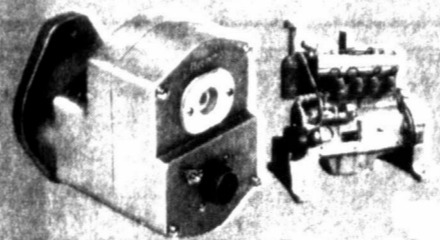


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Hoover VFD offers services to city

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Firefighting will be a hot topic when the Pampa City Commission meets Tuesday.

Pampa's Interim City Manager John Horst said he has put the city's fire contract with Gray County on the agenda for discussion.

Horst and City Commissioner Faustina Curry attended a county commissioners meeting last week concerning the subject.

"The commissioner's court had a discussion item on Hoover Volunteers," Horst said. "The Hoover Volunteer Fire Department is requesting more area to cover. In the

area they have right now, there are not many fires."

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said his understanding from talking to Hoover Fire Chief Joe Milligan is that the Hoover department had only three fires last year in their area of responsibility.

Gray County commissioners presently have the county divided up into firefighting regions. Pampa covers about 220 square miles of the county outside the city limits. Hoover Volunteer Fire Department covers about 108 square miles.

"What this would do if it came to fruition is reduce Pampa to about 30 square miles outside the city limits,"

Horst said. Hoover would expand their responsibilities to close to 300 square miles.

It would also reduce what the county pays the City of Pampa for firefighting services. The county presently pays the city \$130,000 a year. The reduction in area, some believe, would lead the county commission to try and reduce what they pay the city to \$17,000 a year.

"I can remember a time when Hoover wasn't even in existence, and the county was paying the city \$85,000 for firefighting services," Peet said. "Now, we're paying the city \$130,000 a year."

Peet said the county commission looks at such costs as they work on their budget.

"I commend the county commissioners court for looking at ways of improving service and reducing costs to the taxpayer of not only the city but the county," Horst said. "Hoover volunteers are to be admired for taking their personal time to protect and serve this community."

Peet said Milligan's presentation to the Gray County Commissioners Court was just to inform the county commission of the Hoover Volunteer

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Family visits WWII memorial in D.C.

"They fought together as brothers-in-arms. They died together and now they sleep side by side. To them we have an obligation."

—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The Stars and Stripes fly outside H.L. Meers' home on Nelson. It's more than decoration.

Born on July 4, 1925, Meers believes in the red, white and blue. He not only flies the nation's flag daily, he believes in what it stands for and was willing to put his life on the line during World War II for those beliefs.

Earlier this summer he and his three sons traveled more than 3,000 miles to see the new World War II Memorial unveiled over Memorial Day in the nation's capitol.

Meers said it was an emotional experience. Memories of more than half a century came flooding back.

Originally from Spearman, Meers left from Pampa to go into the Navy

in October 1944.

"I was still on the farm with my parents," Meers said. "I had one semester of college and decided it was time to quit college and go to the Navy."

After boot camp in California, Meers went to engineering school in Mississippi and ended up repairing destroyers in San Diego as a machinist mate.

"Then I was assigned to an aircraft carrier, the USS Belleau Wood, immediately after Japan surrendered," Meers said. "We made two round trips to Saipan and Guam hauling soldiers and sailors back to the United States."

While his ship was retired after the war, another USS Belleau Wood, a helicopter carrier, was commissioned in 1978. While the carrier that Meers was on participated in the Marine's Guam and Saipan campaigns, including being hit by Japanese kamikaze planes. The newer carrier has seen action in



H.L. Meers at the World War II Memorial.

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PRMC team getting ready for ACS's Relay for Life

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Cherri Waites and Chalenia Freeman are thinking pink for their team in the annual Relay for Life, which benefits American Cancer Society clients in Gray and Roberts counties. This year's event is scheduled for 4 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Sept. 11, in Recreation Park.

Waites' and Freeman's team theme this year is pink flamingoes, and one of their fund-raising activities involves placing a pink bathroom toilet on front lawns to collect donations.

Waites is controller at Pampa Regional Medical Center, and Freeman is director of the respiratory department at the hospital.

Each year, teams are formed to run, walk or rock during the relay. Rocking chairs are available for team members who wish to be nonambulatory, Waites said.

Teams may be made up of any com-



Photo by MARILYN POWERS

Chalenia Freeman, left and Cherri Waites, both of Pampa Regional Medical Center, hold a print of a painting by Thomas Kinkade. The print will be given to the winner in a drawing Sept. 11 in Recreation Park during Relay for Life.

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HOME of the BRAVE

Pvt. Erik A. Keller
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

J o b Description:
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Obituaries

Michael "Mike" Anderson, 50

Michael "Mike" Anderson, 50, of Pampa, Texas, died Thursday, July 22, 2004, at Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 26, 2004, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Lynn Hancock, pastor of the Briarwood, Full Gospel Church, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Anderson was born Nov. 13, 1953, in Amarillo. He had been a resident of

Pampa since 1960. He married Beverly Gish on Oct. 3, 1984, in Pampa.

He worked for Triangle Well Service as a dispatcher for 25 years, and he was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly, of the home; two daughters, Amber Freeman of Chickasha, Okla., and Tabitha Anderson; one stepdaughter, Brandy Peden of Pampa; his mother, Nancy Skinner of Amarillo; two brothers,

Danny Anderson and Lester Skinner, both of Amarillo; eight grandchildren, Ashleigh, Tyler, Evan, Lanna, Dalton, Dakota, Brandon and James; two nephews, Scott Anderson and Dee-Jay Anderson; and one niece, Kristal Anderson. He was preceded in death by his father, H.C. Anderson, Jr., and his stepfather, Oran F. Skinner.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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Anderson

Raymond Douglas Hassell, 57

RIGBY, Idaho — Raymond Douglas Hassell, 57, of Rigby, died July 18, 2004. Services are pending.

Born June 7, 1946, at Pampa, Mr. Hassell was a musician, a songwriter and a

member of The Bible Church of Pampa.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ed Hassell; his mother, Dorothy Hassell Morgan; and a daughter, Gretchen Ann of Dallas.

Survivors include a son, Douglas of Pampa; a sister, Maleeya Hassell Dworshak of Pampa; a brother, Willis Lee; his stepfather, Grover Morgan of Pampa; and two grandchildren.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department Saturday reported the following arrests, according to Gray County Sheriff's Office jail records.

Friday, July 23

Marcy Dawn Hink, 34, 709 E. 14th, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces and for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Delbert Lynn Thompson, 37, 524 Lefors, was arrested on a bond surrender for evading arrest, on a bond surrender for possession of a controlled substance, for failure to appear on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, for possession of drug paraphernalia and on a

capias pro fine for warrant fees and court costs.

Marcus Adrian Long, 24, 1708 W. Kentucky, was arrested for no valid driver's license and for failure to appear.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office Saturday reported the following arrests.

Friday, July 23

Bobby Dorsey, 41, 1041 Prairie Drive, was arrested on two bond surrenders for delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and for evading arrest.

Tammy Shea, 41, 414 Gray, was arrested on a Gray County Court sentence for

driving while intoxicated-second offense.

Fire

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

Friday, July 23

8:57 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 900 block of Mary Ellen on a call for medical assistance.

10:50 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident at Randy Matson and Hobart. Two were transported by ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center with possible injuries.

Meers

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Somalia and Afghanistan. As for the trip to Washington to see the World War II Memorial, the Meers couldn't have chosen a more American way to travel. They rode their Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

"I've got a Harley-Davidson," Meers said. "All four of us were on Harley-Davidsons."

Meers' bike is a Dyna Wide Glide.

The big touring bike ate up the miles, Meers said it took them two days to travel the 1,600 miles to Washington.

"We rode hard," Meers said. "We did all the interstate speed limit would allow."

Despite the long hours on the road and the many miles, it wasn't the first extended ride for the father and sons.

"Me and the boys made some long ones together," Meers said.

He's been to California and Alaska on his bike.

The trip, Meers said, was something of a surprise to him. He had mentioned one day to his oldest son, Lewis Meers of Pampa, that the World War II Memorial was to be dedicated on Memorial Day.



The Meers boys, left to right, Monte, Ronald, father H.L. and Lewis, at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"I said I sure would like to see it," Meers said. "Well, he didn't say anything more about it, but he put the trip together without telling me."

Lewis, 57, got Meers' other two sons, Ronald, 53, who lives in Houston, and Monte, 46, who lives in Abilene, to take off from work and travel to Washington, D.C.

Ronald and Monte rode up from their homes and met Lewis and their father in Little Rock, Ark. From there, they went on to Washington.

"We got rained on pretty hard," Meers grinned.

Meers and his Harleys go way back. His wife Nadine Mauldin Meers, a Pampa native, said he had a Harley when he was in the Navy

during World War II. After the war, she said, he rode it all the way back to Pampa from California.

"When he got home," she said, "he was so sunburned."

The two were engaged when Meers left for the Navy that fall in 1944. They were married when he returned from the war.

He loved the marque so much, he got the dealership here and had it for about 20 years.

"We sold out in 1985," Meers said. "My primary business was a gas station down here at Nelson and Alcock Streets. I was in there for 52 years."

After riding half way across the continent, the Meers skipped the official ceremonies, but spent their time in quiet reflection.

"We missed the speeches and all," Meers said. "We were there the next day."

He said the crowds were huge, but he didn't mind. He didn't meet a stranger all weekend.

"I'm telling you it was wonderful," Meers said. "I had no idea what we were

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Services tomorrow

ANDERSON, Michael "Mike" — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Miami ISD board schedules meeting

Miami Independent School District's Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 26 in the school administration office.

Business items include a faculty handbook, student code of conduct, compensation for employees, attendance credit contract, and personnel hirings and resig-

nations.

General information and reports will include Texas Association of School Boards convention, Sept. 17-20 in Dallas; school-wide picnic, tentatively set for Aug. 26; extracurricular days; appraisal days for teachers; the 2004-05 budget; rollback election; and budget amendments for

2003-04. Financial reports will include bills, fund balances, cafeteria, transportation and taxes.

Gray County Commission to convene special session

County Commission to meet in special session. Gray County Commissioners will meet in special session at 10 a.m. Monday, July 26 in the second floor courtroom of the courthouse, 205 N. Russell, to begin discussion of the county's 2005 budget. The meeting is open to the public.

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 The families of Merry Jenkins and Karen Standerfer

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Intentions to Drill
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ANTERO Upper Morrow D) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #3025 Shell Fee '25', 2310' from South & 1320' from West line, Sec. 25,42,H&TC, PD 13000'.
 HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #4 Fillingim '44', 950' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 44,M-1,H&GN, PD 14000'.
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & MATHERS RANCH Tonkawa) Devon Louisiana Corp., #1-A Humphrey, 990' from South & 1190' from West line, Sec. 36,1,G&M, PD 10000'.
 HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & WEST PANHANDLE) Pioneer Natural Res. USA, Inc., #A2 Johnson, 2600' from South & East

line, Sec. 3,Y-2,TTRR, PD 3800' (TH #1, 522' from North & 516' from West Sec. line, TH #2, 1772' from South & 104' from West line, Sec. 4) Horizontal Recompletion
 WHEELER (WILDCAT & WEST BRITT RANCH Granite Wash A) Stallion energy, Inc., PD 14750', for the following wells:
 #4-14 Britt, 1980' from South & 740' from East line, Sec. 14,A-3,H&GN.
 #4-15 Britt-Caldwell, 660' from South & East line, Sec. 15,A-3,H&GN.
 WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #1401 Atherton, 467' from South & 2333' from East line, Sec. 1,A-3,H&GN, PD 14000'.
Application to Plug-Back
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Granite Wash) Philcon Development Co., #6 Lohberger, 467' from South & 1867' from West line, Sec. 13,RE,R&E, PD 13950'.
Oil Well Completions
 HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #19 Crosby & Hatcher 'A', Sec. 3,M-24,TCRR, spud 3-25-04, drlg. compl 3-28-04, tested 6-16-04, pumped 11.6 bbl. of 40 grav. oil + 136 bbls. water, GOR 4914, TD 3630', PBTD 3583'.
 HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #150 Herring 'A', E. Almaguei Survey, spud 4-13-04, drlg. compl 4-20-04, tested 6-7-04, pumped 10.4 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + 172 bbls. water, GOR 5673, TD 3650', PBTD 3571'.
 HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #152 Herring 'A', E.

Almaguei Survey, spud 4-27-04, drlg. compl 4-30-04, tested 6-22-04, pumped 18.6 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + 78 bbls. water, GOR 3817, TD 3650', PBTD 3585'.
Gas Well Completions
 CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., #403 G.W. Deahl, Sec. 3,5,B&B, spud 4-16-04, drlg. compl 4-22-04, tested 6-17-04, TD 2810', PBTD 2636'.
 HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #4 fillingim '88', Sec. 88,M-1,H&GN, spud 3-31-04, drlg. compl 4-14-04, tested 5-10-04, potential 161974 MCF, TD 11556'.
 HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #4 Fillingim '87', Sec. 87,M-1,H&GN, spud 4-10-04, drlg. compl 5-4-04, tested 6-

15-04, potential 5438 MCF, TD 11743', PBTD 11672'.
 HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., #12 J.P. Meek, Sec. 69,M-1,H&GN, spud 4-18-04, drlg. compl 5-17-04, tested 6-8-04, potential 3570 MCF, PD 11850', PBTD 11674'.
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WALLOW Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., #15 J.P. Meek, Sec. 69,M-1,H&GN, spud 4-26-04, drlg. compl 5-19-05, tested 6-17-04, potential 20232 MCF, TD 11850', PBTD 11740'.
 HEMPHILL (BUFFALO

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Hoover

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Fire Department's capabilities.
 "It was truly informational," Peet said. "They shared with us that they had increased their capabilities, their preparedness, their readiness. I was impressed. They have 25 or 30 brand new helmets and jackets and boots that were bought with grants. They've got seven or eight trucks to fight grass fires as well as house fires. They've had the latest (hazardous material) training. They really are very prepared. They said they would like for us to consider expanding their area."
 Peet indicated that the county commission would consider expanding Hoover's area of responsibility and cutting back that of Pampa's Fire Department. He said that would give the Pampa Fire Department more opportunity to cover inside the city limits.
 "We're paying them for a service outside the city," Peet said. "If they don't have to go out there, boy, it would be even greater protection for the citizens of Pampa. The court's going to look at it."
 Horst acknowledged that the volunteer firefighters train regularly.

"They're firefighters that go to formal training on their own time, either using vacation time or without pay," Horst said. "I believe they have training meetings here once a week. They feel that they could be more beneficial to the community if they had more area."
 Peet said the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department has tankers and are rebuilding a booster truck.
 "It's just like the one Pampa's got," Peet said. "Not the old one, but the one they have at Central Station."
 Peet said the Hoover department has over 30 volunteers.
 "They've a couple of fully trained instructors now, too," Peet said. "I'm quite impressed with what they've done. They've got all this equipment, and it's all located out here in this industrial area. All the trucks they have are donated. They themselves have reworked them, painted them and stuff."
 Peet even suggested that Pampa may want to rely on Hoover for firefighting.
 "It would behoove Pampa to take advantage of the volunteers," Peet said. "They might be able to save some money on their own budget if they took even greater advantage of the volunteers that are there, fully trained."

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The first decision: Do I purchase pre-finished flooring or unfinished flooring? There are similarities and differences between these two products. Unfinished and pre-finished both are a standard 2" thick. Pre-finished is also available in 1 1/2" and 3/8" thickness. They both come in a variety of widths from 2", 3", 4", 5" and some products even wider. Unfinished flooring is nailed down to the sub-floor. Pre-finished can be nailed down or glued down. Both products are tongue and groove to provide a nice tight installation. After the installation, unfinished flooring is sanded, sealed, and 2-3 coats of finish are applied. Pre-finished flooring needs no work after installation. The unfinished floor gives you a much more consistent look than the pre-finished floor. Pre-finished flooring has beveled edges, which can take away the natural look of the wood and every edge of every board can be seen. Unfinished can be sanded 1.5 times depending on conditions. The pre-finished products can be sanded while some of the grain is lost.

What species of hardwood do I choose?
 Normally, this decision is based on the preference between light or dark hardwoods. Which product will look best in your home and blend well with your cabinets and furniture. Most people prefer a contrast between the flooring and the furniture and cabinets. There are many types of hardwoods. Exotic and domestic hardwoods give you many different looks and colors to choose from. The most popular types of domestic hardwoods are Red Oak and White Oak. These two products look great natural or can easily be stained to your color preference. Maple, Ash, Hickory, and Beech are popular domestic woods that are light in color. American Cherry and Walnut are examples of medium and dark woods. Exotic woods range from the relative lightness of Asian Bamboo to the darker woods such as the medium color and beautiful character of Australian Cypress. Alocasia is an

some), Kempas, Brazilian, Cherry, Santos Mahogany, African Sapelli, and the dark richness of African Purple Heart.

