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LODEMA BARHAM MITCHELL

Lodema Barham Mitchell, 81, of Pampa, Texas, died Friday, May 21, 2004, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Carl Novian, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Mitchell was born Aug. 24, 1922, in Little Rock, Ark. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1939. She married John C. Mitchell on Oct. 19, 1940, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on Nov. 6, 1981.

She served as chief deputy with the Gray County Treasury Office for 16 years under Jean Scott, and as coordinator of the Indigent Care for Judge Carl Kennedy.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Business and Professional Women's Bible Class.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Margie Eads; a brother, Walter Barham; and

her dear friend, Essie Mae Walters.

Survivors include one daughter, John Lynn Mitchell of Dallas; and many nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Kenneth P. Wallets Scholarship Fund, c/o Lynn Harwood, 2236 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065, or the PTSA Scholarship Fund, c/o Hillcrest High School, 9924 Hillcrest Rd., Dallas, TX 75230.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7-8 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2004.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



GEORGE LAND PEARCE

LUBBOCK — George Land Pearce, 73, of Lubbock, died Friday, May 21, 2004. The body was cremated and is unavailable for viewing. Memorial services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Monday in St. Luke's United Methodist Church with the Rev. Randy Land, pastor of First Baptist Church of Brownfield, and the Rev. Will Cotton, pastor of St. Luke's, officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Sept. 20, 1930, at Smackover, Ark., Mr. Pearce worked at Pampa Sheltered Workshop for 15 years.

He moved from Pampa to Lubbock in 1999 and was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Pampa.

Mr. Pearce was preceded in death by his father, Claud Pearce.

Survivors include his mother, Lena Pearce of Lindale; and two sisters, Marjorie Eagerhaug and Claudia Cole, both of Hideaway.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Sheltered Workshop, P.O. Box 2808, Pampa, TX 79066-2808.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Saturday, May 22

Juan Bell, 41, of Wheeler, was arrested for theft by check.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, May 21

12:58 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to the 1200 block of South Nelson on a call for medical assistance.

SHERIFF

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

Friday, May 21

As reported in the Friday, May 21, edition of *The Pampa News*, Cody Nicolas Williams, 20, 1904 N. Zimmers, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. Additional charges were added to the report. They are possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.

Jenifer E. Richards, 22, 721 Deane Dr., was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana under 2-ounces and possession of a controlled substance, less than 1-gram.

Lori Ann Huddleston, 24, 532 Doucette, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for sexual assault. She was released on bond the same day.

Kevin Eugene Huddleston, 27, 532 Doucette, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for sexual assault. He was released on bond the same day.

Saturday, May 22

Robby Leon Holt, 26, 2107 Duncan, was arrested for driving while intoxicated—first offense, no valid driver's license and open container.

Carl Bible, 21, 1101 Ripley, was arrested for public intoxication and open container.

AMBULANCE

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

Friday, May 21

10:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to LCU.

12:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Nelson and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

5:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan prison unit and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Saturday, May 22

5:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Duncan and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs around 90 and southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should fall on mostly clear skies with lows in the upper 50s and southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday should see mostly sunny skies. Highs in the

mid 90s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 60.

Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 90. Wednesday

night, partly cloudy. Lows around 60.

Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs around 90. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

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More teaches showed images of beheading

DALLAS (AP) — More North Texas teachers are coming under scrutiny for showing images of American civilian Nick Berg's beheading in Iraq.

A Dallas high school teacher has been placed on administrative leave for showing students the video of Berg's beheading while another is being investi-

gated for possibly allowing students to view the video in class.

"We're certainly not condoning this being done in school," said Donald Claxton, Dallas Independent School District spokesman. "It's not allowed."

Berg was killed in Iraq and his remains were found in Baghdad this month. A militant

Islamic Web site posted a video of his beheading.

Claxton said a teacher at Samuel High School was placed on paid administrative leave Wednesday for showing the video in class.

At Skyline High School, DISD officials are investigating whether a teacher knew students were watching the video during a classroom pizza party earlier this week. Claxton said.

In the Argyle school district, officials are investigating whether some students saw the beheading video after someone broke through a block on a Web site that contained the video. The Dallas Morning News reports.

In Terrell, a teacher at Furlough Middle School was suspended for showing still pictures of Berg and his captors to about 30 students May 12.

Two Fossil Ridge High School teachers were placed on paid administrative leave Friday while Keller district officials investigate the showing of photos of the beheading, a district spokesman told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

To the people of Lefors, I'm sorry for the destruction that I've done, and the families I've hurt. I wish we hadn't gotten drunk. I wish we hadn't vandalized the cemetery. We did not know what we were doing at the time, because we've never been drunk before. The next day we knew and we were ashamed. We can't change what happened, but we will take our punishment as it comes. We are very sorry.

We can't sign our names because the law won't let us, the people of Lefors know who we are, and we regret our actions and are very sorry.

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FARM SCENE: Coffee lovers clamoring for Kona's pricey beans

By **MATT SEDENSKY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CAPTAIN COOK, Hawaii (AP) — It started as a backyard business for Marin Artukovich, a few acres of coffee planted high above the coastline here on the slopes of a volcano.

Today, just seven years later, his Koa Coffee Plantation on the Big Island's Kona coast comprises 80 acres of coffee trees on seven parcels of land. It yielded about 700,000 pounds last year, and employs 45 people during the busiest part of the season.

It's a far cry from Artukovich's first year in business, when 38,000 pounds of the shiny red cherries holding the beloved bean were picked by family and visiting friends.

"The demand for Kona coffee's gotten better and better," said Artukovich, whose beans are considered among the best in Hawaii, the only state with commercial coffee production. "We didn't envision that."

Coffee has been grown here for nearly two centuries, but demand for the pricey beans from Kona is swelling.

In tourist shops, most Kona coffee is sold in blends containing just 10 percent of beans grown here. Bags of the pure stuff typically sell for \$20 to \$25 a pound here, and can go for \$40 or more on the mainland.

Never mind that Kona coffee is among the world's more expensive brews. Aficionados are driven to Kona coffee's unique taste, and with supply short, there's barely enough to go around.

"It's like a well-aged bourbon or whiskey. It's different," said

Tom Greenwell, owner of Greenwell Farms, which has 22 acres of coffee. "You can find other coffees similar, but they leave you hanging at the end of the cup."

Some 650 coffee farms occupy a 20-mile-long stretch along the Big Island's western coast, set amid fields of hardened lava with panoramic views of the Pacific. Tourists flock here for tours and to snatch up bags of beans.

"We're becoming the Napa Valley of coffee," Artukovich said.

Kona coffee is strong yet smooth, a full-bodied brew, sometimes with a fruity hint. Coffee thrives here in Kona because the soil is perfect, as is the rainfall. Ample sunlight comes in the course of the day, but clouds manage to block out afternoon rays that are too strong.

Kona is home to an estimated 93 percent of the Big Island's total acreage of coffee crops, producing an estimated 96 percent of the island's coffee.

The total acreage of Big Island coffee fields rose from 2,800 in 1998 to 3,500 last year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates. Industry sources say the number of plantings in Kona will continue to rise because all the coffee grown is being sold.

"Everyone who's in the market is selling all of their product," said Roger Dilts, president of the Kona Coffee Council and owner of the five-acre Aloha Farms.

Now, Kona beans have found their way back onto the shelves of Starbucks — all of the nearly 4,200 company-owned stores in North America. It's the first time in seven years the coffee giant has offered Hawaii's choicest brew, and its reappearance can mean only one thing, farmers here say — even more demand.

"There's going to be a lot of people trying it again for the first time," said Greenwell.

Starbucks won't say how much 100 percent Kona coffee it bought to stock its stores with beans that went on sale this month in half- and full-pound bags priced at \$19 and \$35.

For years, the chain said it had not been able to find an ade-

quate supply even for a limited offering such as this one, but that changed.

"Kona is such a limited crop to begin with that we're pretty particular about the coffee we offer. We always want to make sure the coffee truly exemplifies the true crop," said Andrew Linnemann, Starbucks' director of green coffee, as unroasted beans are called.

Growers say Starbucks, in some ways, is responsible for Kona coffee's growth. Its track record of introducing coffee lovers to exclusive brews combined with its remarkable growth has fueled interest for specialty coffees.

Farmers say they're not getting rich off their crops. Greenwell estimates a five-acre farm here could yield about \$50,000 annually before overhead. It would require the work of a five-person family and still necessitate hiring seasonal help, he said.

The costs for labor and land alone in Kona are many times higher than those in a foreign coffee center like Costa Rica. Artukovich says workers here make an average of \$8 to \$10 an hour, while a Central American or South American worker might go home with \$1 or \$2 for an entire day.

"I'm basically doing it for free and I'm having a hard time," said Bob Nelson, who has increased the number of trees at his Lehuula Farms from 1,100 in 1989 to 4,000.

Kona farmers produced an estimated 3.3 million pounds of coffee in 2002-03, according to the Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service, just a tiny fraction of the world's total coffee crop.

On the Net:
Kona Coffee Council: <http://www.kona-coffee-council.com/>
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Lamar project



(Courtesy photo)

Lamar Elementary School fourth graders Stormie Ledford and Danny Estep examine a display related to reading. The display shows students' astronaut pictures which are moved from planet to planet in the solar system as the readers pass tests on books.

Miami ISD board to convene Monday evening

MIAMI — Miami Independent School District's board of education will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 24 in the school administration office.

Items on the agenda include:
• Certify election results;

- Swear in new board members;
- Approve Region 16 contracts;
- Reorganize board;
- 2004-05 expenditure budgets;
- Financial reports on the cafeteria, transportation and taxes, including optional homestead

exemption and 3-2-1 discount;

- General information on school board training at West Texas A&M University and the summer leadership institute at San Antonio, and the special session of the state legislature on school finance.

Lefors school district schedules meeting at high school library

LEFORS — Lefors Independent School District will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 24 in the high school library at 209 E. 5th Street.

Items on the agenda include:

- Canvass May 15 election;
- Oath of office to new board members;
- Election of board officers;
- Superintendent's report.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Massachusetts ideal place for same gender ceremonies

To the editor:
 (On May 17) ceremonies were performed in Massachusetts involving persons of the same gender. Contrary to published accounts, these events were not marriages. A marriage can occur only between a man and a woman. This particular state of our union is the ideal place for these ceremonies to take place.

Massachusetts has given the people of this country so much to be proud of even before today. Senator Ted Kennedy who has expressed more respect for Iraqi prisoners than our armed forces comes from there. Humiliation is more serious than decapitation. His earlier misadventure causing the death of a young woman in an auto accident is still remembered. Barney Frank serves in our congress and is a noted representative from the state.

The activities of an errant priesthood in Boston and other locations within the state were so egregious that the state could have boasted of the Pied Pipers of Paedophilia.

Yes, Massachusetts was the ideal place for these ceremonies. Another possible justification for these ceremonies is, "Would you have them living in sin?" The state should be given credit for not giving up; John Kerry is a favorite son.

Bill Reeves
 McLean

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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Purchase cards: License to spend

According to a news release found at the web site of Citizens Against Government Waste, a senate committee is currently targeting, are you ready for this? Waste and fraud in the U.S. government. The program under such close review? The government purchase card program.

The web site reported that the hearing, entitled "Government Purchase Cards: Smarter Use Can Save Taxpayers Hundreds of Millions of Dollars," seeks to identify "efforts to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse" within the program which CAGW reports is rampant with misuse.

Big surprise.
 "Every year, due to a lack of oversight and mismanagement, taxpayers end up on the hook for millions of dollars charged to government credit cards," said Tom Schatz, president of CAGW. "Cases consistently surface where government employees purchased new cars, breast implants, personal vacations, nights out at strip clubs, and other questionable items on



SKYLA BRYANT
 NEWS EDITOR

their cards."

CAGW reports committee members hope to eliminate and correct problems within the program. I've got an idea. Shred the cards. Nix the program.

CAGW identifies the problem as lack of oversight, but it sounds more like an accountability problem to me with the American taxpayer getting the shaft.

Where an entity of such monolithic proportions as the federal government is involved, it strikes me as unrealistic to expect no abuse or waste to occur when goodness knows how many employees are given free rein with a credit card.

Why is this program not more widely

publicized? And why is this panel not getting more news coverage by mainstream media outlets? How many Americans know about this program, I wonder? I cannot help but think the program is an ongoing disaster — a license to steal from the American taxpayer who is already being gouged by too many taxes.

When is enough, enough?

According to CAGW, the General Accounting Office is "unveiling" a new report it dubs "Purchase Cards: Increased Management Oversight and Control Could Save Hundreds of Millions of Dollars." I visited the GAO web site the other day and entered the title of the report, but found nothing that looked like the above described document.

CAGW says the cards were implemented to "help cut through bureaucratic red tape." But perhaps not all bureaucratic red tape is bad, sometimes it's necessary. After all, we work hard for our money. It's time the federal government appreciates that.



More thoughts on educational ineptitude

Several weeks ago, my column "Teacher Ineptitude" was about the sorry state of teacher quality and concluded that while teacher ineptitude is neither flattering nor comfortable to confront, confront it we must if we're to do anything about our sorry state of education.

The situation is not pretty. Philadelphia schools are typical of poor-quality big-city schools. Susan Snyder, Philadelphia Inquirer staff writer, in her article "District to Help Teachers Pass Test" (March 24, 2004) reported "that half of the district's 690 middle school teachers who took exams in math, English, social studies and science in September and November failed." Other test results haven't been released; Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell said he understands "concerns that releasing the data could subject teachers to humiliation."

The unflattering fact that we must own up to is that many, perhaps most, of those who choose teaching as a profession represent the very bottom of the academic barrel. Let's look at it.

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) compiles loads of statistics on education. The NCES "Digest of Education Statistics" Table 136 shows average SAT scores by student characteristics for 2001. Students who select education as their major have the lowest SAT scores of any major (964). Math majors have the highest (1174).

It's the same story when education majors finish college and take tests for



WALTER WILLIAMS
 COLUMNIST

admission to graduate schools. In the case of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), education majors have an average score that's the lowest (467) of all majors except for sociology majors (434). Putting this in perspective, math majors score the highest (720), followed closely by economics in third place (625).

It's roughly the same story for students taking the LSAT for admission to law schools where the possible scores range between 120 and 180. Out of 29 majors, education majors ranked 26th, averaging a score of 148. Physics/math majors came in first with a 158 score and economics majors third with 155. Readers can readily obtain this information by a Google search using the words "GRE major" and "LSAT major."

Though my column criticized teachers, I was pleasantly surprised and encouraged by the responses. Many teachers sent letters saying their experiences mirrored exactly what I reported. Quite a few wrote of horror stories of dealing with incompetent colleagues and administrators. There were also some fairly angry letters accusing me of "bashing teachers" and demanding an apology for doing so. The fact of the

matter is that there are many excellent, competent and dedicated teachers, often working in systems that reward incompetence and slovenliness and penalize excellence and dedication.

Our nation has a serious education problem that easily threatens our future well-being. Corrective action requires that we acknowledge and correct deficiencies no matter how painful and embarrassing they might be. A good start in that direction is to examine successful teacher-training programs and see if we have the guts to imitate them.

Hillsdale College in Michigan manages Hillsdale Academy, a K-12 primary and secondary school. At Hillsdale, no students major in education. Students major and minor in the subjects they will be teaching — specifically, art, biology, chemistry, English, French, German, history, Latin, mathematics, music, physical education, physics, science and Spanish. To be admitted to Hillsdale's Teacher Education Program, a student must have and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Needless to say, teacher incompetency isn't the only explanation for our education malaise. Parents who don't give a damn and students with minds and attitudes alien and hostile to the education process figure in as well. There's not much politicians and the education establishment can do about these factors; however, it's entirely within their power to take measures such as those practiced at Hillsdale to ensure teacher competency.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, May 23, the 144th day of 2004. There are 222 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On May 23, 1934, bank robbers Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, La.

On this date:

In 1430, Joan of Arc was captured by the Burgundians, who sold her to the English.

In 1533, the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was

declared null and void.

In 1701, Captain William Kidd was hanged in London after he was convicted of piracy and murder.

In 1788, South Carolina

became the eighth state to ratify the United States Constitution.

In 1937, industrialist John D. Rockefeller died in Ormond Beach, Fla.

In 1940, Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra, the Pied Pipers and featured soloist Frank Sinatra recorded "I'll Never Smile Again" in New York for RCA.

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TDA extends deadline for quilt block contest

AUSTIN — Don't put those quilting needles down yet: the Texas Department of Agriculture has extended the deadline for entries in its 2004 quilt block competition designed to spotlight Texas natural fibers, children's nutrition and rural Texas. The original deadline of May 28 has been extended to June 28.

"Because of the incredible response, we wanted to offer additional time for quilters across the state to participate," said Mary York, TDA's state marketing coordinator for fiber.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase not only our versatile Texas natural fibers, but also the skills, talents and artistry of Texas quilters. We are very excited to see the results and look forward to an impressive competition. Our judges will have their work cut out for them."

The new deadline for quilt block entries provides an extra 30 days for interested participants who have not yet requested an entry packet. Each contest participant will use Texas natural fibers — cotton, mohair and leather — to create a quilt block design that will be submitted to TDA.

For the first time ever, TDA is featuring two quilt block competition themes. "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids" will focus on the importance of proper childhood nutrition, and "Texas Yes!" will show-

case rural Texas life and communities.

A panel of judges will select the winning entries, which will be combined into two separate quilts. The two quilts will be unveiled at the 2004 State Fair of Texas in September and will become part of TDA's quilt collection and traveling natural fiber exhibition.

Entry packets can be requested by calling TDA's toll free GO TEXAN line at (877) 99GO-TEX or by sending an e-mail to gotexanquilts@agr.state.tx.us. To help defray the cost of mailing, final quilting and the traveling display, a \$12 donation for each packet is requested.

The packets contain the natural fiber fabrics to be used in the design along with more information about the contest themes. Contest sponsors include Hobbs Bonded Fibers of Waco, Suzy's Quilt Shop of Garland, Sonora Mohair & Company of Sonora, The Sewing Basket of Salado, P&B Textiles of Dallas and The Leather Factory of Fort Worth.

For more information on the contest or to reserve a future exhibit of the TDA quilt block competition collection, which includes the "Common Threads of Texas Quilt," the "Texas Millennium Quilt" and the "Texas Blooming Floral Quilt," contact Mary York at (512) 463-8289 or mary.york@agr.state.tx.us.

Emergency farm loans now available

CLARENDON — Applications for Emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought that occurred from Sept. 15, 2003, through Dec. 31, 2003, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency located at 321 Sully Street in Clarendon.

Gray County is one of eight Texas counties named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought.

Goetze said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Goetze said.

Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Dec. 28, 2004, but farmers

Food drive



(Courtesy photo)

During National Hospital Week, the employees of Pampa Regional Medical Center sponsored a food drive to benefit the Harvest House of Pampa and collected over a thousand items of food. Pictured are representatives of both the Harvest House and Pampa Regional Medical Center: Roy Parsons, Chalenia Freeman (PRMC), Ronnie Goode, Alicia Nicholas (PRMC), Karen Gordy (PRMC), Ed Stroud, Carolyn Stroud, Cathy Woods, and Bill King.

WT summer camps offer a variety of activities

CANYON — Horses, rockets, sports and music are just a few of the many things West Texas A&M University has to offer during its 2004 summer camp schedule on campus.

WTAMU will play host to more than 25 different summer camps for children of all ages. Day and residential camps begin in late May and run through July.

Horse lovers will have fun learning the skills and techniques of horsemanship at the University's various Horsemanship Camps scheduled throughout the month of June. For children interested in learn-

ing how to build and launch rockets and airplanes, the University will offer an Aerospace Camp July 26-30.

For the sports-minded, WTAMU offers a full schedule of sporting camps ranging from basketball and baseball to soccer and volleyball. The various sporting camps are scheduled throughout June and July. Two different cheer camps are scheduled — a Universal Cheerleaders Camp May 30-June 2 and a WTAMU Cheer Camp on June 19.

WTAMU also offers the only two-week band camp in the state

of Texas. The camp is July 11-23 for junior and senior high school students. Other summer camps include a Speech, Theatre and Media Camp June 20-July 2, a Future Teachers Leadership Camp June 21-24 and two different dance camps in late June.

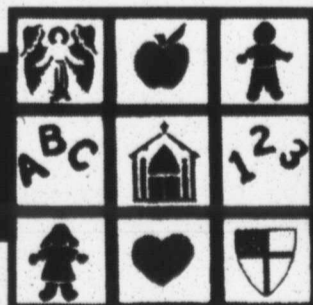
All camps are taught by WTAMU's own staff and offer instruction for beginners to the advanced.

For more information about WTAMU's summer camp offerings, call Roxie Pranglin in the Continuing Education Center at 806-651-2037 or visit www.wtamu.edu/administrative/vpa/ce.



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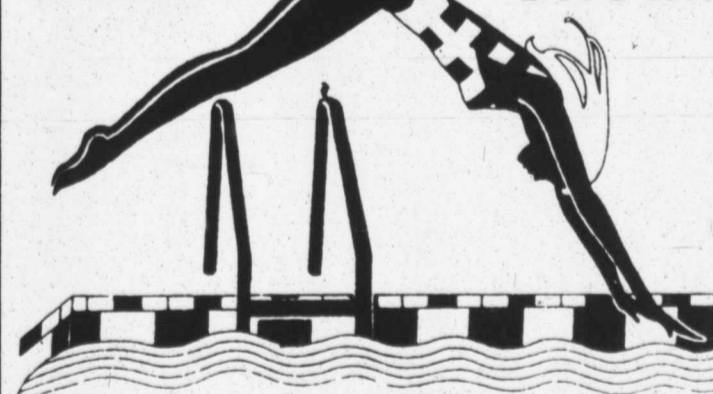
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CALENDAR ITEMS

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Narconon. Narconon, active in the field of drug rehabilitation and education since 1966, provides free professional counseling, evaluation and referral services to internationally recognized alternative and traditional facilities via its hotline and website, 1-800-468-6933 or www.stopaddiction.com. Narconon means "No Drugs."

Open Door AA. Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

Open Door Al-Anon. Open Door Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday each week at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-9702. Birthday night begins at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Open Door Al-Anon Alateen Winners Group. Alateen Winners Group meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays at 910 W. Kentucky.

Outreach Health Services/WIC. Outreach Health Services/WIC Nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information, call 665-1182.

Pampa Caregivers Support Group. Pampa Caregivers Support Group will meet at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Shepards Nursing, 918 N. Crest Road. The meetings are open to all caregivers of individuals suffering from medical conditions such as stroke, heart attack and Alzheimer's.

