, tate that cherry-picking from Seth Payne, Tony Boselli will be playing.

Walker (toe) and Payne (knee) went on injured reserve this season. Boselli (shoulder) retired and never played a down for the Texans.

"We felt the potential reward was worth the risk," said coach Dom Capers, a former Jaguars defensive coordinator, when asked if he

(AP) — All their Ex's live in never really worked out. So

The Texans have moved the corner of the stadium read on quite nicely, and they've done it, in part, with help from yet another influx of former Jaguars. In the past year, they've signed offensive lineman Zach Wiegert, tailback Stacey Mack and safety Marlon McCree. Mack was a starter until he, too, went on IR. Wiegert and McCree are

And while logic might dica team that hasn't had a winning season since 1999 would be a recipe for trouble, the Texans believe they're going in the right direction.

David Carr, the first pick in the draft last season, is learning while he takes his lumps. Domanick Davis was selected AFC rookie of the week for four consecutive\* weeks, at one point.

# Eagles and Cowboys meet to determine first place

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -For the first time since Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin played for Dallas, a game between the Cowboys and Philadelphia Eagles has playoff implications for both teams.

JV boys game at 6 Monday night.

First place in the NFC East is on the line when the twotime division champion host the Eagles (9-3) Cowboys (8-4) at Lincoln Financial Field on Sunday. Dallas won the first meeting 23-21 on Oct. 12, but the winning seven straight.

Pampa's Jed Martin brings the ball down against Amarillo High in the

season opener. Martin and his teammates meet Lubbock Coronado at

7:30 Monday night in the West Texas A&M Event Center. The game will

be a fund-raiser with the admission fee going to the Harvester Boys

Basketball Booster Club. Boosters are urging the fans to come out and

show their support for the Harvesters. There will be a Pampa-Coronado

"I said after our 0-2 start that we're the defending NFC East champs. You have to go through Philly in order to get the trophy," Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "You all laughed, probably smirked and went home and told all your friends that I was stupid, but I guess you understand that what I was saying was right."

McNabb's comments haven't become bulletinboard material for the Eagles haven't lost since, Cowboys because the Eagles

had a up mis statement.

"He has room to talk right now, and our job is to try to prove him wrong this weekend. That's all we can do," Cowboys tight end Dan Campbell said. The significance of this

game has renewed an intense rivalry. It's been seven years since both teams finished a season with winning records.

While the Cowboys were struggling in recent years, the Eagles established themselves as one of the top teams in the NFL, reaching the NFC

championship game the last two seasons. The Eagles also are trying to stay atop the conference standings; St. Louis is

Now that Dallas is winning again after three straight 5-11 finishes, the Eagles stand in their way.

"If we want to be champions or we want to set ourselves up for the playoffs, we have to go through Philly and have to beat them. It's a big test for us," Cowboys linebacker Dexter Coakley said.

The Cowboys are coming

off a lopsided 40-21 loss to Miami on Thanksgiving. They're just 3-3 after a 5-1 start under new coach Bill Parcells. Still, playing for first place this late in the season is quite an accomplishment for an overachieving team that hasn't had a winning record since 1998.

"The fact that we're playing in a game that involves first place, I think that's a good thing for us at this time of the year, being that it's in the 13th game I've been here," Parcells said.

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# Marvin Lewis vs. Ray Lewis Harvester Hoops Spot-light

By DAVE GOLDBERG **AP Football Writer** 

Marvin Lewis has gone out of his way to praise Ray Lewis all season. Marvin was the defensive coordinator and Ray was the star linebacker when the Baltimore Ravens won the 2001 Super Bowl.

Now Marvin's Bengals run directly into Ray's Ravens when they play at Baltimore on Sunday in a showdown for the AFC North

Both teams are 7-5, and Baltimore is favored by 3 1/2 points. The Bengals won their first meeting 34-26 on Oct. 19.

Nobody expected the Bengals, 2-14 last season under Dick LeBeau, to win seven of nine games after starting 0-3. And no one expected the defense-minded Ravens to score 44 points in two straight games with Anthony Wright at quarterback.

In truth, the points don't mean Baltimore's offense has become a juggernaut. The defense has scored some points and set up others, and the officials all but handed the Ravens their overtime win over Seattle two weeks ago.

"The numbers of the game weren't particularly telling," Ravens coach Brian Billick said of last week's 44-6 win over the 49ers. "We had a number of short fields. The offense stepped up and did the job it was supposed to do, given the circumstances it was in."

Cincinnati won last week by driving for the winning touchdown in Pittsburgh after the Steelers went ahead with 65 seconds left.

That was a first for most of the Bengals.

"After Pittsburgh scored its last touchdown, the whole offense was like, 'Aw ..." said offensive tackle Willie Anderson, who did little but lose in his first seven NFL seasons.

"Marvin immediately came over to us and said, 'Hey, don't worry about it.' We were just going crazy, and we knew from the excitement in his voice and his eyes that we had to do something."

MARVINS, 20-19 Indianapolis (plus 3 1/2) at Tennessee For the AFC South lead — and maybe the title. **TITANS, 24-23** 

### Pro Picks

Dallas (plus 5 1/2) at Philadelphia For the NFC East? The Cowboys have been shut out in their last two road games.

Miami (plus 3) at New England For the AFC East - the Patriots clinch it with a win. PATRIOTS, 20-16.

Kansas City (plus 2) at Denver This looks like a rare KC loss. BRONCOS, 24-21

St. Louis (minus 4) at Cleveland (Monday night) Caution: Home teams have won three straight Monday nights.

RAMS, 27-22

Seattle (plus 1 1/2) at Minnesota The Seahawks are 1-4 away, but were jobbed out of a road win by the zebras. SEAHAWKS, 34-31

Chicago (plus 7) at Green Bay The Bears are getting better, on the road and at

Tampa Bay (plus 1 1/2) at New Orleans New Orleans has won the last three against Tampa. Make it four.

Arizona (plus 10) at San Francisco Both teams are awful on the road and good at home. 49ERS, 51-3

Carolina (minus 1) at Atlanta Michael Vick will be rusty in his first start. Won't

PANTHERS, 27-16

Oakland (plus 5) at Pittsburgh The first time since 1981 that a game between these teams means nothing.

STEELERS, 27-20 New York Jets (plus 3) at Buffalo Chad Pennington is heating up.

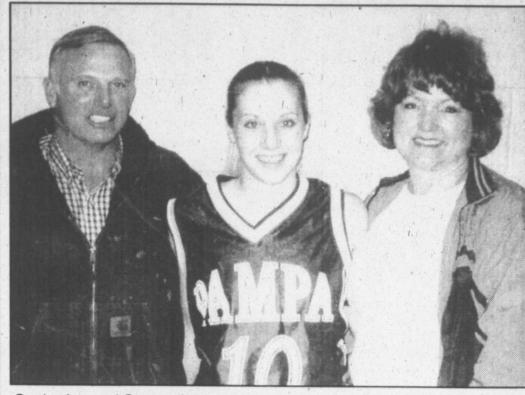
**JETS 20-3** Houston (off) at Jacksonville Byron Leftwich is heating up

JAGUARS, 17-14 San Diego (plus 3) at Detroit The Lions are 4-2 at home.

LIONS 31-13 Washington (plus 3) at New York Giants

The Giants are hurting and most of them have stopped blocking and tackling. **REDSKINS 20-10** 

LAST WEEK: 9-7 (spread); 9-7 (straight up) OVERALL: 99-73-4 (spread); 110-66 (straight up)



Senior forward Stacey Johnson, the daughter of Jody and Vicki Johnson (above), is the Senior Class President for 2003-2004. Besides basketball, her other activities include volleyball, softball, Student Council, National Honors Society, and ME&H Church of Christ youth group. Stacey is undecided about which college she plans to attend upon grad-

# Deadline Jan. 14 for City VB League

PAMPA — The City of Pampa at City Hall, Room 204. Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's adult volleyball league. 5740 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday Men's and women's 4 x 4 (four players on through Friday. each team) divisions will be offered. Players must be 14 years old to participate.

Entry deadline will be Jan. 14 at 5 p.m., and the season will begin the week of Jan. 19, 2004.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$100 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of five players).

Roster forms, fact sheets and league bylaws are available at the Recreation Office

For more information, please call 669-

City of Pampa Fall Mixed Volleyball League **Final Standings** 

Team	Matches	<b>Total Games</b>	Percentage
1. Team Green	11-1	36-5	87.8
2.BNH	11-1	.30-8	80.0
3. Sheila Webb	6-6	23-21	52.3
4. ASSI	6-6	23-25	48.0
5. NBC	6-6	20-24	45.5
6. Thriftway	2-10	15-29	34.1
7. Domino's	0-12	3-37	7.5

# Texas, Boston talking **A-Rod for Ramirez**

Rod could be the next big star to a franchise. When a player moving to the AL East as the like that is available, there are Boston Red Sox try to beat the teams that are certainly going New York Yankees in a heated to do everything they can to game of "Can you top this?

The Red Sox are discussing acquiring the AL MVP Alex Rodriguez from the Texas Rangers for Manny Ramirez in what would be a swap of the only \$20 million-a-year players in baseball history.

"There seems to be a focus that often leads to successful deals," Ramirez's agent, Jeff Moorad, said Friday.

Moorad confirmed that Boston and Texas are talking. But he added: "I've stayed in touch with both clubs over the last few days, and neither seemed optimistic today that a deal was imminent."

Rodriguez told Texas last month before he won his first York Times reported talks were MVP award that he was open to having the Rangers explore a fied official familiar with the

The shortstop has reached straight seasons. Ramirez, an outfielder, had at least 33 homers and 104 RBIs in each of his three years in another battle.

the game, and he plays a premi- week, and the Yankees got um defensive position," said Javier Vazquez Rodriguez's agent, Scott-Boras. Montreal on Thursday.