What grade of wood do I choose?

"What does grade mean?" Grade refers to the amount of grain and knots in the wood. With oak flooring there are normally 4 grades depending on the manufacturer. Clear and Select grades being the best, and most expensive grades with boards clear of most grain and no knots allowed. Number 1 Common is the next grade down and predominantly the most popular.

Second and third grades are very grainy with more and larger knots as well as mineral streaks. Most other woods have 2 or 3 grades, some come in only 1 grade. The National Oak Flooring Manufacturers Association (NOFMA) Flooring Grading Rules are standard in the industry.

Who do I choose to install my hardwood flooring?

There are ways to insure that you are dealing with a reputable and experienced installer. The most obvious way is to ask for references. Ask for 5-10 to get a good feedback on workmanship and quality. The Better Business Bureau is always a great source of information. Be extremely wary of the installer whose prices seem lower than others, and especially the installer that will always beat anyone else's price. The old adage, "you get what you pay for," is best kept in mind. There are associations such as The National Wood Flooring Association (NWFA) and The Maple Manufacturers Association (MMA) that add a degree of credibility, but that does not guarantee anything.

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Viewpoints

Nutrition basics can help fight battle of the bulge

A recent ruling of the federal government that declares obesity a disease compels me to address this subject from a personal perspective.

We hear first-hand experiences, see documentaries, and read articles about people who are fighting the battle of the bulge.

Recently, I watched a rerun of a medical show that portrayed a morbidly obese woman who lost her job and could not get another one because of her size, even though she had all the necessary skills.

Discrimination for any reason is wrong, whether it's for color, creed, physical appearance or limitations.

But I have a hard time believing obesity is a disease. If it were a true disease, starving children in Africa would be fat. A disease would cause them to make fat cells even though they are not getting enough to eat. Starving children get lots of diseases — obesity is not one of them.

People need to be responsible for their own problems.

I don't believe alcoholism is a disease, either. I believe some people have a physical predilection towards addictive behaviors that can be inherited, but they do not catch alcoholism from drinking after an alcoholic.

My family has more than its share of alcoholics. They

did not have a disease. They turned to alcohol as a way of coping with life. I know. The effects of prolonged alcohol use killed my uncle and my grandfather.

My father started to go in the direction, but unlike his brother and father, he had the strength to beat the bottle 22 years ago.

I also have numerous family members who would be considered overweight by modern standards. Paul Rubens, the 17th century Flemish artist, would con-

sider them beautiful. I think so, too.

When Kate Dickson, former assistant publisher here, decided to have gastric bypass surgery, I cringed inside. I didn't feel she was too fat by any means. I liked her just the way she was. I worried that the surgery might cause more health problems than it helped. She went through the procedure with flying colors and lost more than 45 pounds in a matter of months — probably even more by now. The last time I saw her I didn't recognize her until

she spoke to me. I like the new Kate; I liked the old Kate. I think Kate likes herself better, though.

Kate's surgery is at least part of the basis for the government declaring obesity a disease. Now Medicare must pay for obesity-related medical expenses. This will also force many insurances to cover these expenses. I understand the thinking behind this action.

If a person doesn't like the way they look, they can take responsibility and do something about it. They don't need the government to do it for them.

I'm of normal weight now, but I haven't always been that way. I remember a

teen-age boyfriend's mother commenting on my chubbiness.

I lost weight without trying after my daughter Angel's birth and even more after Dave was born. Then I gained a lot after I divorced their father.

A year later I took control of my body. I learned all I could about nutrition and started implementing what I had learned. That's been 25 years ago. I've weighed roughly the same since then.

People ask me what my secret is. It's simple and doesn't require much effort or thought.

No. 1 — No empty calories. When I eat something, See **OBESITY**, Page 5

Dee Dee Laramore

Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 25, the 207th day of 2004. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 25, 1956, 51 people died when the Italian liner Andrea Doria sank after colliding with the Swedish ship Stockholm off the New England coast.

On this date:

In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army, the first officer to hold the rank.

In 1868, Congress passed an act creating the Wyoming Territory.

In 1943, Benito Mussolini was dismissed as premier of Italy by King Victor Emmanuel III, and placed under arrest. (However, Mussolini was later rescued by the Nazis, and reasserted his authority.)

In 1944, Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters recorded Cole Porter's "Don't Fence Me In" in Los Angeles for Decca Records.

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

In 1963, the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain initiated a treaty in Moscow prohibiting the testing of nuclear

'No man can resolve himself into Heaven.'

— Dwight L. Moody
American evangelist
(1837-1899)

weapons in the atmosphere, in space or underwater.

In 1978, Louise Joy Brown, the first test-tube baby, was born in Oldham, England; she'd been conceived through the technique of in-vitro fertilization.

In 1984, Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya became the first woman to walk in space as she carried out more than three hours of experiments outside the orbiting space station Salyut 7.

In 2000, a New York-bound Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground.

Ten years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries' 46-year-old formal state of war.

Five years ago: Lance Armstrong rode to victory in the Tour de France. Morocco held a funeral for King Hassan II.

One year ago: President Bush ordered U.S. troops into position off the coast of Liberia to support the arrival of a West African peacekeeping force, as renewed violence in the capital brought despairing pleas for American help. President Bush received Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas at the White House.



Kennedy vs. Clinton: The Dem Divide

Just as the Democratic Party in the later 1960s was dominated by the schism between President Lyndon B. Johnson and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, so the party in this decade is likely to be mired in a split between the Clintons on the one hand and Ted Kennedy and John Kerry on the other.

The Kerry campaign's recent effort to keep Hillary out of the convention's spotlight prime time, coupled with the selection of Sen. John Edwards as Kerry's running mate, are opening shots in this fight, which will likely escalate into a full-fledged feud.

When Kerry chose Edwards, a charismatic future contender for the presidency, he knew he was investing in an opponent for Hillary when she goes for

the top job herself. If Kerry loses, Hillary will run in 2008; if he wins, she'll run in 2012. Either way, she'll have to beat Edwards, whom Kerry plucked from the ashes of defeat.

Hillary, of course, was entitled to a prime-time speech. Apart from her husband, she is the most popular Democrat in the nation and she has addressed both of the last two conventions. The fiction that the women Democratic senators caucused and decided to anoint Maryland's Barbara Mikulsky to speak for them fooled nobody. To suggest that Hillary should mutely stand behind Mikulsky nod-

ding in agreement was a statement to the Clintons: This isn't your party anymore.

The split began in the fall of 2003, when Kerry was floundering in the face of the Howard Dean surge. The Clintons had bet on Kerry and her husband, who had played a key role in their Lewinsky-impeachment defense) to be the Massachusetts senator's chief campaign consultant. But as Kerry faltered, the Clintons bailed out on his candidacy and pushed Gen. Wesley Clark into the race as their candidate.

The former president was

quoted in public as saying that his wife and Gen. Clark were the two most outstanding Democrats in the nation. Clinton loyalists like Bruce Lindsay and Harry Thomason took their cue and went to work for Clark (a fellow Arkansan). But the unkindest cut of all was when Lehane walked out of the Kerry campaign, attesting to the senator's lack of viability and joined up with Clark.

In rushed Ted Kennedy to save the day, sending Mary Beth Cahill of his Senate staff to steer the faltering Kerry campaign. Kennedy's pivotal role was evident from his up-front and public position by his Massachusetts colleague's side on the night Kerry won the New Hampshire primary.

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Dick Morris

Columnist



The fuss about state human service problems

The political fuss over the \$20 million overpayment by the state's health and human services agency to an insurance contractor has Capitol tongues wagging when their heads should be fixed on finding solutions.

Gov. Rick Perry, whose appointees run the Health and Human Services Commission, harrumphed appropriately when the news broke, as did Albert Hawkins, the agency's commissioner. Reform was promised, and the apparent \$20 million overpayment to Clarendon National Insurance Co. was referred to the attorney general's office. Maybe the state's top

lawyer could get the money back.

We wish Attorney General Greg Abbott better luck than his predecessor John Cornyn had in collecting multiple millions in claimed overpayments to Electronic Data Services. EDS was another state vendor lucky enough to score a contract with the human services agency. That dispute continues.

It's real lives and real money on the line when a human services contract is

managed poorly. The social implications, however, don't play well with the current state leadership.

We have pleaded the case for insuring the health of children of the working poor repeatedly and consistently over the years, pleading equity, but also because the future work force has to be healthy to maintain the state's economic viability.

After all, an ounce of prevention costs about \$78 per child per month (\$97 a

month if you throw in prescription medicine), according to figures provided by state Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn. She noted that a pound of cure an average hospital stay costs \$6,700. Seton Health Network figures show that the average hospital stay for CHIP patients is 3 1/2 days. But appeals to conscience or even basic facts and figures on prevention have had all the effect of a cry for help in outer space.

So, here we are. If they can't work up any empathy for the people on the receiving end, maybe they'll pay

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He says he was amazed at the number of people at the memorial.

"There was a tremendous crowd of people up there," Meers said. "What made me feel at home and so good about it was that there were all these old guys my age up there all over the place and their families with them, grandkids and all. We saw no strangers. It made you feel good. It surely was nice."

He said he and his sons were impressed by the U.S. Marine Band. It put on a concert near the memorial.

"My boys couldn't get over that," Meers said.

The newly dedicated World War II Memorial wasn't the only thing on their agenda.

"We visited all the war memorials," Meers said, "starting with World War I, the Korean War Memorial and Vietnam Memorial Wall and, of course, the World

War II Memorial. It was the last to have a memorial. All of them were real impressive."

Meers said the World War II Memorial, sitting on the Mall between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial, is the most beautiful thing he ever saw. In the middle is a field of gold stars on a wall. Each star represents 100 who died in the war. There were 400,000 American service men killed in World War II.

"It's a magnificent structure," Meers said. "It was quite an experience."

Meers and his sons weren't the only ones there on motorcycles.

"The Vietnam veterans have got this thing they do every Memorial Day up in Washington," Meers said. "They call it Rolling Thunder."

They parade, on motorcycles, through downtown Washington on Constitution Avenue.

"We enjoyed that so much," Meers said.

Perhaps even more important are the family values for which Meers fought. His

sons had an album made up with photographs of them and their Dad in Washington. Mounted in a blue album bearing the seal of the U.S. Navy are the photos from the trip along with three letters, one from each son, telling their father how much they enjoyed the trip and how much they love him.

"We're proud of them," Meers said.

Meers and his wife have been married 57 years.

Mrs. Meers said they have three boys, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and another due in January.

The great-grandfather still rides his Harley, and is pleased that his wife is still with him.

"She encourages me to ride," Meers said of his wife. "I really appreciate that. She's wonderful."

Next month, the Meers are going to the Harley-Davidson gathering in Sturgis, S.D.

Meers is riding his Harley. Mrs. Meers said she was driving her car.

other strenuous activities, in addition to riding the horse.

No. 5 — Get rid of the scales. I only step on weight scales when I have to at the doctor's office. I don't even own a set of scales.

Mainly, quit worrying about it. If it's affecting your health, of course you need to do something. But most of us are okay just the way we are. If you notice, no one really looks like a movie star — even movie stars. They're just a combination of Hollywood artifices that make them appear to be perfect.

No. 2 — Eat more vegetables than meat. My rule of thumb is 2/3rds vegetables to 1/3 meat. Fresh vegetables and fruits are best.

No. 3 — Eat breads, potatoes, and starchy foods sparingly.

No. 4 — Keep active. Walk instead of drive. Climb steps instead of using the elevator. Clean house. Mow the lawn. Paint the fence. Find an activity you love and do it.

I hate exercising, but I love having a horse. Horse ownership requires me to carry 50-pound sacks of feed and clean out pens, among

Kennedy and became the senator's factional antagonist within the party. The gap was bridged somewhat in the impeachment fight, but has come back with a vengeance now that Kennedy is using Kerry as an alternative to the Clinton domination of the party.

Indeed, insiders in the Kerry operation were quoted anonymously as saying that Kennedy had warned against putting Hillary on the ticket.

The increasing tendency of the Kennedy-Kerry operatives to shut out the Clintons from the campaign highlights the Clinton conundrum: They desperately want Kerry to lose, but can't say so in public.

Bill Clinton's publication of his memoirs a few weeks before the Democratic con-

vention was clearly a move to slow down Kerry's momentum. The book's timing forced Kerry to designate Edwards much earlier than is traditional, so as to stop the former president from hogging the spotlight. Kerry will probably pay for his premature selection in decreased viewership during his convention now that it is drained of any suspense.

The battle between Bill and Hillary in one corner and Kerry, Kennedy and Edwards in the other will become as bitter as the battle between Johnson and RFK. Cahill's bluntness in excluding Hillary from the speakers list — even though Kerry was forced to back off and let Hillary introduce Bill — is a signal that in this fight, no holds will be barred.

Legislature directed the comptroller and other agencies last session to look into reforming the writing and oversight of state contracts. It was a great idea.

Too bad it has generated no action.

Perry promised another look at state contracts, and Hawkins promised tighter controls.

That's fine as far as promises go, but as privatization of state functions continues,

it is obvious that somebody needs to represent the taxpayer in the negotiations.

If nothing else, the latest fiasco involving the lax oversight the kindest characterization we can muster at the moment is a wake-up call to kick-start and put some urgency into the review of the state's obviously flawed approach to writing and overseeing contracts.

Community happenings

• **Pampa Lions Club Day/Night Golf Scramble** is scheduled at Hidden Hills Golf Course Friday, Aug. 6. Registration for the four-person scramble will kick-off at 5:30 p.m. Only one player per team with a nine or less handicap will be allowed.

The entry fee is \$45 and includes a cart, green fees and a "glow ball." Hamburgers and drinks will be provided.

For more information, contact David at Hidden Hills, 669-5866.

• **Friends of the Amarillo Public Library** will stage its annual Brown Bag Book Sale Aug. 6-8 in the basement of Central Library, 4th and Buchanan, Amarillo. Hours for the sale are 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Aug. 6 and 7 and 2 p.m.-6 p.m., Aug. 8.

For more information, call (806) 378-3051.

• **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.

• **WPEN, 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.

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it must count nutritionally. I indulge in an occasional treat, but I try to balance that with eating less for a day. I rarely drink anything that contains calories — black coffee, diet cokes, unsweetened tea and plain ol' water.

People don't realize how many empty calories they ingest every day through what they drink. An 8-ounce soft drink may have more than 150 calories.

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As Kerry was all but clinching the nomination, who introduced him to the victory rally? Ted Kennedy.

Throughout their administration, the Clintons cold-shouldered Kennedy — realizing that the average American voter saw him as radioactively liberal. In the 1996 campaign, we went into overdrive to be sure that Kennedy would have no prime-time speaking role, even though he had usually had the spotlight to himself at past Democratic conclaves.

As Bill Clinton veered to the center, he increasingly parted company with Ted

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attention to the management of the fruits of taxpayer labor.

Obviously, there are problems with vendor contracts issued by state government. The EDS and Clarendon contracts are high-profile examples. The EDS mess was big enough that the

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Family Land Heritage Program seeks historic farms, ranches for recognition

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program is seeking farms and ranches for recognition by the Family Land Heritage Program, which marks its 30th anniversary this year. Since the first ceremony on Oct. 14, 1974, the program has honored almost 3,900 farms and ranches in 222 counties for being kept in continuous agricultural production by the same family.

"These families have nurtured life from the land to make a future for their children, all the while making their mark in Texas history," Combs said. "The Family Land Heritage Program honors their contributions to the settlement of the Lone Star State. It also chronicles the unique history of Texas agriculture, a proud record that otherwise might be lost forever."

To be eligible for the program, the farm or ranch must meet these qualifications:

The farm/ranch has to have been agriculturally productive for 100 years

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— Susan Combs
Agriculture
Commissioner

or more and the line of ownership traced from the first family member to the present, either through direct relatives, marriage or adoption.

The land must fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

Owner(s) must be actively managing the everyday operation of the property.

If all the land has ever been rented to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, it will qualify.

Deadline to submit applications for properties established in 1904 or before is Nov. 15, 2004.

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during the ceremony in Austin in March 2005. The history of the farm or ranch will be chronicled in a registry and honorees can obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

Program applications are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's web site at www.agr.state.tx.us. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or (512) 463-2631.

