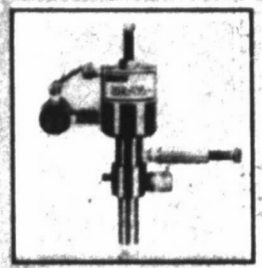


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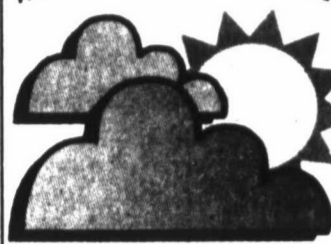
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Amarillo	118.6	114.3	4.3	3.7
Austin-San Marcos	764.4	724.1	40.3	5.3
Beaumont-Port Arthur	183.0	166.1	16.9	9.3
Brazoria	114.3	104.3	10.0	8.7
Brownsville-Harlingen	145.7	127.6	18.1	12.4
Bryan-College Station	80.5	78.7	1.8	2.3
Corpus Christi	181.6	169.6	12.0	6.6
Dallas	2,020.6	1,884.3	136.3	6.7
El Paso	301.3	272.9	28.4	9.4
Fort Worth-Arlington	954.3	895.4	58.9	6.2
Galveston-Texas City	125.6	115.5	10.1	8.1
Houston	2,315.6	2,159.5	156.1	6.7
Killeen-Temple	122.8	116.3	6.5	5.3
Laredo	85.9	79.4	6.5	7.6
Longview-Marshall	107.1	100.5	6.6	6.2
Lubbock	130.4	125.8	4.6	3.5
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	241.8	206.5	35.3	14.6
Odessa-Midland	127.4	120.3	7.1	5.6
San Angelo	51.7	49.8	1.9	3.7
San Antonio	824.6	778.3	46.3	5.6
Sherman-Denison	52.1	48.1	4.0	7.6
Texarkana	58.0	55.0	3.0	5.2
Tyler	97.9	92.9	5.0	5.1
Victoria	45.2	43.0	2.2	4.9
Waco	105.0	99.7	5.3	5.0
Wichita Falls	65.3	62.3	3.0	4.6

**Unemployment down,
 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 the month.

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 months.

"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

Pampa 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 educational system.

The Pampa school system has promoted Texas Public

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. PISD encourages citizens to visit its schools to see how the local district is preparing students for the future.

Pampa Public School Week events

Among the events scheduled to celebrate Texas Public Schools Week in Pampa is a special flag raising ceremony at Austin Elementary School and Pampa High School's Tour for parents.

Austin Elementary fifth graders plan to present a special flag-raising ceremony at 8:15 a.m., Monday, March 8, in front of the school at 1900 Duncan. Principal Beverly

Owen and students invite the public to attend the special occasion.

Pampa High School staff invite parents of PHS students and members of the community to celebrate Texas Public School Week from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 10, in the PHS library. Coffee and muffins will be served followed by a tour of the school.

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 elections 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

a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Voting places are:

- Precinct 1:** Lefors Community Center
 - Precinct 2:** Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa
 - Precinct 3:** Grandview-Hopkins School
 - Precinct 4:** Lovett Memorial Library in McLean
 - Precinct 5:** Travis Elementary School
 - Precinct 6:** Austin Elementary School
 - Precinct 7:** M.K. Brown Memorial Civic Auditorium
- No Democrats are running for the county or district offices. All but two area slots

have only one candidate on the Republican ballot. The 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.

(See VOTERS, Page 3)

Precinct 3 commissioner dedicated to serving county

By MARILYN POWERS
 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 said.

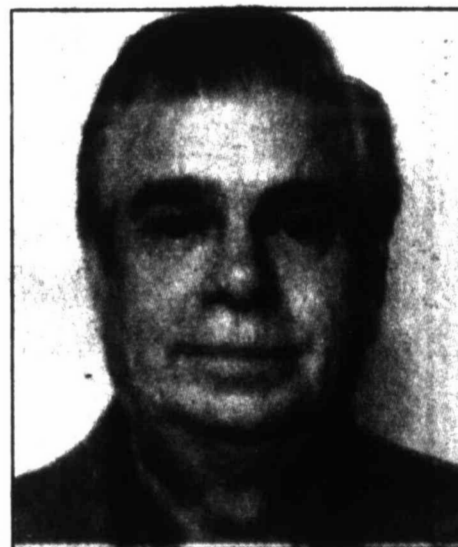
Gray County has received several awards during Wright's terms of office for work done in his precinct. In 1999, the county received the Prairie Partner Award from the U.S. Forest Service for improvements at Lake McClellan. Gray County is the only county in the United States to receive the award.

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 years. He and his wife, Pampa residents and members of Fellowship



Gerald Wright

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Sen. Duncan opens virtual district office

AUSTIN — Texas Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, announced today the launch of his new website, www.senatorduncan.com, which 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 enable them to stay ahead of the legislation and issues that affect them," Duncan said.