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NEW YORK (AP) — A- "He certainly brings a moniker

Red Sox president Larry Lucchino wouldn't confirm or deny any talks.

'All of these trade rumors come from Texas, not from us, and we aren't going to have any comment on any of them,"

Texas spokesman Gregg Elkin said there were no developments to report.

The Dallas Morning News reported Friday that Texas would make the deal if Boston would pay a "considerable" part of the remainder of Ramirez's contract. The paper cited sources with knowledge of the discussions. The New preliminary, citing an unidentidiscussions.

After playing a classic AL 47 homers and 118 RBIs in championship series, won by the Yankees in the 11th inning of Game 7, New York and Boston are stocking up for

The Red Sox acquired Curt "A-Rod's the best player in Schilling from Arizona last

# Pampa Bowling Roundup

HARVESTER LANES

	League Standings Lone Star League (Week 11)	
Team .	Won	Lost
Harvester Cafe	28	16
G.B.'s Contractors	26	18
Pampa Transmission	24 1/2	10 1/2
UMC	24	20
B&K Carpentry	21	23
Now & Then	20	24
Whitehead Cattle Co.	17 1/2	26 1/2

Week's High Scores High scratch game: Sandra Farrington; High scratch series: Sandra Farrington 519 High handicap game: Sandra Farrington 233; High handicap series: Sandra Farrington

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W	ednesday Night Mixed	League
	(Week 10)	
Team	Won	Lost
The Woodpecker Shop *	28	-12
Beta Tex24	16	
Bob's Bandits	23	17
Team Three	21	19
Gutter Busters	19	21
Davis Minit Mart	19	21
Harvester Lanes	17	23
Reed's Welding	17	23
Lefors Fed. Credit Union	16 1/2	23 1/3
Chez Tanz	15 1/2	24 1/2
	Week's High Score	6

High scratch game: 'Mike Lane 237; High scratch series: Mike Lane 682; High handi cap game: Clifford Glassey 276; High handicap series: Mike Lane 742.

High scratch game: Bonnie Clemens 267; High scratch-series: Bonnie Clemens 647; High handicap game: LaNeen Anderson 248; High handicap series: Judy Anderson 656.

	(Week 6)	
Team	Won	Lost
Dave's Raiders	16	8
Misfits	14	10
We Won One!	13	11
Team One	12	12
Sliders	- 11	13
Team Two	6	18
	Week's High Scores	
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High scratch series: Gary Skinner 557; High scratch game: Ricky Addington 211; High handicap series: Warren Chalmers 639; High handicap game: Jim Downey 221.

High scratch series: Loretta Thomas 477; High scratch game: Gina Addington 189; High handicap series: Brenda Palmateer 586; High handicap game: Teresa Cirone

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The Stevens Home, 1101 Mary Ellen

# **Twentieth Century Cotillion schedules annual Tour of Homes**

Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club will once again host its annual Christmas Tour of Homes from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, in Pampa.

Now in its eighth year, the tour will include three houses the Stevens Home, the Morrison Home and the Baten Home.

Tickets to the fund-raiser may be purchased at the door of the homes on tour. Proceeds will benefit The Opportunity Plan, Inc., of Canyon, a non-profit organization established in 1954 to provide financial assistance to students in post-secondary educational programs.

Located at 1101 Mary Ellen, The Stevens Home was built for Siler and Edna Faulkner in 1929 by Rippert Lumber Company and Builders out of Amarillo at a cost of \$30,000.

Siler was the first county clerk in Gray County and served as county judge.

E.L. Green, Jr., and Virginia Faulkner Green lived in the home and raised three sons after Siler's sudden death. The home remained in the family until Mrs. Green's death in January 2003. Now it is occupied by Jeff and Tammy Stevens and their three young sons.

This two-story home con-

bathrooms, exterior brickwork, tile roofing, portico side carport, detached two car garage and an oval dormer style front

The interior boasts crown molding, hardwood floors, two fireplaces, a laundry shoot, French doors and a full base-

The Morrison family has occupied the Morrison Home, located at 2101 N. Christine, since 1958, purchasing it from Floyd Walker. Bedrooms, a laundry room, an office, a storeroom and a basement have all been added to the home over the years.

In November 2000, Don and features four bedrooms and four Fran Walker moved into the house. They restored the hardwood floors to their original luster and remodeled the kitchen.

Fran's love of the outdoors and horticulture is evidenced by the lack of curtains in the home, enabling one to view the wealth of flower beds and trees in the yard beyond which includes a newly built bench, fashioned from two steps taken from the local post office in 1934.

One might say the footprints of Pampa's history now adorn the Morrison front yard.

A unique log home built for Jerry and Malena Baten in January 2001 by Satterwhite Log Homes out of Longview, the Baten Home, 11845 Jira Road (located off McCullough Street just west of Lamar Elementary)

Inviting wraparound porches and a spacious living area with a rock fireplace surrounded by glass lends this home a "Rocky Mountain" effect.

The exterior is built entirely from dead-standing Engelmann Spruce trees found in high elevations while Aspen tongue-

and-groove cover all the interior walls.

The home was constructed entirely without sheet rock.

The Batens dreamed of a mountain home, but hesitated to be too far from the grandchildren. They compromised and brought a touch of the mountains to the Panhandle.

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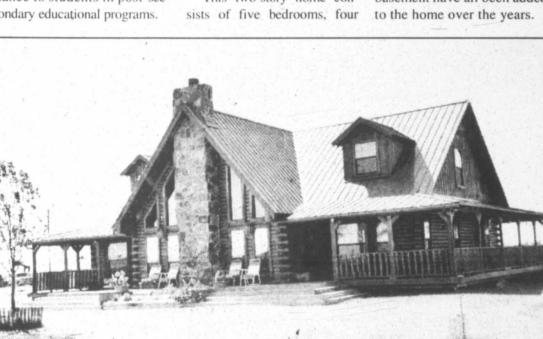
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The Baten Home, 11845 Kira Road

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### SKIN

tion of transplanted organs, harmful immune cells from new treatments largely safe kidneys. Inflammation-suppressing methotrexate, also used for cancer and rheumatoid arthritis, can cause liver damage.

The new biologically engineered treatments promise more targeted therapy without those risks:

interfere with the harmful T cells, dramatically clearing psoriasis lesions in 20 per-

Amevive causes those T some people's symptoms don't return for months after a threemonth course of weekly shots. maker Biogen Inc. The intramuscular shots are given in a doctor's office.

In contrast, Raptiva keeps

Club news is published

strictly on a first come, first

serve basis due to space lim-

itations. The deadline each

week for Sunday's paper is

Wednesday at 5 p.m.,

(Tuesday at 12 noon on hol-

and Christmas.) The dead-

line does not guarantee pub-

getting into and inflaming skin, so patients must take it indefinitely. Sales will begin by Thanksgiving, say makers Genentech Inc. and Xoma Ltd. Patients give themselves weekly under-the-skin shots.

That difference means more than convenience; some -Amevive and Raptiva insurance pays for in-office patients. For less severe psotherapy but not at-home riasis sufferers, "we're back

-Instead of targeting T cent to 40 percent of patients. cells, Enbrel and Remicade inhibit a protein, TNF, that's too. cells to die, explaining why crucial to inflammation. FDA-approved for certain types of arthritis, some doctors already use the drugs for About 3,500 patients have psoriasis' skin lesions. The begun Amevive since FDA. FDA now is evaluating approval in January, says Enbrel injections for that use; a final-stage study of intrayenous Remicade is about to begin.

Specialists call the four

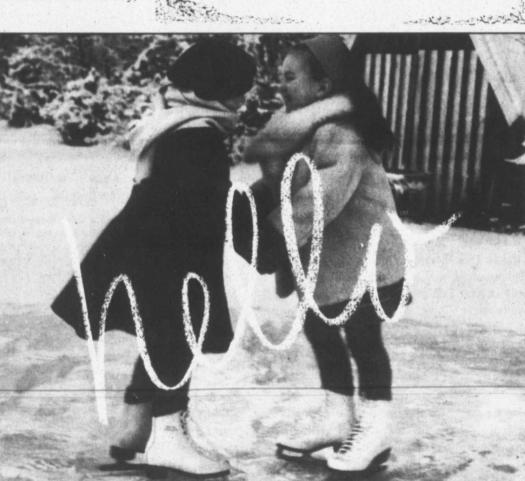
but acknowledge that even mildly tinkering with the immune system for years might spur infections or cancer. "We're crossing our fingers," Tharp says.

That plus their huge cost means the new drugs are reserved for the worst in the stone ages," Tharp says, urging companies to study better options for them,

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

On the Net:

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Pampa Art Club

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The following business conducted and

announcements made:

-Ornaments were completed for the club's entry into Festival of Trees slated Dec. 6-7. Select ornaments will be offered for sale with proceeds to benefit a needy idays such as Thanksgiving child selected from the

Salvation Army Angel Tree. -Norma Hinkle was lication that week. Thank welcomed as a new member.

-Louise Moore will deliver a demonstration on the one-stroke technique on Pampa Art Club met Dec. Jan. 20 at Lovett Memorial 2 at the home of Evelyn Library. Heritage Art Club is invited to attend the demonstration.

A Christmas party and

gift exchange is planned for 10:30 a.m. Dec. 16 at the home of Dona Cornutt.

Heritage Art Club

Heritage Art Club met recently for its annual Christmas party Jennie Baker and Barbara Stubblefield serving as hostesses.

Kelly and Breanna Beesley sang Christmas Members carols. exchanged homemade gift ornaments.

For membership information or to learn more about HAC, call 665-1597.

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### NEWSMAKERS



Carissa B. Snelgrooes

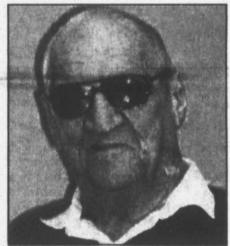
Carissa B. Snelgrooes, a student at Pampa High School, was recently selected for inclusion in The National Society of High School Scholars. The announcement was made by NSHSS Honorary Chair Claes Nobel, a senior member of the Nobel Prize Family.

