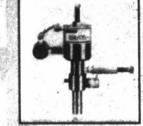


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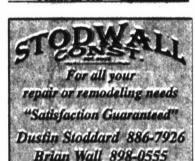
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workforce officials say AUSTIN — Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined three-tenths of a percentage point over the month from a revised 6.6 percent in December to 6.3 percent in January, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. As well, there were 29,668 fewer unemployed Texans over

Total Nonagricultural Employment in Texas increased for the fourth straight month, with a gain of 6,900 jobs in January. Texas employers have added 44,500 jobs from September through January, a gain of .5 percent over four

"I am particularly encouraged by the addition of jobs over. the month and since September," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "The fact that Texas businesses are sustaining job growth is a good sign for both employers and workers.'

Job growth in January was driven by gains in Trade, Transportation and Utilities; Leisure and Hospitality; and Education and Health Services. Employment in the first three (TTU) rose by 8,800 jobs in January, marking the fifth over-the-month increase in the last six months. This was the largest job increase in TTU since August 2000.

"We are seeing several positive signs in the Texas labor market," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "Slow but steady job growth over the last four months is one of the strongest indicators we have of an

(See TWC, Page 2)

Texas public education observes 150th birthday

Students and educators in Pampa and across the state are opening their school doors and inviting the community to take a first-hand look into their educational programs during Texas Public Schools Week Pampa Independent School District will celebrate the week-long event March 8 through 12.

"As part of the week-long festivities, local schools will distribute special invitations to parents and area residents to visit classrooms and observe the good things happening in public education," said Barry Haenisch, superintendent of schools.

"We always welcome students, parents, and the community into our schools," Haenisch said, "but this week is especially exciting has promoted Texas Public students for the future.

ampa Independent School District encourages citizens to visit its schools, March 8-12, to see how students are being prepared for the future.

because our students have planned many special activities celebrating 150 years of public education in Texas. Please come and help us celebrate. We invite the community to visit our schools and witness, first-hand, education from the heart."

Texas Public Schools Week was established in 1954 by the Masonic Lodges of Texas to recognize contributions made by the state's PISD encourages citizens to educational system.

Schools Week for more than 40 years.

With more than 4 million students attending Texas public schools, the event continues to grow with each passing year.

A list of Pampa Texas Public Schools Week events are listed on the PISD television channel.

For more information; contact a campus near you. visit its schools to see how The Pampa school system—the local district is preparing

Pampa Public School Week events

Texas Public Schools Week in Pampa is a attend the special occasion. special flag raising ceremony at Austin Pampa High School staff invite parents ary School and Pampa High of PHS students and members of the con

school at 1900 Duncan. Principal Beverly by a tour of the school.

Among the events scheduled to celebrate Owen and students invite the public to

School's Tour for parents.

Munity to celebrate Texas Public School
Austin Elementary fifth graders plan to Week from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., munity to celebrate Texas Public School present a special flag-raising ceremony at Wednesday, March 10, in the PHS library. 8:15 a.m., Monday, March 8, in front of the Coffee and muffins will be served followed

Voters gearing up to go to polls

BY MARILYN POWERS

STAFF WRITER

Gray County voters will go to the polls Tuesday to elect candidates in national, state, district and county offices.

Tuesday's election is a primary contest, with winners advancing to the general elec-

tions in November. Early voting began Feb. 29 and ended Friday. As of 3:45 p.m. Friday, 226 Republicans and 41 Democrats had voted in Gray County, according to Susan Winborne, county clerk.

Polls will be open from 7 offices. All but two area slots

Precinct 3 commissioner dedicated to serving county

a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Voting have only one candidate on places are:

Precinct 1: Community Center

Precinct 2:

Memorial Library in Pampa **Precinct 3:** Grandview

Hopkins School Precinct 4: Lovett

Memorial Library in McLean Precinct

Elementary School Precinct Austin 6:

Elementary School

Precinct 7: M.K. Brown Memorial Civic Auditorium

No Democrats are running for the county or district

the Republican ballot. The Lefors only local races in which the incumbents are facing challengers are those of constable in Precincts 2 and 4.

The office of district attorney is the only district seat on the ballot. Incumbent Richard J. "Rick" Roach is running unopposed for re-election in the 31st district race.

Unopposed county incumbents on the Republican ticket are Joshua M. Seabourn, county attorney; Don B. Copeland, sheriff; Gaye L.

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STAFF WRITER

Gray County Precinct 3 commissioner Gerald Wright would like to continue improving county roads and reducing the county budget deficit without raising taxes.

Wright is running unopposed in the March 9 primary election for another four years in office, a position he has held for the last 20 years.

"I would like to continue to improve on county roads in my precinct and work on the county budget to reduce it more, and reduce the amount of deficit we have every year without having to raise taxes to do that," he said.

Wright is also interested in preserv-

ing local history and in Lake McClellan.

"I will continue to work with the U.S. Forest Service for improvements at Lake McClellan. I will also continue to work with the White Deer Land Museum, the Texas Historical Commission and other Panhandle museums to preserve the history of Gray County and the Panhandle," he

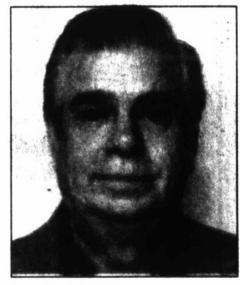
Gray County has received several awards during Wright's terms of office for work done in his precinct. In 1999, the county received the Prairie Partner Award from the U.S. Forest Service for improvements at Lake McClellan. Gray County is the only county in the United States to receive the award, Wright said.

In 2000, the county received the Best Practice Award from the Texas Association of Counties for improvements at the lake. Gray County is the only county in the state to earn the award, Wright said.

Wright has also worked to make the county safe for its employees.

"I am county safety director, and through the years we've received numerous awards from the state for our safety program. Our safety record has also helped reduce the cost of workman's compensation insurance for the county," he said.

Wright is a Gray County native and is an operator at Cabot Corporation, where he has been employed for 26 hears. He and his wife, Pampa residents and members of Fellowship



Gerald Wright

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

CUBINE, Suvella "Sue" — Graveside services, 1:30 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.

SUVELLA 'SUE' CUBINE

McLEAN, Texas — Suvella "Sue" Cubine, Quattlebaum 95, of McLean, died Friday, March 5, 2004, at Amarillo, Texas. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2004, at the Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, and memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2004, at the United *Methodist Church in McLean with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of *Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Cubine was born Dec. 23, 1908, in Valentine, Texas. Her parents, L.N. and Florence Bridges, later moved with their family to Roby, Texas, and then to Knox City, Texas, where she graduated from public schools.

She attended and graduated from John Tarleton College in Stephenville, Texas.

In 1928, she came to McLean to teach school. There she met Ercy Cubine. They were married May 24, 1930. She was a devoted homemaker, an active member of the McLean Methodist Church, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death in death by her husband, Ercy in 1986; her parents, Florence and L.N. Bridges Sr.; and two brothers, Jim Bridges and Vernon Bridges.

Survivors include one daughter, Floella "Flo" www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Amanda White, 21, of Pampa, died Friday, ter,

March 5, 2004, at Austin. Services will be at 10 Owen a.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with Pastor Pampa;

Paul Nachtigall, of Cornerstone Baptist Church,

officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery

at White Deer under the direction of Carmichael-

Danny Ray White; and her grandfather, Danny

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class in 2000.

Spangler.

1908-1941 husband Amarillo; two granddaugh Cindy Thomas of Laredo and Kay Taylor of Amarillo; four great-grand-

> children, Sara Thomas and Christopher Thomas, both of Laredo, and Tiffany Taylor and Trey Taylor, both of Amarillo; and one brother, L.N. Bridges, Jr., of

> The family requests memorials be to United Methodist Church, 219 N. Gray, McLean, TX 79057 or to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

> The family will be at 8307 Norfolk in Amarillo. Mrs. Cubine will lie in state at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors funeral home from 9 a.m. Saturday until 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church Chapel in McLean.

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ON RECORD

POLICE Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period

ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, March 5 Richard Palmer, 59, 318 N. Faulkner, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Ira Don Hicks, 33, 931 S. Wells, was arrested for non-payment on no seat belt, unpaid judgement, no driver's license, no Texas driver's license, failure to appear/times two, no seat belt-driver, no seat belt-passenger, no valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear/bail jumping.

Saturday, March 6

Lindsey Michelle Terrell, 19, 1120 Darby, was arrested for criminal non-support, no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear and failure to signal turn.

Johnny Dewayne Bridges, 21, 109 Dwight, was arrested for failure to report change of address, running a stop sign and failure to appear.

Michael Dewayne Cox, 40, 1032 Huff Rd., was arrested for expired registration, violation of a promise to appear/times two, no driver's license and theft under \$50.

Rebecca Jane Brookshire, 30, 1120 E. Kingsmill, was arrested for criminal trespass Ashmad Rashard Sessions, 23, 1004 Neel. was arrested for evading arrest or detention.

SHERIFF

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

Friday, March 5

Maricella Chavez, 24, 1012 E. Campbell, was arrested for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500, unpaid fines and court costs/times 12, and for issuance of a bad check.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

The forecast today is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the lower 50s and northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Night should fall on partly cloudy skies with lows in the lower 30s and west winds 5 to 15 mph. Monday should see partly cloudy skies. Highs in the lower 60s. West winds 5 to 15 mph. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Wednesday, postly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the mid 30s. Friday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

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Texans surveyed in a new poll say that they don't like the job

AUSTIN (AP) -- Half of released Friday, 50 percent of respondents said the governor was doing poorly, while 40 percent said they believed Perry

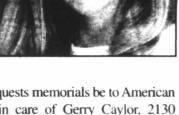
drop in his approval since November 2001. Ten percent either had no opinion or gave no answer.

Meanwhile, Perry is denying long-swirling rumors about his personal life and marriage, blaming leading Democrats for spreading lies and "uncorroborated filth."

Perry told the Austin American-Statesman in a copyright story Friday that a smear campaign was behind rumors that he and his wife, Anita, plan to divorce over his alleged infidelity and that he will resign.

Political observers, including those in his own party, said they believe the governor's poor poll numbers are based on a year of bitter, rancorous fights over redistricting and balancing a \$9.9 billion deficit by cutting social services and teachers benefits, raising fees and allowing large hikes in college tuition.

"Texans know that this governor has abdicated his responsibilities and created local crises in education and health care by signing laws that balanced the budget on the backs of schoolteachers and our most vulnerable Texans," said Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, a fellow Republican who has fought the governor on policy issues.



A lifelong resident of Pampa, Ms. White was half-sister, born here on May 5, 1982, and graduated from Christen White: Pampa High School in the top 10 percent of her and her grandmother, June She lettered in track and cross country and was Spangler currently a student at Austin Community College. Pampa. Ms. White was preceded in death by her father,

half-brothers,

Derrick White

and Danny Ray

White, Jr.; a

Ashley

two

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society in care of Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Pam Spangler and Russell Owen of Pampa; a sis-**BILLY GLENN WARD**

1927-2004

Glenn Ward, 76, of Newcastle, died Thursday, March 4, 2004, at Garden Terrace Healthcare Center in Graham. A private memorial service will be held. Arrangements are under the U.S. Army Air Corp. direction of Morrison Funeral

B.B. and Obeta Ward. He married Betty Martin on April 14, two grandchildren.

NEWCASTLE — Billy 1955, in Breckenridge. Mr. Southwestern

AMANDA WHITE

1982-2004

He was a veteran of the

Survivors include his wife, Betty of Newcastle; two daugh-Mr. Ward was born April 4, ters, Julie Ward of Austin and 1927, in Amarillo, to the late Patricia Ward of Dallas; a son, David Ward of Newcastle; and

Ward was a member of the Catholic Church and retired Telephone Company.

improving business outlook." Leisure and Hospitality employment grew by 5,000

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over the year.

additional jobs in January. employment in Education and Health Services grew by 4,000 jobs in January. This marked the seventh consecutive over-the-month job gain for this industry. The annual growth rate stood at 2.6 per-

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Support falls for Gov. Rick Perry, poll says

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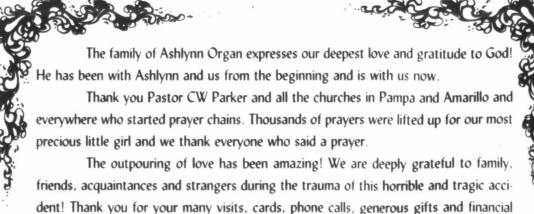
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Thank you Brandon Standefer and Sharmayne Miller for your care and concern. Thank you St. Matthew's Episcopal school for your love and support. We thank the children, their parents and teachers with a special thanks to Natalie Reeve.



Thank You All And God Bless You Steve Organ, Angel Briggs, Jolea Briggs Herring and Anne Briggs

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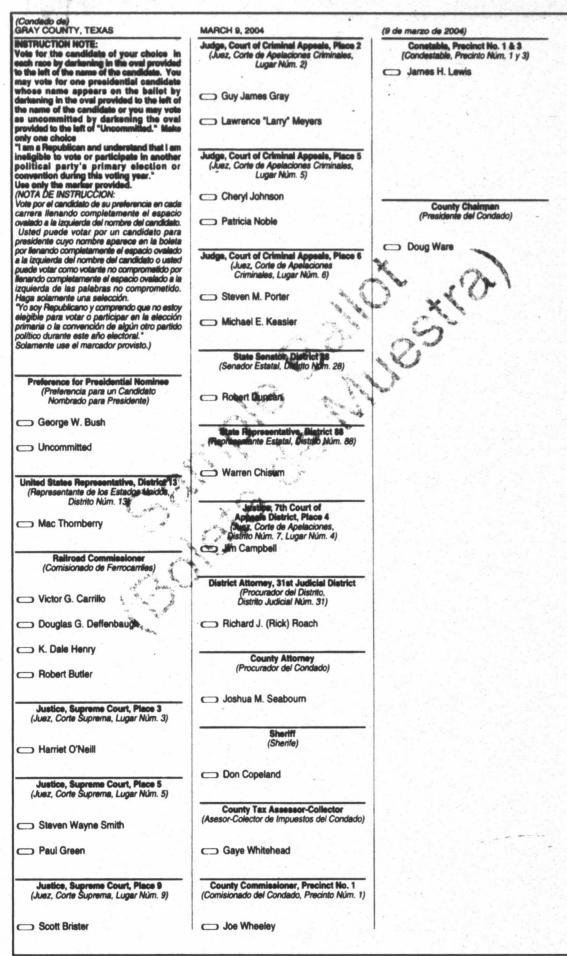
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VOTERS

Whitehead, tax assessor/collector; Joe H. Wheeley, Precinct 1 commissioner; Gerald Lee Wright, Precinct 3 commissioner; James H. Lewis, Precincts 1 and 3 constable; and Doug Ware, county chairman for the Republican Party.

In Precinct 2, incumbent constable Christan R. "Chris" Lockridge is challenged by Christopher B. "Chris" Didway and Manny Holden.

In Precinct 4, incumbent Frank W. Sparling Sr. is opposed by Johnnie Max Carpenter, Marvin D. (M.D. or Don) Fletcher, Michael L. "Mike" Nicholson Randy P. Stubblefield.

Holden and Fletcher are running on a platform of abolishing the offices for which they are candidates. Both say they will resign immediately after taking the oath of office if elected, in order to begin the process of eliminating the office of constable in their precincts.

Nicholson was a law enforcement officer for about 10 years in the Panhandle. Stubblefield was Gray County sheriff for four years and is currently a Donley County deputy. Carpenter is a jail sergeant at Gray County Jail. Didway was a Gray County deputy and is currently a security guard at Pantex.

There are 10 Democrats and one Republican candidate for president of the States. United Republican ballot lists a choice between George W. Bush and "uncommitted."

State Sen. Robert Duncan of District 28 and State Rep. Warren Chisum of District 88 are both unopposed in the Republican primary, and no Democrats filed as candidates in either of those races.

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WRIGHT

Baptist Church, have two sons. He is a member of the Texas Archaeological Society and the Texas Association of County Judges and Commissioners.

He has completed a four-year study course entitled Curriculum 2000, a collection of advanced courses for county commissioners. The study is sponsored by the Texas Association of Counties, the University of Texas and the V.G. Young Institute of County Government at Texas A&M University.

Wright has also attended Amarillo College, Midland College, Midwestern State University and Odessa College for continuing education for county office.

He has served as president of several non-profit organizations in the area.

"I grew up here and want to serve the people in Gray County. I think I can be a lot of help in county government and in the day-to-day operations of the county," Wright said.