Drilling

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HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4211P Teas '42', Sec. 42, M-1, H&GN, spud 3-11-04, drlg. compl 3-27-04, tested 5-28-04, TD 11835', PBTD 11748'

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HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Peak Operating of Texas, L.L.C., #6053 Barker, Sec. 53, M-1, H&GN, spud 2-15-04, drlg. compl 4-4-04, tested 6-7-04, potential 5900 MCF, TD 12588', PBTD 12586'

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #7 Humphreys '33', Sec. 33, L.G&M, spud 1-27-03, drlg. compl 3-26-03, tested 2-24-04, potential 207

WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #5506 Carr '55', Sec. 55, M-1, H&GN, spud 10-17-03, drlg. compl 10-31-04, tested 3-9-04, TD 14600', PBTD 12000' — Plug-

MCF, TD 7473', PBTD 7360' —

WHEELER (MO-TEX Meisner) Cambridge Production, #1 Old Highway, Sec. 22, A-5, H&GN, spud 8-18-03, drlg. compl 2-10-04, tested 2-12-04, TD 13807', PBTD 13090' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., #4 Britt Ranch 'G' 44, Sec. 44, A-3, H&GN, spud 10-29-03, drlg. compl 12-1-03, tested 4-20-04, potential 1913 MCF, TD 13610', PBTD 13500' —

Plugged Wells

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Arapahoe Production Co., #8 Wm. E. Herring 'A', George Basin Survey, spud unknown, plugged 6-4-04, TD 1586' (injection) —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Ganchos, Inc., Rubingammel, Sec. 21, V.J.A. Whittenburg (oil) form 1 in Dave Rubin for the following wells:

#1, spud 3-4-58, plugged 6-28-04, TD 3000'.

#3, spud 5-7-58, plugged 7-1-04, TD 2975' —

#4, spud 3-27-58, plugged 6-23-04, TD 3002' —

#5, spud 4-6-48, plugged 6-14-04, TD 2975' —

WHEELER (EAST PANHANDLE) Confed Oil & Gas, Inc., #1 Strickland 'A', Sec. 71, 17, H&GN, spud 5-4-80, plugged 3-2-04, TD 1612' (gas) —

WHEELER (TEXOLA Hunton) Apache Corp., #1 Harris Unit, Sec. 20, 7, H&GN, spud 5-10-75, plugged 2-16-04, TD 19480' (gas) —

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Mexico: Crackdown on migrant smuggling falls short

By **OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ**
Associated Press Writer

ALTAR, Mexico (AP) — A year after a spectacular police swoop on migrant trafficking in this town on the U.S. border, the plaza bustles with smugglers closing deals.

The United States has urged Mexico to crack down harder, warning that terrorists could tap into the flourishing industry. But Mexico says it can do little at the northern border because although abetting illegal crossings for a fee is a crime, there's no law to stop would-be migrants gathering near the frontier.

Instead, it appears to have focused on stopping the flow of U.S.-bound migrants from South and Central America at its southern border. In March, police carried out a nationwide sweep against one of the largest

migrant-traffic rings ever uncovered in Mexico.

It netted 42 current and former government employees in 12 of Mexico's 31 states who allegedly smuggled Cubans, Uruguayans, Brazilians, Asians and Central Americans across Mexico's southern border. Those arrested included agents and former agents of Mexico's National Migration Institute who allegedly helped foreigners

'(They) stain our country's reputation and as a result our efforts seem to evaporate. Everyone is making a great effort to stop this type of activity.'

— Jose Luis Santiago Vasconcelos
Mexico's chief prosecutor

sneak into the United States.

Mexican officials said corrupt officials illegally freed captured migrants, falsified documents to get them through Mexico, and guaranteed them safe passage into the

migrants were encouraged to return home, and Interior Secretary Santiago Creel promised more raids would follow.

Yet Altar remains the busiest crossing point along the northern border, and trafficking apparently goes on undisturbed. Boarding houses are almost always full, and many farmers have abandoned their fields and opened restaurants and shops that cater to the transient population.

Last year's arrests were "a complete spectacle," said Francisco Garcia, Altar's mayor at the time. "But as far as I'm concerned, they didn't have any effect because here things remain the same."

Garcia said the raids were just a symbolic response to U.S. pressure, coming two weeks after 19 migrants died of heat and

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Relay

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bination of individuals. Some teams may be groups of employees, sports teams, civic clubs or service organizations. Participants form teams of eight to 15 people who take turns running, walking or rocking. Each team is asked to keep at least one member of their team active at all times.

Each team member is asked to raise a minimum of \$100 to go to the American Cancer Society, Waites said. According to a team member booklet by the cancer society, each team member must also pay a team registration/commitment fee.

"As a business, we want to challenge other businesses to participate. Any business team who raises more money than the PRMC team will get their cars washed by PRMC team members," Freeman said.

Participants may raise their \$100 minimum any way they wish, Waites said. The PRMC team is doing several things to collect donations, including a silent auction Sept. 3 at the hospital.

"We'll take donations from anyone" who wants to donate items for the silent

auction, Waites said. Items to be auctioned may include crafts, baked goods, metalwork, baskets, woodwork and gift certificates.

A numbered, limited-edition print of a painting by Thomas Kinkadee, with a certificate of authenticity, is the prize in a drawing currently being held by the PRMC team. The print was won by Freeman in a prior drawing, and she decided to donate it back to the hospital's Relay for Life team to place in another drawing in order to collect more donations, Waites said.

Tickets for the drawing are available to anyone who makes a donation. The drawing for the print will be held at the Relay for Life event Sept. 11 in Recreation Park.

"Body lights," which are like lapel pins but fasten with a magnet which is strong enough to hold them on a lapel, cap bill, name tag or other material, are being sold by PRMC team members. They are in various shapes which light up with small, bright flashing lights when the shape is twisted to the "on" position. Shapes include footballs, basketballs, stars, American flags, frogs, butterflies and crosses.

"We've already sold a couple of thousand dollars' worth of these," Freeman

said. The PRMC Relay for Life team is accepting donations for a yard sale, tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in September, and for a silent auction to be held during the Relay for Life Sept. 11.

"The pink potty is dropped off in someone's yard, and they have to make a donation to the American Cancer Society to have it removed. They can suggest the next person to receive the potty, and can write that person a note which we will deliver with it," Waites said.

The potty will not be put into play until the first week of September, she said.

Each team in the Relay for Life will have their own "campsite" at Recreation Park during the event, and may choose a theme for their site. Sites will be judged and a prize awarded to the winner, Waites said.

Other prizes available for relay participants include a prize for the team completing the most laps.

Team members may bring their families to the relay, Waites said. There will be games and activities for children.

"We want people to bring their families out," Freeman said. Last year, 250 participated in the relay.

Last year's proceeds from

United States.

The raid at Altar, a town of 7,000 lying 60 miles south of Arizona, caught 27 suspects and rounded up about 60 Central Americans for deportation. Hundreds of Mexican

the Relay for Life were approximately \$25,000, which was donated to the American Cancer Society for use in Gray and Roberts counties. The society spent over that amount in the two counties through their Road to Recovery and Reach to Recovery programs, Waites said.

The Road to Recovery program helps cancer patients with travel for medical appointments, provides guest room services in conjunction with certain Amarillo hotels for cancer patients, and offers educational services and counseling, which may include consultations with a cosmetologist to help cancer patients recover their former appearance after treatments have caused such conditions as hair loss.

The Reach to Recovery program includes volunteers who help women work to regain use of an arm after breast surgery has left that arm weak, medical supplies and equipment, and wigs and other items such as colostomy supplies.

For more information on the Relay for Life, call Waites at 663-5857.

Conference series highlights water leasing options

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is partnering with Texas A&M University, Texas Cooperative Extension and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service to host a conference series on groundwater leasing options.

The conference series, called "Landowner and Citizen Information on Groundwater Leasing, Marketing and Sales," will provide information to realtors, bankers and landowners involved in groundwater trans-

actions. The conferences are scheduled for July 29 at the Espino Conference Center at Sul Ross State University in Alpine and Sept. 14 at the College of Forestry Conference Center at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. The Alpine conference begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m.

Registration until 10 days prior to each conference is \$55 per conference. Late registration is \$75.

To register, call Kathryn Nachlinger at (979) 845-5419 or register online at <http://texaswater.tamu.edu>.



BRYAN DICKERMAN January 26, 1964 - July 1, 2004

CLINTON, SC. — Otto "Bryan" Dickerman, age 40, of Clinton, SC, died Thursday, July 1, 2004 in Chicago, Ill.

He served as a submarine radioman in the U.S. Navy from 1986-1989, served in the National Guard A Company 151st Signal Battalion in Laurens, SC and was a volunteer for the American Red Cross in Clinton, S.C.

He was born in Borger, TX, on January 26, 1964. He moved to Pampa, TX in January of 1967 and graduated from Pampa High School in 1982. He was a driver for Jevic Transportation, Inc.

He is survived by his wife Lori Ann, a daughter Lela Brianne Dickerman of the home, one son Brandon Wade Dickerman (Dunam) of Pampa, TX, a daughter Casey Lynn Dickerman (Dunam) of Pampa, TX and a grandson Nickolas Ryan Mize of Pampa, TX.

One step-daughter Kayli Joan Winton of Clinton, SC and one step-son Andrew David Winton of Pampa, TX.

In addition survivors include his parents: William Scott and Lela P. Dickerman of Pampa, TX, two brothers and sisters-in-law Tony and Julie Dickerman of Denton, TX; Kyle and Laurie Dickerman of Goodland, KS and one sister and brother-in-law Leanna and Robbie Cook of Coffeyville, KS and nine nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held in Clinton, SC on Friday, July 9, 2004 in the Laurens, SC Armory with military honors, burial in Rosemont Cemetery, Clinton, SC.

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We'll always remember you,
The way you talked and smiled,
The little things you said and did
To make our lives worthwhile.

Our family chain is broken,
Nothing will ever be the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The links shall join again.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude for all of our family, friends and neighbors during our recent loss. The cards, food, flowers, visits and all the help that was given that made it possible to make the trip to South Carolina to lay Bryan to rest. All of you made it much easier to face our loss. You will always remain in our prayers.




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Museum Mementos: Library clerk builds records

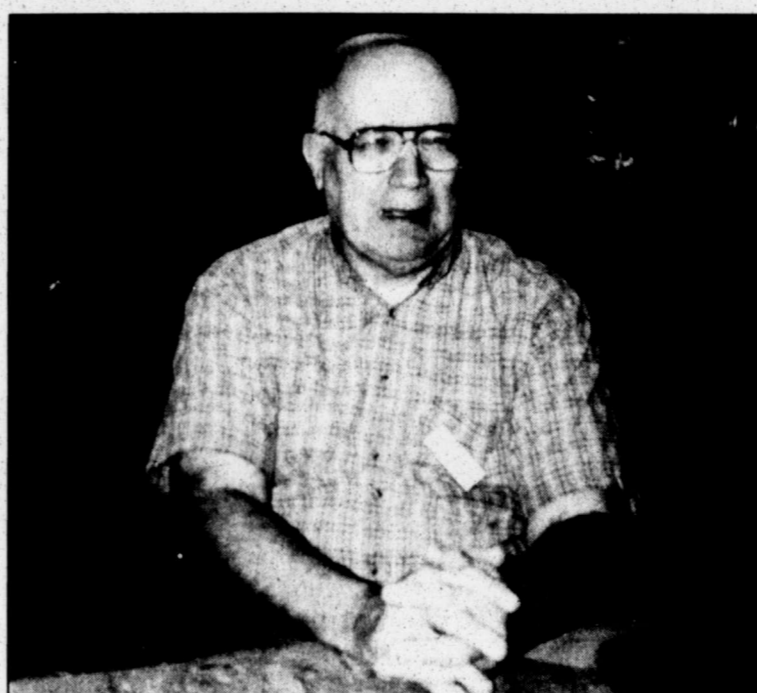
John A. Mead, Lovett Memorial Library clerk, was born in Pampa in 1940. His paternal grandfather was Judge J.A. Mead of Miami, a long-time Roberts County judge who was known for his collection of curios in the Roberts Co. courthouse. His maternal grandfather was T.A. Landers, who published the "McLean News" from 1921 to 1946. John graduated from Pampa High School in 1958, and then left Pampa for many years. He returned to Pampa and has been working as a clerk at Lovett Library since 1995. While living in California some years ago, John became interested in genealogy and spent some time

researching his own family. While he has been working at the library, he has tried to gather records on the history of Gray Co. and its people.

Eloise Lane
White Deer Land Museum, Pampa



He records that John has collected fall into various categories. For example, the library now has lists of people buried in most of the cemeteries of Gray Co. With the help of many people in Alanreed, Lefors and McLean, John typed lists of people buried in the cemeteries of these towns. The former manager of Fairview Cemetery in Pampa furnished lists of people buried in that cemetery, and John is hopeful that the library will receive a list of those buried in Memory Gardens Cemetery. From various sources, the library has also received lists of people buried in the cemeteries of Miami, Shamrock, Mobeetie, Canadian and Clarendon. Lovett Library also has census records for Gray Co. The records from 1880 to 1930 are on microfilm rolls from the National Archives. Also John has downloaded copies of the complete Gray Co. census pages for the 1910, 1920, and 1930 censuses and put them into binders. John has typed partial transcriptions for the 1900 and 1910 censuses and has typed surname indexes for the 1910 and the 1920 censuses. Recently, the library bought a CD that contains an every-name index for the



John Mead has worked as a clerk at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa since 1995.

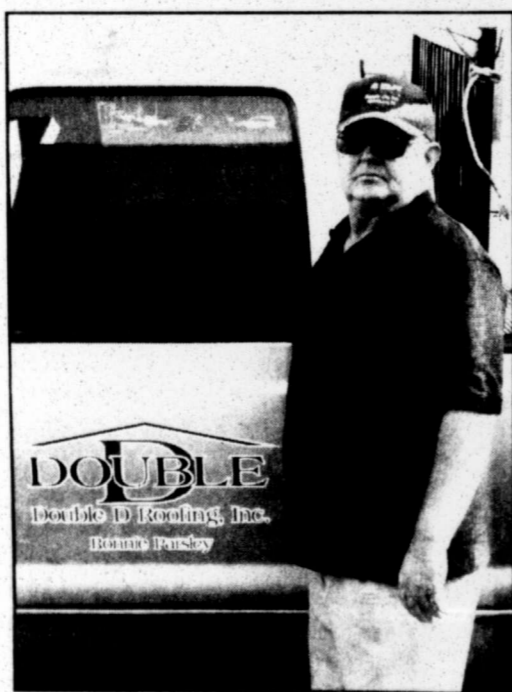
1930 Gray Co. census. Library and "The Pampa News" microfilmed the Friends of the Pampa issues of "The Pampa News"

back to 1925 as well as several other Pampa papers such as the "Pampa Daily Spokesman," and "The Pampa News" has continued to microfilm issues of the paper. The library also has on microfilm an almost complete run of the "McLean News" from 1909 to the present as well as incomplete microfilm holdings of newspapers from Miami, Canadian and Wheeler. From these microfilmed newspapers, John can obtain obituaries and other articles about individuals. John has collected many obituaries for people buried in McLean, Alanreed and Lefors and put them into scrapbooks. From the newspapers, John has made collections of

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Texas wheat production up 19 percent from last year

AUSTIN — The 2004 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 114.7 million bushels, 19 percent higher than last year and 46 percent higher than 2002. This estimate is down 3 percent from the June forecast. According to a July 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, statewide yield is expected to average 31 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last year but down 2 bushels from the June forecast. Harvested acreage, at 3.7 million acres, is up 7 percent from 2003. "Remaining fields on the Panhandle were hurt a bit by strong winds and hail, but overall the season turned out above average," State Director Robin Roark reported. Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 47.0 million bushels, up 14 per-

cent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 25.6 million bushels, up 12 percent from last year. Production in the Cross Timbers area is estimated at 7.6 million bushels, up 78 percent from last year. Production in the Blacklands is forecast at 20.6 million bushels, 17 percent higher than the 2003 crop. United States winter wheat production for 2004 is forecast at 1.47 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last month and 14 percent below 2003. Yield is expected to average 42.2 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month and 4.5 bushels lower than last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 34.8 million acres, down 5 percent from a year ago.

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TDA allowing use of chemical on corn mites

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced today that the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 crisis exemption allowing the use of hexythiazox (Onager Miticide) on corn in Texas as a resistant management tool to control the Banks grass mite (Oligonychus pratensis) and the two-spotted spider mite (Tetranychus urticae Koch). Onager Miticide, manufactured by the Gowen Company, may be applied following all directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA registered product label, as well as restrictions within the exemption notice. The crisis exemption went into effect June 25, 2004, and will remain in effect until EPA makes a decision on the FIFRA

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Medical

Child Life tries to relieve suffering

By **HOLLY RAMER**
Associated Press Writer

LEBANON, N.H. (AP) — When her 6-month-old son had surgery, lawyer Kathryn Babin argued her way into being allowed to hold him beforehand, but was denied permission to wait for him in the recovery room.

