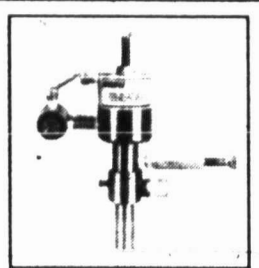


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Cotton business ginning here

By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- In a cotton patch west of White Deer, an office is going up as carpenters work on the frame structure while concrete crews prepare forms for the basement and walls of two other buildings.

One of them will be the Carson County Gin, said Tracy Birkelbach, who has built cotton gins all over the world. The other will be a seed warehouse.

Organized by a group of investors, most of them local cotton producers, the gin is expected to be running in time for next fall's harvest.

The leader of the group is Ray Norton, who farms between Pampa and White Deer. Norton said he and two other area farmers got together last summer and started the ball rolling on the Carson County Gin.

"We got everything organized in the summer," Norton said, "but it didn't get finalized until around the first of the year."

"Ray, to me, is the granddaddy of the cotton around here," Charles Bowers, a Grandview-Hopkins farmer and one of the investors, said.

There are other farmers in the area, particularly south of Interstate 40, that have raised cotton, he said, but Norton is the one who got Bowers interested.

"Ray gives me a hard time," Bowers said with a shrug.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Construction on the Carson County Gin is expected to be complete in time for the cotton harvest in late September.

Norton kept trying to get Bowers to try growing cotton.

"I told him that the only cotton I was interested in pulling was the sheets back on my bed at night," Bowers said.

But last year, Bowers told Norton that he was going to plant 100 to 200 acres of cotton to see how it would do. He ended up planting quite a bit more, and it was profitable.

"The price this year has been real good," Norton said.

With a government program behind

it, cotton has been making money.

"For five years, I've always gotten a pretty decent price," Norton said. "I've raised it five years and had five good years with it."

That, he said, is a good indication that it can be raised in this area.

"I'm not saying we're not going to get an early freeze and hurt it," Norton said, "but I've had corn, milo, wheat, everything hurt by an early freeze."

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Early voting begins for runoff election

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

Early voting in the Republican primary runoff election begins Monday and continues daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Thursday, April 8. Voters may cast their ballots in the county clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Precincts 1 and 3 will vote only on candidates for state railroad commissioner. Victor G. Carrillo, who received 508 Gray County votes, or 41.87 percent of county votes cast in the primary election held March 9, will face Robert Butler, who garnered 241 local votes, or 19.86 percent of Gray County votes cast.

Precincts 2 and 4 will vote on candidates for constable of their precinct, in addition to railroad commissioner.

In Precinct 2, incumbent Chris Lockridge got 91 votes, or 46.19 percent of votes cast March 9. His nearest challenger, Chris Didway, received 51 votes, or 25.88 percent.

Didway and Lockridge are on the runoff ballot for Precinct 2 constable.

A third candidate on the March 9 ballot for Precinct 2 constable, Manny Holden, got 44 votes, or 22.33 percent, and was eliminated from the race.

In Precinct 4, incumbent Frank William Sparling faces Don Fletcher for constable. On March 9, Fletcher received 143 votes, or 26.23 percent, while Sparling got 106 votes, or 19.44 percent.

Three other candidates in the primary who were eliminated from the race for Precinct 4 constable were Johnnie Carpenter, 99 votes, 18.16 percent; Michael "Mike" Nicholson, 90 votes, 16.51 percent; and Randy Stubblefield, 82 votes, 15.04 percent.

A runoff election is necessary when none of the candidates in a race receives a simple majority of votes, or 50 percent or more of votes cast. As a result, the two candidates with the most votes in each race advance to a run-off election.

The run-off election date is April 13.

Report: Agency falling behind on border maintenance

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A tiny agency responsible for marking and maintaining the expansive border between the United States and Canada has fallen so far behind it may never catch up without more money and resources.

The International Boundary Commission warns that border markers are deteriorating and parts of the border are becoming overgrown by trees and brush to the point that the border's location could be lost in some areas.

The five-year plan for turn-

ing things around involves something the Canadian and U.S. governments have failed to provide, more money.

The agency, which is funded this year with \$1.23 million from the U.S. government and a similar figure from the Canadians, will likely ask for its budget to be doubled, said Michael O'Sullivan, Canada's IBC commissioner.

"For a number of years we have formally recognized that we're losing the battle," O'Sullivan said.

The agency, consisting of two commissioners, six field engineers and a small support staff, is responsible for surveying and maintaining more than 8,000 monuments and reference points on the 5,525 mile border.

Its workers also are responsible for slashing a 20-foot-wide path through woods. With no fence, the boundary looks like a utility easement with markers dotting the ground down the middle.

U.S. transit systems increasing security

By CURT ANDERSON
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A warning that terrorists might strike trains and buses in major U.S. cities using bombs concealed in bags or luggage has the nation's transit systems ratcheting up security measures.

