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**At DFW Airport, it's hurry up and wait for travelers**

DALLAS (AP) — Airline passengers who have been stuck on the runways at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport for lengthy waits now have some federal data to back up their claims. The results show that DFW, among the country's 10 largest airports, had the longest taxi time for arriving planes during the first 11 months of 2003. A plane traveled an average 10.48 minutes between runway and gate, with 3.81 minutes of that considered delays.

**DEATHS**

**Mary Mae Harvill**, 87, longtime White Deer resident.  
**Arval Kenneth Ladd**, 78, retired Gray County employee.  
**Edna E. Land**, 99, former Pampa Manor Apartment resident.  
**Elein Frances Whitehead**, 86, member of Heart of Texas Porcelain Art Club.

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## Deadline to file for primary near

By **MARILYN POWERS**  
STAFF WRITER

Nine county offices are included in the March 9, 2004, primary election, with Jan. 2, 2004, as deadline for candidates to file.

The positions are Precinct 1 county commissioner, Precinct 3 county commissioner, tax assessor-collector, county attorney, district attorney, sheriff, and all three constables. One constable covers Precincts 1 and 3, and the other two constables have one precinct each between Precincts 2 and 4.

Current officeholders in the positions up for election are Joe Wheeley, Precinct 1 commissioner; Gerald Wright, Precinct 3 commissioner; Gaye Whitehead, tax assessor-collector; Todd Alvey, county attorney; Rick Roach, district attorney; Don Copeland, sheriff; James Lewis, constable Precincts 1 and 3; Chris Lockridge, constable Precinct 2; and Frank Sparling, constable Precinct 4.

Alvey has handed in his resignation effective Dec. 31. County commissioners accepted applications for a replacement to complete Alvey's unexpired term of office, which runs through Dec. 31, 2004. Josh Seabourn of Pampa was the only applicant, and was interviewed and appointed

interim county attorney in commissioners' executive session during their Dec. 15 regular meeting.

The March primary election will decide who will represent each political party on the ballot in the November general election. Winners in the November election will take office in January 2005.

Candidates must file with the county party chairman of the party they wish to represent. Persons interested in placing their name on the primary ballot as a Democratic candidate may contact Jim Osborne, Gray County Democratic Party chairman, at 665-4142. Those wishing to file as a Republican candidate may contact Doug Ware, Gray County Republican Party chairman, at 665-0085 or 665-9316.

A filing fee is required for some offices. Candidates for district attorney must pay \$1,250. County commissioner, county attorney, sheriff and county tax assessor-collector candidates must pay \$750. Candidates for constable are required to pay \$375.

In lieu of paying the filing fee, a candidate may obtain at least 750 signatures of registered Gray County voters on a petition to have the candidate's name placed on the ballot, said Osborne. The petition must be turned in to the county

party chairman with the candidate's application.

The recent redistricting of Texas congressional districts may affect the filing deadline, both party chairmen said. The redistricting issue is currently being decided in court, and the outcome may add several days to the deadline, Ware said.

As of Friday, no Democratic candidates have filed for any of the county positions to be voted on in March. Four Republican candidates have filed, Ware said. Whitehead has filed for reelection as county tax assessor-collector. Sparling has filed for reelection as Precinct 4 constable. Michael Nicholson and Johnny Carpenter, both of McLean, have also filed as candidates for Precinct 4 constable.

State and national political offices will also be on the ballot next year. Mac Thornberry of Amarillo announced in a news release dated Dec. 18 that he is a candidate for reelection to the U.S. House of Representatives from the 13th District. Thornberry has officially filed his candidacy paperwork, according to the release, and his campaign office may be reached by calling (806) 371-8183, by mail at P.O. Box 9392, Amarillo, TX 79105, or on the web at [www.thornberryforcongress.com](http://www.thornberryforcongress.com).

## Tree decorates lobby



(Photo by Della Moyer)

This Christmas tree greets visitors to the lobby of Gray County Courthouse.

## New U.S. commander planning tactical change in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The new U.S. commander in Afghanistan said Saturday he will use his forces to open up the lawless south and east to development aid, in a tactical switch to beat a stubborn insurgency threatening next year's elections.

In his first interview since taking over the 11,000-strong U.S. force here Nov. 27, Lt. Gen. David W. Barno said his troops will set up long-term bases in provinces plagued by Taliban attacks to make those areas safe for aid workers.

Nine joint civilian-military units charged with creating islands of stability in troubled regions are already in place. But most of the so-called Provincial Reconstruction Teams are located in relatively secure northern and central Afghanistan.

The U.S. military is now deploying teams across a broad swath of the country dominated by Pashtuns, Afghanistan's largest ethnic group from which the Taliban draw their main support.

"We are looking at a significant alteration of our strategy in the south and east," Barno told The Associated Press at his office in the fortified U.S. Embassy compound in Kabul.

The military teams will help distribute reconstruction aid bolstered by an extra \$1.2 billion recently released by the U.S. Congress.

A wave of violence this year has

belied U.S. claims to have brought security to Afghanistan, two years after an American-led assault drove the Taliban from power for harboring Osama bin Laden.

Attacks have forced the United Nations and other aid groups to withdraw from some regions. The withdrawal has hurt delivery of aid and confidence in the reconstruction efforts of the U.S.-backed government, ahead of elections slated for June.

The ninth civilian-military unit opened this month in the former Taliban stronghold of Kandahar, and Barno plans to increase the number to 12 by March and more beyond.

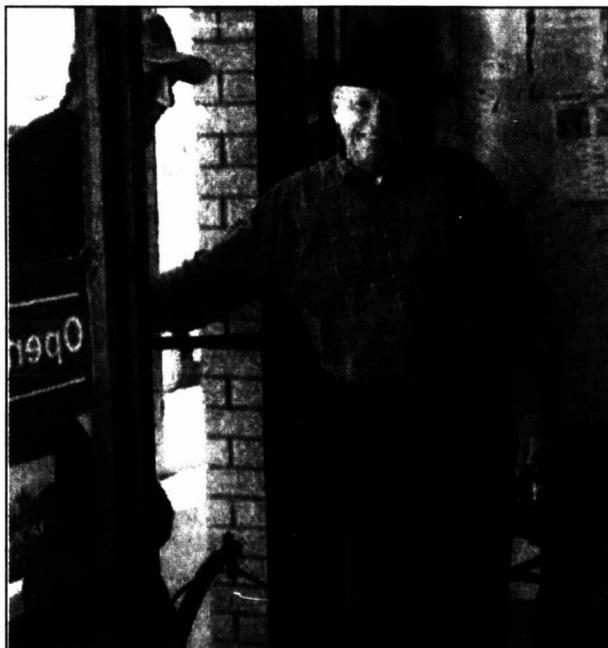
That will include dangerous missions in the capitals of Zabul and Uruzgan provinces — areas shunned by aid groups where Taliban militants reportedly roam freely.

Barno forecast a sharp reaction from the enemies of the coalition, saying they're "going to realize that's the death knell to terrorist organizations in that part of the country."

"We'll be prepared for that," he added.

Barno said the aid combined with the opening of the south and east will cause "a dramatic change in the amount of involvement of the people in that area in support of the central government and the future of Afghanistan."

## Salvation Army bell ringer



(Courtesy photo)

Mike Guess, a member of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, stops from his bell ringing to open the door for a Wayne's Western Wear customer. The Rodeo Association is one of several civic organizations helping the Salvation Army raise funds for its annual Christmas campaign to help the needy.

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## OBITUARIES

### SERVICES TOMORROW

#### Services Sunday

**LADD, Arval Kenneth Bay** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock.

#### Services Monday

**COUNTS, B.R.** — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

#### EDNA E. LAND 1904-2003

Edna E. Land, 99, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2003, at Olathe, Kan. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born July 24, 1904, at Hondo, Mrs. Land came to Pampa in 1960, where, prior to moving to Olathe in November 2003, she resided in Pampa Manor Apartments.

She married the Rev. D. Herbert Land on Oct. 5, 1922, at Temple; he died Nov. 30, 1974. The couple pastored Church of the Nazarene for 52 years.

Survivors include two sons, the Rev. Leroy Land of Nacogdoches and Kenneth Land of

Chula Vista, Calif.; two daughters, Nelda Wall of Pampa and Lynda Boardman of Olathe; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 5-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home in Pampa and requests memorials be to First Church of the Nazarene, 510 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



#### MARY MAE HARVILL 1916-2003

**WHITE DEER** — Mary Mae Harvill, 87, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Buie Funeral Home Chapel at Rison, Ark., with the Rev. Jim Tollison, pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Prosperity Cemetery at Herbine, Ark., under the direction of Buie Funeral Home. Local arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Harvill was born July 24, 1916, at Cleveland, Ark. She married George Harvill

on Oct. 27, 1947, at Pine Bluff, Ark.; he died in 1965.

She attended the Assembly of God Church and had been a longtime White Deer resident. Survivors include two sons, Doyle Harvill of Pampa and Joseph David Harvill of Dallas; a sister, Sybil Pendleton of El Paso; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The body will lie-in-state until 5 p.m. today at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

#### ARVAL KENNETH BAY LADD 1925-2003

**SHAMROCK** — Arval Kenneth Bay Ladd, 78, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2003, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today in Shamrock Cemetery. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Ladd was born June 27, 1925, at Kelton. He grew up in Shamrock and later served in the U.S. Army, earning a Purple Heart and other awards and medals. He married Margaret Helen Flowers on March 22, 1947, at Wheeler; she died in 1995.

Mr. Ladd worked in the oilfield for Texaco and K-Tex in Pampa and retired from Gray County as an equipment operator in 1990.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by 12 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include two sons, David Wayne Ladd of Canyon and Freddie Joe Ladd of Rio Rancho, N.M.; a daughter, Connie Jean Stephenson of Fort Worth; a brother, Glenn Ladd of Amarillo; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

#### ELEIN FRANCES WHITEHEAD 1917-2003

**BROWNWOOD** — Elein Frances Whitehead died December 8, 2003. Memorial services were Saturday, Dec. 20, at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill

Allen officiating. Burial was in Zephyr Cemetery at Zephyr. Arrangements were under the direction of Davis-Morris Funeral Home in Brownwood. Mrs. Whitehead was born

Feb. 20, 1917, at Dallas, one of five children born to Irl and Frances Lantz of Abilene.

She belonged to Coggin Avenue Baptist Church, Daughters of the American Revolution and Heart of Texas Porcelain Art Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers, Deb Lantz, Alton Lantz and David Lantz.

Survivors include her husband, J.B. Whitehead; two daughters, Barbara Logan of Charlotte, N.C., and Carole Hall of San Antonio; a sister, June Brooks of Pampa; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.



**Chris Johnson**  
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But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.  
I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring.  
For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.  
I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart.  
But I am not so far away. We really aren't apart.  
So be happy for me, dear ones. You know I hold you dear.  
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.  
I sent you each a special gift from my heavenly home above.  
I sent you each a memory of my undying love.  
After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold.  
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For I can't count the blessings or love he has for each of you.  
So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.  
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## City Briefs

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## ON RECORD

### POLICE

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

#### Friday, Dec. 19

Christopher Robert Driscoll, 17, 1005 Darby, was arrested for public intoxication.

Aaron Acevedo, 20, 419 Wynne, was arrested for capias pro fines times three.

Earnest Lamar Huff, 68, 1821 Hamilton, was arrested on a capias pro fine for public intoxication.

#### Saturday, Dec. 20

Juan Daniel Cano, 21, 800 N. Gray, was arrested for

failure to identify, intent to give false information, for purchasing, furnishing alcohol to a minor and for capias pro fines for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to yield right of way.

Josue E. Silva, 22, 1912 N. Coffee, was arrested on a warrant for issuance of a bad check.

Marvin M. Finney, III, 28, Lefors, was arrested on two capias pro fines for failure to appear and additional capias pro fines for failure to signal turn, disorderly conduct language, parked facing traffic,

and parked 18-inches from the curb.

Charles F. Mejia, 18, 1805 Williston, was arrested on a warrant for public intoxication.

Christina Louise Ragan, 24, 404 Magnolia, was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana-motion to revoke.

Patricia Adcock, 38, 1333 Garland, was arrested on a warrant for disorderly conduct language.

### ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents.

#### Thursday, Dec. 18

2:23 p.m. — A 1993 Buick LeSabre, driven by Betty Chesnut Hill, 71, 636 N. Dwight, and a 1993 Chevrolet 1500 pickup, driven by James Stanley Howell, 61, 916 Christine, collided in the intersection of Somerville and Kingsmill. No injuries were reported. Hill was cited for running a stop sign.

### SHERIFF

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

#### Friday, Dec. 19

Eduardo Fernandez, Las Vegas, Nev., was arrested for money laundering.

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## ARC Open house



(Courtesy photo)

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross recently had it's annual open house. Above: Board member Brenda Hightower, director Jana Gregory and board member Cinda Jennings.

## Family restaurant takes road less traveled toward success

By DANYEL DANIELS  
SAN ANGELO  
STANDARD-TIMES

SAN ANGELO — From selling Italian food out of a 32-foot trailer, to a cozy restaurant on the Concho River, the Watford family has tasty stories about surviving in business.

Damo's Cafe Italiano owners Don and Tina Watford knew reaching their goal of owning a restaurant would be a challenge — they just didn't know how challenging.

The Watford family's business journey started five years ago in a trailer on their property in Mertzon.

The family later bought a lot on U.S. Highway 67 across from O.K. Wolfenbarger Stadium. Although the Watfords sold take-out and delivery Italian food, customers wanted to eat there. The Watfords expanded on the lot, building a makeshift restaurant.

"Ninety percent of our business came from San Angelo to eat in this trailer," Don Watford said. "People in Mertzon were laughing, making bets on how long our business would last."

When San Angelo's Clarion Inn & Suites opened after renovations in late January, the Watfords were offered the restaurant area. With most of the clientele coming from San Angelo, it seemed like a good business venture.

"I trusted them," he said. "I had to go out and raise \$40,000.

Working hard daily was a family affair. But all the work didn't reap financial benefits.

The business deal went sour.

"It took us weeks to put that place together; we moved out in eight hours," he said. "It cost me \$50,000 to operate for three months.

The Watfords did not want to re-open. But once again, the family received a proposal.

Bill Carter, CEO and president of FOX 10 KIDY in San Angelo, offered a building at 404 S. Irving St. to the Watfords. The downtown, riverfront location and considerably lower rent enticed the family to try again.

Damo's Cafe Italiano was up and running May 6.

"We never took out a loan for this location," Watford said. "I went to business school. ... What I learned said this business is not possible."

Business plans, financial backing and lines of credit are needed to function, "but we do it all in cash," he said.

The Watford family named the restaurant after a wise old man — Tina's grandfather, Edmund Damo Giovannelli — who taught the family how to survive.

"A lot of the stuff we learned was from him," Don Watford said. "You don't pay interest, you make interest."

"My grandfather was the first born in the United States," Tina Watford said. His parents came from Calabria, Italy.

Tina Watford's grandmother taught her how to create and cook the entrees she and her sister-in-law, Susie Watford, prepare for customers.

"Everything is made from scratch and is fresh not franchised," Tina Watford said. "This is not a fast-food restaurant. We cannot rush our sauces.

Now the Watford's main concern is customer satisfaction.

"The job security you look for is within customer service," Don Watford said. "Count on being met at the door by our wait staff. ... If you need something, I am going to be there. I don't want to feed you once. I want to feed you a lifetime."

Though the business had a rough start, the family is working to become a favorite in San Angelo.

"I just want customers to come and give us a try," he said. "I am fairly confident if they give us a try, they won't be going to Abilene to Olive Garden."

The Watford's not only stick together as a family, they stick to the trying tasks of running a business.

"Don't give up" was the Watford's most important lesson in the survival of the tastiest journey.

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## ON RECORD

### AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls.

**Thursday, Dec. 18**

9:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Perry Lefors Airport and transported a patient to the 700 block of North Sumner.

10:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Henry and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and

transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

6:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

7:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Barrett and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Friday, Dec. 19**

6:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100

block of South Wells.

10:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to SCCI, Amarillo, and transported a patient to the 1200 block of East Foster, Pampa.

12:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of South Tignor and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of East Brown and transported a patient to PRMC.

### FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls.

**Thursday, Dec. 18**

5:56 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a report of smoke in the 1300 block of Kingsmill. The smoke was coming from a nearby grill.

10:55 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of gas odor in the 1900 block of Beech. None was found.

**Friday, Dec. 19**

6:47 a.m. — Two units and eight firefighters responded to a report of smoke in the 1200 block of South Wells. The smoke was coming from a fan motor on a heater at the resi-

dence. 9:15 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a gas odor at the water office in City Hall. Nothing was found.

1:25 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 900 block of Fisher on a

carbon monoxide check. Nothing was found.

11:10 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to the 300 block of North Banks. The call was dispatched as a structure fire but turned out to be a grass fire which firefighters extinguished.