Only students who exhibit superior academic achievement and who are among the top scholars in the nation are eligible for the society.

"I congratulate Carissa on this outstanding achievement and applaud the commitment to academic excellence," said Nobel. "The hard work and success of these exceptional young people will ensure a future generation dedicated to their communities and world betterment."

NSHSS was founded to recognize outstanding academic performance among high school students. Membership is by invitation only and includes several benefits for members such as scholarships, networking, events, publications and other opportunities.

Snelgrooes is the daughter of Steve and Alicia Snelgrooes of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Nathan and Nelda Lancaster and Shirley Swinney, all of Pampa.



Mike Porter

Mike Porter, curator of Freedom Museum USA in Pampa, will appear in a documentary set to air on the History Channel in 2004 in the United States. The program will be translated into German for German TV.

Porter recently received a letter asking his permission to publish the interview, along with his picture, in a book that is due to be released in the spring of 2004.

In July, four documentary editors came to the United States from Hamburg, Germany, and interviewed a man in Chicago, Ill., before arriving in Pampa for their interview with Porter. They later journeyed to England and interviewed two Royal Air Force pilots. All these veterans are expected to be included in the

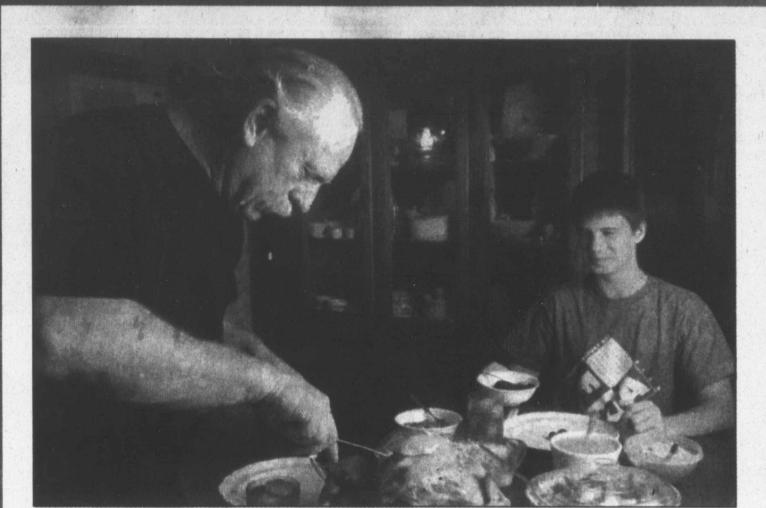
The German writers heard about Porter from a man named Agee who learned about Porter from Dub Ferguson, a graduate of Pampa Army Air Field.

The book, to be made available at the museum once on the market, is being written by Professor Rolf-Dieter Mueller, a well-known expert on the history of World War II and scientific consultant for the TV series.

CANYON - Ashley D. Knipp of Pampa was recently among 148 students at West Texas A&M University to be inducted into Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

Membership in Alpha Chi is by invitation only and is limited to students who have completed at least 30 semester hours with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher and who rank in the top 10 percent of the junior or senior class.

The purpose of Alpha Chi is to recognize students who have maintained a high level of scholarship, according to Dr. Duane J. Rosa, Alpha Chi faculty sponsor and director of the Department of Planning and Analysis at WTAMU.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Al Williams serves turkey to Vladimir Rybalkin, a foreign exchange student, at Rybalkin's first Thanksgiving.

# **Exchange student from Ukraine** experiences American holiday

BY DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

Vladimir Rybalkin watched skeptically as Al Williams began carving the turkey.

"I don't have much experience with Thanksgiving," Rybalkin said.

An hour later, waving a turkey drumstick, the grin on his face said Rybalkin's first Thanksgiving was a success.

Fifteen-year-old Vlad Rybalkin is a foreign exchange student from Lutuhino, Ukraine. Attending Pampa High School, he lives with Al and Sharon Williams west of Pampa.

Last Thursday was his first encounter with turkey and dressing and the uniquely American Thanksgiving celebration.

If there was any doubt about whether or not he enjoyed Thanksgiving, it disappeared when Rybalkin reached for seconds.

"He has a healthy appetite," Al Williams laughed. "I know he's put on

are now a little tight.

Rybalkin said he is used to eating more pork at home and not as much beef as in the Texas Panhandle.

Since arriving in Pampa last August, however, Rybalkin has had a chance to taste a variety of fare, including jalapenos.

"I warned him to take just a little bite," Sharon Williams said.

The plucky teenager popped one in his mouth ... and his eyes lit up and began to water.

Rybalkin, however, seems to have Pampa, acquired a taste for jalapenos since then, asking for them during his first Thanksgiving meal here.

Al Williams said Rybalkin has tried miss them.' Mexican food, Thai food and even rat-

Williams, who works for an oil and gas company, found a four-foot rattlesnake, captured it and brought it home in a bucket, then put it in a 55 gallon

"You should have seen the look on his likes to go for walks face when I pulled that four foot rattlesnake out of that 55 gallon drum," Al Williams said.

Williams said the eyes on both Rybalkin and Williams' grandson, Johnny Smith, opened wide and they both started backing up.

William's killed the snake, skinned it and fried the meat.

"It was tasty," Rybalkin said. "It did-

n't taste like chicken." Gerald Lilley, friend of the Williams, gave Rybalkin two cured six-foot long rattlesnake skins complete with rattles.

"They've got huge rattles on them," Al Williams said.

While Rybalkin was tentative about digging into the cranberry sauce during

the Thanksgiving dinner with the Williams, he was not shy about the broccoli and rice casserole, one of his favorite dishes.

It's taken a while, on both sides, to adjust to new tastes.

"He doesn't like peanut butter," Sharon Williams said. "He says it sticks to the roof of his mouth."

Rybalkin doesn't like ice cream, either, but he like popsicles. He's only been drinking iced tea for

about the last couple of weeks. Before that, it was hot tea.

Rybalkin's also learned a number of new words, Al Williams said.

"Ya'll," Rybalkin said, grinning. "Fixin' to and cool." Pampa, he said, is much like his

hometown, but it is also very different. Lutuhino is about the same size as Pampa, Rybalkin said.

Located in the northeastern part of the Ukraine, it is known for its gold mines and farming.

Known as the breadbasket of the old Rybalkin admitted that the clothes he Soviet Union, Rybalkin said the Ukraine wore on his trip over from the Ukraine is now trying to move from an agricultural to an industrial economy.

> The country has a good educational system, he said.

"Students have good grades for better jobs after their schooling,' Rybalkin said.

He credits the skill of the teachers there for the excellent educational program. One thing Lutuhino

supply around Rybalkin noted, is trees. "We have more

has that is in short

trees," he said. "I

He also said he misses his dog, a Doberman named Rich, short for Richard, and his parents.

Rybalkin said he with his dog.

"If you are upset," he said, "you can go out with your dog and all your problems, all the emotions, disappear."

The Williams have a cat, a horse and a dog named Sassy.

Sharon said her horse is 26-yearsold and isn't ridden a lot, but a neighbor has some gentle horses and invited Rybalkin over to ride.

Rybalkin has also taken a liking to football. Initially, he was a Jets fan, but Megan, the Williams granddaughter warned him that he'd better root for the Dallas Cowboys, especially in her granddaddy's house.

The Ukrainian got a taste of football up close this year, playing on the freshman team as a wide receiver and line

"I didn't get to play a lot," he said, but added that he enjoyed the time he spent

Rybalkin said he's enjoyed the weather in the Texas Panhandle so far, at least until a cold snap earlier this month. He said he doesn't like cold weather.

The Ukraine has mild winters, he said. It snows there, but there is little

With four kids, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, the Williams are used to big dinners, but with two of their children now living in Washington State and one in Dallas, this year's Thanksgiving was more modest. The daughter that lives a mile away, Christie, was having Thanksgiving dinner with her in-laws, but she and her family, her husband Chris, her daughter Megan and her son Clayton, managed to make it home for coffee and pumpkin pie.

While the family visited and Megan talked to Rybalkin, the growing teenaged boy worked on another helping broccoli-rice of



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Sharon Williams gives Vlad Rybalkin a hug during the foreign exchange student's Thanksgiving.

# IFESTYLES

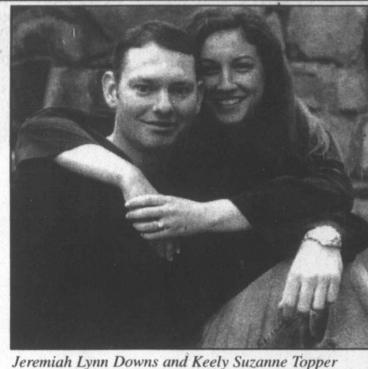
### ENGAGEMENTS

# Topper-Downs

Keely Suzanne Topper and Jeremiah Lynn Downs, both of Pampa, plan to wed Saturday, Feb. 7, in Bible Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ms. Kathryn McIntire Topper of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and holds a bachelor of science degree from West Texas A&M University (2001). She currently teaches third grade at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Taylor and of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Downs, all of Pampa.



He graduated from Pampa College (1996). He is present-High School in 1993 and ly an instrument technician at holds a degree from Amarillo Conoco-Phillips in Borger.

# Mr. and Mrs. Steve Snelgrooes Snelgrooes anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Snelgrooes of Pampa will observe their 25th wedding anniversary in December. The couple are celebrating with a trip to Cancun, Mexico.



ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Snelgrooes

Steve Snelgrooes and Alicia Lancaster were married Dec. 2, 1978. They have been Pampa residents for 25 years.

Mr. Snelgrooes works at Celanese.

Mrs. Snelgrooes is employed at Pampa Middle School.