Panhandle Alliance for the Mentally Ill. A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This group are discussing the signs and symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is

no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Shagan King, 665-2818.

Pathways. The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the 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.

Power Wheelchairs. Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and self-propel a manual wheelchair at their home or independent living quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit www.durablemedical.com on the World Wide Web.

Prescription Drug Booklet. The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published a 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet #: PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at www.institute-dc.org.

Princess Warriors. Princess Warriors, a support group for women with gynecologic cancer, meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheater

in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673 or (806) 934-2364.

Quit Club. The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer the "Quit Club" for smokers from 6-7 p.m., the third Monday of each month at various intervals at the center's Quality of Life Center. For more information or to register for the next session, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 214.

Rx Program. Rx Program makes available breathing medications and Nebulizers to patients who may have asthma, emphysema or COPD at no cost to qualifying recipients. For more information, call Dennis Karnes toll-free at 1-800-344-5764.

Senior Wheels USA. Senior Wheels USA Program makes available power wheelchairs — at no cost — to senior citizens (65 years and up) and to the permanently disabled. For more information, call toll-free 1-800-246-6010.

SKY Teens. Crown of Texas Hospice is offering SKY Teens, a monthly bereavement series for teens grades 9-12 who are grieving the death of a loved one, from 5:30-7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at its office at 1000 S. Jefferson in Amarillo. There is no charge for the series. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

Texcare. Texcare Partnership is the New Children's Health Insurance campaign developed especially for Texas families with uninsured children, birth through age 18. The following health insurance programs are available: Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and Texas Healthy Kids Corp. For more information, call 1-800-647-6558 or 1-888-892-2273.

T.O.P.S. #41. Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

T.O.P.S. #149. Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

Tralee Crisis Center. Women's Support Group for victims of domestic violence offers peer counseling, group support and education on issues resulting from family violence and/or sexual assault from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 669-1131.

West Texas Parent Education Network. WTPEN, a program serving West Texas children with disabilities and their parents, is headquartered in Lubbock. Information, technical assistance and training for parents of infants, children and youth with disabilities are available at no charge. A goal of the

project is to reach rural and minority parents who have not had access to such services in the past. For more information, call (806) 762-1434 or toll-free at 1-877-762-1435 or write West Texas PEN, 1001 Main St., #804, Lubbock, TX 79401.

YMCA Diabetes Class. Amarillo YMCA is offering new water exercise classes specially-designed for diabetics. Schedule of classes are as follows: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays; 6 p.m. Tuesdays; 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesdays; 6 p.m. Thursdays; and 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$4 per class for non-members and \$3 per class with a 10-class punch pass. Y members get in free. For more information, call Cindy Gibson, fitness director, or Junior Garcia, aquatics director, at (806) 374-4651.

EDUCATION, PSAs

ACT, ACT, Inc., education and career planning organization has announced the following do-it-yourself college planning resources on the Internet: www.act.org/fane, www.c3apply.org, www.collegenet.com, www.finaid.org, www.ed.gov/finaid.html and www.fafsa.ed.gov (financial aid sites), and www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm (career planning).

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

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

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

AYA. Academic Year in America program is seeking host families for international exchange students between the ages of 15-18 1/2. For more information, call Danielle Carpino at 1-800-322-4678 ext. 16.

BBB RESOURCE

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

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

Croatian Philatelic-Numismatic Society. The Croatian Philatelic-Numismatic Society is offering a sample copy of its quarterly stamp and coin journal, The Trumpeter. Collectors should send 45 in U.S. currency, mint U.S. postage stamps or five international reply coupons to: The Trumpeter, P.O. box 696, Fritch-at-Lake Meredith, TX 79036-0696. For more information, e-mail ou812@arn.net.

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

FAN Booklet. The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C., is offering the following booklets, "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" and "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills." The first booklet includes information on how and where to get free and low-cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program. The second booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills. Consumers can obtain a copy of "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Free & Low Cost Medical Care Booklet, Dept. MCB-0725, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. To get a copy of "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your

Energy Bills" send \$5 to: Financial Assistance Network - Government Help for Energy Bills, Dept. GHEB-1219, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. The information is also available at www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

**PCCA PRESENTS
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Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage" 2004-05 concert series includes the following programs: Artie Shaw Legacy, Rhythm in Shoes; Southern Fried Jazz Band; and pianist Richard Glazier. For more information on any of these events, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631.

BABY'S COMING SHOP

The Moms and Babies Coming Shop in Pampa is looking for volunteers to help man the shop. For more information, call 664-2459.

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.

ROGER

MILLER STORY

The Roger Miller Museum Board will present "Dang Me - The Roger Miller Story" at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 28 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 30, in the newly renovated grade school auditorium in Erick, Okla. The play will highlight the life of hometown boy, Roger Miller, and will be held in conjunction with Erick's alumni reunion Memorial Day weekend. Tickets are currently available for purchase for \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. For more information, call (580) 526-3332.

CITYWIDE

GARAGE SALE

The Sixth Annual Communitywide Garage Sale

in McLean and Alanreed' is planned for Saturday, May 29 in both communities. Twenty-four families in McLean and six families in Alanreed will participate. Free maps will be available the morning of the event at McLean Post Office, Texaco Country Corner, Charlotte's Gifts, Puckett's Grocery Store, Wagon Wheel Restaurant and Taylor Mart. In Alanreed, the sale will be held at the community gym.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., May 5 and 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; from 12:30-4 p.m., May 10, City Hall, Canadian; and from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., May 12, Wheeler School, Wheeler.

CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: May 24, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a

registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

LECTURE SERIES

Harrington House Connoisseur Lecture Series will begin Tuesday, June 1 at Harrington House in Amarillo. "Couture Designers: Mrs. Harrington's Collection" will be showcased. Two identical lectures will be offered at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. with each limited to 10 people. The series will be offered the first Tuesday of each month June through October. Regular hours of the house will not be scheduled on this day. For more information or for reservations (required), call (806) 374-5490.

ACT

The next ACT Assessment test will be administered nationwide Saturday, June 12. College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions exam by May 4, the postmark deadline. The late postmark deadline is May 21 and includes an extra fee. For more information, contact your high school counselor or go on-line to www.act.org.

MEMORIAL CONCERT

The 15th annual Erickson Memorial Concert will be held at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 12, in the auditorium at Perryton High School, 1102 S. Jefferson, Perryton. The concert is free and open to the public. Rooster Morris and Eddie Collie will present a one-hour concert, performing songs considered authentic

old-time western fiddle tunes.

WINE&CLAY FESTIVAL

Llano Estacado's Seventh Annual Wine & Clay Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13 at Llano Estacado Winery, 3.2 miles east of US87 on FM 1585. Demonstrations are planned throughout the day. Admission is free. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, and 12 noon-5 p.m., Sunday.

SWIM CLASSES

Gray County American Red Cross and the City of Pampa will be offering 30-minute swimming classes in two-week sessions throughout the summer. Class levels range from one all the way up to level five with one open to children between 3 and 5 years of age. The first two-week session will be offered between June 14 and 25. The second session is scheduled from July 12-23 and the third from Aug. 2-13. Classes are at different times for different levels. Each two-week session will be \$35. To register and pre-pay, stop by the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. For more information, call 669-7121.

BEEF BULL SEMINAR

A Beef Bull Seminar entitled "Getting an Edge - Bull Selection for Today's Market" will be conducted Tuesday, June 15, at R.A. Brown Ranch near Throckmorton. Registration for the free seminar, worth three CEUs, will be from 8-8:30 a.m. on the 15th. Participants must RSVP for the event by June 11. For more information or to sign-up call, (940) 864-3496.

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The postmark deadline for entries in the International Library of Photography's free "International Open Amateur Photography Contest" is July 31. To enter, send one color or one black-and-white photo (unmounted), 8" x 10" or smaller, to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2(19), 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Categories are People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture or Other. For more information, visit www.picture.com on the World Wide Web.

USS LONG BEACH

USS Long Beach CGN-9 Association, Inc., is planning a reunion Sept. 13-19 at Hilton San Antonio Airport, 611 NW Loop 410, San Antonio. For more information, contact Don Shade, 299 Kiantone Rd., Jamestown, NY 14701-9370, 1-866-352-2469, LBCGN9@aol.com or www.ussslongbeach-assoc.org.

USS SPERRY

The USS Sperry (AS-12) Association is seeking former shipmates for a reunion celebration Sept. 30-Oct. 2 in Baltimore, Md. For more information, call (281) 534-2459; write, Arnold Ross, V-Pres, 2916 Colonial Dr., Dickinson, TX 77539; or e-mail aross14573@aol.com.

OS EXHIBIT, REUNION

The OS Ranch Steer Roping and Art Exhibit Reunion is planned for the first week in October at Post. A traditional Friday Night Party will kick-off the weekend at the OS Ranch House, 14-miles south-east of Post.

WORKING RANCH COWBOYS RODEO

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Beef Bull Seminar worth three CEUs

A free "Beef Bull Seminar" is planned at R.A. Brown Ranch near Throckmorton on Tuesday, June 15. "Getting an Edge - Bull Selection for Today's Market" will be the theme of the event. Registration will begin a 8 a.m. followed by the program at 8:30 a.m. on the 15th.

A meal will be provided courtesy of Pfizer Animal Health.

The program will consist of the following topics: "Update on Animal Health Issues" by Dr. Arnoldo Gutierrez, veterinary medical officer, USDA; "Blending Cowboy Logic with Modern Science - Selecting the Right Bull for Your Cow, Your Country and Your Market" by Donnell Brown, R.A. Brown Ranch, and Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock specialist; "Why is Breeding Soundness Evaluation Necessary?" by Dr. Steve Wikse, Beef Cattle

Extension veterinarian, Texas A&M.

And, "Got Trich? An Overview of Trichomoniasis" by Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Haskell Vet Clinic; "Diseases Affecting Reproduction," by Dr. Glenn Rogers, Pfizer Animal Health; "Economic Impact of Reproductive Diseases" by Stan Bevers, Extension economist; and "Keeping Diseases Out of Your Herd,

Biosecurity" by Wikse.

Sponsors for the event include R.A. Brown Ranch, Haskell Vet Clinic, Pfizer Animal Health and Texas Cooperative Extension.

The program will be worth three Texas Beef Quality Producer continuing education units. Participants must RSVP by June 11. For more information or to sign-up, call (940) 864-3496.

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PAMPA MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

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

A HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade. Evan Gary Aderholt, Lauren Ashley Akins, Brooklyn Shay Barker, Rebekah Lynn Bartel, Erin Elizabeth Buck, Rylan Marshall Clark, Alexander Clendening, Corbin Brady Clifton, Cheyanne Collins, Garrett Evan Coutts, Kimberly McCall Curtis, Matricia Ann Davis, Tanner Lee Davis, Klarisse Espiritu-Santo, Robin Fernuik, Myles Till Foreman, Christina Marie Hart, Savannah Jane Hoover, Ryan Alexander Jimenez, Landon Long, Kallie Lynn Marak, Mary Kathryn McKay, Ashlyn Janae McNeely, Treva Beth Miller, Jonathan Luke Murray, Britney Marie Poulin, Gabrielle Marie Powell, Britney Pritchard, Shannon M. Rex, Fabiola Soria, Kara Cylynda Stephens, Carlyn Teichmann, Emilie Taylor Troxell, Whitney Morgan Wade, Kelsey Nicole Watson, Leah Mae Wilson.

Seventh Grade. Brenna Danielle Albracht, Kathryn Miranda Aler, Jessica Baggerman, John Luke Covalt, Codi Lane Guthrie, Cole Allen Guyer, Andrew Ashley Hatcher, Chaney

Ashton Jones, Diana Renee Mechelay, Nicholas Lee Riley, Shawna Marie Salazar, Blake Ryan Sieck, Matthew Thomas Smith, Joe Anthony Solis, Chandler Vicary Talley, Coleby Ray West.

Eighth Grade. Megan N. Barnett, Claire Elizabeth Boyd, Kristopher Neil Boyd, Jennifer Lauren Cox, Meagan Crawford, Annie Jo Day, Kristen Lea Dunn, Stephanie Hassell, Kailee Bri Intemann, Melinda Lois Mason, Elizabeth Marie McGrath, Kayla Diane Mendoza, Joshua Lynn Mulkey, Angelica Dejesus Pena, Isela Resendiz, Brody Reece Russell, Sarah Catherine Smith, Justin Wayne Strickland, Samantha Sutterfield, Jacee Danae Villarreal, Krissa Nichole Whittley, Kelli Marie Willson.

AB HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade. Hilary Acker, Richard Ethan Addy, Janet Barraza, Brittany Nicole Bennett, Anthony Hagen Berry, Kristin Joy Charee Bivins, Jesus Borunda, Justin Marshall Carlton, Amanda Castleman, Margarita Cervantes, Harold Ryan Conner, Timothy Craig Conner, Kayla Jane Cox, Kristie Rachelle Davis, Reuben Jacob Day, Uriel Diaz, Ashley Marie Facio, Samantha Lee Finney, Mikaela Flores.

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Kelly Turner Stoffle, Lauren Sutherland, Brittany Jae Swope, Rebecca Nicole Taylor, Tracy Danay Torres, Serina Gail Wagner, Shayla Shalon Wagner, Miranda Gail Waldrop, Tessa Leigh Walker, Luke Randall Watson, Shelby Delise Watson, Brittany Wheeler, Ashley Rose Williams, Tawnee Renee Williams, Venessa Williams, Kaitlin Paige Winegeart, Jordan Rea Wortham.

Seventh Grade. Taylor Blake Aderholt, Ryan Baggerman, Senecia Becker, Rikki L. Beesley, Cody Allen Bowers, Shelby Ann Brudos, Richard Miron Bullard, Melissa Lynn Burkhalter, Kenzie Nicole Carter, Bernardo Casanova, Olivia Maury Chairez, Tryniti L. Chaney, Jonathan Combs, Tabitha Shae Courter, Lauren Ann Coutts, Keisha Leigh Crowell, Nathan Colby Dennis, Kamie Erin Doughty, Kelby Jordan Doughty, Mary Elizabeth Dyson, Destiny Renee Fitzer, Thomas Lee Fraser, Eric Michael

Freelen, Kameron Ryan Graves, Amanda Lynn Harkins, Christa Dawn Holt, Hannah Beth Hopkins, Jermyer Micheal Howe, Stephanie E. Jimenez, Brian Dale Jones, Tyler Daine Jones, Michael Allen Kelley, Daniel Shane Kirkland, Justin Kyle Lake, Kara Leigh Lane, Melissa Nicole Leal, Rachel Arae Lee, Sean Wesley Malone.

Luis Omar Martinez, Jeremy Lynn Maxwell, William Rex McKay, Kamy Lynn Miller, Jessica Erin Miner, Daryl Scott Moore, Shelby Lynn Needham, Dayla Renea Newman, Tyler Victoria O'Neal, James Darren Parker, Teysha Rashon Parker, Robert Brett Powell, Tristin Janae Reeves, Oscar Retana, Carley Jo Richardson, Justin David Romero, Belinda Saldierna, Kelsie Serrato, Colton Charles Shaw, April Rose Silva, Hayden Brooks Skinner, Corey

Hayden Stone, Jessica Lynn Tabor, Katelin Shay Wall, Jack Douglas Ware, Holly Ann Winegeart, Shelby Ann Wisdom, Jeremy Zellefrow.

Eighth Grade. Heather Addington, George Timothy Albear, Brittany Ann Balay, Rachel Colleen Bartel, Layce Beesley, Kristian Eva Beltran, Crystal Blanco, Christopher Don Boren, John Brent, Scotty Wayne Brown, Taylor Dean Busse, Chelsea Rachele Cain, Evelin Castillo, Juan Antonio Chavez, Tanner Mar Cochran, Stieve Shane Contreras, Colby Aaron Copeland, Jimmy Lee Craig, Rynn Gene Davis, William Tyler Dodson, Nicholas James Dudley, Andrew Michael Dunn, Tanner Dell Dyson, Adam Estrada, Yesenia Flores, Colden Trey Fortenberry, Elizabeth Garcia, Larri Donn Golleher, Chad Raymond Griffith, Krishna D. Henderson, Anna

Elizabeth Hillman, K'lyn Brook Holmes, Dane Edward Howard, Kambra Nicole Jimenez, Mitchell Dwain Kelley, Haili Ann Kotara, Ray Angel Lerma, Jeremy Michael Loner, Lacy Elizabeth Loving, Ryne D. Malone, Sonia Martinez, Ivan Miranda, Jasmine Moore, Trisha Renee Moore, Conrado Munguia, April Michelle Newsome, Rachal Larrissa Nunn, Carl Wayne Parker, Stephanie Kay Polasek.

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Older Americans overwhelmed by complex consumer world, according to AARP

By EILEEN ALT POWELL
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans who are 45 and older are a growing economic force, responsible for more than half the nation's consumer spending, but they often lack the skills and information to make good financial decisions, according to a study released Thursday.

The AARP says in its "Report to the Nation on Consumers in the Marketplace" that older Americans often feel overwhelmed when confronted with tasks such as choosing a health care provider or selecting investments for a retirement account or sorting through telephone service options.

"With the growing complexity, the growing number of choices... many consumers feel they have insufficient time to navigate through that," said John Rother, AARP's director of policy and strategy.

Ensuring that older Americans are good consumers is important because what they don't spend on goods and services can go toward important savings goals, the report said.

"The savings that accrue

from effective shopping and financial management are vital to helping consumers, especially baby boomers, find adequate resources for myriad responsibilities, including financing their children's education, caring for older relatives and saving for their own retirement," the report said.

The study, which is based on federal data through 2001, is AARP's fourth annual report on the state of older Americans. AARP is a nonprofit advocacy group for Americans aged 50 and older that is based in Washington, D.C.

Older Americans spend an average of \$38,787 a year, with nearly a third going to housing, the study found. Other major categories include 13 percent for food, 7 percent for health care, 19 percent for transportation, 10 percent for insurance and pensions, and the rest for other purposes, such as entertainment, alcohol and tobacco, and personal care products.

But consumers don't necessarily buy the best products or get the best prices, the study said.

"The old rules of thumb, such as 'you get what you pay for,' are often not applicable in

today's marketplace, and consumers who use them are often shortchanged," it said.

It noted, for example, that even selecting basic checking and savings accounts can be confusing.

Consumers have to take into account the interest a financial institution is offering as well as late fees, service charges, monthly maintenance costs and other surcharges "that make it difficult for consumers to compare shop and make informed decisions."

Selecting a mortgage can be equally complex. The study said that a single local newspaper's mortgage guide "listed 41 different loan types and 47 mortgage lenders for potential borrowers to compare."

Consumers acknowledge they're overwhelmed.

A companion telephone survey of some 1,900 older consumers found that 27 percent said they didn't have enough time to be good money managers, while 7 percent blamed a lack of knowledge about finances. Too much information — and not enough information — were also cited as obstacles.

Season soon to get under way for 'Lone Star Rising'

LAKE MEREDITH — Another season of the outdoor production of "Lone Star Rising" is set to begin on the shores of Lake Meredith between Amarillo and Borger in the Texas Panhandle.

The fourth season of Lone Star Rising will kick-off

Wednesday, June 9, and run through August 15. The colorful "Texas style" production will feature performers from many Texas locations as well as other states.

The cast will utilize singing, dancing and acting to tell the story of early Texas

days in a unique and entertaining way.

Dancers will perform in folkloric, flamenco, tap, ballet and American Indian styles. Actors will attempt to bring Texas history to life, portraying Cynthia Ann Parker, Sam Houston, Coronado and other colorful characters.

Music for the show is varied. There is comedy and old time Vaudeville routines.

The theatre housing Lone Star Rising is in a national recreation area maintained by National Parks Service. Auxiliary recreational opportunities include fishing, boating, swimming, biking, sight-seeing and camping.

Director of the show is Neil Hess. Music arranger is Bob Hansen and the Seattle Symphony and the Light Crust Doughboys Western Swing band provided musical tracks.

Bus tours are accommodated at the show and plenty of parking is available.


The Fiesta stage, located on the plaza near the parking lot provides pre-show entertainment from talented area performers. Special group rates are available for the production.

Tickets can be reserved by calling Debby Powers at our new office location in Borger at (806) 677-1706 or Lake Meredith Aquatic Museum at (806) 857-2458.



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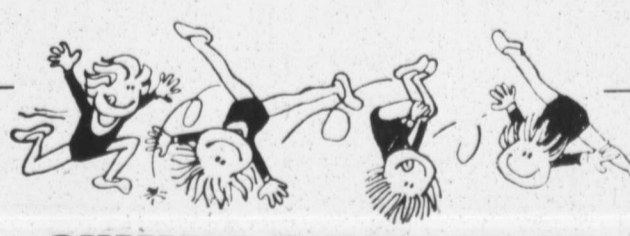
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Class days are as follows: M = Monday, T = Tuesday, W = Wednesday, R = Thursday, F = Friday, S = Saturday

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Course	Time	Days	Course Title	Instructor	Credit
BIOL-2401.031	5:30pm-9:55pm	TR	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	Wiginton	4
BIOL-2401L.031	5:30pm-9:55pm	TBA	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	Wiginton	4
CHEM-1111.031	5:30pm-9:55pm	TBA	Gen Chemistry Lab I	Wiginton	1
CHEM-1311.031	5:30pm-9:55pm	MW	General Chemistry I	Wiginton	3
Language Arts					
ENGL-1301.021	8:00am-11:55am	MW	English Composition and Rhetoric	Wilson	3
ENGL-1302.021	1:00pm-4:55pm	TR	English Composition and Rhetoric	Wilson	3
ENGL-2332.021	1:00pm-4:55pm	MW	World Literature I	Wilson	3
ENGL-2333.021	8:00am-11:55am	TR	Word Literature II	Wilson	3
History/Government					
GOVT-2305.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	MW	US Federal Government	Adams	3
HIST-1301.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	MW	Hist Of The United States To 1877	Rapstine	3
HIST-1302.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	TR	United States History From 1877	Rapstine	3
Computer Networking					
ITNW-1425.021	8:00am-11:50am	MTWR	Fundamentals Of Networking	Stephens	4
ITSC-1405.031	6:00pm-9:50pm	MTWR	Intro To PC Operating Systems	Stephens	4
Mathematics					
MATH-1314.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	MW	College Algebra	Miranda	3
PHYSICAL EDUCATION					
PHED-1113.021	1:00pm-4:55pm	TR	Lifetime Physical-Golf	Teichmann	1
PSYC-2301.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	TR	General Psychology	Vinson	3
Foreign Languages					
SPAN-1411.021	8:00am-11:55am	MW	Elementary Spanish I	Hernandez	4
Communications					
SPCH-1315.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	MW	Public Speaking	Crockett	3

SUMMER II SCHEDULE • JUNE 12 - AUGUST 8, 2004

Course	Time	Days	Course Title	Instructor	Credit
BIOL-2402.031	5:30pm-9:55pm	TR	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	Wiginton	4
BIOL-2402L.031	5:30pm-9:55pm	TBA	Human Anatomy and Phys II-Lab	Wiginton	4
CHEM-1112.031	5:30pm-9:55pm	TBA	General Chemistry Lab II	Wiginton	1
CHEM-1312.031	5:30pm-9:55pm	MW	General Chemistry II	Wiginton	3
Language Arts					
ENGL-1301.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	MW	English Composition and Rhetoric	Wilson	3
ENGL-1302.031	5:30pm-9:55pm	TR	English Composition and Rhetoric	Wilson	3
ENGL-2333.021	8:00am-11:55am	MW	Word Literature II	Wilson	3
History/Government					
GOVT-2306.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	MW	Texas Government	Staff	3
HIST-1302.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	MW	United States History From 1877	Dinsmore	3
Social Sciences					
PSYC-2314.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	TR	Human Growth & Development	Vinson	3
SOCI-1301	1:00pm-4:55pm	TR	Introduction To Sociology	Wilson	3
Communications					
SPCH-1315.021	1:00pm-4:55pm	MW	Public Speaking	Wilson	3
SPCH-1315.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	MW	Public Speaking	Staff	3
SPCH1318.031	6:00pm-9:55pm	MW	Interpersonal Speech	Crockett	3



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Organizers aiming to promote tourism with 'Trail of Sales'

DALHART — Bargain hunters will be able to drive a little to save a bundle, say organizers of the first "XIT Trail of Sales," slated June 5. Texas Cooperative Extension and Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the event. The tour will be filled with yard sales, flea markets, food and fun, said Susie Breiting, Extension fam-

ily and consumer sciences agent for Dallam and Hartley counties.