Sen. Duncan opens virtual district office

will serve as a virtual district office for his constituents in the 46 counties of Senate District 28

"My hope is that www.senatorduncan.com will give quick access to information and news that will empower West Texans and Duncan said. enable them to stay ahead of the legislation and issues that affect them," Duncan said.

latest news, the many communities of Senate Duncan's newsletter will be posted and e-District 28, an option to view and download mailed to registrants this month, and will be photos, plus information on contacting the followed with a new issue each quarter.

AUSTIN - Texas Sen. Robert Duncan, R- senator and his staff. Visitors to www.senator-Lubbock, announced today the launch of his duncan.com are encouraged to register for the new website, www.senatorduncan.com, which "senator's newsletter and periodic news

> "This is an important step toward ensuring the people of this district understand how government affects them, and I hope it becomes a valuable resource for my constituents,"

The website will be updated regularly with both news from the Capitol and throughout The website features sections on Duncan's the regions that compose Senate District 28.

Lake Meredith to be site of prescribed fires

Saturday, March 6, announced park officials said. Supt. Karren Brown.

weather conditions.

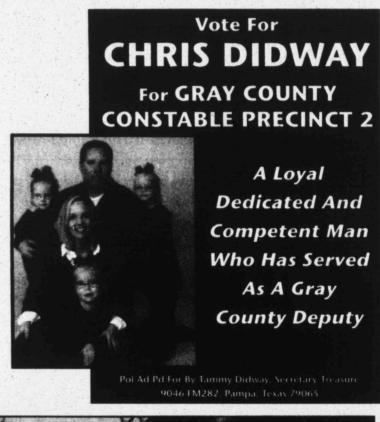
Plum Creek is divided into seven units that are surrounded by boundaries and roadways located within the park. Three units in Plum Creek, Lower Plum Creek Campground following the Devils Canyon Trail to Upper Plum Creek campground road, should be completed by April 1. Big Blue Creek is divided into four units, with one unit completed last spring. One unit scheduled for this year should be completed by April 1. Big Blue Creek starts at FM 1913 Road Bridge and moves from the Blue West access road to the Blue West boat ramp.

Goals of the burns are to reduce non-native species, enhance wildlife habitat, pro-

The fires are to be set by burns, some of the areas will available to answer questions park personnel in three areas, be closed to the public. The during the burns. For more including Plum Creek and Big burns are designed so that the information, contact the park Blue Creek, depending on majority of smoke will move headquarters at 806-857-3151.

FRITCH - If weather per- mote ecological processes, and toward the waters of Lake mits, prescribed burns at Lake help protect local communities Meredith, which means boat-Meredith will begin as early as from uncontrolled wildfires, ing activities near the burn areas may be briefly affected.

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To the editor:

During my first visit to the quaint city of Pampa, I began to see that this must be the most patriotic city in America. For example, (the middle school) mascot is named the Pampa Patriots. Also, on the north-to-south main street is military memorial setting with a variety of army and aviation equipment on display that would rival exhibits in many larger cities.

However, what impressed me and my four fellow Navy reservists most, occurred Sunday, Feb. 22, at (a local) restaurant. We were in uniform and had taken our seats after filling our plates from the buffet and were making small talk in the slightly crowded restaurant.

A waitress walked to our table and handed us a small piece of paper on which was written: "Your meals are paid for. Enjoy. No thanks required. We thank you."

This wonderful gesture of support was totally anonymous and spontaneous since we had only been seated a few minutes. My friends and I were speechless and deeply moved. The waitress indicated to us where the family had been seated and I vaguely remember them to be an adult couple with a small girl and an elderly lady, presumably the grandmother.

I know I will probably never be able to meet this family, but I certainly want to, not just to thank them for their generosity in paying for our meal, but to tell them just how much we, as military service personnel, appreciate the support of the people of Pampa and other cities in this country.

It has been said by a person much wiser than I that when someone offers a gesture of kindness or love to another person, the most meaningful act is one that is: Simple, Sincere, and Significant. I can honestly say that this act of kindness fulfilled those three criteria and was greatly appreciated by us all. The people of Pampa should be proud of your community and your commitment to our country and our military. We are honored to

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Today in History

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, March 7, the 67th day of 2004. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 7, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone.

On this date: In 1849, horticulturist Luther Burbank was born in

Lancaster, Mass. In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

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They were just doing their job

Three weeks ago I received a call from the military. I'd been waiting for this call. When it came, I cried, but this time, tears of joy flowed. My son Dave was coming home from Iraq for good.

We knew we'd only get 72-hours notice before Dave's group from the 101st Airborne came home. That didn't leave much time to get his things packed, his pickup ready and to start on the two-day drive to Kentucky.

I had planned to make a big banner so Dave could find us when he came off the plane. Everything happened so quickly, I didn't get it done.

Hearing of my dilemma, my sister Tracey Wyche created a big red-whiteand-blue banner from a bed sheet and spray paint proclaiming, "Welcome Home, SPC. Bridges!" She even drove from Canadian to deliver it to us before we left the next morning.

I also took a bright yellow 101st Airborne flag that had been a Christmas present to us from one of Dave's childhood friends, Kristi Carter.

Vic drove my pickup, packed with Dave's boxes and belongings, while pulling our travel trailer. Hotel rooms would be impossible to find near the huge military base - one of the Army's largest. We'd learned about that when Dave came home from serving as a peacekeeper in Kosovo/ Macedonia two years earlier. And a lot more soldiers were coming home this time.

I drove Dave's pickup, I didn't get it detailed like I had planned, but it had a beautiful new bedliner in it, just like he wanted, and brand new tires. Vic had spent a lot of time fixing it up while Dave was gone. It was like being close to Dave, he said. I had grown so attached to it, I started calling it "my grand-truck."

While we traveled from Texas, Dave's fiancee Amy Stahler drove toward Kentucky from her home in Virginia. Together, we'd meet the troops as they arrived.

When we came to the base that night, excitement crackled in the air. The family members met on a parking lot where we boarded buses which took us to a huge airplane hangar near where the jets filled



with troops would land.

All the vehicles in the parking lot had flags and ribbons on them. Many were painted with "Welcome Home! Daddy," or "We missed you, Mommy. We love you!"

Little children clung to the hands of parents and grandparents. Some were too small to walk. A set of twins in a stroller had to have been born while Dad was in Iraq. They were only six or seven months old. It was close to midnight, but no one seemed tired, even the children were filled with energy.

Walking into the hangar, soldiers handed up small flags to wave and showed us a refreshment area that had been set up for families. Amy and I both teared up. Signs welcoming the soldiers hung everywhere. Behind a stage hung the largest U.S. flag I have ever seen. It was at least four stories tall and maybe 70 feet wide. Every few minutes, someone updated us on how soon before the planes arrived. There would be two coming in. One soldier told us Dave would be on the second plane.

After a while, a band dressed in desert camouflage sat down and started tuning their instruments. Anticipation began to

The first plane arrived. Fearing we might miss Dave, we went outside in the bitter night air. Amy and I used the banner to protect us from the wind. Vic had the camera ready.

Several hundred people stood out there, cheering and hollering, as the first soldiers disembarked. When family members spotted their loved one, they followed them back into the hangar where they held a short ceremony before the soldiers were released to greet their families.

We staved outside, waiting and shivering, scanning the horizon for the bright, cheering and waving flags.

rying our precious cargo.

"There it is!" someone yelled. I could just see the light hovering over the buildings, growing brighter and brighter.

When the tires screeched in protest as the giant metal bird hit the runway, a collective cheer rose to the midnight sky. Our boys were home!

Gen. Petreus, commander of the 101st Airborne, and a color guard met the troops as the jet's door opened. He hadn't done that for the earlier plane.

I don't know exactly why; I'm not familiar with military protocol. But I do know that the soldiers coming off this jet were the warriors - the ones that had freed Karbala on April 5 - Dave's 25th birthday - and fought their way across Iraq to it's northernmost point, then spent months rebuilding and maintaining order in the war-torn country. They're "Widowmakers" - the ones with the heart on their helmets immortalized with a special GI Joe doll made in their honor.

"Welcome home!", "Good job!", we yelled as the weary soldiers marched past us. Wearing their desert uniforms, they carried ruck sacks and weapons. Some smiled. Some ducked their heads in embarrassment. Some seemed confused.

Dave was one of the last ones off the plane. His buddy, Sgt. Cary, had been shot in an ambush while Dave was on leave in December. Cary, undergoing treatment at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., had gotten a special leave to be in Fort Campbell when his group returned

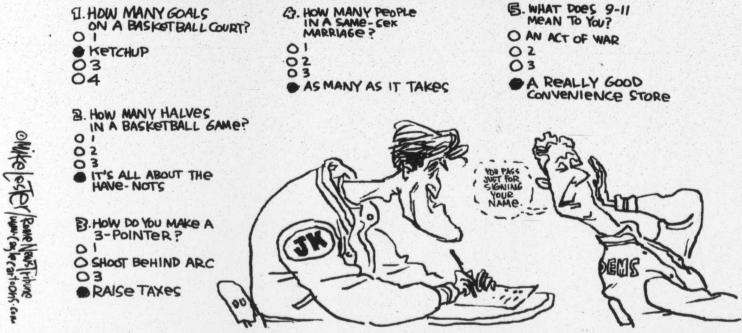
When he saw his injured friend, Dave rushed over to hug him. Then he saw Vic, then Amy, then me. He hugged and kissed us all, getting his gun caught up in Tracey's banner in the process.

"That's the only one that hugged anybody," a man behind me said. I could hear the smile in his voice. That's my boy!

Later, Vic asked Dave why the soldiers reacted as they did to our cheers and shouts. He said it was like one of us coming out of work one day and finding a crowd of people in front of our workplace,

light that would signal the next plane car- "We were just doing our job," he said.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FINAL EXAM



Democrats have made a big mistake

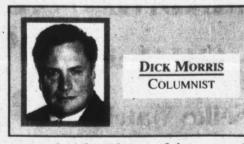
The Democratic Party slit its throat (Tuesday) night, abandoning 12 years of pragmatism to indulge in a nominee who's very unlikely to win.

While John Edwards closed the gap that separated him from John Kerry, the frontloading of the nominating process proved too drastic to permit second thoughts. Once the Democratic voters had discarded Howard Dean and embraced Kerry, they did not have the dexterity to rethink Kerry in the light of the Edwards alternative.

Too bad for the Democrats: Edwards would have been a much stronger candidate in November than Kerry will be. He is not the extreme liberal that the front-runner is and has not had 20 years in the Senate to demonstrate how out of touch he is with American values and ideas.

The hurried judgment forced on Democrats by Terry McAuliffe's impatience has led to a miscalculation in which the party has put forward a weaker nominee than it might have, had the primaries lasted for more than a few weeks.

John Edwards, as a Southern moderate, has a charisma and style that Kerry lacks. His smooth-talking trial-lawyer appeal to a jury of voters would have made quite a contrast with President Bush's inarticulate-



ness and awkward use of language. A debate between Kerry and Bush will be a clash of the verbally challenged.

But by nominating Kerry, the Democratic Party has chosen to embrace its left wing, eschewing the lessons it so dearly learned in 1980, 1984 and 1988. By marching to the beat of its activist minority, the party has once again put itself outside of the pale of mainstream thinking.

When John Kerry joined the extreme left in voting against the first Gulf War in 1991 or in opposing the Defense of Marriage Act - a bill backed by all but 14 ultraliberal senators and signed by President Clinton - he showed himself to be out of step with the center where most voters live.

George Bush's inability to appeal to voters on issues other than the War on Terror opened a door for the Democrats, but John Kerry will have difficulty fitting through it. The lieutenant governor of Mike

American people. His votes on taxes, terrorism and the death penalty will demonstrate that he is another in a long line of Massachusetts liberals who appear at first blush to be winners but who soon fade into also-rans. Kerry has missed more than a third of

Dukakis will not wear well before the

the votes in the Senate during the current 108th Congress. This year, he has missed almost all of them. Voters will not be tolerant of a man who picks up his paycheck and doesn't do the job.

Bush is doing exactly the right thing in pouncing on Kerry the moment the polls close on Super Tuesday with negative ads that define him as the extreme liberal he is. Already, according to pollster Scott Rasmussen, 51 percent of voters feel that their taxes will go up if Kerry wins.

In the coming weeks, Bush will hammer at Kerry until we look back and wonder why we ever thought the Massachusetts senator could have won in the first place.

By then, of course, it will be too late. The nominating process is so frontloaded that the Democrats will be stuck with the flawed Kerry candidacy for months as he slowly twists in the wind.

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Healthbeat: Tests being created to spot cancer earlier

By LAURAN NEERGAARD AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) -Imagine a blood test that could detect the earliest signs of ovarian cancer to help, far more women survive. Or one that could prevent thousands of aging men from undergoing unnecessary biopsies prostate cancer.

Those tests are moving toward reality, thanks to new technology that can spot early signals in drops of blood.

The National Cancer Institute has begun a major study to prove if the blood test detects early relapse in ovarian cancer patients. Relapse occurs dismally often, and if the test works as well as earlier research suggests, it could win Food and Drug Administration approval for that use within a few years.

It would take longer to prove to FDA's standards whether the test also can spot

New strategy fails to impact risk of stroke

CHICAGO (AP) - A simple and seemingly commonsense strategy for lowering the risk of recurring strokes failed to work in a study of nearly 3,700

The strategy involves giving B vitamins to stroke patients to reduce levels of a substance called homocysteine in their blood. Many studies have suggested that high levels of homocysteine raise the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

The researchers found no difference in outcome between those who got high doses of vital and those who got low

The high vitamin doses did a better job of lowering homocysteine levels, but about 8 percent of the patients in both groups had another stroke during the two years that they were studied.

The study appears in a recent issue of Journal of the American Medical Association. It was led by Wake Forest University neurologist Dr. James Toole.

Toole called the results surprising and speculated that the researchers "got in there too late." Lowering homocysteine still might help reduce stroke risk in younger, patients, he said.

ovarian cancer the first time it strikes.

Two national testing laboratories aren't waiting. Later this year, Quest Diagnostics and LabCorp hope to begin offering the blood test, by prescription, for women at high risk of ovarian cancer because of genetic or family history.

Despite caution from the test's own inventors that it's not yet ready for wide use, federal law allows those labs to offer tests that aren't FDA-approved provided they meet other government certification standards, which they're now attempting to

How does the testing work? It's called proteomics, the study of all proteins in living cells.

Proteins are molecules that do the body's work by directing cells' actions. Scientists have long used single aberrant proteins as a signal, or biomarker, for different diseases — such as PSA, or prostate specific antigen, used to screen men for prostate cancer.

One protein gone bad seldom is definitive. Indeed, most men with elevated PSA levels don't have cancer but a benign enlarged prostate. Too often, it takes a surgical biopsy to tell.

The new method: Proteins usually work through networks of circuit boardlike interactions that leave behind microscopic patterns. In a unique collaboration, scientists at the cancer institute and FDA discovered how to measure those patterns with special technology that picks out protein fragments floating in blood, patterns that can show when normal cells have turned cancerous.

"There is a wealth of information in the blood that we didn't know about before," says NCI's Dr. Lance Liotta, who codirects the program. "We're finding an ocean of biomarkers."

First, Liotta and his partner, FDA microbiologist Emanuel Petricoin, pursued patterns that signal ovarian cancer, a disease in desperate need of better diag-

Some 25,580 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer this year, and 16,090 will die, the American Cancer Society estimates. Caught in its earliest stages, five-year survival is around 95 percent. There is no screening method, so threequarters of patients are diagnosed in advanced stages, when

they have only a 20 percent survival chance.

Liotta and Petricoin tested blood samples from 250 women, some with ovarian cancer and some healthy. So far, the test has spotted all the cancers but sometimes falsely indicated that healthy women had cancer,

Nailing down that error rate, with much more study, is crucial, says NCI ovarian cancer specialist Dr. Elise Kohn. Even if the test ultimately were 98 percent accurate, she says, for every cancer caught, 49 healthy women would have unnecessary biopsies because of false results.

So Kohn is enrolling women who just finished initial ovarian cancer treatment into a clinical trial to see if the test detects relapse early. That's easier to prove.

Quest and LabCorp, meanwhile, have licensed the test method. They're working to show how accurately their machinery can detect protein

patterns believed indicative of ovarian cancer. Quest plans to analyze 1,000 blood specimens before deciding whether to market the test for high-risk women and pledges to publish results in a medical journal.

"This is not a consumer test," stresses Quest spokesman Gary Samuels. Doctors would have to order it.

Prostate cancer is next on the government's agenda. Initial research suggests a proteomics blood test might prevent 55 percent of unnecessary biopsies while missing 3 percent of cancers when given to men whose PSA levels are in a diagnostic gray zone. Now scientists are working to prove that and to see if protein patterns also signal which prostate tumors are aggressive and which are unlikely to kill.

Next on the list: patterns that seem to signal lung cancer and the earliest beginnings of deadly pancreatic cancer.