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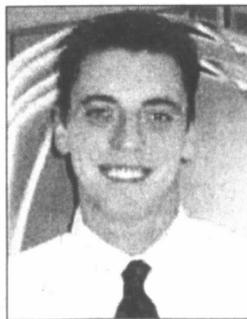
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Epidermal privilege?

To the editor:  
 In a recent editorial in this paper, Texas A&M University expressed an interest in attracting a more diverse student body. Texas A&M along with other major colleges and universities will in the final analysis utilize some form of social engineering to accomplish these higher diversity goals. When acceptance at one of these institutions of higher learning is based on other than scholastic ability and performance, the recipients of this largesse will always be loath to play by the rules of the institution and the rules of life subsequent to their graduation. Their natural self-esteem will always bear the taint of unearned privilege.

The earned degrees and the valid sense of pride should flow from ability and accomplishment, not epidermal considerations. I believe the Rev. Martin Luther King would agree. Should the goals of institutions of higher learning be to attract a more diverse student body in order to flesh out sagging athletic programs they should say so up front.

Bill Reeves  
 McLean

### TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Dec. 21, the 355th day of 2003. There are 10 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
 On Dec. 21, 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Mass.

On this date:  
 In 1898, scientists Pierre and Marie Curie discovered the radioactive element radium.

In 1913, the first crossword puzzle was published, in the New York World.

In 1945, Gen. George S. Patton died in Heidelberg, Germany, of injuries from a car accident.

In 1948, the state of Eire (formerly the Irish Free State) declared its independence.

In 1958, Charles de Gaulle was elected to a seven-year term as the first president of the Fifth Republic of France.

In 1968, Apollo Eight was launched on a mission to orbit the moon.

In 1971, the U.N. Security Council chose Kurt Waldheim to succeed U Thant as Secretary-General.

In 1976, the Liberian-registered tanker Argo Merchant ran aground near Nantucket Island, spilling millions of gallons of oil into the North Atlantic.

In 1978, police in Des Plaines, Ill., arrested John W. Gacy Jr. and began unearthing the remains of 33 men and boys that Gacy was later convicted of murdering.

In 1988, 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pam Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending wreckage crashing to the ground.

Ten years ago: First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, in an interview with The Associated Press, said her husband, President Clinton, had solicited her advice on major issues; but, she added, her powers were limited.

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If the Democrats who spent years making fun of conservatives by ridiculing them as right wing conspiracy nuts look up they will see a fleet of black helicopters hovering overhead.

The desperation of a party coming apart at the seams is now in full public view, and as the panic sets in, Democrats are grasping at wafer-thin conspiracy straws. In recent days Americans have been treated with a spectacle of top members of the party coming unhinged and seeing monsters under their beds.

Rep. James McDermott, a Washington state Democrat who angered the nation by standing on Iraqi soil and attacking the U.S. before the war began, now imagines that the U.S. could have nabbed Saddam Hussein "a long time ago" if we had wanted to. He told KIRO radio station in Seattle that there were people in the administration "all along who knew basically" where the dictator was.

"I've been surprised they waited, but then I thought, well, politically; it probably doesn't make much sense to find him just yet," he said adding "There's too much by happenstance for it to be just a coincidental thing that it happened on this particular day." When asked if he thought the timing of the capture was meant to help President Bush, McDermott laughed and said: "Yeah. Oh, yeah."

Former Clinton Secretary of State Madeline Albright joined the black heli-



MICHAEL REAGAN  
 COLUMNIST

copter watch when she asked reporter Mort Kondracke if he believed that President Bush has already nabbed Osama Bin Laden and has him stashed away somewhere, planning to spring him on the nation at a politically opportune time before the November elections.

When Kondracke said "You can't seriously believe that," she replied that such an "October surprise" was "a possibility." Now she's trying to back down, saying she was only kidding, but Kondracke stands by his story and is backed up by two witnesses who insist she was dead serious when she slipped her moorings and drifted into Cloud Cuckoo land.

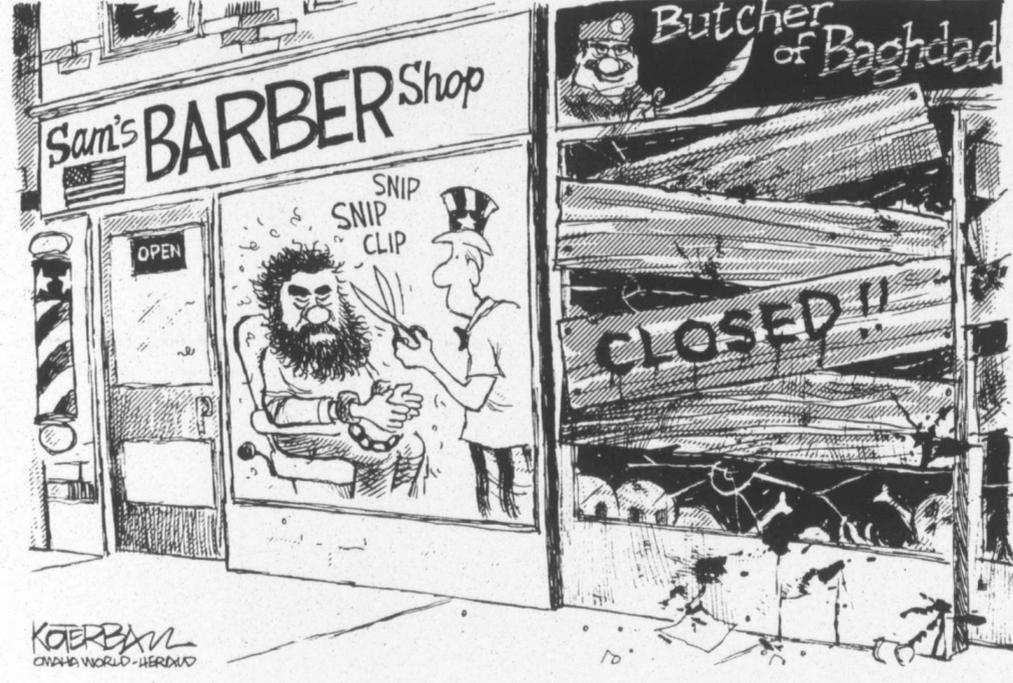
Former Vermont Governor Howard Dean has seriously suggested that President Bush was alerted to 9/11 before it happened. Speaking on National Public Radio (where else?) Dec. 1, he created a new conspiracy theory by suggesting that George W. Bush ignored alleged Saudi Arabian warnings of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. And when he appeared on Fox News Sunday Dec. 7th, he declined to disavow the absurd rumor or apologize for

having spread it.

That all of this garbage has sprung from the fevered brains of leading Democrats is simply a sign of the panic inspired by the dramatic resurgence of the economy, the Republicans' successful co-option of the potent Medicare issue, and the capture of Saddam Hussein. They had pinned their hopes on the economic collapse they were praying for and watched in horror as the economy rebounded. They relied on the mantra that Saddam was still free and why hasn't Bush caught him, and watched in open-mouthed shock as U.S. soldiers dug him out of his rat hole.

Allegedly politically astute, they stupidly forgot that the ball is always in the President's court and that with all of the power available to the White House, the President can always find a few rabbits to pull out of his hat when the need arises. And so they found themselves blindsided when they lost the only issues they'd been exploiting.

Their reaction to the quagmire they have managed to fall into has been a retreat into the world of fantasy poor Hillary Clinton discovered when she sought to cope with all the disclosures of her husband's sordid conduct. She blamed it all not on her husband, but on that vast right wing conspiracy which somehow had been able to cause him to drop his pants at the very sight of Monica Lewinsky.



## Texans talk about foreign affairs

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON  
 UNITED STATES SENATOR

Each year I ask Texans to gather around my "listening post" and give me their opinions. Hearing from you enables me to learn firsthand what's affecting you and your families throughout our great state. Not surprisingly, I hear from a great number of you on issues ranging from homeland security to tax relief. This year, our survey hit the information superhighway and was for the first time available online. An overwhelming number of you responded to the survey via e-mail, and this is the first of several Capitol Comments devoted to your answers.

The topic of foreign affairs garnered a host of strong opinions. Many of you feel very passionately about our place in the world, and I received a huge response to the following question: "Civil unrest is plaguing many regions of our world. Often, the United States is called upon to help restore peace and meet the humanitarian needs of civilian populations. But our involvement in regional conflicts comes at a high price, both in dollars and by putting our uniformed men and women in harm's way. As our troops are stretched thinner and thinner, how do you think we should respond?"

A whopping 90 percent of you felt we should eliminate any involvement where no clear U.S. security interest is at stake. On the question of working through NATO or the United Nations to deal with regional conflicts, Texans had a variety of opinions. Below is a sampling of your thoughtful contributions:

- We are spreading ourselves too thin. It is important to protect ourselves from terrorists, but not get involved in areas where the U.N. and NATO can manage. *Jane, Boerne*
- Stop sending troops and giving money

to countries that do not support free and open democracy. Stop giving money to countries that take our money and vilify us for being Americans. *Anna, Fort Worth*

- I definitely do not want our troops under the direction of NATO or the U.N. *Shannon, Friendswood*

- Get the U.N. out of the U.S. and the U.S. out of the U.N. *James, San Antonio*

- We need to increase the size of the U.S. military. *Natalie, Whitehouse*

- The U.N. has been successful. It is wrong to downgrade their accomplishments. *Don, Sugarland*

- We can't do anything right in the eyes of the world so we must do what we feel is right for America. If that is helping to secure another nation's peace and freedom from tyrannical dictators or seeing that human rights violations do not occur in any nation then we must ... *Chelsea, Austin*

- I feel the rest of the world needs to step up to the plate and take more responsibility. *Johnny, Odessa*

- Every nation needs to fulfill their responsibilities to the extent of their resources. We have been mightily blessed. To whom much is given much is required. *Gladys, Conroe*

- For Heaven's sake let's get out of the nation-building business. *Richard, Pennington*

I share the opinion that our involvement with NATO and the United Nations must be continually reviewed. Fifty-four years ago, the United States pledged to protect Europe from the Warsaw Pact. Clearly, our

commitment played a vital role in NATO's victory in the Cold War. Now is the time to ask: What is the mission of NATO today? Is NATO going to protect the future or defend the past? For NATO to remain relevant, we must agree on the fundamental mission that common threats to our security outside of NATO member countries must be addressed together. Our alliance should recognize that terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction have replaced the threat of Soviet imperialism. NATO has always been unified around a common purpose, but if it becomes nothing more than a patchwork quilt, we will be wasting our money and endangering our own national security by continuing to pay its bills and diverting our attention.

I also agree we must not stretch our troops too thin, but unfortunately, that is what's currently happening. They are doing a magnificent job in Iraq and around the world, but we simply don't have enough of them. It takes boots on the ground to win. Unfortunately, we are pushing them to a breaking point, taxing their readiness and putting undue strain on service members (both active duty and reserves), their families and their communities. I continue to make that point to officials at the Department of Defense and will keep asking the tough questions about military readiness and the size of our Armed Forces.

With nearly 22 million people in our great state, our ideas are as bold and diverse as our heritage. Thank you for taking the time to send in your thoughts on these pressing issues and providing me with a snapshot of Texan's opinions. Look for future columns devoted to your comments on homeland security, tax relief, education and much more.

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# CALENDAR ITEMS

**CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Southwest Cowboy Poets.** Southwest Cowboy Poets meets at 8 a.m., the second Saturday of each month at The Big Texan, I-40 East, in Amarillo.

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

**MEDICAL SUPPORT GROUPS, ETC.**

**Al-Anon.** Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on

Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-6898.

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

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

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

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

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

**Breast Cancer 101.** The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center sponsors "Breast Cancer 101," an intensive education and supportive introduction to breast cancer, monthly at Harrington Cancer

Center Amphitheatre in Amarillo. The series repeats the following topics each month: "Breast Cancer Overview and Surgical Options"; "Chemotherapy and Radiation Therapy for Breast Cancer"; "Women in Touch Support Group"; and "Body Image and Sexuality" (spouses invited). For more information call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

**Cancer Survivors Network.** CSN, created by American Cancer Society, is a community/support network for cancer survivors and caregivers. The link to the network is located on ACS's web site at www.cancer.org. People may also call 1-877-333-4673 (HOPE). By logging onto the site, cancer survivors and caregivers can listen to, read or download prerecorded personal stories and discussions among survivors and caregivers. They may also explore and contribute to the Expressions Gallery, a compilation of survivor's stories, poems and songs.

**COAF Web Site.** The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

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

**CPF.** Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial

and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

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

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

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

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

**Hospice Hope Series.**

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

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

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

**Medicines.md.** U.S. senior citizens now have access to legitimate e-mail order links to the world's lowest prices on prescription drugs by visiting www.medicines.md on the Internet, allowing them to have

their prescriptions filled by licensed pharmacies abroad. The service adheres to FDA guidelines and offers free access to regularly updated international price lists for the 120 most popular brand-name prescription drugs as well as 1,300 generic medicines.

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

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

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

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## PAMPA ISD Teacher Profile

Anita Harp



Anita Harp teaches second grade at Austin Elementary. "I have taught children from kindergarten through second grade for many years. Watching these young learners become excited about their new skills and knowledge is one of the joys of teaching."

Helping a child get off to a positive start affects their lifelong attitude towards learning. One of my goals is to instill a love for learning so that they leave my class as capable, confident learners.

A workshop presenter said something that became an overriding inspiration for my teaching. "What would you do if that were your child? You would do whatever it takes for him to be successful!" That is what you have to do in teaching young children. You keep trying different approaches until you find what enables that child to learn.

Anita Harp is a graduate of Canyon High School and West Texas A & M University. She is happily married to Duane Harp. They have two sons... Matt who lives in Virginia and Joe Bob who is a student at Hardin Simmons University. Mrs. Harp has been teaching for ten years in the Pampa schools.

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## PAMPA MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Pampa Middle School recently announced its honor roll for the second six-weeks grading period of the 2003-04 school year.

## A HONOR ROLL

**Sixth Grade.** Evan Gary Aderholt, Lauren Ashley Akins, Brooklyn Shay Barker, Erin Elizabeth Buck, Alexander Clendening, Corbin Brady Clifton, Cheyanne Wendy Collins, Garrett Evan Coutts, Kimberly McCall Curtis, Matricia Ann Davis, Klarisse Espiritu-Santo, Myles Till Foreman, Cristina Idali Garcia, Alyssa Marie Hoelting, Landon Long, Mary Kathryn McKay, Ashlyn Janae McNeely, Treva Beth Miller, Samantha Pearson, Gabrielle Marie Powell, Allison Kae Ramey, Fabiola Soria, Kara Cylynda Stephens, Carlyn Teichmann, Emilie Taylor Troxell, Kayla Joan Ware, Kelsey Nicole Watson, Shelbie Delise Watson.

**Seventh Grade.** Brenna Danielle Albracht, Kathryn Miranda Aler, Jessica Baggerman, John Luke Covatt, Keisha Leigh Crowell, Mary Elizabeth Dyson, Codi Lane Guthrie, Cole Allen Guyer, Andrew Ashley Hatcher, Christa Dawn Holt, William Rex McKay, Diana Renee Mechelay, Kamy Lynn Miller, Teysha Rashon Parker, Justin David Romero, Shawna Marie Salazar, Blake Ryan Sieck, April Rose Silva, Matthew Thomas Smith, Coleby Ray West, Jeremy Zellefrow.

**Eight Grade.** Kristopher Neil Boyd, Jennifer Lauren Cox, Meagan Crawford, Larri Donn Golleher, Anna Elizabeth Hillman, K'lyn Brook Holmes, Kailee Bri Intemann, Ray Angel Lerma, Lacy Elizabeth Loving, Kayla Diane Mendoza, Stephanie Kay Polasek, Manuela Retana, Lindsey N. Riley, Andrew David Roy, Brody Reece Russell, Lidia Salazar, Monica Renee Schepp, Justin Wayne Strickland, Jacee Danae Villarreal, Deidra Joyce Williams, Kelli Marie Willson.

## AB HONOR ROLL

**Sixth Grade.** Hilary Acker, Richard Ethan Addy, Janet Barraza, Rebekah Lynn Bartel, Brittany Nicole Bennett, Anthony Hagen Berry, Kristin Joy Charee Bivins, Jesus Borunda, Jessica Chynece Brown, Justin Marshall Carlton, Amanda Castleman, Margarita Cervantes, Charles Calib Chandler, Rylan Marshall Clark, Harold Ryan Conner, Timothy Craig Conner, Bridgett Nichole Cox, Kristie Rachelle Davis, Tanner Lee Davis, Reuben Jacob Day.

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## State launches runaway, homeless youth hotline

AUSTIN — This month Texas Runaway Hotline launched a statewide public awareness campaign aimed at runaways and troubled youth. The hotline's toll free number is 1-888-589-HELP (4357).