"We designed activities to foster rural tourism and commerce with a tip of the hat to bygone days once filled with a trail full of cowboys and cattle herds," Breiting said.

The 75-mile sale trail meanders on a route once criss-crossed by cattle drives. The XIT ranch covered

portions of 10 counties which helped perpetuate the misconception that the brand meant "Ten in Texas." The XIT brand, in fact, was originated to thwart rustlers.

The string of sales will run from Channing on state Highway 385 to Hartley, then via Highway 87 to Dalhart. Texline will be the fourth and final stop. The trail is designed

to bring visitors into the heart of XIT country. For visitors from New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma, the route will be reversed.

Selling will start by 8 a.m. and run until 6 p.m. Shoppers may start at any community involved. Sale locator maps will be available at the Channing Mercantile, Caution Light in Hartley, Dalhart's Prairie Dog

Junction, and the Oasis Convenience Store in Texline.

Each seller will pay a \$10 registration fee. To register, contact chairmen Dean Rhodes in Channing, 806-235-3800; Jennifer Been in Hartley, 806-365-0042; Kristine Olsen in Dalhart, 806-244-5646; and Amy Smith in Texline, 806-362-4651.

Pharmacy awards



(Courtesy photo)

Katherine M. Vandiver, far right, of Pampa, was recently awarded the GlaxoSmithKline Patient Care Award. She and other Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy seniors were recently honored at a graduate recognition ceremony on the Weatherford campus. All seniors received their doctor of pharmacy hoods. Also recognized were (left-right) Regan D. Waller of Killeen, Brian R. Quattlebaum of Athens and Britney D. Hawkins of Farwell.

American Angus Association announces results of realignment of staff positions

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — In keeping with the core strategies of its long-range plan established in 2003, the American Angus Association announces a realignment of staff positions. These changes are effective immediately and will affect both the office and field staff.

Three vice-presidents have been named to assume leadership duties over the various Association departments. Bill Bowman has been named vice president, information & data programs. Richard Wilson will be the vice president of finance, and Jim Shirley has been appointed vice president, industry relations. All three men bring years of Association experience and leadership to their positions.

"Instead of one large management team, there will be three smaller teams with a vice president to coordinate the efforts of each unit, which will provide for increased efficiency and focus," says John Crouch, American Angus Association executive vice president. "Another primary advantage of the new structure will be the enhanced communication and interaction with one of our most valuable resources, the regional managers."

Under the new structure, each vice president will work with a group of staff and departments to aid in optimizing resources and decrease duplication of efforts. Bowman, who also serves as director of performance programs, will work closely with the following departments: Member Services; Information Systems; Angus Information Management Software (AIMS); and Performance Programs.

Wilson will over see the Finance Department and Foundation Development. Shirley, who will also assume the director of commercial programs post, will work with Activities & Junior Activities; Industry & Member

Communications; Commercial Programs; and Regional Managers.

Shirley, who has been a regional manager in Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota since 1985, will move to the office in early May. Other office staff changes include hiring Sara Moyer as the director of industry & member communications; hiring Milford Jenkins as the director of Foundation development; and hiring Kenny Miller as assistant director of finance. Matt Printz has also been hired to work as a regional manager in Colorado and Nebraska.

In addition to changes in the office, some territories have been reassigned to ensure better customer serv-

ice to the membership. The field staff will increase from 12 to 13 regional managers. Colorado and Nebraska will become a separate territory. Minnesota, North and South Dakota will also join together to form a new territory.

"The changes that are taking place are evolving," Crouch says. "We want to ensure that the changes improve service to our members and their commercial bull buyers."

The American Angus Association, with headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo., provides services to more than 35,000 members and thousands of commercial cattle producers nationwide. For more information about the Association, go to www.angus.org.

Time again for mid-year ag survey

AUSTIN — How many acres will be planted to corn, cotton and sorghum? What will spring planting conditions mean for American agriculture? To gather reliable, objective information, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be surveying farmers and ranchers for the June Agricultural Survey.

"Agricultural surveys provide an important picture of Texas agriculture," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. "By going to the experts—Texas farmers and ranchers—the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service is able to compile accurate, reliable information about our state's second-largest industry for 2004. This information is needed by state and federal policymakers to develop initiatives and programs to benefit agriculture and help our hard-working producers."

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service will be conducting the survey and a representative will contact local producers between May 27 and June 13. This survey is particularly vital because it will provide the first clear indications of the potential production of major commodities in 2004.

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on the data to reach valid production, marketing, and investment decisions. Industry analysts, extension agents, and farm organizations use the information in a variety of ways that benefit farmers.

"We safeguard the confidentiality of all survey responses," Texas State Director Robin Roark says. "Information from individual operations is combined with

other responses to provide the needed data." NASS works with farmers and ranchers to provide meaningful, accurate, and objective statistics that help keep U.S. agriculture informed.

All agricultural statistics published by NASS are available at www.usda.gov/nass/. For more information, call the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service at 1-800-626-3142.

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New high-tech tool helps forecasters predict rapid storm intensification

By RACHEL LA CORTE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MIAMI (AP) — Hurricane forecasters plan to use a new computer model this year to help them predict whether a weak storm poses a risk of suddenly intensifying, a factor that could help save people lulled into a false sense of security.

The rapid intensity index will determine the odds of a hurricane strengthening by at least 35 mph over a 24-hour period.

Advance warning on that type of swift strengthening could bump a minor Category 1 hurricane with top winds of 95 mph to a much more damaging Category 3 hurricane with top winds of 130 mph.

But there are limits. The probability index only goes up to 60 percent in the Atlantic basin, and researchers say that high level is achieved only in a few rare cases.

Previously, forecasters could only assume that the chance of a storm intensifying rapidly was about 5 percent.

"You're really going to miss more than you catch," says John Kaplan, a meteorologist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's hurricane

research division. "But the goal is to get a certain percentage of them which, before this, you weren't going to get. If you can get even 20 percent of the cases, then that's 20 percent more than you would get otherwise."

Kaplan, along with Mark DeMaria of NOAA in Fort Collins, Colo., developed the model based on research they performed over the past five years.

Researchers at the Joint Hurricane Testbed on Virginia Key in Biscayne Bay have tested the model for the past three hurricane seasons. The National Hurricane Center in Miami will share the information with emergency managers and use the information internally to adjust their daily forecasts.

County emergency managers can use the information to decide whether to issue evacuation orders and how wide an area that order would encompass.

"Until now we haven't really had predictors of storm intensification," says Bill Johnson, assistant director of Miami-Dade County's Office of Emergency Management. "Anything that helps better forecast the landfall and the intensity and the time of

arrival of the storm, helps us ... better plan for an optimal evacuation."

Kaplan says he got the idea for the model after Hurricane Opal made landfall on Oct. 4, 1995. When Gulf coast residents went to bed, Opal was still a slow-moving Category 2 storm. By morning, Opal was a dangerous Category 4 hurricane, producing winds of 150 mph, coming ashore on Pensacola Beach.

The storm left nine dead in the United States, including two in Florida. Nearly 60 people died outside the United States, most of them in Mexico and Guatemala.

The model uses seven parameters, including ocean temperature and moisture at certain levels of the storm, to determine the likelihood of the storm suddenly strengthening.

The model runs every six hours for all storms, from depressions to hurricanes. The hurricane center immediately gets all the calculations and then forecasters determine how significant the probability is and whether to use it in a particular forecast.

Hurricane center director Max Mayfield says that the new model is just one of many tools forecasters will use, and warned that this model won't completely solve the problem of knowing exactly what a storm will do.

"This is going to help a little bit. We need a lot of help," he says. "At least it gives us some indication, something objective, to look at potential for rapid intensification."

Richard Knabb, science and operations officer at the hurricane center, noted that during testing, the index

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Endangered species



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

A mama Black-Tailed prairie dog at Loop 171 and the Lefors highway warns her neighbors of nearby strangers before ducking underground. The Black Tailed prairie dog is a candidate for listing as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.

Executives and analysts losing fear of forecasting — must be good times

By BRUCE MEYERSON
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — All it took was one good year for the fears of forecasting to subside.

At Walt Disney Co., embattled chief executive Michael Eisner proclaimed earlier this month that earnings would grow at a double-digit rate through 2007. AT&T Corp. recently declared that its long-shrinking consumer telephone business would begin to grow again in 2006, details to follow.

In the bubble days, such multi-year prognostications of sales and profits were common among both companies and Wall Street analysts.

But once the bear market exposed those forecasts as folly, companies stopped discussing their profit "expectations" for any period beyond the immediate future, complaining of a "lack of visibility" in the market and the economy. Many Wall Street analysts also turned squeamish as the economy stumbled and the market dove, refusing to forecast earnings more than a few months or quarters ahead.

Now, gray skies having cleared up, "visibility" has presumably improved and lessons learned about the perils of forecasting are being cast aside by companies.

And a growing number of analysts, despite how badly they were misled just a few years back, are herding along for the ride, predicting stock prices based on these long-term earnings projections. Among the analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call, there are about 7,600 published

forecasts for this year's earnings at the 500 companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index. Of those forecasts, 2,100 extend through 2006.

While it's standard practice in corporate finance to value a company based on a detailed five-year estimate of sales and expenses for that business, one might expect analysts to be more cautious in publishing those projections after all the botched forecasts just a few years ago.

To be sure, today's long-range forecasts are more modest than the grandiose projections of the boom years.

But regardless of magnitude, if it was too difficult to predict the future when times were tough, there's little scientific reason to suggest the art of forecasting gets easier when the financial climate improves.

A more likely explanation is that prosperous times breed optimism, fueling undue confidence in one's ability to predict the future. And considering the multiple uncertainties hovering over the economy now, it might be argued that even near-term prognostications should eyed with suspicion.

Indeed, there's ample reason to question Disney's assertion it can "deliver growth in earnings for the full year of 50 percent or more."

A major driver in Disney's strong performance during recent quarters has been Disneyland and Walt Disney World, where attendance has rebounded as the economy improves and terrorism fears ebb.

But with gas prices shooting above \$2 a gallon and the situation in Iraq threatening to push them higher, why is

Eisner so confident that families won't cancel plans to drive hundreds of miles to visit their favorite Disney theme park this summer? Those who live too far away to drive may also cancel their plans if rising jet fuel prices prompt more fare hikes.

That's the short term. Looking further out, there's worry that energy costs may undercut the economic recovery which helped bring the crowds back to Disney's resorts. Disney is also depending on 11 new TV series to lift its unprofitable ABC division from fourth place in the ratings. It's always an iffy proposition to rely on fickle TV viewers.

Add in the loss of a lucrative film partnership with Pixar Animation Studios, and it's hard not to wonder whether Eisner's confidence in forecasting three years into the future might not be driven by a desire to keep his job as CEO after being ousted as chairman in March.

Despite these wild cards, some analysts have gone out on a forecasting limb. Among the 28 Disney analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call, eight have published earnings projections for the company's fiscal year that ends in September 2006, and 11 have projected a long-term growth rate averaging 15 percent.

At AT&T, consumer revenues have plunged nearly 50 percent since 2000 amid price wars and competition from cell phones. The same pressures are sapping revenues from business services, though at a much slower rate.

While executives declined to detail their sudden optimism, part of the consumer turnaround is riding on AT&T's embrace of "Voice over Internet" technology as the telephone service of the future. But last week, a leading purveyor of the same service cut its price to \$30 a month, or \$10 less than AT&T charges — a sure sign that this new market won't be immune to the same price wars that have hobbled AT&T's traditional business.

Perhaps most unclear about AT&T's prospects is the regulatory environment, where key decisions by government agencies and the courts may have a huge impact on the company's business.

Nonetheless, Thomson First Call reports that 13 of 25 analysts who cover AT&T have published a forecast for 2006, all of whom expect a profitable year.

It's easy to see why executives, especially those leading a troubled ship, might paint a positive long-term view. It's less certain why so many Wall Street analysts follow them out on that limb, where the only thing clearly visible is the debris from forecasts past.

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Gymnastics, dance recital



(Courtesy photo)

Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center held its "Dancing Disney and All That Jazz" recital Saturday at M.K. Brown Auditorium. A gymnastics recital will be held at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. May 24 at M.G. Gymnastics Center. Admission will be charged on all performances. Above: (front row) Jacee Devoll, Lena Dyer, Zoe Hulsey, Cynthia Schepp, Mackenzy Milburn, Olivia Tyler, (second row) Edy Brainard, Nikki Anderson, Aiden Pena, Tiffany Bradford and Bethany Strange. Admission to the dance recital is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children; to the gymnastics recital, \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.



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TFCD reports solid first quarter results

AUSTIN — The Tenth Farm Credit District, the largest rural lending network in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas, recently reported solid financial results for the first quarter of 2004.

The Tenth District is composed of the cooperatively owned Farm Credit Bank of Texas, 12 Agricultural Credit Associations and nine Federal Land Credit Associations in the five-state region.

District net income for the three months ending March 31, 2004, was \$38.0 million, a 28 percent increase over the \$29.7 million reported for the same period in 2003.

Gross loan volume for the district totaled \$7.35 billion at March 31, 2004. This is a 1 percent increase for the 7.27 million loan volume reported at Dec. 31, 2004, and a seven-and-three-tenths increase from the \$6.85 billion reported a year earlier.

"Demand for rural real estate remained strong in most areas of the district throughout the winter. This demand, com-

bined with improved crop prices, competitive loan pricing by our associations and increased loan participations with other lenders, contributed to the growth in the district's loan portfolio," Larry Doyle, FCBT chief executive officer, said.

He said the strong credit quality of the portfolio further reflected the stability of the agricultural sector this winter. At the end of the first quarter, 97.6 percent of gross loan volume was rated acceptable, up slightly from 97.4 percent at year-end 2003.

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas and its 21 affiliated financing cooperatives are part of the nationwide Farm Credit System, which provides financing to farmers, ranchers, agribusiness operations, country homeowners and other rural landowners. Nationally, the system reported combined net income of \$450 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2004. This compares with net income of \$435 million for the same period last year.

Wheat up 23 percent from last year

AUSTIN — The 2004 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 118.8 million bushels, up 23 percent from 2003 and 52 percent higher than 2002. This forecast is up 19 percent from the Texas April forecast.

According to a May 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, statewide yield is expected to average 33 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last year, and up 4 bushels from two years ago. Harvested acreage for grain, at 3.6 million acres, is up 4 percent from 2003.

"What once looked like a below average season has turned around with the increase in spring moisture, and the crop now has good yield potential," reported State Director Robin Roark.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 52.0 million bushels, up 26 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 25.5 million bushels, up 12 percent from last year. The Cross Timbers' production is estimated at 7.0 million bushels, up 64 percent from last year. Production in the Blacklands is forecast at 20.5 million bushels, 17 percent more than 2003.

United States winter wheat production for 2004 is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, down 9 percent from 2003. Yield is expected to average 44.2 bushels per acre, 2.5 bushels less than a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 35.1 million acres, down 4 percent from last season.

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New York weighs lemon law protection for farm machinery

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Livestock farmer Stephen Cornell had put just 2,000 miles on his new farm truck when the motor went bad. After five attempts to fix it, he gave up and bought a used one.

Not only did the truck cost Cornell \$40,000, but he lost business every time the vehicle was idle in the repair shop.

In an industry that has become dependent on machinery, owning a working tractor, combine, baler or other piece of farm equipment is a matter of survival. Farmers stand to lose money, and work time, if a key machine is broken down.

"It's like having trouble with your heart," explained Cornell, who raises cows, horses and other livestock on his Bainbridge farm in central New York. "If it doesn't work, you're in trouble."

Under a proposed New York law, farmers who buy a piece of machinery that turns out to be defective would be protected. The farm equipment "lemon law" is based on the same principle as automobile lemon laws — to safeguard consumers who buy or lease vehicles with serious defects.

"Farm equipment repre-

sents a substantial investment to farmers," said John Tauzel, assistant director of public policy of the New York Farm Bureau, a grass-roots organization of farm families. "They need protection on their investment."

All 50 states have motor vehicle lemon laws modeled after California, which became the first state in 1982 to give such protections to car buyers. In the late 80s and early 90s, at least six states extended lemon laws to include farm machinery. About a half dozen other states have specific language excluding tractors and other farm equipment, which can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars each.

In New York, suppliers who sell or lease machinery directly to farmers or through dealers would have to give a one-year warranty. During that time, farmers could get their equipment replaced or money refunded if it cannot be fixed in a reasonable amount of time or if the equipment is out of service for more than a month.

Some equipment makers see farm lemon laws as unnecessary.

Manufacturers already work closely with consumers

to ensure that repairs are covered under the warranty, said Nick Yaksich, vice president of government affairs for the Association of Equipment Manufacturers, which represents tractor makers and other agricultural machine companies.

"A happy farmer is our best interest," Yaksich said.

Robert Schnell, executive vice president of the Farm Equipment Manufacturers

Association, said a farm lemon law is moot since a growing number of farmers own maintenance shops on their land to fix non-working machines.

The legislation is co-sponsored by Assemblyman Clifford Crouch, a Republican and former dairy farmer who said his farming constituency is concerned by skyrocketing costs to repair bad equipment.

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Consortium pushes more video games that also teach

By MATT SLAGLE
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

DALLAS (AP) — Does "The Sims" video game accurately depict human psychology? Does a train simulator like "Railroad Tycoon" broach some basic engineering ideas?

A group of educators, developers and game publishers believe they might. The consortium, calling itself The Education Arcade, is launching a "games for learning" seal of approval to help consumers identify titles that teach more than hand-eye coordination.

The labels are to be announced Monday to kick off the Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles and should begin appearing this fall.

Members of the consortium include MIT's Comparative Media Studies program, the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education and LeapFrog Enterprises Inc., an educational toy maker.

"What we hope is something that looks like the Good Housekeeping seal of approval," said Alex Chisholm, LeapFrog's director of content.

Beyond labels, the group hopes to persuade game companies to make more educational games.

It could be a tough sell, though, in an industry that favors low-risk, high-profit sequels built on established franchises.

"Learning multiplication tables on an Xbox hasn't exactly happened," American Technology Research analyst P.J. McNealy said. "People would rather shoot people, punch somebody or throw a football than learn math."

Top titles often take millions of dollars and years to produce, and putting that amount of effort into an educational game is simply too risky, said Warren Spector, studio director of game company Ion Storm in Austin.

"In the same way that documentaries don't really compete with fiction films, I don't ever expect to see educational games succeed at the financial level expected of a commercial entertainment game," Spector said.

He said educational games will be harder to find and won't be as well produced.

So-called "edutainment" titles, which blend fun with learning, account for a sliver of the \$10 billion North American video game business. U.S. educational PC software sales have plunged to \$191 million last year, from \$340 million in 2001, according to The NPD Group, a market research firm.

LeapFrog, long seen as a success story with its line of handheld educational game devices, has stumbled lately, posting first

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quarter losses of \$11.8 million on sales of \$72 million.

Many edutainment products simply have been squeezed out of store shelves to make room for better-selling shooters and sports titles, said Deborah Forte, president of Scholastic Entertainment in New York.

In fact, many companies have gone to great lengths to make educational programs more like recess and less like a final exam.

THQ Inc. of Calabasas Hills, Calif., spent several years and millions of dollars converting a realistic Army training program called "Full Spectrum Warrior" into a commercial video game.

When it debuts this summer, players will still learn the intricacies of urban warfare, but only as a side effect of winning. THQ chief executive Brian Farrell said.

"We're in the business of entertaining our consumers," he said. "That's a very separate market, I think. They're two different kinds of experiences and they'll stay that way for the foreseeable future."

Such sentiment isn't stopping MIT and Colonial Williamsburg from collaborating on an online role-playing game, "Revolution," in which players experience the American Revolution in a three-dimensional virtual world. They hope to license it to a game company this summer.

"Games can be both entertaining and educational," said Henry Jenkins, head of MIT's Comparative Media Studies program and co-director of The Education Arcade. "The challenge is to get companies to realize there is some good in the 'L' word" — for learning.

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There's a risk that overlabeling could confuse consumers.

Already, game boxes are littered with sales information, hardware requirements and ratings information from the nonprofit Entertainment Software Ratings Board.

Similar to those for movies, the software ratings consider violence, language and other factors. Ratings range from "EC" for

early childhood to "AO" for risqué, adult-only content.

The ratings board has advised The Education Arcade and supports "more information for parents in any format," said its president, Patricia Vance.

Andrew Bub, a stay-at-home father of two who created the video game Web site gamedad.com, said labels would be nice but only go so far. Rather, he said, parents need to stay involved with their children's gaming habits.

"My belief is you should play games with kids rather than just hysterically assume they're going to be bad for them," he said.

Not all parents believe video games need to be educational.