Children of the couple are Kaleb and Jered, both of West Texas A&M University in Canyon, and Carissa, a junior at Pampa High School.

### MENUS

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 8-12

### Pampa Schools MONDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.

Lunch: Steak fingers or pizza, whipped potatoes, green beans, applesauce, rolls.

### **TUESDAY**

Breakfast: Pancakes. Lunch: Cheeseburger pockets or chicken nuggets,

English peas, carrot sticks, pears. WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Cheese omelet, toast.

Lunch: Sloppy Joes or pizza, French fries, salad, strawberries.

### **THURSDAY**

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast. Lunch: Sliced ham, whipped potatoes, broccoli/rice casserole, blackeyed peas, pineapple

### FRIDAY

upsidedowr, cake, rolls.

Breakfast: Cereal, sausage.

Lunch: Corndogs or hamburgers, potato rounds, western beans, pears.

### **Lefors Schools MONDAY**

Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, cold cereal, toast, juice,

Lunch: Baked potatoes or burritos, chili, broccoli, cheese, apple, salad bar, milk.

### TUESDAY

Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza or ravioli, cornbread. peas, peaches, salad bar,

### WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Chicken pot pie or mini corndogs, spinach, tater tots, salad bar, fruit, milk. **THURSDAY** 

Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice,

Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwiches, stew, beans, oranges, salad bar, milk.

### FRIDAY

Breakfast: Muffins, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Macaroni/cheese, fish, peas, carrots, pineapple,

milk.

Erin Kerlick ~ Barry Brauchi

Celeste Stowers ~ Grady Locknane

Amanda Kludt ~ Erick Anderson

Amber Ratliff ~ Kurt Jones

Lacy Plunk ~ Jason Nolte

Rachel Smiley ~ Richard Hill

In Eagle's Wings

Bridal Selection

### Senior Citizens **MONDAY**

Chicken fried steak or chicken/ham tetrazinni, mashed potatoes, beets, spinach, beans, strawberry cake, or chocolate sundae cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

### TUESDAY

Leg quarters/wild rice or Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, cheesey hominy, California blend, beans,

peanut butter cake or apple raisin cobbler slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or

### WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas/carrots, breaded tomatoes, beans, orange cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

### **THURSDAY**

Chicken strips or stew, tater tots, turnip greens, buttered squash, blackeyed peas, black forest cake or blueberry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

### FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or Frito pie, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, red velvet cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or corn-

### Meals On Wheels MONDAY

Steak fingers, gravy, broccoli casserole, carrots, cher-

### TUESDAY

Catfish, pinto beans, coleslaw,

WEDNESDAY

### Oven-fried chicken, black-

eyed peas, zucchini/tomatoes,

### THURSDAY

Roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches.

### FRIDAY

Turkey, rice pilaf, English peas, apples.

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# Ball anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Geary Ball of Pampa will observe their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 8. A family celebration and a small celebration trip are planned.

Geary Ball and Marilyn Shapley were married Dec. 8, 1978, at First Baptist Church in Pampa. They are of Baptist denomination.

Mr. Ball, a Pampa resident for 26 years, was employed in electrical construction with Brown and Root prior to Cabot working for Corporation, a job he has held



Pampa resident, is currently a homemaker but previously worked in department Mrs. Ball, a lifelong sales for Home Interiors,

Bealls and Wal-Mart.

Children of the couple are Hannah Ball and Lesley Ball of the home.

# Ridgway anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway of Mobeetie will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, at Mobeetie Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway

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William "Bill" Ridgway and Virginia Shaw were married Dec. 16, 1978, in Pampa. They have made Mobeetie home for the past 25 years and

are involved in farming and ranching in the Mobeetie area. Mr. Ridgway works in the

maintenance department for Kinder Morgan. Mrs. Ridgway is cafeteria

manager for Fort Elliott school system.

POLICIES

# LIFESTYLES

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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).

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BY BETS ASSOCIATE

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### Farm Scene: Soy solutions

By BETSY TAYLOR ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MARYLAND HEIGHTS, Mo. (AP) — Warren Stemme's family has grown soybeans and other crops in the river bottoms outside St. Louis since 1869, when his great-grandfather emigrated from Germany.

Stemme planted about 1,200 acres this year, striking deals to rent from some 20 owners, in an area feeling increasing pressure from housing and business development. And sprawl isn't his only concern - he's also worried about foreign competitors.

For the first time, South America muscled past the United States in soybean production, harvesting 3.3 billion bushels last year.

"It's a huge concern," Stemmesaid. "There's a whole bunch of issues relating to that. How do we compete with them?"

One way, Stemme said, is finding new markets for soybeans and experimenting to find new uses.

Soy foods, like tofu and soymilk, are already a staple on supermarket shelves, but a Missouri brewer introduced a beer made with soy this year, a California company has been using soy in hair products; many farmers and some other consumers use biodiesel with soy in it to power vehicles or equipment; and an Iowa farmer's wife has created a business, one of dozens like it, selling soy candles in scents such as Chocolate Covered Chemies and Grandma's Baking.

Not every effort has made it to the marketplace. Attempts to make parts of sneakers out of soybean-derived materials haven't paid off yet - though a researcher says it's not out of the

Eric Niemann, chairman for the United Soybean Board's New Uses Committee, said work on new products falls into five categories: lubricants, plastics, coatings and inks, adhesives and other products.

The Nortonville, Kan., farmer said consumers may be using goods with soybeans in them and not even be aware of it. For instance, certain spray foam insulations, furniture padding and carpet backings contain soybeans, he said. Roughly 90 percent of American daily newspapers use some soy ink in their production, according to the United Soybean Board.

"Each niche market doesn't use a lot of soy, but it adds up," said Niemann.

Most soybeans are turned into soy meal, a feed source for livestock, and soy oil, sold in vegetable oils or used in industrial products, the national board noted.

Farmers like Stemme help support research into new uses with their crop sales. He uses biodiesel, a type of fuel that includes soy, on his farm. And, he explained, one half of 1 percent of every bushel sold is directed into research and promotion of soybeans through a national initiative known as the checkoff program.

And there are other products being created.

Pony Express Brewing Company, based in the western Missouri community of Garden City, is making beer with soybeans, promoting it as having a high protein level.

Soy also shows up in Sexy Hair Concepts, based in Chatsworth, Calif., which has been selling hair care products with soy since 1999. The company now distributes to more than 60,000 salons nationwide.

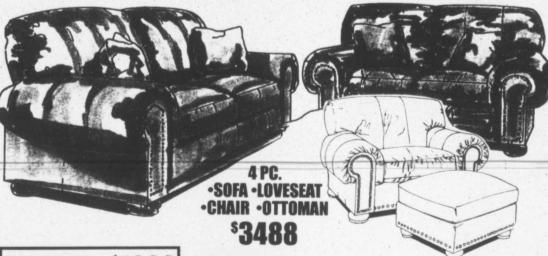
Melanie Throne, 35, of Scarville, Iowa, makes SoyLights, candles made with soy wax on her family's farm. The mother of five said she started the business with the goal of paying the grocery bill, but has surpassed her own expectation.

"It burns cleanly," she said of soy wax, "and there's not a lot of soot." Throne said more and more farmers are looking into similar businesses. "It's happening in Iowa. I'm talking to people on the East and West coasts who have never heard of soy candles."



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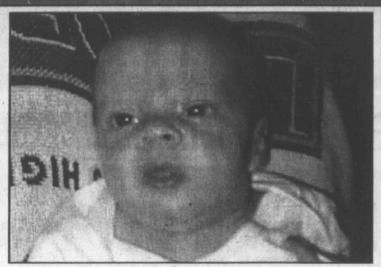
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# **Hunter Nichols**

born at 3:08 p.m. Sept. 8 at Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, to Randy and Nikki Nichols of Pampa.

Hunter Creed Nichols was weighed 8-pounds, 4 1/2ounces and was 19 1/2-inches

His sister is Hannah. His grandparents are Albert and Barbara Nichols of Pampa and At birth, the infant Casey and Jo Lane of Borger.



Hayden C. Henson

# Hayden Henson

Hayden Conner Henson was born at 12:48 p.m. Oct. 28 at Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, to Jay.

At birth, the infant weighed 6-pounds, 13-ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He has two sisters, Savanah and Deborah Henson of and Haley, and is the grandson of Jim and Sandy Henson.

selections were provided by

various artists: "When God Made You," "Have You Ever

Been in Love" and "Beat of a

A reception was held fol-

lowing the service with

Brandi Brewer, Nancy

Carrillo and Marysol Carrillo,

all of Pampa, and Lisa

Carrillo and Rose Mary

Carrillo, both of Amarillo,

of Gary and La Gwenda

Walker of Pampa. She gradu-

ated from Pampa High School

in 2000 and from Frank

The groom is the son of

Gustavo and Lupe Carrillo of

Pampa. He graduated from

Pampa High School in 1995

and attended Amarillo

College. He is self-employed

and currently co-owns JC

Pole

Phillips College in 2002.

The bride is the daughter

serving the guests.

Heart."

Dakota A. David

# Dakota David

Dakota Allen David was and was 19 1/2-inches long. born at 11:34 p.m. Nov. 25 at Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger, to David and Julie David of Pampa.

weighed 6-pounds, 9-ounces David.

He is the brother of Marlee David and Kaleb

Born; and is the grandson of Wayne Terry, Sherry Olson At birth, the infant and Milton and Theresa

# Sci Fi brings back sleeker 'Battlestar Galactica'

By JANICE RHOSHALLE LITTLEJOHN FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES (AP) -'Battlestar Galactica" is returning as a four-hour miniseries, backed by hype befitting a science fiction classic in the same galaxy as "Star Wars" or "Star Trek.'

Never mind that this classic was a campy space opera that lasted just one season.

When it premiered on ABC in 1978, the special-effects dazzler was the most highly publicized new series of that season. Lorne Greene starred as Adama, the commander of a ragtag band of refugees in search of a lost planet called Earth after a band of robotic Cylons wiped out much of humankind.