Another inflammation marker linked to heart risks by German researchers

CHICAGO (AP) Doctors might be able to gauge heart patients' risk of death or heart attack by measuring levels of a growth factor protein in their blood, a German study suggests.

The report adds the protein to a growing list of biomarkers for inflammation that could help predict a person's risk of heart disease and can be detected through a simple blood test.

The newly recognized marker, called placental growth factor protein, or PIGF, has been shown to contribute to inflammation in the arteries. Animal research has shown that blocking its effects suppresses growth of fatty plaques in the arteries.

The latest findings, which appear in a recent Journal of the American Medical Association, suggest that than those with low! vels to testing for PIGF might be die or have heart attacks more effective at predicting patients' risks than measuring some other inflammation markers, including C-reactive protein, or CRP.

That is because PIGF appears to be released primarily from cells inside blood vessel walls, whereas CRP

levels might rise in response to inflammation or infection elsewhere in the body.

The lead researcher, Dr. Christopher Heeschen of Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt, said more studies confirming the results are needed before doctors can rely on PIGF as an early warning sign.

The discovery of the protein's link to heart disease a could also lead to new treatments that would protect against heart damage by blocking the protein's effects, Heeschen said.

The study involved 1,173 patients, mostly men, with either severe chest pain or mild heart attacks.

Blood tests showed high PIGF levels in more than 300 patients. Those patients were about three times more likely within 30 days of their first symptoms.

The study "is an important step forward" but also raises questions, including whether the protein would be useful in assessing risk in the general population, said Dr. Bonow, Robert

Northwestern University cardiologist and former president of the American Heart Association.

The German research will probably help lead to a whole new minimally invasive way of testing patients with chest pain, said Dr. Eric Topol, the Cleveland Clinic's cardiology chief.

"No one would ever have thought that through a few proteins you could know what's going on in the artery walls," Topol said.

He predicted that in the next few years chest-pain patients will routinely be given blood tests for an array of inflammatory proteins.

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"This is where we're headed," Topol said.



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Tiny corkscrew terminates strokes by gathering blood clots from brain

BY DANIEL O. HANEY AP MEDICAL EDITOR

SAN DIEGO (AP) - A tiny experimental corkscrew threaded deep into the brain can pluck out deadly blood clots and stop a stroke in its tracks, potentially giving doctors an entirely new tool against this major killer.

Nearly 90 percent of all strokes result from clots that lodge in the brain's arteries, cutting off circulation and starving brain cells of oxygen and nutrition. The goal of the new device is to extract these clots before they do permanent harm.

"It's like pulling the cork out of a wine bottle," said Dr. Sidney Starkman, co-director of the UCLA Stroke Center. "What you want is to get the blood flowing back to the brain."

The device is the most advanced of several new stroke treatment tools discussed at a recent meeting in San Diego of the American Stroke Association.

The only treatment now available for the emergency care of strokes is TPA, the clot-dissolving medicine also used to stop heart attacks. Only about 5 percent of stroke victims receive it, and among those, it helps only about one in eight.

TPA can be used only within the first three hours after a stroke. Most victims arrive at the hospital too late, or they have other conditions that could cause Patients will be randomly assigned to

the TPA to trigger disastrous bleeding get either the corkscrew or routine care. in the brain.

Starkman directed testing of the corkscrew — called the Merci Retrieval System — on 109 patients. All had suffered severe strokes within the previous eight hours, and none could be given TPA.

corkscrew successfully retrieved the clot in half of them. Three-quarters of these patients survived, and 40 percent had few or no lasting disability. Among those in whom the clot could not be removed, half survived and just 6 percent had a good recovery.

Starkman said many of the patients were paralyzed on one side or could not talk when the procedure began.

"What's really remarkable is we can see the problem and pull it out," he said. "In some patients, the moment the clot came out, they could move again or talk normally. It was instanta-

Starkman's study was financed by the corkscrew's maker, Concentric Medical of Mountain View, Calif. Based on this study, the company has the Food and Drug Administration for approval to sell the device. An FDA advisory committee will review it later this month.

The National Institutes of Health will sponsor a larger study of the device.

Dr. Larry Goldstein, head of the cerebrovascular center at Duke University, said patients who got the corkscrew appeared to do better than expected. However, he cautioned that the many patients whose clots do not show up on brain scans would not be eligible for the treatment.

"It won't be a panacea," he said.

Another drawback is that it can be done only by specially trained neuroradiologists. A UCLA survey found that 82 percent of the population lives within a three-hour drive of a hospital that could do the procedure.

Dr. Morgan S. Campbell of the Alabama Neurological Institute in Birmingham presented preliminary results of another approach intended to improve circulation to the brain after a stroke. The treatment involves inflating balloons in the abdominal aorta, forcing more blood to the head.

The initial safety testing showed improved cerebral blood flow in 12 of 16 patients. The device, called NeuroFlo, was developed of CoAxia of Maple Grove, Minn.

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New drug researched for war with diabetes

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Central Texas doctor is directing a national study on a new diabetes drug that researchers hope can prevent onset of the disease.

Dr. Ralph DeFronzo, a researcher at the Texas Diabetes Institute in San Antonio, said he hopes to recruit 75 to 100 people locally for the nationwide study.

Previous studies have suggested that diabetes drugs can ward off the disease in some people. However, some of the same studies also concluded that lifestyle changes, including dieting and exercise, are more effective at preventing

"We know that (lifestyle change) works, but we also know that it's very difficult for people to lose weight and go out and get exercise on a daily basis," DeFronzo, also a professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center, told the San Antonio Express-News recently. "We know that could be very good treatment, but if people don't do it, we still have to have some drugs to prevent them from developing diabetes."

The study will test the drug pioglitazone, sold under the brand name Actos. Takeda, the drug's manufacturer, is sponsoring the research. Pioglitazone is one of several drugs that can make diabetics more sensitive to the insulin that they naturally produce.

Doctors have learned these medications can help save beta cells, the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas that malfunction in people with dia-

"We believe this class of drugs is ideal not only for treating diabetes but (also) for preventing it before you have to treat," said DeFronzo.

Diabetes The Texas Council estimates 125,000 are not going to develop kidadults in Bexar County have ney disease; I know you are diabetes, and thousands more not going to develop loss of are at risk for developing the nerve sensation."

disease. More than half of San Antonio's adult residents are considered overweight or obese, and its large Hispanic population genetically is susceptible to the disease.

Diabetes can lead to blindness, amputations, heart disease and kidney failure.

One of the first to enroll in the new study was Sandra Lockaby, who said she has lost track of all the times she has tried to lose weight. The diets would all work for a while, with some more effective than others. But the weight always came back.

"It doesn't even take that long," she said. "Suddenly, you become puffy again."

Lockaby, at age 54, said she learned her body is becoming resistant to insulin, a preliminary condition that puts her at high risk of becoming diabetic. She also has a strong family history of diabetes.

DeFronzo said he hopes to recruit 75 to 100 people locally for the nationwide study of 600 people. Eligible were those with a strong family history of diabetes, those who already have elevated blood sugar levels or women who had gestational diabetes during pregnancy.

Half of all study participants will get pioglitazone while the other half will get a placebo. Participants will take the medication for 39 months and will receive counseling on diet and exercise.

DeFronzo said people who are unsuccessful at lifestyle changes shouldn't be doomed to developing diabetes and its myriad complications.

"In the best of hands, only 10 percent can lose weight and keep it off for a year," he said. "I know I can prevent diabetes if you take the medicine. If I prevent diabetes, I know you will not go blind; I know you

Studies look at empathy, placebo's power

WASHINGTON (AP) — When someone says, "I feel your pain," they really may.

A groundbreaking study shows that some of the same brain regions involved in physical feeling pain become activated when someone empathizes with another's pain.

And when it's time to feel better, thinking that a drug helps can make it so, according to a different brain-scanning study that finally caught the power of placebo in action.

Science, provide important shock and whether it would new evidence of the power of the mind, said Dr. Jon Levine, a pain specialist at the University of California, Francisco, reviewed the research.

'Very likely the same part of the brain which is affected by empathy for pain, and

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therefore suffering, is the area that also our mind or our expectation has to deal with if we're going to get control of that pain," Levine

In the empathy study, British researchers recruited 16 couples. One at a time, the women were put into brain scanners called MRI machines; the men sat nearby. The women could see only their loved one's hand and a computer screen. The women and men got brief electric shocks to the hand. The studies, reported in a The computer screen flashed be mild or very sharp.

When the women got shocked, the MRI showed how their brain's entire pain network activated, researchers reported. They registered feeling the jolt and how much it stung, from sensory brain regions, as well as how much it made them suffer — the "affective" or emotional regions.

But when the men got shocked, part of the women's pain network sprang into action, too — not sensory regions but emotional ones. They knew when the men were being shocked only by watching the computer screen.

The lead researcher, Tania Singer of University College of London, likened it to vivid feeling when imminent pain is imagined and the heart speeds up before the actual sensation arrives.

Men were not studied for their reaction to how women ed. responded to a shock.

Singer did not tell the on a cream they said would couples that she was studying empathy so as not to rig the results. But she later asked the women to describe how they felt when their partner was zapped.

"They indicated it was as recent edition of the journal who would get the next unpleasant" when the man ter. Those were the same got zapped as when they did, Singer said. "What they say matched what I saw in the brain activity."

> She also rated their degree of empathy, using questions such as how easily they cry at movies. The more empathetic their nature, the more emotional brain activity there was.

It was not "emotional contagion," like how one person's yawn can set a whole room to yawning, because the women could see only their partner's hand, Singer said. Instead, the women were using the same brain areas that anticipate one's own pain.

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Survey shows Americans not leading healthy lifestyles

ATLANTA (AP) Americans still don't seem to get the message. The latest government figures offer more proof that many people are leading unhealthy lifestyles.

The majority of U.S. adults are overweight, nearly one in five are daily smokers, and one in five consumed at least five alcoholic drinks in a day at least once in a year, according government's national health survey.

"It's almost as if the elements

are conspiring against us to lead unhealthy lifestyles," said Dr. Dan Blumenthal, chairman of community health and preventive medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine.

"We are faced with a constant barrage of advertising on television about fast food. We live in a world where we are encouraged to drive more and walk less and spend more time in front of our televisions.'

The data, for the years 1999-2001, examines the health behavior of 96,000 adults 18years-old and over and is broken down among gender, race, education and income. It is contained in a report released recently by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and the National Center for Health Statistics outside Washington.

The study found that Asian adults are more likely than other race groups to have healthy behavior in terms of alcohol use, smoking and body weight. Black adults have higher rates of leisure-time physical inactivity and obesity than white adults.

Black men are more likely than white men to be smokers, but among women the reverse is true, the study says.

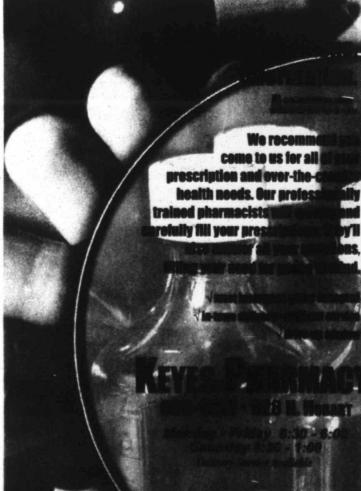
The study data says adults with higher levels of education and income generally have more favorable health behavior.

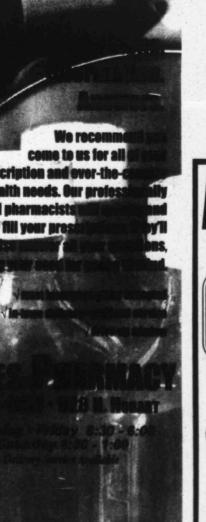
The levels in each category have remained about the same since the numbers for earlier years were released. The study started in 1997.

The latest data found that obesity rates are about the same for men and women, with men slightly more likely than women to be smokers, and men more likely than women to be physically active in their leisure time.

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Families' needs give public schools broad community role

Dozens more eat breakfast in centrate on history or math. the adjacent cafeteria.

typically remain at school into while their parents work.

The rural school occasionally acts as a clothing bank, hand- Charleston County, S.C., dising out a warm coat or a change trict, Superintendent Maria of shirt or pants. For two weeks Goodloe said schools' duties in February, it even served as seem to grow every year as they the only roller-skating rink in tiny Cottonwood Falls, a town of less than 1,000 midway between Topeka and Wichita.

In both rural and urban communities across the nation, schools play similarly broad roles, dispensing medicine, offering counseling, attempting to build character and keeping kids out of trouble in the afternoon.

At Chase Elementary, Principal Diane Dodez said she learned early in her five-year tenure that telling families their children couldn't come to school early didn't do much good. Parents dropped them off anyway, because of their work schedules. Opening the gym early, therefore, serves a larger community need.

Educators say demands on schools have increased over the past decade because communities, parents and states want schools to combat social problems: children who need medical checkups, clothes, a healthy meal; children who come from troubled families.

Those demands are the reasons some Kansas education officials have felt squeezed financially in recent years, even though the state spends \$2.6 billion — more than half of its

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dozens of children congregate important to a suitable educain the gym, their conversations tion, because a child who is

"Most people don't under-More than 80 percent of the stand that schools are a microschool's 160 children, kinder- cosm of society," said Tamara garten through fourth grade, Cotman, the Wichita district's assistant superintendent of elethe evening — reading, playing mentary schools. "Everything games or learning to dance that happens in the world comes into the school."

> the 44,000-student attempt to support families, so that children do not have distractions from learning.

"We're really taking care of

Kan. (AP) — Half an hour schools each year. being taken care of at home," But in recent decades, the dle only special projects. Today schools take on new responsibefore classes begin at Chase Educators across the nation she said. "It's a symptom of our list of required services has education, municipal and law bilities and are reluctant to con-County Elementary School, say that support services are environment, where we have grown Among them are special enforcement officials in the sider dropping others, "You're

babies having babies." The role of schools in meetcreating an overpowering din. hungry or stressed cannot con- ing children's non-instructional needs is almost as old in Kansas as Chase Elementary, which the burden. opened in 1904. A state man-

fast programs.

date that schoolchildren receive committee has been meeting annual dental exams, for exam- regularly for eight years and

COTTONWOOD FALLS, general revenues — on public kids in a way that they aren't ple, dates to 1915. was initially supposed to han- Education, said because education, which became central Montana community of running a sprint most of the mandatory in 1974, and break- 9,600 expect to use school time." buses to move residents and Outside events also increase schools to shelters should a schools expanded school In Havre, Mont., a security rials derail or a bioterrorism of its buildings. The district event occur.

Montana's Board of Public students.

Three years ago, Havre train carrying hazardous mate- breakfast programs to all five contracts with a Boys and Girls Superintendent Kirk Miller, Club to provide afterschool who also is chairman of activities for 600 of its 2,000

The family of Ruth Monce wish to thank their many friends and family for their kind expressions of sympathy and for their 'autiful floral offerings.

A special thanks to BSA Hospice, Dr. Soriano, Pampa Hospital, Corner Stone Baptist Church.

ABOLISH CONSTABLE PCT.2

Under the present law, the position of Constable has to remain vacant for 7 years before the County Commissioners can abolish the office. I am not running to serve in the office, but to abolish the office for the first 4 years of the 7 year period. It does not take a constitutional amendment to abolish the position of constable.

I am running in the Republican primary, however, this is not a democrat or a republican issue. This is an issue about saving tax dollars and eliminating a position that is no longer needed. (Voters in Pct. 4 have this same opportunity.)

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Early historian made cookies and dressed dolls

Beryl Wynne Vicars, early Pampa historian, was well known for her butter cookies which were enjoyed by many, including Madge Tiemann (Mrs. John B. Zuerker) and Betty Jean Tiemann (Mrs. Edmund H. Lutz). Madge (now deceased) and Betty Jean are the daughters of A.A. and Hallie (Case) Tiemann.

Beryl's recipe for "Dutch Cookies" is on page 199 of the "Gray County Heritage Cookbook," published in 1982. Madge Zuerker wrote the following paragraph to accompany the recipe.

"There's no way to know how many plates of these yummy cookies Beryl took to friends, the sick, the lonely. Among my fondest memories are the visits we made to the Vicars and Wynne homes. I fashioned rockers while my mother and others did beautiful fancy work. Mrs. Vicars did cut work embroidery, socks and mittens."

Although Ed and Betty handwork in embroidery and

Lutz live in Euclid, Ohio, they own the Tiemann house at 311 N. Wynne and stay there when they visit Pampa. While they were in Pampa for nearly five months during the winter of 2002-03, Betty told of a memorable visit to the Wynne

home at 317 N. Frost and the Vicars home at 303 N. Frost. She wrote the following account of the occasion for the White Deer Land "At certain times of the month, Hallie Tiemann (my joined Beryl Vicars, daughter

of J.S. and Minna Wynne at Auntie Wynne's home at 317 made doll clothes, and knitted N. Frost. They had wonderful discussions as they did fine

crochet to make beautiful pieces of linen.