Monica Martin, a mother of two in Frisco, Texas, said the time her 6-year-old son, Alex, spends playing "Pokemon Coliseum" is all about having fun.

"He goes to school for seven hours. He just wants to go home and play," Martin said. "I clean houses for a living, and let me tell you, the last thing I want to do when I get home is clean some more."

On the Net:
<http://www.educationarcade.org>

Beef improvement event going on-line this year

Angus Productions Inc. (API) will provide online coverage of the 2004 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Meeting. Producers can go to www.bif-conference.com for a wealth of information, articles, news releases and links related to the conference as it happens. This year's BIF conference will take place May 25-28 in Sioux Falls, S.D., and will focus on application of new industry technology.

The Web site will include a schedule of events, biographies of speakers and tour hosts, symposium papers, award winners, tour and conference highlights and links to the registration information as well as links to other related sites. Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., is providing

sponsorship of the Web site.

"We are very excited to again partner with Boehringer Ingelheim to provide this valuable information to cattle producers," says Angie Denton, API director of Web marketing. "This is our third year of online BIF coverage, providing producers from across the country information they need to enhance efficiency and profitability."

In addition to providing coverage of the BIF conference, API and Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., also partnered to develop www.4cattlemen.com and www.rangebeefcow.com. These sites feature highlights of the 2004 Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show and the 2003 Range Beef Cow Symposium.

Texas milk production rises

AUSTIN — Texas milk production totaled 540 million pounds during April, up 6 percent from last year's production of 512 million pounds. March 2004 production totaled 550 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during April averaged 317,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year and unchanged from March 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,705 pounds during April, up 7 percent from last year but down 2 percent from March 2004.

Milk production in the 20 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 12.6 billion pounds, down less than 1 percent from production in these same states in April 2003. March revised production, at 12.8 billion pounds, was down 1.7 percent from March 2003.

Production per cow during April averaged 1,630 pounds, 3 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 20 states was 7.72 million head, 81,000 head less than last year but 2,000 head more than March 2004.

Upland cotton down 14 percent

AUSTIN — The 2003 Texas Upland cotton crop totaled 4.33 million bales, down 14 percent from 2002, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

Production was increased by 80,000 bales, or 2 percent above the January estimate. Harvested acreage for the season totaled 4.35 million acres, down 3 percent from the previous season, and 1 percent less than the January estimate.

The average yield per acre, at 478 pounds, was increased by 14 pounds per acre, but

was 60 pounds less than in 2002. Area planted to Upland cotton remained unchanged at 5.6 million acres and was equal to the acreage planted in 2002.

The U.S. Upland cotton crop totaled 17.8 million bales, up 8 percent from 2002. The U.S. yield for Upland cotton was a record high 723 pounds per acre, 71 pounds more than 2002. Harvested acres, at 11.8 million acres, was 3 percent below last year. Upland planted area totaled 13.3 million acres, 3 percent less than last season.

Foundation announces local grants

AMARILLO — Pampa Meals on Wheels and Tralee Crisis Center were among several organizations receiving grants from Amarillo Area Foundation recently. The foundation and its public supporting organization, The Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation, awarded a total of 13 charitable grants, according to a press release — the first of two discretionary grant-making cycles for the foundation in 2004.

MOW and Tralee, Clarendon College was among the area grant recipients. CC received a grant for \$50,000 for its new Library and Learning Resource Center.

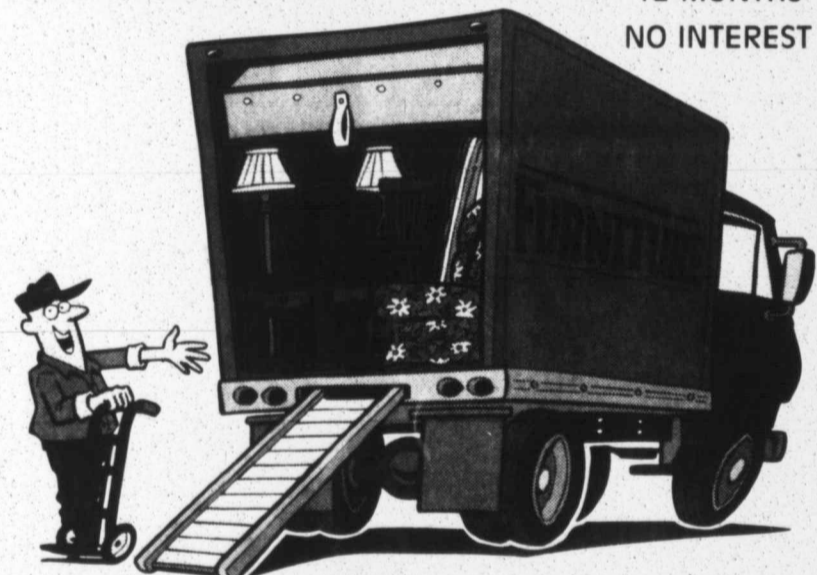
Pampa MOW received \$25,000 towards kitchen equipment for its new facility (\$20,000 from the Lawrence R. Hagy Fund and another \$5,000 from the Nona S. Payne Fund), and Tralee was awarded \$8,000 (Nona S. Payne Fund) for operating expenses.

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Focus of senior centers shifts from bingo to fitness

By DAVID DISHNEAU
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ACCIDENT, Md. (AP) — Not long ago, Sally Schwing had little time for organized senior activities and no interest in joining a health club. Then a doctor prescribed exercise and the 68-year-old homemaker discovered that bench presses had replaced bingo at her local senior center.

The Flowery Vale Health and Fitness Center, where Schwing is a regular, has 59 active members in rural western Maryland. Once a conventional senior center, today it mirrors changes occurring in many communities where retirees are embracing the benefits of exercise and rejecting cards and bingo.

"It is a trend and it is something that senior centers around the country are focusing on, especially as they are trying to appeal to younger seniors, people 55 and over," said Scott Parkin, a spokesman for The National Council on the Aging.

Chicago's Department on Aging, for instance, provides free fitness and strength training classes twice a week at 48 locations around town. The city's expanding network of senior centers offers daily fitness and exercise classes with personal trainers and modern fitness equipment.

Colin Milner, chief executive officer of the International Council on Active Aging, said the trend is accelerating as senior centers, retirement communities and assisted-living centers add equipment and staff to

serve a group he says health clubs have largely ignored.

"Part of the reason the fitness and health clubs today don't attract a large percentage of the older market is, generally speaking, the environment tends to be very intimidating and the programs and services really are geared toward the younger adult rather than the older adult," Milner said. His organization, based in Vancouver, B.C., advocates physical activity to help prevent illness and reduce health-care costs.

Just 30 percent of private health clubs offered senior programming in 2002, but more are focusing on cardiac rehabilitation, osteoporosis, high blood pressure and arthritis, said Brooke MacInnis, spokeswoman for the International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association.

"The health-club industry as a whole is very much aware of the senior set as a sort of a major market for potential membership," she said.

Experts say regular exercise can lower blood pressure, increase strength and stamina, enhance flexibility, and improve balance and coordination. A 1994 Tufts University study showed that even at age 98, intense training can significantly reverse a loss of strength.

The benefits of physical training aren't lost on Schwing, who joined the former Flowery Vale Senior Citizen Center and started exercising regularly as part of her physical therapy after knee surgery in 2001. She has since lost 55 pounds and has

postponed an operation to replace the arthritic knee.

"This is kind of like a miracle for me," Schwing said. "Somebody told me in church that I smile now. I'm not in pain all the time."

Schwing, whose only exercise used to be walking and housework, said she never considered joining a private health club. "I'm sure that even if I had the funds, I would have been intimidated," she said.

But at the Flowery Vale fitness club, which charges seniors \$15 a month, she and her peers have learned to use treadmills, stationary bikes, resistance machines and free weights besides their thrice-weekly aerobic workouts.

"I was really hesitant of a lot of things and would not really join in. Now I'm not too afraid of anything," Schwing said.

Center director Elaine Kackley, a certified personal trainer, created an exercise program to help 70-year-old Dot Bowser relieve her depression and restore her appetite after heart surgery nearly two years ago. The result: Bowser has gained about 15 pounds and no longer feels tired all the time.

"The doctors, when they found out I was doing the exercise, they were well pleased with that. Every time I go to see them, they ask if I'm still doing the exercise," she said.

For more than 15 years, Flowery Vale was a place where seniors played cards, ate lunch and heard presentations on health

care, nutrition and services for the elderly.

"But in this day and age, people aren't supporting the meal programs like they used to, but they will support a fitness center," said Veronica Padmos, coordinator of Older Americans Act programs at the Garrett County Area Agency on Aging.

Flowers Vale and its equipment — some donated, some purchased with a grant from the state Department of Aging — take up half the gymnasium in the old school building in Accident, population 350.

Kathy Cooke, coordinator for the Charles County Area Agency on Aging in southern Maryland, made a similar discovery. She said fitness classes far outnumber bingo, and demand for the centers' lunches is declining. "A lot of our seniors will pack their lunch or bring in yogurt or fruit," she said.

Cooke said bingo, once a mainstay at the centers, may eventually be cut to just one day a week.

"That used to be the big thing. The seniors would come to the centers, they would work puzzles, they would play bingo and they would socialize. Now they come in to take classes and then go back out and take part in community activities — and that's growing as baby boomers are aging."

On the Net:

The National Council on the Aging:
<http://www.ncoa.org>

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<http://www.icaa.cc>

Clover scarce for bees in drought-stricken areas

By ROXANA HEGEMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — After years of battling mites that decimated wild bee populations, domestic beekeepers took advantage of record high prices for honey last year to add hives and boost the nation's honey production.

But now, as the Kansas honey season gets under way, the state's far-reaching drought is forcing beekeepers to move their hives farther than usual to find the nectar-laden clover fields that bees need to make honey.

"All of our hives will get moved this year," said Tim Tucker, a southeast Kansas beekeeper and president of the Kansas Honey Producers Association.

That ability to follow the moisture is a big advantage beekeepers have over landlocked farmers of traditional crops such as wheat.

"We are actually pretty blessed," said Donette Brown, who co-owns Brown Honey Farms, a four-generation family operation based out of north-central Kansas.

Still, the drought has

affected the industry in Kansas. Without adequate moisture, flowers do not produce enough nectar for bees, Tucker said he moves his hives farther north each year in search of clover, blackberries, soybeans and flowering fruits.

The last good year for honey flow in southeast Kansas was 1997, and Tucker's apiaries are headed this summer to northern Kansas and southern Nebraska, where moisture is more reliable.

Said Brown: "It is so crucial to have spring rains because that brings on the wild clover, starts the alfalfa going and the sunflowers. We depend on the weather so much."

Last year, the nation's honey production totaled 181 million pounds, up 5 percent from 2002, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The agency counted 2.59 million colonies in 2003, a 1 percent growth from a year earlier.

The increases came along

with record honey prices of \$1.40 per pound nationwide, up 6 percent from a year ago. In Kansas, producers enjoyed even better prices, with averages of \$1.58 a pound, compared with \$1.50 a pound a year earlier.

Kansas honey production last year totaled 912,000 pounds, up from 884,000 pounds in 2002, according to the agency.

Producers also provide paid pollination services for orchards in the spring. Brown and her husband, Jerry Brown, ship nine semi-truck loads of bees, each carrying about 500 hives, to California each year as part of their pollination service. The farm also takes out their hives to pollinate apples in Kansas, cucumbers in Missouri and pumpkins in Illinois, she said.

Wintering losses to Kansas bee producers were about average this year, Tucker said. Cold weather and mites affect losses more than drought because producers can always supplement the bees' diet.

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Teacher Profile

Susan Stucki



Susan Stucki is a kindergarten teacher at Wilson Elementary. "If you haven't been in a kindergarten classroom lately, you might be surprised at what goes on during the day. We don't take naps, there isn't a kitchen center, and we don't have a milk break. What you will see is a room full of excited learners.

We begin our day by "reading the wall." This is a giant bulletin board filled with letters of the alphabet and all the sight words we have learned this year—about 60 so far. Then, the "leader" chooses two or three big books for the class to read together, as he points to the words on each page. After that, I read a few library books that focus on our current topic.

Last week we studied about the weather. After reading about a bear and his shadow, we decided to trace our shadows at four different times during the day. Wow, what a difference! Then we read about the water cycle, so we poured water on the hot sidewalk and watched it evaporate. The students were a little disappointed when a cloud didn't suddenly appear over the school.

Writer's Workshop comes next. This is a time when the children write their own stories and illustrate them. In the fall, they write a word or a sentence. But in the spring, they are writing two to three pages -- and yes, it is readable!

After Writer's Workshop, we have Guided Reading. Small groups come to my table for reading instruction while the others are at various centers around the room. All the centers are filled with reading and writing activities.

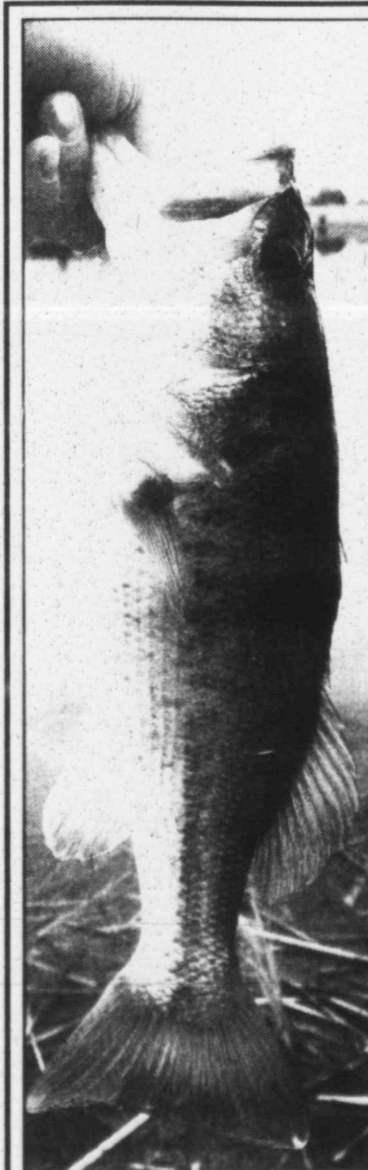
Last week at the listening center, they listened to fiction and non-fiction books about the weather that were recorded on tapes. At the writing center, they made books about the weather or wrote stories about some weather-related pictures I provided. In another center, they looked at library books, weather books or played "weatherman" with a large Texas map. They placed weather pictures near six Texas cities, recorded the information and then "reported it."

After lunch, we worked on our class book about weather. Each day, after reading about a particular type of weather, they would decide on a sentence to write and take turns writing each word on the page and then a child illustrated it. They learned sight words and phonics by writing together.

Following music and P.E., we had 90 minutes for math, science and social studies. After a 20 minute recess, it was time to go home.

No nap, no kitchen center -- the emphasis is not limited to "social skills." It's all about reading and writing-- and they love it!

I like the Latin proverb that says, 'By learning you will teach; by teaching you will learn.' I've taught for 21 years and I'm still learning -- why didn't that cloud appear once the water evaporated? I guess I have to leave something for the first grade teachers to teach!"



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worked well on Hurricane Michelle in 2001, but had poor results with Hurricane Lili in 2002 and last year's Hurricane Isabel.

Early Sept. 7, Isabel had winds of 60 mph far out in the Atlantic. The official forecast called for it to strengthen to about 85 mph in about two days.

Exactly 48 hours later, the maximum winds were 135 mph. A few days later Isabel decreased from 150 mph the morning of Sept. 15 to 105 mph winds 30 hours later. Its winds had been forecast to decrease to about 140 mph.

"We still have a long way to go before we have the true ability to forecast rapid intensification," Knabb says. "But this is certainly a step in the right direction."

On the Net:
National Hurricane Center:
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SPORTS

Leonard, Lewis share second-round lead at the Colonial

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Justin Leonard looked as if he was on his way to another record round at the Colonial. Then he stumbled and had to settle for a share of the lead.

With a 6-under 64 Friday, Leonard ended the second round at 6-under 134 and as co-leader with fellow Texan J.L. Lewis.

Leonard, who had a closing 61 in last year's Colonial, was 7 under through 11 holes in the second round Friday. Then he had consecutive bogeys.

Still, he managed to complete his lowest round of the season on a day when wind

gusts of up to 25 mph made for more Colonial-like conditions.

"I've been struggling the last few months and showing signs of playing well at times," Leonard said. "So to go out and shoot a round like I did today, it feels pretty good. Hopefully, this is the beginning of some good play."

The eight-time PGA winner has missed just one cut in 13 tournaments. But Leonard hasn't finished better than 25th since tying for ninth at the FBR Open on Feb. 1.

First-round leader Craig Perks (71) overcame a 4-over start through five holes and

was within one stroke of the lead at 5-under 135.

"I gained a lot more confidence playing the way I did coming back," said Perks, whose only PGA win was at the 2002 Players Championship. "Yesterday, it was nearly too easy. Everything kind of fell into place. Today, it was just a grind, every shot, every hole."

Perks was tied with Robert Gomez (64), Jeff Maggert (69) and Steve Flesch (69). Zach Johnson, Lee Janzen and Stewart Cink were at 136.

After a front-side 31, Leonard chipped in from 28 feet for a birdie on the 407-

yard 10th hole. But that wasn't his best shot.

From the fairway at the 611-yard 11th, 267 yards from the pin, Leonard hit a 2-iron. The ball landed just in front of the green, then rolled up and slid just over the lip of the cup. He made the 6-foot eagle putt.

Even after just missing a rare double-eagle, Leonard wasn't thinking about 61 or even a better score, like when Kenny Perry was running away with last year's tournament.

"Last year, I was thinking 59 after about 15 holes," Leonard said. "But 7 under

through 11, I'm just getting into the toughest part of the back nine. I wasn't focused on that. I'm just trying to play one shot at a time."

Then came the bogeys. He three-putted on the 417-yard 12th and just missed the green on the 171-yard 13th.

"That was disappointing, a little bit deflating," Leonard said. "But then I made a good up-and-down on 14."

From the back of the No. 14 green, Leonard chipped to less than 4 feet.

His last birdie came on a 22-foot putt at the 188-yard 16th.

Lewis took the lead with a bogey-free 66 in the morning, matching his season low round.

"I hit the ball well from tee to green," said Lewis, who hit 15 of 18 greens and had no three-putts. "I made some pretty good putts."

Lewis has just one top-10 finish this season, at the Bob Hope in January. He has since missed five of 12 cuts, with only one finish better than 25th.

Leonard was the only player who caught him. Phil Mickelson and Carl Pettersson couldn't sustain their charges.

DFB holds off Cabot in 11-12 Cal Ripken League activity

PAMPA — In yet another close game, Duncan, Fraser & Bridges narrowly defeated Cabot 3-1 Thursday night in the 11-12 Cal Ripken League. The game was extremely well-played from the start and the pitching and defense for both sides was excellent.

The game was knotted at 0-0 until the top of the third when Cody McIntyre led off with a single to center field. He stole second base on a wild pitch and got to third base on a single by Zach Organ. After Organ stole second, Corbin Clifton lined a single to center field that scored both McIntyre and Organ to give DFB a 2-0 lead.

In the bottom of the fourth, Cabot scored its only run of the game when Sam Newman doubled and was knocked in on a single by Reid Bradley.

In the top of the fourth, Organ scored the final run of

the game when Cameron Wall was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and two outs.

Cabot left nine runners on base and continually threatened to take the lead.

DFB had several defensive gems. The first batter of the game for Cabot lined a pitch down the right field line, but a perfect relay from right fielder Olim Boyd to second baseman Zach Doan to shortstop Garrett Ericson nailed the runner at second base. In the second inning, center fielder Zach Organ nailed a runner at second base trying to stretch a single into a double. In the fourth inning with the score 2-1 and a Cabot runner in third base, catcher Braden Hunt retrieved a wild pitch and threw to pitcher Corbin Clifton for a big out at home.

For DFB, Braden Hunt pitched three innings, giving up

no runs on two hits while striking out five, walking one and hitting one batter. He improved his record to 5-1. Corbin Clifton pitched one inning, giving up one run on two hits while striking out two and walking three. Garrett Ericson pitched the final two innings, giving up no runs on no hits while striking out five and walking two.

For Cabot, Steven Botello pitched six strong innings, giving up three runs on five hits while striking out 11, walking six and hitting one batter.

DFB's record is now 7-2. The team remains one-half game out of first place behind Glo-Valve, which owns a 6-1-1 record after tying Rotary on Thursday night.

The Pampa Optimist Club is a United Way Agency.

Big fish



Roy Alderson, Lefors, reeled this 11-pound, 2-ounce black bass out of Lake Alan Henry. The fish was caught with a brown and black jig. Lake Alan Henry is located 45 miles south of Lubbock.

Lakers win Game 1 of conference finals

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota's basketball-loving populace waited 45 years for a playoff game with this much importance — since the 1959 Minneapolis Lakers won the old West Division.

The Timberwolves would have loved to wait a few more days.

Shaquille O'Neal had 27 points, 18 rebounds and a superb performance at the free-throw line, and Kobe Bryant added 23 points in the Los Angeles Lakers' 97-88 victory in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals Friday night.

The Lakers were nearly flawless in the second half, making just two turnovers and running their offensive sets to perfection. They finished the game on a 9-2 run, with Derek

Fisher hitting his third 3-point shot with 58 seconds left to clinch it.

But just 48 hours after wrapping up a grueling seven-game victory over the Sacramento Kings, the Timberwolves seemed to run out of energy late in the opener of the franchise's first trip to the conference finals. Kevin Garnett played with little of his usual spark, and Sam Cassell was bedeviled by his aching back.

"We caught this team on a night they didn't have great energy," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "It's key for us to get home court tilted in our direction."

Game 2 is Sunday night, and the series moves to Los Angeles on Tuesday night. Detroit and Indiana will open

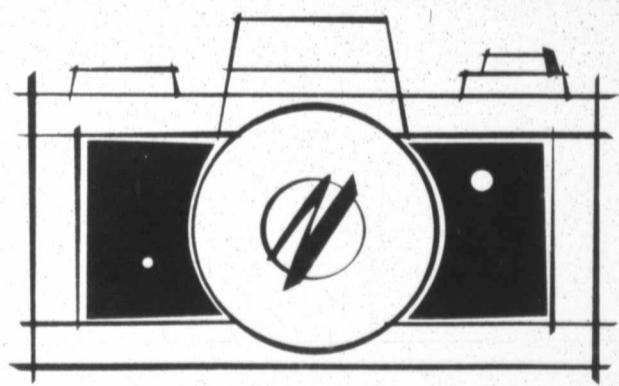
the Eastern Conference finals Saturday night in Indianapolis.