Baby Roger shrieked as an intravenous tube was inserted in his arm and was crying again when she finally was allowed to pick him up later.

"This is crazy," Babin thought. "Isn't there some other way?"

Now nearly 3, Roger has undergone several more medical procedures, but thanks to an innovative program at the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth, both he and his parents are much more relaxed. Instead of being held down and poked with a needle, he played in the hospital's "Comfort Corner," surrounded by ocean-themed murals and colorful kites, then snuggled with his mother while a mask delivered anesthesia.

"This last time, he told me, 'I'm ready to go to sleep now,'" Babin said.

The medical community appears to have heeded the American Academy of Pediatrics' policy statement on childhood pain. Issued in 2001, the policy urges doctors to relieve needless suffering by better anticipating and assessing pain, creating soothing environments in their offices and getting parents more involved.

The Pain Center at Akron Children's Hospital in Ohio uses everything from acupuncture to aro-

matherapy to soothe children undergoing medical procedures or recovering from surgery.

The Children's Hospital and Research Center in Oakland, Calif., has a "Child Life" team dedicated to making hospital stays as comfortable as possible. And at Texas Children's Hospital, relaxation and distraction techniques used by pediatric anesthesiologists include blowing bubbles and letting children ride tricycles to the operating room.

The staff at Dartmouth's Pain-Free Program still sees plenty of tears, but the reason is different: Patients don't want to leave because they're having so much fun. Whether they're

performing scary diagnostic tests or repeated treatments, the program's team of specialists uses technology and creativity to reduce the pain and stress of medical procedures.

"The hardest thing to do is relinquish your child to someone else," Babin said. "When they're doing something to them and you can't be there, it's very hard and nerve-racking. ... the way the Pain-Free clinic approaches it is so much more of a relaxed environment."

A generation ago, many health care providers

bought into the misconception that children don't feel pain as adults do. But youngsters deserve — and parents now expect — better, said Dr. Joe Cravero, an anesthesiologist and medical director of the program.

"There's no reason a kid needs to be crying and screaming in the hospital," he said. "If you or I come in for an appendectomy, we get the anesthesia we need. It comes down to how interested you are in doing this right."

Though many hospitals offer clinics for helping children deal with chronic pain, the Dartmouth program works with all children undergoing routine — but still sometimes frightening — procedures.

The Pain-Free team consults with parents and offers tips to prepare children for their appointments. By the time the children arrive, staff members know how to put them at ease, by asking about their pets by name or having their favorite movies cued on individual DVD players.

One of the first patients when the

program started two years ago was a teenage girl with severe developmental disabilities who hadn't received needed medical care — just being approached by a doctor traumatized her. But when the Pain-Free team discovered she loved to dance, it arranged to have music playing when she walked through the door.

"We were all dancing, and she jumped right in," said team member Kristen King, a child life specialist. Moments later, the girl was calm enough to be sedated.

"She has not fallen asleep in my arms since she was a baby," the girl's tearful father told King.

At the Pain-Free Program, stocking up on the latest animated movies is just as important as keeping up with the latest medical advances. Some techniques are complicated, such as figuring the correct dose of fast-acting, short-term anesthesia. Others are as simple as letting children wear their own clothes and sit on their parents' laps during sedation.

Older children who can stay still long enough for 45-minute MRI brain scans are helped by visualizing a trip into outer space — hospital workers count down to blastoff and explain the thumps and bumps they hear as passing planets.

To practice at home, some parents are told to have their child lay underneath a blanket-draped coffee table to get a feel for the machine's enclosed space.

On a recent Tuesday, 3-year-old Izabella Gyurcsan was one of half a

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— Kathryn Babin
Mother

Chronic pain *not* a character flaw

AUSTIN — Severe chronic pain affects nearly one third of the United States population at some point in their lives, yet it continues to be perceived as a character flaw rather than the serious, often deadly disease that it is.

There is hope for the 50 million people who suffer its ravages, as new attitudes and exciting new methods in diagnosis and treatment are changing how the medical community looks at chronic pain.

That was the message of hope delivered by Daniel Brookoff, MD, clinical associate professor of medicine at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis, at a session at a meeting of the Texas Medical Association.

of pain for a little injury, because pain protects us from trauma and infection — it is our early warning system."

But the system goes awry when the pain cannot be turned off. Dr. Brookoff compared pain to a smoke alarm. We are grateful when it emits an irritating shriek to warn us of a possible fire. But when we discover the trigger was just a baked potato, we turn off the alarm. "After being alerted by the alarm, we find the source of the trouble, contain it, then turn off the alarm," he said. "We don't live with the alarm ringing for the rest of our life."

Yet many patients are expected to endure chronic pain, in effect living with the alarm sounding even though the trauma has passed.

That does not have to be the case, as the medical community is changing its fundamental concept what has become the leading cause of disability in the U.S.

"When faced with a patient with chronic pain, the doctor asks 'do I treat the disease or do I treat the pain?'" Dr. Brookoff said. "The answer is 'the disease IS the pain.'"

Dr. Brookoff talks of

'Our body is not built like a department store,' Dr. Brookoff said. 'You don't find one piece over here, and another over there. We are realizing that all the parts talk to each other.'

— Daniel Brookoff
Medical doctor

"good" pain and "bad" pain. Good pain helps keep the body alive. It is part of the natural healing and protective system of the body. Bad pain "makes you want to die."

Chronic pain is not just the prolonged version of acute pain. If pain is not treated, the body can actually adjust to sense the pain even more, even to the point of generating nerve tissue.

"Our body is not built like a department store," Dr. Brookoff said. "You don't find one piece over here, and another over there. We are

realizing that all the parts talk to each other."

Nerves for example are not just electrical "wires" passively sending impulses to the pain centers of the brain. Nerve endings contain receptors — known as NMDA receptors — that are not active in sensing acute pain, such as a pinprick. But with repeated or prolonged stimulation, these NMDA receptors become active and make fundamental changes in how the body reacts to pain.

First, the pain receptors become hypersensitive, so that less input is required to trigger pain. Prolonged stimulation also can cause nerve cells to sprout new connections. When that happens, the signals in the brain spread out, making it increasingly difficult to isolate the source of the pain. Eventually these pain signals spill over into the emotional areas of the brain. This explains why many patients

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'God wanted you to have pain,' Dr. Brookoff said, 'because He put pain receptors everywhere. Furthermore, we want LOTS of pain for a little injury, because pain protects us from trauma and infection — it is our early warning system.'

— Daniel Brookoff
Medical doctor

Pain is part of the plan for keeping our bodies healthy and happy, according to Dr. Brookoff.

"God wanted you to have pain," Dr. Brookoff said, "because He put pain receptors everywhere. Furthermore, we want LOTS



CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

by
Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

EATING HEALTHY

Inflammation, or the response of body tissue to injury, often causes mild to severe internal pain. Chiropractors explain that certain foods may actually increase inflammatory response and prolong pain. Red meat and animal fats are believed to aggravate the problem. Fruits, vegetables and oily fish such as sardines will help reduce the internal condition. Garlic is also known to be a health addition to a diet.

The risk of osteoporosis may be increased by eating certain foods. Among these are food and beverages that contain caffeine, such as soda, coffee and chocolate. Also, one should cut back on processed foods and red meat. Smoking is harmful, as well. All of these may increase the risk for reduced bone density.

If you suffer from back pain, drink at least eight to ten glasses of water every day. This will help prevent dehydration. It will also maintain fluid in your body's spinal discs and cell membranes. Ask your chiropractor about other foods that may cause problems and to recommend a proper diet. He/she can also treat and eliminate your back pain, because Doctors of Chiropractic specialize in the diagnosis and care of the spine.

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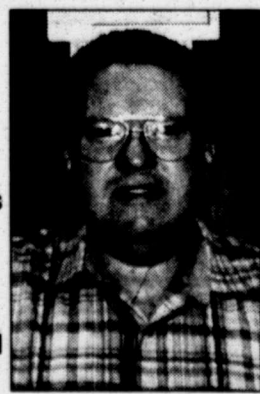
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Pain

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describe their sensations with emotional words such as "terrible" and "awful," and often start to cry.

"Those patients are telling the truth," he said. "Their pain is emotional."

Researchers also are realizing that the body's natural pain-relieving system is just as important to health as the pain-signaling system. While we have pain receptors everywhere, every pain receptor is matched by a pain inhibitor. Pain signals release endorphins which act to contain and control the pain sensation. That is one reason why the acute pain that comes from a cut finger only hurts for a few minutes rather than several days.

Drug interventions are beginning to follow nature's example. The purpose of medication will change from getting patients to stop feeling pain, to keeping them feeling the pain in a balanced way.

Ultimately, the answer will not be to kill all pain, but to bring it back into balance. As has happened with AIDS and cancer, the approach to chronic pain is changing from conducting a "war" on the disease to living with the disease.

"I like to say that I don't treat pain; I treat abnormal pain," Dr. Brookoff said. "People we previously dismissed as faking pain, we now can treat. It turns out they are not crazy."

"If we stop chronic pain, we can stop the destruction of the body. And that is really exciting," he said.

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing more than 39,500 physician and medical student members.

Healthbeat: No, not that leg — new regulations to fight surgery mixups

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — As of July 1, operating rooms are supposed to be a little safer: Surgical teams must take new steps to prevent operating on the wrong body part or wrong patient.

Among the requirements: Much as airline pilots go through a safety checklist before takeoff, surgeons and nurses must take what's being dubbed a "time-out" before cutting. It's to double-check that the right patient is on the table, if he's really to lose a kidney and not a gallbladder — and if so, on which side.

Hospital regulators hope the new rules will finally put an end to growing reports of wrong-site, wrong-procedure and wrong-patient surgeries.

"These should never happen," says Dr. Dennis O'Leary, who heads the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The agency can revoke the accreditation of hospital or other surgical sites that don't comply with the new safety steps.

This isn't wrong surgery because of a misdiagnosis, but mixups inside the operating room. In one infamous 1995 case a doctor amputated Willie King's wrong foot; indeed, the mixups are thought to be most frequent in orthopedic surgery.

But reports range the gamut from removing the wrong organ to drilling into the wrong side of a patient's skull to a recent case where the wrong patient was given a heart catheterization.

No one knows exactly how many such wrong surgeries occur, because the commission receives only voluntary reports, although they're a small fraction of the nation's 70 million annual surgeries.

Still, despite issuing two warnings to hospitals and surgi-

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— Dr. Dennis O'Leary
Head of JCAHO

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His regulatory agency is betting that if surgical teams have a mandatory system of double-checks, they can catch mixups before a patient is harmed. Among the rules:

—The surgeon must literally sign the incision site, while the patient is awake and cooperating if possible, with a marker that won't wash off in the operating room.

—Some doctors, and patients themselves, already do that voluntarily, but regulators found a confusing hodgepodge of styles. An "X" can mean "operate here" or "not here."

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cal centers in recent years, the regulatory agency knows of 275 cases since 1999 — a steady increase each year and a problem it calls undoubtedly undercounted.

Consider the rushed pace of many operating rooms, where it's easy to wheel in the wrong patient from a queue of waiting stretchers, or to position X-rays backward as bustling workers ready dozens of high-tech gadgets.

"People should not underestimate the potential for confusion," O'Leary says.

Researchers try to pin down symptoms of ovarian cancer

CHICAGO (AP) — A cluster of three common symptoms in women — a swollen abdomen, a bloated feeling and urgent urination — should raise suspicions of ovarian cancer if they are persistent, severe and began recently, a study says.

The three symptoms are among many that have been associated with ovarian cancer before. But because they also affect most healthy women at some point in their lives, they are often not seen as a tip-off to cancer.

The lack of clearly identifiable symptoms has contributed to the relatively poor prognosis for women with ovarian cancer. While cure rates are high when the disease is detected early, about 75 percent of women are diagnosed when the cancer is in advanced stages.

Nearly 26,000 U.S. women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer this year and more than 16,000 will die from it, the American Cancer Society estimates.

The new study may help narrow the list of symptoms that might signal a

need for further tests, said lead author Dr. Barbara Goff, a gynecologic cancer specialist at the University of Washington.

All three symptoms were found in 43

cancerous ovarian tumors, so their presence did not necessarily signal a dire diagnosis, Goff said.

The study appears in a recent Journal of the American Medical Association.

The study helps explode the myth that ovarian cancer is a silent killer, said Dr. Ed Partridge, a gynecologic cancer specialist at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Even women in early stages of the disease had symptoms, he said.

Doctors who suspect ovarian cancer often order ultrasound or blood tests first. But the only definitive way to diagnose the disease is surgery.

The three symptoms, if recent and persistent, should indicate to doctors that these women "have to be evaluated instead of just giving them relief for bloating or saying, 'That's normal,'" said Dr. Carmen Rodriguez of the American Cancer Society.

The study is based on surveys of 1,709 cancer-free women and 128 women awaiting surgery for pelvic tumors including ovarian cancer.

THREE SYMPTOMS

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percent of women later diagnosed with ovarian cancer, but in just 8 percent of women without the disease.

Women with ovarian cancer also were more likely than others to report that symptoms began within the preceding several weeks rather than several months or years earlier. Their symptoms also were more likely to be severe and to occur as often as every day or most days.

The cluster of symptoms occurred in women with early-stage disease and in those with more advanced cases. They also occurred in women who had non-

kind of nurturing was the role of moms or dads," Hagan said. "But we're now taking responsibility for the fact we need to help them do that properly."

The Pain-Free Program isn't curing any children, but it is taking away their suffering, Cravero said.

"Parents eventually come to terms with what the diagnosis is. What they can never come to terms with is watching their child suffer repeatedly in a hospital," he said. "We can stop that part of it."

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Child Life

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dozen children scheduled for MRIs. Around 9:30 a.m., she was led to a cupboard of toys and then offered her choice of sedation mask — pink, purple or red. A few minutes later, she was wheeled down to the MRI room, her tiny socks peeking out from under the sheet. By 10:45, she was awake, nestled against a stack of pillows, clutching a stuffed animal and watching "Finding Nemo."

Her parents drove two hours from Milton for the test, which they hoped would rule out any serious problem connected to their daughter's hand tremors. They worried about whether Izabella could handle the test — she had woken up scared in the middle of the night and then threw up on the way to the hospital.

Paula Gyurcsan said she couldn't bear to watch Izabella get loaded into the imposing MRI machine, but the toddler seemed unfazed by the experience.

"It was fun for her," she said.

Dr. Joseph Hagan, a

Vermont pediatrician who co-wrote the policy on childhood pain, said things have improved so much that pain has become "the fifth vital sign."

"When I was in medical school you always presented the patient's temperature, blood pressure, pulse and respiration rate — you didn't say they were in distress or no distress," he said. "That was something we knew but we didn't approach it as directly, and we should."

In the past, too many doctors assumed parents would treat their children's pain at home.

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asphyxiation while being smuggled from the Mexican border to Houston in a tractor-trailer.

Visiting Mexico in February, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge asked Mexico to step up patrols along its border with the United States, saying it would help head off terrorism.

In an agreement signed at the time, Mexico agreed to crack down on migrant smugglers.

But breaking up the smuggling rings has proven difficult.

Mexico's Interior Department estimates that as many as 100 smuggling gangs operate across

Mexico, charging up to \$1,800 per migrant.

Jose Luis Santiago Vasconcelos, Mexico's chief prosecutor in charge of organized crime investigations, said corrupt officials are one of the main roadblocks.

They "stain our country's reputation and as a result our efforts seem to evaporate," Vasconcelos said. "Everyone is making a great effort to stop this type of activity."

Last year, Congressman Tarcisio Navarrete, a member of the ruling National Action Party, proposed stiffer jail sentences and fines, and broader police powers to investigate suspected smuggling operations. Currently police can only act on a citizen's complaint.

But Navarrete's term ended in November and his

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— Francisco Garcia
Ex-mayor

bill has been abandoned.

Critics say the solution lies in job creation, not in tougher policing or in the Paisano program set up in 1989 to help returning migrants.

"For the Mexican government, it is easy to create a program to welcome migrants coming home," said Garcia, the ex-mayor. "But they don't do anything to help them before they become migrants."

Luis Sanchez, a 30-year-old farmer from southern Oaxaca state, said he has crossed illegally into the United States four times.

"We always cross through Altar because here no one bothers you," Sanchez said. "In the last four years, I've always crossed in my first attempt because I'm well prepared. I take salt pills and plenty of water."

Sanchez, bound for Fresno, Calif., was waiting for two more people to arrive and complete his group of 10 migrants before heading to the border.

Regs

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and writing out "not this knee" backfires if the "not" gets smudged.