In the new version, airing Monday and Tuesday on the Sci Fi Channel (9 p.m. EST), Edward James Olmos takes over as Adama; Jamie Bamber is his son, Apollo (originally played by Richard Hatch); and the hotheaded pilot, Starbuck, is now a woman, played by Katee Sackhoff (Dirk Benedict was the original).

While the original series' the matic core remains human struggle for survival — a lot has changed.

Gone is the space fantasy with the dashing caped warriors of old. Now they're handsome heroes in uniforms akin to Air Force fighter pilots. The aluminum Cylon enemies look more like humans, complete with feelings, including one with rabid sexual desires.

And the quest is not for a mythical Earth — it no longer

"It's a fine line in deciding what you want to retain and what you want to change from the original," says the miniseries' writer, Ron Moore. "But it all started with the name."

What he ended up with is a saga for a post-Sept. 11 world: an array of conflicted characters forced to coexist under the threat of more deadly adversaries liv-

ing among them. "When 9-11 happened," says Sackhoff, "I knew for the first time what it was like to feel fear genuine fear. And had that not happened, it would have been a lot harder for me to actually play this character."

What science fiction should be," says Moore, "is a look at ourselves, an examination of humanity. But where we are with science fiction in television and movies, you've sort of fallen into two categories: There's this quasi-cyberpunk stuff, which is everything from 'Matrix' to 'Blade Runner.' Then there's the sort of 'Star Wars,' 'Star Trek' lush orchestral visions of the

Olmos, who's eschewed science fiction since appearing in the 1982 film "Blade Runner," says Moore's script "was different than anything I'd ever read before. There's a lot of reality in this that you might find in say a 'NYPD Blue' or 'Hill Street Blues."

Devotees of the original will be hard to convince, however.

Chat-room conversations on many of the scores of "Battlestar" Web sites have been fiercely opposed to this "reimaged" version.

One site even features a cartoon of Benedict's Starbuck being castrated by a laser beam, and there are many who vow to tune out when the miniseries comes on.

Hatch understands the fan sentiment.

"I had a lot of anger and frustration because I saw a studio not on any level being receptive to what the vast majority of fans wanted," the actor says in his small apartment littered with "Battlestar" paraphernalia, including a lunchbox, posters and videos.

Hatch, who has written six spin-off novels, tried his own sequel: "Battlestar Galactica: The Second Coming." A fourminute, self-financed trailer has been a hit among conventioneers, but studio executives have been unimpressed.

"Every time they bring back a classic, they always fail because they've thrown the baby out with the bath water," says the 58-yearold Hatch. "They throw away the very elements the fans loved

A few years ago, fans thought they'd get the continuation saga they'd clamored for when Bryan Singer and Tom DeSanto, the director-writer team behind "X-Men." hooked up with original "Galactica" creator Glen Larson to develop a project at 20th Century Fox.

When that deal fell through, Universal TV chief David Kissinger brought in executive producer David Eick and Moore to rework the franchise for Sci

"We want the fans to embrace what we are doing," says Sci Fi President Bonnie Hammer, "but if you produced now what was produced then, it would feel like old TV. We wanted to make it more relatable, even in terms of the stereotypes of characters."

"I understand they're trying to do a modern version," says Larson. "But change for the sake of change - it's taking the title and exploiting it.'

Not according to Bamber, who as a new cast member is part of the change.

"It's like a favorite play," he argues. "It's there to be challenged, it's there to be redone and reinterpreted."

### WEDDINGS

# Walker-Carrillo

Cari Walker and Jerry Carrillo, both of Pampa, were wed Nov. 15 in Hobart Baptist Church of Pampa with cousin of the bride Kile Bateman, of Evangel Temple Assembly of God Church in Wichita Falls, officiating.

The maid of honor was Megan Couts of Lubbock. The bridesmaid was Raeli Walker, 5-year-old daughter of the bride of Pampa. The flower girls were Calli Brewer, niece of the bride, and Christy Saldernia, niece of the groom, both of Pampa.

The best man was Pedro Montoya of Zeeland, Mich. The ring bearer was Erik Carrillo, nephew of the groom of Amarillo.

The ushers were Ethan Greer, cousin of the bride of Pampa, and Kaylan Sanchez,

Cari Walker

nephew of the groom of Emilea Greer, cousin of the Garden City, Kan. Registering the guests was

bride of Pampa.

The following musical

Marty Raybon (The Raybon

Brothers, Shenandoah) is 44.

Guitarist Marty Friedman

(Megadeth) is 41. Actor

Construction. The newlyweds honeymooned in Las Vegas, Nev., and intend to make their home in Pampa.

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# CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

By The Associated Press Celebrity birthdays for the

week of Dec. 7-13: Dec. 7: Actor Eli Wallach is 88. Actress Ellen Burstyn is 71. Country singer Gary Morris is 55. Singer Tom Waits is 54. Tonight Show With Jay Leno") Thomas Howell is 37. Singer Nicole Appleton of All Saints is 28. Rapper Kon Artis of D12 is 27. Actress Shiri Appleby ("Roswell") is 25. Singer Aaron

Dec. 8: Actor-producerdirector Maximilian Schell is 73. Actor David Carradine is 67. Actor James MacArthur ("Hawaii Five-O") is 66. Singer Jerry Butler is 64. Drummer Bobby Elliott of The Hollies is Announcer Edd Hall ("The 61. Actor John Rubinstein ("Family," "Crazy Like a Fox") is 45. Bassist Tim Butler of is 57. Singer-keyboardist Gregg Psychedelic Furs is 45. Actor C. Allman of the Allman Brothers is 56. Actress Kim Basinger is Guitarist

Cuccurullo (Duran Duran, Missing Persons) is 47. Guitarist Phil Collen of Def Leppard is 46. Country singer

Malcolm Gets ("Caroline in the City") is 40. Actress Teri Hatcher is 39., Rapper Bushwick Bill of Geto Boys is 37. Singer Sinead O'Connor is 37. Actor Matthew Laborteaux ("Little House on the Prairie") is 37. Guitarist Ryan Newell of Sister Hazel is 31. Actor Warren Dominic Monghan ("Lord of the Rings") is 27. Actor Ian Somerhalder ("Rules of Attraction," "Life as a House") Dec. 9: Actor Kirk Douglas

is 87. Actress Dina Merrill is 78. Actor Dick Van Patten ("Eight Is Enough") is 75. Actor-writer Buck Henry is 73. Actress Judi Dench is 69. Actor Beau Bridges is 62. Actor Michael Nouri is 58. Singer Joan Armatrading is 53. Actor Michael Dorn ("Star Trek: The Next Generation") is 51. Actor John Malkovich is 50. Country singer Sylvia is 47. Singergame show host Donny

Osmond is 46. Bassist Nick Seymour of Crowded House is 45. Actor Joe Lando ("Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman") is 42. Actress Felicity Huffman ("Sports Night") is 41. Country keyboardist Jerry Hughes of Yankee Grey is 38. Singer-guitarist Thomas Flowers of Oleander is 36. Guitarist Brian Bell of Weezer is 35. Singerguitarist Jakob Dylan of The Wallflowers is 34. Actress Allison Smith ("The West Wing," "Kate and Allie") is 34. Country singer David Kersh is 33. Drummer Tre Cool of Green Day is 31. Rapper Canibus is 29. Sax player Eric Zamora of Save Ferris is 27.

Dec. 10: Actor Tommy Kirk is 62. Singer Chad Stuart of Chad and Jeremy is 60. Actress-singer Gloria Loring is 57. Drummer Walter "Clyde" Orange of The Commodores is 56. Singer Ralph Tayares of Tavares is 55. Singer Jessica Cleaves of Friends of Distinction is 55. Country singer Johnny Rodriguez is 52. Actress Susan Dey is 51.

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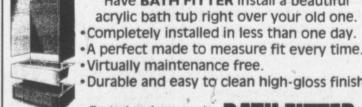
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### By The Associated Press

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### BILLBOARD HOT 100: TOP 10

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

- 1. "Hey Ya!" OutKast. Arista.
- 2. "Stand Up," Ludacris (feat. Shawnna). Disturbing tha
- 3. "The Way You Move," OutKast Feat. Sleepy Brown.
  - 4. "Milkshake," Kelis. Star Trak.
  - 5. "Baby Boy," Beyonce (feat. Sean Paul). Columbia.
- 6. "Holidae In," Chingy (feat. Ludacris & Snoop Dogg). Disturbing tha Peace.
  - 7. "Here Without You," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
  - 8. "Suga Suga," Baby Bash (feat. Frankie J). Universal.
- 9. "Step in the Name of Love," R. Kelly. Jive.
- 10. "Walked Outta Heaven," Jagged Edge. Columbia. Copyright 2003, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.

### THE BILLBOARD 200 TOP ALBUMS: TOP 10

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

- 1. "The Black Album," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
- 2. "The Singles 1992-2003," No Doubt. Interscope.
- 3. "In the Zone," Britney Spears. Jive/Zomba.
- 4. "Metamorphosis," Hilary Duff. Buena Vista. (Platinum)
- "Now 14," Various Artists.

Columbia/Universal/EMI/Zomba/Sony Music.

- 6. "Shock'n Y'all," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
- 7. "Closer," Josh Groban. 143.
- 8. "Beg for Mercy," G-Unit. G-Unit.
- 9. "Take a Look in the Mirror," Korn. Immortal/Epie/Sony
- 10. "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," OutKast. Arista. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)

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### HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY

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

- 1. "Forever and For Always," Shania Twain. Mercury.
- 2. "Unwell," matchbox twenty. Atlantic.
- 3. "Calling All Angels," Train. Columbia.
- 4. "Drift Away," Uncle Kracker (feat. Dobie Gray). Lava.
- 5. "Sunrise," Simply Red. simplyred.com/Red Ink.
- 6. "Big Yellow Taxi," Counting Crows (feat. Vanessa Carlton). Geffen.
- 7. "Look Through My Eyes," Phil Collins. Walt Disney/Hollywood.
  - 8. "I Can Only Imagine," MercyMe. INO.
  - 9. "White Flag," Dido. Arista.
- 10. "The First Cut is the Deepest," Sheryl Crow. A&M.