When Minnesota fouled O'Neal, the 38-percent playoff foul shooter went 9-for-11. He credited his sudden proficiency to an article given to him by Jackson — about an 80-year-old man who made more than 3,000 straight-free throws.

"I've just really been focusing on my routine," O'Neal said. "The article said that if you focus too much on the result, you fail."

Playoff excellence also is routine for the Lakers, who moved to Los Angeles in 1960 after winning five championships in Minneapolis. In a workmanlike victory that ended with a 9-2 run, they showed why they're playing for their fourth conference championship in five years.

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Armstrong tunes up for Tour de France

AIGUES-MORTES, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong finished 39th during the third stage of the Languedoc-Roussillon cycling race, a tuneup for his July attempt at a sixth straight Tour de France title. The Texan, who rides for U.S. Postal Service, is 44th overall out of 101 riders in the five-day race.

Switzerland's Martin Elmiger won the stage, edging Ukraine's Yuriy Krivstov in a photo finish after a sprint. Norway's Thor Hushovd, who won the first two stages, was fourth but kept the leader's yellow jersey. Armstrong is 31 seconds behind Hushovd, with two mountain stages to go.

Flashback

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Newman better off in 2004 even without a victory

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Ryan Newman still comes to the track to win, and that mentality served him well through the first 11 races of 2004.

He hasn't won yet, but he's still better off. Newman is sixth in Nextel Cup points after 11 events, an improvement of 21 spots compared to this stage last season. He trails leader Dale Earnhardt Jr. by 201 points.

"I'm pleased we're doing better, but I wouldn't say we're satisfied," Newman said Friday, a day before the Nextel All-Star Challenge. "I wish we had been to victory lane."

He qualified second for the all-star event, ending up just behind teammate Rusty Wallace. Wallace finished three laps and a pit stop with an average speed of 130.647

mph. Drivers had a minimum speed of 45 mph on the entry into the pits, with no limit on the exit, and eight of the 22 drivers were caught speeding on their stops.

"I was on it, and the team was on it, too," Wallace said. "They had it handling real good, and then the guys dreamed up the setup for qualifying."

Defending Nextel Cup champ Matt Kenseth was third, followed by Mark Martin and Tony Stewart.

Dave Blaney won the pole for Saturday's Nextel Open with a single lap of 185.058 mph. The winner of the Open — plus another driver voted by the fans — will advance to the All-Star Challenge.

Newman had a series-high eight victories a year ago,

including six during an amazing 13-race run through the summer. But he also failed to finish seven races, and that lack of consistency left him 311 points behind champion Kenseth.

Five of those DNF's came in the first half of the season, making a better start imperative for Newman and his Penske Racing South team.

"On a weekly basis, we're still here to win races," crew chief Matt Borland said. "But we're trying not to take unnecessary risks and do things that made us fall out of races last year."

Newman still is plenty fast — his three poles are tied with rookie Kasey Kahne for most in the series — and the only blemish on his record is an accident at Texas Motor Speedway.

Rodriguez homers in Texas return

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — As far as return trips go, Alex Rodriguez was welcomed with open arms by the folks in Texas.

Although Rodriguez was booed from the moment his No. 13 was visible in the New York Yankees' dugout Friday night, his hits and fielding gems drew some cheers, too. That was a pleasant surprise considering the way he was treated in Seattle during his first visit after leaving the Mariners.

"I thought it was OK,"

Rodriguez said. "I was surprised at how many positives there were."

Rodriguez went 2-for-5 with a two-run homer on his first swing back in Arlington, but it wasn't enough. The Rangers rallied from a three-run deficit to win 9-7, mostly behind the "kids" A-Rod was so happy to flee.

Layne Nix hit a pair of two-run homers, and Mark Teixeira doubled twice and scored three runs. Rookie Frankie Francisco struck out four in two innings, includ-

ing Rodriguez, then closer Francisco Cordero struck out the last two batters for his 14th save.

Now the Rangers and Yankees have identical 24-17 records. Difference is, Texas owner Tom Hicks is paying a lot less this season now that Rodriguez is gone.

Hicks gave Rodriguez a \$252 million, 10-year contract in 2001, luring him away from the Mariners. He endured many hostile environments that season, especially his first time back in Seattle.

Soccer refs



Pampa Soccer Association referees (from left) Mitch Kelly, Chelsea Anderson and Jimmy Goode discuss the finer points of the sport prior to a match. No standings or scores have been available.

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Third Flight: Disco Machine 60.

Browns' Couch files grievance

CLEVELAND (AP) — Quarterback Tim Couch has filed a grievance against the Cleveland Browns, who have banned him from working out with them even though he is still under contract.

Couch didn't participate in the club's voluntary quarterback school this week. He also missed minicamp earlier this month after the Browns told him to stop coming to their training facility while they tried to trade him.

The Browns have been attempting to work out a deal for Couch since signing free-agent quarterback Jeff Garcia as their starter in March.



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Florida	23	18	.561	1/2
New York	20	22	.476	4
Atlanta	19	21	.475	4
Montreal	14	28	.333	10
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	24	17	.585	
Chicago	23	18	.561	1
Cincinnati	23	18	.561	1
St. Louis	23	19	.548	1 1/2
Milwaukee	21	19	.525	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	18	20	.474	4 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	22	18	.550	
San Diego	23	19	.548	1
San Francisco	18	24	.429	5
Colorado	17	24	.415	5 1/2
Arizona	16	28	.361	6 1/2
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Thursday's Games				
St. Louis 11, N.Y. Mets 4				
San Francisco 5, Chicago Cubs 3, 10 innings				
Milwaukee 3, Montreal 2				
Florida 6, Houston 2				
Pittsburgh 9, San Diego 7				
Philadelphia 4, Los Angeles 0				
Cincinnati 3, Colorado 1				
Atlanta 5, Arizona 1				
Friday's Games				
St. Louis 7, Chicago Cubs 6				
San Francisco 6, Montreal 5				
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Philadelphia 5, San Diego 4				
N.Y. Mets 9, Colorado 7				
Cincinnati 7, Houston 4				
Atlanta 2, Los Angeles 0				
Florida 6, Arizona 5, 10 innings				
Saturday's Games				
Los Angeles (Weaver 2-5) at Atlanta (Wright 2-4), 1:20 p.m.				
St. Louis (W. Williams 1-4) at Chicago Cubs (Rusch 1-0), 1:20 p.m.				
Arizona (Sparks 2-3) at Florida (Penny 4-2), 4:10 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Sheets 4-2) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 1-4), 7:05 p.m.				
San Francisco (J. Williams 3-3) vs. Montreal (Vargas 3-2) at San Juan, Puerto Rico, 7:05 p.m.				
San Diego (Germano 0-0) at Philadelphia (Hancock 0-0), 7:05 p.m.				
Colorado (Cook 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Yates 1-4), 7:10 p.m.				
Houston (Clemens 7-0) at Cincinnati (Harang 4-1), 7:10 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
Los Angeles (W. Alvarez 2-0) at Atlanta (Hampton 0-5), 1:05 p.m.				
Colorado (Estes 6-2) at N.Y. Mets (Glavin 5-2), 1:10 p.m.				
Houston (Miller 5-3) at Cincinnati (Ludle 2-4), 1:15 p.m.				
San Francisco (Schmidt 4-2) vs. Montreal (Day 3-4) at San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1:35 p.m.				
Milwaukee (D. Davis 3-3) at Pittsburgh (Benson 3-3), 1:45 p.m.				
San Diego (Lawrence 6-2) at Philadelphia (Padilla 3-4), 1:35 p.m.				
Arizona (Johnson 4-4) at Florida (Willis 4-2), 3:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (Morris 4-3) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 5-3), 5:05 p.m.				
American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	25	17	.595	
New York	24	17	.585	1/2
Baltimore	20	18	.526	4
Toronto	17	25	.405	8
Tampa Bay	12	28	.300	12
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	24	17	.585	
Minnesota	24	17	.585	
Detroit	20	21	.488	4
Cleveland	18	22	.450	5 1/2
Kansas City	13	26	.333	10
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	27	15	.643	
Texas	24	17	.585	2 1/2
Oakland	23	18	.561	3 1/2
Seattle	14	27	.341	12 1/2
Thursday's Games				
Oakland 5, Detroit 2				
Tampa Bay 9, Boston 4				
Texas 6, Kansas City 3				
Chicago White Sox 10, Minnesota 3				
Seattle 11, Baltimore 0				
N.Y. Yankees 6, Anaheim 2				
Friday's Games				
Boston 11, Toronto 8				
Tampa Bay 5, Cleveland 3				
Texas 9, N.Y. Yankees 7				
Chicago White Sox 8, Minnesota 2				
Oakland 7, Kansas City 0				
Detroit 5, Seattle 0				
Anaheim 5, Baltimore 4				
Saturday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees (Contreras 1-2) at Texas (Drese 2-1), 4:05 p.m.				
Kansas City (Gremke 0-0) at Oakland (Zito 4-3), 4:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Westbrook 3-1) at Tampa Bay (Wachter 1-4), 6:15 p.m.				
National Basketball Association				
Daily Playoff Glance				
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)				
Sunday, May 2				
San Antonio 88, L.A. Lakers 78				
Monday, May 3				
Detroit 78, New Jersey 56				
Tuesday, May 4				
Sacramento 104, Minnesota 98				
Wednesday, May 5				
San Antonio 95, L.A. Lakers 85				
Thursday, May 6				
Indiana 94, Miami 81				
Friday, May 7				
Detroit 95, New Jersey 80				
Saturday, May 8				
Indiana 91, Miami 80				
Minnesota 94, Sacramento 89				
Sunday, May 9				
L.A. Lakers 105, San Antonio 81				
New Jersey 82, Detroit 64				
Monday, May 10				
Miami 94, Indiana 87				
Minnesota 114, Sacramento 113, OT				
Tuesday, May 11				
New Jersey 94, Detroit 79				
L.A. Lakers 98, San Antonio 90				
Wednesday, May 12				
Miami 100, Indiana 88				
Sacramento 87, Minnesota 81				
Thursday, May 13				
L.A. Lakers 74, San Antonio 73				
Friday, May 14				
New Jersey 127, Detroit 120, 3OT				
Minnesota 86, Sacramento 74				
Saturday, May 15				
Indiana 94, Miami 83				
L.A. Lakers 88, San Antonio 76, L.A. Lakers win series 4-2				
Sunday, May 16				
Sacramento 104, Minnesota 87				
Detroit 81, New Jersey 75				
Tuesday, May 18				
Indiana 75, Miami 70, Indiana wins series 4-2				
Wednesday, May 19				
Minnesota 83, Sacramento 80, Minnesota wins series 4-3				
Thursday, May 20				
Detroit 90, New Jersey 69, Detroit wins series 4-3				
CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)				
Friday, May 21				
L.A. Lakers 97, Minnesota 88, L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0				
Saturday, May 22				
Detroit at Indiana, 8 p.m.				
Sunday, May 23				
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.				
Monday, May 24				
Detroit at Indiana, 8 p.m.				
Tuesday, May 25				
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.				
Wednesday, May 26				
Indiana at Detroit, 8 p.m.				
Thursday, May 27				
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.				
Friday, May 28				
Indiana at Detroit, 8 p.m.				
Saturday, May 29				
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m., if necessary				
Sunday, May 30				
Detroit at Indiana, 8 p.m., if necessary				
Monday, May 31				
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m., if necessary				
Tuesday, June 1				
Indiana at Detroit, 8 p.m., if necessary				
Wednesday, June 2				
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 9 p.m., if necessary				
Thursday, June 3				
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NBA FINALS (Best-of-7)				
Sunday, June 6				
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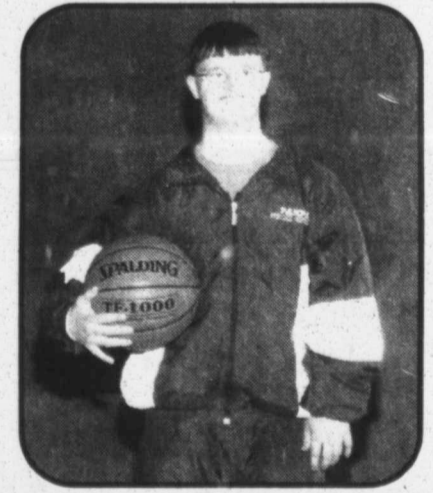
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Ways to protect your PC while on summer vacation

By DAVID KOENIG
AP BUSINESS WRITER

Q. I'm going on vacation. Will my computer, with its "always-on" high-speed Internet connection, be safe from hackers, viruses and spam?

A. The easiest solution, computer security experts say, is turn off your computer. They say you can also disconnect the cable or digital-subscriber line modem that connects you to the Internet.

Bruce Schneier, chief technical officer of Counterpane Internet Security Inc., said there is another important step you can take to guard against ever-morphing viruses and worms (such as the Sasser worm that hit computers early this month), when you're at home or on vacation.

"The biggest advice is backup, backup, backup," Schneier said. "There are lots of things out there that can get you that you won't be able to defend against because it's new, it's weird."

Schneier said regularly making a copy of everything on the computer's hard drive is simple enough even for people who are intimidated by the process of installing antivirus software and keeping current on patches for operating-systems software.

Al Decker, executive director of security and privacy for Plano, Texas-based Electronic Data Systems Corp., said security steps are just as valuable whether you're home or away and start with antivirus software, especially if it's bundled with a firewall program for broadband subscribers.

"If you're always on, your computer is a stationary target," Decker said. "Hackers can hone in on something that's not changing. With a firewall, it's making yourself invisible to that outside world."

Only 60 percent of online computer users in the United States have antivirus software and even fewer, about 25 percent, have a firewall, estimated Tom Powledge, a director of Symantec Corp., which sells those products.

Powledge said a big reason for turning off your computer when you're out, and having a firewall on it when you're home,

is to protect it from being turned into a zombie — a PC that's been taken over and directed to attack other computer systems. Such attacks can be launched without the computer user doing anything, such as opening an infected e-mail.

"Hackers are out there probing," Powledge said. "They do want to get into your PC, but what they really want to do is use your computer to attack other computers. You would be in for a real shock when you get back from vacation and get a call from the police."

There's more to anti-virus software than installing it — you also need to keep it updated, an easy process if you set your computer to do it automatically (the software will tell you how). The same goes for operating system patches. It's a good idea to be sure you have all the updates before you leave on vacation, and, upon your return, get any you might have missed.

For Windows patches, you can get auto updating by going to "System" in Control Panel on Windows XP or "Automatic Updates" in Control Panel for Windows 2000 and Me. When you return, go online to <http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com> to manually get patches — just in case.

And what about all those e-mails that await when you return from vacation? Turning off your computer and disconnecting the modem won't stop spam — it will be waiting for you unless you use a good filter.

Spammers are getting more clever at making their pitches look like legitimate mail. In one technique, called phishing, spammers pose as an Internet service provider, bank or other official source and ask computer users for personal information such as credit card numbers.

EDS' Decker said he received one such note ostensibly from a major bank. "The tip-off for me was that I didn't have an account at this bank, but it looked official," he said.

"The key is that the homeowner is their own best defense from a lot of the potential attacks that could come from having that broadband connection," he said.

Flowers abloom



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

A profusion of petals in bright colors dresses up the base of a tree in the 2300 block of Beech Lane. Spring gardening season is well underway, with a variety of flowers in rainbow shades available for landscaping.

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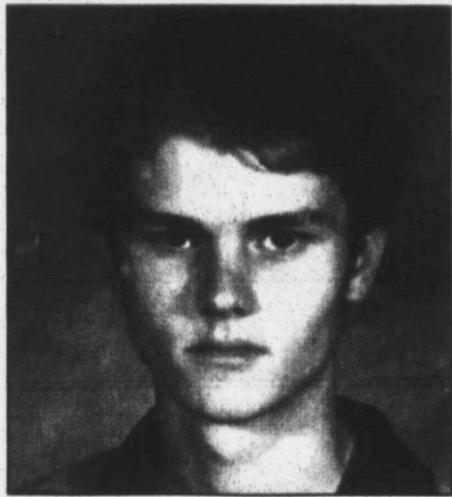
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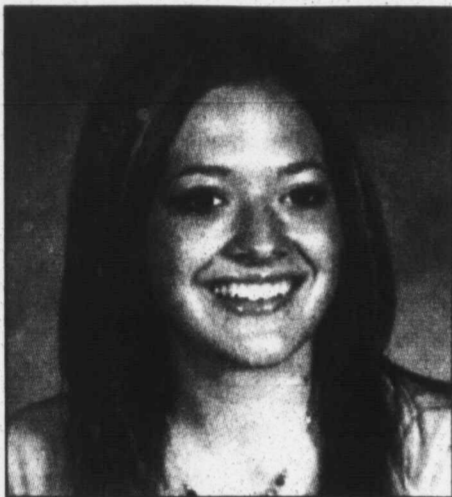
COMMUNITY

Prom Night

NEWSMAKERS



Ryan Hansen



Natasha Bailey



Amber Williams

Ryan Hansen, Natasha Bailey and Amber Williams were recently named United States Achievement Academy National Award Winners. Hansen and Williams were named award-winners in honor roll and Bailey in honor roll and student council.

The Academy bestows USAA awards upon fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. The students were nominated for the awards by Starla Kindle, a counselor at Pampa High School.

All USAA award-winners will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Other criteria includes academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Hansen is the son of Chris and Judy Hansen of Pampa and is the grandson of Orin and Gwyn Hulsey of Pampa.

Bailey is the daughter of Nathan and Robin Bailey of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Bill and Donna Bailey and Jerry and Linda Chatwell, all of Borger, and Steve and Jean Hood of Ballinger.

Williams is the daughter of Mark and Rina Williams of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Raymond and Brenda Parks, Kenneth and Rhonda Williams, and Shirley Swinney, all of Pampa.



Brianna Bailey

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Brianna Bailey has been named an All-American Scholar.

USAA established the All-American Scholar program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines.

To be eligible for the honor, students must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified

(See NEWSMAKERS, Page 30)



(Photo by Ben Briscoe)

Andrew Ammons is crowned Prom King by Basketball Coach Dustin Miller while Student Consul Sponsor Sherri Seabourn watches on.



(Photo by Ben Briscoe)

Seabourn crowns Anna Johnson prom queen. Johnson received the second largest amounts of votes; however, she won because the first place winner Abbi Colvalt had already left the prom.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Shelley Smith and Aric Luedecke arrive at the Pampa High School prom in a 1937 Rolls Royce.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

▲ Whitney Watts gets help in alighting from this wagon drawn by a pair of ponies. Watts and her date, T.J. Sherrill, in black and immediately left of Watts, rode in the wagon to the PHS prom.

▶ A BMW convertible carried Catherine Trimble and Shawn Goodin to the prom.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Audrey Dunn and Adam Etchison pose for photographs after arriving in a 1950 Mercury coupe.



(Photo by Ben Briscoe)

Kori Dunn dances with Mac Smith.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

▲ A white Lincoln limousine brought four couples to the red carpet at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium for the PHS prom, including Haley Bowen and her date, Justin Moler.

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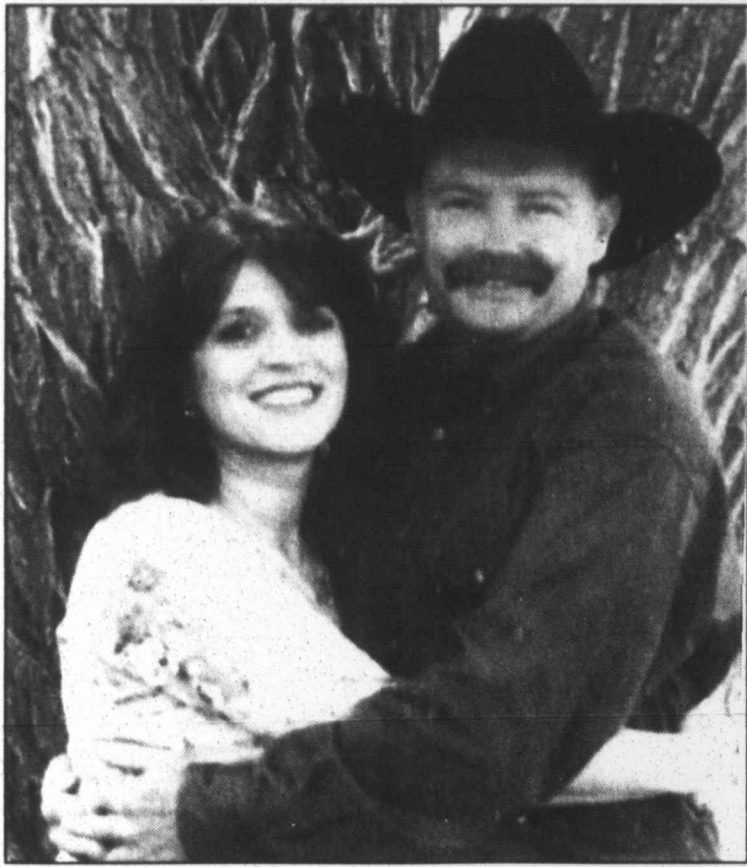
ENGAGEMENTS

Southerland-Houston

Nancy Lynn Southerland and Brian Eugene Houston plan to wed Saturday, July 31, at Westmont Christian Church in Lubbock.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Bill and Pat Southerland of Midland, formerly of Pampa, and is the granddaughter of Noah A. Kennedy and the late Eula Durham Kennedy of Waurika, Okla., and the late William H. and Mellie Chapman Southerland of Chickasha, Okla.

She attended Pampa schools and graduated from Lee High School in Midland. She holds a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing and a masters degree in education from Texas Tech University. She is currently employed with Lubbock Independent School District.