MUSEUM MEMENTOS

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ELOISE LANE

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

IN PAMPA, TEXAS

"I was going to Woodrow Wilson Elementary School; 801 East Browning Avenue, in the year ca 1928. Most likely I was in the fifth or sixth grade. One day I could hardly wait for the final bell to ring, for then I began my walk across town on Browning Avenue to Auntie Wynne's house. I knew that immediately after my arrival, I would be given milk and real butter cookies — the

"This special afternoon as the ladies finished their tea party, Mrs. Vicars asked Mother and me to walk to her nearby home so we could see Mrs. Vicars say, 'Betty Jean,

the dolls she had dressed for children who might not have a visit from Santa. Upon entering the living room, I could see in the guest bedroom to the left a bed covered with many beautiful Standing beside the bed, I looked in awe at dolls of all sizes — baby dolls large and small, pretty girl dolls with different colors of hair -AND YES — NO BARBIES all with complete wardrobes for whatever period of age they represented. I just couldn't believe what I

"As she invited me to touch or hold them, she said she had been sewing all year to meet her Christmas deadline. Then she asked, 'Betty Jean, which one of these dolls do you like the best?' I went from doll to best I ever tasted. They were doll trying to make this seriloved to rock in the big old-mother), Ouida Thomas and shaped from a cookie press (a ous decision for her when joy and thanks gave her the Army Air Field with Class 43an occasional other guest not too common utensil at that each doll was a treasure in happiness her gift gave me." I, was a Public Relations itself, but it didn't take me long to pick up the smallest porcelain doll on the bed with her special hand made clothes and blanket. Then I heard



(Photo courtesy of Edmund Lutz)

This photo was taken by Edmund Lutz, Public Relations Photographer, World War II, U.S. Air Force, MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla. Lutz was also on staff at the Cleveland Museum of Art for 30 years.

that doll is for you.' I hope my graduated as a pilot at Pampa

the doll for more than 70 Air Force, MacDill Field, years. Her husband, Ed Lutz, Tampa, Fla. After the war, he photographed the doll to was on the staff of the accompany this article. Cleveland Museum of Art for

Betty Lutz has cherished Photographer with the U.S. During World War II, Ed, who 30 years.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

CAPROCK CANYONS

Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway will host the following events in March: 9 a.m., March 6, Hike & Camp Safely with Your Children, and 9 a.m., Fern Cave Hike, and 7 p.m., History of the Park, both on March 20; and Steel Sports Adventure Race, March 27. For more information on any of these programs, call (806) 455-1492. ACTI

Act I will present "The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild" by Paul Zindel at 7:30 p.m., March 5 and 6 at its theater on the west side of Pampa Mall. Tickets area available for purchase at Rolanda's, 1621 N. Hobart. Season ticket holders can make reservations by calling 665-3820. Tickets are 7 for adults and \$3.50 for students.

CINDERELLA PAGEANT

West Texas Cinderella Scholarship Pageant will be staged March 6 at the high school auditorium in Kress. The competition is open to children 0-2 years of age, boys 0-6 years of age and young ladies between 3-26 years of age. No swimsuit competition. Registration for toddlers and boys will begin at 9:30 a.m. Additional registration will start at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Sandra at (806)

684-2389 or visit www.texascinderellapageant.com. on-line.

TREE ORDERS

Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for a variety of windbreak and wildlife tree seedlings and shrubs. In addition, the district is accepting orders for larger evergreens, hardwoods, and fruit and nut trees in 5-gallon, 10-gallon and 20-gallon sizes. The deadline to place an order with the GCSWCD is March 9. For more information or to obtain an order form, call 665-1751, ext. 102, or stop by the district office at 12125 E. Frederic, Gray County Annex Building.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB

Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, at Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss "Standing in the Rainbow," "Fried Green Tomatoes" or other books by Fannie Flagg. Visitors are welcome.

P.E.O. FUND-RAISER

Chapter CS, P.E.O., will present a book review with Carol Headrick at 2 p.m. March 14 at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard, on the biography of Malika Oufkir entitled "Stolen Lives." At a cost of \$10 apiece, tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 665-7064.

FRIENDS OF NRA

Friends of NRA will host a dinner and auction starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 20 at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center in Pampa. Proceeds will benefit youth education, range development, conservation efforts and other educational programs. Tickets are \$25 apiece or \$40 per couple. Youth 16 and under get in for \$15.

AMARILLO QUILT SHOW

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

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., March 3 and 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., March 8, at City Hall, Canadian.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: March 18, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, and March 26, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.





IN MEMORY OF OUR DAD CHARLES HINDS **MY DAD**

Lord God above I thank you For the dad you gave to me. Steady as a rock, sturdy as a tree. He was always there

when I was a growing child e stood by me each step I took. Mile, after mile, after mile.

He never turned away from me, Nor did he leave me alone. He was always there The backbone of our home.

His love was always present, Though his body was not. His dedication to his family Will not soon be forgot.

Lord, he did his best. Just as we all must do. am so thankful for "My Dad", Once again Lord, I thank you.

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es and staging guerrilla theater to

inspired by the Black Panthers,

Their achievements are

in decline — and sociologists

blame tomorrow's seniors, the baby boomers, who are still

"They hear the word 'gray' and it turns them off. I think it's

such a juvenile attitude," said May Hollinshead, the 90-year-

old president of the North Jersey chapter of the Gray Panthers.

Butler, founder of the National

third of the U.S. population, will put an unprecedented strain on

social services when they become too old to care for them-

Panthers, who continue to fight

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Hollinshead, who has kept

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Gaye Whitehead

Aging Baby Boomers have no champion PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — America's demographics are But Murany prefers to see the out its name, the American

from her executive position in a boomer turns 50. By 2023, one Kuhn in 1995. It's also sympto- "retired." Philadelphia church, colleagues in five Americans will be over matic of the overall decline in gave her a sewing machine as a age 65 — currently, the percent- activism since the end of the crossed the point where more age of seniors in Florida.

She never opened it — and instead, rebelled against every- agrees that the group is at a Panthers were actively anti-war. Donohoo, associate executive thing it stood for, leading march- crossroad.

protest the widespread discrimithings differently," said Susan nation's largest senior organization be seen as vibrant — and Murany, executive director of tion with a membership of 35 we need to be responsive to The Gray Panthers, the group the Gray Panthers office in the million. she founded with a name nation's capital.

aimed to radicalize older ebrated youth — if you want to studies showed it was failing to Americans and fight the image attract folks, you can't set it up at reach the boomers. As part of of the old as useless, infirm and the senior center," she said.

Vietnam era, she said, explain- than half of our members are

"We're going to have to do nothing new to the AARP, the division. "The boomers want

Several years ago, the AARP "The baby boomers have cel- underwent a makeover when that effort, it abandoned spelling

In 1970, when the law forced about to shift to gray. fall in membership as a result of Association of Retired Persons, Maggie Kuhn to retire at age 65 Every 7.6 seconds, a baby the death of the charismatic to avoid mention of the word

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AB Honor Roll. Courtney Baker, Destry Baten, Janice Carter, Savannah Davis, Kaylie Evans, Leanne Hinton, Kiersten Hannah Newton, Owens, Ashlyn Paronto, Korbin Ramirez.

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll. Patterson Alvey, Skyler Armstrong, Bethany Casas, Ryne Davis, Robin Doan, Caleb Dunham, Kate Ellis, Madison Fatheree, Raddhi Jani, Rachel Jones, Nicholas Nelson, Ryan Smith, Austin Starbuck, Sabrina Thompson.

AB Honor Roll. Rachel

Austin Elementary Honor Roll

Andrews, Jocelyn Brady, Jonathan Cox, Mason Frost, Tamra Klusmeyer, Michael Landsverk, Taylor Morgan, Arin Rice, Jacee Smith, James Thompson, Dakota Watson, Adam Williams, Cheyenne Young.

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll. Libby Aler, Shawn Armstrong, Lindsey Brenden Burrell, Magely Cerda, Autumn Chidester, Heather Coffee, Latigo Collins, Cole Engle, Zac Hernandez, Harley Jacobs, Logan Karbo, Taylor Kennedy, Kirsten Kuhn, Shannon Leigh,

Matthew O'Rear, Landon Powell, Kaitlynn Ramirez, Caitlin Sieck, Elizabeth Terry, Nate Towry, Kailyn Troxell, Jessica Zellefrow, Justin Zeta.

AB Honor Roll. Talor Bowen, Jessica Butler, Sam Cain, Ellen Cambern, Ty Linder, Ryan Pearson, Megan Pirtle, Karami Rice, Ryne Richardson, Tremel Session.

FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll. Payton Alvey, Emily Barrett, Olin Boyd, Kim Bronaugh, Karina Cabrales, Nicholas Collins, Haley Copeland, Erika Dodge, Katie Dunham, Lane Dyer, Brenna

Ellison, Garrett Ericson, Holly Gage, Lynsie Guyer, Natosha Hayes, Ashlee Holland, Paige Holt, Gavin Jimenez, Jackie Karson, Evan McElwain, Trevor McVay, Sissy Palmer, Jonathan Polasek, Tyler Rabel, Brenden

Rice, Garrett Sewell, Hannah Smith, Cameron Wall, Ty Youree, Danielle Zuniga.

AB Honor Roll. Brandon Chairez, Chase Ferguson, Dillon Kyle, Mitch Simon, Shaylie Thompson, Stephanie West.

WOODROW WILSON HONOR ROLL

Woodrow Wilson Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the fourth six-weeks grading period of the 2003-04 school

First Grade. Aron Avila, Genesis Delatorre, Caci Freeman, Iaritza Melendez, Ulices Olivas, Kasandra Resendiz, Alex Salazar, Mckinli Sierra Sieber, Thomas, Travis Williams, Conor Bressler, Nikki Dabbs, McKinley Hancox, Brandon Lawson, Haven Mann, BriAnna Melton, Allison Noble, Jesse Rivera, Dakota Roberson, J.T. Skinner, Ray Thompson, Olivia Vasquez, Isaiah Casanova, Olga Garcia, Adrain Lopez, Emily Rivera, Madelyn Solis, Erica Soto, Alexis Stoddard, Vizcaino.

Second Grade. Vanessa Ramirez, Pamela Whinery, Miguel Salazar, Junior Anguiano, Steven Carver, Cody Harley Elliott, Savanna McPherson, Jade Smile, Kaci Reyes, Kira Soto.

Michael Foreman, Alexandra Megan Gutierrez, McCollum, Valeria Rodriguez, Mayra Tinajero, MacKenzie Smith, Shelbie Reames, Alexander Hernandez.

Third Grade. Martecia Alexander, Reena Patel, Tyler Roberts, Destaney Vasquez, Katrina Casey, Brenda Recendiz.

Fourth Grade. Seth Almanza, Devin Asencio, Nicole Devers, Garcia, Samantha Powell, Ernie Ramirez, Caylie Reames, Mario Rivera, Danielle Savior, Brienne Moyer, Meganne Fraser, Ward, Caylee Courtney Steward, Dustin Whinery, Mackey, Ivette Medina, Joseph Vizcaino, Jacob Jessica Ramirez, Samantha Boyd, Nicole Brashears, Cody Parks, Luis Romero.

Fifth Grade. Mary Beth Vanessa Valenzuela, Kristian Cox, Brennan Dickinson, Cynthia Solis, Crystal Garcia, Karen Jimenez, Moses Mireles, Eric Ortiz, Brittany Patterson, Dakota Copado, Cori Cox, Vanessa Turlington, Jessica Gutierrez, Hudson, Martinez, Valeria Resendiz,

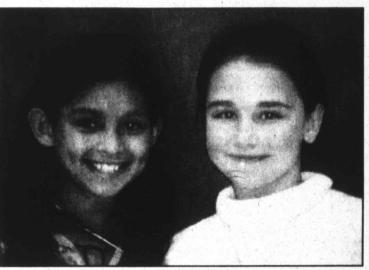
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Austin spellers



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Tara Garcia, left, and Jackie Karson, both fourth-School recently.



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Hannah Smith, left, a fifth grader, and Matthew O'Rear, a fourth grader, both placed as alternates durgraders, won the spelling bee at Austin Elementary ing the spelling bee at Austin Elementary School

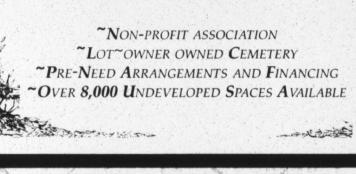
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(Courtesy photo)

Pam Lash, spelling bee coordinator at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, and Principal Tom Lindsey with the school's spelling bee champs - (left-right) Brennan Dickinson, fifth grade runner-up; Cynthia Solis, fifth grade winner; Jacob Boyd, fourth grade winner; and Devin Asencio, fourth grade runner-up.

Lamar spellers



Spelling Bee Winners at Lamar Elementary are Anthony Shackleford, Sarai Soria, Lindsay Saxour and Raul Vazquez.

DRILLING INTENTIONS

Intentions to Drill HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Ranch, 467' from South & 2173' from East line, Sec. 77,M-1,H&GN, PD 14922'. Recompletion

WHEELER (WILDCAT following wells:

#103, 467' from South & East line, Sec. 3,A-3,H&GN. #201, 467' from South & East line, Sec. 4,A-3,H&GN. Applications to Plug-Back

Corp., #2011 McMordie 'B', 11746'. 1300' from South & East line, Sec. 11,A-2,EL&RR, PD 9387'.

Oil Well Completions

Sec. 11,A-2,EL&RR, spud 1- 13112' — 13-04, drlg. compl 1-16-04, tested 1-18-04, flowed 42 bbl. of 37.3 grav. oil + 2 bbls. water thru 17/64" choke on PBTD 9387' — SWR #10 was approved 10-6-03 to downhole commingle

Gas Well Completions

CARSON (WEST PAN-HANDLE) Lera, #303 Sanford, Sec. 3,S,H&GN, spud 10-31-03, drlg. compl 12-15-03, tested 1-13-04, TD 3275', PBTD 3130' —

GRAY (N.E. HOOVER 11853'. Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, #8 Spearman '23', Sec. 23,3,I&GN, spud 7-25-03, drlg. compl 8-12-03, tested 10-28-03, potential 130 MCF, TD 9190', PBTD 9085' _ SWR #10 Approved to commingle

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #1229 Carr '12', Sec. 12,4,AB&M, spud 7-30-03, drlg. compl 8-14-03, tested 10-24-03, TD 14150', PBTD 11990' - Form 1 in Dominion Oklahoma Texas

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp.,

#1313P Carr '13', Sec. 13,4,AB&M, spud 9-11-03, Newfield Exploration Mid- drlg. compl 10-20-03, tested Con., Inc., #1077 Circle Dot 1-23-04, TD 13000', PBTD 12002' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #1414P Carr '14', Sec. & STILES RANCH Granite 14,4,AB&M, spud 10-25-03, Wash) Apache Corp., Stiles drlg. compl 11-13-03, tested Ranch, PD 15000', for the 1-23-04, TD 13300', PBTD 11727'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #5509P Carr '55', Sec. 55, M-1,H&GN, spud 11-15-03, ROBERTS (MCMORDIE drlg. compl 12-2-03, tested RANCH) Mustang Fuel 2-7-04, TD 11870', PBTD

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4103P Hefley, Sec. 41,M-ROBERTS (MCMORDIE 1, H&GN, spud 10-31-03, RANCH) Mustang Fuel drlg. compl 11-2-03, tested 2-Corp., #2011 McMordie 'B', 7-04, TD 13315', PBTD

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4213P Teas '42', Sec. 42,M-24 hour test, TD 9600', 1,H&Gn, spud 10-7-03, drlg. compl 10-28-03, tested 1-23-04, TD 12720', PBTD 12625'.

> HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4408 Willis 'A', Sec. 44,M-1,H&GN, spud 11-13-03, drlg. compl 12-1-03, tested 2-7-04, TD 11950', PBTD

WHEELER BRITT RANCH Granite Wash A) Stallion Energy, Inc., #2027 Britt, Sec. 27, A-3,H&GN, spud 9-25-03, drlg. compl 11-20-03, tested 11-26 to 11-29-03, potential 2736 MCF, TD 12550', PBTD 12450' -

> **Corrected Gas Well** Completion

GRAY (N.E. HOOVER Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, #6 Spearman '23', Sec. 23,3,I&GN, spud 11-25-03, drlg. compl 11-26-03, tested 12-11-03, potential 5244 MCF, TD 9190', PBTD 9010' - This well was incorrectly filed in Sec. 26 by the Operator

LAMAR ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

Lamar Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the fourth sixweeks grading period of the 2003-04 school

A HONOR ROLL

Second Grade. Katie Hulsey, Irasema Madrid, Alex Marrufo, Cory Ponce, Rodolfo Ramirez, Deysy Vasquez, Daniela Vizcaino. Third Grade. Bianca Apodaca, Jessica

Kenney, Julia Soto.