### TOP CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ALBUMS

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

- 1. "Payable on Death," P.O.D. Atlantic.
- 2. "WOW Hits 2004," Various Artists. Provident. 3. "Almost There," MercyMe. INO. (Platinum)
- 4. "Stacie Orrico," Stacie Orrico, Forefront.
- 5. "Peace," Jim Brickman. Windham Hill. 6. "The Beautiful Letdown," Switchfoot. Sparrow.
- 7. "Worship & Faith," Randy Travis. Word-Curb.
- 8. "Who We Are Instead," Jars of Clay. Essential.
- 9. "Accelerate," Jump5. Sparrow.
- 10. "Offerings II: All I Have to Give," Third Day. Essential. (Gold)

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- 1. "Away From Me," Puddle of Mudd. Flawless/Geffen.
- 2. "Numb," Linkin Park. Warner Bros. 3. "Still Frame," Trapt. Warner Bros.
- 4. "Weak and Powerless," A Perfect Circle. Virgin.
- 5. "So Far Away," Staind. Flip.
- 6. "All in the Suit that You Wear," Stone Temple Pilots. Atlantic.
- 7. "(I Hate) Everything About You," Three Days Grace.
- 8. "Figured You Out," Nickelback. Roadrunner/DJMG.
- 9. "Gasoline," Seether. Wind-up.
- 10. "Enemy," Sevendust. TVT.

### MODERN ROCK TRACKS

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

- 1. "Numb," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
- 2. "Feeling This," Blink-182. Geffen.
- 3. "(I Hate) Everything About You," Three Days Grace.
  - 4. "Hit That," The Offspring. Columbia.
  - 5. "Away From Me," Puddle of Mudd. Flawless/Geffen.
  - 6. "Are You Gonna Be My Girl," Jet. Elektra.
- 7. "Meant to Live," Switchfoot. Red Ink. 8. "Still Frame," Trapt. Warner Bros.
- 9. "So Far Away," Staind. Flip.
- 10. "Fortune Faded," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.

### **HOT COUNTRY SINGLES AND TRACKS**

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

- 1. "I Love This Bar," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
- 2. "Cowboys Like Us," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
- 3. "I Melt," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
- 4. "There Goes My Life," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
- 5. "Hell Yeah," Montgomery Gentry. Columbia.
- 6. "Wave on Wave," Pat Green. Republic.
- 7. "Chicks Dig It," Chris Cagle. Capitol.
- 8. "You Can't Take the Honky Tonk Out of the Girl," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
- 9. "Walking in Memphis," Lonestar. BNA.

10. "Honesty (Write Me a List)," Rodney Atkins. Curb. Copyright 2003, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.

### TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS

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

- 1. "Shock'n Y'all," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
- 2. "Greatest Hits Volume II and Some Other Stuff," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
- 3. "Top of the World Tour Live," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
- 4. "All I Want for Christmas is a Real Good Tan," Kenny Chesney, BNA, (Gold) 5. "Greatest Hits," LeAnn Rimes. Curb.
- 6. "Unleashed," Toby Keith. DreamWorks (Nashville).
- (Platinum)
- 7. "Up!." Shania Twain, Mercury (Nashville).
- 8. "Martina," Martina McBride. RCA (Nashville). (Gold)
- 9. "Room to Breathe," Reba McEntire. MCA Nashville/UMGN.

10. "Melt," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street. (Platinum) Copyright 2003, VNU Business Media and Nielsen

### HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLES AND TRACKS

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio Ashanti. Murder Inc. playlists)

- 1. "Step in the Name of Love," R. Kelly, Jive.
- 2. "You Don't Know My Name," Alicia Keys. J. 3. "Walked Outta Heaven," Jagged Edge. Columbia.
- 4. "The Way You Move,"OutKast Feat. Sleepy Brown.
- 5. "Stand Up," Ludacris (feat. Shawnna). Disturbing tha Peace
  - 6. "Damn!" YoungBloodZ (feat. Lil Jon). So So Def. 7. "Stunt 101," G-Unit. G-Unit.

  - 8. "Change Clothes," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam/DJMG. 9. "Milkshake," Kelis. Star Trak.

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### TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUMS

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- 1. "The Black Album," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
- 2. "Beg for Mercy," G-Unit. G-Unit. 3. "This is Not a Test!" Missy Elliott. The Gold Mind.
  - 4. Soundtrack: "Tupac: Ressurrection." Amaru.
- 5. "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," OutKast. Arista. (Platinum) 6. "Da Derrty Versions - The Reinvention," Nelly. Fo'Reel.
  - 7. "Part II," Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz. BME. 8. "ChickenNBeer," Ludacris. Disturbing tha Peace.
- (Platinum) 9. "Hot & Wet," 112. Bad Boy/Def Soul/UMRG.
- 10. "The R. in R&B Collection: Volume One," R. Kelly.
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### HOT RAP TRACKS

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

- 1. "Stand Up," Ludacris (feat. Frankie J). Disturbing tha
- 2. "The Way You Move," OutKast (feat. Sleepy Brown).
- 3. "Damn!" YoungBloodz (feat. Lil Jon). Arista.
- 4. "Holidae In," Chingy (feat. Ludacris & Snoop Dogg). Disturbing tha Peace.
  - 5. "Stunt 101," G-Unit. G-Unit.
  - 6. "Change Clothes," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
- 7. "Wat da Hook Gon Be," Murphy Lee Feat. Jermaine Dupri. Fo'Reel.
- 8. "Runnin (Dying to Live)," Tupac (feat. The Notorious B.I.G.). Amaru.
- 9. "Get Low," Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz (feat. Ying Yang Twins). BME.
- 10. "Right Thurr," Chingy. Disturbing tha Peace. Copyright 2003, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.

### HOT DANCE MUSIC — CLUB PLAY

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists) 1. "Waiting for You (Thick Dick, Passengerz, 29 Palms, D. Carter)," Seal. Warner Bros.

- 2. "Believe," Murk (Oscar G. & Ralph Falcon). Tommy Boy Silver Label.
- 3. "Milkshake (X-ress 2 & DJ Zinc Mixes)," Kelis. Star 4. "Nobody Knows Me (P. Rauhofer, Above & Beyond, -
- Mount Sims Mixes)," Madonna. Maverick/Warner Bros. 5. "Are You Ready for Love," Elton John. Southern
- 6. "Baby Boy (J. Vasquez & M. Joshua Mixes)," Beyonce. Columbia.
- 7. "Fly Again (Scumfrog Mixes)," Kristine W. Tommy Boy Silver Label.
- 8. "My Love is Always," Saffron Hill. Uncommon Trax. 9. "Me Against the Music," Britney Spears (feat. Madonna).
- 10. "Rock Wit You (Awww Baby) (Dance Remixes),"
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### **HOT LATIN TRACKS**

- (Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)
- 1. "Mientes Tan Bien," Sin Bandera. Sony Discos. 2. "Nomas Por Tu Culpa," Los Huracanes Del Norte.
- Univision. 3. "Antes," Obie Bermudez. EMI Latin.

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- 4. "Te Necesito," Luis Miguel. Warner Latina.
- 5. "Ave Cautiva," Conjunto Primavera. Fonovisa. 6. "Hoy," Gloria Estefan. Epic.
- 7. "Un Siglo Sin Ti," Chayanne. Sony Discos. 8. "Lagrimas de Cristal," Grupo Montez De Durango. Disa.
- 9. "La Paga," Juanes. Surco. 10. "Quien Te Dijo Eso?" Luis Fonsi. Universal Latino. Copyright 2003, VNU Business Media and Nielsen

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# Unearthing 'secret past,' amateurs Hospitals welcome seek U.S. planes downed in WWII

BY ANDREA DUDIKOVA ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia (AP) — It's a sleepy Sunday morning, and the quiet of a field behind the capital's high-rises is interrupted only by the beeps of a metal detector and the occasional thumps of a hoe.

For Jan Babincak, the day of rest is an opportunity to look for the missing numerical identification of a U.S. warplane that crashed in the field during World

Babincak, 57, and fellow amateur historians have lost." spent hundreds of hours of their free time researching in archives and traipsing through field and forest to find and identify the rusted remains of dozens of American aircraft downed in Slovakia during the war.

"We try to remember those who were almost purposefully forgotten, to return a face to them," sweep the area with metal detectors and begin digging. Babincak said. "It is too late to do this, but it's better than never."

American servicemen back to Slovakia in recent years for a glimpse of the mangled remains of their planes and a chance to close out a grim chapter in their lives.

John Howison, who bailed out with his crew from a damaged B-24 bomber near the western village of looking for a piece of burned metal bearing the identi-Dobra Voda in December 1944, said Slovaks have fication number of the plane he already determined shown warm hospitality and generosity on his two crashed here. trips back, most recently last year.

the remaining bits of the airplane," Howison, 78, of Bogata, Texas, said in an e-mail. "We met many enthusiasts of WW2 aerial warfare history ... (who) generously gave me pieces of my personal mechanical computer they had discovered at the crash site."

U.S. warplanes after the communist regime was ousted in then Czechoslovakia in 1989, opening the way for such activities.

Under communism, official history books glorified the Soviet army and its liberating efforts but largely ignored what the Western allies did for Slovakia, which during the war was a puppet state of Nazi Howison near Dobra Voda, said he "gained a great Germany.

pinpointed crash sites for 50 U.S. bombers and eight Germans.' fighter planes, mostly scattered around the western part of this central European country of 5.4 million

unknown number of airmen died, but most of those said. "But my daughter, sons and I know as well as whose planes went down survived the crashes, anyone what a great ambassador of goodwill he is for Babincak said. He did not have details.