"The holidays can be a lonely and depressing time for youths away from home," said Jay Smith, hotline director. "Unfortunately, many of our callers run from homes where substance abuse, family violence and other untenable situations exist. Many young people are thrown out of their homes."

In order to raise public awareness about the problem, Gov. Rick Perry has proclaimed the month of December "Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness Month" in Texas.

Smith said the hotline's statewide campaign begins this week and continues throughout the winter months when runaway youths are most in need of food, shelter and counseling services. The campaign includes more than 200,000 pieces of prevention materials, billboards, bus placards, and new public service announcements for television and radio directed toward troubled youths and families who may be in need of hotline services.

"In Texas, an estimated 100,000 children ages 7 to 17 run away annually," Smith said. "Whether they are in large cities or small towns, runaway youths are

vulnerable to a wide variety of crimes including assault and sexual exploitation."

The Runaway Hotline began operating in the autumn of 1973 after Texas law enforcement discovered the bodies of 27 young men and boys in the Houston area. According to authorities, the youths had been brutally tortured and murdered. Many of the victims were listed as runaways. Originally, named "Operation Peace of Mind," the hotline served as a message service between runaways and worried parents who feared their children were among the dead.

Today hotline staff and community volunteers provide both youth and families with confidential, 24-hour crisis intervention, telephone counseling, and information and referral services. The message service is still unable to promote communication.

"Our goal is to work with other state and local organizations to prevent similar tragedies," explains Smith. "Together we are working to keep as many youths as possible safe and off the streets."

For additional information, call the hotline's toll-free number 1-888-580-HELP(4357). The Governor's proclamation can be viewed by visiting [www.texas-runaway.org](http://www.texas-runaway.org). The Texas Runaway Hotline is a program of the Texas Department of Protective Regulatory Services.

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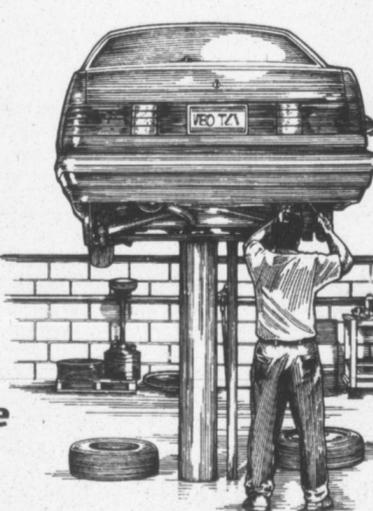
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**Agriculture commissioner eyes move up political ladder**

By **KELLEY SHANNON**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs is a tall, fast-talking Texan who leaves little doubt she's done her homework.

Get her going on Mexico's water debt to the United States and she'll tell you about border reservoir levels and satellite images of northern Mexico's water supply.

If it's school nutrition, she's ready with statistics on childhood obesity and diabetes and dollar figures on school contracts with food vending companies.

Abortion? She's pro-choice. Election plans? She may run for state comptroller or U.S. senator, if those jobs come open.

You might say coy is not exactly Combs' style. Lately she's pushed her agenda and staked her ground as a Republican on the rise. She makes it clear that her second term, which ends in 2006, is her last as Texas agriculture commissioner.

"I think I've done a bang-up job," Combs said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "I think somebody's else's vision needs to take over, and I'll see if there's something else that interests me and that I'll get real excited about."

Combs, 58, is a lawyer and fourth-generation rancher with a cattle operation in far West Texas. She served in the Texas House for two terms and worked for Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison before being elected agriculture commissioner in 1998.

She leads an agriculture department with a \$1.9 billion annual budget in a state second only to California in national production.

At 6-foot-2, Combs is hard to miss as she darts through the state capitol to promote Texas-grown foods — from fruits and vegetables to beef to wine — and to encourage rural economic development and tourism.

She also advocates for farmers in South Texas, who want Mexico to pay the 1.3 million acre feet of water it owes the United States. A 1944 treaty calls for the two countries to share water from the Rio Grande and Colorado River.

After years of drought, Mexico fell behind in its treaty obli-

gations. Combs, who met with Mexican President Vicente Fox about the dispute during his visit to Austin this month, contends ample rain in northern Mexico means the country should make a substantial payment.

Combs also raised questions about the Texas General Land Office contemplating the lease of state land for the collection of ground water in West Texas.

But children's nutrition is perhaps her biggest project.

This year, Combs joined state Sen. Eddie Lucio, a Brownsville Democrat, in seeking limits on sugary drinks and snacks in schools. After hard-hitting lobbying from soda and vending companies, the final bill called for a study on the subject.

Combs said she emphasized only that healthier foods and drinks go in vending machines. She said she wasn't pushing for the removal of the machines.

Lucio praised what he called Combs' "relentlessness."

"I'm extremely pleased that she saw fit to go out on a limb, because obviously my bill was controversial," Lucio said.

After the Legislature adjourned, Combs managed to get the federally funded child school nutrition program moved to her agency from the Texas Education Agency.

Then she issued a new policy banning the sale or distribution of "foods of minimal nutritional value" like sodas, candy and gum during the school day at elementary schools. The ban includes middle school lunches but doesn't apply to high schools.

A federally funded program Combs oversees sends fresh Texas fruits and vegetables to some school districts serving 1.2 million children. Schools pay only for food transportation.

"It's all part of our package of saying, 'Guys, you've got to eat better,'" she said.

Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, the state health commissioner, said Combs "certainly makes herself seen, and I think she has played a role in keeping this issue in the forefront."

"Is this the final answer? Probably not," Sanchez said, adding the need to address physical fitness and home lifestyles.

This isn't Combs' first foray into children's issues. As a Dallas County prosecutor, Combs said, she never lost a jury trial in a child abuse case.

She and her husband, Joe Duran, co-founder of a high-tech company, have been married 28 years and have three grown sons. She said her abortion stance doesn't conflict with her belief in family.

Combs supports a woman's right to choose, with exceptions. She opposes "partial-birth" abortions and third-trimester abortions and favors parental notification for minors seeking abortions.

Her positions on non-agriculture issues may become more important with the possible openings in the offices of state comptroller or U.S. senator.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Hutchison, the state's senior U.S. senator, are considered potential Republican primary opponents for Gov. Rick Perry in 2006.

Whatever Combs' political future holds, it likely will be action-packed — if her tenure as agriculture commissioner is any indication.

"I'm doing my job, hustling like crazy, and keeping my nose clean," she said.

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## HEALTHBEAT: Should mother's age trigger Down Syndrome test?

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Is simply being 35 or older enough reason for a pregnant woman to undergo amniocentesis to check for Down syndrome?

The older mothers-to-be are, the higher their risk of having babies with this fairly common birth defect. But nothing suddenly changes at the 35th birthday, and a 20-something can have a baby with Down syndrome, too.

Now growing evidence suggests that offering blood tests to screen every pregnant woman for the risk may be more effective than using today's standard age cutoffs for amniocentesis — decreasing unnecessary amnios by

culling out which women of any age most need the invasive test, which is more accurate but occasionally causes miscarriage.

"Twenty years ago, the only way to identify women at risk was to offer amnio to those older than 35. That makes no sense any longer," says Dr. Rebecca Smith-Bindman of the University of California, San Francisco, who co-authored a large new study that supports screening-based instead of age-based decisions.

It's a policy that California has adopted, with a unique program that provides free amniocentesis for women whose screening tests determine they're at high risk.

Whether to have an amnio is an agonizing decision that more Americans are making as they increasingly postpone childbearing into their 30s and even 40s. For those who wouldn't consider abortion, prenatal diagnosis still is important because babies with Down syndrome — in which an extra chromosome causes mental retardation and other defects, often including heart problems — can need specialized care at delivery that affects hospital choice.

But women have a 1 percent chance of suffering a miscarriage from amniocentesis, the use of a needle to draw fluid from the amniotic sac, or from a similar invasive test called chorionic villus sampling. While it's a small risk, some women won't chance a test that could cost them a healthy baby.

Additionally, "one of the misconceptions in the general public is if you're not over 35, you don't have to worry about Down syndrome," says Dr. Xavier Pombar of Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

While risk increases with each year of maternal age — from one in 1,200 at age 25 to

about one in 300 at 35 — most Down syndrome babies are born to women under 35 simply because younger women have more babies.

Hence, women under 35 are supposed to be offered certain blood tests — most common is the "triple-screen" — that can identify about three-quarters of Down syndrome cases by measuring different chemicals in the mother's blood. Missed cases aside, blood tests also can cause false alarms, so a positive blood test requires a definitive amnio to double-check.

The new study suggests that blood tests, or specialized ultrasound exams that also can spot defects, should be the amnio deciding factor even for older moms.

Smith-Bindman and British colleagues examined 6 million births over the last decade in England and Wales, where different regions use either age or blood/ultrasound screening to determine who needs an amnio.

In areas where women got amnios based on screening, 50 percent more Down syndrome cases were diagnosed prenatally, with half as many invasive tests performed, compared with areas where age determined testing, concludes the study in last month's American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

"This is a good way to go," says Pombar, who says some U.S. hospitals are finding similar results. "You're doing less amniocentesis ... and losing less normal babies."

Screening is cutting amnios in California, too, says Dr. George Cunningham. A state program offers all pregnant women the triple-screen, done between weeks 15 and 20 of pregnancy, for \$105. Those whose blood tests indicate they're at high risk then can get genetic counseling and an amnio for

free. (An amnio usually costs about \$1,500; insurance coverage varies.) Women who want to skip straight to an amnio because of age or birth defects in the family can opt out of the program.

There is a trade-off: A 35-year-old could forego amnio in favor of a blood test that offered false reassurance, notes Dr. Serdar Ural of the University of Pennsylvania, who stresses that age-spurred amnio remains the U.S. standard of care.

## TDH cautions hunters and hikers beware of animal-borne diseases

AUSTIN — Thousands of Texas hunters and hikers are taking to the woods and fields in pursuit of deer, doves and the great outdoors. Unfortunately, they're not alone. Billions of critters that can carry diseases will be out there, too.

Hunters, campers and hikers have an increased risk of exposure to diseases transmitted by ticks, fleas and mosquitoes and to diseases spread by wild animals, cautions the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "But encounters with insects and wildlife are less likely to cause problems if people know what they're dealing with, what the symptoms of infection are and some simple precautions they can take to protect themselves," said Eric Fonken, veterinarian with TDH's zoonosis control division.

West Nile virus can cause encephalitis and is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. Encephalitis is an inflammation of the brain and meningitis is an inflammation of the covering of the brain or spinal cord that may be caused by one of several mosquito-borne viruses. Symptoms can include intense headache, high fever, nausea, muscle tenderness, partial unconsciousness and even coma. Although unlikely, death may occur.

As of Nov. 13, TDH had recorded 363 human cases of West Nile virus meningoencephalitis in 75 Texas counties this year, including 27 deaths.

West Nile virus is only one illness with which people who enjoy the outdoors have to contend. With Lyme disease, which is the most frequently diagnosed tick-borne problem in the United States, there may be skin lesions or rashes. If left untreated,

severe damage to the joints, heart and nervous system may result. In addition, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, another disease that is spread by ticks and that produces a rash, can cause serious illness and even death if not treated quickly.

Exposure to the bacteria that causes tularemia, yet another tick-borne disease, also can occur from handling carcasses of wild rabbits and rodents.

Plague, common in wild rodent populations of West Texas, is transmitted to people by fleas or by direct contact with infected animals such as prairie dogs, squirrels, cats, rats and mice. This dreaded disease sometimes includes the presence of painful, swollen lymph nodes. Unless treatment is sought quickly, death may result.

"Many of these diseases begin with flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills, headache and body aches," Fonken said. "However, symptoms can worsen quickly and affect various systems of the body."

The best way to avoid getting these diseases is to protect yourself against insect bites: —Use insect repellent containing DEET, following package directions carefully.

—Stay on trails and avoid areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.

—Wear protective clothing such as a hat, a long-sleeve shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks. Wear light-colored clothes to easily spot ticks.

—Check your body carefully for ticks every few hours. Ticks are small, easy to miss and will attach to any part of the body from head to toe, so look carefully.

Some diseases are spread by contact with dust particles containing a virus; others by direct contact with dust particles containing a virus; others by direct contact with infected animals or animal carcasses.

Infected rodents such as rats and mice spread hantavirus to people. A rodent

may have the virus in its droppings, urine and saliva. From there, the virus can spread in the air on dust particles. "You can become infected by inhaling dust that contains the virus," said Fonken. "Cleaning cabins, sheds or barns without a mask can increase your chances of coming in contact with hantavirus."

Early symptoms of hantavirus infection are much like those of flu. The disease may lead to extreme difficulty with breathing, possibly followed by death. Patients may recover through supportive treatment, but antibiotics will not cure a hantavirus infection.

Deer hunters need to be aware that deer can share the bacterium that causes anthrax in people and that feral hogs can carry brucellosis. Care should be taken when handling all wild-animal carcasses, including wearing latex gloves when field dressing those animals.

Rabies is a viral infection of the nervous system that may affect almost any warm-blooded animal. "It is impossible to tell by looking at an animal whether it is infected with the rabies virus, so avoid contact with any wild animals. Especially do not try to assist injured animals or touch dead ones," warned Fonken. "If you see an obviously sick animal or suffer an animal bite or scratch, contact a game warden, a park employee, or an animal control or law enforcement officer as soon as possible."

Rabies is present in many wild-animal populations in Texas, especially skunks, bats, raccoons, coyotes and foxes. Humans usually are infected through a bite by a rabid animal. Rabies is always fatal once symptoms begin, which is why you should immediately consult a doctor if any animal bites you.

More information is available online at: [www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis).

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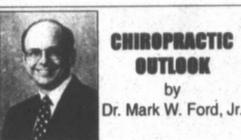
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# Odessa optometrists overcame hurdles

By SHARON DENNING  
ODESSA AMERICAN

ODESSA, Texas — When they were still children, two Odessa optometrists decided their future looked bright, though others probably disagreed.

Born and raised in northern California, Dr. Maria Ceballos-Corral, the daughter of Mexican migrant workers, knew by the time she was 10 that she wanted to be an optometrist.

Five of the seven

Ceballos siblings wore glasses, and Maria, the eldest, translated the optometrists instructions and her parents questions during countless eye exams.

"I was in the office a lot, so I felt very comfortable. And besides," she said with a laugh, "it seemed so easy: Which is better, one or two?"

Dr. Francisco Morales, who crossed the U.S.-Mexico border at age 4 in the back of a pickup with his mother, his younger sister

and a truckbed packed with strangers, knew he wanted to be a doctor by the time he was a seventh-grader at Crockett Junior High School.

"I looked at other people who had graduated from college and were getting ahead," he said. "I wanted to have a comfortable lifestyle, but more than that, I wanted to be someone who could make a difference in people's lives."

In addition to similar cultural backgrounds and a

strong sense of "Si, se puede" (Yes, you can), the two doctors share a Puerto Rican alma mater and a professional practice in Odessa.

When Morales graduated from the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico School of Optometry in May, he was at the top of his class. As a bilingual Hispanic professional, he had his pick of job offers.

But when Ceballos-Corral, whom he met when he was an undergraduate at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, invited Morales to join her practice, he was ready to come back to the place he described as "the perfect family town."

Ceballos-Corral began her practice in Midland in 1994 and had been practicing solo since 1995.

She had no business management experience and credits the Mexican-American Network of Odessa, or MANO, for putting her in contact with accountants and other professionals who helped her learn to manage her business along with her patient care.

Morales and Ceballos-Corral are both self-motivated achievers.

"I started working in retail when I was 15 years old," Ceballos-Corral said. "Before that I helped my family pick fruit on the weekends and during the summer."

Her parents didn't push her to go to college, she said, and neither did high school counselors.

"I think my parents wanted me to go, but they really didn't have the educational or cultural background to know how to help me," she

said. "And when I was in high school, counselors didn't see many Hispanics go off to college. They only encouraged me to enroll in a two-year program at a community college."

Morales made his own path in much the same way.

"Even though we were naturalized citizens, my family moved back to Mexico for three years after I finished seventh grade," he said. "Then we came back to Odessa when I was in high school. I fell behind in English composition and grammar, and the counselors focused on getting me caught up with course work so I could graduate on schedule."

When he graduated from high school, Morales' father told him he had two choices: go to college or get a minimum wage job.

"I went to enroll at UTPB," he said, "and I was, like, I want to be a doctor. What do I need to do? I hadn't even taken the SAT. I didn't know anything about that stuff."

But he learned his stuff well at UTPB, in optometry school and in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, working for the Volunteer Optometric Service for Humanity.

"We (volunteers) worked nonstop doing 1,500 eye

exams in a day," Morales said. "Then we had to turn away another 2,500 people who had walked miles for the chance to get a pair of glasses."

Because of their personal and professional experiences, both Ceballos-Corral and Morales are committed to quality eye care and not just for the Hispanic population.