Nancy L. Southerland and Brian E. Houston

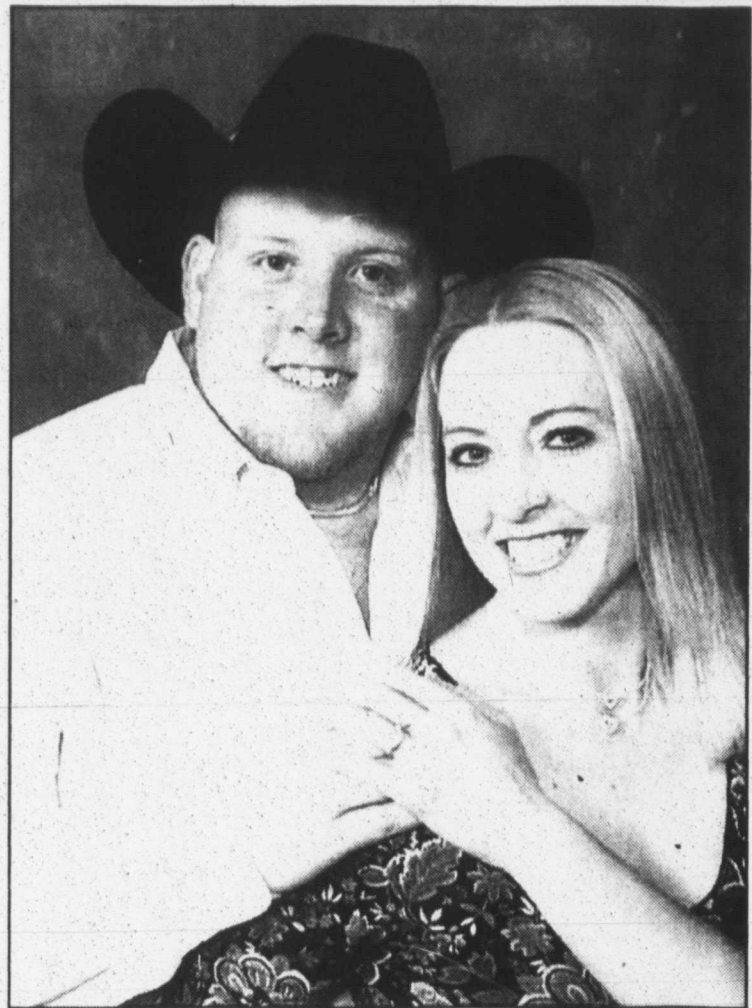
The prospective groom is the son of Eugene and Frances Houston of Muleshoe. He graduated from Muleshoe High School and earned a bachelor of science degree in agricultural business from TTU. He is currently employed with An-Fo Dairy Chemicals.

Lucas-Harrison

Wendy Lucas and Brad Harrison, both of Amarillo, plan to wed Saturday, July 24, at Memorial Park in Amarillo.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Roger and Jeannie Lucas of Amarillo. She graduated from Palo Duro High School and is currently attending Amarillo College as a paralegal studies major. She is employed full-time with Caprock Credit Corporation.

The prospective groom is the son of Frank and Cathy Hooper of Perryton and the late Elmer Harrison. He graduated from Wheeler High School and is currently attending Amarillo College as a real estate major. He works for the City of Amarillo in the Code Enforcement Division.



Brad Harrison and Wendy Lucas

ANNIVERSARIES

Swindle anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Swindle of Pampa will observe their 53rd wedding anniversary this month with a trip down south.

Tommie Swindle and Janie Burns were married May 22, 1951, at Henrietta. They have been Pampa residents for 52 years and are members of Nazarene Church.

Mr. Swindle retired from Glo Valve in October 1990 after 37 1/2 years of service.

Mrs. Swindle is a homemaker.

Children of the couple are Tommy and Donna Swindle of Pampa, Phyllis and Charles Fleetwood of Liberal, Kan., and Donald



Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Swindle

and Sherry Swindle of Arkansas. They have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Walker-Harvey

Tonja Jo Walker and James Russell Harvey plan to wed in July at Pampa.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Betty and Ronnie Parsley of Pampa and James and Coeta Walker of Claude. She graduated from Pampa High School and works at Wal-Mart Pharmacy.

The prospective groom is the son of Sandra and David Harvey of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School and works at Hastings.



Tonja Jo Walker and James Russell Harvey

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3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

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5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in *The Pampa News* office

later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to *The Pampa News*, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).

Bridal Selection

Angel Briggs & Jason Wheeler

Laura Miller & Daniel Frye

Amy Hayes & Ben Rodriguez

Michelle Bailey & Danny Kirkpatrick

Naomi Reeder & Matthew Kirkpatrick

Kim Jones & Josh Ellis

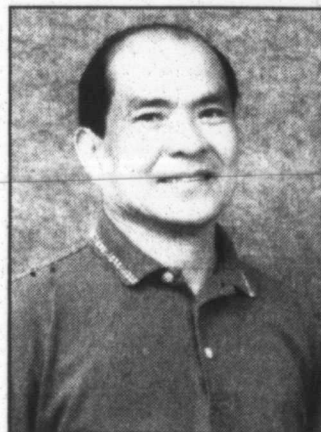
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Presleigh Grace Huber was born at 4:48 p.m. March 3 at Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine, to Leigh Ann and Nathan Huber of Keller.

At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 15-ounces

and was 21-inches long. Relatives include her grandparents, Joe and Jimmie Huber of Rogers, Ark., and Tom and Susie Lindsey; and her great-grandmother, Carrie Melton of Pampa.



Hannah E. Harris

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Hannah Elizabeth Harris was born at 9:47 a.m., Feb. 21, at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Bonnie Harris of Skellytown.

At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds, 6.3-

ounces and was 21-inches long.

Relatives include her father, Victor Isham; and her grandparents, Bill and Debby Harris of Skellytown and Edward and Francis Hopson of Pampa.



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Natalea Trizden Worley-Whitley was born at 8:58 a.m. Feb. 20 at Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger, to Megan Worley and Tedd Whitley of Pampa.

At birth, the infant

weighed 7-pounds, 1-ounce and was 19 1/2-inches long.

Relatives include a brother, Nathan Mears; and grandparents, Belinda and Larry Caviness and Opal Whitley.

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Laura Miller of Tulsa, Okla., and Daniel Frye of Houston were wed May 22 in Bible Church of Pampa with Pastor Bob Banks of Pampa officiating.

The matron of honor was Amanda Soukup, sister of the bride of Amarillo. The maid of honor was Amy Bradley of Dallas. The bridesmaids were Stacia Griffith of Lawrence, Kan., and Kelley Simpson of Amarillo. The flower girls were Bailey Soukup, niece of the bride of Amarillo, and Mary Frye, niece of the groom of Houston.

The best man was Erin Frye, brother of the groom of Houston. The groomsmen were Lance Ferland of Garland, Matt Winborne of Highlands Ranch, Colo., and Jeff Miller of Amarillo. The ring bearer was Garrett Mullican, nephew of the groom of Pampa.

The ushers were Jerry Mullican, brother-in-law of the groom of Pampa, and Justin



Laura Miller

Morris of Amarillo. The candle-lighters were Brenna Mullican of Pampa and Elizabeth Frye of Houston, both nieces of the groom.

Music was provided by pianist Ronna Raber and soloists Laura and Cullen Allen, all of Pampa.

A reception was held follow-

ing the service in fellowship hall of the church with Ann Carmichael, of Dallas, Ashley Culp of Drumright, Okla., Jane Calfy of Austin, Kellie Mullican, niece of the groom of Pampa, and Shaylee Burling of Abilene serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Pama and Stan Miller of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and holds a bachelor of science degree (2000) and a masters of science degree in communication sciences and disorders (2002) from Oklahoma State University. She is currently employed as a speech pathologist.

The groom is the son of Marilyn and Mike Frye of Pampa. He graduated from PHS in 1995 and holds a degree in management information systems (1999) from Texas Tech University. He is currently employed as a personal computer systems group account manager at Hewlett-Packard in Houston.

The newlyweds planned a honeymoon trip to Biltmore Resort and Spa in Phoenix, Ariz., and intend to make their home in Houston.

MENUS

WEEK OF MAY 24-28

- Pampa Schools**
MONDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
Lunch: Popcorn shrimp or macaroni/cheese, French fries, English peas, apricots, rolls.
- TUESDAY**
Breakfast: Kolache.
Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce or chicken nuggets, green beans, salad, peaches, bread sticks.
- WEDNESDAY**
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy.
Lunch: Chicken fajitas or pizza, western beans, Spanish rice, fruit.
- THURSDAY**
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls.
Lunch: Pigs in a blanket or beef/cheese nachos, corn, potatoes, mixed fruit, brownies.
- FRIDAY**
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Hot dogs or vegetarian beans, chips, fruit, cookies.
- Lefors Schools**
MONDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Teriyaki chicken, egg rolls, barbecue franks, stir fry, tropical fruit, salad bar, milk.
- TUESDAY**
Breakfast: French toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Nachos, mini burritos, Spanish rice, beans, salad bar, fruit, milk.
- WEDNESDAY**
Breakfast: Breakfast squares, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Cook's choice.
- THURSDAY**
Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Cook's choice.

- FRIDAY**
Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Cook's choice.
- Senior Citizens**
MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos/cheese sauce, mashed potatoes, spinach, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lemon cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
- TUESDAY**
Chicken pot pie or Salisbury steak, au gratin potatoes, beets, brussels sprouts, beans, Boston cream pie or rice pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
- WEDNESDAY**
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, fried okra, carrots, beans, red velvet cake or pineapple squares, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
- THURSDAY**
Chicken strips or barbecued sausages/onion rings, tater tots, corn, turnip greens, baked beans, peanut butter cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
- FRIDAY**
Catfish/hushpuppies or beef enchiladas, potato wedges, hominy, beans, cinnamon swirl cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread, hot rolls or cornbread.
- Meals On Wheels**
MONDAY
Pork roast, sweet potatoes, green beans, cake.
- TUESDAY**
Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, peas, pineapple.
- WEDNESDAY**
Chicken/rice casserole, corn, broccoli, cookies.
- THURSDAY**
Stew, cornbread, jello.
- FRIDAY**
Tuna casserole, brussels sprouts, pickled beets, apricots.

CLUB NEWS

Progressive TEEA —New officers were elected. Eva Dennis was elected president; June Rowan, vice president; Mary Ann Bailey, treasurer; Helene Baumgardner, secretary-reporter; Geneva Barton, Betty Buckingham and Bailey, telephone committee; and Ruth Barrett,

council representative. —Rowan was recognized with the "Outstanding Member Award." —The group toured the Square House Museum in Panhandle and The Antique

Shop in White Deer. —A creative craft session will be conducted in June at the Gray County Annex with Madeline Gawthrop. The next meeting will be announced at a later time.

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MEDICAL

Curry ingredient may help in battling cystic fibrosis

WASHINGTON (AP)—A substance in a common spice that helps turn curry and mustard yellow might also help treat deadly cystic fibrosis, according to a study by Yale University scientists.

Eating large doses of the substance found in the spice turmeric significantly cut deaths among mice with the genetic disease. The discovery prompted the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to fund a study on its effects in patients this summer.

The substance, called curcumin, is sold as a dietary supplement. But patients shouldn't self-medicate, CF specialists stressed. Among the reasons: No one yet knows if large amounts of curcumin could interact dangerously with the other medicines they take.

Still, "it's very promising," said Dr. Peter-Mogayzel Jr., director of the Cystic Fibrosis Center at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins Hospital. "This is research that really has the potential, I think, to benefit patients down the road."

Cystic fibrosis afflicts about 30,000 American children and young adults. It attacks patients' lungs with a thick mucus, trapping bacteria. Most eventually die from lung damage or infection. CF also harms digestion and vitamin absorption as the mucus clogs other organs.

Treatments to fight lung infections and improve nutrition have dramatically improved care and lengthened survival into the 30s. But they treat only symptoms.

The curcumin research, published in a recent edition of the journal *Science*, shows a possible way to attack the disease's underlying cause.

In most patients, CF's damage stems from a single genetic defect. It skews a protein called CFTR that is responsible for balancing the

Man in 90s still donates to medical research

By ALICIA CHANG
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The 91-year-old benefactor behind "America's Nobel" — the nation's richest prize for medical research — has always preferred anonymity.

So it came as no surprise when Morris "Marty" Silverman insisted the prize be named after the hospital bestowed with the donation rather than after him.

"To me, it's silly," said Silverman, referring to prizes, buildings and other things that bear the names of their patrons. "It's only good for a generation."

Silverman's low-key approach and desire to work behind the scenes has both baffled and won the admiration of business partners who expect someone of Silverman's wealth to be more comfortable in the limelight.

But those close to him describe him as a natural entrepreneur, a humble philanthropist with an offbeat sense of humor. He has been known to carry around business cards with his office address on the front and directions to his cemetery plot on the back.

"He is a true visionary. He sees possibilities and potential that no one else around him sees," said James J. Barba, president and chief executive of Albany Medical Center. "He combines that visionary character with a sort of little boy rascality ... that is both delightful and off-putting."

Silverman met Barba 10 years ago to discuss his plans to give back to the city of Albany where he received his law degree. Barba admitted he didn't know

what to think of Silverman until he opened his mail days after they met and discovered a \$1 million check.

"I called him up and said, 'Marty is this for real?'" Barba recalled. "He said, 'Of course it's for real. Do you think I'd write phony checks?'"

Years later, the two would collaborate again.

Silverman, inspired by the humanitarian work of the Nobel Prize-winning international aid group, Doctors Without Borders, wanted an American equivalent to the Nobel Prize, an international award founded by Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel. The Nobel, which recognizes accomplishments in physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and peace, carries a cash award of \$1.4 million.

Silverman decided Albany Medical Center would be the beneficiary of "America's Nobel."

It was a simple decision. While attending Albany Law School in the 1930s, Silverman opened a gas station to help pay for his tuition. He was moved by strangers who flocked to his station from as far as 10 miles away just to fill up their cars to help him through law school. He knew that somehow he would help the city when he graduated.

In 2000, Silverman pledged \$50 million to create the Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research to be disbursed over the next century in annual awards worth \$500,000. It's the largest medical research award in the United States and second in the world only to the Nobel.

The inaugural award was given to Dr. Arnold Levine for his work in help-

ing to identify a powerful cancer-fighting gene.

The 2004 winners were Stanley N. Cohen of Stanford University and Herbert W. Boyer of the University of California at San Francisco, whose groundbreaking work on genetic engineering became the cornerstone of the multi-billion-dollar biotechnology industry.

The prize, which has already created a buzz in the medical community, has the potential to be one of the most prestigious awards of all time, said Dr. Joseph Goldstein of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, who shared last year's prize with a colleague, Dr. Michael Brown.

The duo previously won the Nobel Prize for their research that laid the groundwork for the development of cholesterol-lowering drugs called statins.

Silverman "seems to have a very rich life in terms of experience, his devotion to the medical center and his desire to put Albany on the map," Goldstein said.

Silverman grew up in the Jewish section of Troy and lived with his two sisters and Polish immigrant parents. Although the city across the Hudson River from Albany was home to about 1,000 Jewish families, Silverman recalled traces of anti-Semitism.

In keeping with Jewish tradition, he had his bar mitzvah party when he turned 13, but recalls in his memoir "Stepping Stones," published last year, that he did not feel any closer to manhood.

That changed a few days later when (See MEDICAL, Page 30)



CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

by Dr. Mark W. Ford Jr.

CHIROPRACTIC BRINGS GOOD THINGS TO THE BABY-BOOMERS

Now that the baby-boomer population is becoming increasingly older, their medical treatment is gaining importance. Osteoporosis, nutritional deficiencies and many more problems associated with seniors and the elderly are now getting more attention. A study published in *Topics in Clinical Chiropractic* found chiropractic geriatric patients "less likely to have been hospitalized, less likely to have used a nursing home, more likely to report a better health status, more likely to exercise vigorously, and more likely to be mobile in the community."

The research concluded that senior chiropractic patients not only exercised more, but exercised more strenuously. They also had greater mobility and used a larger number of community services. In addition, these patients were more likely to describe their own health as being good to excellent and reported fewer incidences of arthritis, depression and hospitalization, as well as fewer chronic conditions.

Problems rising in older patients often start in youth. Excess in sports, poor posture and negative physical work habits lead to damage in the soft tissues in the muscles, cartilage, ligaments and tendons. The Wolf's Law in chiropractic states that as bones are subjected to stress and demands in weight-bearing posture, they will model or alter their shape accordingly. These changes may end in osteoarthritis, also known as degenerative joint disease. About 80 percent of persons over the age of 50 have this condition.

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Cancer find could aid target drug in right patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — A gene test may one day help doctors predict just which lung cancer patients should try a new drug that helps some people significantly — but fails most.

Doctors have been flummoxed by the hit-or-miss success of the drug, Iressa, but two teams of Boston scientists reported recently that the drug appears to work only in lung cancer that has mutated a certain way.

The discovery is a step toward more tailored treatment that eventually could benefit thousands battling the nation's top cancer killer, if patients whom Iressa could help try it sooner, and others don't waste time and money or risk unnecessary side effects.

And it points the way toward more targeted therapies for other cancers.

"It's incredibly important," said Vanderbilt University lung cancer specialist Dr. David Johnson, president-elect of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. "This is just the beginning of personalized medicine."

But the research also raises some intriguing questions: The mutations aren't inherited, they just occasionally arise inside the cancer itself — yet they seem more common among Japanese patients, women and nonsmokers. Why? No one knows.

Iressa, which began selling a year ago, was designed to target "epidermal growth factor receptor," or EGFR, growth-spurring

signaling posts for lung cancer cells. The idea was that lung cancer might make excess EGFR, and blocking it might slow growth with less toxicity than standard chemotherapy.

Doctors have reported terminally ill patients who lived months, or even years longer than expected on Iressa.

But they're rare. Only about 10 percent of U.S. patients respond to the drug, frustrating doctors who felt they had to offer it to most advanced-stage patients to find the fraction it helps.

Now, scientists working separately at Massachusetts General Hospital and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute have made the same discovery: Blocking excess EGFR didn't matter. Instead, Iressa works in people whose lung tumors harbor certain gene mutations that make abnormal EGFR.

This growth protein contains a little pocket to capture an energy-spurring molecule called ATP, said Dr. Daniel Haber, who led the Mass General team. Iressa apparently targets that pocket, and when the protein is mutated, Iressa fits inside the pocket much better, blocking

ATP and thus inhibiting cancer-cell growth, he explained.

"This was a targeted therapy before the target was really known," added Dr. Matthew Meyerson, who co-led the Dana-Farber team.

The research is reported in the journals *Science* and the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

There is no commercial test for the EGFR mutation yet. The Mass General scientists are negotiating with companies to create one, and large hospitals might also offer in-house laboratory testing. When testing is available, patients would need tumor samples on file after their initial lung surgery to get it.

The researchers already are planning studies to see whether mutation-harboring patients fare better if given Iressa early in the disease, maybe even before chemotherapy, instead of today's use as a last-ditch treatment.

Helping even a subset of patients is important because lung cancer is so prevalent, cancer specialists stress. Some 170,000 Americans will be diagnosed with it this year; it kills more than 150,000 annually.

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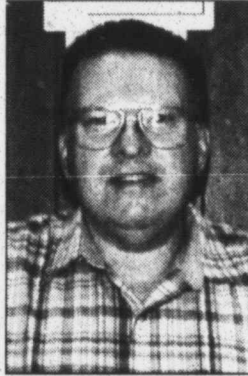
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Glenn Close proves regal in remake of 'Lion in Winter'

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Glenn Close has played a spike-heeled dognapper, a doctor and a nurse. She has been a psychotic siren in "Fatal Attraction," a comatose socialite in "Reversal of Fortune," a faded Hollywood diva in the Broadway musical "Sunset Boulevard."

Is there anything she won't try? Caught short by the question, Close stops to think and dissolves into laughter.

"I'm up for anything!" she declares. Now this gung-ho and altogether versatile actress has claimed a role made famous by none other than Katharine Hepburn's Oscar-winning performance in the 1968 film "The Lion in Winter."

Close rules as Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine in a new Showtime production of the brainy costume drama, premiering at 7:30 p.m. EDT today. She co-stars with her King Henry II, Patrick Stewart, who inherits the crown first worn on film by Peter O'Toole.

"I was very, very aware of the success of the movie, and that the iconic Hepburn had played this part," says Close. "It gives you pause. But this is a great part!"

"And it's a great love story: two dynamic people who will never find an equal in

any other person. And yet this great love has turned into a game of one-upmanship. They can't live with each other, and they certainly can't live without each other."

Based on the real-life royals, "The Lion in Winter" is set in 1183. King Henry has granted brief parole to his wife (whom he imprisoned for leading a coup against him a decade earlier) so she can be on hand for the Christmas holidays, joining their three grasping sons as well as Henry's teenage mistress and her own conniving brother, King Philip II of France.

Clearly, this is a crowd that just can't get along, which is where the fun comes in. And while the intrigue, subterfuge and seductions might suggest a medieval version of the soap opera "Dynasty," this family feud reverberates far beyond the castle walls, potentially rocking the civilized world.

Citing historian-author Barbara Tuchman, Close agrees that "history is formed by personality: the strengths and weaknesses of whatever leader fate happens to have put in power at any certain time."

"The inner workings of this family have huge repercussions for the people that they lord over," she observes. "That's why the story has resonance."

The film was shot at a 12th century castle in Slovakia, and on a soundstage in

Hungary. And Close confesses she began it as she typically approaches each new project: feeling humble and a bit scared.

"I never know how I'm gonna play a role until I'm actually in the playing of it," she says. "We had a whole week of reading around the table before we started, which was really invaluable. But we weren't on our feet on the set. And then the first thing we shot was the hardest, longest scene: the bedroom scene. It was insane!"

All by itself, that sequence is a yummy demonstration of acting chops, including a dramatic pas de deux of nearly 15 minutes between Eleanor and Henry. They rage and reminisce. They tease, bully and sweet-talk one another.

But Eleanor, a royal pain, isn't ceding any ground: She dismisses Henry's plea to annul their marriage so he can wed his mistress, who could then present him with an heir more worthy than the not-so-regal sons he had with Eleanor.

When Eleanor explains her refusal by telling Henry that she doesn't want to lose him, the vexed king asks how anyone doomed to spend her days in prison could still lay claim to him.

"Can't you feel the chains?" she replies.

A woman of strength, guile and great heart, Eleanor is a giant of a character — a character Close says she had to step up to.

"As a child I was morbidly shy outside my family, and I don't think you ever really get over that," she says. "Sometimes I feel shy in front of a character that I'm being asked to play. I worry they're smarter than me, they're wittier than me. So, initially, I can be intimidated."

"I've learned to recognize that, and to just keep my courage up until I find whatever it is that begins to reveal who that character is — so then I can put my body around it."

It's a process that has proved sovereign for the 57-year-old Close, bringing her three Tonys, an Emmy, and five Oscar nominations. She is back in movie houses next month in "The Stepford Wives," a remake of the 1975 black-comedy hit.

But whatever the project, Close displays the same gusto that makes her never less than fascinating to watch. She knows the payoff of drama for an audience.

"Some things rearrange you for a couple of hours," she explains. "Or for a couple of days or a couple of weeks. And some great things rearrange you forever."

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Fox debuting new series across the calendar; 'Arrested Development' included in line-up

By DAVID BAUDER
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox will kick off new series in June, August, November and January, but none during the traditional September start of a new TV season.

Meanwhile, UPN — the last of six broadcast networks to unveil new schedules to advertisers this week — will have a new drama in the fall with Tye Diggis portraying a lawyer who inherits a baby.