The website features sections on Duncan's latest news, the many communities of Senate District 28, an option to view and download photos, plus information on contacting the senator and his staff. Visitors to www.senator-duncan.com are encouraged to register for the senator's newsletter and periodic news updates.

"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," Duncan said.

The website will be updated regularly with both news from the Capitol and throughout the regions that compose Senate District 28. Duncan's newsletter will be posted and e-mailed to registrants this month, and will be followed with a new issue each quarter.

Lake Meredith to be site of prescribed fires

FRITCH — If weather permits, prescribed burns at Lake Meredith will begin as early as Saturday, March 6, announced Supt. Karen Brown.

The fires are to be set by park personnel in three areas, including Plum Creek and Big Blue Creek, depending on 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.

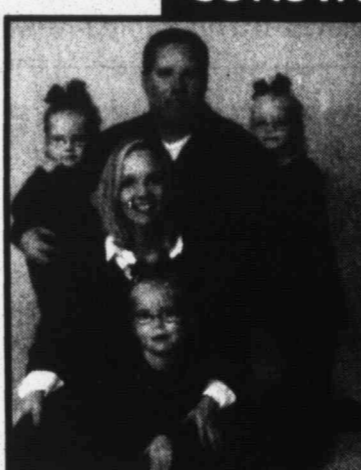
Goals of the burns are to reduce non-native species, enhance wildlife habitat, promote ecological processes, and help protect local communities from uncontrolled wildfires, park officials said.

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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 Christian 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 and 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 United States. The 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.

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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 for 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

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 do.

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 co-directs 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 diagnosis.

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 three-quarters 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, too.

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 testing for PIGF might be 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 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 than those with low levels to die or have heart attacks 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. Robert Bonow, a

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.

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

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 patients.

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 vitamins and those who got low doses.

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, healthier patients, he said.

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REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT — PCT. 2

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Families' needs give public schools broad community role

COTTONWOOD FALLS, Kan. (AP) — Half an hour before classes begin at Chase County Elementary School, dozens of children congregate in the gym, their conversations creating an overpowering din. Dozens more eat breakfast in the adjacent cafeteria.

More than 80 percent of the school's 160 children, kindergarten through fourth grade, typically remain at school into the evening — reading, playing games or learning to dance while their parents work.

The rural school occasionally acts as a clothing bank, handing out a warm coat or a change of shirt or pants. For two weeks in February, it even served as 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

general revenues — on public schools each year.

Educators across the nation say that support services are important to a suitable education, because a child who is hungry or stressed cannot concentrate on history or math.

"Most people don't understand that schools are a microcosm of society," said Tamara Cotman, the Wichita district's assistant superintendent of elementary schools. "Everything that happens in the world comes into the school."

In the 44,000-student Charlestown County, S.C., district, Superintendent Maria Goodloe said schools' duties seem to grow every year as they attempt to support families, so that children do not have distractions from learning.

"We're really taking care of

kids in a way that they aren't being taken care of at home," she said. "It's a symptom of our environment, where we have babies having babies."

The role of schools in meeting children's non-instructional needs is almost as old in Kansas as Chase Elementary, which opened in 1904. A state mandate that schoolchildren receive annual dental exams, for exam-

ple, dates to 1915. But in recent decades, the list of required services has grown. Among them are special education, which became mandatory in 1974, and breakfast programs.

Outside events also increase the burden.

In Havre, Mont., a security committee has been meeting regularly for eight years and

was initially supposed to handle only special projects. Today education, municipal and law enforcement officials in the central Montana community of 9,600 expect to use school buses to move residents and schools to shelters should a train carrying hazardous materials derail or a bioterrorism event occur.

Superintendent Kirk Miller, who also is chairman of Montana's Board of Public

Education, said because schools take on new responsibilities and are reluctant to consider dropping others, "You're running a sprint most of the time."

Three years ago, Havre schools expanded school breakfast programs to all five of its buildings. The district contracts with a Boys and Girls Club to provide afterschool activities for 600 of its 2,000 students.



The family of Ruth Monce wish to thank their many friends and family for their kind expressions of sympathy and for their beautiful 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.



MUSEUM MEMENTOS
BY
ELOISE LANE
WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
IN PAMPA, TEXAS

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 loved to rock in the big old-fashioned rockers while my mother and others did beautiful fancy work. Mrs. Vicars did cut work embroidery, made doll clothes, and knitted socks and mittens."

Although Ed and Betty

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 Museum.

"At certain times of the month, Hallie Tiemann (my mother), Ouida Thomas and an occasional other guest joined Beryl Vicars, daughter of J.S. and Minna Wynne at Auntie Wynne's home at 317 N. Frost. They had wonderful discussions as they did fine handwork in embroidery and

crochet to make beautiful pieces of linen.