"I've spoken at career days in the past," Ceballos-Corral said, "and my big thing is educating patients about caring for their eyes. I know sometimes there are language barriers that prevent people from understanding instructions or asking questions, but I am attentive to all my patients, whether or not they're Hispanic. Taking time to care for patients is my top priority."

Morales has joined the Odessa Downtown Lions Club. He has also been training school nurses in Ector County and surrounding counties on some of the finer points of vision screening.

"My goal is to take care of people's eyes and make their lives a little better," he said. "We both want to have an impact on eye care in West Texas."

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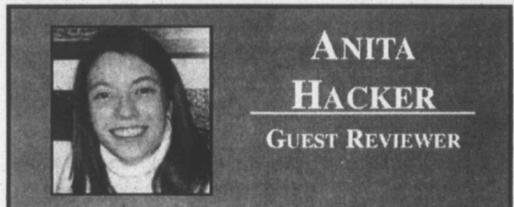
## A good season for comedies

Around the holiday season there are always many good movies that are dramatic and moving, and apparently this year it's a good season for comedies as well. "Stuck on You" and "Something's Gotta Give" are both worthy films if you're in the mood for a laugh.

Directed by the Farrelly brothers, the makers of "There's Something About Mary" and "Dumb and Dumber," "Stuck on You" is a touching comedy that is especially entertaining if you just want to sit back, relax and stop thinking so hard. It's about two conjoined brothers who have a satisfying life in Martha's Vineyard where they own a restaurant. When Walt (Greg Kinnear) wants to move to Hollywood to pursue his acting career, Bob (Matt Damon) decides to support him and agrees to go.

Relying less on the raunchy humor that is prevalent in their other movies, the Farrelly's use more physical comedy. This can only be expected in a story about conjoined twins, and there are lots of gags about how they live their everyday life. Much of the humor also comes from the opposite personalities of the twins. Walt is outgoing and ambitious. Bob is more introverted and self-conscious.

Damon and Kinnear create a believable brotherly bond. They are very relaxed and comfortable with each other and play off each other with ease. The Farrelly's have taken the common theme of sibling



ANITA HACKER  
GUEST REVIEWER

relationships and put it in an extreme situation in which you have no choice but to smile.

"Something's Gotta Give," while very different in tone, ends up with the same effect. Jack Nicholson plays a bachelor-for-life, Harry Sandborn, who only dates younger women. When he has a mild heart attack at the beach house of his girlfriend's (Amanda Peet) mother, he has to stay there with her mother, Erica (Diane Keaton), to recuperate. They have conflicting personalities, but affect the way the other thinks and actually start liking each other. Thrown into the mix, is Harry's young doctor, Julian (Keanu Reeves), who also has feelings for Erica.

Writer and director Nancy Meyers takes the basic element of a typical romantic comedy — the love, hate relationship — and puts it into a

new situation — the love lives of older people. The smart story by Meyers combined with the comic abilities of Nicholson and Keaton make for a pleasantly entertaining movie.

Nicholson has perfected his performance as a scum bag. He somehow seems both lovable and revolting. Keaton manages to steal the spotlight though. She brought to life the insecurities of Erica, and her facial expressions can speak a thousand words. Reeves, character is a refreshing step away from "The Matrix" trilogy. He has a much smaller part, but emits a very attractive presence.

"Something's Gotta Give" and "Stuck on You" both will make you laugh as you watch, and have that special something that keeps you smiling as you leave the theater.

Both movies: B+

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# SPORTS

## Pampa's Lewis named to APSE All-State Team

Pampa senior Derek Lewis has been named to the second team defensive unit on the Class 4A Associated Press Sports Editors All-State Team.

The 6-2, 210-pound Lewis played defensive end and led the Harvesters in quarterback sacks with 11 and finished the season with 100 total tackles. He also had four fumble recoveries and 18 quarterback hurries.

Four other players out of District 3-4A were named to the APSE All-State Team. Palo Duro lineman T.J. Nickelberry was named the Defensive Player of the Year. Running back Kiel Anderson of Randall and defensive lineman Dominic Jackson of Plainview were first-team picks. Offensive lineman Ty Parker of Randall was honorable mention.

### Class 4A All-State List

The Class 4A All-State high school football team, released Thursday, as voted on by The Associated Press Sports Editors based on regular-season performance. Players are listed in alphabetical order at each position. **FIRST TEAM OFFENSE: OFFENSIVE LINE:** — ROBERT CONLEY, La Marque, Sr., 6-2, 310, 90 percent grade for year, 68 pancake blocks. — JOEY ELLIS, Brownwood, Jr., 6-3, 250, 70 pancake blocks. Allowed no sacks in two years. Was second-team all-state last year. — ADAM HANSLEY, Texas City, Sr., 6-3, 280, 20 pancake blocks. Team was the top-rushing offense in the Houston area with 3,869 yards, average of 352 yards per game. — VINCENT RHODES, Denison, Sr., 6-2, 251, 35 pancake blocks, anchored

line on team that rushed for more than 4,000 yards.

— MICHAEL SCHUMARD, Harker Heights, Jr., 6-5, 280. Averaged 8 pancakes per game, graded 90 percent, helped team average 365 yards per game. **ENDS/RECEIVERS:**

— PHILLIP BECK, Crosby, Sr., 5-9, 175, 108-1,997-22 receiving, 27-188-4 rushing.

— JARVIS WOODSON, Ennis, Sr., 5-10, 160, 74-1166-25 receiving. **QUARTERBACK:**

— GRAHAM HARRELL, Ennis, Sr., 6-3, 185, 233-373 passing for 3,647 yards, 54 TDs, 7 INTs, 250 yards, 6 TDs rushing. Was first-team all-state last season and second-team all-state as a sophomore. **RUNNING BACKS:**

— KIEL ANDERSON, Canyon Randall, Sr., 6-1, 180. Finished the year with 2,008 yards and 26 TDs, 9.9 yards.

— ADRIAN PETERSON, Palestine, Sr., 6-3, 205, 222-2079-29 rushing. Was second-team all-state last season.

— COREY ROBERTSON, Denison, Jr., 6-1, 200, 213-2057-29 rushing. **KICKER:**

— JAROD TRACY, Aledo, Sr., 6-0, 170, 32-33 on PATs, 13-15 on FGs with a long 49, 51 kickoffs for average of 52 yards, 11 touchbacks. **OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Graham Harrell, Ennis.**

**FIRST TEAM DEFENSE: LINEMEN:**

— DeMARCUS GRANGER, Dallas Kimball, Jr., 6-3, 325, 68 tackles, 17 sacks, 11 forced fumbles, 6 fumble recoveries.

— DOMINIC JACKSON, Plainview, Sr., 6-1, 215, 112 tackles, 17 quarterback sacks, 26 tackles for loss, 16 quarterback hurries. Unanimous all-district selection.

— T.J. NICKELBERRY, Amarillo Palo Duro, Sr., 6-0, 270, 104 tackles, 21 tackles for loss, 18 sacks, 11 quarterback sacks, 2 fumble recoveries, 2 blocked passes, 1 blocked kick. Unanimous selection for defensive player of the year.

— COURTNEY WILLIAMS, Bay City, Sr., 6-4, 270, 87 tackles, 3 solo, 13 tackles for loss, 4 sacks, 5 caused fumbles, 3 fumble recoveries. **LINEBACKERS:**

— RASHAD BOBINO, La Marque, Sr., 5-10, 220, 121 tackles, 2 fumble recoveries, 9 quarterback pressures, 1 blocked kick, 6 forced fumbles.

— MICHAEL MARTINEZ, CC Calallen, Sr., 5-10, 238, 141 tackles, 20



Derek Lewis

for loss, 8 sacks, 5 forced fumbles, 4 fumble recovery, 1 INT.

— MITCHELL REESE, WF Rider, Sr., 6-0, 195, 68 tackles, 40 unassisted, 15 for loss, 5 INTs, 5 fumble recoveries, 3 defensive TDs, 2 blocked kicks, 4 quarterback sacks. Missed portions of early games because of injuries.

— KEITH HOWEY, Brownwood, Sr., 6-2, 180, 9 INTs, 11 pass breakups, 31 tackles, 2 caused fumbles.

— LEE LIVESAY, Kilgore, Sr., 6-0, 180, 139 tackles, 2 for loss, 8 INTs, 11 passes broken up.

— CASEY McCLESKEY, Burk Burnett, Sr., 6-0, 165, 50 tackles, 6 interceptions, 2 fumble recoveries, 2 defensive touchdowns, 2 blocked kicks.

— CLARENCE WARD, La Marque, Jr., 6-0, 170, 58 tackles, 13 assists, 4 interceptions for 75 return yards, 4 fumble recoveries, 3 for TDs. **PUNTER:**

— MATT BUTLER, Friendswood, Sr., 6-2, 205, 43.9 avg., four over 65 yards, 80-yard free kick.

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: T.J. Nickelberry, Amarillo Palo Duro.**

**SECOND TEAM OFFENSE LINEMEN:**

— WILLIAM COLLINS, Corsicana, Sr., 6-0, 315.

— CORY LUNCEFORD, Port Neches-Groves, Sr., 6-5, 260.

— JAKE REICHENSTEIN, Hewitt Midway, Sr., 6-3, 272.

— MATT SEPULVEDA, Dallas Highland Park, Sr., 6-1, 265.

— RYAN YOUNG, Waco University, Sr., 6-7, 325. **ENDS/RECEIVERS:**

— STEVE GARCIA, Brownsville Porter, Sr., 5-10, 180.

— CHRIS RICHBURG, Wolfforth Frenship, Sr., 6-4, 200. **QUARTERBACK:**

— MATT GARDNER, Andrews, Sr., 6-2, 226. **RUNNING BACKS:**

— CHRIS NWOKO, Austin Anderson, Sr., 6-0, 210.

— CLARENCE ROBINSON, Corsicana, Sr., 5-11, 210.

— JAVARRIS WILLIAMS, Richmond Foster, Jr., 5-11, 205. **KICKER (2 because of tie in second place):**

— MATT PRATT, Corsicana, Sr., 6-1, 165.

— SINISA VRVILO, FW South Hills, Sr., 6-2, 225. **SECOND TEAM DEFENSE LINEMEN:**

— DEREK LEWIS, Pampa, Sr., 6-2, 210.

— WILLIAM MORRISEY, Silsbee, Sr., 6-3, 280.

— JACOB PASSMORE, Dayton, Sr., 6-0, 280.

— MISAEEL YANEZ, Welaco East, Sr., 6-1, 180. **LINEBACKERS:**

— CHRIS COLLINS, Tearkana, Jr., 6-2, 235.

— KYLE LOWE, Aledo, Sr., 6-0, 220.

— CODY PAYNE, Stephenville, Sr., 6-1, 220. **BACKS:**

— JOSH BURRIS, South Garland, Jr., 5-11, 170.

— CHASE GIBSON, Wylie, Jr., 6-1, 195.

— JONTE MANNING, Corsicana, Sr., 6-3, 215.

— ANGEL TORRES, Edinburg, Sr., 5-10, 180. **PUNTER:**

— KYLE ADAMS, Hallsville, Sr., 5-10, 175.

**HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE:**

— LINEMEN: Josh Aleman, Sherman; Matt Church, Fredericksburg; Chris Hinson, Port Neches-Groves; Jeff Hunt, San Angelo Lake View; Anthony James, La Marque; Todd Kidd, New Braunfels Canyon; James Lavhia, Willis; Bradley Macik, La Marque; Patrick Moore, Wichita Falls; Ty Parker, Canyon Randall; Arnie Segura, Kerrville Tivy; Jason Thomason, Wylie; James Tyson, Killeen; Erik Walker, Los Fresnos; Joe Wheeler, Beaumont Ozen; Charles Whitley, Texas City; Charlie Wiebusch, Sharyland; James Wood, Harker Heights.

**ENDS/RECEIVERS:** Eddie Carrasco, Andrews; Thaddeus Chase, EP Burgos; Keith Dickerson, La Marque; Shaun Gree, Bay City; Justin Huff, Willis; Anthony Jenkins, Ennis; Nathan Jones, Tearkana; David Nelson, WF Rider; Antoine Parker, Austin Johnson; Adam Parson, Dallas Highland Park; Kendall Wright, Sulphur Springs.

**QUARTERBACK:** Kirby Freeman, Brownwood; Billy Garza, Brownsville Porter; Keilen Haynes, Crosby.

**RUNNING BACKS:** Isaac McQueen, Andrews; Vincent Pervis, Texas City; Jackie Robinson, Marshall; Matthew Stafford, Dallas Highland Park; Corey Sutton, Tearkana.

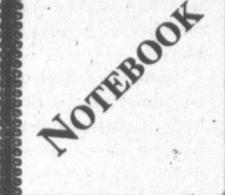
**KICKER:** Jorge Carranco, Dayton; Jordan Cobb, Big Spring; Colin Hartwell, Conoco Oak Ridge; John Heflin, Dallas Kimball; Lance Loftin, Pflugerville Connally; Max Schuster, Sharyland.

**HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE: LINEMEN:** Leslie Adams, Brownwood; Steven Alvarez, EP Del Valle; Patrick Bailey, SA Alamo Heights; Uvaldo Collazo, New Braunfels; Leonard Davis, Ennis; Chris Hinson, Port Neches-Groves; Keith Jenkins, Harker Heights; Rejaie Johnson, La Marque; Eddie Jones, Kilgore; Jordan Jones, Sulphur Springs; Roy Miller, Killeen Shoemaker; Sammy Morrone, Paris; Hector Palacios, Sharyland; Vincent Rhodes, Denison; Arnie Segura, Kerrville Tivy; Darrin Williams, La Marque.

**LINEBACKERS:** Dylan Brown, Port Neches-Groves; Terrance Flagg, Bay City; Nick La Mantia, Sharyland; Luke McCall, CC Calallen; Wilton McRay, La Marque; Rodrick Muckelroy, Hallsville; Micah Pelphrey, Wolfforth Frenship; Jared Phillips, Big Spring; Tyson Reich, North Crowley; Charlie Rockwood, Fredericksburg; Trey Sherman, Wichita Falls; Garrett Smith, Conroe Oak Ridge; Quentin Sterling, Killeen; Jess Todd, Kilgore.

**BACKS:** James Carraway, Texas City; Alex Contreras, Lockhart; Chris Dempsey, Conroe Oak Ridge; Lee Ellison, Austin Johnson; Patrick Evans, Ennis; Cameron Fox, Harker Heights; David Kessler, Andrews; Tyvenskie Page, Adamson; Matt Panfil, North Crowley; Michael Shockey, Big Spring; Ray Sims, Corsicana; Hunter Tucker, Wichita Falls; Jory Werth, New Braunfels; Adrian Williams, Hallsville.

**PUNTER:** Jose Calderon, WF Rider; Kirby Freeman, Brownwood.



### FOOTBALL

**NORMAN, Okla. (AP)** — Heisman Trophy winner Jason White has been granted an extra year of eligibility by the NCAA and will return to Oklahoma next season.

White, whose previous two seasons were cut short by knee injuries, surprised his team with the announcement during a team huddle at the end of practice.

### BASEBALL

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Grant DePorter, a friend of Harry Caray and managing partner of the late broadcasters' Chicago area restaurants, paid \$106,600 at auction for ball that disrupted the Cubs' possible run to the World Series.

Cubs fan Steve Bartman deflected the foul ball in Game 6 of the NLCS on Oct. 14, when it appeared headed for the glove of Cubs outfielder Moises Alou.

The Florida Marlins rallied to win the game, and the Cubs then lost Game 7 and their chance to reach their first World Series since 1945.

DePorter plans on destroying the ball in an act of exorcism.

### BASKETBALL

**EAGLE, Colo. (AP)** — The judge in the Kobe Bryant case is waiting for more information before he rules on key issues, including whether the medical history of the woman allegedly raped by the NBA star should be allowed as evidence.

State District Judge Terry Ruckriegle delayed action Friday after first meeting privately with attorneys for both sides, then sending witnesses home.

Prosecutors and lawyers for the woman say her medical history should remain out of public view. They urged the judge to hold any arguments about the issue behind closed doors, and he agreed.

## Parcells seeks another milestone

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The New York Giants will always be special to Bill Parcells because of the eight years he spent as their head coach. Less than a season into his tenure with the Dallas Cowboys, the Giants could be the source of more great memories.

He got one in September with a wild, overtime victory that was his first win with the Cowboys. Another win against the Giants today would clinch a playoff berth, something Parcells has never earned in his first year with a team.

Dallas (9-5) is an overwhelming favorite. The Giants (4-10) have lost six straight and are coming off their worst regular-season loss in 30 years. They've been so bad that coach Jim Fassel learned this week he won't be back next season.

Parcells insists this game is anything but a gimme.

He stresses how well New York played in the first meet-

ing, way back when the Giants were 1-0 and still had playoff expectations. He says recent game films show New York is still trying hard, despite its longest losing streak since 1994. And now there's the motivation of giving Fassel a great going-away gift.