So, don't place any mark on a non-operative site, the new rules stress. Avoid "X" in favor of doctor initials or some other mark used hospital-wide.

—The entire operating team must stop all other work just before surgery

begins and go through a checklist to ensure the correct patient is on the table, and that everyone — surgeons, nurses, anesthesiologists, technicians — agrees what procedure is being done, on what body part. Have a system to resolve any confusion.

"My rule was you do not hand a knife to any surgeon until everything's cleared up," says Tom McLaren, surgical services administrator at Florida's Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare.

Texas Agricultural Statistics Service announces grain stocks report for June

AUSTIN — According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, June 1 stocks of sorghum in all positions totaled 10.1 million hundredweight (cwt), up 11 percent from the 9.1 million cwt on hand a year ago. On-farm stocks totaled 168,000 cwt, the same amount as a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 9.9 million cwt, were up 11 percent from June 1, 2003.

Stocks of wheat in all positions June 1, 2004, totaled 37.2 million bushels,

up 11 percent from last year's level of 33.4 million bushels. On-farm stocks totaled 600,000, the same as a year ago; off-farm stocks totaled 36.6 million bushels, up 12 percent from June 1, 2003.

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service no longer publishes corn stocks on farms, but the off-farm storage, at 30.0 million bushels, was down 34 percent from a year earlier.

Stocks of corn in all positions in the

United States totaled 2.97 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the June 1, 2003 level. All old crop wheat stocks, at 546 million bushels, were up 11 percent from the June level of 492 million bushels a year ago.

U.S. stocks of sorghum totaled 44.9 million cwt, down 2 percent from last year. Soybean stocks totaled 410 million bushels, down 32 percent; oats on hand totaled 64.7 million bushels, up 30 percent from June 2003.

Mites

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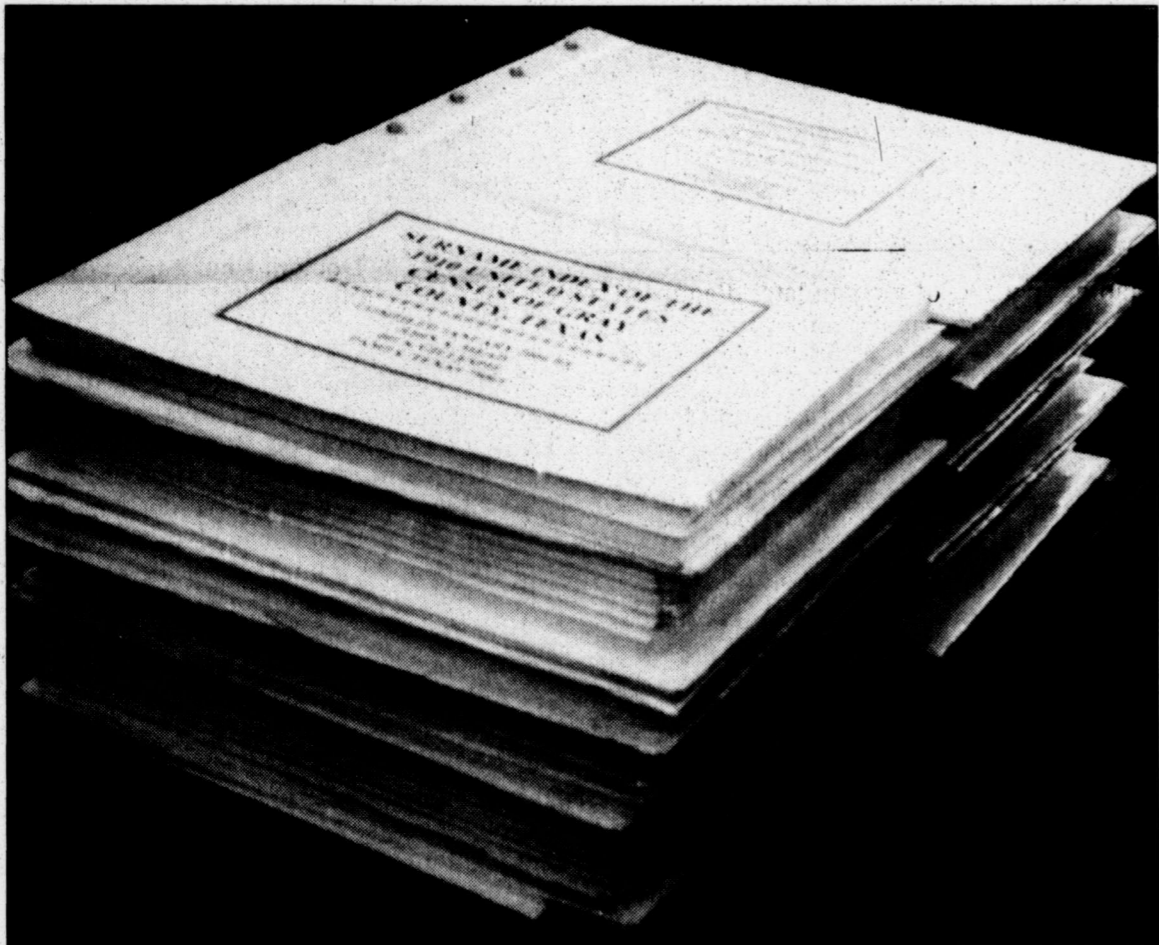
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John Mead's scrapbook collection is kept in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library.

Mead

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articles on various topics of Gray Co. history and put them into scrapbooks. So far, he has collected articles on World War I, the Gray Co. oil boom of 1925-1930 and its effects on the town of Pampa, the special editions of "The Pampa News" which have appeared from 1952 to 1992, and the Pampa Army Air Field from 1942 to 1945.

John is now working on extracting articles on the home front in Pampa during World War II.

John has worked on several other types of data on Gray Co. history. The library has bought a microfilm roll containing the World War I draft registration records for the county, and John has indexed these records. He has also indexed the records of original grantees and patentees of land in Gray Co. from the Texas General Land Office in Austin.

Lovett Library has still other resources on Gray Co. history, including city directories from 1929 to the present, Pampa High School annuals from the 1950s on,

and several Gray Co. history books.

The library also has public Internet computers on which many genealogical sites and databases may be consulted. Among these are the Texas Death Records database for deaths from 1964 to 1998 and the Social Security Death Index. Also useful is the Heritage Quest database of census material and indexes available from the Texas State Library's

Texshare databases.

John invites those interested in their Gray Co. ancestors to contact him at the library's e-mail address (library@pampa.com) or to drop by the library when it is convenient. Perhaps he may help find a census record, an obituary, or some other type of record on your relatives.

—The museum appreciates John Mead's contributions to Museum Mementos.

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Feeding Olympic appetites

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — When it comes to feeding the world's top athletes at the Summer Olympics in Athens, almost everything comes supersized.

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The Philadelphia-based food service company estimates it will serve more than 2 million meals to athletes, coaches and officials in Athens for two months, including the 17 days of competition.

The company has had to contend with construction delays, concerns over security arrangements to stop terrorists and a blackout that hit Athens on July 12, but Aramark officials said things will be running smoothly by the time the games open Aug. 13.

"There are some things that are a little time-sensitive, roads are congested, you've got construction and a lot of things happening everywhere," Marc Bruno, a vice president for Aramark's International Group, said from Athens. "It's all going to come together."

SEVENTY YEARS STRONG

The nation's oldest senior tournament here

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The 70th annual Tri-State Senior Championship Tournament gets underway Sunday at the Pampa Country Club with registrations scheduled for 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. All participants must register during this time. A 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. hospitality hour will be held at the Pampa Community Building, 200 North Ballard. This is to give contestants and wives the chance to meet and mingle.

The schedule of events for Monday, July 26, include:
7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Men's Scramble

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Senior Wives Putting Tournament

3:00 p.m. - Wives 9-Hole Scramble Golf Tournament

The schedule of events for Tuesday, July 27, include:
7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. - First Round of Match and Stroke Play

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Hospitality Hour, Pampa Country Club
Last year's champion Tommy Wilson returns to defend his title. He won back-to-back titles in 1999 and 2000. Frank McCulloch was the last Pampa resident to keep the title in the host city, Wilson was the runner-up.

In addition to golf, there are myriad events to keep the ladies busy. Brunches and bridge, a book review and the Chamber of Commerce Treasure Hunt.

Officers for this year's tournament are President Tom Holmes of Ft. Worth, TX., First Vice President Titus Owen of Snyder, OK., Second Vice President Chuck White of Pampa, Secretary Floyd Sackett of Pampa, Immediate Past President Dwayne Kuntz of Ruidoso, NM., and Tournament & Rules Mark Hughes of Pampa.

For additional information, contact Floyd Sackett at 665-3390.

Close at Hidden Hills

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

It was another great week of Seniors Scramble golf at Hidden Hills. Last Wednesday, the top four teams carded impressive scores to finish within one shot of each other.

The foursome of Jim Brashears, Kenneth Williams, Marvin Allison and Norman Willingham won the scramble with a 61. Also shooting a 61 but coming in second was the team of Ralph Wilson, Terry Cox, Callens George and Bob Brandon.

Finishing third with a round of 62 was the team of Leroy Morris, Larry Neighbors, B.F. Dorman and Butch Shepherd. Again, Harley Knutson, Jerry South, Dwayne Stiles and Duane Cash also shot 62 to finish fourth.

Closest to the pin on #6 was Callens George. Bill Hammer took the honors on #15.

A&M receiver faces charge

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M receiver Nick Rhodes has been accused of punching his roommate and hitting him with a guitar after the man asked him for rent money.

Rhodes, a redshirt freshman from Brownwood, was arrested on Thursday and charged with Class A assault, a misdemeanor. He posted \$7,000 bond on Friday afternoon.

The roommate suffered

several scratches and cuts, according to a College Station police report, but he declined medical treatment.

Rhodes refused to come out of his room when police arrived and officers kicked in the door to arrest him. Police Sgt. Mike Dean said Rhodes was arrested without incident.

Nine Texas A&M football players and one recruit have been arrested since November.

Truex relieves Earnhardt, Newman wins pole

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — Martin Truex Jr. planned to start his Nextel Cup career at New Hampshire International Speedway — just not this soon.

Truex replaced injured Dale Earnhardt Jr. in practice and qualifying Friday and is set to relieve Earnhardt at the wheel of the No. 8 Chevrolet sometime early Sunday in the Siemens 300.

The 24-year-old driver, who leads the NASCAR Busch Series driving for Earnhardt's Chance 2 Motorsports team, took advantage of the opportunity and qualified third in his Cup debut.

He trailed only pole winner Ryan Newman, whose lap of 132.360 mph — as the last of 46 drivers in the qualifying line — knocked series points leader Jimmie Johnson's 131.984 off the top spot. Truex was next at 131.660.

"We tested here because I was going to drive a Cup race here in September for Chance 2, so I knew I could get in and do a good job and drive it as hard as I could," Truex said.

Under NASCAR rules, the driver change means Earnhardt will have to start at the rear of the 43-car field on Sunday, but Truex earned the team a good pit stall for race day with his solid qualifying effort.

Earnhardt chose to sit out Friday because he is still in pain and needs

more time for burns on his legs and face to heal after a frightening crash last week. He planned to get into the car for practice Saturday.

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Driver, Chance 2
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"We just have to wait and see how this plays itself out," Earnhardt said, looking a bit uncomfortable with his dressings, including a white gauze bandage wrapped tightly around his neck.

"Unfortunately, after the wreck last weekend, I won't be able to run the entire race," he said. "I'm really disappointed. I've never been in this situa-

tion before.

"It's painful to walk around, but what's most comfortable for me is sitting in the race car. This is just an opportunity to give Martin more time and a better opportunity to give us a better finish."

Truex is aware of the importance of his assignment.

"Obviously, this isn't the way we'd like to get our first Nextel Cup start," he said. "Junior is real focused to win the championship and we're here to help get him all the points we can get."

The son of the late Dale Earnhardt, killed in a crash during the 2001 Daytona 500, was enveloped in a ball of flame but managed to unhook his belts and scramble from the car before safety workers arrived. He came away with second-degree burns on the insides of his legs and his chin and neck.

"The wreck was fiery and hot," he said. "The pain was intense and I remember everything about the wreck."

"I really haven't been bothered too bad by the burns. My muscles have been aching and carrying on. I really didn't know what to expect under these conditions. It's something new every day with pain."

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Cowboys, Parcels ready to win

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Bill Parcels has already laid a winning foundation, needing just one season to get the Dallas Cowboys back into the playoffs.

Never in his three previous coaching stops, where he also took over teams coming off losing records, had Parcels gotten to the postseason so quickly. The breakthrough had always come in year two.

So now, in Parcels' second season, he isn't planning to spend a lot of time repeating himself or re-teaching.

"In a lot of respects I will be less patient this year because my expectations are that the players should know a heck of a lot more than they did going in last year," Parcels said. "These guys that have been here for a year, they need to know what to do."

Returning players know Parcels' no-nonsense approach. He doesn't tolerate a lackadaisical approach or silly mistakes, especially from players who've been with him before.

"There's no surprise,"

defensive tackle La'Roi Glover said. "You know what to expect. You know how the routine of practice is going to be go, how training camp is going to be run. It eliminates a lot of excuses ... Get the job done and let's go about our business."

That means being ready from the get-go July 31, the start of 11 sets of two-a-day practices over the first 12 days of camp in Oxnard, Calif.

But have the Cowboys done enough to better — or even equal — last year's 10-6 record? Especially in the NFC East that now has coach Joe Gibbs back in Washington and Terrell Owens with other big additions in Philadelphia.

While some needs were filled, Dallas wasn't a big offseason spender even with plenty of money under the salary cap.

Two quarterbacks were added, 40-year-old Vinny Testaverde and former pro baseball player Drew Henson.

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Catfish hunter

Chris Woodard of Pampa shows off the 3.5 pound channel catfish he took recently at Lake McClellan. Woodard used crawdads to hook his catch.

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9-10 All Stars suffer tough loss in tournament

The Pampa 9-10 Cal Ripken All Star team donated nine unearned runs by committing 10 errors to hand North Randall County a 10-1 win in Amarillo during the opening round of the Southwest Regional 9-10 Cal Ripken Tournament Friday.

Pampa was to play Allen, Texas, the East Texas champion, who suffered an earlier 8-7 loss to New Orleans Lake Shore, Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in an elimination game.

Dane Pereira got the only hit for Pampa, a dribbler down the third base line, as Pampa was unable to get the ball out of the infield.

Pampa scored its only run in the second inning on walks to Latigo Collins, Pereira's hit and walks to James Thompson and Zack Ruth.

North Randall used two hits, two walks and four Pampa errors to score five unearned runs in the first inning. The winners scored three more in the second inning on only one

hit. They used four errors and a single hit to add two more runs in the fifth inning.

Pampa's pitchers, Pereira and Collin Killgo, gave up only one hit that went out of the infield. Pereira walked three, hit a batter and struck out three allowing three hits and one earned run. Killgo shout out North Randall for two innings before giving up two unearned runs on four errors in the fifth inning. He allowed two hits, struck out five and walked two.

A bright spot for Pampa's defense was a diving catch of a fly ball by right fielder, Ruth, in the fourth inning.

State champions from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and three regions of Texas are competing for the right to compete in the Cal Ripken 9-10 World Series. North Randall County is the host team. Pampa is competing as the West Texas representative.

Rangers top Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Kevin Mench hit a three-run homer during Texas' sixth-inning rally, and the Rangers snapped Mark Mulder's 11-game winning streak with an 8-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Friday night.

Kenny Rogers joined Mulder as the majors' only 13-game winners with his 18th straight victory at the Coliseum. Rogers (13-3), who allowed six hits and three runs in 5 2-3 innings, hasn't lost in 35 starts in Oakland since Aug. 7, 1994.

Eric Young added a two-run double for the Rangers, who increased their AL West lead over Oakland to 4 1/2 games in the opener of a key three-game series.

Texas pounded Mulder (13-3), the winning pitcher in the All-Star game, for 10 hits and seven runs over six innings in his first loss in 15 starts since April 28. The left-hander had won his last five starts, but fell two wins short of Catfish Hunter's franchise record for consecutive victories.

Mulder never appeared to be in top form while losing to Texas at home for the first time in seven career starts. He lost control in the sixth, when Texas sent 10 hitters to the plate and scored five runs.

Michael Young started the rally with a single, eventually scoring on Hank Blalock's single. Gary Matthews drove in another run, and Mench followed with his 14th homer.

Eric Byrnes homered and drove in three runs for the A's, who lost their third straight and fifth of seven. Oakland kicked off a six-game homestand with just its sixth loss in 30 home games.

Byrnes snapped an 0-for-15 skid with a two-run homer in the third. He added a sacrifice fly in the fifth, scoring Marco Scutaro to give Oakland a 3-2 lead.