"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 best I ever tasted. They were shaped from a cookie press (a not too common utensil at that time).

"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

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 dolls. 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 saw.

"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 doll trying to make this serious decision; for her when each doll was a treasure in 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 Mrs. Vicars say, 'Betty Jean,



(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 joy and thanks gave her the happiness her gift gave me."

Betty Lutz has cherished the doll for more than 70 years. Her husband, Ed Lutz, photographed the doll to accompany this article. During World War II, Ed, who graduated as a pilot at Pampa Army Air Field with Class 43-1, was a Public Relations Photographer with the U.S. Air Force, MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla. After the war, he was on the staff of the Cleveland Museum of Art for 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.

ACT I
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, Shepherd'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.

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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
He 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.
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District Attorney, 31st Judicial District (Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 31)

Richard J. (Rick) Roach

County Attorney (Procurador del Condado)

Joshua M. Seabourm

Sheriff (Sherife)

Don Copeland

County Tax Assessor-Collector (Asesor-Collector de Impuestos del Condado)

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Constable, Precinct No. 4 (Condestable, Precinto Núm. 4)

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT — ALL PCTS.

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION (ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRATICO)

(Condado de) GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS

MARCH 9, 2004 (9 de marzo de 2004)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by darkening in the oval provided to the left of the name of the candidate. You may vote for one presidential candidate whose name appears on the ballot by darkening in the oval provided to the left of the name of the candidate.

NOTA DE INSTRUCCION: Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera llenando completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda del nombre del candidato. Usted puede votar por un candidato para presidente cuyo nombre aparece en la boleta por llenando completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda del nombre del candidato. Yo soy Democrat and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year. Use only the marker provided.

NOTA DE INSTRUCCION: Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera llenando completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda del nombre del candidato. Usted puede votar por un candidato para presidente cuyo nombre aparece en la boleta por llenando completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda del nombre del candidato. Yo soy Democrat and comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la eleccion primaria o la convencion de algun otro partido politico durante este año electoral. Solamente use el marcador provisto.

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John F. Kerry

Howard Dean

Dick Gephardt

John Edwards

Randy Crow

Wesley K. Clark

Joe Lieberman

Al Sharpton

Dennis J. Kucinich

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Railroad Commissioner (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)

Bob Scarborough

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 9)

David Van Os

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 6)

J.R. Molina

Aging Baby Boomers have no champion

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — In 1970, when the law forced Maggie Kuhn to retire at age 65 from her executive position in a Philadelphia church, colleagues gave her a sewing machine as a parting gift.

She never opened it — and instead, rebelled against everything it stood for, leading marches and staging guerrilla theater to protest the widespread discrimination against the elderly.

The Gray Panthers, the group she founded with a name inspired by the Black Panthers, aimed to radicalize older Americans and fight the image of the old as useless, infirm and withdrawn.

Their achievements are many, including the repeal of the mandatory retirement law.

But the group, once a force, is in decline — and sociologists blame tomorrow's seniors, the baby boomers, who are still unwilling to call themselves middle-aged.

"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.

It's a paradox, said Dr. Robert Butler, founder of the National Institute on Aging, since the boomers, a group representing a third of the U.S. population, will put an unprecedented strain on social services when they become too old to care for themselves. They stand the most to gain from groups such as the Panthers, who continue to fight for nursing home and health care reform.

From a one-time high of 60,000 members, the Panthers number just 22,000 today.

Hollinshead, who has kept her own chapter in Leonia, N.J., alive for 34 years, watched it go from a vibrant, grass-roots network of 50 members, to just half-a-dozen.

Experts point out that the decline in a group which stands for senior power comes as

America's demographics are about to shift to gray.

Every 7.6 seconds, a baby boomer turns 50. By 2023, one in five Americans will be over age 65 — currently, the percentage of seniors in Florida.

The Panthers' leadership agrees that the group is at a crossroad.

"We're going to have to do things differently," said Susan Murany, executive director of the Gray Panthers office in the nation's capital.

"The baby boomers have celebrated youth — if you want to attract folks, you can't set it up at the senior center," she said.

But Murany prefers to see the fall in membership as a result of the death of the charismatic Kuhn in 1995. It's also symptomatic of the overall decline in activism since the end of the Vietnam era, she said, explaining that from the beginning the Panthers were actively anti-war.

But the group's troubles are nothing new to the AARP, the nation's largest senior organization with a membership of 35 million.

Several years ago, the AARP underwent a makeover when studies showed it was failing to reach the boomers. As part of that effort, it abandoned spelling

out its name, the American Association of Retired Persons, to avoid mention of the word "retired."

"Just a few months ago, we crossed the point where more than half of our members are still employed," said Christine Donohoo, associate executive director of the membership division. "The boomers want to be seen as vibrant — and we need to be responsive to that."