"I think we're all on edge," Parcells said. "Just like a German shepherd with their ears up, that's the way I am. ... There's more on the line. There's more to play for. This is your whole year's work right here. You can accomplish something that's important and I want to try to do it."

Parcells told players that anyone who doesn't go all out in this game won't be around next season.

"We've just got to get ourselves in gear," defensive tackle La'Roi Glover said. "You've got to realize the opportunity that you have in front of you and don't be the guy to give it up. It's as simple as that."

The Cowboys actually have a chance of making the playoffs even if they lose their last two games. Winning both, would guarantee them the higher seed of the two wild cards, securing a first-round game against the division winner with the worst record.

Dallas has only a slim chance of winning the division. It would take two wins plus two losses for Philadelphia, which has won nine straight.

So, barring that unlikely scenario, Sunday's game would be the last at home this season.

There's some nice symmetry to it, too.

Sunday marks the one-year anniversary of the day Parcells and Jones first acknowledged talks that eventually led to the coach's hiring. That disclosure also came on the day of a home finale, and it branded Dave Campo as a lame-duck coach. Now it's the Giants who have a soon-to-be ex-coach.

## Pampa rallies past Herd in 3-4A opener

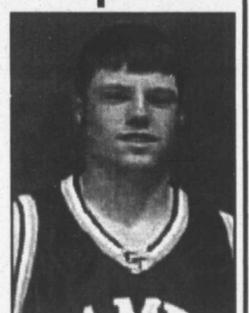
PAMPA — Pampa, trailing by as many as 11 points, put on a strong defensive effort in the second half to rally by Hereford 45-35 in a District 3-4A opener Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Hereford never trailed until junior guard Clayton Hall came off the bench and hit a free throw early in the fourth quarter to put Pampa ahead 36-35 for the first time. Hall hadn't played because of an ankle injury.

The score was tied at 33-33 after three quarters and the Harvester defense held Hereford to only a field goal in the fourth quarter.

Senior pivot Collin Bowers tossed in 19 points for Pampa to lead all scorers. He also had a game-high 9 rebounds. Senior guard Jed Martin chipped in 14 points.

LaMark Williams had 11 points to lead the Whitefaces. The Harvesters are 5-9 for



Collin Bowers

the season and the Whitefaces are 6-8.

**Pampa** 9 22 33 45

**Hereford** 14 28 33 35

P - Collin Bowers 19, Jed Martin 14, Chance Bowers 8, Clayton Hall 3, Brittin East 1;

Three-point goals: Martin 1.

H - LaMark Williams 11, Danny Garcia 8, Chris Koenig 6, Adrian Alejandre 3, Seth Hoelscher 3, Marc Wells 2, Ryan Bullard 2;

Three-point goals: Garcia 2, Williams 2, Hoelscher 1, Alejandre 1.

3. Travis Taylor, Carl Johnson, Travis Johnston and Joe Mabry 65.

4. Jerry Davis, Jimmy Cantrell, Reece Field and Bob Brandon 65. Closest to hole: Lucio Moreno, No. 15; Oscar Sargent, No. 6.

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2. Buddy Epperson, Kent Olsen, Harvey Malone and Bill Brown 65.

3. Travis Taylor, Carl Johnson, Travis Johnston and Joe Mabry 65.

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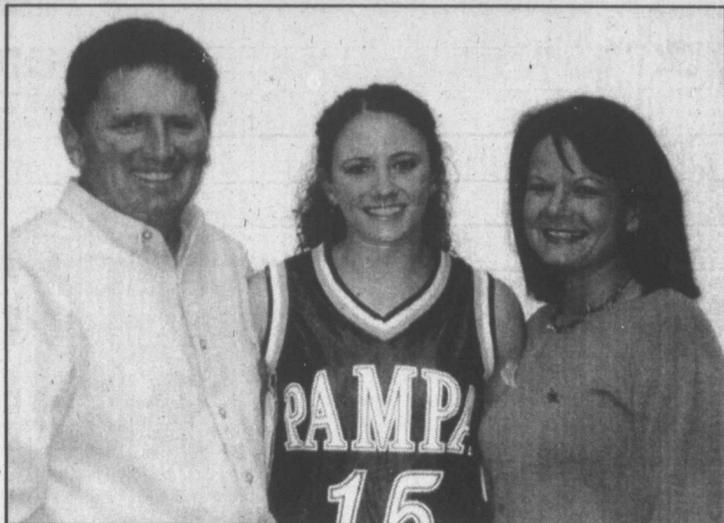
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## Harvester Hoops Spot-light



Tara Jordan is a senior on the Lady Harvesters' basketball team and is the daughter of Royce and Kim Jordan (above). Other activities include varsity tennis team, concert and choir, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, ASTRA and DF-Y-IT. Tara is also senior class secretary and is ranked No. 5 scholastically in her class. She is a member of Bible Church of Pampa youth group. Tara plans to attend Texas Tech and major in Biology.

## Pampa girls win in overtime

PAMPA - Senior guard Abbi Covalt scored on a driving layup with just four seconds remaining to give Pampa a 55-54 overtime win over Hereford in District 3-4 A action Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

It was the first district win for the Lady Harvesters after two setbacks. Hereford falls to 1-2 in district.

Covalt's basket prevented Hereford from finishing off a strong comeback after Pampa had built a 10-point lead (39-29) after three quarters.

Sophomore forward Jackie Gerber led the Pampa offense with 15 points, including three 3-point goals. Covalt followed with 10 points.

Stacey Johnson added 9 points and had a team-high 7 rebounds.

Carlee Henson was

Hereford's high scorer with 22 points. Kali Gerber followed with 15.

The Lady Harvesters (6-8 for the season) are entered in the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock on Dec. 29-31.

Hereford, 7-4 for the season, is also entered in the Caprock Tournament.

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P - Jackie Gerber 15,

Abbi Covalt 10, Stacey Johnson 9, Britteni Rice 8, Jaclyn Spearman 6, Lindsey Ammons 3, Callie Cobb 2, Whitney Roden 2; 3-point goals: Gerber 3, Covalt 1.

H - Carlee Henson 22, Kali Gerber 15, Rhiana Noland 6, Betzaira Jimenez 6, Celeste Guzman 3, Tiffany Teters 2; 3-point goals: Henson 2, Noland 1, Guzman 1, Jimenez 1.

## Mustangs defeat Hedley

WHEELER — Wheeler downed Hedley 75-61 Friday night in a non-district boys' game.

The Mustangs improved their season record to 11-3.

Hector Emiliano led three players in double-figure scoring with 19 points.

James Chapman followed with 17 and Landon Sans had 13.

Cole Liewellyn had 14 points to pace Hedley.

In the girls' game, Wheeler fell to Hedley 82-55.

Brittany Bennett was Hedley's high scorer with 18 points.

Andrea Jones led Wheeler with 17 points, followed by Lezli Finsterwald 15 and J'Shay McCasland 13.

## A-Rod's status with Rangers, Red Sox still unclear

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez's agent said the shortstop made a large enough financial concession and blamed the Red Sox and Rangers for not getting the deal done.

Scott Boras said he would leave New York on Saturday and return to his home in California.

The Red Sox proclaimed the trade "dead" Thursday, blaming the players' association for not approving a steeper reduction in Rodriguez's \$252 million, 10-year contract, but Boras had said

Friday morning that talks were continuing on the proposed swap of baseball's only \$20 million-a-year players.

"We worked very hard on this deal," Boras said early Saturday. "Alex has done everything he can to show his good faith by committing \$13 million. The two sides were \$20 million apart. You would think mutual concessions by both teams would allow this deal to happen."

Red Sox president Larry

Lucchino, who said Thursday the proposed trade of Manny Ramirez for A-Rod had collapsed, insisted his team had stopped its efforts to acquire the shortstop.

"There really is nothing going on that I'm aware of. None of us have had any conversations with Texas," Lucchino said before leaving Boston for the holidays. "I'm on my way to visit family and hope to put this behind me."

## NFL STANDINGS

National Football League At A Glance						
By The Associated Press All Times EST						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	12	2	0	0.857	296	222
Miami	8	6	0	0.571	268	237
Buffalo	6	8	0	0.429	240	228
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	0.429	246	255
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Indianapolis	11	3	0	0.786	410	288
Tennessee	10	4	0	0.714	375	287
Houston	5	9	0	0.357	214	333
Jacksonville	4	10	0	0.286	242	291
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	8	6	0	0.571	322	335
Baltimore	8	6	0	0.571	343	271
Pittsburgh	5	9	0	0.357	250	290
Cleveland	4	10	0	0.286	232	273
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Kansas City	12	2	0	0.857	433	284
Denver	9	5	0	0.643	347	253
Oakland	4	10	0	0.286	249	317
San Diego	3	11	0	0.214	268	387
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Philadelphia	11	3	0	0.786	315	249
Dallas	9	5	0	0.643	263	244
Washington	5	9	0	0.357	256	314
N.Y. Giants	4	10	0	0.286	216	331
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Carolina	9	5	0	0.643	268	266
New Orleans	7	7	0	0.500	308	299
Tampa Bay	7	7	0	0.500	260	201
Atlanta	3	11	0	0.214	248	380
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	8	6	0	0.571	370	297
Minnesota	8	6	0	0.571	354	315
Chicago	6	8	0	0.429	253	291
Detroit	4	10	0	0.286	226	339

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-St. Louis	11	3	0	0.786	400	288
Seattle	8	6	0	0.571	352	300
San Francisco	6	8	0	0.429	336	285
Arizona	3	11	0	0.214	197	407

x-clinched playoff spot  
y-clinched division

### Saturday's Games

Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1:30 p.m.  
Kansas City at Minnesota, 5 p.m.  
New England at N.Y. Jets, 8:30 p.m.

### Sunday's Games

Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 1 p.m.  
Detroit at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
Washington at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.  
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 1 p.m.  
Baltimore at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
New Orleans at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.  
San Diego at Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m.  
Arizona at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.  
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.  
Denver at Indianapolis, 8:30 p.m.

### Monday's Game

Green Bay at Oakland, 9 p.m.  
**Saturday, Dec. 27**  
Buffalo at New England, 1:30 p.m.  
Seattle at San Francisco, 5 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

### Sunday, Dec. 28

St. Louis at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1 p.m.  
Chicago at Kansas City, 1 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 1 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 1 p.m.  
Dallas at New Orleans, 1 p.m.  
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
Carolina at N.Y. Giants, 4:05 p.m.  
Minnesota at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.  
Denver at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.  
Oakland at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 8:30 p.m.  
**End Regular Season**

## Stars offense continues to sputter

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — The Dallas Stars have had problems scoring goals lately, and Florida goalie Roberto Luongo did nothing to provide any relief.

Luongo made 36 saves and Marcus Nilson scored a second-period short-handed goal in a 1-0 victory for the Panthers on Friday night.

"He played very well, obviously, and if you don't have great goaltending in this league, you don't win a lot of games," Florida coach Rick Dudley said.

Luongo's performance helped the Panthers record their second victory in 11 games (2-3-5-1).

"It was just one of those

nights where everything was working well for me," said Luongo, who recorded his 18th career shutout and his first 1-0 victory. "The guys did a good job."

"They had a lot of shots, but it was a lot of perimeters and on a couple of rebounds the guys were there. It was like a playoff game tonight."

## Blue Hens win 1-AA crown

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Delaware put in another dominant performance to win the Division I-AA national championship.

All-American Andy Hall threw two touchdown passes Friday night to lead the Blue Hens to a 40-0 win over Colgate, the first shutout and biggest margin of victory in the championship game's history.

"To play your last game in a national championship in front of this type of crowd, this atmosphere and this city and to dominate the way we dominated really just capped the past two years for us," said Hall, a senior who transferred from Georgia Tech in 2002.

Delaware (15-1) had outscored its opponents 109-23 in the previous three playoff games and took control after some early miscues, by Colgate (15-1), which saw its 21-game winning streak come to an end.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

### PCCA

Pampa Community Concert 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 are available at the door. For more information on any of these events, 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.

### TDHS VOLUNTEERS

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

### BLOOD DRIVE

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will conduct a blood drive in Pampa from 12-7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 23, in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building (Chamber Building), 200 N. Ballard. Donors will receive a gold Christmas ornament for participating. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (806) 358-4563.

### PAS DANCE

The next Pampa Area Singles Dance will be a dressy affair. It is scheduled from 8 p.m.-12 midnight Saturday, Dec. 27, at M.K. Brown Auditorium with Indian Summer. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol

allowed. Bring snacks. For more information, call 665-7059.

### DIAMOND MISS PAGEANT

The Second Annual Our Diamond Miss Beauty Pageant will be staged at 1 p.m. Jan. 10 at VFW Hall Post 1657, 105 S. Cuyler. For more information, call 669-7671 or 665-8921.

### 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 America Campaign, P.O. Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150-1058. Deadline for entry into this year's program is April 30, 2004. Forms are also available on-line at [www.youthforamerica.com](http://www.youthforamerica.com).

### USS SPERRY

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

# Kimbell Museum exhibit features Renaissance prayer books

BY ANGELA K. BROWN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

FORT WORTH (AP) — Some of the most ornate paintings from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance eras do not hang in a museum. In fact, they're not even in frames.

Books, some smaller than a deck of cards, contain masterpieces from 1250 to 1550 and feature religious scenes with intricate details.

Fort Worth's Kimbell Art Museum showcases 58 of the books in "Painted Prayers: Medieval and Renaissance Books of Hours," an exhibit running through Jan. 18.

"These are rarely exhibited. That's what makes them treasures," said museum director Timothy Potts. "It's painting which revels in details and layers of images, and there are nice touches of humor and detail. It's quite

extraordinary."

Artisans in France, England, Italy and the Netherlands created the religious manuscripts — containing various prayers, a calendar, gospel lessons and the Psalms — with colorful illustrations on each page.

People read them at home several times a day and recited them aloud at church. From the 13th to 16th centuries, there were more prayer books than copies of the Bible.

Renovations at the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York allowed the exhibit to appear at the Kimbell. The library's collection of 130 printed copies and 240 manuscripts, called books of hours, is among the best in the world, Potts said.

In the early years, royalty commissioned famous artists of that day to make books, each one hand-painted and unique. Ordinary people also

had the books made, sometimes the only book a family had. By the late 15th and 16th centuries, the books were printed and even more people had access.

"They were used during the course of the day to know which prayers to say, so every pious man and woman needed to have one," Potts said.

The need to manage light levels and temperatures to protect the centuries-old parchment and bindings limits display of the books. As a result, the blues, greens, reds and golds remain vivid.

Because the works are displayed in glass cases, museum officials often had a hard time deciding which two pages of each book to display. But they chose based on works that "express the artists at their very best," Potts said.

One of the most celebrated books in the exhibit is "Farnese Hours," made for

Cardinal Alessandro Farnese by an artist compared to Michelangelo. Giulio Clovio of Rome worked on the book nine years, finishing it in 1546. The pages entitled "Death of Uria" and "David in Prayer" depict emotional scenes.

Another highlight of the exhibit is the book "Hours of Catherine of Cleves" painted in 1440 by an unknown artist in the Netherlands.

Considered one of the richest books of hours, it was made for Catherine of Cleves, duchess of Guelders and countess of Zutphen. The page entitled "Crucifixion with Catherine of Cleves" shows three women at the feet

of Jesus on the cross with a richly detailed border.

Also in that book is a page entitled "Hell," where a border of leaves and flowers surrounds a scene in which pitch-fork-toting creatures pull people into a demon's fiery mouth. It also lists the seven deadly sins.

This prayer was recited for those who died but also was intended to scare those still living, said Nancy Edwards, the museum's curator of European art. The picture of hell usually was not included in books of hours because the concept was too frightening for people in that era, she said.

One of the largest books is 12 1/2-by-8 1/2 inches, the

"DuBois Hours," with 200 pages, made by an unknown artist in England about 1325. The page entitled "Virgin and Child Adored by Hawisia DuBois and Her Family" depicts the family, for whom the book was made, kneeling before the virgin Mary and baby Jesus.

Many people who commissioned the books wanted their names in the manuscript to show ownership, Edwards said.

"These books are all one of a kind, all done to order for someone," Edwards said.

On the Net:  
Kimbell Museum:  
<http://www.kimbellart.org>

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## CLUB

—Members gathered stuffed toys and books for donation to Tralee Crisis Center.

—Ruth Barrett is to present the January State Delegate Program.

—Florence Rife presented members with individual pieces of her own hand-painted china.

—Terrell delivered a Christmas program. Afterwards, members named their favorite Christmas carols and recounted memories of "yore."

—Terrell distributed snowmen Christmas notepads to all present, and members participated in a gift exchange.

—Barton won the door prize.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Jan. 8 at the home of Mary Ann Bailey, 2221 N. Russell.

### 20th Century Club

Twentieth Century Club met recently for its Christmas party/meeting in the home of hostess and president, Phyllis White, with White presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Dot Stowers delivered the treasurer's report.

—Secretary Myrna Orr read minutes which were

approved as read.

—Committee reports were heard.