Eric Young had two doubles, two walks and two RBIs for the Rangers.

Brian Jordan was activated from the Rangers' disabled list and went 1-for-5.

Cowboys

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Defensive end Marcellus Wiley was signed and receiver Keyshawn Johnson — like Testaverde a former Parcells player — came in a trade from Tampa Bay for Joey Galloway.

The Cowboys made a splashy move Friday, signing running back Eddie George to a one-year, incentive-filled deal. To cash in, he'll have to beat out second-round draft pick Julius Jones, who heads into camp hoping to become Dallas' first rookie starting running back since NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith 14 years ago.

Quarterback Quincy Carter started all 16 games last year. But Testaverde signed expecting a chance to start while serving as a mentor to Carter, Henson and Tony Romo.

"(Quincy) earned the starting job here last year. He was the best guy at that position last year," Parcells said. "I play that best guy. They all know that. They have been told that. It's not shrouded in secrecy."

Chad Hutchinson, a former pro pitcher, probably eliminated himself by playing poorly in NFL Europe. He's not expected to be in camp.

Johnson provides the possession-type receiver the Cowboys have missed since Michael Irvin was forced into retirement by injury five years ago. After some contentious times in Tampa Bay, and being deactivated before last season ended, Johnson is ready to play

again for Parcells.

"Once I got away from that situation, it was kind of like, have a good time, have fun again," Johnson said. "(Parcells) is the only head coach that I like to play for."

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— Keyshawn Johnson
Receiver, Dallas Cowboys

Perennial Pro Bowl offensive lineman Larry Allen didn't enjoy his first season for Parcells, often clashing with the coach and being singled out for his poor conditioning. Allen was even on the trading block and not part of off-season workouts until he got in better shape.

Antonio Bryant remains, even after being kicked out of a June workout when he threw his jersey into Parcells' face. Parcells hasn't publicly addressed the issue but also hasn't cut the young receiver, who was reportedly upset about his lack of work behind Johnson

and Terry Glenn.

Bryant is meeting soon with Parcells and team owner Jerry Jones. His job status will be determined before camp opens. Jones wouldn't indicate Friday which way he was leaning, but Bryant's agent said he was confident Bryant would make amends.

The NFL's top-ranked defense hopes to solve its biggest weakness with the addition of Wiley (41 career sacks).

"I think it can be real beneficial, helping each other," said defensive end Greg Ellis, who had a team-high eight sacks last year. "If we can do what we did last year and improve, we've got a lot of good chances to get to the quarterback."

Linebacker Dexter Coakley made his third Pro Bowl last season but found himself behind second-year player Bradie James during a minicamp. That doesn't mean Coakley won't start, but Parcells likes the 243-pound James, who impressed on special teams as a rookie.

The secondary, already questionable at cornerback, got a blow Friday with the announcement that Darren Woodson will miss training camp because of a back injury. Surgery is likely and he could miss the first two games of the season.

The Cowboys held their last two camps inside San Antonio's Alamodome, but were summertime regulars in California before moving camp back to their home state in 1990. They did spend two weeks in Oxnard three years ago to escape the suffocating heat of Wichita Falls.

Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo results

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Results through Friday of pre-rodeo action at the 108th Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo. The first of nine performances is Saturday. **BARREL RACING** (First round complete) 1. Terri Kaye Kirkland, Billings, Mont., 17.27 seconds, \$4,044. 2. Paula Seay, Lake Butler, Fla., 17.45, \$3,466. 3. Brandie Halls, Carpenter, Wyo., 17.66, \$2,888. 4. Teal Rice, Lakin, Kan., 17.67, \$2,503. 5. Kandy Hathcock, Colorado Springs, Colo., 17.69, \$1,926. **TIE-DOWN ROPING** (First round complete) 1. Jesse Childers, Cameron, Texas, 10 seconds, \$8,710. 2. Preston Billadeau, Parshall, N.D., 11.1, \$7,574. 3. Mike Johnson, Henryetta, Okla., 11.3, \$6,438. 4. Roy Cooper, Decatur, Texas, 11.6, \$5,302. 5. Bill Warner, Texarkana, Texas, 11.7, \$4,166.

TEAM ROPING (First round complete) 1. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, and Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., 6 seconds, \$5,905 each. 2. (tie) Bradley Campbell, Benton City, Wash., and Blaine Linaweaver, Leavenworth, Kan.; Roy Alexander and Colter Todd, Bancroft, Wis., 7.6 seconds, \$4,750. 4. (tie) Jason Adams and Randon Adams, Logandale, Nev.; Mickey Gomez, Holland, Texas, and Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, 7.9, \$3,209. **STEER ROPING** (First round complete) 1. Justin McKee, Lenapah, Okla., 10.1 seconds (arena record; old mark: 11.0, Marty Jones, 1997), \$6,214. 2. Ora Taton, Rapid City, S.D., 13.3, \$5,404. 3. Troy Tillard, Douglas, Wyo., 14.4, \$4,593. 4. Shorty Garten, Pawhuska, Okla., 14.7, \$3,783.

Truex

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Earnhardt could have skipped this race without seriously hurting his title aspirations under NASCAR's new system. Those in the top 10 in points will compete for the title over the final 10 races of the season.

"It'd be good to not have to do anything this weekend and just heal up and not worry about it but that ain't fair to the guys who are well capable to run 500 miles,"

Earnhardt said.

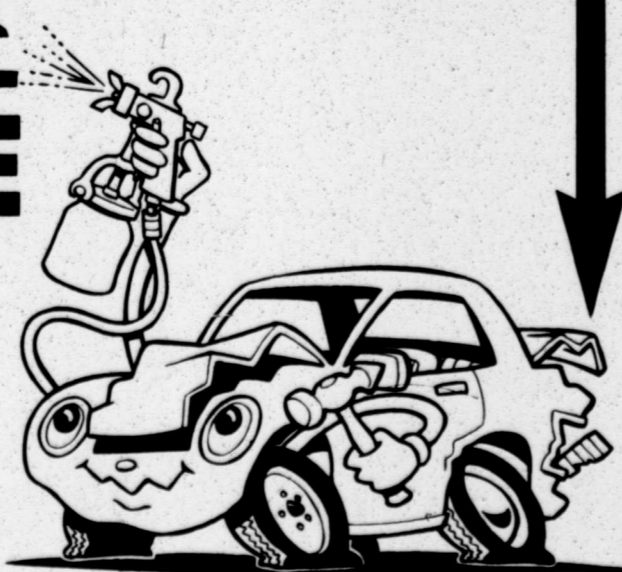
Jeff Gordon's bid on Friday to win a record-tying fifth straight pole was over almost before it began. He was the first qualifier and knew his lap of 129.993 was not going to be competitive.

"It didn't help us drawing the number one spot but we were already having a problem," said Gordon, who wound up 24th in the 43-car field. "We were just off. We can't really seem to put our finger on it. We just can't get comfortable and that certainly was not a good lap."

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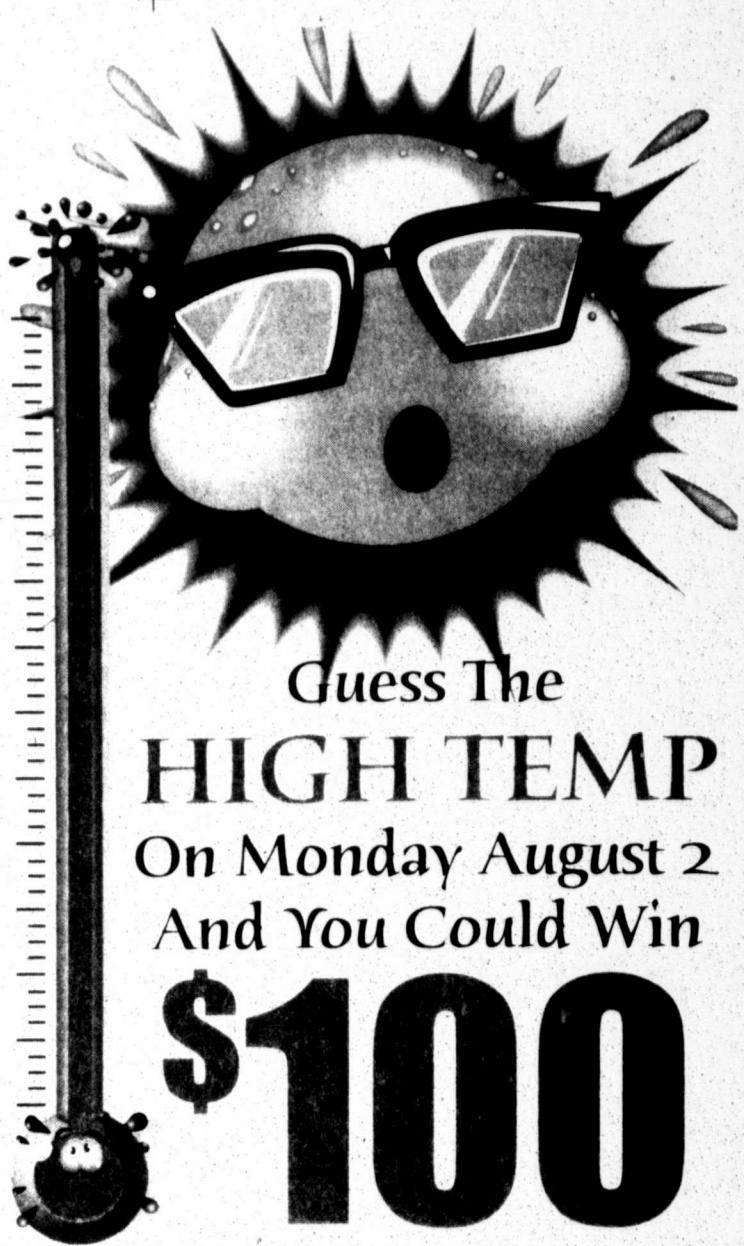
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April Taylor of Pampa graduated June 25th from the Academy of Professional Careers in Amarillo with a 3.46 grade point average, earning a certificate of completion in administrative medical dental assistant.



Taylor

She is the daughter of Keith and Beverly Taylor of Pampa, is the mother of Nathan Daniel Lee and is the granddaughter of Eugene and the late Martha Taylor and the late Florence and L.D. Cox.

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Pampa High School student Chadd Malone was 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.



Malone

To be eligible for the honor, students must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. 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, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

Malone is the son of Johnny and Cheryl Malone of Pampa and is the grandson of Larry and Linda Starnes and Harold and Neva Malone, all of Pampa.

Kori Dunn of Pampa was awarded a four-year, \$10,000 scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo during the 76th Annual Texas FFA Convention, held recently in Fort Worth.

"Our organization works hard each year to provide funds for worthy college scholarship recipients. The FFA members selected to receive our scholarships represent some of the very best and brightest kids in Texas and come from all parts of the state," said John O. Smith, show chairman of the board.

'Butterfly Effect' well worth seeing

By Jana Wesson-Martin
Guest reviewer

Who of us has not wished to go back to the past and change something about our lives? Even something so small as rewriting the words spoken at a certain time, to a certain person, could, in fact, transform the whole course of our very lives. "The Butterfly Effect" explores the idea of revisiting the past and remaking decisions, thus creating alternate pathways of life.

The title "Butterfly Effect" comes from a titular Chaos supposition. The theory is based on a 1972 document that proposes that something so very small can alter things globally. The single flutter of an insect wing in Australia, for example, can ultimately cause a tremendous event elsewhere, like a tornado in Texas. Larger systems are, according to the "butterfly effect" theory, determined by an underlying order.

The film supports the principle for which it is named through the universes of protagonist Evan Treborn (Ashton Kutcher). The 20 year old's entire life system is impacted by the flutters of events that happened to him as a child. Thus Evan represses the pain through blackouts in his formative years. His sufferings are multi-faceted. Although his mother and primary caretaker Andrea (Melora Walters) is quite concerned and nurturing, his father (Callum Keith Rennie) is in an insane asylum.

A crucial trauma in Evan's life is a neighborhood pedophile, who is the father of his buddies, Kayleigh Miller (Amy Smart) and her brother Tommy (William Lee Scott). It is Kayleigh and Tommy's father (Eric Stoltz) who makes a pornographic film using Kayleigh and Evan when they are around 7 years old. Another major occurrence in Evan's life comes a few years later when he participates, along with the Miller children and another friend, in a neighborhood prank that turns into a fatality.

(This is a film for very mature viewers only, for it depicts numerous brutal events that are unfortunately the realities we read about in the newspaper each day. It is also worthy to note that the film makers treat molestation as the horrendous crime that it is.)

Evan's mother finally moves him away ... and he promises that he'll come back for Kayleigh. In college, however, years later, he returns to his hometown to find answers to his darkness, only to find Kayleigh still there, left in her desolate life to rot. After seeing Evan again, the only thing that was once good in her life, she commits suicide. Evan learns, though, that perhaps he can go back and save her. By concentrating on his journal, he can return to the past and change the course of events. And yet, while Evan returns and returns time after time, he can never seem to make things quite right in the world, and correcting one event can sometimes create other unpredictable problems.

The movie has been highly criticized for the plot holes in the complicated cosmos of Evan's journeys. But rather than science fiction genre, "The Butterfly Effect" is a fan-

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By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

On July 31, a blue moon will grace the skies, an event which won't happen again until June 2007.

The current popular definition of a blue moon is the second full moon in a calendar month. This month's first full moon was on July 2.

The average time between full moons, or the amount of time it takes the moon to complete one series of phases, is about 29 days. Since February is the only month in the year that has 29 or fewer days, and some other months have as many as 31 days, sometimes the lunar cycle results in two full moons within the same month.



A blue moon occurs once every two and one-half years on average, according to the website of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). This may be why "once in a blue moon" is taken to mean "rarely" or "seldom." The last blue moon appeared on Nov. 30, 2001.

The frequency applies to both the current and previous definitions of a blue moon. Thanks to a mistake in a magazine, old almanacs and a board game, the meaning was changed, according to the NASA website. A blue moon before about 1946 was the third full moon in a season that has four full moons, according to the website www.infoplease.com.

A year can have two blue moons, but it is a rare occurrence, happening approximately once every 19 years, according to www.infoplease.com. The last double blue moon year was 1999, when blue moons occurred in January and March. In the same years in which there are two blue moons, the month of February almost always has no full moon.



The *Oxford English Dictionary* says that the first reference to a blue moon comes from a proverb recorded in 1528: "If they say the moon is blue, We must believe that it is true."

Although next Saturday's full moon is called a blue moon because of its timing, moons which are blue in color have been seen. After the volcano Krakatoa erupted in 1883 and threw enormous plumes of ash high into Earth's atmosphere, the particles in the air caused some moons to appear to have a blue tinge, according to the NASA website.



Full Moon Names

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Blue moons aren't the only ones with names.

Each full moon in a year has a name with a meaning, according to *The Farmers' Almanac* and *Eric Weisstein's World of Astronomy* websites. Native Americans gave names to the full moons in order to keep track of the seasons, according to *The Farmers' Almanac*.

Below are the full moon names and their meanings, according to the websites.

January Wolf Moon

Wolf packs howling outside Indian villages gave this month's full moon its name. Some other names for the January full moon are the Old Moon, the Moon after Yule and the Cold Moon.

February Snow Moon

This month's moon gets its name from the Native Americans of the north and east, who noted that the heaviest snow of winter usually falls in February.

Some tribes also called it the Hunger Moon because harsh weather inhibited hunting. Other names are Opening Buds Moon, named by southern tribes, and Bony Moon.

March Worm Moon

Native Americans came up with this name because evidence of earthworms begin to appear in March along with warmer temperatures. Some northern tribes named it the Crow Moon, when crows' cawing signaled winter's end, or the Crust Moon, because snow which begins thawing in the daytime and then re-freezing at night develops a crust on its surface.

Settlers came up with the names Full Sap Moon and Maple Sugar Moon, referring to maple tree tapping time, and the Lenten Moon, or the last full moon of winter. The March full moon is also known as the Windy Moon.

April Pink Moon

Wild ground phlox, or the herb moss pink, is one of the earliest widespread flowers of spring and inspired the name for the month in which it appears.

Other names include Sprouting Grass Moon, Egg Moon, Frog Moon, Planter's Moon and Fish Moon.

May Flower Moon

This moon gets its name from the fact that flowers are widely abundant by May. Other names include the Corn Planting Moon, Budding Moon and Milk Moon.

June Strawberry Moon

The Algonquin tribes called June's moon this, but in Europe it was known as the Rose Moon. It is also called the Honey Moon.

July Buck Moon

This is normally the month when bucks' new antlers appear. Summer thunderstorms also gave rise to the name Thunder Moon. Other names for July's moon are the Hay Moon, Ripe Corn Moon and Blood Moon.