"At first, my interest was more technical and statistical - how it happened and how many planes crashed," Babincak said. "But over time, as one deals with the history and personal tragedies of these pilots, one's interest changes.'

Nearly six decades after the war ended, the search for plane parts and crash sites is difficult because of building and other development and because many people who witnessed crashes are no longer alive.

"Too bad we started so late," Babincak said with a sigh. "Many of the witnesses and their testimonies are

The tracking process starts on the ground: buying beers for locals, getting their recollections of crashes on paper, and combing police or church records for more detailed information.

Once the hunters have an idea of a crash site, they

Their goal is to find a piece of the aircraft imprinted with its identification number, which can then be Their tireless work has drawn some former cross-checked with U.S. Army Air Force archives to reveal the details of the men who were aboard the

> It's not easy. Babincak has been searching the field on the outskirts of Bratislava on and off for 10 years,

Because the remnants of the aircraft aren't going "We toured by rental car and showed my children anywhere, Babincak has been focusing on a more urgent task: recording the personal accounts of those who know something about the crash. The technical issues, he said, "can be studied later on."

Once a crashed plane has been identified, the group of volunteers erects a simple memorial - a plaque Aerial history buffs started their search for crashed usually affixed to a propeller fragment or other crash debris — at the site to show their gratitude.

"It's a small repayment to those who risked their lives," Babincak said. "Without their sacrifices, our peaceful life today would not be possible."

Another former U.S. airman, 80-year-old John Zebrowski, of Liverpool, N.Y., who bailed out with respect for the people of Slovakia as they risked their Over the past decade, Babincak and his friends have lives to prevent me from being captured by the

> In an e-mail message, he said he welcomes Babincak's efforts.

"Others can confirm how much he has done to pre-Nearly all of the aircraft have been identified. An serve a chapter in his country's history," Zebrowski

# federal funds to help with immigrant care.

By LYNN BREZOSKY ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

hospitals lose millions of dollars annually caring for sick or injured illegal immigrants but a \$1 billion federal aide package promises relief.

"The federal government finally realized that there is a huge burden placed on the free care they provided. the border hospitals to pay for the cost of a trauma surgeon at Valley Regional Medical Center, "It's a national issue because it is the federal government that has to stop the flow of the illegal aliens and they cannot do it."

A study by the U.S.-Mexico Border quently treat illegal immigrants. Counties Coalition, an American lobbying illegal immigrants, \$74 million of that in

When approving the Medicare bill last month, Congress allocated \$1 billion to help border hospitals cover those costs. President Bush is expected to sign the bill Monday.

Texas and California would get the money will be allocated over four years, starting in 2005.

By federal law, hospitals and doctors regardless of insurance coverage or citi-

caring for the poor and uninsured through Insurance Program. However, health care providers along the border find most of their patients are illegals who don't qualify for public assistance.

"It's a federal mandate, but an unfunded mandate," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said of the rule requiring emer- to take steps to identify and remove from gency care for all people.

Cornyn and Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., been using the medical services."

supported the allocation of federal funds to help border hospitals.

Kyl, who asked for the study on how BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Border the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act effected hospitals along the border, said hospitals in his state were cutting services or closing altogether because they didn't have enough money or insurance reimbursements to cover the costs of

"It is a huge step forward and is an the illegal aliens," said Dr. Lorenzo Pelly, important symbol of Congress' growing awareness of the problems we face along our porous borders," Kyl said.

Each state would be eligible for reimbursement, but the funding formula is skewed to help border hospitals that fre-

McAllen Medical Center CEO Louis group, last year found that U.S. border Garcia said his hospital last year provided hospitals provide at least \$200 million a \$60 million in uncompensated care, and year in uncompensated emergency care to illegal immigrants accounted for about 25 percent of those costs. The service most often provided to non-citizens - baby delivery.

> Mexican women deliver their babies in the United States so their children will be U.S. citizens, he said. Each birth can cost hospitals \$5,000.

Some lawmakers opposed the federal most money, followed by Arizona. The reimbursement, saying it would only encourage more illegal immigrants to cross the border for medical care.

"If you build an illegal alien entitlemust provide emergency care to a patient, ment program, they will come," said Sen. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo.

But Jack Martin, a spokesman for the Most hospitals recoup their losses from Washington, D.C.-based Federation for American Immigration Reform, said Medicaid and the Children's Health immigrants' medical costs point to a big-

> Border states should not "carry a disproportionate burden of expenditures for illegal immigrants," he said. "But we also think it's irresponsible to provide reimbursement without at the same time trying the country those illegal aliens who have



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know it, you have plans for the day that

suit you to a T. Go along with someone

else's requests and curb your dominance.

Tonight: The party could go on and on.

This Week: Others demand that you see

where they are coming from. You have

no choice if you want a level of sanity.

More equal exchanges occur from

\*\* Throw yourself into what you

deem an important project, which might

be overdue. You naturally relax as you

focus. You also will be delighted by com-

pleting this project. Make time for a spe-

cial friend. Tonight: Relax in your

This Week: Work plays heavily into the :

next few days. Whatever is dropped on .

your platter, you must do. Loosen up on :

\*\*\* \* Your playfulness intrigues

another person. In fact, you might draw

more than one person if you are single.

Your popularity mounts. You might be

up for flirting a little, and nothing more.

Make your terms clear. Tonight: You

This Week: Your love life and/or creativ-

Don't be surprised if you are exhausted

yourself as much as everyone else:

Tonight: Take it one moment at a time. .

This Week: Your family and your

domestic life demand your attention.

You will want to take a more spirited:

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Often you find yourself juggling others' What you say could make a big differneeds with your own. You go through an ence in others' reactions. As a result, you inner dialogue as you debate whether to might opt to say very little and hang in an do what you want. You will need to open space. You might want to indulge establish strong boundaries and perhaps yourself today as well. Tonight: Get redefine yourself. Your career blooms, some extra zzz's. though you might often feel challenged This Week: Stand back until Wednesday, by your personal relationships. You are when the Moon drops in your sign. in a learning phase. If you are single, Cocoon during Monday's Full Moon.

tionship. Talk. Agree to disagree. GEMI- and/or family for a meal, movie, a visit to the zoo - whatever suits your fancy. You'll have a good time just about any-The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll where. Tonight: So what if tomorrow's Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; Monday? Stay up late if you want. This Week: You think everything is OK,

while others question whether their lives are in an uproar.

\*\* \* \* You're more expressive than VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* You have no choice (actually, you have been in a while. You want to go out and about to visit with different you do) in your mind but to meet certain friends and neighbors. Many desire your responsibilities, although they could be opinions. Get out there and share your- fun. You might be picking out the self, your mind and your thoughts. Christmas tree or dropping in on an older friend or relative who spends a lot of This Week: Monday starts with a bang time alone. Tonight: Start thinking with the Full Moon. You will be running

you might go crazy with what they ask. \*\*\* You might be fiddling with Chill out, because you aren't changing ity comes into play in the next few days. your budget to see where you can the lay of the land until Wednesday. squeeze out an extra gift or two. Being LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \* Your ability to detach helps quite a problem when buying the right you see the big picture. If you have a PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) gift for the right person. Think of experiyearning to take off and spend some time \*\* Take time with family. You know. ence-type gifts. Tonight: Look over your away from your normal spaces, do so. A how important your inner circle is to little breathing room is good for nearly you. A friend might feel like family as :

This Week: Bosses make demands, and

everyone, but especially for you right well. Why not invite others over for dinnow. Tonight: Touch base with a loved ner and a relaxing evening? You'll enjoy Moon. Only disaster could be impend- one. This Week: Investigate possibilities in the most open manner possible. Detach, \*\*\* \* You finally find yourself on and where others see chaos, you'll see the winning side. Isn't this a lot better? solutions. You're in a position of leader-

What you say and what you do are greet- ship ed by acceptance and caring. You make a SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

difference. Think in those terms, and you \*\*\* A partner or loved one makes a will beam in many more people and play toward you. You might not be in the BORN TODAY options. Tonight: What would make you mood, but give in. After all, you want what you want, when you want it. Give This Week: The Full Moon in your sign this person the same consideration. Build highlights you. You'll get much more of on an existing tie. Tonight: Snuggle in. what you want if you use that innate This Week: You dance to another's tune, whether you like it or not. You get some

Linguist Noam Chomsky (1928), base-

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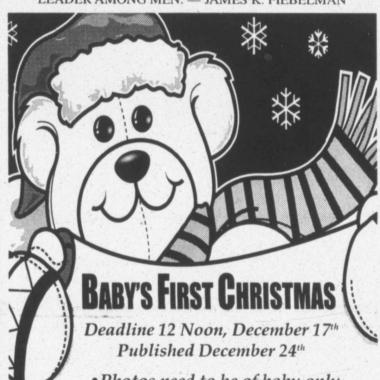
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ideas. You will find that you need to flex ble. Tohight: Keep on smiling. more this year in order to be successful. CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you can learn this skill on your own, \*\* Take your time with a loved one all the better. Otherwise, events could you really care about. This person might come down quite hard on you. Learn to screw up badly but not mean it. Your flow and accept people for who they are. understanding could make all the differ-Your career will bloom, with a strong ence in how this person feels. Review a possibility of a pay raise or promotion. recent decision. Tonight: Get a good Others like the quality of your work. night's sleep. After September 2004, others come to LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) you. Network and expand your horizons. \*\*\*\* Aim for more of what you You could meet someone important, if want. Extremes mark your interactions, single. If attached, you cannot be sensi- especially financially. You're just a gentive enough to your mate. Listen to his or erous sign; there is no way around it. her feedback. GEMINI has similar issues Laughter helps an intense loved one deal but approaches them differently.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll crowds are. Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

one who puts a match to the gasoline tank. Try as hard as you can to look at yourself. something from another's point of view. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Tonight: Swap war stories with the gang. TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

difficult than you'd anticipated. As you you would prefer to have never heard. try to handle a money matter, you could be challenged to come to a positive con- many will experience tension. Put your clusion. Others want to be extravagant, as they are infused with the holiday spirit. Tonight: Show another how to have SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) fun inexpensively.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. ble if you're willing to follow through on a family member's suggestion. In fact, Sometimes you bring problems on your- you could be downright delighted. self by being somewhat resistant to other Refuse to get into a power play, if possi-

with a problem. Don't get tied up in another's problem. Tonight: Where the

\*\* Others take the lead. You might be in a position where you must say 'yes" and only "yes." While this might \*\* \* The Full Moon could put words be aggravating for some, you need to just in your mouth that you wish you'd never do it. Commotion surrounds the home said. Passions runs high; just don't be the front. Consider indulging in a stressbuster. Tonight: Do something just for

\*\*\* \* Your ability to detach might keep you out of a difficult and angry sit-\*\* A partner makes life even more uation, where words are exchanged that Understand that as fun as the season is, feet up and play the role of the wise one. Tonight: Finish up your holiday cards.