—Mildred Laycock presented the Christmas program.

—Members brought gifts for donation to Tralee Crisis Center and themselves participated in a gift exchange.

The next meeting will be Jan. 13 in the home of Nancy Coffee. Louise Bailey will deliver the program.

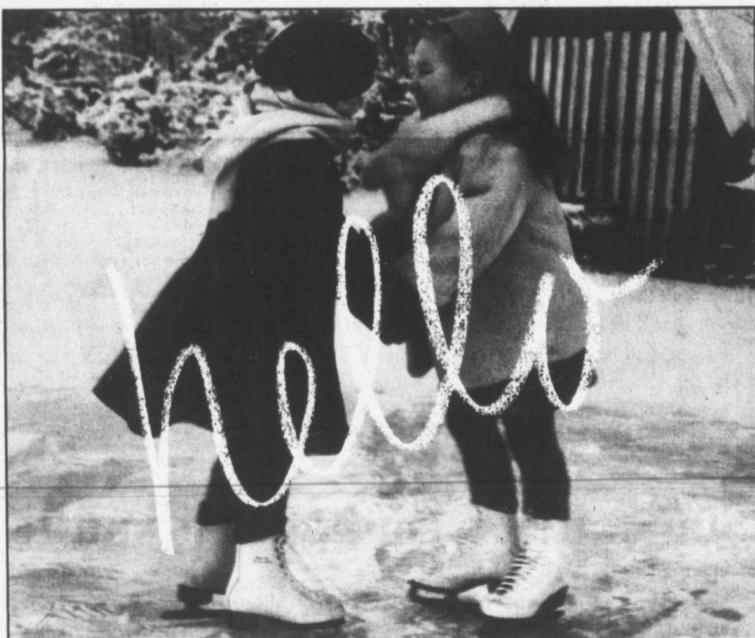
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## COMMUNITY

## NEWSMAKERS

## Eileen Giacobbe Kludt

Eileen Giacobbe Kludt of Pampa was recently inducted into Golden Key International Honor Society at Texas A&M University.

"It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Eileen be recognized by Golden Key," said Alexander D. Perwich II, Golden Key's CEO. "Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to service."

Golden Key, a non-profit global organization, was founded more than 25 years ago in Atlanta, Ga., and provides academic recognition to college upperclassmen who rank in the top 15 percent of their class.

CANYON — A.J. Swope, a freshman broadcasting major from Pampa, is among 41 students named to staff positions at West Texas A&M University's radio station, KWTS-FM 91.1, for the spring 2004 semester. All management and on-air talent for the station is provided by WTAMU students.

The radio station went on the air in 1972 as a broadcast facility designed for both educational and entertainment purposes at WTAMU. Since then, KWTS has become a nationally recognized station through a series of competitions with other colleges around the nation.

The membership of the university's chapter of the National Broadcast Society (NBS) is comprised of many of the KWTS staffers. These students have helped the station win numerous awards at the NBS National Conventions for several years running. KWTS also has received a variety of honors on campus and is a three-time winner the President's Silver Buffalo Award.

## CLUB NEWS

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

## Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met Dec. 16 for its annual Christmas party at the home of Dona Cornutt, hostess for the event.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Members participated in a "hand-made" gift exchange.

—The club earned \$200 from the sale of ornaments off its tree entered in Festival of Trees. The money was to be used to purchase a gift for a needy child enrolled in The Salvation Army Angel Tree project.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 6 at the home of Pat Youngblood.

## Progressive TEEA Club

Progressive Texas Extension Education Association Club met Dec. 11 at the home of hostess Beulah Terrell with President June Rowan presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Eva Dennis, with the help of Rowan, Geneva Barton and Helene Baumgardner, reported on the club's entry in Festival of Trees.

(See CLUB, Page 12)

## Children's Holiday Shopping Tour

BY JOHN W. WARNER  
FOR THE NEWS

"The 2003 Children's Shopping Tour will touch more than 600 lives," General Chair Trevlyn Pitner told volunteers assembled at the Pampa Optimist Youth Club on Saturday morning, Dec. 13. "That includes the people in this room."

Examples of touched lives abounded.

A mother who was at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston with her son called to give information on where to pick up her daughter.

"May I have some tea?" a small boy asked. As the chaperone got up to get it for him, he said, "Just a minute. Before you go. I need a hug."

A cashier smiled as a 6-year-old boy proudly waved a rattle he had bought for his little sister. He would not put it down.

In writing out a list of what she wanted for Christmas, a girl whose family is homeless wrote, "A home."

Children smiled as they sang "Jingle Bells" and "I Wish You a Merry Christmas" with gusto.

Santa Clause was caught by surprise when he asked a youngster, "What do you want for Christmas?"

"For my mother to get well," the young girl replied.

The children were given a reminder not to throw Jesus away this season or lose sight of him in all the commercialization of Christmas.

A 7-year-old boy was seen excitedly clutching a small Bible the Gideon organization had given him. It was his first very own Bible.

A police officer was holding firmly the hand of a girl who playfully had run and hid from him while shopping a Wal-Mart.

"We served 107 children and an additional 250 family members," said John Wagner, who was in charge of registration. "Several had moved or were not home. We wound up serving fewer children this year, but we served more family members. Some of the children had very large families."

"We could not have made it this year without the high school kids," said Shelley Cook, who was in charge of recruiting more than 200 volunteers.

Optimist members Melvin Davis and Randell Tice reported cooking 310 hamburgers, this compared to 250 last year.

The children were given a 20 percent increase in money to spend. They were permitted to spend up to \$30 per family member compared to \$25 last year. The Optimist Mrs. Club estimated that more than 800 gifts were wrapped this year, up about 100 from last year. Optimist Treasurer Judy Warner reported that over \$8,600 was spent on gifts this year.

Pitner summed up the project, "Christmas is about caring and sharing. Most of these children had never been able to do this at Christmas before. This is an experience they will never forget. They now know what the Christmas season is really about." He added, "It is remarkable how this project came together. It really takes all of us to make it work."

"I have been involved with Christmas projects for more than 30 years," said Capt. Patricia Steward of the Salvation Army. "This is the best Christmas project I have ever seen."

The 2003 Children's Shopping Tour was a joint project of about 75 organizations, businesses and individuals including Kiwanis Club of Pampa, Salvation Army, Energizer and Aldersgate Sunday School classes of First United Methodist Church, American Red Cross, Texas Department of Human Services, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Pampa Rotary Club, 31st District Attorney's Office, Body of Christ Church, Briarwood Full Gospel Church, First Christian Church, Lamplighter Sunday School Class of First Christian Church, ASTRA Club, a high school service club, Total Youth Ministry of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Tralee Crisis Center, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Pampa Police Officers' Association, Gray County Sheriff's Office, Amari'lo Police Department, Roberts County Sheriff's Office, Moose Lodge, Pampa High School Basketball Team, Lady Harvester Basketball Team, PHS Cheerleaders, PHS Choir, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church, Democratic Club of Gray County, Pampa Firefighters' Association and Pampa Optimist Youth Club.



(Courtesy photo)

Chaperones, from left, Sharon Braddock, Mike Clendenning and Jim Braddock help a small shopper wrap her presents.



(Courtesy photo)

Volunteers gathered at Pampa Optimist Club for this year's Children's Shopping Tour.



(Courtesy photo)

Cori Cook, left, and her mom Shelly fix their hamburgers after the shopping tour.



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Ben Woodington, left, and Trevlyn Pitner, children's shopping tour chairman, use walkie-talkies to coordinate shoppers and chaperones.

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# LIFESTYLES

## WEDDINGS

### Stowers-Locknane

Mary Celeste Stowers and Grady Tyrel Locknane, both of Lubbock, were wed Saturday, Dec. 20, in First United Methodist Church of Pampa with the Rev. Todd Dyess, of Hobbs, N.M., officiating.

The maid of honor was Ms. Kristen Stowers of Norman, Okla. The matron of honor was Mrs. Mindee Ferland of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Shanna Stone of Fort Worth and Ms. Meredith Jumper, Ms. Cortney Locknane and Ms. Chelsea McCullough, all of Lubbock.

The honor attendants were Ms. Tanna Stowers of Pampa, Ms. Teryn Stowers, Ms. Brittany Brazile, Ms. Audra King, Ms. Linley Wagner, Ms. Holly Bennett, Ms. Emily Curtis and Ms. Lindsey Staley, all of Lubbock, Ms. Shayla Keeling of Clovis, N.M., Ms. Courtney Lang of Norman, Okla., and Mrs.



Mary Celeste Stowers

Traci Baize of Amarillo.

The best man was Cody Locknane of Pampa. The groomsmen were Joel Ferland of Pampa, Josh Luig and Randy James, both of Lubbock, and Phil

Everson and Mike Smith, both of Lewisville.

Registering the guests were Ms. Amy Spearman of Canyon, Ms. Jaclyn Spearman of Pampa, Ms. Joanna Wheeley of

Amarillo, Ms. Lee Carmichael of Oxford, Miss., Ms. Rebekah Warner of College Station and Ms. Jessica Morrison of Lubbock.

Music was provided by Vienna Conspiracy String Quartet of Amarillo, Ms. Meredith Hendricks, vocalist, of Lubbock, and Ms. Roberta Hendricks, pianist, of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service at Pampa Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Ms. Melinda Spearman Stowers of Pampa. She is scheduled to graduate from Texas Tech University in May 2004 with a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Murray Locknane of Pampa. He is scheduled to graduate in May 2004 from Texas Tech with a bachelor of science degree in cell and molecular biology and a minor in chemistry.

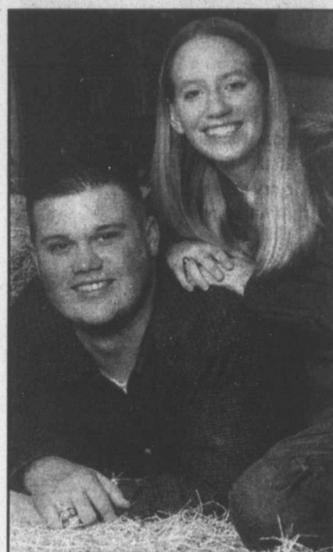
The newlyweds planned to honeymoon in St. Lucia and intend to make their home in Lubbock.

## ENGAGEMENTS

### Kludt-Anderson

Amanda Karol Kludt and Erick Thomas Anderson plan to wed Jan. 24, 2004, at First Presbyterian Church in Bryan. The reception will follow at the Faculty Club at Texas A&M University.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kludt of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Mrs. Nettie Marie Kludt and the late David Kludt of Orange and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Giacobbe of Baltimore, Md. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and from Texas A&M University in 2000 with a bachelor of science degree in recreation, park and tourism sciences. The prospective

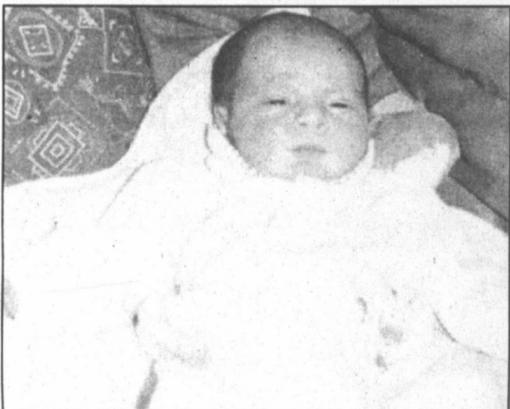


Erick Anderson and Amanda Kludt

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Radel Cardington, Ohio.

He graduated from Cy-Fair High School in 1997 and from Texas A&M University in 2001 with a bachelor of science degree in industrial distribution.

## CRADLE CALL



Hunter L. Dyer

### Hunter Dyer

Hunter Lance Dyer was born at 2:01 a.m. Nov. 8 at Texarkana, Texas, to Jason and April Dyer of Texarkana. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 12-

ounces and was 20 1/2-inches long.

The proud grandparents are Shane and Shelley Dyer and Rick and Nona Melanson, all of Pampa.



Weston L. Cox

### Weston L. Cox

Weston Lee Cox was born at 5:19 p.m. Nov. 21 at Pampa Regional Medical Center to Raymond L. and Teena J. Cox of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 4-ounces

and was 19-inches long.

Weston has one sister, Kayla Cox, and is the grandson of Robert and Jane Jacobs of Pampa and Robert Cox II and Karen Cox, both of Wichita, Kan.

## Bridal Selection

- Erin Kerlick ~ Barry Brauchi
- Celeste Stowers ~ Grady Locknane
- Amanda Kludt ~ Erick Anderson
- Amber Ratliff ~ Kurt Jones
- Lacy Plunk ~ Jason Nolte
- Julie Marsh ~ David Radcliff

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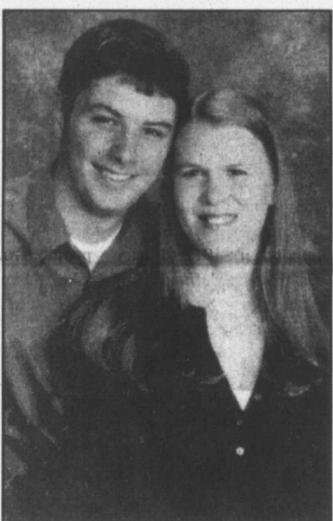
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3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.
4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at (See POLICIES, Page 15)

### Kerlick-Brauchi

Erin Rae Kerlick of Lubbock and Barry Lloyd Brauchi of Midland plan to wed Jan. 3, 2004, at Mid-Cities Community Church in Midland.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Stephen and Mary Cole Kerlick of Houston and Mitchell and Kathy Clark of Midland. She graduated from Texas Tech University this month with a bachelor of business administration degree in general business with an international emphasis.

The prospective groom is the son of Ronald and Donna



Barry Brauchi and Erin Kerlick

Brauchi of Pampa. He holds a bachelor of science degree in personal financial planning

## MENUS

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 22-26

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MONDAY-FRIDAY  
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Senior Citizens  
MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken/broccoli casserole, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, pineapple upsidedown cake or chocolate pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Baked turkey/dressing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, yams, pumpkin cake, cherry cobbler, fruit cups, diet coconut pie, cranberry sauce, deviled eggs, stuffed celery, olives/pickles, rolls. (Deadline to order carry-outs is early Tuesday morning.)

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY  
Holiday.

Meals On Wheels  
MONDAY

Sloppy Joes, potato salad, baked beans, pudding.

TUESDAY

Ham, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad.

WEDNESDAY

Chicken casserole, corn, broccoli, apricots.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY  
Holiday.

## Bridal Registry...

- Celeste Stowers • Grady Locknane
- Amanda Kludt • Erick Anderson
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# Poetry Magazine struggles to spend gift

By HILLEL ITALIE  
AP NATIONAL WRITER

CHICAGO (AP) — Joe Parisi, who for 20 years ran Poetry Magazine, is a short, sad-eyed man with the kind of low, detached voice that makes all the world seem a droll conspiracy.

Parisi loves to tell stories and the past year has provided a windfall. In November 2002, Poetry announced that a \$100 million grant had made it rich beyond even a poet's imagination. Suggestions for spending the money soon followed.

"One morning, I was sitting in the coffee shop, minding my own business ... and a guy comes by in a jogging suit, looks in the window and a few minutes later was standing in front me," Parisi recalled.

"He introduces himself as a person working for a large financial institution, takes out his card and says he would like to get together and discuss being my financial adviser."

Some stories Parisi won't tell. In August, he abruptly left the magazine he had run since 1983 to "pursue his writing interests." He declined further comment when contacted recently by The Associated Press, but in an AP interview shortly before he announced his departure, he had called the gift a "mixed blessing" and appeared nostalgic for the days when he could drink his coffee undisturbed.

"We still have a magazine to publish, and we have to deal with this onslaught," he said at the time.

Founded in 1912, Poetry had for decades defined itself as a struggling but intimate operation devoted solely to the self-evident mission of the magazine's title. Now, money itself has become an occupation, enhancing and complicating that mission.

Receiving such a grant is far more involved than simply being handed a check and depositing it into a bank account. Because of tax laws and numerous other regulations, the money is to be spent over a 30-year period, with payments coming from a series of trust funds.

"It's astonishing. It's so hard to describe," says Deborah Cummins, chairwoman of the board of trustees for The Poetry Foundation, a nonprofit

organization formed by the magazine to manage the funds bequeathed by philanthropist Ruth E. Lilly, the drug company heiress.

So far, the magazine's spending has been mostly confined to internal matters.

Staffers have a lot of general ideas on how to use the grant, including reaching out to the business community, but nothing specific has been decided. The foundation expects to soon hire a president who can organize and implement what Cummins calls a "strategic plan."

"We can't do anything until we have a strategic plan," she says. "We've never been in this position before — the ones giving out the money. We've always been on the other side of the desk, writing grant applications."

The magazine has moved to larger quarters. Before the grant, Poetry was squeezed into an 850 square foot suite at Chicago's Newberry Library, a leading research facility. Now the magazine rents about 5,000 square feet in a nearby office building.