August Sturgeon Moon

Fishing tribes gave the August moon this name, because sturgeon are most readily caught this month. The name Fruit or Barley Moon, also used for August, comes from years in which the Harvest Moon is very late in September. August's full moon may also be called the Corn Moon or Grain Moon.

September Harvest Moon

This full moon occurs closest to the autumn equinox. In two years out of three, the Harvest Moon appears in September, but in some years it appears in October. Farmers can work late into the night by the light of this moon. It may also be called the Nut Moon.

October Hunter's Moon

Falling leaves and reaped fields make it easier to see and hunt wild game during this month. The Cree tribe calls this the Moon of Falling Leaves.

November Beaver Moon

This was the time to set beaver traps before the water froze. Also, beavers at this time were actively preparing for winter. This moon is sometimes called the Frost Moon or Trading Moon.

December Cold Moon, or Long Nights Moon

During this month, nights are at their longest, and winter cold sets in. This moon is also called the Moon before Yule.

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Boyd's to celebrate 50 years of marriage



Mr. and Mrs. Dean Boyd

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Boyd will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends Aug. 7 at Pamcel Hall at Celanese Chemical Plant.

Children of the couple will host the reception.

Dean Boyd and Patty Morgan were married Aug. 31, 1954, at Clayton, N.M.

They have lived in Pampa for 38 years and are members of Briarwood Church.

Mr. Boyd retired from National Oilwell in 1994.

Mrs. Boyd retired in 1998. She was a caregiver for the elderly.

Children of the couple are Pam Chamberlain, Danny Boyd, Belinda Martin and spouse Darrel, Samantha Aikin and spouse Ricky, and the late Tim Boyd.

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Vanderpool/Gutierrez

Monica Gutierrez and Stephen Harrison Vanderpool plan to wed Saturday, Aug. 21 in The White Room at Arlington. The bride-to-be, of Grand Prairie, is the daughter of Lawrence and Avelma Holden of Grand Prairie. She attended the University of Texas at Arlington and plans to continue her education at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The prospective groom is the son of Judge and Mrs. Phil N. Vanderpool of Pampa. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in history from Southern Methodist University in Dallas and plans to pursue a master's degree at WTAMU. Both will be seeking employment in Canyon or Amarillo while furthering their studies.



Rhine/Hindman

Daresa Hindman and Matt Rhine plan to wed Oct. 9 at St. Stephens Church in Amarillo. The bride-to-be, of Amarillo, is the daughter of Scott and Janet Hindman of Borger. She graduated from Borger High School in 1999 and from West Texas A&M University in 2003, receiving a bachelor of science degree. She is currently employed as a teacher at Arden Road Elementary School in Amarillo. The groom is the son of Art and Nan Rhine of Wheeler. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and from Tarleton State University in Stephenville in 2002, receiving a bachelor of business degree. He is currently a contractor with Morgan Company of Pampa.

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PPHM to host Albert Schmidt exhibit

CANYON — As part of its series of exhibitions focusing on the Santa Fe Art Colony, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will feature "Albert H. Schmidt: Lost and Found in Santa Fe" July 31 through Oct. 24.

The show will consist of pieces from the museum's 74-piece collection of Schmidt's work, donated since 1992 by the artist's granddaughter Karen Schmidt of Tesuque, N.M.

The museum is the largest public repository in the nation for this man's art.

A native of Chicago, Schmidt (1885-1957) attended the Art Institute of Chicago and the Academie Julian in Paris and studied paintings all over Europe, from the Old Masters to the Moderns. During a trip through the West in the early 1920s, New Mexico captured Schmidt's imagination. He moved there in 1922 and became one of the founders of the Santa Fe Art Colony.

Following the 1958 retrospective on Schmidt at the Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe, his widow kept his work out of the public sphere until it passed on to his granddaughter.

"Although an early Santa Fe Painter, my grandfather and his work dropped from the public eye for over 35

years. So, when I inherited his work I felt obligated to reacquaint people with his contributions to New Mexico art," Ms. Schmidt said.

"I knew of the Panhandle-Plains Museum's commitment to important New Mexico art and felt it was an excellent place for my grandfather's work. After the first two paintings were gladly accepted and exhibited by the Museum, I was compelled to make an even larger gift," she concluded.

Said Michael R. Grauer, PPHM curator of art, "Clearly, Albert Schmidt was one of the pioneers of the Santa Fe colony and this exhibition fits in well with our Santa Fe exhibition programme for 2004."

Following the rediscovery of his work in 1992, Schmidt and his art were featured in

"New Mexico" magazine and the "Santa Fe Reporter." Santa Fe's Gerald Peters Gallery also held a major exhibition of Schmidt's work.

The "Santa Fe New Mexican" called the re-discovery of Schmidt's art and the Peters Gallery's exhibition one of Santa Fe's top 10 stories of 1993. "Southwest Art" magazine featured Schmidt's work in its March 1996 issue. And, the Peters Gallery again featured Schmidt in 2001.

His work is in many private and public collections throughout the country including the Museum of Fine Arts, Santa Fe. Currently, Schmidt's paintings from PPHM's collection are on exhibit at the Vatican and his paintings also hang at the American Embassy in Prague.

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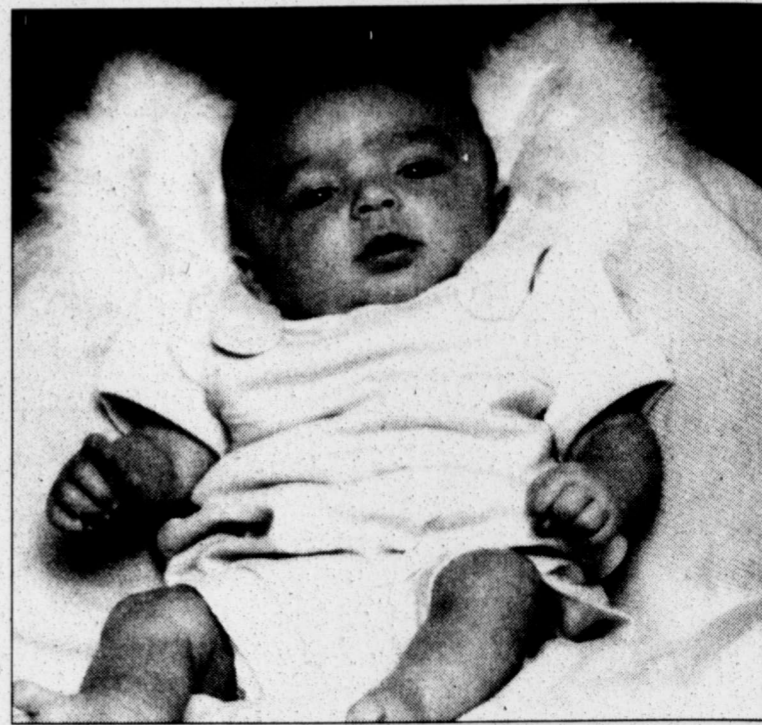
Langford/Lowe

Stephanie Campbell Lowe and Dale Langford plan to wed Aug. 14 at Bible Church in Pampa. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Elliott of Fort Stockton and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell of Lubbock. The prospective groom is the son of Mrs. Catherine Langford and the late Scott Langford of Pampa. Both are employed with Titan Specialties, Ltd.

Cradle call



Kaylea BreeAnna Perez



Kaiden Brenner Perez

Kaylea and Kaiden Perez

Kaylea BreeAnna Perez was born at 1:56 p.m. and Kaiden Brenner Perez at 2:13 p.m. April 24 at Pampa Regional

Medical Center, to Alicia Caviness and Pete Perez of Pampa. Kaylea weighed 4-pounds, 15-ounces at birth and was

18 1/4-inches long. Kaiden weighed 3-pounds, 15-ounces and was 18-inches long. Relatives of the twins

include grandparents Lee and Anita Myers and Cynthia Vargas, all of Pampa, and Anthony Caviness of Lubbock.

Menus

Week of July 26-30

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Breakfast: Donuts.
Lunch: Pizza dippers or chicken strips, corn, spinach, pineapple.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Soft tacos or chicken strips, pinto beans, salad, pears.

Lunch: Soft tacos or chicken strips, pinto beans, salad, pears.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy.

Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce or chicken strips, green beans, corn, applesauce, bread sticks.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, flour tortillas.
Lunch: Chicken fajitas or chicken strips, pinto beans, Spanish rice, peaches.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Hot dogs/chili or chicken strips, French fries, vegetarian beans, applesauce, pudding.

Lunch in the Park MONDAY
Lunch: Corndogs, trail mix, fruit cups, milk.

TUESDAY
Lunch: Ham sandwiches, cheese portion, carrot sticks, fruit cups, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Lunch: Hot dogs, trail mix, cheese portion, fruit cups, milk.

THURSDAY
Lunch: Turkey sandwiches, cheese portion, trail mix, fruit cup, milk.

FRIDAY
Lunch: Pizza; trail mix, fruit cups, pudding, milk.

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JULY 29
Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, pudding

Senior Citizens MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or stir fry chicken/rice, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, German chocolate cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Chili rellenos or chicken salad, cheese grits, okra, carrots, beans, banana cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, California blend, peas, beans, double chocolate cake or peach/pineapple cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Chicken strips or stew, curly fries, buttered squash, turnip greens, beans, tomato spice cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Catfish/hushpuppies or stuffed bell peppers, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, brownies or tapioca, 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.



Morgan Grace Joyce

Morgan Grace Joyce was born at 1:23 p.m. June 5 at Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, to Mike and Jami Joyce of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 2-ounces and was 20-inches long. Her relatives include sisters, Madison and Bailey.

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Music

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traditional Latin music sounds into his songs, written lyrics about the plight of immigrants and created a play titled "By the Hand of the Father," which features Escovedo's music and tells a story of Mexican-Americans.

Along with generating money for Escovedo's living and medical expenses, "Por Vida" aims to call attention to hepatitis C and ultimately help other musicians who have the disease, said Heinz Geissler, Escovedo's manager and an executive producer of the CD.

Hepatitis C is a blood-borne virus that can be contracted through a contaminated needle or sexual intercourse, and can lead to cirrhosis or liver failure. An infected person may not know for years that he or she has the virus.

Escovedo speculates he may have gotten the virus in the 1970s, but doesn't know for sure and doesn't offer details. He acknowledges that drinking, drugs and women are some of the temptations of touring.

When he was diagnosed eight years ago, Escovedo maintained a grueling touring schedule and admittedly didn't take good

care of himself; he even continued drinking alcohol. Then he fell seriously ill during a performance in Arizona and was hospitalized in April 2003.

He spent the next few weeks recuperating in Arizona with his companion Kim Christoff and their baby daughter Amala, who is now 20 months old, he said. Escovedo has six older children from previous relationships, ranging in age from 5 to 34 years old.

"Suddenly, I was faced with the kind of distant thought that I wouldn't see my children again," Escovedo said.

Back in Texas, he saw several doctors and settled on a specialist in Dallas. He recently finished a difficult period of taking the drug interferon, which caused weakness, mood swings and some hair loss.

With Escovedo unable to work, and no health insurance, Geissler stepped in, organizing benefit concerts and helping to lead the CD project.

"We went back to Alejandro. We said, 'OK, give us your dream list of who you'd like to see do your songs,'" Geissler said. The list was long, he said. As word spread, more artists wanted to take part.

Most of the musicians' arrangements of his songs came as a surprise to Escovedo, who typically wasn't involved in the recordings. He did produce the Los Lonely Boys' version of "Castanets," from Escovedo's

SONG LIST

- Jayhawks, "Last to Know"
- Nicholas Tremulis Orchestra, "Velvet Guitar"
- Pete Escovedo & Sheila E., "The Ballad of the Sun and Moon"
- The Chris Stamey Experience featuring Roman Candle, "One True Love"
- Son Volt, "Sometimes"
- Rosie Flores, "Inside This Dance"
- Charlie Musselwhite, "Everybody Loves Me"
- M. Ward with Vic Chesnutt and Howe Gelb, "Way It Goes"
- Javier Escovedo, "The Rain Won't Help You When It's Over"
- Caitlin Cary, "By Eleven"
- The Minus 5, "I Was Drunk"
- The Dragons, "Gravity"
- Ruben Ramos, "Thirteen Years"
- Alejandro Escovedo, "Break This Time"

Sources: Or Music; Shorefire Media

2001 album "Man Under the Influence." Working with Escovedo was like working with a brother or cousin or uncle, said Los Lonely Boys singer and guitarist Henry Garza.

"We are proud to be able to play music in tribute to a man we admire and has been recognized by others as a true artist," Garza said, through a publicist.

Escovedo said he hopes the album keeps his work before the public. His plans remain indefinite.

"Whether I play music again really doesn't matter," he said. "What matters is that I survive this, number one. I told this doctor, I said, 'I don't care about touring. I care about watching my children grow up.' That's all I want."

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ABC News launching 24-hour service with Democratic convention

By DAVID BAUDER
 AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC News will run a 24-hour news service available on digital cable, the Internet and some cell phones through Election Day in what may be a precursor to a service offered full time in the future.

The venture, "ABC News Now," begins operating at noon Monday, presenting gavel-to-gavel coverage of the Democratic National Convention, anchored by Peter Jennings.

The service will offer national and local news highlights and rerun material — "Nightline" the next day, for instance.

"We wouldn't be doing this if we didn't suspect there was a business for us in the long run," ABC News President David Westin said Thursday.

ABC News once considered, and passed on, starting a cable news affiliate that would compete with CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC.

Westin said "ABC News Now" would differ from those networks

because it will be offered on multiple platforms and will have some local programming. ABC's affiliates are being encouraged to place some of their local news, weather and sports on the service.

Jennings will anchor a total of 23 hours of daily coverage from the GOP and Democratic conventions on "ABC News Now," in contrast to the six hours that the broadcast network will be on the air during the conventions.

The venture will offer a daily political newscast at 1 p.m. EDT during the conventions and a show,

"Trail Mix," anchored by Sam Donaldson and Hari Sreenivasan.

How many people who will watch — or even be able to watch — the service is an open question.

The 10 ABC-owned stations will offer "ABC News Now" to its 3.5 million customers that have digital cable. Stations participating are in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Houston, Raleigh, N.C., Flint, Mich., Toledo, Ohio, and Fresno, Calif.

ABC is trying to persuade some of its 64 affiliates with digital

capabilities — a potential 18.5 million more homes — to sign on, too.

It's also available for those with broadband Internet access. Some services, like America Online, will offer it for free as part of its monthly subscriber fee; otherwise, it will cost \$4.95 per month to subscribe.

Sprint PCS Vision phone customers will also be able to see "ABC News Now" for \$9.95 a month.

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Review

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tasy that symbolizes the complexity of life and how it becomes arranged.

Those intrigued with the complicated study of the psyche may find

this film intriguing. Certainly it is quite unlike the neatly tied up formulaic films.

More important than the plot holes, therefore, are the questions that we are left to answer for ourselves.

Are our lives determined by circumstances or choices?

Perhaps we have to examine both to understand the patterns of

our lives. Thoughts of "what if" are universal experiences. How could our lives have been different?

This film, though, reminds us that self-blame is a harmful and haunting thing. The past is the past ... and living in it is destructive and deadly.

It seems that we must never forget that some of the regrettable things of times gone by are not our

fault.

And although unalterable, sufferings and secrets that are black-holes in our hearts can be brought to light.

While, like Evan Treborn, we do not have the ability to correct everything, it is true that certain choices can be powerfully rescripted. Tragedies absolutely can be turned into heroic stories.

The Butterfly Effect moves viewers to awaken to the idea that consequences of our own larger lives are so affected by the everyday choices and the everyday circumstances in which we live. Each little word, each daily decision, each person around, impacts who we are and how our lives will continue to play out. It all matters. Every single thing.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I had a baby girl seven weeks ago. Her name is "Madison." My mother-in-law is here visiting from another country to help me. My problem is she insists on taking Madison into her bed with her at night so I can sleep.

I prefer that our daughter sleep in her bassinet, because my mother-in-law weighs between 350 and 375 pounds, and I'm afraid she could accidentally roll over on the baby. When I asked her the other night to please use the bassinet, she waved her hand at me in a very disrespectful gesture, and then stomped into her room with Madison.

I told my husband to tell her that I wanted my daughter in the bassinet, and she told him to tell me to come in and get her.

Am I being ridiculous to be afraid? I never have Madison in my bed, because I'm afraid of rolling over on her.

— SCARED NEW MOM IN FLORIDA

DEAR SCARED: You are not ridiculous; you are a conscientious new mother, and your concerns are valid. Stick to your guns, and if it means getting less help from your mother-in-law — so be it. And stop asking your husband to intercede for you. This is between you and your mother-in-law. If she waves her hand at you again, wave this item back at her and hand her her plane ticket home.