Fourth Grade. Andra Cortez, Brandon Cox, Dakota Davis, Sarai Soria, Angelica Lopez, Danielle Williams.

Fifth Grade. Reba Bailey, Bianca Sanchez, Daisy Silva, Samuel Smith, Hernandez, Angela Rendon.

AB HONOR ROLL

Second Grade. Samuel Cervantes, Macy Cochran, Ruben Granillo, Angel Mcbee, Roy Nelson, Edgar Ramirez, Michelle Rivera, Miguel Soto, Gatlin Taylor, Kirsti Winegeart.

Third Grade. Sarah Basden, Sanya Cargal, Eddie Castillo, Eric Durate, Agibail Jones, Diamond Marrufo, Itzayana Miranda, Johnny Price, Bobby Ream, Alfredo Renteria, Mariela Resendiz, Marieli

Zachery Wolfe.

Fourth Grade. Angie Alvarez, Kayla Brown, Danny Estep, Khale Guthrie, Chanel Jimenez, Jo Jones, Aaron Lopez, Marshall McGrath, Jacqueline Mendez, Vianey Melendez, Michael Rossiter, Isaac Silva, Iris Wheat, Elizabeth Willis-

Fifth Grade. Orlando Castillo, Mercedes Cota, Aubrei Dowdy, Ramon Jimenez, Steven Marrufo, Jesse Perkins, Adrian Rivera.

Travis Elementary Honor Roll

Travis Elementary School recently announced its honor rolls for the fourth six-weeks grading period of the 2003-04 school year.

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll. Rebecca Corbitt, Allen Osborn, Bryce Parker, Taylor Ranney, Alison Alexander, Keva Dallas, Joshua Owen, Heather Parks, Talia Poe, Sheldon Reeve, Chris Rivera, Elyxcus Anaya, Bailey Read, Monica Zubia.

Kelsey Benson, Dallon Poole, Chris Williams, Jessica Hooker, Libby Howard, Raul Lara, Angel Parks, Taylor Woods, Bailey Beck, Matthew Arnold, Ryan Bromlow, Chris Duree, Holly Lane, Arcelia Torres, Alexis Urquhart.

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll. Margo Mendoza, KeEra Busse, Janell Parks, Jessica Covil, Jacob Frost, Laci Hernandez.

AB Honor Roll. Brittney Benge, Alanna Stephens, Brandon Yates, Tanner Gibson, Danielle Wall, Kylee Wyatt.

Hair, Koltan Henderson, Laura Kirkland, Stephanie Allen, Marco Garcia, Reid Miller, Ashley Stucker.

FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll. Brittany Covil, Madilyn Shults, Kayla Hughes, Jordan Hukill, Jenna Munsell, Emily Nicklas, Austin Beck, Alex Collins, Taryn Eubank, Dale Montogermy, Rebecca Porter.

AB Honor Roll. Tyler Malone, Brittany AB Honor Rolls. Jose' Cabrales, Clark, Haley Clark, Curston Finney, Cali

Carson County Square House introduces two new exhibits

PANHANDLE — Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle will present two shows during March and April. Artists Ginny and Len Slesick will be exhibiting in the Hazlewood Gallery and Gordon Ivy's work will be on display in the museum's Purvines Gallery.

The Slesicks' work is recognized from many shows throughout recent years. The couple has traveled to Europe and is now returning to a more familiar landscape, Palo Duro Canyon. Longtime Panhandle residents, the Slesicks have watched the area develop, a fact (WEST that heavily influences their

They are members of several art associations and have a gallery on South Western in Amarillo where they work and

Ivy, a self-described photographer and painter, is a member

of National Press Photographers

Association and has freelanced for the area media. Native American and Asian influences can often be detected in his

A reception is planned for the artists from 2:30 to 4 p.m., today. For more information, call the museum at (806) 537-

AC, WT planning 32nd annual student, faculty art show

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Museum of Art will host the 32nd Annual Amarillo College and West Texas A&M University Student and Faculty Exhibition Sunday, March 13 through Sunday, April 4 in the museum's second floor galleries.

An exhibit opening is planned at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, with gallery talks by Ken Pirtle, chair of the art department at AC, and Scott Frish, assistant professor of art at WTAMU. The gallery talk will be followed by a reception.

During the exhibit, faculty and student talent will be showcased in a variety of media. Sculpture, painting, drawing, computer loart.org on the Internet.

graphics, photography and other mixed media will be represented and will range from abstract to representational and everything in between.

Currently on display at the museum through March 23 in the third floor galleries is "30-Plus Building a Vision: Asian and European Highlights from the Permanent Collection." With this exhibit, the museum is celebrating its permanent collection and its progress over the last 30 years.

For more information about these or other exhibits or programs at the museum, call (806) 371-5050 or log onto www.amaril-

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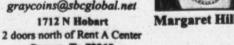
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SPORTS

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — There will be a Harvesters Boys Basketball Booster Club meeting at 4 p.m. today in the Ready Room at the high school athletic building.

Basketball parents are asked to bring their photos, which will be used at the banquet.

BASEBALL

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) - The Kansas City Royals renewed the contract of Angel Berroa, the 2003 AL Rookie of the Year, and two

Berroa hit .292 with 17 home runs, 92 runs, 73 RBIs and 21 stolen bases last season. He committed just five errors in his final 95 games, including a 49-game errorless streak at shortstop.

The Royals also renewed the contracts of left-hander Jeremy Affeldt, who was 7-6 with a 3.93 ERA and four saves last year, and Aaron Guiel, who hit .277 with 15 home runs, 30 doubles and 52 RBIs in 99 games.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars have the San Jose Sharks in sight.

Dallas moved within four points of the first-place Sharks in the Pacific Division with a 5-1 victory Friday night over the Calgary Flames.

The Stars can get even closer on Sunday, when they close a franchise-long eight-game homestand against the Sharks.

"We're going to be pretty pumped up to play these guys no matter if there's two people in the stands or we're on ESPN," Stars goaltender Marty Turco said after his team improved to 6-0-1 on the homestand.

Dallas extended its home unbeaten streak to a franchise record-tying 13 games (9-0-4) — the league's longest active streak.

The Stars have kept pace with the Sharks by going 12-2-3 in their last 17

"The past couple of months, we've been playing better and better," Stars center Pierre Turgeon said. "We've been getting into the game right away and we feel like we're going to do good out there. We're playing hard and getting points.

"We've got a lot in front of us and we just want to get into a groove and keep rolling. That'll get you into the playoffs with a lot of confidence. You look at teams in the past that performed well in the playoffs and they get in the groove the last month of the season."

Turco made 22 saves, stopped a penalty shot and set the team record for minutes played.

Rhett Warrener's goal from 70 feet out in the second period sliced the Dallas

lead to 2-1. But Turco went on to win his 31st game, equaling a career high, and has played 3,749 minutes this season, surpassing Ed Belfour's club record of 3,689 in 2000-01.

Cowboys attempt to get Johnson hits dead end

DALLAS (AP) — Talks between Tampa Bay and Joey Galloway have hit a dead end, forcing the Dallas Cowboys to come up with a Plan B in their bid to acquire Keyshawn Johnson.

The proposed swap of receivers was contingent on both players renegotiating their contracts.

Dallas and Johnson have agreed on a \$20 million, fouryear deal, but Tampa Bay and Galloway never came close to an agreement.

The salary cap-strapped Bucs held firm to an offer of \$1 million for one year, agent Leigh Steinberg said Friday.

Galloway is due \$6.31 million pick. Or Tampa Bay could cut last season because of his Johnson. this season, \$7.5 million next season and \$8.5 million in 2006 under his existing contract.

"I would think that it's extremely unlikely that we would ever strike an accord on these economic terms," Steinberg said. "Given the nature of the way Tampa views their cap constraints, their position appears to be unmoveable. ...

"Joey clearly understood he needed to make a major adjustment in his compensation. But not to the level that was offered."

The Cowboys could still get Johnson by trading a draft Johnson and Dallas could sign him as a free agent.

The Bucs would like to get something back for their initial investment of two firstround draft picks when they acquired Johnson from the New York Jets, even if it's just a late-round pick in 2005 or

The matter may not be resolved for nearly four weeks. March 31 is Tampa Bay's deadline because Johnson is due a \$1 million roster bonus the next day and the club has no intention of paying it.

The Bucs deactivated Johnson the final six games of

ongoing problems with coach Jon Gruden.

Johnson would likely get along better with Cowboys coach Bill Parcells because he's played for him before.

Parcells drafted Johnson for the Jets with the first overall pick in the 1996 draft and coached him for three sea-

Johnson and his agent, Jerome Stanley, could not immediately be reached for comment Friday.

Another offshoot of the breakdown between Galloway and the Bucs is what the Cowboys would do with Galloway if they get

Dallas could try renegotiating, but is more likely to cut

The Cowboys would then have to decide whether to do it before or after June 1, the difference being how much of a hit they'd want to take on this year's salary cap.

Steinberg said he's kept Dallas player personnel director Stephen Jones informed of his stalled talks with Tampa Bay, but they haven't discussed Galloway's status if the trade doesn't happen.

"I'm not clear what the next step will be," Steinberg said. "The situation will keep

Bagwell, Biggio could be in last year together in Houston

- Bidge and Bags. Bags and Bidge. Inseparable.

Synonymous. Newcomers Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte might be the talk of the town, but Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell are the enduring core of the Houston Astros.

The bolstered pitching rotation could make their 14th season together their best chance to reach the franchise's first World Series.

It also could be the last ride for the Killer B's, who have played together longer than any active pair.

"We have an opportunity to do something special this year," said Biggio, entering the last guaranteed year of his contract. "Guys aren't focused on next year. We're

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) living in the present. Baseball is a game where the only thing anyone cares about is, What have you done for me

lately?" That's part of the problem for Biggio.

Although he's a former All-Star at two positions, he's hit below .270 in three of the last four seasons and is still learning his latest defensive spot, center field.

Biggio has kept his run production steady and has remained among baseball's best doubles hitters, but he's also 38. The Astros will have to think twice before picking up an option for 2005 that would pay him \$3 million in salary, plus up to \$1.5 million in bonuses.

"You can't be naive," Bagwell said. "But let's play this season out first."

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Juan Gonzalez helped the Texas Rangers win another game, even though he is now on a different team.

Gonzalez's dropped flyball in the first inning led to three unearned Texas runs, and the Rangers went on to beat the Kansas City Royals 10-5 Friday.

Gonzalez signed with Texas when he was just 16, and spent 10 of his 12 full seasons in the majors with the Rangers.

After two injury-plagued seasons in his return to Texas, he wasn't offered a new contract. So he signed a \$4.5 million, one-year deal with the Royals that includes a team option for 2005.

The three runs in the first came after two outs and without a hit. Donnie Bridges (0-1) walked two batters and hit another before Jason Tyner's fly to right was dropped by Gonzalez. Every runner scored on the play, and Texas was ahead to stay.

"It's been seven months since I played out there. The guy hit it off the end of the bat," said Gonzalez, whose last game for the Rangers was July 19 because of a right calf injury. "It's better now. It doesn't count now."

Joaquin Benoit (1-0), among eight pitchers in contention for three available spots in the Texas rotation, gave up a run on two hits with two strikeouts in two innings.

Gonzalez had a pair of RBI singles, one in the first and the other in the fifth to get the Royals within 6-3. He struck out swinging at a bad pitch his other at-bat.

Manny Alexander had a pair of hits for Texas, including a homer that made it 5-1 in the

Rangers right fielder Kevin Mench twice was hit by pitches, on his left forearm and later on the pinkie finger of the same hand, but said he was fine. He broke his left wrist and had surgery after getting hit by a pitch last July.

"It's not like I can do anything about it," Mench said. "Maybe I've got a magnet in my hand."

Rangers manager Buck Showalter said Mench is "iffy" for Saturday.

Mike Sweeney scratched from Kansas City's lineup after his wife went into labor with their first child. Sweeney, an All-Star the past four seasons, missed Thursday's opener because of stiffness in his back.

Area 16 Basketball Tournament PAMPA — Pampa Special Medals were presented to Pampa Warriors; Liberty Rangers beat Royals, 10-5 Olympics Booster Club host- the players at the end of the Bloxom, Shane Chaney, Cody

ed the Area 16 Tournament last weekend as Special Olympians from all over the area were on the basketball court in McNeely Fieldhouse and the MPAC gym.

McNeely Fieldhouse.

Opening ceremonies started with the parade of athletes, followed by other activities such as the Special Olympic oath and flag ceremony. The torch run preceded the opening of the games.

The Pampa Gold Rush, Pampa Warriors, Pampa Storm and Pampa Go-Getters were among 22 teams taking part in the tournament.

Other teams came from Amarillo, Panhandle, Borger, Friona, Hereford, Perryton and Bowie.

team competition.

From left to right, Bobby Garcia, coach David Swires and Cody Dyer

of the Pampa Warriors carry the torch during opening ceremonies in

Pampa hosts Special Olympics

A dinner and dance was held for the players and family members in the family room, located in the fieldhouse.

All the teams (34 athletes, 22 volunteer coaches) are entered in the Special Olympics regional tournament this weekend in Amarillo.

Local athletes and coaches who participated in the Pampa tournament were as follows:

Pampa Gold Rush: Cody Bowers, Cole Browning, Lisa Busby, Stevie Contrerez, Tina Hinson, Chaney Jones, Jennifer Roden and Taylor Vandergriff. Coaches - Kyle Parnell and Ace Acevedo.

Dyer, Hector Estrada, Johnny Gallegos, Bobby Garcia, Jeret Moore and Randy Swires. Coaches - David Swires and Ronnie Haynes.

Pampa Storm: Amy Hammer, Shawn King, Eric Knott, Jeremy Loner, Mark McMinn, JoAnn Morehart, Taisey Phillips, Kasey Smith, Kinsey Smith, and Amee Street. Coaches - Leslie Jones, John Hervey and Ron

Sinyard. Pampa Go-Getters: Chris Bradley, Katie Burris, Linda Pierce, Debbie Ellis, Janis Smith, Gary Carr, Dicky Hendricks and Mindy Hervey. Coaches - Cindy Cooper, Shannon Loter and Helen Robinson.

Woods trails by six at Desert Classic

Emirates (AP) — Tiger Woods and Ernie Els were having the same problem in the Dubai Desert Classic: making putts.

Els was five shots behind leader Paul McGinley of Ireland, and Woods was six back going into the third round Saturday.

Woods missed a 5-foot putt to save par Friday on his closing hole, tossing the ball into the air and flipping his putter only problem," Els said.

DUBAI, United Arab to the ground in disgust.

"If I can make a few more putts I should be all right," said Woods, who carded a 3under 69 in the second round and is being paid \$3 million to play in this tournament.

Els completed his second round Saturday for a 68. He finished with a birdie after reaching the 547-yard 18th with a driver and 8 iron.

"I'm just not holing putts at the moments, that's my

In a tournament delayed every morning by fog off the Persian Gulf, about half the field completed the second round Friday before darkness stopped play. The rest of the players finished Saturday, with the third round set to fol-

McGinley (65) Woods' Florida neighbor, Mark O'Meara (64), played together in the first two rounds and made 17 birdies in Friday's second round.

Duncanville earns return trip to Class 5A title game

AUSTIN (AP) -Morgan Williams scored 28 points on 13of-15 shooting and Duncanville dominated San Antonio Taft near the basket in a 63-50 win Friday night as the defending Class 5A champions earned a return trip to the title

Williams Mergerson Mariana towered over Taft as

game.

Duncanville (35-2) outrebounded the Lady Raiders 35-21, shot 58 percent from the floor and scored 36 in the

Mergerson, one of the most highly touted juniors in the state, had 13 points and 15 rebounds. Duncanville will Spring play Westfield (34-4)Saturday for the 5A

Duncanville has won state championships.

Natalie Gamez scored 21 to lead Taft (32-7), which was making its second appearance in the state tourna-The Lady Raiders lost in the 2002

With three starters at 6-feet or taller, the Pantherettes exploited early size matchups in

the first quarter to lead led 19-12 in the second 15-10. Williams had six points in the quarter and Mergerson had four as the pair towered over Taft in the post.

But the taller lineup also presented its problems against the scrappy Taft defenders who forced 10 turnovers by disrupting Duncanville guards with pressure.

Duncanville shot 50 percent in the half and quarter, but Taft used the turnovers to score 11 points and cut it 21-19. Mergerson hit a 3pointer and Tammy Bartosh hit a long jumper for a 26-21 Pantherettes lead at halftime.