An attractive, pamphlet-sized monthly, Poetry looks essentially the same as it did before the Lilly grant. But changes are underway.

The goal of Parisi's replacement, Christian Wiman, a 37-year-old poet whose work has appeared in the magazine, is to make the magazine more accessible both to its readers and to non-poets. More letters to the editor will be published and next spring the magazine will start a new feature called "A View From Here."

"What I'm doing is asking people from other fields to take a bunch of new poetry books and write about them," says Wiman, who already has pieces coming from Pulitzer Prize winning historian Garry Wills ("Lincoln at Gettysburg") and Michael Lewis, author of the best selling "Liar's Poker," a critique of the investment banking industry.

Inclusiveness has always been the goal of Poetry, founded by Harriet Monroe, a poet and editor who established an "open door" policy that judged submissions on quality alone, not on style or subject matter.

The magazine soon established itself as a forum for some of the most important work of the 20th century, including "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock," by a then-unknown T.S. Eliot. Billy Collins, who recently ended a two-year stint as the nation's poet laureate, is a current contributor.

"You feel like you're joining a pantheon when you're published there," Collins says. "You feel as if you're playing at least a minor role in the history of modern poetry."

In 1970, a poet named Mrs. Guernsey Van Riper Jr. submitted verse that was not accepted, although still believed worthy of a personal rejection letter. Mrs. Van Riper, whose maiden name was Ruth Lilly, was apparently not offended.

Over the next three decades, the since-divorced Lilly sponsored an annual poetry prize through the magazine and provided money for poetry fellowships. In 2001, her attorney informed Poetry about the \$100 million gift, a sum so enormous that the magazine waited a year to tell the public.

"I thought it was a good idea to keep this quiet for as long as possible. We knew there'd be a media frenzy," Parisi said.

Few art forms could use financial help as much as poetry, which sells little compared to other genres. Flowers estimates about 1,000 poetry books are published each year, with print runs averaging between 1,000 and 2,000, rarely selling out within a year unless winning a major prize.

Best-selling books usually include a famous name from another field (Garrison Keillor, rapper Tupac Shakur) or are old narrative texts more likely to be assigned rather than voluntarily read ("The Canterbury Tales," Dante's "Inferno").

Officials at Poetry Magazine and elsewhere agree that poetry itself is the best advertisement for poetry, that the more people are exposed to it the more likely they are to read it.

As poet laureate, Collins initiated the Poetry 180 project, in which high school students hear a poem recited each of the 180 days of the academic year. His predecessor,

Robert Pinsky, assembled a compilation of the public's favorite poems and staged live readings with some of the book's participants. Dana Gioia, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, makes a point of includ-

ing a poem when making a public appearance.

"I find myself often quoting a poem from memory at the start of a speech and I've noticed how deeply and immediately audiences respond," Gioia says. "I con-

tinue to believe there is a great hunger in public life for fine, passionate and memorable language."

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

**HOT COUNTRY SINGLES AND TRACKS**

- (Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "There Goes My Life," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
  2. "Cowboys Like Us," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
  3. "I Love This Bar," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
  4. "You Can't Take the Honky Tonk Out of the Girl," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
  5. "Remember When," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
  6. "Chicks Dig It," Chris Cagle. Capitol.
  7. "Honesty (Write Me A List)," Rodney Atkins. Curb.
  8. "Walking in Memphis," Lonestar. BNA.
  9. "Drinkin' Bone," Tracy Byrd. RCA.
  10. "I Wanna Do It All," Terri Clark. Mercury.
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**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. (Platinum)
  2. "Greatest Hits Volume II and Some Other Stuff," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
  3. "Up!," Shania Twain.

- Mercury (Nashville). (Platinum)
4. "Top of the World Tour Live," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Gold)
  5. "Unleashed," Toby Keith. DreamWorks (Nashville). (Platinum)
  6. "All I Want For Christmas is a Real Good Tan," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Gold)
  7. "Martina," Martina McBride. RCA (Nashville). (Gold)
  8. "Greatest Hits," LeAnn Rimes. Curb.
  9. "Melt," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
  10. "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
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- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)
1. "You Don't Know My Name," Alicia Keys. J. Jagged Edge. Columbia.
  2. "Walked Outta Heaven," J. Jagged Edge. Columbia.
  3. "The Way You Move," OutKast feat. Sleepy Brown. Arista. (Gold)
  4. "Step in the Name of Love," R. Kelly. Jive.
  5. "Read Your Mind," Avant. Geffen.
  6. "Milkshake," Kelis. Star Trak.
  7. "Change Clothes," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam/DJMG.
  8. "Damn!" YoungBloodZ (feat. Lil Jon). So So Def.
  9. "Stand Up," Ludacris (feat. Shawna). Disturbing the Peace.
  10. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat. Kanye West & Jamie Foxx). Atlantic.
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**TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUMS**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "The Diary of Alicia Keys," Alicia Keys. J.
  2. "Soulful," Ruben Studdard. J.
  3. "soulstar," Musiq. Def Soul.
  4. "Private Room," Avant. Magic Johnson.
  5. "Terrorist Threats," Westside Connection. Hoo-Bangin'.
  6. "Big Money Heavyweight," Big Tymers. Cash Money.
  7. "Tasty," Kelis. Star Trak.
  8. "The Black Album," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
  9. "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," OutKast. Arista. (Platinum)
  10. "Beg for Mercy," G-Unit. G-Unit. (Platinum)
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**HOT RAP TRACKS**

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  2. "Stand Up," Ludacris (feat. Frankie J). Disturbing the Peace.
  3. "Damn!" YoungBloodz (feat. Lil Jon). Arista.
  4. "Change Clothes," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
  5. "Runnin' (Dying to Live)," Tupac (feat. The Notorious B.I.G.). Amaru.
  6. "Stunt 101," G-Unit. G-Unit.
  7. "Holidae In," Chingy (feat. Ludacris & Snoop Dogg). Disturbing the Peace.
  8. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat. Kanye West & Jamie Foxx). Atlantic.
  9. "Wat da Hook Gon Be,"

- Murphy Lee feat. Jermaine Dupri. Fo'Reel.
10. "Get Low," Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz (feat. Ying Yang Twins). BME.
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**HOT DANCE MUSIC CLUB PLAY**

- (Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)
1. "Me Against the Music," Britney Spears (feat. Madonna). Jive.
  2. "Are You Ready for Love," Elton John. Southern Fried/Ultra.
  3. "A Thousand Beautiful Things (Rauhofer, G&D, Bimbo Jones)," Annie Lennox. J.
  4. "Stoned (Deep Dish Remix)," Dido. Arista.
  5. "Believe," Murk (Oscar G. & Ralph Falcon). Tommy Boy Silver Label.
  6. "Lucky Star," Basement Jaxx (feat. Dizzee Rascal). XL.
  7. "You're So Beautiful," Donna Summer. Mercury.
  8. "Waiting For You (Thick Dick, Passengerz, 29 Palms, D. Carter)," Seal. Warner Bros.
  9. "Wonderful (S. Kleinenberg & D. Aude Mixes)," Annie Lennox. J.
  10. "Nobody Knows Me (P. Rauhofer, Above & Beyond, Mount Sims Mixes)," Madonna. Maverick/Warner Bros.
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**HOT LATIN TRACKS**

- (Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)
1. "Mientes Tan Bien," Sin Bandera. Sony Discos.
  2. "Me Cansé de Ti," Obie Bermudez. EMI Latin.
  3. "Quien Te Dijo Eso?," Luis Fonsi. Universal Latino.
  4. "Nomás Por Tu Culpa," Los Huracanes Del Norte. Univision.
  5. "La Paga," Juanes. Surco.
  6. "Antes," Obie Bermudez. EMI Latin.
  7. "Te Llevaré Al Cielo," Mana. Warner Latina.
  8. "Ave Cautiva," Conjunto Primavera. Fonovisa.
  9. "Te Necesito," Luis Miguel. Warner Latina.
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**TOP CONTEMPORARY JAZZ ALBUMS**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Come Away With Me," Norah Jones. Blue Note. (Platinum)
  2. "Saxophonic," Dave Koz. Capitol.
  3. "Ultimate Kenny G," Kenny G. BMG Heritage.
  4. "Emotions," Will Downing. GRP.
  5. "The Journey Within,"

- Bernie Williams. GRP.
6. "A Thousand Kisses Deep," Chris Botti. Columbia.
  7. "A Twist of Motown," Various Artists. GRP.
  8. "Verve/Remixed2," Various Artists. Verve.
  9. "Who Needs Love," Incognito. Narada Jazz.
  10. "Embrace," Najee. N-Coded.
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**TOP CLASSICAL ALBUMS**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Sacred Arias: Special Edition," Andrea Bocelli. Philips.
  2. Soundtrack: "Master and Commander." Decca.
  3. "Romance of the Violin," Joshua Bell. Sony Classical.
  4. "Live in Dublin," Andre Rieu. Denon.
  5. "Sentimento," Andrea Bocelli. Philips. (Platinum)
  6. "By Request," Renee Fleming. Decca.
  7. "Wolcum Yule," Anonymys 4. Harmonia Mundi.
  8. "Tchaikovsky/Mendelssohn: Piano Concertos," Lang Lang. DG.
  9. "The Salieri Album," Cecilia Bartoli. Decca.
  10. "Opera Arias," Anna Netrebko. DG.
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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. (Gold)
  2. "The Way You Move," OutKast feat. Sleepy Brown. Arista. (Gold)
  3. "Milkshake," Kelis. Star Trak.
  4. "Stand Up," Ludacris (feat. Shawna). Disturbing the Peace.
  5. "You Don't Know My Name," Alicia Keys. J.
  6. "Walked Outta Heaven," Jagged Edge. Columbia.
  7. "Here Without You," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
  8. "Suga Suga," Baby Bash (feat. Frankie J). Universal.
  9. "Holidae In," Chingy (feat. Ludacris & Snoop Dogg). Disturbing the Peace.
  10. "Change Clothes," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
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**THE BILLBOARD 200 TOP ALBUMS: TOP 10**

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1. "Soulful," Ruben Studdard. J.
  2. "The Diary of Alicia Keys," Alicia Keys. J.
  3. "Now 14," Various Artists. Columbia/Universal/EMI/Zomba/Sony Music. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
  4. "Shock'n Y'all," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
  5. "Closer," Josh Groban. 143.
  6. "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," OutKast. Arista. (Platinum)
  7. "As Time Goes By...The Great American Songbook Vol. II," Rod Stewart. J. (Platinum)
  8. "Metamorphosis," Hilary Duff. Buena Vista. (Platinum)
  9. "The Very Best of Sheryl Crow," Sheryl Crow. A&M. (Platinum)
  10. "In the Zone," Britney Spears. Jive/Zomba. (Platinum)
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- HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY**  
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1. "Unwell," matchbox twenty. Atlantic.
  2. "Sending You a Little Christmas," Jim Brickman with Kristy Starling. Windham Hill.
  3. "Calling All Angels," Train. Columbia.
  4. "Drift Away," Uncle Kracker (feat. Dobie Gray). Lava.
  5. "Forever and For Always," Shania Twain. Mercury.
  6. "White Flag," Dido. Arista.
  7. "Big Yellow Taxi," Counting Crows (feat. Vanessa Carlton). Geffen.
  8. "Sunrise," Simply Red. simplyred.com/Red Ink.
  9. "The First Cut is the Deepest," Sheryl Crow. A&M.
  10. "Look Through My Eyes," Phil Collins. Walt Disney.

**TOP CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ALBUMS**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "WOW Hits 2004," Various Artists. Provident.
  2. "Almost There," MercyMe. INO. (Platinum)
  3. "Peace," Jim Brickman. Windham Hill.
  4. "Payable on Death," P.O.D. Atlantic. (Gold)
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written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

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We tolerated it until recently. After hearing "Jingle Bells" by the Barking Dogs, four of us neighbors had an idea.

During our weekly card game, I made the comment, "If I had an outside sound system, I'd play the Barking Dogs' 'Jingle Bells' each night when the dog barks." I was making a joke, but my card buddies took me up on it. "Rick" has outdoor speakers, "Barney" has an old PA system, "Art" volunteered to set it up, and I was to get the record or tape of "Jingle Bells."

Three days later, everything was set up and ready. When the dog started its barking around 1 a.m., I reached over, turned on the PA system and played "Jingle Bells." The dog shut up! Two hours later, the barking resumed. Again I turned on the PA system. I know my neighbors were rolling over laughing as much as I was.

The next day, I took my daily jog around the neighborhood. The dog owner was outside and I stopped to say hello. He asked me if I had heard the dogs barking "Jingle Bells." I told him, yes, and I was happy to hear them do it in harmony. Then I added, "I wonder if they'll keep it up during the year — say, New Year's and Easter." He said, "I hope not!"

Needless to say, it took only two more nights before he got the message. Yesterday, when I stopped by his place, he told me he had found a better home for his dog, with a loving child to play with.

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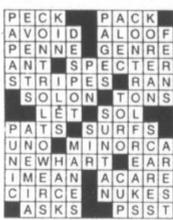
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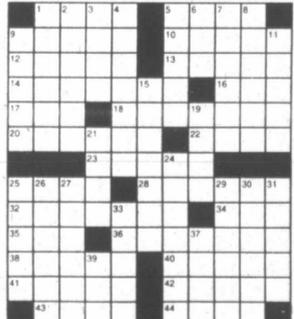
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# Lots of animals cloned, but Nature doesn't make it easy

NEW YORK (AP) — Wanna clone a cow? A Massachusetts company guarantees a healthy calf for \$19,000 — and two for \$34,000.

Wanna clone a cat? A California-based company says it's gearing up to offer that service soon, maybe next year.

Wanna clone a cute monkey? Good luck. Almost seven years after the birth of Dolly the sheep shocked scientists and lay people, cloning has shown mixed progress. Scientists have achieved it in more than a dozen mammal species, from mice to rabbits, goats, pigs, and horses. They've cloned a calf from a slaughtered cow. They've even cloned a wild sheep from a carcass found in a pasture.

An efficient cloning process still eludes them. Clones are more prone to physical defects than regular animals are. And researchers haven't been able to duplicate monkeys from adult or fetal tissue, a goal that could help medical research.

Hovering over these biological challenges are two other issues. The Food and Drug Administration is pondering the safety of consuming meat and milk from clones and their progeny, a matter of obvious importance to ranchers contemplating cloned pigs and cattle. The FDA recently said such food doesn't appear to be hazardous, but the agency wants more public comment. Because of a voluntary industry moratorium, no products from clones have been allowed into the food supply.

And the big hot button still glows. Would that present a breakthrough for treating infertility and provide parents a genetic duplicate of a dead child? Or would it be ethically repugnant and unacceptably risky?

The United Nations is contemplating a proposed treaty to ban human cloning, but nations are split on how far such an agreement should go. Some say it should ban only cloning to make babies. Others, including the United States, also want to outlaw so-called "therapeutic cloning," which produces and then destroys week-old embryos to harvest stem cells. Scientists hope to use stem cells for treating such illnesses as diabetes and Parkinson's disease.

Clonaid, a company founded by the leader of a religious sect that believes space aliens created life on Earth, claims it has produced five babies through cloning. Clonaid grabbed headlines last December by announcing the first such baby had been born, but that claim has been dismissed by scientists for lack of proof.

Most scientists who deal with cloning oppose using it to make human babies. "Human

reproductive cloning is unsafe, unethical and ought to be illegal everywhere in the world," declared Gerald Schatten of the University of Pittsburgh.

Schatten is close to the debate because he's been trying to clone monkeys, which belong to the same overall classification as humans. The implications of any success for the prospects of human cloning are clear, and Schatten said he's already exploring ways to make sure that if he succeeds, others won't be able to use his work to produce human babies.

Schatten wants to make identical monkeys for medical research, providing a more human-like version of the genetic uniformity found in mouse strains. So far, his efforts have failed even to produce a pregnancy. What's going on?

To understand the apparent answer, you have to know a little about cloning. The basic idea is to take the DNA-bearing nucleus of an animal's cell and plo it into an unfertilized egg. The implanted DNA drives the egg to develop into an embryo, which is placed in a surrogate mother, where it grows into a newborn.

An egg has its own nucleus, so that has to be removed before the egg receives the new one. Normally that doesn't pose a problem. But with monkeys, it does.

Schatten's scientific team reported earlier this year that removing the nucleus from a monkey egg also removes two key proteins. Without them, the egg doesn't stand a chance of growing into a new monkey.

Schatten figures this problem will be overcome and newborn monkeys will eventually follow. And he's philosophical about bumping into the hurdle in the first place.

"I feel like nature has given us a scientific reprieve" to block human cloning with current techniques, giving time to develop laws, he said.

With barnyard animals, researchers can produce newborn clones, just not as consistently as they'd like. The problem becomes apparent after embryos are planted in surrogate moms.