\*\* \* A partner has opinions contrary to yours. No matter what you do, you \*\*\*\* You smile, and others, cannot see eye to eye. Under the circumrespond. New beginnings become possi-stances, allow this person to run with the

ball. Let him or her see the results of his or her actions. Tonight: Balance your checkbook

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \* \* You might be triggering more of

our problems than you realize. Understand where someone is coming from, and you might be able to change your position. For your own sake, don't take on the boss. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\* \* \* You might not be "in the mood" to deal with others, but put on your good face and flow with the moment. Go in to work or get into a project without questioning too much. Gain insight into a coworker. Tonight: Do some shopping on the way home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\* \* A friend might disappoint you

with his or her attitude, but you can skip right over the problem if you are willing. You have the ingenuity and wherewithal to make the impossible possible. A partner pitches in. Tonight: Go on an oldfashioned date.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\* \* Dpulence seems to be the tone

of the day, with the exception of a cranky boss. Know when to back down and just do your job. Remember, work isn't the only thing in your life. Look at the positives of a relationship. This person often chips in. Tonight: Be happy.

**BORN TODAY** Singer Jim Morrison (1943), actress Kim Basinger (1953), British royal Mary Queen of Scots (1542)

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# ities divided, literally, by redistricting

SONORA, Texas (AP) — To folks in this hamlet on the western edge of the Texas Hill Country, redistricting seemed an issue for cities such as Houston, Dallas or San Antonio.

That was until state lawmakers divided Sutton County between two U.S. congressmen, splitting a place where natural gas fuels the economy and where hunters fill the main drag each autumn.

"It's an absolute absurdity," said John Tedford, the Republican party chairman for Sutton County. With just 3,000 people here, it's just absurd."

The Texas - Legislature approved in October a congressional redistricting plan that split many Texas counties. The plan must still clear the U.S. Justice Department and court challenges.

A critical deadline looms: the state's March 9 primary election.

Republicans redrew congresmiddle of Sonora, Sutton County's seat.

U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-

1,200 residents in the northeast half of the county for 11 years. They are now in a newly drawndistrict, likely anchored in Midland, some 180 miles away. The other half of the county remains in Bonilla's district.

"It's always been my contention that if it ain't broke, don't fix it," said Mallie Turner, a retired natural gas well operator.

Under the new map, Turner and his wife move from Bonilla's dis-

"I don't know who will represent us. He may be good as gold, but I'm more than pleased with Henry Bonilla to represent us and this district," Turner said.

representation of Sonora's ranching and natural gas industries.

"A lot of ranchers in Sonora really liked him. He's done a lot for agriculture and for our counsional lines to put more members ty," John Creek, a former high of their own party in Congress, school football coach and governincluding one boundary down the ment teacher, said as he prepared his father's ranch for the first day of deer hunting season.

independent, but say they tend to vote mostly Republican.

Others in Sonora aren't concerned with the impending congressional district changes.

"As long as there's a roof over their head and three square meals on the table, they're not going to gripe," Creek said. "Most people are worried about taking their kids to soccer practice ... they're not worried too much about this."

The Sutton County split was a last-minute move during a series\* of marathon map-drawing sessions as Republicans sought a compromise over the shape of a West Texas district.

State Sen. Todd Staples, R-Many residents praise Bonilla's Palestine, a lead map-drawer, said dividing Sonora was an unavoidable consequence of the requirement that the congressional district contain exactly 651,619 residents, with no deviation. It's federally required that districts be evenly divided according to census figures.

this instance, it just happened to be in Sutton County."

Staples said the split was probably drawn "in the wee hours of the morning, as we analyzed the map." He said Sutton County was not a political target.

Sutton County must pay to bring all four precincts in line with the new congressional districts before the March primary, a job that will cost the county an estimated \$1,500, said Sutton County Clerk Veronica "Betty" Hernandez.

"If it was up to me, I wish it would remain the same. But we have to change according to the new lines now," Hernandez said.

Sutton and other counties with new boundaries must scramble to meet an array of election filing and ballot deadlines. Counties need time to print ballots, mail new voter registration cards and alert voters of new polling

"Once you add in everything, "Realistically, it could have we're looking at at least \$5,000," been one of a hundred different said Sutton County Judge Carla Like many in Sonora, Turner towns where the boundary even- Garner, a Democrat. "That's a

San Antonio, represented the and Creek describe themselves as tually stopped," Staples said. "In considerable amount we didn't budget for."

They'll likely use money earmarked from a local improvement project, Garner said.

"It's absolutely ridiculous," Garner said, "They split our votes, and we don't have that many to begin with. I don't understand why they did it. It can't make any difference to either district that we're in."

Tedford, a jewelry store owner, said he's considering leaving his post as county Republican chairman after 40 years rather than take on the responsibilities of working in two districts.

"We haven't been well represented, haven't been considered at all," he said. "We could be thrown to the wolves and there's not enough people here to matter."

Creek said sparsely populated areas like Sutton County are logical casualties of Republicans trying to leave their mark.

"We're the minority out here," Creek said. "When it comes to getting things done, we don't have many representatives that stand up for West Texas."

# Brother-sister act from Lubbock charms Country Music Television

By P. CHRISTINE SMITH LUBBOCK AVALANCHE-JOURNAL

LUBBOCK, Texas - Pat Wright said she recognized exceptional talent in her two children from the time they were toddlers, but she never imagined that in a few short years they would be at the cusp of promising professional music careers.

They liked playing he instruments that we had around the house better than they liked playing with toys, the Lubbock woman said.

The Buddy and Tina Wright Band will be featured in a Country Music Television documentary about black county music performers to be aired in February. Buddy, 17, and Tina, 15, have performed together

Buddy and Tina sing, and both are avid songwriters. Buddy plays six instruments, while Tina plays seven.

since early childhood.

Now, Buddy and Tina have caught the attention of a television network producer who emphatically said she considers

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"Across From The Coney"

the brother and sister nothing short of child prodigies.

The Buddy and Tina Wright Band, backed up by parents Pat and Ray, are to be one of five acts featured in a Country Music Television documentary on black performers.

The family put on a Nov. 24 performance at the Abernathy Jamboree, which was to be filmed by a CMT production

The show's producers, Carla Winphrey and Henri Giles, also plan to visit the Wright family home to tape an interview, Winphrey said.

"I'll be spending time with them at their home and capturing the essence of Buddy and Tina," Winphrey said. "These kids are just phenomenal. Some people are good ... and some people just naturally have it. We expect to

see great things from Buddy and Tina."

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Danielle Powers and Kim Adams, a pair of Frank Phillips College students, will take part in

"Chistmas in Oz," an original family Christmas

show presented by Texas Dance Theatre, the Center

for Texas Culture, Frank Phillips College and the

Texas Dance Theatre Guild. Full performances will

take place Dec. 19, 20 and 21 at the newly-refur-

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discs under their belts, the teenagers who play mostly country, gospel and bluegrass are looking forward to careers in the entertainment industry.

I'm just going to keep going in the direction were going in right now, Buddy said. I want to be a great composer ... be a household name.

Tina agreed.

"I want to be a great composer as well," she said. "I want every child across the nation to know about American music."

Buddy and Tina, in addition to their performance schedule, have conducted educational seminars in more than 100 schools, universities and libraries, teaching children the history of American music and the different instruments that have been played since the 15th century. More than 20,000 youth have attended their classes.

The connection to CMT began seven years ago when the family lived in the Dallas area.

In 1996 they did a TV show for Fox 4 in Dallas, Pat Wright

'Winphrey was the show's

host. She remembered Buddy and Tina and she searched long and

hard to find us, Pat Wright said. Once Winphrey got in touch with the Wright family, she invited them to CMT headquarters in Nashville to audition for the

"There was only supposed to be four executives in (the room) and by the time (Buddy and Tina) ended, there was 45 or 50 people in there," Pat Wright said.

The duo performed three songs and got two standing ovations, she said.

They are extremely talented people, said CMT executive producer Kodjoe. It was a done deal, he said, referring to the bands inclusion in the documentary after they auditioned.

The result is that The Buddy and Tina Wright Band is to be involved in a ground-breaking project, according to Winphrey.

The documentary not only will highlight five contemporary performers, but will go into the history of country music and the African-American influences over the centuries that shaped it into what it is today, Kodjoe said.

Meanwhile the family continues to practice and tour.

Ray Wright, a retired telecommunications engineer, now travels and performs with the band, a luxury he previously didn't have.

He is proud, he said, that he is able to nurture and support his childrens abilities.

I'm not really surprised, he said. I've seen what they've been capable of over the years.

I expect great things for Buddy and Tina.

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