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AUSTIN ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

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

SECOND GRADE

A Honor Roll. Fernando Castillo, Paul Cuellar, Tre Didly, Mattie Eldridge, Brandon Gage, Taylor Giles, Trae Hannon, Josh Hernandez, Chance Hoover, Madison Joyce, Allison Leigh, Casey Martindale, Klay Miller, Taylin Neff, Alexa O'Brien, Cager Osborne, Michael Parnell, Jacob Sexton, Kelly Silva, Emily Terry, Bailey Wichert.

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

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 Brown, 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, Lysie 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 Chairz, 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 year.

First Grade. Aron Avila, Genesis Delatorre, Caci Freeman, Iaritz Melendez, Ulices Olivas, Kasandra Resendiz, Alex Salazar, Sierra Sieber, Mckinli 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 Mackey, Ivette Medina, Jessica Ramirez, Samantha Rivera, Madelyn Solis, Erica Soto, Alexis Stoddard, Vanessa Valenzuela, Kristian Vizcaino.

Second Grade. Vanessa Ramirez, Pamela Whinery, Miguel Salazar, Junior Copado, Cori Cox, Vanessa Anguiano, Steven Carver, Harley Elliott, Savanna McPherson, Jade Smile,

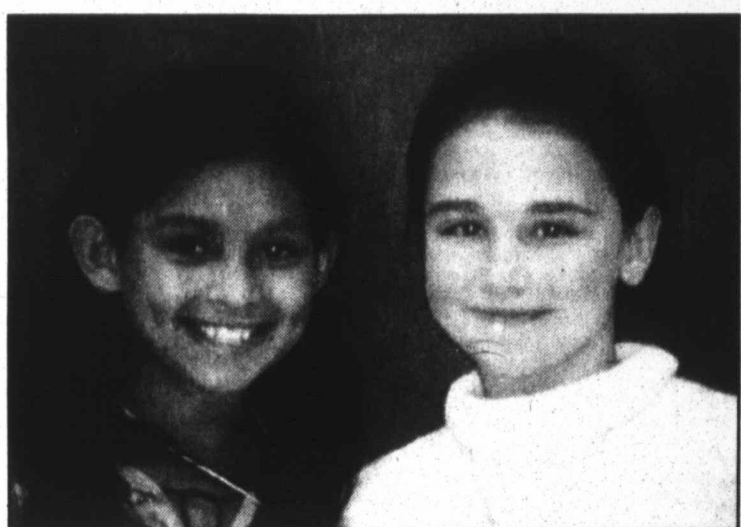
Michael Foreman, Alexandra Gutierrez, Megan McCollum, Valeria Rodriguez, Mayra Tinajero, MacKenzie Smith, Shelbie Reames, Alexander Hernandez.

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

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

Fifth Grade. Mary Beth Cox, Brennan Dickinson, Cynthia Solis, Crystal Garcia, Karen Jimenez, Moses Mireles, Eric Ortiz, Brittany Patterson, Dakota Turlington, Jessica Gutierrez, Cody Hudson, Juan Martinez, Valeria Resendiz, Kaci Reyes, Kira Soto.

Austin spellers



(Courtesy photo)

Tara Garcia, left, and Jackie Karson, both fourth-graders, won the spelling bee at Austin Elementary School recently.



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

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PETFINDER.COM. Petfinder.com, the Internet's largest and oldest virtual animal shelter, is available to those seeking to adopt a pet. The Internet service includes a multitude of shelters in Texas and nationwide. The website allows users to search by kind of animal, breed, gender, size and age. Results of the search are ranked in proximity to the user's zip code.

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) 470-0918.

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.artsonart.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 Scholastic Assistance - 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 62269.

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

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.


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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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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 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.

Panhandle Piecemakers
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Quilt Guild met Feb. 26 at Sands Fabrics in Pampa with President Gayle Wilson presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Wilson introduced new members Wanda Mitchell and Toni Martinez.

—Upcoming quilt shows include the Amarillo show March 19-20 and the Ogallala show April 2-4.

—Wilson expressed her appreciation to members for their hard work in making 80 heart pillows and 46 turbans for donation to cancer patients.

—Members voted to host a quilt show. The tentative date is Nov. 5-7.

—Donna Reynolds discussed the mystery quilt. Two quilt squares should be finished at the March 25 meeting.

—Pat Stubbs, raffle quilt chair, displayed the finished top and introduced those helping with the project — Doris Jean Foster, Jenny Fry, Darlene Vespestad, Carol Wilson and Ruth Barrett.

—Janie Morris, Brenda Donelson and Elaine Johnson, all of Sands Fabrics, delivered the program.