Gamez scored 10 in the first half and hit a 3pointer 13 seconds into the third quarter that cut the lead to two. She

scored eight of Taft's 12 points in the period but Duncanville continued to rely on the duo Williams and of Mergerson to keep the pressure on.

Bartosh hit a 3pointer, Williams hit consecutive layups one on a sharp pass from Mergerson - and Mergerson stepped out for short jumper that got the lead to 46-31.

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Baseball signups begin Monday at Optimist Park

Optimist Baseball-Softball 2003 will be held Monday through Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Optimist Park, 601 E. Craven, according to Babe Ruth President Kevin Davis and Softball Commissioner Sheri Tice. The program is for boys and girls from 5 to 15 years of

Volunteers are needed to coach, umpire and serve as league officials.

"We want to get an idea before spring break about how many teams we are looking at this year," Davis said. "We will have tryouts March 22, 23 and 24 for new players and players who are moving up to a new league, but we

PAMPA — Sign-ups for need everybody to register don't even keep score. Every Orioles star Cal Ripken. The

"We will have three leagues again this year for girls' softball," said Tice. "We will have a pitching machine league for ages 7-9, the major league for ages 10-12 and the senior league for ages 13-15."

Playing fees are \$35 in pitching machine and \$45 for major league and senior

The Optimist baseball program features five leagues. Tball is for players who are five and six years old. "We call their field 'The Field of Dreams' because that is where their dream to be a baseball player starts," Davis added. "The kids really have fun. We

kid gets to bat in every inning and gets to play every inning in the field. Boys and girls play together."

The 7-8 year-old players progress to a pitching machine league.

"After hitting the ball off a tee, the kids learn to judge a ball coming at them," Davis said. "However, knowing it will always come at the same speed and almost always will be over the plate helps build their confidence."

Playing fees for players five through eight years old

The Optimist program for boys who are 9 through 12 is named after former Baltimore

9-10 Cal Ripken League features live pitching or "kid pitch" as the Optimist program becomes more challenging as the boys grow in age and size.

"The 11-12 Cal Ripken League is probably the most competitive league in the Optimist program," said Ronnie Haynes, who coached in the league for 15 years and who is serving in his second year as Commissioner of the league."Players this age play a surprisingly good quality brand of baseball."

The playing fee for the Cal Ripken leagues is \$45.

The flagship league for the Optimist program is the Babe

Ruth League for boys 13 to 15 years of age.

"For the first time in the Babe Ruth League, our players follow most of the rules used in high school or college," Davis pointed out. "We use paid umpires and try to provide players an opportunity to experience baseball at a high level."

Babe Ruth playing fee is

Practices are scheduled to start the week of March 29 with games to begin the second or third week in April.

"Under our local rules every player plays at least two innings and bats at least once in every game," Davis said.

"Every year it seems that

Goosen, Mickelson rise to top at Doral

Goosen, who has shot par or

better in his last 27 rounds on

the PGA Tour. "I prefer it

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post-season all-star competition is moved up a little," Davis commented. "This year the area tournaments will start on June 26. That means we have to be through by June 15 in order to give the all-star teams time to practice together as a team."

Last year 700 players participated in Optimist baseball and softball. The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way Agency.

Baseball and softball scoresheets are available at the Pampa News office for coaches or scorekeepers who want game results published in the paper.

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Pampa Harvester

Sports Schedule

TUESDAY • MARCH 9

Pampa Boys & Girls vs. Borger • 4:15 pm at Pampa

FRIDAY • MARCH 12

Pampa Boys & Girls vs. Randall • 5:00 pm at Randall

SOFTBALL

TUESDAY - MARCH 9

Pampa vs. Randall • 4:30 pm at Pampa



Chavedo had 13 saves n the first district clash with Randall. The Lady Harvesters host Borger at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday. They have a 2-5 district record.

tackle Fred Robbins.

Vikings in 2000.

Emmons was the defensive

MVP last season for New

York's NFC East rival

Philadelphia. Robbins, also an

unrestricted free agent, is a run

second-round draft pick of the

Friday than in the first two

days of free agency, primarily

because Washington finally

slowed down after spending

nearly \$50 million of Daniel

Snyder's money in bonuses

about the players they picked

up, although big spending has-

n't worked for Snyder in the

past and there are questions

about several of their acquisi-

tions: aging quarterback Mark

Brunell, underachieving defen-

sive tackle Cornelius Griffin

and injury-prone cornerback

mer Indianapolis linebacker

Marcus Washington, got a \$7

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Armstead, who was released

last week. Armstead agreed to

terms Friday with Carolina and

coach John Fox, the defensive

coordinator for the Giants

when the 33-year-old line-

backer was in his prime in the

where for more money and

there were quite a few offers,

but he has a strong relationship

with coach Fox and is comfort-

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The Redskins were ecstatic

But overall it was quieter

Super Bowl champions lose another starter to free agency

By The Associated Press

The Super Bowl champion New England Patriots lost two starters in the first three days of

Damien Woody, one of the we're going to hope for the stopper from Minnesota and ost sought-after offensive best possible situation." linemen, agreed to join the Detroit Lions on Friday, two days after nose tackle Ted Washington signed with Oakland.

"I want to keep winning, keep being successful," Woody said as he was introduced in

Woody, who won two Super Bowls in five seasons with the Patriots, signed a \$31 million, six-year contract with the Lions, according to a source within the NFL who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Woody's deal includes a \$9 million signing bonus, the source said.

Woody and former Buffalo cornerback Antoine Winfield, who signed with Minnesota after backing out of an agreement with the New York Jets, were the two major signings Friday.

Also, Terrell Owens said he wants to play for the Philadelphia Eagles, not the Baltimore Ravens.

One day after San Francisco traded the four-time Pro Bowl receiver to Baltimore, Owens said he's not happy with the deal and plans to file a griev-

"This is about me getting a fair shot at a team that I want to go to. Baltimore is definitely one of my choices, but Philly

AUSTIN (AP) — Casey Burnett scored 22 points to send Shallowater past Hooks 50-30 Friday and into the Class 2A state final for the second straight

Burnett was 11-of-21 shooting and grabbed eight rebounds for the Fillies (35-2), who lost in the final last season to Brock.

Bari Sims, daughter of Heisman Trophy-winning running back Billy Sims, scored 12 to lead Hooks (26-8), which scored its fewest points of the season on 21 percent shooting.

was my 'A' choice, my priority on my list," Owens said in an interview on ESPN late Friday night. "I talked to my agent earlier and we're going to file a the free-agent signing period. ... grievance for the situation and

> Woody's departure isn't likely to change New England's philosophy which, in the words of owner Robert Kraft, is "to upgrade the bottom of your portfolio" as well as the top. Woody, New England's starting left guard, missed both the AFC title game and the Super Bowl with a knee injury, and last week New England re-signed guard Russ Hochstein, who filled in adequately for him.

> Woody's acquisition was the second in 12 hours for the Lions, who Thursday night acquired Jacksonville cornerback Fernando Bryant.

But Detroit is in a different position than New England, trying to upgrade its roster after going 10-38 the past three sea-

Bryant's agent, Jimmy Sexton, confirmed reports that the free agent, formerly with Jacksonville, signed a \$24 million, six-year contract that includes a \$7.25 million signing bonus.

There also was one trade, with Tennessee sending wide receiver Justin McCareins to the New York Jets for a second-round draft pick.

On Friday night, the New York Giants took a major step toward solving their defensive woes, signing strongside linebacker Carlos Emmons and

Shallowater in 2A finals once again

Sims and her sister Bre, Hooks' top scorers all season, were just 3-of-24 from the floor.

Shallowater won the highestscoring game in 2A tournament history 91-76 over Buffalo in the semifinals last season.

The Fillies couldn't match that Friday but had no trouble taking control early behind Burnett, who routinely posted up for easy turn-and-shoot 5-foot-

Burnett had 16 points as Shallowater built a 28-11 lead after two quarters.

Pampa junior goal

13 saves

ceeper Chera Chavedo kicks the ball away in a recent District 3-4A match.

> Australian Craig Parry (65) and Todd Hamilton (68), who spent 11 years on the Asian Tour, also are 8 under.

seventh and eighth, respectively, in the world rankings. And they've played like it.

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League Standings

Lone Star League

(Week 18)

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larvester Cafe	45	27
Pampa Transmission	42 1/2	29 1/2
G.B.'s Contractors	41	31
Now & Then	39	33
J.M.C.	38	34
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High scratch game: Jody McClendon

50 To Heaven League

(Week 5)			
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	Grey Ghosts	13	. 7
	Future Forensics	11	9
	Polygrip Pals	- 11	9
	Old But Good	10	10
	Rolaid Rollers	9 1/2	10 1/2
	Geritol Go-Getters	. 9	- 11
	Going, Going Gone	8	12
	Proilosec Prowlers	7	13
	Metamucil Maulers	3 1/2	16 1/2

High scratch series: Ralph West 657 High handicap game: Ralph West 282; High handicap series: Ralph West 736.

High scratch series: Ann O'Brien 548; High handicap game: Judy Anderson 236; High handicap series: Ruth Swearingim

and tougher conditions and played even better, but he not being just mainly a putmissed at least four "good" ting contest out there," said birdie opportunities on the

MIAMI (AP) — Retief Goosen and Phil Mickelson were exactly where they should be at Doral: atop the leaderboard.

They entered the tournament as the two highestranked players in the field. And they were 1-2 after two windy rounds on the beefedup Blue Monster.

Goosen shot a 4-under 68 in the second round of the Ford Championship on Friday, moving him to 9under 135 and one shot ahead of Mickelson (69).

Goosen and Mickelson are

"I think the top players have the tougher golf course

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HARVESTER LANES

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High scratch game: Judy Anderson 203;

SATURDAY • MARCH 13 Pampa vs. Plainview • 1:00 pm at Plainview BASEBALL TUESDAY - MARCH 9 Pampa vs. Amarillo High • 4:30 pm at Amarillo THURSDAY • MARCH 11 Pampa at Snyder Tournament TENNIS FRIDAY • MARCH 12 Pampa at Dumas Invitational TRACK TUESDAY • MARCH 13 Pampa at Top Of Texas Tournament 9:00 am at Pampa GOLF SUNDAY • MARCH 14 Pampa Boys at San Angelo Invitational TRACK SPIKES **ALL WEATHER TIGHTS SOCCER CLEATS SHINGUARDS SOCCER BALLS**

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PIE. Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families for foreign exchange students. The students, age 15-18, have spending money and carry accident and health insurance. PIE reps match students with host families through an informal in-home meeting. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-631-1818.

PRS. Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services conducts a monthly informational meeting for individuals interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at its office (6200 I-40 West) in Amarillo. Contact Darla Ingram at (806) 354-6230 for more details.

School-to-Career Program. Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs, contact the local Texas Workforce Commission or call (512) 470-

SHARE. SHARE! High School Exchange Program, sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust, is seeking host families for foreign exchange students for a semester or for a year. The hosts must provide housing and meals. The students are covered by medical insurance and have their own spending money for personal expenses. For more information, call Yvette Coffman at the Southwest Regional Office, 1-800-941-3738.

Stuttering Foundation. Stuttering Foundation of America is offering a free copy of its brochure "The Child Who Stutters at School: Notes to the Teacher." For more information, contact the non-profit foundation by mail: Stuttering Foundation of America. P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111; or phone 1-800-992-9392. The brochure is also available at www.stutteringhelp.org. on the World Wide Web.

TCA Web site. A list of "10 Hot Summer Cultural Events" can be accessed via the Texas Commission on the Arts website at www.artonart.com — the most comprehensive arts calendar on the Internet in Texas. Visitors to the site can search the database by city, region, date, topic or organization name as well as access a travel planner section that allows visitors to hyperlink to vendors to rent a car, make airline reservations or book hotel rooms.

TG Web Site. Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. (TG) has revamped its "Adventures in Education" website located at http://www.adventuresineducation.org or http://www.aie.org on the Internet. Although the site is targeted to middle school, high school and college students as well as high school counselors, each section can assist parents in helping their children prepare for college. TG is a public nonprofit corporation that helps create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Its mission is to provide information to help families and students realize their educational and career dreams.

Tuition Assistance. U.S. Commission for Scholasti College Bound is an organization with a listing of over 700 different private scholarship sources for college students. Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; other can be applied towards tuition, living expenses and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools. For more information, send a SASE (business size, #10) to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL

World Heritage. World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is currently seeking a local community repre-

CLUB NEWS

siding.

ments made:

Toni Martinez.

show April 2-4.

patients.

is Nov. 5-7.

Quilt Guild met Feb. 26 at Sands Fabrics in Pampa with

President Gayle Wilson pre-

was conducted and announce-

members Wanda Mitchell and

include the Amarillo show March 19-20 and the Ogallala

The following business

-Wilson introduced new

-Upcoming quilt shows

-Wilson expressed her

donation to cancer

—Members voted to host a quilt show. The tentative date

-Donna Reynolds dis-

cussed the mystery quilt. Two

quilt squares should be fin-

ished at the March 25 meet-

chair, displayed the finished

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ing with the project - Doris

Jean Foster, Jenny Fry,

Darlene Vespestad, Carol

Donelson and Elaine Johnson,

all of Sands Fabrics, delivered

McCarley and Frances O'Neal

were recognized for recently

6:30 p.m., March 25, at

Pampa Senior Citizens.

celebrating birthdays.

-Janie Morris, Brenda

-Deloris Bailey, Jean

The next meeting will be at

Wilson and Ruth Barrett.

the program.

-Pat Stubbs, raffle quilt

appreciation to members for

their hard work in making 80

heart pillows and 46 turbans

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

20th Century Club

Twentieth Century Club met recently in the home of Secretary Myrna Orr with Phyllis White as co-hostess. White also presided over the meeting.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

-Orr took roll and read minutes from the previous meeting which were approved as read.

—Treasurer Dot Stowers delivered the treasurer's ing. report.

—Committee reports were heard from community activities, education and home life, arts and literature, world affairs, and science and technology.

-Fay Harvey delivered the program "American Popular Music," concentrating on music from the first half of the 20th century.

The next meeting will be March 9 in the home of Vonna Wolf. Stowers will be in charge of the program.

Panhandie Piecemakers

Panhandle Piecemakers Visitors are welcome.

sentative to provide high school exchange students with program support. For more information, call Ande Bloom at 1-800-888-9040 or visit www.world-heritage.org on the World Wide Web.

MUSEUMS, MILITARY

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

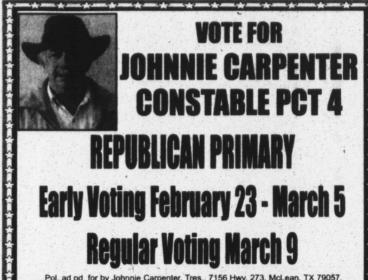
Freedom Museum USA. Freedom Museum, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

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

The Old Guard. Current and former members of the U.S. Army's oldest Infantry Regiment, the 3d U.S. Infantry or "The Old Guard Association" (also known as TOGA) are being sought for

membership in the association. For more information, write to: Membership Committee, The Old Guard Association, 1000 Winchell Rd., Drawer 22, Aurora, OH 44202; or visit www.oldguard.org on the Internet.

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



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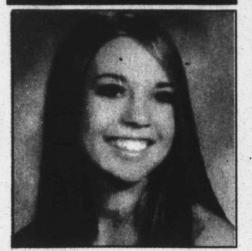
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Abbi Elizabeth Covalt

Miss Abbi Elizabeth Covalt, daughter of Monte and Laura Covalt of Pampa, was recently selected as a finalist for Texas' 24th Annual Homecoming Queen Selection April 3-4 at the Hyatt Regency Dallas Fort Worth Airport at DFW Airport.

Covalt is Pampa High School Homecoming Queen.

Texas' 2004 Homecoming Queen will receive a cash scholarship plus an expense paid trip to National Finals competition.

America's Homecoming Queen, Inc., is a non-profit organization promoting education, educational travel and community service in schools in all 50 states.



Taryn Day Fallon

Taryn Day Fallon, formerly of Pampa, was recently named to the Dean's List at the University of Oklahoma for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university.

Fallon, daughter of Melinda and Todd Ritthaler of Woodward, Okla., is majoring in pre-medicine at the uni-



Klarisse Espiritu-Santo

Klarisse Espiritu-Santo of Pampa will join 200 middle school students from throughout the United States at the Junior National Young Leaders Conference March 13-18 at Washington, D.C.