Fox's unconventional announcement on Thursday shows how serious it is about a year-round scheduling

strategy. The network says this reflects the way people follow television today, but it's also done out of necessity. Fox series have gotten off to a terrible start the past two years because its schedule is pre-empted for baseball in October.

The network released three separate schedules — one for June, another for November and a third for January.

"This is not an overnight thing," said Gail Berman, Fox entertainment president. "We have modest expectations about changing a 50-year history of the way tele-

vision is done. It is going to require some patience on our part."

On the viewers' part, too. Two of Fox's most popular comedies — "The Bernie Mac Show" and "Malcolm in the Middle" — were given three different time slots. At least "Malcolm" stays on the same night.

One of Fox's most critically acclaimed shows, "Arrested Development," was renewed despite poor ratings.

Two of its most popular dramas will be packing bags: "The O.C." moves to Thursday nights in November,

and "24" will start its fourth year in January on Mondays.

Five new series will debut next month, the same time Fox's rivals essentially shut down for reruns. Rap stars Method Man and Redman will star in a comedy, and Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie hit the road for the second season of "The Simple Life."

In November, Fox will premiere "House," described as a medical mystery series.

Three new reality series also will premiere in November, all of them familiar to fans of the genre. Mark Burnett, who is producing a

boxing reality series for NBC, has grumbled about Fox nicking his idea with "The Next Great Champ," which has Oscar De La Hoya trying to spy boxing talent.

Virgin founder Richard Branson joins Donald Trump and Mark Cuban as rich guys looking to give away money on TV and "The Partner" is reminiscent of "The Apprentice" in matching a team of Ivy Leaguers against street-smart lawyers for a job in a major firm.

The network also has a home renovation competition set for August.

Three dramas and three


comedies will premiere in January, including a sketch comedy show inspired by "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-in" with "Frasier" star Kelsey Grammer.

"Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane will also produce a new cartoon, "American Dad." Next summer, he'll start making new episodes of "Family Guy," a cartoon Fox canceled then was stunned to see it become enormously popular on DVD.

Fox will also be trying to break a dubious streak: for the past few years, it has had at least one series announced in May that never made it on the air.

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The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeals procedures if you have a concern about:

- *the values placed on your property
- *any exemptions that may apply to you
- *the cancellation of an agricultural exemption
- *the taxable status of your property
- *the local governments which should be taxing your property
- *any action taken by the appraisal district that adversely affects you

Informal Review
The first option a taxpayer may use to protest a value is to visit with the chief appraiser or a staff member. Records on individual properties are available for review by every taxpayer. This informal review is to the benefit of the taxpayer, as many protests are resolved at this level.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board
If you cannot resolve your problem with the appraisal district staff, you may have your case heard by the Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that review problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You will receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. The hearing will be informal. You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make a decision based on the presented evidence. NOTE: You should not try to contact ARB members prior to the meeting. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they have not discussed your case prior to the ARB meeting.

Review by District Court
After the ARB decides your case you will be sent a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If the appraisal district has appraised your property at \$1,000,000 or more you must file a notice of appeal with the chief appraiser within 15 days of the date you receive the ARB's decision.

Additional Information
You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district. You may obtain more information by contacting the appraisal district at the address or phone number below or by contacting the State Comptroller at the following address:

State Comptroller's Property Tax Division PO Box 13528 Austin, TX 78711-3528	Appraisal District Address & Phone Number: Gray County Appraisal District PO Box 826 Pampa, TX 79066-0826 (806) 665-0791
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BILLBOARD MUSIC CHARTS

By The Associated Press
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. "Redneck Woman," Gretchen Wilson. Epic.
 2. "Letters From Home," John Michael Montgomery. Warner Bros.
 3. "Mayberry," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
 4. "Paint Me a Birmingham," Tracy Lawrence. DreamWorks.
 5. "You'll Think of Me," Keith Urban. Capitol.
 6. "Desperately," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
 7. "When the Sun Goes Down," Kenny Chesney & Uncle Kracker. BNA.
 8. "If You Ever Stop Loving Me," Montgomery Gentry. Columbia.
 9. "Let's Be Us Again," Lonestar. BNA.
 10. "Whiskey Girl," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
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TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Here for the Party," Gretchen Wilson. Epic (Nashville).
 2. "When the Sun Goes Down," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
 3. "Golden Road," Keith Urban. Capitol. (Platinum)
 4. "Shock'n Y'all," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
 5. "Van Lear Rose," Loretta Lynn. Interscope.
 6. "What the World Needs Now is Love," Wynonna. Curb.
 7. "Greatest Hits," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville.
 8. "Strong," Tracy Lawrence. DreamWorks.
 9. "Horse of a Different Color," Big & Rich. Warner Bros.
 10. "Greatest Hits Volume II," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
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HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLES AND TRACKS

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)
1. "If I Ain't Got You," Alicia Keys. J.
 2. "Burn," Usher. LaFace.
 3. "Overnight Celebrity," Twista. Atlantic.
 4. "I Don't Wanna Know," Mario Winans (feat. Enya & P. Diddy). Bad Boy.
 5. "All Falls Down," Kanye West (feat. Syleena Johnson). Roc-a-Fella.
 6. "Confessions Part II," Usher. LaFace.
 7. "Freek-a-Leek," Petey Pablo. Jive.
 8. "Game Over (Flip)," Lil' Flip. Sucka Free.
 9. "Yeah!" Usher (feat. Lil Jon & Ludacris). Arista.
 10. "Happy People," R. Kelly. Jive.
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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. "Living Legends," 8Ball & MJG. Bad Boy.
 2. "Confessions," Usher. LaFace. (Platinum)
 3. "La Dona," Teena Marie. Cash Money Classics.

4. "D12 World," D12. Shady.
 5. "Still Writing in My Diary: 2nd Entry," Petey Pablo. Jive.
 6. "Hurt No More," Mario Winans. Bad Boy.
 7. "Musicology," Prince. NPG.
 8. "The College Dropout," Kanye West. Roc-a-Fella. (Platinum)
 9. "Timeless Journey," Patti LaBelle. Def Soul.
 10. "U Gotta Feel Me," Lil' Flip. Sucka Free. (Gold)
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HOT RAP TRACKS

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled, and Provided by SoundScan)
1. "Overnight Celebrity," Twista. Atlantic.
 2. "All Falls Down," Kanye West (feat. Syleena Johnson). Roc-a-Fella.
 3. "Freek-a-Leek," Petey Pablo. Jive.
 4. "Game Over (Flip)," Lil' Flip. Sucka Free.
 5. "Topsy," J-Kwon. So So Def.
 6. "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," Jay-Z. Roc-a-Fella.
 7. "My Band," D12. Shady.
 8. "Roses," OutKast. LaFace.
 9. "Slow Motion," Juvenile (feat. Soulja Slim). Cash Money.
 10. "On Fire," Lloyd Banks. G-Unit.
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HOT DANCE MUSIC — CLUB PLAY

- (Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)
1. "Dip It Low (Full Intention, JJ Flores, Tyas & Lawrence Mixes)," Christina Milian. Island.
 2. "Naughty Girl (Calderone & Quayle Remix)," Beyonce. Columbia.
 3. "Broken Wings," Thea Austin. Liza.
 4. "Illusion," Benassi Bros. (feat. Sandy). Benz Street.
 5. "Left Outside Alone (Remixes)," Anastacia. Daylight.
 6. "I'm Ready (D. Aude, S. Nick, M. Rizzo & Dummies Mixes)," Cherie. Lava.
 7. "Strict Machine (Remixes)," Goldfrapp. Mute.
 8. "Come Into My Life (Remixes)," Joyce Sims. Funk La Planet.
 9. "How Did You Know," Kurtis Mantronik Presents Chamonix. Dee Vee.
 10. "Saving My Love (Rosabel & Josh Harris Mixes)," Pat Hodges. Frixon.
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HOT LATIN TRACKS

- (Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)
1. "Vivo y Muero en Tu Piel," Jennifer Pena. Univision.
 2. "Creo en el Amor," Rey Ruiz. Sony Discos.
 3. "Mas Que Tu Amigo," Marco Antonio Solis. Fonovisa.
 4. "Tu de Que Vas," Franco de Vita. Sony Discos.
 5. "Te Quise Tanto," Paulina Rubio. Universal Latino.
 6. "Abrazar la Vida," Luis Fonsi. Universal Latino.
 7. "Cuidarte el Alma," Chayanne. Sony Discos.
 8. "Que Lloro," Sin Bandera. Sony Discos.

9. "Cruz de Olvido," Pepe Aguilar. Univision.
 10. "Tengo Ganas," Victor Manuelle. Sony Discos.
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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. "twentysomething," Jamie Cullum. Verve.
 3. "In the Name of Love," Kim Waters. Shanachie.
 4. "Ultimate Kenny G," Kenny G. BMG Heritage.
 5. "Confidential," Peter White. Columbia.
 6. "Emotions," Will Downing. GRP.
 7. "No Assembly Required," Pieces of a Dream. Heads Up.
 8. "This Girl's Got to Play," Joyce Cooling. Narada Jazz.
 9. "Livin' Large," Euge Groove. Narada Jazz.
 10. "A Thousand Kisses Deep," Chris Botti. Columbia.
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TOP CLASSICAL ALBUMS

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Vivaldi's Cello," Yo-Yo Ma With the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra & Ton Koopman. Sony Classical.
 2. "American Angels," Anonymous 4. Harmonia Mundi.
 3. "Soundtrack: "Master and Commander," Decca.
 4. "Romance of the Violin," Joshua Bell. Sony Classical.
 5. "Classic Meets Cuba," Klazz Brothers & Cuba Percussion. Sony Classical.
 6. "By Request," Renee Fleming. Decca.
 7. "Sentimento," Andrea Bocelli. Phillips. (Platinum)
 8. "Beautiful America," Tim Janis. Tim Janis Ensemble.
 9. "Live in Dublin," Andre Rieu. Denon.
 10. "Hallelujah: 35 Great Sacred Chorus," Various Artists. Sparrow.
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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. "Burn," Usher. Arista.
 2. "I Don't Wanna Know," Mario Winans (feat. Enya & P. Diddy). Bad Boy.
 3. "Yeah!" Usher (feat. Ludacris & Lil Jon). Arista.
 4. "Naughty Girl," Beyonce. Columbia.
 5. "The Reason," Hoobastank. Island.
 6. "Overnight Celebrity," Twista. Atlantic.
 7. "This Love," Maroon 5. Octone.
 8. "If I Ain't Got You," Alicia Keys. J.
 9. "All Falls Down," Kanye West (feat. Syleena Johnson). Roc-a-Fella.
 10. "Freek-a-Leek," Petey Pablo. Jive.
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THE BILLBOARD 200 TOP ALBUMS: TOP 10

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Confessions," Usher. LaFace. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
 2. "Here for the Party," Gretchen Wilson. Epic (Nashville).
 3. "Live Legends," 8Ball & MJG. Bad Boy.
 4. "D12 World," D12. Shady.
 5. "The Reason," Hoobastank. Island. (Gold)
 6. "La Dona," Teena Marie. Cash Money Classics.
 7. "Musicology," Prince. NPG.
 8. "Now 15," Various Artists. EMI/Universal/Sony Music/Zomba/Capitol. (Platinum)
 9. "Hurt No More," Mario Winans. Bad Boy.
 10. "Still Writing in My Diary: 2nd Entry," Petey Pablo. Jive.
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HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "100 Years," Five For Fighting. Aware.
 2. "The First Cut is the Deepest," Sheryl Crow. A&M.
 3. "White Flag," Dido. Arista.
 4. "This One's For the Girls," Martina McBride. RCA Nashville.
 5. "You Raise Me Up," Josh Groban. 143.
 6. "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," Michael McDonald. Motown.
 7. "Calling All Angels," Train. Columbia.
 8. "Forever and For Always," Shania Twain. Mercury.
 9. "Love's Divine," Seal. Warner Bros.

10. "Drift Away," Uncle Kracker (feat. Dobie Gray). Lava.

TOP CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ALBUMS

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Wire," Third Day. Essential.
 2. "The Beautiful Letdown," Switchfoot. Sparrow. (Platinum)
 3. "Undone," MercyMe. INO.
 4. "Casting Crowns," Casting Crowns. Beach Street.
 5. "Live From Another Level," Israel and New Breed. Integrity Gospel.
 6. "WOW Worship (Red)," Various Artists. EMICMG.
 7. "Carried Me: The Worship Project," Jeremy Camp. BEC.
 8. "Soundtrack: "The Passion of the Christ," Integrity. (Gold)
 9. "WOW Hits 2004," Various Artists. Provident. (Platinum)
 10. "Dove Hits 2004," Various Artists. Provident.

3. "Slither," Velvet Revolver. RCA.
4. "45," Shinedown. Atlantic.
5. "The Reason," Hoobastank. Island.
6. "Running Blind," Godsmack. Republic.
7. "The Outsider," A Perfect Circle. Virgin.
8. "Figured You Out," Nickelback. Roadrunner/DJMG.
9. "What You Are," Audioslave. Interscope.
10. "Step Up," Drowning Pool. Wind-up.

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Lying From You," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
 2. "Cold Hard Bitch," Jet. Elektra.
 3. "The Reason," Hoobastank. Island.
 4. "Ch-Check It Out," Beastie Boys. Brooklyn Dust.
 5. "Slither," Velvet Revolver. RCA.
 6. "Can't Get My Head Around You," The Offspring. Columbia.
 7. "Talk Show on Mute," Incubus. Immortal.
 8. "Love Song," 311. Maverick.
 9. "The Outsider," A Perfect Circle. Virgin.
 10. "Float On," Modest Mouse. Epic.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

MOM'S METHOD OF MOTIVATION IS REALLY JUST VERBAL ABUSE

DEAR ABBY: Ever since my last report card, my relationship with my mother has deteriorated. I got all A's and B's and have a 3.78 GPA. However, this isn't good enough for Mom.

My mother went to Harvard and doesn't understand why I can't get a 4.0. She has started telling me what a failure I am, that I am worthless and have ruined her life. I know she's probably saying these things without thinking, but it still hurts. She doesn't apologize after her temper dies down -- she just acts like everything is OK.

I don't think I deserve to be treated this way. When I try to talk to her about it, she turns it around and says I deserve this treatment because I am a failure: I'm really hurting and don't know what to do. -- SAD DAUGHTER IN MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR SAD DAUGHTER: I disagree with your mother. Although she may think she is motivating you to do better, telling a child that she is worthless, a failure, and that she has "ruined her life" is verbal abuse. Please talk to an adult relative or counselor at school about interceding on your behalf with your mother, because her standards are unrealistic, and her method is destructive.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 20 years to my high school sweetheart. He's a great father and a hard worker. He has always been good to me -- until a year ago when he came to me and confessed that he'd cheated on me with my best friend. I was devastated. The friendship was over, and I made my husband leave.

After things calmed down, we decided to try and work things out because we still loved each other and wanted to try -- not just for us -- but for our children.

I'm trying to pick up the pieces and trust him again, but there's a problem. His job takes him out of town for days

at a time, and when he comes home, I'm always checking his cell phone and credit card bills for any sign that he's been unfaithful again. It's been more than a year, but I still don't trust him -- or anyone, for that matter. When he's home, we argue a lot.

The other day, he said, "Let's get the kids, take off for the weekend and renew our vows, because I want to spend the rest of my life with you." Our anniversary is coming up, but I thought it was an odd suggestion, given all our problems. I'm confused and deeply hurt and don't know what I should do. Can you help me? -- NO LONGER TRUSTING IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NO LONGER TRUSTING: Your husband suggested renewing your vows because he loves you and wants to make a fresh start. It's his way of trying to heal your marriage. However, what's ailing your marriage is the fact you no longer trust him and really haven't forgiven him for straying. Marriage counseling could help you both get past this. Once you have truly forgiven and are ready to make a fresh start, then renewing your vows is a wonderful idea.

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 years old and a cutter. I see a counselor and I used to be suicidal. I want to take medication so I can stop cutting, but I don't know how to tell my mom. What should I do? -- TROUBLED TEEN IN TEXAS

DEAR TROUBLED TEEN: Since you feel unable to discuss the subject with your mother, the next time you see your counselor, ask the counselor to help you talk to her. If medication is indicated for your problem, I'm sure the counselor will be happy to facilitate the conversation -- or even talk to your mother for you.

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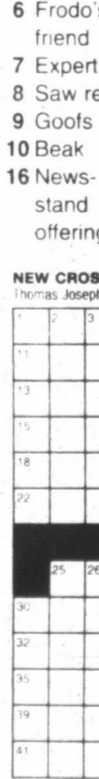
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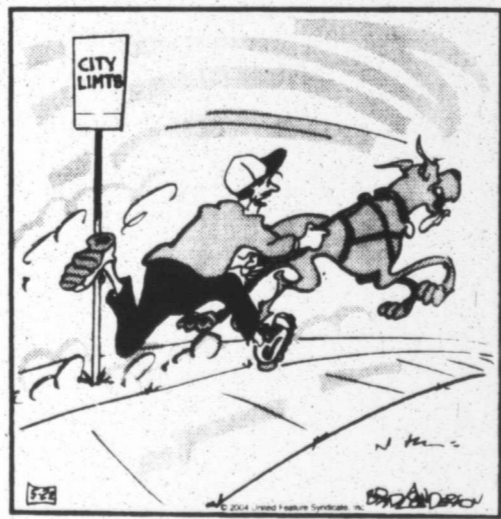
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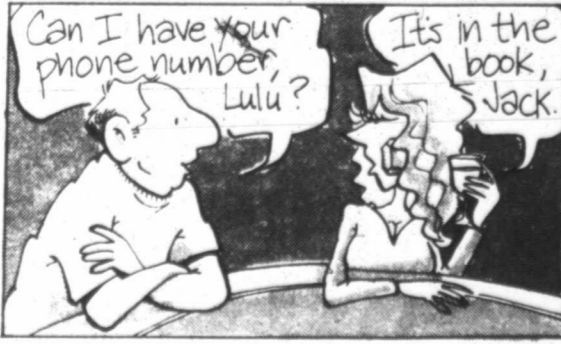
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Every spring, the woman known as Grandma Osprey peered through her binoculars, praying for a miracle

By HELEN O'NEILL
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MILTON, Vt. (AP) — From her tiny log cabin on a bluff overlooking a lake, the old lady warbles a love song as she rocks in her chair and peers through binoculars at the object of her affection.

High above, a lone bird soars, wings outstretched, in a blaze of brown and white.

To the untrained eye the bird might be mistaken for a bald eagle, with its nearly 6-foot wingspan, fierce yellow eyes and distinctive white crest.

Until recently, it was almost as rare. "Osprey, my osprey," Meeri Zetterstrom coos, smiling at her own foolishness. "You didn't know, I love you so."

The bird traces long graceful circles in the sky, its wings flapping slowly in a distinctive M shape. It swoops low over a raggedy nest perched atop a manmade pole. The bird's mate, a lighter chocolate brown, pokes her head out and begins a plaintive "cheerck... cheerck... cheerck..."

Another spring, another rhapsody of birdsong and blossoms bursting around Arrowhead Mountain Lake. Another remarkable return by the osprey to the nest that Meeri helped make their home.

Thirty years ago these migratory fish-hunting birds were on the verge of extinction in Vermont and much of New England, their numbers devastated by the now-banned chemical DDT. The pesticide contaminated the food chain, poisoning the fish that osprey feed on and disrupting the females' ability to produce calcium for strong eggshells. Flimsy shells were crushed instead of hatched. Nests were abandoned. And the mighty "fish-hawk", whose dramatic 40-mile-an-hour plunge into the water was once a common sight along the lakes and shoreline marshes of New England became so rare that many states, including Vermont, declared the species endangered.

There seemed little hope for the osprey, other than perhaps a long and gradual recovery of a couple of nests.

This summer, in a turnaround that even state wildlife officials describe as almost miraculous, Vermont plans to remove the osprey from the endangered list.

Seventy-one nests were counted in the state last year, producing 84 chicks. For the first time in decades the osprey are thriving.

And much of the credit goes to a small, energetic woman, with a thick Finnish accent, a mop of gray curls, and a striking ability to charm and cajole. "Grandma Osprey," she is called, and in her little corner of northeastern Vermont 84-year-old Meeri Zetterstrom is considered as rare and extraordinary as the birds she protects.

Meeri feigns bashfulness when asked about her role.

"Sisu," she says, the Finnish word for "stubborn."

She never set out to become champion of the osprey, Meeri says, though sometimes, when she rocks in her chair and reflects on her life it seems to have been predestined. Growing up in Finland,

she remembers seeing osprey on lakes everywhere. "They were as common as robins," she says.

Back then, she paid scant attention to the otherworldly beauty of their sky dance at dawn, or the breathtaking athleticism of their dive for prey.

Back then Meeri was more interested in seeing the world, in meeting the man of her dreams.

His name was Kurt Zetterstrom, and they met on a passenger ship in Sweden where he was an officer and Meeri worked as a waitress after she finished school. He resembled Britain's Prince Philip. He made her feel like a princess.

They married and traveled the world working on an oil tanker, stopping for adventures at every port: camel rides beneath the Egyptian pyramids, motorcycling in Italy, picking pineapples in Africa. And when they decided to settle down after ten years of seafaring, they chose San Francisco to start their new life.

California proved too hot for their Scandinavian blood, and Washington State where they moved next, proved too rainy. Eventually Meeri pulled out a map and plunked her finger down on a skinny strip of blue in New England. They packed up their Saab and drove to Vermont.

With their own hands they built a two-bedroom cedar cabin on the shores of Arrowhead Mountain Lake, a 740-acre stretch of water built by a power company years earlier. Meeri tended their horses. Kurt worked as a draftsman.

Miles from the nearest town, they reveled in their solitude and in their wild neighbors. The fox cub that crept into the kitchen to nibble cereal from Kurt's spoon. The snapping turtles that crawled all the way into the barn. The fish — northern pike and trout and perch. And of course the birds — goldeneye, great blue heron, even a bald eagle.

Their favorite was a lone osprey that would perch on the dead old basswood tree outside their window. They would watch in awe as it circled the lake, hovering at great heights before plunging feet-first once it spotted its prey, hitting the water with a ferocious splash. Often it totally submerged before surfacing, talons sunk deep into a fish almost its size.

The osprey returned every year, though it didn't seem to have a nest.

"It was such a mysterious thing," Meeri says. "We didn't know if it was male or female, but we loved that bird. We would look forward to seeing it every spring."