—Deloris Bailey, Jean McCarley and Frances O'Neal were recognized for recently celebrating birthdays.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., March 25, at Pampa Senior Citizens. Visitors are welcome.

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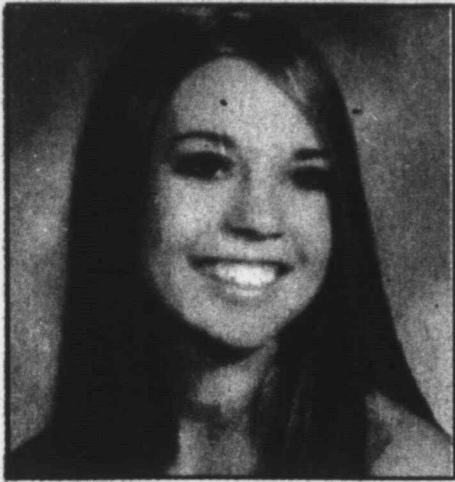
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Abbi Elizabeth Covalt

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 university.



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 high-level positions as well as young people who exercise leadership skills within their communities.

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

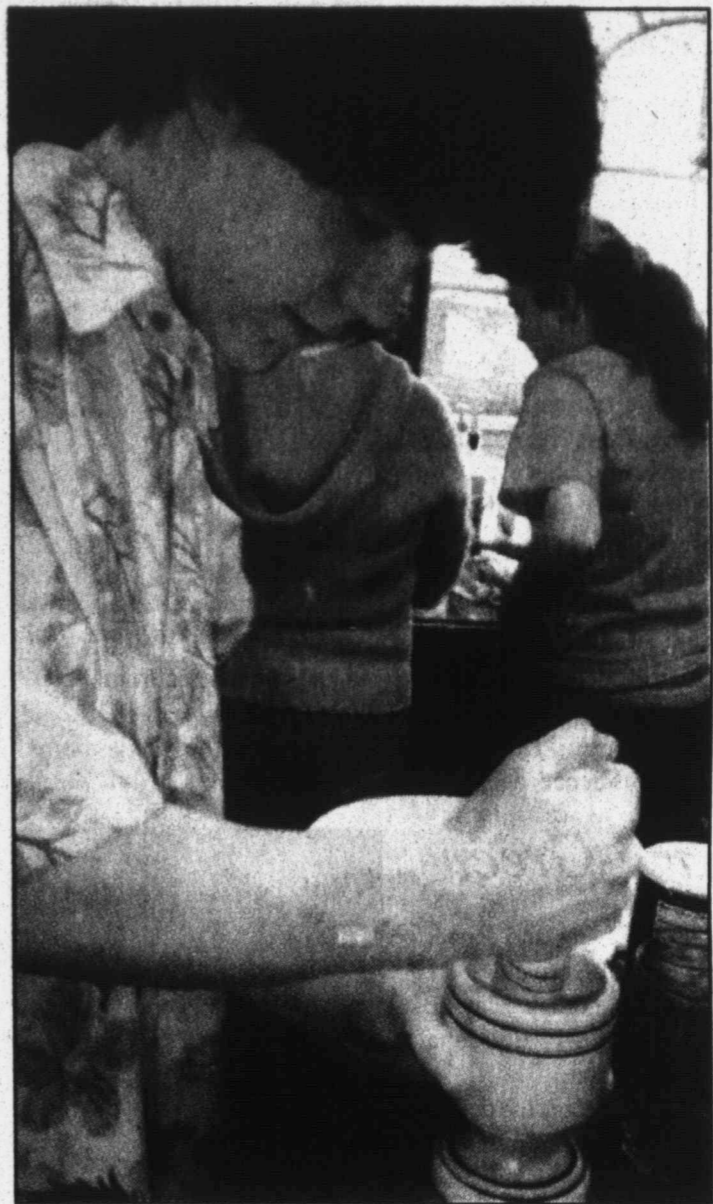
"By participating in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference, students like Klarisse Espiritu-Santo will learn early that young people are not only welcome in Washington, D.C., but they actually keep this city and our country running," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth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

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Latin Club Feast



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe) **Shelly Smith, Latin Club president at Pampa High School, prepares an asparagus dish for a class project.**



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

Students prepare authentic 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 the 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 IV 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 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 delicacy in Ancient Rome and I can see why," Smith said.

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

"Along with some stuffing and beans with a mustard sauce we had bear meat shipped in from Arkansas, our 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 mix well. We also had a whole cooked pig with the bear."

The fourth course

was a light nutmeg cake with apples.

"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 said.