DEAR ABBY: I need advice. A former co-worker has invited me to her wedding. It's between her and her girlfriend. If I go, I'll have to take my 4-year-old son because I don't have a sitter.

Part of me thinks I should go and take him because they're a nice couple who have been together for seven years. They love each other, and it would be good for my son to learn that it's OK to be different. However, the other part of me thinks,

"How am I going to answer the inevitable question, 'Mummy, why is that girl kissing the other girl?'" I know I could answer it with, "Because they love each other," but I think it's a bit of a leap for a 4-year-old. Then again, I'm thinking if I don't take him, I am breeding intolerance and hate — and that is not my aim.

Should I go, or just send a gift and my best wishes? — HELP! IN JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

DEAR HELP!: Whether to take him or not depends on whether there will be other children at the wedding. If he's the only child there, he could be bored. If other children are included, he will probably regard it as a nice party and nothing more. Should he ask why one person is kissing the other, tell the truth — because they love each other. You don't have to deliver a 15-minute lecture on tolerance. Besides, by the time the wedding cake is served, he'll be more interested in dessert and playing with his contemporaries than any life lesson. Trust me on that.

DEAR ABBY: When an invitation to a party states, "No gifts, please," do people really mean it?

I have heard people mention how much they got after such parties, who gave what, and how cheap "so-and-so" was. I thought "no gifts" really meant no gifts.

If you come giftless, are you in the wrong?

— CONFUSED PARTYGOER IN MICHIGAN

DEAR CONFUSED: "No gifts" means exactly what it says. People who describe their guests as "cheap" and complain that what was given to them wasn't good enough are petty gossips whose parties you should avoid.

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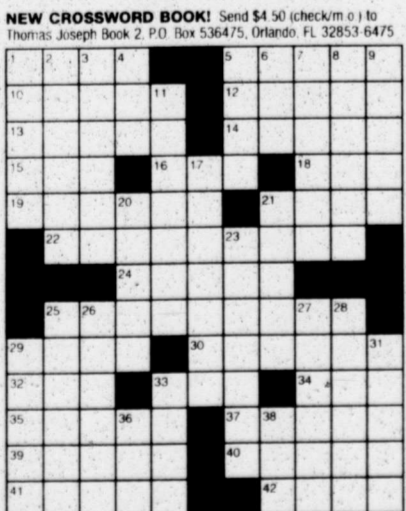
CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 40 Kill's kin
 - 1 Humid
 - 41 Vegan's
 - 5 Vagabond
 - 10 Moscow
 - 12 Ham
 - 13 Powell at State
 - 14 Even a little
 - 15 Hurler's stat
 - 16 Hurler's pride
 - 18 Baseball's Hodges
 - 19 Entertain
 - 21 Slapstick weapons
 - 22 "Likewise!"
 - 24 Malaysian swinger
 - 25 Conciliatory phrase
 - 29 Viper feature
 - 30 Secular group
 - 32 Tricky
 - 33 Chest muscle
 - 34 LAX guess
 - 35 Make malicious remarks
 - 37 Pagoda roofing
 - 39 Part of some games
- DOWN**
- 1 Veggie
 - 2 preparer
 - 3 Loves to pieces
 - 3 Spanish dessert
 - 4 Letter after
 - 5 upslon
 - 6 Coal carrier
 - 7 Nogoondnik
 - 8 Slow work
 - 9 Setting
 - 10 Some samples
 - 11 Ready for action
 - 12 Put off
 - 13 off dis-
 - 14 cussing
 - 15 again
 - 16 Surround-
 - 17 ed by
 - 18 Slow work
 - 19 Theater shorts
 - 20 "Shoot!"
 - 21 Punctual
 - 22 Henry
 - 23 Fielding book
 - 24 Hampers
 - 25 Extreme diets
 - 26 Foul
 - 27 Benefit
 - 28 Shooter
 - 29 missile
 - 30 Likeable
 - 31 candi-
 - 32 date

ACHES CADGE
SHORN ASHEN
CAPRA STAND
EKE RICARDO
NRA ERA MEW
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Yesterday's answer



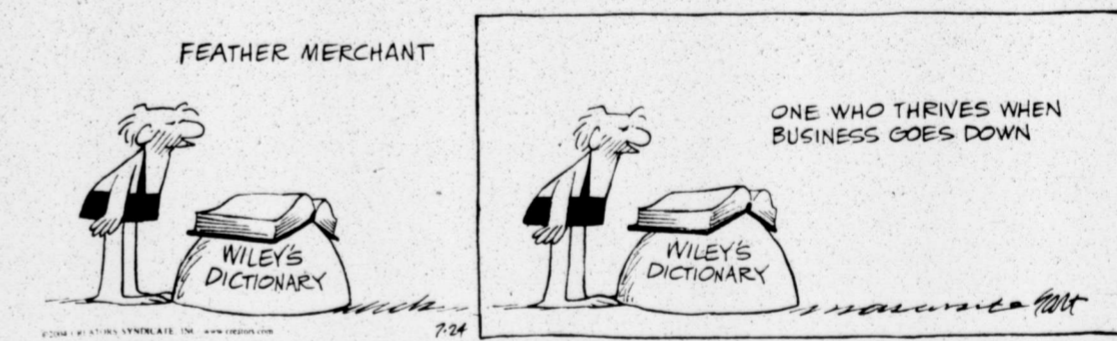
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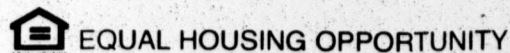
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COUNTY OF GRAY NOTICE is hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 29th day of July, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Courthouse of the above named County in Pampa, Texas on the application of the hereinafter named owner- for a license to sell beet at retail at a location not heretofore licensed. The substance of said application is as follows:

WINE & BEER RETAILER'S OFF-PREMISE PERMIT
Location of business: 2801 N. CHARLES ST.
Assumed or Trade Name
Quality Licensing Corp.
(Store #600)
Corporation name
Quality Licensing Corp.
Officers of Corporation
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Any person shall be permitted to contest the facts stated in said application and the applicant's right to secure said license or permit giving security for costs as provided by law.

WITNESS MY HAND this the 23rd day of July, 2004
SUSAN WINBORNE, County Clerk.

1 Public Notice

Gray County, Texas
By ELAINE LANGLEY, Deputy
E-76 July 25, 26, 2004

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on an application for a zoning change from agricultural to retail zoning from Pampa Venture, Ltd., Pampa Management, L.L.C. for 3.76 acres more or less in the West Half, Section 100, Block 3, I&GN R.R. Co. Survey in the city of Pampa, Gray County, Texas for the purpose of building a retail building. The hearing will be held by the Pampa City Commission on the 10th day of August, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber, City Hall, 201 W. Foster, Pampa, Texas. All taxpayers and other interested persons are requested to be present and participate in said hearing.
Phyllis Jeffers, City Secretary
E-67 July 25, Aug. 1, 2004

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, July 25, 2004:
Maintain your calm, especially with those close to you. You might often feel that others play control games -- and you might be right. How dare they challenge the powerful Lion? The only way to win is not to play. Work on that ability. Your family life and domestic matters become very important to your well-being. Others, especially partners and close friends, often stimulate your imagination. One specific person, who might be very artsy or unpredictable, but exciting, cannot be depended on. If you are single, be careful about your choices. You will tumble into a very intense but difficult relationship. If you are attached, learn to go with the flow more often. Agree to disagree. **SCORPIO** can sting your feelings.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Juggling the bills and/or an intense emotional relationship might cause you some distress. You are called upon to find solutions and break past the immediate. Know that there are answers. You need to find them. Tonight: Brainstorm with a friend. This Week: Huddle with an associate, then check out all other possible alternatives. When you grab the reins of control, you'll know what you are doing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others seek you out, which will force you to rearrange your plans. Expect some flak from a family member. Right now, you need people around you. An older relative or friend delights you with his or her imagination. Tonight: Don't worry about time. This Week: Don't let everyone's desires run you, though you still might not take this astrologer's advice. By Thursday, you will need to detach and figure out what YOU want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Throw yourself into a project, especially if you're not feeling up to snuff. You could feel as if another person is critical or extremely touchy. Don't get into this person's game or power play. Stay in your mind. Try to understand the dynamics of the situation. Tonight: Think "tomorrow." This Week: Others will pry at your door if you close it. Give it up; you are

they are ready. Tonight: Make yourself happy. This Week: Make money like the good Scorpio, because by Friday, you will want to spend it. You've used the extra dough to add to the quality of your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★ Plainly, you are out of kilter and not particularly sociable. Take the day for yourself and don't force your mood on anyone else. Your perspective will change, given some time away from everyone and events. Tonight: Daydream.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Though you could hit a moment or two of flak, you'll rise above the problem and manage to make peace. Avoid a volatile person who might be manipulative. Take some time for yourself before you join friends. Tonight: The moment counts.

LIBRA (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Reach out for others, but don't be surprised if someone close to you could be difficult or controlling. Breeze out the door, making the most of the moment, maybe heading to the gym. You will find that many you come across just want to relax and enjoy themselves -- like you. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
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The Stars Show
Have: 5-D Average; 2-So

ARIES (Mar
★★★★ Work could be explosive of frustration solution is to observe. Play to understand others. Tonight time.

TAURUS (Apr
★★★★ Others have a difficult power plays front. Heading relief. Others down. Relate

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

7-24 CRYPTOQUOTE
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A N D Z S J G S Z . O S Z I A N J M F A B
B K X S Z A L N T I Y J S K Z N D S
W F E W F M W F U B I A Z S A E

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basics, and at the same time, learn to
curb your temper with a touch more
grace. Others might not appreciate
hearing what they are doing wrong.
More diplomacy could get you a lot
further. Investigate ways to charge your
high energy, so that you don't come off
too hard or too strong. When you make
a decision, you follow through.
Excitement surrounds you. Use the
next month to increase your financial
security. You become much more
friendly, if possible, in the fall. You will
be sorely tempted to buy something
expensive that could make you very
happy. If you are single, you will easily
meet people. It is your call if you want
to maintain that status this year. If you
are attached, you will gain through
more opulent sharing. Make plans for
dinner as a couple more often. SCOR-
PIO can make you very angry.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** Work with others, though you
could be explosive because of the level
of frustration you experience. The only
solution is to distance yourself and
observe. Play amateur psychologist; try
to understand what is happening with
others. Tonight: Join in and have a good
time.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Others dominate, and you might
have a difficult time dealing with
power plays and games on the home
front. Heading into work could be a
relief. Others act up. You might shut
down. Relate on a one-on-one level.

Tonight: Togetherness is a relief.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Get as much done at work as
possible, though you easily might be
overloaded with calls and messages.
You will have to screen your calls if
you are to get anything done. Network
toward the end of the day, when you
feel as if you have accomplished some-
thing. Tonight: Out and about.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Use your strong imagination,
whether at work or with a fun happen-
ing. Don't overspend, or you might be
sorry later. You might spend a good part
of the day exchanging ideas.
Brainstorming renews and recharges
ideas. Tonight: Add that special ingenu-
ity to your life.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Be more in touch with your
feelings with family or a real estate
matter. You will have a meeting that
helps solidify your feelings. Don't lose
your temper; rather, work with infor-
mation as it comes forth. Rest assured:
not everyone can agree all the time.
Tonight: Nap and then decide.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Use today to clear up a mis-
understanding. How you say what you
feel and how you express resentment,
anger or frustration could make all the
difference here. Good communication
can and will clear the air. Tonight:
Hang out with your pals.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Deal with finances, not letting
another push you too hard. Carefully
review a personal matter that involves a
child or loved one. Ultimately, you
might need to mull over your decision
for a day or so. Give yourself permis-
sion. Tonight: Order in.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** You are in your prime during

the daytime. Someone else might be
negative and angry. Deal with what you
must, and be happy with yourself.
Understand a boss's or superior's con-
cerns. Make good decisions for your-
self as well as others. Tonight: Make
yourself happy.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Lie back, even if someone is
contrary or giving conflicting infor-
mation. Verify facts and figures carefully,
but don't make a general announcement
or pronouncement just yet. Do your
homework. Tonight: Nap and then
decide.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** A meeting might be contro-
versial, as a partner could verbalize his
or her strong disagreement. Focus on
long-term goals. You might need to
rethink your association with this per-
son. Aim for more of what you want.
Tonight: Mull over ideas.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** You're in the limelight. Others
see life differently, and they let you
know it. Avoid a confrontation. Agree
to disagree. In an atmosphere of free
thinking, many good ideas float to the
forefront. Make a must appearance.
Tonight: Out late.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** You see what others don't.
Someone close could be threatened by
your viewpoint. Think about what
might be going on with this person. Get
your facts and figures straight before
you decide to take a stand. Tonight:
Hop on the Internet, or let your mind
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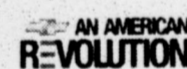
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Farm Scene: Farm worker clinics serving unseen industry population

ELLENTON, Ga. (AP) — Workers who harvest Georgia's fruit and vegetable crops do backbreaking work in stifling heat from sunup to sundown, sometimes seven days a week.

Many are hundreds of miles from their native lands and speak little English, if any. They live in remote areas, unseen by most Americans, and often depend on others for transportation.

But most still have access to medical care. A small clinic in Ellenton offers treatment whether or not the workers entered the country legally, and is one of seven federally funded farm worker clinics in south Georgia.

"Farm workers are invisible to the community," said Cynthia Hernandez, director of the Ellenton Clinic.

'There's depression. They miss their families. All there is work, work, work. There are no comforting words, no one to ask if you had a good day.'

— Cynthia Hernandez, Director of the Ellenton Clinic

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On a recent morning, a father and daughter and six

young men waited for checkups at the Ellenton clinic. A wall of the waiting room was decorated with a cheerful mural painted by farm workers' children.

Victor Ricardo, 20, of Ocampo, Mexico, strained the muscles in his lower back when he slipped while working in the rain. Ricardo said, through an interpreter, that he sends home \$200 a week to his wife and 19-month-old daughter.

Under the program, patients pay \$15 per visit and \$5 for a prescription. Anyone who can't afford to pay, however, is still treated.

The clinic also has a mobile unit that goes to the farms where workers live. Emergency cases go to the hospital 13 miles away in Moultrie.

From January to May, the clinic's six health care

workers, including two family nurse practitioners, treated 1,868 patients and provided health and nutritional information. Its three outreach workers provided counseling to another 3,151 patients.

The clinic also offers evening classes, nutrition counseling, after-school programs and a summer enrichment camp for the farm workers' children in partnership with the University of Georgia, the Colquitt County Extension office and Moultrie Technical College.

Colene Flowers, director of personnel and payroll for Hamilton Growers Inc., a major vegetable producer near Ellenton, said the clinic is a blessing. The farm relies on many farm workers, some of them women, she said.

ABC

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It's a true experiment; ABC has no idea how many people will be able to see or will watch if they can.

"I am eager to find out," Westin said.

He would not say how much ABC News has spent to get it operating; ABC increased its 24-hour

staffing last year in anticipation of the Iraq war and after being caught flat-footed with the space shuttle explosion story.

The network will not sell advertising for "ABC News Now," although local affiliates are free to do so, Westin said.

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Edwards mum regarding his future with NPR

WOODSTOCK, Vt. (AP) — Bob Edwards, the former host of National Public Radio's "Morning Edition," isn't saying whether he'll stay with NPR after his book tour ends in two weeks.

"I'm on the road for the next two weeks continuing to do what I am doing, and then I'll do something else," he said in a phone interview with the Valley News of Lebanon, N.H.

When asked if that "something else" would include remaining on the air at NPR, Edwards said, "I'd rather not say."

The interview was designed to promote Saturday's appearance by Edwards at the Billings Farm and Museum in Woodstock, with Edwards as the featured guest at Vermont Public Radio's annual listener picnic.

Edwards, who hosted "Morning Edition" for nearly 25 years — starting from its launch in 1979 — left the show on April 30.

"Morning Edition" is a popular daily program offering news, analysis, commentary and coverage of arts and sports.

Fans were upset at Edwards' departure.

Journalist Linda Ellerbee wrote for the Los Angeles Times, "National Public Radio, apparently acting on the theory that if it's not broke, break it, announced that Bob Edwards was no longer its choice to host 'Morning Edition' — the program he began, shaped and, for the last 25 years, informed with his intelligence, wit and grace."



Museum hats

Almost a century of head covering, from a former mayor's World War I helmet to the present, can be seen in a new exhibit at White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler. Three tables, like the one pictured, are filled with hats worn by Gray County residents, men and women. The collection will be on display through August, according to Anne Davidson, museum director. For more information about museum hours, call 669-8041.

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