Their lakeside idyll was shattered when Kurt died suddenly of a heart attack early in 1988. Lost without her husband, Meeri grew even more despondent when the osprey failed to return that spring. The bird didn't appear the following year either.

Staring into the lake, Meeri made a silent vow. "I cannot bring my husband back," she thought, "but maybe I can bring back my osprey."

She read everything she could about osprey and their nesting habits, about the impact of DDT, about efforts by some states to build platforms to

encourage the birds to nest. Ospreys, she learned, usually mate for life, returning year after year to the same nest after wintering as far south as Guatemala.

The more Meeri read, the angrier she became. Even Benjamin Franklin had praised the purity and agility of the osprey over the "poor moral character" of the bald eagle, a scavenger who will sometimes steal an osprey's catch. Yet there were only two known osprey nests in Vermont.

"People talked about protecting the loon, the peregrine falcon, the bald eagle, yet nothing for the osprey," Meeri says. "The most beautiful bird of all."

And so, as she tells it, "I started making noise."

She called the state fish and wildlife department so often that staff dubbed her "the osprey lady." She harangued the power company that owns the land around the lake, demanding it put up nesting platforms like those she had read about.

She went to stores and restaurants with a collection box, trying to raise money to build her own platform. She even went to a garden center and asked for a dead tree, the kind ospreys like to build their nests in.

"They told me it would cost a thousand dollars," she exclaims. "For a dead tree!"

"I got SO mad," Meeri says.

By 1990 she had become so persistent that the power company, Central Vermont Public Service Corp., agreed to build two platforms, one atop the tree outside her cabin, the other above a 30-foot fiberglass pole on another part of the lake.

That Easter Sunday, Meeri watched, ecstatic, as a pair of osprey, landed on the nest outside her cabin.

The birds spent the summer fishing and building a bigger nest, though they didn't breed. Not that Meeri worried. Young osprey often "play

house" for a year or two, before starting a family. "The honeymooners," she called them.

Armed with dozens of photographs of the birds' return, Meeri persuaded the power company to build more platforms. She helped a local citizens group successfully petition the Vermont Water Resources Board to ban jet-skis on the lake and reduce the speed limit for motor boats.

In the next few years, more "honeymooners" arrived. But they continued to abandon their nests, driven away by boaters. Once, Meeri saw people actually shaking the nesting platform.

Furious, she videotaped the offenders, dispatching the tape to all the local television stations and to the state and power company officials.

"Meeri was relentless," said Steve Costello of the power company. "And she was right."

Costello first encountered Meeri in 1996 on his first day on the job as public relations director for Central Vermont Public Service Corp.

A former newspaperman and amateur birder, Costello quickly came to respect Meeri's knowledge and devotion. He marveled at how she could watch the birds for 12 to 14 hours a day. She knew far more about osprey than anything Costello had ever read in books.

Meeri took a liking to the dark-haired young man. They began working together and with the state to create an 800-foot buffer zone around the nests. They planted warning signs along the lake with pictures and information about the birds. They went into schools and talked about the endangered species.

And every spring, Meeri renewed her vigil, peering through her binoculars and praying for a miracle.

In 1998, for the first time, the birds didn't abandon the nest. In fact, the mother rarely left it. And Meeri rarely took her eyes off it.

And so, she was a witness in mid-June when a little downy head popped up over the rim. Breathlessly she watched as the mother tore strips off a pike the father had just caught, and, using her hooked bill, delicately place them on the chick's bright red tongue.

"I cried," Meeri says. "I had never seen such a beautiful sight."

In her diary she wrote: "Today my first baby was born."

Every year the osprey have returned. And every year Meeri welcomes them, noting in her logs the precise day and time they arrive. This year the first pair were spotted at 4:10 p.m. on April 8. A second pair arrived a week later. Meeri believes they are the offspring of the original nesters.

"This year," she says proudly, "we will have three generations of osprey at Arrowhead Lake."

Meeri has mixed feelings about the state's plan to remove the osprey from the endangered list, a largely symbolic gesture, but one that will divert attention and funds to other birds, like the bald eagle.

The recommendation, drafted by the State Fish and Wildlife Department, is expected to be signed by State Natural Resources Secretary Elizabeth McLain later this year.

Meeri also has mixed feelings about her role, pointing out that the Arrowhead Mountain Lake birds are just a small part of a successful state restoration program that has also seen ospreys return to other parts of Vermont.

In this part of the world, it is "Grandma Osprey" people think of when they see the majestic raptor. And it is Meeri they thank for bringing it back.

Meeri's eyes are failing now and she doesn't use the binoculars as much. They sit atop a pile of bird books in her cabin.

Also in the pile is a children's book. Beautifully bound and illustrated, it tells of a young woman's remarkable journey from Finland to Vermont, and a bird's odyssey back to Arrowhead Mountain Lake.

The book was written by Costello and published in 2000, and copies were donated by the power company to every third-grader in the state. The idea, Costello says, was not just to teach them about endangered species, but to show them what one person could do.

The book is one of Meeri's most prized possessions.

It is titled, "Meeri Meets the Osprey."

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Male-dominated field changes as more women become barbers

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Men trickle into the Northgate Barber Shop like a steady drip from a leaky faucet, settling in for a few wisecracks and a quick clip.

"The haircut is free, the abuse is ten bucks," one clipper-wielding barber says during a lull in the flow of customers.

The Northgate is a no-frills barber shop with the traditional trappings of the trade — six barber chairs, Clubman tale, Bay Rum aftershave — but it's the only one in town where patrons can wager on when a barber will give birth and how much her baby will weigh.

Judy Larsen's place represents a break from the past as women enter the profession and graying male barbers leave it, transforming a once distinctly male bastion with a woman's touch.

There's no TV tuned to ESPN, no sports memorabilia hanging on the walls. Instead, Billy Joel croons from the radio. Pictures of Larsen's son and daughter occupy prominent spots, taped to the wall and framed on the counter that holds her razor and clippers. Snapshots of nieces and nephews are tucked behind the mirror's edge.

Larsen graduated from barber school in 1985 in a class of five women and one man. She went to work for a male barber before opening her own shop.

She never set out to hire women, she said, but no men responded to her call. Women started becoming barbers in

large numbers in the late 1970s and early '80s, helping to end a slide in the numbers, which dipped to a low of 180,000.

Today, there are 220,000 barbers nationwide, roughly half of them women.

Those who run their own shops must pay for their own health insurance and benefits, one factor Arkansas barber Charles Kirkpatrick credits for the decline in barbering's popularity among men.

"There used to be unions and associations that provided insurance for them and those don't hardly exist anymore," said Kirkpatrick, who leads the National Association of Barber Boards.

In Maine, barbers are licensed to cut, shave and dye hair but cannot do manicures. Cosmetologists, by contrast, can cut hair, do facials, manicures and pedicures, but are not licensed to shave.

Women seem to be attracted to barbering for the same reasons men find it appealing: Many run independent shops and set their own hours. Drake likes that the men are in and out of her chair quicker than any woman and don't ask for time-consuming dye jobs and perms women get at salons.

Wendy Mahlfeldt, 28, of Chicago, a former cosmetologist who cut women's hair for six years, said life got markedly better after she switched to barbering last year and joined Frank's Barber Shop.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, May 24, 2004:

You can make this year spectacular. You have the power of words and can easily convince others to go along with you. Your charisma and personality are turned on high. Others gather around you, like bees around honey. Add to your home life, either through remodeling your house or buying a home. You will want to entertain a lot this summer. Come fall, you will want more from your love life, especially if you are single. Many people will enter your life, but who will be the lucky one? You alone can choose. A relationship that develops during the period of fall through your next birthday could be quite significant. If you are attached, more loving, naturally develops between you. You might opt for a second honeymoon or a new addition. LEO is always up to be with.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** You make your mark wherever you are. At a meeting, your words hold weight and direction. With individuals, you help them re-energize and take a more positive gander at their world. Take a risk if it feels right. Tonight, So what if you act like it's Friday?

TALUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Be realistic in financial dealings with others. You might want to see an associate from a different perspective. Know what you expect and want from those close to you. Build financial security through a real estate investment. Tonight, Your perspective could change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You tell it like it is, and what you say makes a lot of sense to those around you. Your power of communication brings supporters. You can have much more of what you want -- just start lobbying for it. Tonight Enjoy a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** You really do not need to agree with everyone. In fact, you might be seeing something that others don't. Share your feelings with the knowledge that you are heading in the right direction. Be a listener, but make your own financial decisions. Tonight, A must show.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You will want to reach out to others. In fact, you do very well in meetings and dealing with others in general. Count on associates being highly responsive to your suggestions and ideas. Working as a team does have its rewards. Tonight, Join the gang. Get into a favorite spot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Follow your instincts, and you'll make headway. Review what might be happening with a work-related matter. Handle the boss or key associates as only you can. Decide to keep your opinions to yourself -- for now. Tonight, Get some extra \$\$\$.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You see through someone else's motives. Your ability to understand what others want helps you direct the end results. Look to making everyone happy. Know that there is a way. The issue is simply finding it. Tonight, Talk "ideas" with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Take charge when dealing with those at work or in positions of power. How you speak about and discuss pri-

mary issues will make a difference in the end result. Work as a team. A special partner or friend comes through for you. Tonight, Only work late if necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Others seek you out for advice. You might want to screen your calls or close your door. You, too, have a lot of thinking and research to do regarding a personal and/or business matter. Check out options. Tonight, Find other opinions. Test out your ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Teaming up with a partner, especially, regarding a financial or professional matter, could be the path to success. It will make your life easier and your work more successful. Check out an investment more carefully. Tonight, Brainstorm over dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Others seek you out. Your unusual vitality and creativity draw many. You might need to decide where you want to put your energy. Many want your attention. You might need to screen your calls if you are to get anything done. Tonight, Play away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Family and work need to be coordinated more carefully right now. You have a strong sense of direction. Consider a home office or bringing more work home. You might want a sense of being nested and alone. Tonight, Work till the wee hours.

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Singer, actress Barbra Streisand (1942), actress Jill Ireland (1936), actress Shirley MacLaine (1934)

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NOTICE TO PROPOSERS
 The City of Pampa, Texas will receive sealed bids for the following until 11:00 A.M. June 14, 2004 at which time they will be opened and read publicly in the City Conference Room, 2nd floor, City Hall Pampa, Texas. COLLECTION: TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE. Proposal Packets may be obtained from the Office of the City Purchasing Agent, City Hall Pampa, Texas. 806/690-8736. Sales Tax Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon request. Proposals may be delivered to the City Secretary's Office, 200 W. Foster, City Hall Pampa, Texas 79065 or mailed to P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROPOSAL - PROPOSAL NO. 04-05-J" and show date and time of Bid Opening. Facsimile bids will not be accepted. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any formalities or technicalities. The City Commission will consider bids for award at their regular scheduled Commission meeting.

Phyllis Jettiers
 City Secretary
 E-45 May 16, 23, 2004

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1 Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 The Planning & Zoning Commission of the City of Pampa will conduct a Public Hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2004 at the Pampa City Hall, located at 201 W. Foster Street, Pampa, Texas on the 3rd Floor, City Commission Chambers. This will be a meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission to conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments concerning the following request:

Application from Pampa Venture, Ltd. Pampa Management, LLC to change zoning from Agricultural Zoning to Retail Zoning for 3.76 acres or less in West half, Section 100, Block 3, I&GN, RR Co. Survey in the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas for the purpose of building a retail building.

Phyllis Jettiers
 City Secretary
 1-48 May 23, 30, 2004

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Production Supervisor
 Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice - Manufacturing and Logistics Division has an immediate opening for an Industrial Specialist II Shoe Factory Production Supervisor position, posting no. 024188BC, located at the Clements Unit in Amarillo, Texas, \$2036.00 / mo. The position requires one year full-time, wage-earning exp. in manufacture of shoes or two years full-time wage-earning experience in any production or manufacturing operation. To Apply: A complete Job Description, Qualifications and Applications are available at www.tdcj.state.tx.us or cont. Manufacturing and Logistics Human Resources, 936-437-6531. Submit a State of Texas Application for Employment to Missy Atchley, TDCJ, Manufacturing and Logistics, P.O. Box 4013, Huntsville, Texas 77342 (overnight thru UPS, Fed-EX, Airborne-861 IH 45N, Rm. 112, Huntsville, TX, 77320; overnight thru postal service-P.O. Box 4013), by 05/27/04 5 p.m.

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NEED summer childcare for 7 yr. old. Must have own transportation & ref. 665-8065 lv msg.

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NEWSMAKERS

sponsor are accepted. USAA All-American Scholars are named in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, USAA executive director. "Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by USAA.

The student was nominated for the designation by Starla Kindle, a counselor at Pampa High School.

Bailey was also recognized by USAA as a United States National Award Winner in honor roll, leadership and student council and is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students.

She is the daughter of Nathan and Robin Bailey of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Bill and Donna Bailey and Jerry and Linda Chatwell, all of Borger, and Steve and Jean Hood of Ballinger.



Marci Hansen Stellman

LUBBOCK — Marci Hansen Stellman was awarded a bachelor of fine arts degree in visual studies with an emphasis on photography from Texas Tech University on May 15.

Stellman is a member of Golden Key Honor Society and was a member of Raider Sisters for Christ. She plans to make her

home in Stillwater, Okla., and teach art.

Stellman is the daughter of Chris and Judy Hansen and is the granddaughter of Orin and Gwyn Hulsey.



Mary Pursley

Mary Pursley, a 1959 graduate of Pampa High School, recently had the honor of giving the keynote address at the District 16 (State of Oklahoma) Toastmaster Conference in Oklahoma City. Pursley says that her dream is to inspire and motivate every person she meets to reach his or her full communication and leadership potential through Toastmasters.

With her presentation, entitled "The Art of Toastmastering," Pursley shared her Toastmaster experiences and the benefits of being a dedicated toastmaster.

During the election of the 2004-05 District officers at the conference, Pursley was elected as Division O governor. She heads five area governors with at least six clubs in each area that will work under her direction.

Her area covers Oklahoma City, Edmond, Enid, Stillwater, Watonga and Kingfisher, all in Oklahoma. Her term begins July 1, 2004, and ends June 30, 2005.

Pursley, a member of the Toastmaster program since 2003, received the Dedicated Toastmaster Award for the District in 2003.

Throughout the years, she has earned numerous other Toastmaster awards including Outstanding Toastmaster in two

of her clubs, Yukon's Best and Speaking Singles; Outstanding Toastmaster in Areas 0-2 and 0-4; and Outstanding Toastmaster for the State of Oklahoma in 2002.

In 1998, she was editor of an International Top Ten District Newsletter and served as the public relations officer for the District in 1998-99.

Toastmasters is a not-for-profit organization that strives to make effective communication a worldwide reality. There are 85 clubs and 1,500 members throughout the state of Oklahoma that use a "learn-by-doing" approach in which participants develop and practice speaking and leadership skills in a comfortable and supportive club atmosphere.



Sandy G. Bradstreet

Sandy G. Bradstreet recently graduated summa cum laude from Angelo State University. She was awarded a bachelor of science degree with a minor in chemistry.

Bradstreet was valedictorian of her graduating class at Wheeler High School in 2000. She is the daughter of Wesley and Cindy Bradstreet of Wheeler and is the granddaughter of Roy and Nell Bradstreet of Wheeler and Lois Barrett of Pampa and the late Paul Barrett.

Kristi Danielle Walling was recently awarded a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Oklahoma State University. She graduated with a final



Kristi Danielle Walling

grade point average of 3.589.

During her four years at OSU, Walling was accepted for membership into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, was on the Dean's Honor Roll for two semesters and the President's Honor Roll for three semesters.

Walling plans to teach a seventh and eighth grade math summer session in Perkins, Okla. She is the daughter of Jerry and Andrea Walling, is the granddaughter of Bobby and Darlene Jones of Groom and Lendon and Joyce Walling of Munday and is the great-granddaughter of Cleo Nix of Groom.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Marine Corps Pvt. Paul W. Pederson, son of Barbara J. and Michael W. Pederson of Pampa, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Pederson and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Pederson spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Pederson and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values —

honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Pederson and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in a ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

NORMAN, Okla. — The University of Oklahoma recently announced students receiving degrees this spring from its campus.

Degree candidates include Courtney Marie Lang, bachelor of arts degree, of Pampa, and Robin Kristine Miranda, B.A. of Shamrock.

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Christian University recently announced its Dean's List for the 2004 spring semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university.

Students named to the list include Bobby Carter and Kimberly Slaybaugh, both of Pampa.

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Southwestern Oklahoma State University recently announced its President's and Dean's honor rolls for the 2004 spring semester.

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must maintain an "A" average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include Narcisso Soliz Jr. of Pampa; Brooke Nicole Wilson of Canadian; and Randi Jo Riley of McLean.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include Joshua Kyle Miller of Pampa; Hattie Ann Hughes of Allison; Jennifer Michel

Bradford and Kaleb Perry Jones, both of Canadian; and Sue Ann Johnson of Wheeler.

Lee Waters, 223rd District judge, was one of approximately 60 Texas judges comprising the first class to complete a three-year judicial training program, the Texas College for Judicial Studies, held recently at the Austin Marriott at the Capitol in Austin.

Graduates were treated to a reception in their honor and will be presented a certificate of completion at the Judicial Section Annual Conference in September.

The college is a multi-year program curriculum designed to provide advanced educational opportunities to judges who desire to improve their adjudication skills and acquire more knowledge in their jurisdictional specialization.

The Texas Center for the Judiciary, an Austin-based non-profit judicial education group, developed the curriculum.

Judges who currently serve on the bench of a Texas county court at law, district or appellate court with four years of judicial experience were invited to apply for admission to the college.

The conference featured a 2 1/2-day core education program. Sessions covered topics relating to jurisprudence, evidence, decision-making, ethics and time management. The conference then featured four, day-and-a-half specialty education programs which included appellate, civil, criminal and family/juvenile curriculums.

CANYON — The Division of Nursing at West Texas A&M University lauded its spring graduates during a customary pinning ceremony held recently at Mary Moody Northen Hall on campus.

Twenty-five pins were awarded at the event to seniors who received bachelor of science in nursing degrees.

Students receiving pins during the ceremony included Kimberly Ann Duke of Pampa.

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MEDICAL

he was taunted by neighborhood boys after school. Silverman usually ignored their insults, but this time, he punched the bully in the

mouth, picked up his books and left. The brawl solidified Silverman's rite of passage as a man who would grow up to be unflinching in his ambitions.

The Silvermans built their fortune with a New York City

company that leased everything from construction equipment to computers. They sold the company in 1984 for \$40 million. When his wife, Dorothy, died a year later, Silverman created the Marty and Dorothy Silverman

Foundation in her honor.

It's headed by their 50-year-old son, Lorin.

Silverman, who says he feels healthy despite arthritis and macular degeneration, lives alone in a Manhattan condominium facing Central

Park. His two daughters and son live nearby with his nine grandchildren. He hails a taxi every weekday morning to his office just blocks away, and works 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., constantly chatting on the phone and trying to "make one more deal."

One of his closest friends, John Egan, said the two formed a bond by sharing memories of their military service. Silverman in World War II and Egan in the Korean War. Silverman won two Purple Hearts.

"He's truly a renaissance

man," Egan said. "Underneath the facade is a very strong character and a very modest man here."

Acquaintances say he still deftly switches gears from one project to another.

His latest one is to address the growing nationwide nursing shortage by setting aside \$50 million to create an international training center in Albany. Groundbreaking is expected to start this summer.

"I got into this dream and I let this dream carry me," he said.

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CURRY

salt content of cells lining the lungs and certain other organs.

CFTR is supposed to travel to a cell's surface to create openings, or channels, for chloride ions to exit that cell. But cells police protein quality, trapping mutated CFTR and shutting it to a holding bin for later destruction. Thus, chloride can't escape, and an eventual salt buildup inside cells leads to the dangerous mucus formation.

So-called protein trafficking might fix that: Block the cellular police long enough for CFTR to reach the surface and even a mutated version could

open some chloride channels. Scientists for several years have experimented with two chemicals, phenylbutyrate and a relative of caffeine, that promise to do that.

Yale's Dr. Michael Caplan tried a slightly different trafficking route. That cellular holding bin also stores calcium, which many of the cell's protein policemen need to function. Would inhibiting the bin's release of calcium in turn allow mutated CFTR time to escape?

Experiments with a calcium-inhibiting chemical showed the plan worked. But that chemical spurs cancer, so Caplan needed a safer drug candidate.

Enter curcumin. Derived from turmeric, the East Indian yellow spice used to flavor curries and color mustard, it has long been used in Asian folk remedies as an antiseptic, a digestive aid or a cold treatment. Still, unproven attempts to find a medical use do show people can tolerate fairly high doses, and it seems to inhibit calcium the way Caplan wanted.

In a series of elegant experiments, Caplan and Yale CF specialist Dr. Marie Egan showed:

—Daily curcumin slashed the death rates of CF-stricken mice.

The mice had the same genetic defect that causes the human disease, but they quickly die of a mucus-blocked digestive tract instead of lung damage. Only 10 percent of curcumin-treated mice died within 10 weeks, compared with 60 percent of

untreated mice — and the survivors gained weight.

—Electrical measurements of how well nasal tissue could secrete ions also showed "a dramatic effect," Caplan said. Curcumin-treated mice improved from very poor levels to almost normal.

—Additional test-tube studies, performed with the University of Toronto, showed CFTR got to the cell surface and functioned after addition of curcumin.

The next step: The CF Foundation and SEER Pharmaceuticals will hunt for an appropriate dose and check for side effects in a first-stage study of two dozen CF patients this summer.

Meanwhile, don't try curcumin on your own. Stress both Caplan and the CF Foundation's Dr. Preston Campbell. Treatments that help mice don't always help people.

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CANCER

Still, they caution the studies were small and need confirmation.

At Mass General, eight of nine patients who responded to Iressa had mutation-containing tumors; seven patients not helped by Iressa didn't.

The one other responder suggests there may be other Iressa-susceptible mutations to discover.

In 25 tumors from patients not given Iressa, Mass General found only two had the mutations. Laboratory studies of cancer cells found the mutated receptors were 10 times more sensitive to Iressa than were normal receptors.

The Japanese findings were intriguing because 20 percent to 25 percent of patients there respond to Iressa, much higher than the 10-percent U.S. response rate, Meyerson said.

The mutations also were more common in women, people who had never or not recently smoked, and people who had a subtype called bronchoalveolar cancer — characteristics doctors already had noticed.

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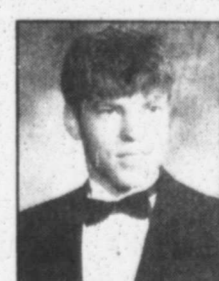

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