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.**

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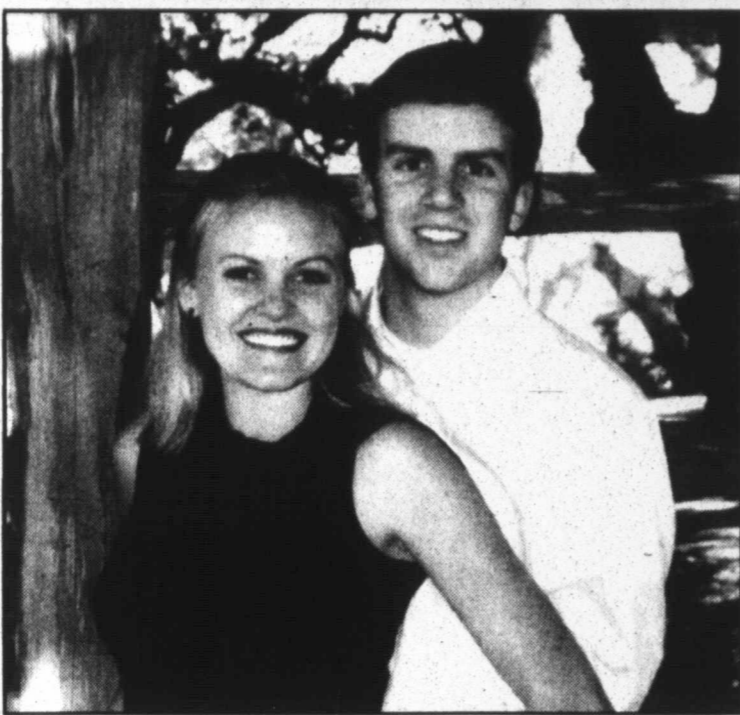
ENGAGEMENTS

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 at 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



Jennifer Lynn Fatheree and Taylor Hill Shepard

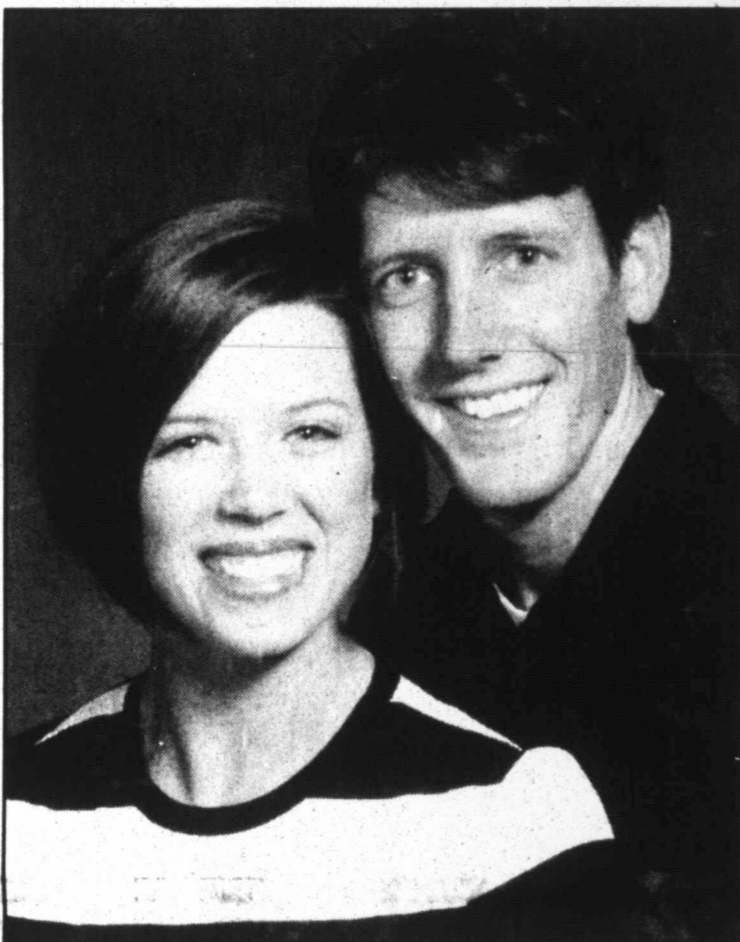
biomedical science from Texas A&M University at College Station where he was a member of Aggie Men's Club. He is currently a student at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

Lang-Green

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

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 Mortgage of Norman.

The prospective groom is the son of Ronald and Terry Green of Norman. He graduated from Norman High School in 1998 and is currently enrolled in the University of Oklahoma where he is pursuing a degree in business marketing. He is employed by Ideal Homes Marketing Department in Norman.