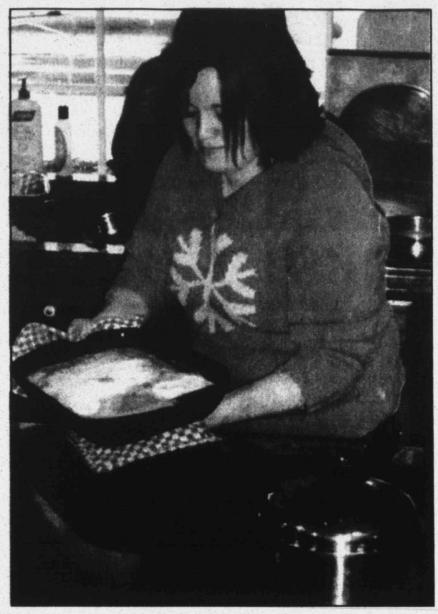
Themed "The Legacy of American Leadership," the conference will introduce participants to the rich tradition of leadership throughout American history, while helping them develop leadership skills. Klarisse will participate in educational activities and presentations led by individuals in highlevel positions as well as young people who exercise leadership skills within their communities.

Students will also visit historic national landmarks such as Colonial Williamsburg.

"By participating in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference, students like Klarisse Espiritu-Santo will learn early that young people are not only welcome in Washington, D.C., but they actually keep this city and our country running," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that spon-

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Latin Club Feast



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe)



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe) Dustin Elliott grinds poppy seeds for a nutmeg

Shelly Smith, Latin Club president at Pampa High School, prepares an asparagus dish for a class project.

Students prepare authenitic Roman meal as part of class project

BY BEN BRISCOE STAFF WRITER

Tasting a new food for the first time is a trying experience. First comes the apprehension. As children, no one ever wanted to try broccoli because of preconceived thoughts of its bad taste. Next comes the act itself, in which one must confront the fears head on. It is in this moment that the gag reflexes kick in or the new taste is enjoyed. Members of Pampa High School's Latin

Advanced Placement class had the opportunity to try authentic Roman cuisine at a banquet held late last month.

"The kids prepared from scratch a four course meal using authentic Roman recipes that I had either translated myself or gotten out of Roman cookbooks," Latin teacher Susan Burden said.

The group of six students feasted on a first course of squid, three different types of Roman bread and different egg hors d'oeuvres.

"I would recommend the squid to anyone, but be sure not to overcook it, I learned the hard way it is bad when it gets too chewy," Latin Club **President Shelly Smith** said. "We also started off with this asparagus casserole with eggs cracked over it. It tasted great, but all of us had a hard time getting over the look of the puréed green asparagus."

For the second course, traditionally a seafood course, the students tried snails for the first time.

HOW TO PREPARE SQUID STUFFED WITH BEAR

Clean squid then cut up tentacles and fry quickly in olive oil.

Grind up 1/2 cup of bear meat; mix in squid tentacles plus a 1/2 teaspoon cumin, a pinch of salt, 1/4 cup onion and 1 teaspoon of celery seed.

Stuff squid. Close squid with a toothpick. Simmer in wine sauce consisting of 1 cup white cooking wine/sweet white wine, 1/2 cup of fish stock, salt and pepper.

Do not overcook. Cook just until bear is done.

"It took me awhile to get up the courage cake with apples. to try them. As I finally took a bite, it took everything I had to get the picture of the slimy creature in my backyard out of my head. But I am glad I tried them. They were a delsaid. icacy in Ancient Rome

The third, main course of the meal involved the most liked course of the

"Along with some

Smith said.

and I can see why,"

stuffing and beans with a mustard sauce we had bear meat shipped from in Arkansas, teacher's home state. It made great steaks and also sausage. We used left over squid from the first course and stuffed the bear meat into it to make the casing," Club Vice President Mac Smith said. "None of us really liked the bear sausage stuffed in squid casing which is funny because we all liked the squid and the bear separately. The two tastes just did not

with the bear." The fourth course

mix well. We also had

a whole cooked pig

was a light nutmeg

"It was nice to have something so light after a heavy course right before. By that point, I was stuffed and could barely eat another bite," Mac

The banquet was held to familiarize students somewhat with ancient culture.

"I think it was effective at introducing the student to new foods and new ways of preparing foods such as the spices that Romans would have used that are different from ours today," Burden said.

The students agree

with Burden. "I think it gave me a whole new insight into the culture. You don't know a group of ancient people until you have tried their foods," Smith said. "The only food I had tried before was the roast pig. I thought I was going to hate the rest, but I really liked it. I am not looking forward to eating bear sausage stuffed in squid casing again any time soon, but there were none of the foods that I really disliked."



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe)

Brianna Bailey, historian, and Mac Smith, vice president, both PHS Latin Club officers, cut up bear meat to prepare for a class meal.



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe) Mac Smith stuffs bear meat in a squid casing.

LIFESTYLES

ENGAGEMENTS

Fatheree-Shepard

Jennifer Lynn Fatheree and Taylor Hill Shepard plan to wed June 12 at First Presbyterian Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Fatheree of Pampa. She holds a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing from Texas A&M University in College Station where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. She is currently sales and catering coordinator Fairmont Hotel in Dallas.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shepard of Austin. He holds a bachelor of science degree in

Lang-Green

Church in Pampa.

Mortgage of Norman.

Courtney Lang and Robert Green, both of Norman, Okla., plan to wed Saturday, May 22, at St. Matthews Episcopal

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mark and Karen Lang of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2000 and is currently attending the University of Oklahoma where she is scheduled to graduate in May with a letters degree. She is employed with Citiwide

The prospective groom is

the son of Ronald and Terry Green of Norman. He graduat-

ed from Norman High School

in 1998 and is currently

enrolled in the University of

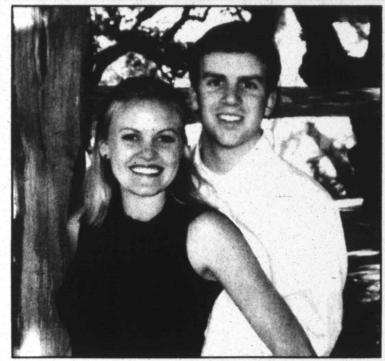
Oklahoma where he is pursing

a degree in business marketing.

He is employed by Ideal

Homes Marketing Department

in Norman.



Jennifer Lynn Fatheree and Taylor Hill Shepard

biomedical science from Texas A&M University at College Station where he was a member of Aggie Men's Club. He is currently a student at the University Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

Courtney Lang and Robert Green

WEDDINGS

Milam-Arnn

Le Milam and Milam of McLean David Arnn, both of Pampa, were wed Feb. 14 in Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa with Rick Pearson, of church, officiating.

The matron of honor was Tangela Johnson, and the best man was Christopher Johnson, both of Pampa. A reception was

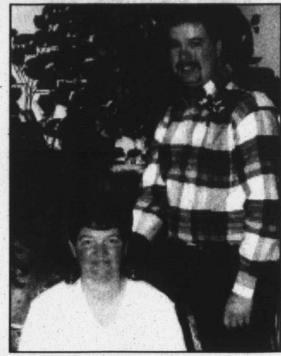
held following the service in Caprock Clubhouse in Pampa. The bride is the

daughter of Margaret

and Charles Milam of Oklahoma City, Okla. She graduated from McLean High School and is currently employed at United Supermarket Pampa.

The groom is the son of Jerry and Janice Bellah of Pampa. He graduated from Memphis High School in Memphis, Texas, and is currently employed at United Supermarket Pampa.

> The newlyweds



Le Milam and David Arnn honeymooned at The and intend to make Big Texan in Amarillo their home in Pampa.

Anniversaries



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Greene

Greene anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Greene of Pampa observed their 45th wedding anniversary on March 6. The couple celebrated the occasion by watching their grandson, Cody, show his pig at the Gray County Livestock Show and by keeping Keeley and Corben Reid for the weekend.

Jim Greene and Kathleen Dodds were married March 6, 1959, at Pampa in the bride's Pampa and Amie and Ben Reid of Amarillo. aunt's home on Williston Street. They have They have eight grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Greene

been Pampa residents and belonged to Central Baptist Church for 45 years now.

Mr. Greene, a longtime farmer and rancher, was a Gray County commissioner for 16 years.

Mrs. Greene, a homemaker, helps her husband with their farming and ranching opera-

Children of the couple are Thad and Tammy Greene of Trinidad, Colo., Jamie Greene of

Summer Food Service Program: Free summer meals for low-income youth

Services (TDHS) announces the availability of the Summer Food Service Program to eligible organizations this sum-

available to operate the program. These funds are appropriated through TDHS and the United States Department of provides meals to children more information about the from needy areas when schools are closed for vacation.

Organizations eligible to public or nonprofit private

AUSTIN — The Texas schools, private nonprofit vide meals. Department of Human organizations, residential summer camps, and local, municipal or county governments. Community organizations are encouraged to form partnerships to develop sumcombine educational and recreational activities with the provision of meals.

Interested organizations Agriculture. The program should contact TDHS for program training schedule. Applications should be received by April 15.

Organizations may subconsponsor the program include tract with food service management companies to pro-

Michelle Bailey ~ Danny Kirkpatrick

Bridal Selection

All eligible communities are encouraged to participate, however, we have identified target cities below for expansion. The cities listed were selected because (1) eligible State and federal funds are mer feeding programs that low-income pockets in the area are currently not being served or are drastically underserved (2) members of the community expressed an interest in the feeding program and (3) the cities may represent populations in rural, migrant farm worker, and Indian tribal territories.

> For more information about the SFSP you can visit following website: the

http://www.summerfood.com

You may obtain census data information by contacting your local school district

Association for Community Action Agencies at (512) 462-2555. Summer meal programs

office or the Texas serve as a building block for healthy, happy kids who are ready to learn when they return to the classroom.

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NEWSMAKERS

goals of JrNYLC is to encourage students to build their own leadership skills through active involvement within their com-

In addition to examining notable U.S. leaders and historic figures, Klarisse will study the impact of leadership throughout critical periods of

munities."

Bridal Registry ...

Kelley Ford • Gavin Porter

sors the event. "One of the American history including the Civil War and Reconstruction, World War II, the Great Depression and the Civil Rights Movement.

> Brad Green, a 1983 graduate of Pampa High School, is currently Chief of the Boat Blue. He is a senior chief machinist's submarine mate aboard the USS Pennsylvania (SSBN 735)(Blue).

Green reported aboard the USS Pennsylvania as chief of the boat after attending the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy in Newport, R.I., in 2002.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy soon after graduation from high school. Previous sea duty assignments include tours aboard the Trident I Missile Submarines (SSBN 726)(Blue) - 1997-99; the USS Alaska (SSBN 732)(Gold) - 1985-89; the USS Ohio (SSBN 726)(Blue) - 1997-99; and the fast attack submarines USS Grayling (SSBN 646) from 1995-97 and USS Archerfish (SSN 678) from 1993-95.

Previous shore duty assignments include tours at Trident Training Facility, Bangor, Wash., from 1999-02; Naval Submarine School, Groton, Conn., from 1990-93; and Pugent Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash., from 1989-

A Master Training Specialist qualified to wear the Enlisted Submarine Warfare insignia, Green has completed nine strategic deterrent patrols and three Mediterranean deployments plus numerous other operations in the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

He has received the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards). the Navy Achievement Medal (four awards); and other personal and unit awards.

He holds a master of arts degree in organizational leadership from Chapman University and a bachelor of science degree in workforce education, summa cum laude, from Southern Illinois University.

Sr. Chief Green and wife Kathleen have two children -Kristen, 13, and Daniel, 8, and live in Silverdale, Wash. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Green of Wildorado.



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Children's home offers parents safe haven for children in crisis

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LUBBOCK — Panhandle Children's Home Community area parents seeking a safe , Services Program, headquartered in Lubbock.

> The Community Services Program currently has a ros-

Travel guide showcases state's African-American heritage

black history by experiencing the contributions of African Americans in Texas. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is offering a free brochure commemorating the cultural legacies of African American Texans. This colorful booklet guides travelers to statewide heritage attractions and is an educational African resource on American history

Part of the THC's heritage tourism initiative, the brochure includes a timeline, photos, narratives and special events honoring the struggles and triumphs of African Americans in Texas.

In 1803, Spain declared free any slave who escaped to Texas. After this proclamation, African Americans looded into Texas, shaping the history and culture of the state. Buffalo Soldiers pronected frontier forts, black churches motivated social

AUSTIN - Celebrate change and everyday people struggled for voting rights, improved education and equal treatment.

> The guide informs visitors about people, places and events dating from 1528, when the first identified African American explored the region north of the Rio Grande, to the 1973 election of Barbara Jordan to the U.S. House of Representatives. It guides the traveler to historic neighborhoods, black folk art museums and festivals celebrating black culture and her-

> To obtain this free guide, download a copy www.thc.state.tx.us/travel or call 512/463-5853.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

ter of families in Lubbock ways - parents place all chiland the surrounding area that can offer parents in crisis safe, temporary placement for their-children until the crisis is resolved. The MCH families are able to care for children from birth through 12 years of age with the typical length of placement being three to eight months.

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dren voluntarily and do so without accruing any financial responsibility. Complete medical and dental care is provided for the children and regular visits with the parents are encouraged.

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well as the foster family. Children in CPS custody are not eligible for the program.

The foster care program is an option for families experiencing crises due to loss of housing or income, hospitalization, military service, enrollment in a rehabilitation program and for other rea-

Community Services

addition to foster care including "Family Preservation" "Partnership Parenting." These services are designed to prevent the need for placement and to help at-risk families stay together.

For more information, contact Methodist Children's Home Lubbock Outreach Office at (806) 792-0099 or toll-free at 1-877-289-0517.

WEDDINGS

Topper-Downs

Keely Suzanne Topper and Jeremiah Lynn Downs, both of Pampa, were wed Feb. 7 in Bible Church of Pampa with Pastor Robert Banks, of the church, officiating.

The matron of honor was Jennifer Read, sister of the bride of Pampa. Matrons of the bride were Tara Smith of Dumas and Mindee Ferland of Pampa. The bridesmaid was Bailey Read, niece of the bride of Pampa. The flower girl was Ariel Cambern of Pampa.

The best man was Jerrod Cambern of Pampa. The groomsmen were Ryan Handley, brother of the groom of Amarillo, and Jesse Downs, son of the groom, and James Lee, both of Pampa. The ring bearer was Evan Read, nephew of the bride of Pampa.

Pampa Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Cinnamon tas-

steak fingers, potato rounds,

spinach, pineapple.



MENUS

Keely Suzanne Topper

The ushers were Scott Read, brother-in-law of the bride of Pampa, and Dale Boehning of Canyon.

Registering the guests was April Taylor, sister of the

groom of Pampa. Music was provided by vocalists Cullen and Laura Allen of Pampa. A reading was given by Rusty Tapp of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service at Pampa Country Club with Margo Cambern, Marci Imel and

Mandy Waldrip, all of Pampa, and Brandy Adamson of Amarillo serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Kathryn McIntire Topper of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and holds a bachelor's of science degree in interdisciplinary studies from West Texas A&M University (2001). She is currently employed as a third grade teacher at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Pampa.

The groom is the son of Keith and Beverly Taylor and Johnny and Brenda Downs, all of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1993 and from Amarillo College in 1996, earning an associate in applied science degree in instrumentation technology. He is currently employed by Conoco Phillips in Borger.

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

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Lunch: Crispitos or pizza, corn, salad, applesauce, chocolate pudding. **THURSDAY**

Breakfast: Danish rolls. Lunch: Barbecue on a bun or

chef salad, potatoes, salad, peaches.

Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Soft beef tacos or hamburgers, pinto beans, Spanish rice, apples. **Lefors Schools**

MONDAY

Breakfast: Muffins, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Baked potatoes, burritos, chili, broccoli, peaches, salad bar, milk.

TUESDAY Breakfast: Breakfast pock-

ets, cold cereal, toast, juice,

Lunch: Barbecue wieners, macaroni/cheese, French fries, salad bar, fruit cocktail, milk.

WEDNESDAY Cook's choice. **THURSDAY**

Cook's choice. FRIDAY

Breakfast: Pop tarts. Lunch: Sack lunch. Senior Citizens

Chicken fried steak or chicken Louisiana, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans,

MONDAY

beets, beans, German chocolate cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Baked cod fish/rice or toes, green beans, jello. moch filet mignon, onion potatoes, broccoli casserole, tomatoes/macaroni, beans, orange streusel 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, cream corn, beans, angel food cake or blackberry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or beef enchiladas, tater tots, Spanish rice, cheese hominy, beans, pineapple cake or coconut cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, jalapeno cornbread or corn-

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or Frito pie, potato wedges, fried okra, beans, brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels **MONDAY**

Sloppy Joes, tater tots, pork beans, cherries.

TUESDAY Chicken pot pie, pickled beets,

com, pudding.

WEDNESDAY

Eggs/bacon casserole, hashbrowns, biscuits, gravy, peach-

THURSDAY

Corndogs, macaroni/cheese, peas/carrots, applesauce.