"We can make thousands of embryos," says Steve Stice of the University of Georgia. "The real cost and real problem for us is when we transfer that embryo and we don't produce a (successful) pregnancy, because that costs us time and money." And the agricultural industry won't be interested in cloning if it's not efficient enough at producing newborns, he said.

It took 29 implanted embryos to produce Dolly, and since then, "we haven't been able to

increase efficiency as we thought," said Jose Cibelli of Michigan State University.

In cattle these days, only one in seven to one in 15 transferred embryos produces offspring, Stice said.

At Cyagra Inc. of Worcester, Mass., which has produced more than 100 calf clones for dairy and beef farmers, marketing manager Steve Mower says the track record is about 15 percent.

"We have to do better," he says, and the company is aiming at efficiencies of 60 percent to 70 percent.

It's not just cows. It took 113 implanted embryos to produce just three cloned mules this year, an efficiency just below 3 percent, said one of the cloners, Ken White of Utah State University.

He notes the penalty for inefficiency depends on just what's being cloned: a duplicate of a superstar horse could probably command enough money to pay for lots of failures. Some sport horses are sterilized and only cloning would make their valuable genes available for breeding, he said.

For most barnyard species, low efficiency of cloning remains a key practical problem. To overcome that, some scientists are scrutinizing the raw materials, looking for ways to identify the most promising eggs and the best cell nuclei from animals to be cloned. Cibelli, for example, is looking for chemical markers that can identify a nucleus that's ready to be introduced into the egg.

"We're getting good results," Cibelli said.

Many scientists believe the nucleus of the donor cell holds the key for why cloning works so sporadically, as well as why clones show unusual rates of birth defects.

For scientists, Dolly the sheep was stunning because she showed that the DNA in the nucleus of an adult animal cell could undergo an amazing career change. After all, its job had been to drive the everyday activities of an adult cell, with certain genes active and others switched off to achieve that goal. But once it was placed in an egg, it had to reprogram its gene activity to start the process of creating all the tissues of a whole new individual.

"If you have a nucleus that has been committed to be skin for a number of years, then in a matter of minutes you have to turn it into an embryonic nucleus that can make anything," Cibelli said. "Not all the genes will be ready to be reprogrammed."

If the changeover isn't complete enough, the egg and resulting fetus just won't be equipped

for developing normally, scientists say. That can doom a pregnancy.

Even in animals that make it to birth, faulty reprogramming could lead to observed abnormalities in clones like breathing problems and defects of the liver, heart and brain. Some abnormalities may also be due to manipulations of the embryo before implantation.

Despite the appearance of defects in some clones, scientists point out that many animal clones turn out just fine.

"We have seen cloned cows that are thriving at the moment, and indistinguishable from non-cloned animals," Cibelli said. Stice said that's been the experience of his clones. "The vast majority of them are just fine," he said. "They look like any other pig or cow out there."

Visitors to a home in Texas say roughly the same thing about a calico cat that frolics there. It's cc, the domestic shorthair who gained fame in February 2002 when she was announced as the first clone of a cat. This year, she moved in with Duane Kraemer, one of the Texas A&M researchers who made her birth possible.

She's an "absolutely normal cat in every aspect we can determine," Kraemer said. She does have a heart murmur, like the cat she was cloned from. Neither animal has had any trouble with it, Kraemer said.

Scientists say they hope to achieve cloning in more species. Mark Westhusin of Texas A&M, who directed the research that produced cc, said he's trying to clone white-tailed deer to help ranchers who supply game for hunters. White of Utah State hopes to clone an endangered wild sheep called the argali, known for its massive curved horns.

AviGenics Inc. of Athens, Ga., is trying to clone chickens. Genetic Savings and Clone Inc., based in Sausalito, Calif., is not only gearing up to clone more cats but also trying to duplicate a dog for the first time. For technical reasons, dogs are harder to do than cats.

"We think there's some likelihood we'll produce a dog clone within the next year," said Ben Carlson, the company's vice president for communications.

Maybe that'll happen and maybe not. But the cloning field is moving so fast, it's hard to rule anything out, says Gary Anderson of the University of California at Davis.

So when he's asked if the DNA reprogramming problem that hinders cloning can be overcome, he turns unpredictability into optimism.

"One wouldn't want to say we're stuck, we can't do anything about it," Anderson said. "You're proven wrong almost every day."

## Historians struggle to tell tale of second largest slave market

NATCHEZ, Miss. (AP) — It's been 140 years since the last slaves marched in shackles from brigs on the Mississippi River through this rowdy gambling city to the bustling slave market a mile east.

At the Forks of the Road market which, by one historian's account, probably looked like "a sprawling prison camp," they'd be haggled over and sold to cotton plantation owners who came from across the Deep South.

The river made for easy transport of slaves from the declining tobacco plantations near the Chesapeake Bay. The market's position on a knoll at the end of the Natchez Trace, an important route into Alabama and Tennessee, and Liberty Road connecting Natchez to the southeast as far as Georgia made for a natural meeting place.

At its peak, up to 500 slaves could be found at the market on any given day. It's thought to be the second largest slave market in the South, the biggest one farther down the Mississippi in New Orleans. The two biggest traders shipped more than 1,000 slaves from Alexandria, Va., to the two markets each year beginning in the 1830s. Trade at the Forks of the Road ended only with the Civil War.

Much of the history of the Forks of the Road, and what's been recounted here, was documented by Jim Barnett, a historian with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Today, Barnett and other preservationists are trying to figure out just how to tell the slave market's story.

After years of battles, the site of the infamous slave market was bought by the city with plans to turn it over to the National Park Service to include in the Natchez Historical Park. But that may take years and an act of Congress. For now, local preservationists are planning to create an interpretive center on the site within the next year.

That may not be easy. "This is the next battleground — that the true history goes up there and is not watered down," said Ser Sheshab Heter-C.M. Boxley, a local activist who first began fighting for the site's preservation about five years ago. "We're not concerned whose toes we step on."

Standing on the site, Boxley said the issue for him was nothing less than restoring humanity to his enslaved ancestors.

"This is sacred ground," Boxley said. "Right here is where all those inhumanities and con-

trasts operated."

The Forks of the Road was unique because slaves weren't auctioned, but bargained over by individual buyers and sellers. A young male slave could be bought for about \$500 in 1826, and as high as \$1,600 in 1861, on the eve of civil war.

In Barnett's account, written for the Mississippi Historical Society, he quotes New England writer Joseph Holt Ingraham, who visited the slave market in the 1830s. Ingraham described a scene at the market where a group of 40 slaves were lined up in a semicircle to be inspected by prospective buyers.

"With their hats in their hands, which hung down by their sides, they stood perfectly still, and in close order, while some gentlemen were passing from one to another examining for the purpose of buying," Ingraham wrote.

Boxley and Barnett are on a planning committee that will decide how eyewitness accounts such as Ingraham's will be presented at the site. The committee has already decided to tell the story using a series of panels that illustrate the forced migration of the slaves, how business was done in the market, explain the connection between slavery and cotton, and about the slave traders who profited from the sale of slaves.

The two biggest traders at the Forks of the Road and in New Orleans were Isaac Franklin and John Armfield. They discovered early the opportunities brought by the rise of cotton plantations in the South and the decline of tobacco plantations in the mid-Atlantic. They began to buy slaves cheaply and ship them over land and sea to the South. They built the Forks of the Road, which was already a traditional market that straddled the city limits, as a major slave market.

Today, a shuttered bar and a parking lot sit on the site. A marker at the intersection is the only evidence of what the land once was.

The committee is trying to fix that, first by applying to list the site on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The committee may find its biggest challenge in working out the exhibits' language. Boxley, for example, opposes use of the word "slave," and prefers the term "enslaved persons."

Mimi Miller, director of preservation and education for the Historic Natchez Foundation and a member of the committee, said she doesn't expect problems in planning the exhibits' presentation.

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# How changes in a word's connotation hint at deeper changes

By **MARTHA IRVINE**  
AP NATIONAL WRITER

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Something queer is happening to the word "queer."

Originally a synonym for "odd" or "unusual," the word evolved into an anti-gay insult in the last century, only to be reclaimed by defiant gay and lesbian activists who chanted: "We're here, we're queer, get used to it."

Now "queer" is sneaking into the mainstream.

Jay Edwards, a 28-year-old gay man from Houston, has noticed it.

"Hey Jay," a straight co-worker recently said. "Have you met the new guy? He's really cute and queer, too. Just your type!"

It's the kind of exchange that still makes many wince. That's because, in the 1920s and '30s the word "queer" became synonymous with "pansy," "sissy" and even "pervert," says Gregory Ward, a Northwestern University linguist who teaches a course on language and sexuality.

Now, Ward says, the increasing use of "queer" — as in the prime-time TV show titles "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" and "Queer as

Folk" — is changing the word's image.

"It's really losing the hurtful and quasi-violent nature it had," Ward says.

Trish McDermott, vice president of "romance" at the Match.com online dating service, says she's seeing the word appear more often in personal ads.

The title of one current ad: "Nice Guy for the Queer Guy."

A recent review in the Chicago Tribune's Metromix entertainment guide defined the crowd in a new upscale bar as "model-types and young clubbers amid dressy Trixies, middle-aged Gold Coast cigar-chompers and queer-eyed straight guys."

And while some in the gay community began using the word in the last decade or two as an umbrella term for "gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered," today's young people say that "queer" encompasses even more.

"I love it because, in one word, you can refer to the alphabet soup of gay, lesbian, bisexual, questioning, 'heteroflexible,' 'omnisexual,' 'pansexual' and all of the other shades of difference in that fluid, changing arena of

human sexuality," says 27-year-old Stacy Harbaugh. She's the program coordinator for the Indiana Youth Group, a drop-in center in Indianapolis for youth who may place themselves into any of those categories.

"I find myself attracted to boy-like girls and girl-like boys," Harbaugh adds. "If 'lesbian' or 'bi' doesn't seem to fit, 'queer' certainly does."

**Heteroflexible? Pansexual?** The growing list of terms can be downright boggling.

James Cross, a 26-year-old Chicagoan, personally likes the term "metrosexual," meant to describe straight men like him who are into designer clothes, love art and fashion and even enjoy shopping (much like "queer-eyed straight guys").

He's also noticed the word "queer" being bandied about more often, especially at the public relations firm where he works. He says women are "definitely more comfortable" with it.

"I hate to admit it, but I certainly wear masks with the term. When I'm at work and talking with women, I'm down with it," he says. "But when I'm out on the rugby pitch or drinking beer with my

'bros,' I'm just one of the guys."

Use of a word that carries so much baggage can cause confusion.

Andy Rohr, a 26-year-old gay man living in Boston, noted that when a straight co-worker told him she liked the show "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

"She whispered the word 'queer,'" he says.

Dan Cordella says he is perplexed about what he "can and can't say."

"An entire generation of suburban youth was taught to practically walk on eggshells with their wording around those that, one, chose an alternative lifestyle and, two, were of a different ethnic background," says Cordella, a 26-year-old straight man who lives in New York and grew up outside Boston.

Ward, the Northwestern linguist, says that people are wise to use "queer" carefully because it is still "very context-sensitive."

"It really matters who says it and why they're saying it," he says.

Edwards says he likes when straight people are comfortable using it.

"If they can say the word

with as much casualness and confidence as my gay friends, it lets me know that they are comfortable with who I am," he says.

Rohr, from Boston, is less sure about its use in everyday conversation but says it works with the "Queer Eye" title because its use is "archaic and unexpected."

"The bottom line is, I think the term has lost its political potency, if it ever had any, and has just become campy," he says.

And a spokesman for one conservative Christian group that monitors the media says he's "glad that 'queer' might be losing its edge in terms of being an insult."

"It's not a particular word we're concerned with," says Ed Vitagliano, of the American Family Association in Tupelo, Miss. "It's that the media and the entertainment industries are such powerful transmitters of values for only one side of this controversial issue."

Others, especially those with strong memories of the word as an insult, still find its use hurtful. "I believe this word continues to marginalize us," says Robin Tyler, a California-based activist and lesbian who's in her 60s.

That lingering negativity was apparent last month, for instance, when a Senate committee questioned federal appellate nominee Claude

Allen about his use of the word "queer" when he was a press aide to Sen. Jesse Helms. Allen said he didn't intend it as a slur against gay people.

Incidents like those are proof that "queer" will be slow to shed its negative connotation, says researcher Caitlyn Ryan.

"It will take a long time to transition into common use in middle America," says Ryan, a clinical social worker at San Francisco State University who is conducting a long-term survey of gay, lesbian and bisexual youth and their families.

She has found that use of the word "queer" is most common among college students and young adults in their 20s — but says that, even in the most gay-friendly parts of California, it is rarely used by gay men and lesbians older than 40, or among people who aren't white.

She also notes that it took years for mainstream newspapers to use the word "gay" in place of "homosexual," a term many people now see as cold and clinical.

Some young people don't seem too worried if the rest of America is slow to embrace the word.

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## Couple 'pushing 100' logs nearly 1,000 miles in 100 walks

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SAN ANGELO — Dixie Carey stood atop a rocky hill and admired the view. She put her aged hands on her hips and commented on the scenery before starting on her journey again.

"Most people think we're a bunch of crazies, but this view makes it worth being crazy," she said with a shake of her head.

Dixie and her husband, John, both "pushing 100," drove to San Angelo from their home in Austin to take part in the Volksmarch at the San Angelo State Park recently.

The little-known event, fashioned after festivities in Germany, involves a walk of at least 10 kilometers (about 8.25 miles) on a measured course.

Dixie said she knows that not many people have heard of the Volksmarches, but she said those who have walked them love them.

"When we first started, we didn't know doodley about this," Dixie said. "We were just a couple of footloose and free kids, just retired and with all of our children in college. We saw an ad for one of the walks in the paper, and it sounded intriguing — that was 19 years ago."

John Ferguson, American Volksmarch Association southwest regional director, said the walks were brought back from Germany by the military. The first walk in the United States was in Fredericksburg in the late 1950s. Since then, the walks have spread across the United States and Canada.

The Careys have trekked across Volksmarch courses in all 50 states — twice. Dixie said, though, Saturday morning's walk was their first in San Angelo.

Their 12-kilometer (7.5-mile) walk started at 8 a.m. from the park's pavilion and made one big loop to finish in the same place.

"We have only been to San Angelo to pass through it, but when you are on ground level and around all of the nature, you really get to know a place," Dixie said.

John said they always have liked the outdoors, but when their seven children had all left the house, he and Dixie really got active.

"Back when we were snooty kids in our 50s, we would backpack through the Appalachian Mountains, and at our age, this feels like backpacking up mountains — although, we do that sometimes," he said as he walked.

Dixie added, "our son thought we were crazy as bats when we told him about the walks. I think he still thinks we're nuts."

Only three things are

required of a Volksmarcher, Dixie said.

"You have to love nature and have a sense of adventure for this," Dixie said as she pointed to a clump of cacti. "But most of all, you have to have good feet — now, they don't have to be pretty feet, just good."

Dixie said the walks keep them in good physical shape and give them the opportunity to get to know different people. She said some of the most fascinating stories she and her husband have ever heard have been on Volksmarches.

"At a walk in South Padre, we met a high-ranking military official on the trail, and he kept us in stitches the whole time," she said as she walked. "He told us some particularly shady jokes that I just adored."

At the checkpoint during the walk, Dixie and John spoke with long-time Volksmarcher Jim Sibley, who they met on the trails.

Sibley, from Midlothian, hosts foreign exchange students every year and always brings them to the Volksmarches.

"I like bringing them out with me, it's usually the first time they've been to one and it's good for them," Sibley said. "It's a good chance to spend some time together, too."

John said each walker has a

book they use to keep track of their mileage. When a walker reaches the finish line, an official stamps the walker's book to show they completed the course. When the walker's book is full, they send it to AVA headquarters where it is recorded and printed in the association's newspaper.

John said he and Dixie have walked 16,000 kilometers (about 9,920 miles).

"I would rather lose my wallet than to lose this book," John said, as he carefully flipped through the stamped pages and recounted different walks.

Just a few miles shy of the finish point, Dixie announced that she had to take a break. With no benches or chairs on the trail, she opted to have a seat on the ground. When asked if she was comfortable, she grabbed her knees, leaned back and laughed as she said, "you know, I thought this ground would be all hard and these little old rocks would hurt, but it feels damn good to me."

On the trail again, Dixie said the time she and John spend together on the Volksmarch trips is invaluable to them.

"We have the same interests, and that makes your marriage simpler," she said. "We drive everywhere together, walk together and talk together. It's a

lot of time and it makes our marriage stronger."

At the end of the walk, Dixie took off her black, white and gray snakeskin hat and fanned herself under the shade of the pavilion. After a few moments, and a few cups of water, she and John made their way back to their motel to rest for their 5-kilometer (about 3.1-mile) walk Sunday morning — but not before stopping for food.

"We are going to search this town for some barbecue and celebrate for a walk-well-done," she said.

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