Courtney Lang and Robert Green

WEDDINGS

Milam-Arn

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

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

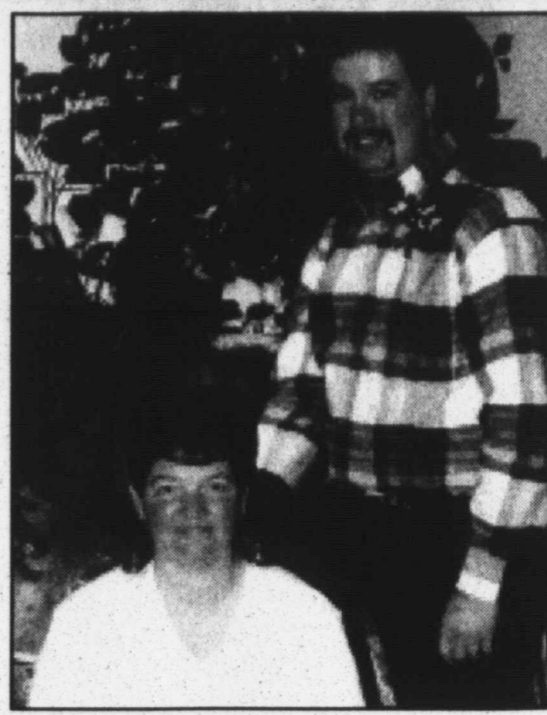
A reception was held following the service in Caprock Clubhouse in Pampa.

The bride is the daughter of Margaret

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

The newlyweds



Le Milam and David Arn honeymooned at The Big Texan in Amarillo and intend to make 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 aunt's home on Williston Street. They have



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 operation.

Children of the couple are Thad and Tammy Greene of Trinidad, Colo., Jamie Greene of Pampa and Amie and Ben Reid of Amarillo. They have eight grandchildren.

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

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS) announces the availability of the Summer Food Service Program to eligible organizations this summer.

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

Organizations eligible to sponsor the program include public or nonprofit private

schools, private nonprofit organizations, residential summer camps, and local, municipal or county governments. Community organizations are encouraged to form partnerships to develop summer feeding programs that combine educational and recreational activities with the provision of meals.

Interested organizations should contact TDHS for more information about the program training schedule. Applications should be received by April 15.

Organizations may subcontract with food service management companies to provide meals.

All eligible communities are encouraged to participate, however, we have identified target cities below for expansion. The cities listed were selected because (1) eligible 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 the following website:

<http://www.summerfood.com>
You may obtain census data information by contacting your local school district

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

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

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sors the event. "One of the goals of JrNYLC is to encourage students to build their own leadership skills through active involvement within their communities."

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

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 Pudget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash., from 1989-90.

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

LUBBOCK — Panhandle area parents seeking a safe haven for their children during a family crisis are invited to contact Methodist Children's Home Community Services Program, headquartered in Lubbock.

Travel guide showcases state's African-American heritage

AUSTIN — Celebrate 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 resource on African 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 flooded into Texas, shaping the history and culture of the state. Buffalo Soldiers protected frontier forts, black churches motivated social

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 heritage.

To obtain this free guide, download a copy at 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 and 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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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 reasons.

Community Services offers other programs in addition to foster care including "Family Preservation" and "Partnership in 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.



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.

MENUS

WEEK OF MARCH 8-12

Pampa Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon tarts.
Lunch: Mini corndogs or steak fingers, potato rounds, spinach, pineapple.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits.
Lunch: Ham/cheese sandwiches or chicken nuggets, green beans, carrot sticks, fruit.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Cheese omelets.
Lunch: Crispos or pizza, corn, salad, applesauce, chocolate pudding.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Danish rolls.
Lunch: Barbecue on a bun or chef salad, potatoes, salad, peaches.

FRIDAY
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 pockets, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Barbecue wieners, macaroni/cheese, peas, French fries, salad bar, fruit cocktail, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Cook's choice.

THURSDAY
Cook's choice.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Pop tarts.
Lunch: Sack lunch.

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

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

TUESDAY
Baked cod fish/rice or mochi 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 cornbread.

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, corn, pudding.

WEDNESDAY
Eggs/bacon casserole, hash-browns, biscuits, gravy, peaches.

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

FRIDAY
Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello.

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 of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, 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.
4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months 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.
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7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)
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DEAR ABBY

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 mother. 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 self-esteem. 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 country. While there, they talked him into marrying (on paper only) one of their sisters so that her child could get a U.S. visa.

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 MINNESOTA

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."