FRIDAY

Swiss steak, mashed pota-

LIFESTYLES **POLICY**

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a selfaddressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after

appearing in the paper.

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

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before the wedding. 5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniver-

sary date.
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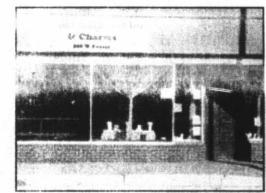
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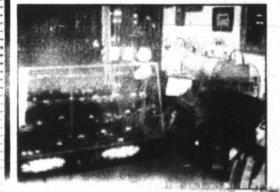




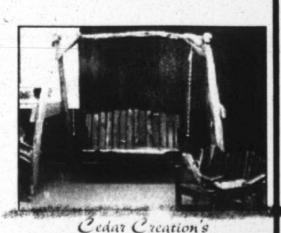
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written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Grandmother Playing Favorites Undermines Girl's Self-esteem

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Todd," and I have been happily married for four years and together for six. We have a daughter (mine from a former marriage) and a beautiful little boy together. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that Todd loves both children equally. Despite some tough financial times over the past two years, we are a happy family.

Our problem? Todd's mother. She's a negative, bitter woman who insists she "can't possibly" show our daughter the same love she shows our son. She sends affectionate notes to our son, none to our daughter. She shops at discount stores for our daughter and only the best shops for our son. She sent our son a beautiful handmade toy and our daughter a pencil -- yes, a pencil!

Please understand this isn't about gifts or the amount she spends. It's about the obvious disparity. Even worse, she's always saying that Todd couldn't possibly love our daughter the way he does our son. Need I tell you the damage this has already done to our daughter?

We are at our wit's end. Todd is ready to just walk away from his moth- try. While there, they talked him into er. I know we can't change the way she feels, but are we wrong to insist that she not show it so openly to our daughter? Help. Please. -- READY TO WALK **AWAY**

DEAR READY: You are not wrong. What you have described is emotional abuse on the part of your mother-in-law. Her blatant favoritism is heartless, deliberate and harmful to your children's relationship with each other -- not to mention damaging your daughter's selfesteem. If she fails to comply, you are also justified in limiting or restricting her contact with them.

DEAR ABBY: My mother passed away two years ago and I still have many of her things. I'm afraid that she'll think I don't love her or respect her belongings if I don't keep everything.

My question is, do you think she'll understand that I don't have a lot of space in my house? Do you have any ideas about where I could put her things? Thank you for taking the time to answer my questions. -- WITHOUT MOM IN WASHINGTON

DEAR WITHOUT: Your mother left her things to you because she wanted you to enjoy them. Of course she would understand if you cannot use them all. She didn't intend for them to be a burden but a blessing.

Since there are more things than you need or want, please consider sharing the rest with other relatives who can appreciate their sentimental value. If that's not possible, donate them to a charity -- possibly one that raises money to fight the disease that took her. I can't think of a more worthwhile use for them than that.

DEAR ABBY: My long-divorced father was befriended by a well-to-do family from another country that has lived in the United States for a few years. They invited him to accompany them on a four-week visit to their counmarrying (on paper only) one of their sisters so that her child could get a U.S.

The child has now arrived in the U.S. My father thinks he did a wonderful thing. I think he was used. What do you think? -- CONCERNED IN MIN-**NESOTA**

DEAR CONCERNED: I think your father committed immigration fraud. Please consult an immigration attorney on his behalf immediately. What I think is less important than what the INS will think if they get wind of his "good deed."

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also nown as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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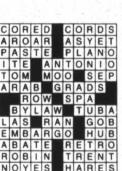
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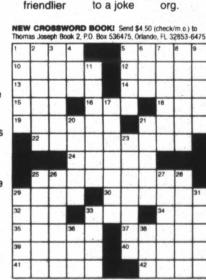
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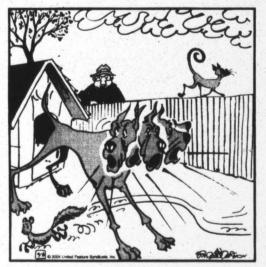


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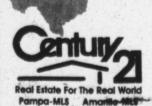
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JOUGA. - TGIHD MLNNLIVGH Yesterday's Cryptoquote: JOGGING IS FOR PEOPLE WHO AREN'T INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO WATCH TELEVISION. — VICTORIA WOOD

care about. You bloom with this attention.

*** A partner or reluctant loved one

decides to share more than in the past.

Realize what needs to be said, and

respond. If you want, chat all afternoon

long, as you recognize that this is a spe-

cial opportunity. Tonight: Happy at home.

This Week: If you need to take some time

off, call in Indulge your body and mind

for a change. Let others know how you

**** How you say what you feel

could make a big difference to the receiv-

er of your words. Take action to back up

your statements. You might feel as if a

problem is suddenly less weighty. Join

friends or head out the door with a loved

This Week: Return calls and catch up on

detail work. If possible, consider working

from home Wednesday and Thursday.

**** Your magnetism could sur-

prise you with what happens in the day-

time. Travel and a friendship could play key roles. Don't hesitate to pick up the

phone. Express your caring, perhaps by

not reacting so much. Tonight: Organize

This Week: Finances play a strategic role

in your decisions. Act on what you think

is a high priority Wednesday and

★★★ Take your time getting going this

Sunday, though others might push you

charge. You energize late in the after-

noon, as you assume control. Tonight:

Allow your magnetism to come into play.

This Week: You hit your power days

Monday and Tuesday, when charisma

speaks. Still, you cannot and should not

★★★★ Aim for what you want. You will

discover the key or solution to a problem.

Discussions open up, making new possi-

bilities available. Know what you want,

and zoom in to make it possible. Look

toward slowing down later. Tonight: Do

This Week: Do research Monday and

Tuesday. You come out knowledgeable

and in control Wednesday. Others bend

ects. Be wary and remain cautious.

Tonight: Still carrying on like a

*** Domestic matters take pri-

ority at this point. Not everyone sees

life like you do. Be open to others,

but don't lose yourself in another's

ways or ideas. You have the ability

to walk in someone else's shoes, and

gain understanding. Tonight: Make

*** Mal calls. Use your

dynamic personality and touch base

with those who might be key to your

success. Others respond in a delight-

ed manner, but don't think for one

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

avoid a financial issue midweek.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

easily as a result.

young pup.

new friends

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

favorite hangout.

before spending.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Your personality helps

others open up. Someone close, per-

haps a child, could be pulling the

wool over your eyes, but at the same

time, you don't want the reality any-

way. Be realistic, and you'll find that

relationships will ultimately work

out better. Tonight: What you want.

*** Knowing when not to act

might be as key to your success as

being assertive is. Right now, others

are unusually talkative. Finally, you

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

one. Tonight: A long-overdue chat.

You flourish with solitude.

your bills and budget.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Thursday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

feel after Tuesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March

Those in your immediate environment could play a strong role in your life, more than in the past. Sometimes you will feel as if you are at the mercy of others. Understand that you can change this through claiming your power and assuming more personal responsibility. Your creativity opens up as well, and you easily discover that a child or loved one serves as a muse. The second part of your birthday year, a partnership adds to your well-being. If you are single, a serious relationship could open up. You might have already met this person. If you are attached, you will seek to establish more security together. LIBRA understands your deeper needs.

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)

*** Expect a clearing soon in your work and daily life. A project might get a new life. Before energizing and running out the door, decide to schedule any needed checkups (even for your car). Tonight: Just don't be alone, even if it's just a phone call.

This Week: You expect and want more from others. Let your expectations be known, which will open the door. Try not to judge

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Your vigorous display and selfexpression find yet another path. A child or friend might key in to your energy, making a surprise suggestion. will lighten up soon. If you're considering a new car or computer, check it out in the next few months. Tonight: Think "Monday.

This Week: Get in the trenches Monday and Tuesday, and clear out as much work as possible. Wednesday brings an onslaught of interpersonal activity. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Touch base with a parent or family member. A talk regarding funds or perhaps a financial goal allows you to open up to new possibilities. Your insights allow your creativity and/or a relationship to open up. Tonight: Say no

This Week: Let your libido go to work, and success will follow. Schedule as much time as possible with those you

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 8 2004

Your ability to relate comes out

when dealing with the many people who seek you out this year. As bold as you can be, so bold and challenging will some of your associates become. Work on relating on a more equal level. Work and health star as concerns in the first half of the year. Learn the power of groups and meetings. You cannot always be the bold pioneer you'd like to be. During the second part of the year, relationships come to the forefront even more. Money comes in from another source. If you are single, you will meet many people this year. Picking

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the right person could develop into

an art form. The good news is, you

have a selection. If you are attached,

your relationship will flow. You

have a tendency to surprise close

associates. LIBRA anchors you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Groups and personal interactions with the same mutual goal remain pivotal. Brainstorm for ideas, opening up to many new ways of thinking. Your instincts home in on a money venture. Give either a yea or nay. Others seek you out. Tonight: Just for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You'll accomplish a lot more than you thought possible if you go into work with a strong sense of direction. Bosses or associates might be vague, but work with them. A surprise that heads your way will delight you. A friendship blossoms, to your delight. Tonight: Emphasize what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Pour your energy where it counts. You might be forced to

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> *** Others seek you out for advice. At this point, you might be frustrated, but you are able to finally get through to a key person in your life. Celebration seems like the natural extension of your plans. Tonight: Forget tomorrow; live it

This Week: Meetings create unity and a sense of direction, not only for you but for others. Be willing to join in. Mull over ideas from Wednesday on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You could be relieved by the lightening of a partner's or associate's mood. A discussion revealing more becomes possible with a loved one. Don't react, if possible. Come from a solid space. Schedule time for a parent or older friend. Tonight: A must show.

This Week: You feel better than you have in a while. Take charge at work, leaving special time to socialize and network the second half of the week

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

** You might have been too dragged down to socialize, but suddenly you find yourself more than willing to open up and hang out. Schedule any doctor appointments you might need. Understanding opens new doors. Tonight: Find a mentally relaxing pastime.

This Week: Detach and observe on Monday and Tuesday. Check out information. Find experts. The ball drops on you Wednesday. Prepare to run with it. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Relationships can open up without as much effort as in the past. Find others and socialize more. Someone close beyond belief. Lightness surrounds an might need some quality time. Make it appearance or dealing with those in your pleasure, though look to later in the Tonight: A long-overdue visit or conversation.

> This Week: You know what you want; your job will be convincing others. Be empathetic; learn to walk in another's

BORN TODAY

Tennis player Ivan Lendl (1960), Lord Snowdon, Anthony Armstrong-Jones (1930), celebrity Tammy Faye Bakker (1942)

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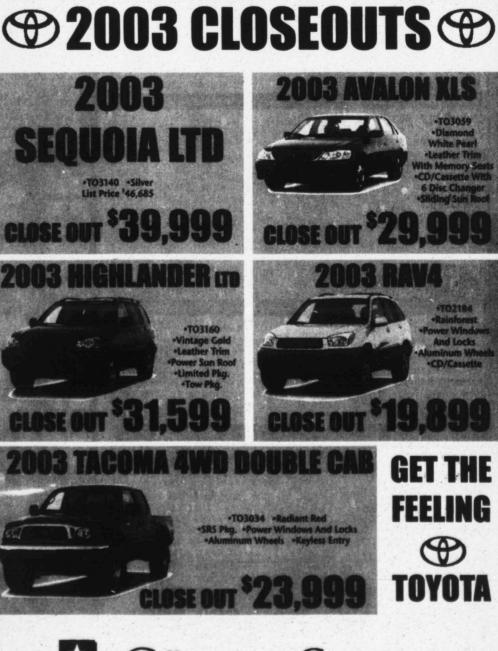
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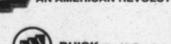
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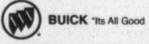
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Greg Warnier was eighth grade spelling bee champion at Pampa Middle School. The champion from each grade will be eligible to spell in the Gray County Spelling Bee on March 5. The winner of the county bee will be eligible to compete in the regional competition on March 27 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.



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Jesse Finney was eighth grade alternate spelling bee champion at Pampa Middle School recently.



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Blake Seick was seventh grade spelling bee champion at Pampa Middle School. The champion from each grade will be eligible to spell in the Gray County Spelling Bee on March 5. The winner of the county bee will be eligible to compete in the regional competition on March 27



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Kara Lane was seventh grade alternate spelling bee champion at Pampa Middle School recently.



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Taylor Fatheree was sixth grade spelling bee champion at Pampa Middle School. The champion from each grade will be eligible to spell in the Gray County Spelling Bee on March 5. The winner of the county bee will be eligible to compete in the regional competition on March 27 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.



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Megan Wilson was sixth grade alternate spelling bee champion at Pampa Middle School recently.

Texas Department of Agriculture inviting entries for 2004 quilt block competition

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture has announced the 2004 quilt block competition, open to participants across the state. For the first time, TDA will feature two separate themes for the competition with a goal of spotlighting children's nutrition and rural Texas, the focus of two new TDA programs.

Each contest participant will use Texas natural fibers - cotton. mohair and leather - to create a quilt block design that will be submitted to TDA. A panel of judges will select the winning entries, which will be combined into two separate quilts. The two quilts will be unveiled at the 2004 State Fair of Texas and will become part of TDA's quilt collection and traveling natural fiber exhibi-

Texas is the leading producer of wool and mohair in the country and has earned aglobal reputation for superior quality and durability among international textile buyers. Texas also leads the nation in cotton production and is a major producer of hides for leather and suede.

The two quilt block themes will be "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids," which will focus on the importance of proper childhood nutrition, and "Texas Yes!," which will be designed to showcase rural Texas and rural Texas communities.

"We are looking forward to seeing the creative ideas that quilters across the state will bring to the competition," said Mary York, TDA's director for Fiber Marketing. "The themes reflect two important facets of ensuring the continued growth and prosperity of Texas - helping our children make nutritious food choices and supporting the success of rural Texas. The versatility, beauty and durability of Texas natural fibers will provide a great springboard for these concepts to come alive in the hands of expert quilters."

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs launched TDA's "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids" initiative in 2002 to promote Texas fruits and vegetables as part of a healthy diet and help address the alarming rates of childhood obesity in Texas and nationwide.

In 2003, TDA's role in children's nutrition was expanded with

the addition of a new Food and Nutrition Division, transferring the administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition Programs from the Texas Education Agency to TDA. Square Meals is the name of TDA's new program promoting nutrition in partnership with parents, teachers, school administrators and school foodservice professionals.

Quilt blocks for the "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids" quilt can feature themes such as fresh Texas-grown fruits and vegetables, other healthy Texas-produced food choices from the other food groups, healthy school meals or other nutrition-related concepts. A list of Texas-grown fruits and vegetables is available on TDA's Pick Texas Web site at www.picktexas.com.

Combs officially launched TDA's Texas Yes! program in October 2003. The new initiative is designed to spotlight and promote rural Texas, with an added focus on rural tourism. Rural Texas covers approximately 80 percent of the state's total land area and 77 percent of Texas counties are classified as rural.

Quilt blocks for the "Texas Yes!" quilt can showcase a particular rural Texas community or feature themes such as rural tourism opportunities (examples might include birdwatching, trail rides or wildlife viewing), rural agricultural heritage, rural Texas cultural and food events or other unique features and aspects of rural Texas. Details on the Texas Yes! program can be found at www.TexasYes.org.

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To help defray the cost of mailing, the final quilting of the winning blocks and the traveling display of the quilt statewide, a \$12 donation for each packet is requested. Each packet contains the natural fiber fabrics to be used in the design along with tips and techniques for developing the block and more information about the contest themes.

The deadline to receive quilt block entries is May 28. The winning blocks will be combined into the two final quilts during the summer and will be unveiled at the Texas State Fair in September



TO THE GRAY COUNTY VOTERS IN PRECINCT 4

I have talked to many citizens of Gray County about their thoughts on the need for Constables. The only one I have heard support the office are those running for it. I have heard them justify their holding other jobs saying that they cannot live on the Constable salary. I say there are millions of families living on much less than forty thousand dollars a year budget. I can picture the villain after you tell him, you just wait until we get our Constable over here from Pantex and he will take care of you or from a Constable on a hot-shot run to Louisiana. They all want to serve the people, but I haven't heard them say, take my salary and give it to families of those less fortunate, I can live on my other jobs. They know what the salary of a Constable is before they get in the race. If they can't live on the salary don't get in the race.

My purpose for running for the office is to abolish the position. If I will take the oath of office, then resign. That will save the taxpayers approximately \$38,000.00 per year. The Commissioners can appoint some one to fill the job, but then they are defeating the purpose of abolishing the office of the Constable.

I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, in the Republican Primary.

Don Fletcher