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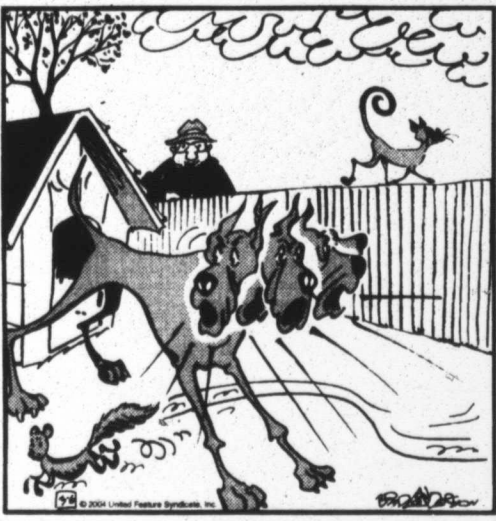
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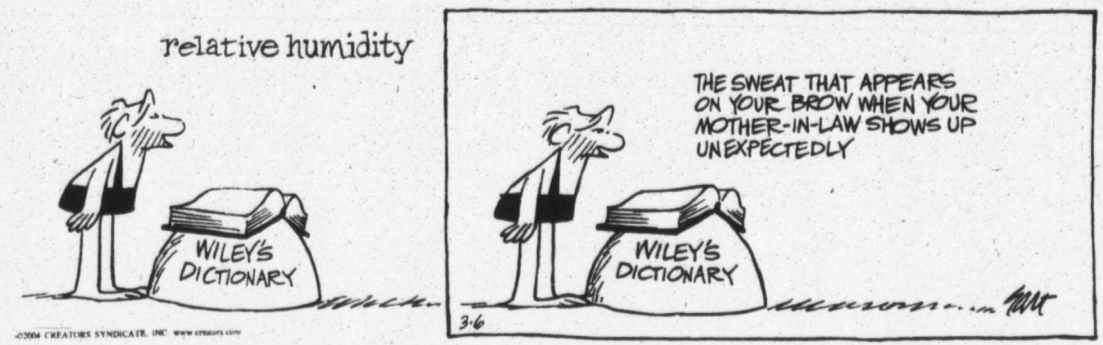


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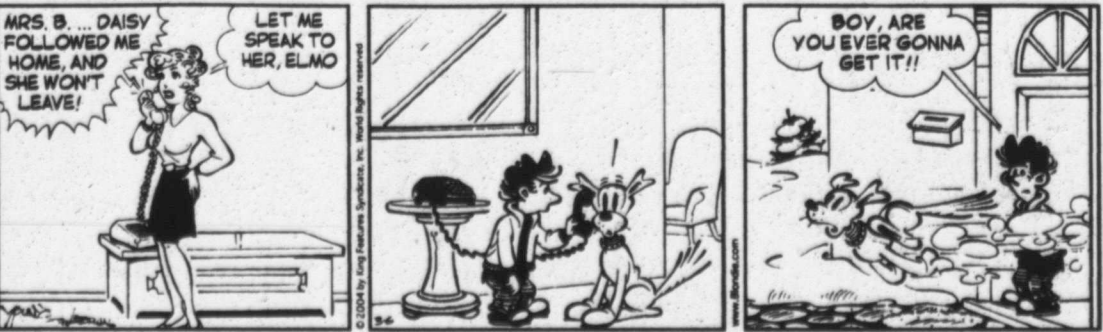
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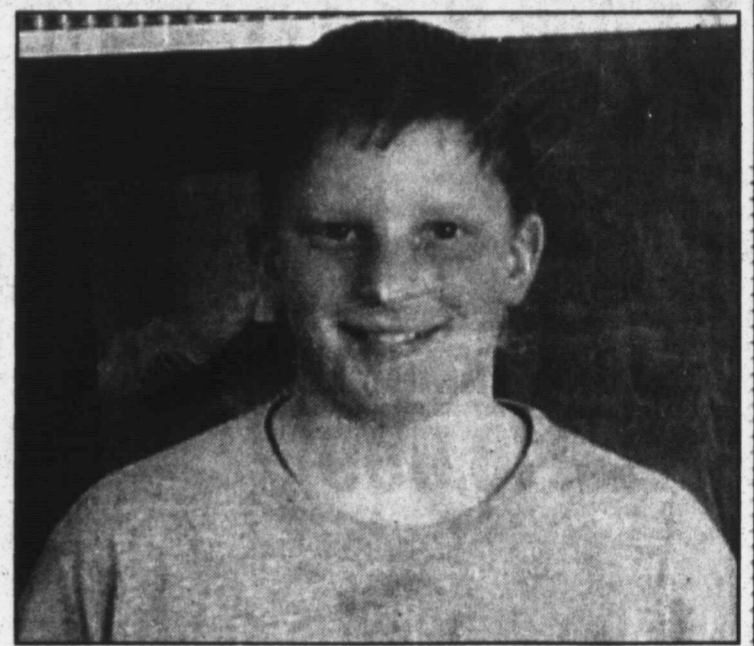
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Greg Warnier was eighth grade spelling bee champion at Pampa Middle School. The champion from each grade will be eligible to spell in the Gray County Spelling Bee on March 5. The winner of the county bee will be eligible to compete in the regional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



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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 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.



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



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



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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 exhibition.

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 participate in the 2004 quilt block competition, call TDA's toll free GO TEXAN line at (877) 99GO-TEX or e-mail: gotexquilts@agr.state.tx.us to reserve a packet for each quilt.

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 2004.

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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.

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