Greg Hull, security chief for the American Public Transportation Association, said Friday the transit systems are at "code yellow plus" following the bulletin about a possible terror plot from the FBI and the Homeland Security Department.

U.S. officials said they had received uncorroborated intelligence reports about a plot by terrorists to target commercial transportation systems but had no information about specific cities or dates.

A senior federal law enforcement official, speak-

ing Friday on condition of anonymity, said the intelligence, coupled with the deadly March 11 commuter train attacks in Madrid in which bombs went off inside backpacks, has increased the level of wariness about a similar attack in the United States.

"It should not be considered unusual that the FBI should issue this kind of a bulletin in the wake of what occurred in Madrid last month," the Amtrak passenger railroad said in a statement.

Homeland Security spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said information in the bulletin was being shared via the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System to ensure proper security measures are implemented nationwide.

Officials said the message

(See TRANSIT, Page 2)

Chamber sets annual banquet

The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 75th annual banquet and Citizen of the Year Award ceremony on Tuesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Featured speaker of the evening will be musician and impressionist Damon Whaley

The public is invited to enjoy the entertainment and meal provided by Knights of Columbus and be on hand for the presentation of a prestigious 2003 Citizen of the Year Award.

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ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Friday, April 2

Tony Ray Wall, 35, Turkey, was arrested by Department of Public Safety for theft over \$500 and under \$1,500, driving while license suspended, possession of drug paraphernalia, no insurance, no driver's license, violate promise to appear-times five, failure to maintain financial responsibility and expired vehicle registration-times two.

Earl James Camp, 62, 205 Tignor, was arrested for no seat belt, failure to signal turn and failure to dim lights.

Charles Sidelnik, 46, Mahopac, N.Y., was arrested by DPS for possession of marijuana over 4-ounces/under 5-pounds.

FIRE

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

Friday, April 2

2:51 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle accident at Somerville and Browning streets.

POLICE

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

Friday, April 2

Tommy Carver, 47, 901 E. Malone, was arrested for evading arrest.

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

Services today

GRAHAM, Joy Click — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Central Baptist Church, Canadian.

Services tomorrow

SIMMONS, Anabel G. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

ANABEL G. SIMMONS 1930-2004

Anabel G. Simmons, 95, of Pampa, Texas, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 5, 2004, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Edwin Waterbury and the Rev. Harrol Waterbury, both retired Apostolic Faith ministers, and the Rev. Ron Noble, pastor of the Pampa Chapel of the Apostolic Faith, officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery in Perryton, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Simmons was born May 13, 1908, on Block 4-T, T&NO Ry Survey in Ochiltree County, Texas, to H.T. (Bud) and Alice Amanda Forbes Gilliam of Wawaka, Texas. Anabel accepted Christ as her Savior when she was nine years of age, and lived an exemplary Christian life for her entire lifetime.

On Sept. 7, 1930, she married Edwin Evans Simmons at Gruver, Texas. The couple made their home in Ochiltree County until 1939 when they moved to Amarillo.

They were residents of Amarillo until 1945 then moved to Pampa, Gray County, Texas, where they continued to live until her death. Anabel and Edwin had one child, Paul Simmons.

Mrs. Simmons was a member of the Pampa Chapel of the Apostolic Faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her only brother, James P. Gilliam; a niece,

Joyce Elaine Gilliam; and her husband, Edwin Simmons on Dec. 26, 2003.

She is survived by her son, Paul Simmons and wife Ione of Pampa; two grandchildren, J. Vondel Stevens and husband Scott of Canyon and E.P. Simmons of Chicago, Ill.; one great-grandson, Timothy Stevens of Canyon; three nieces, Rubyjo Wilbanks and husband J. D. of Spearman, Eltha Hensley and husband Marvin of Pampa, and Bertha Ann Leflet and husband Charles of Texas City; one nephew, Leslie Gilliam and wife Elena of McAllen; and one sister-in-law, Beatrice Putman and husband Rex of Pea Ridge, Ark. A host of friends mourn her death.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79056 or to a favorite charity.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, April 4, 2004.

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



WEATHER FOCUS

LOCAL FORECAST

The forecast today is calling for mostly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon, highs around 60 and east winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight should fall on mostly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of showers, lows in the lower 40s and southeast winds around 10 mph.

Monday should see mostly cloudy skies. A chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 30 percent.

Monday night, mostly cloudy with a chance showers and thunderstorms in the

evening. Lows in the mid 40s. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 30 percent.

Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.

Tuesday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s.

Wednesday, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the upper 60s.

Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Thursday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 70.

Thursday night, mostly



HIGH 60 LOW 42

cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

Friday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

College announces upcoming program

A workshop on the legal aspects of health care will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8 in Bairfield Activity Center on the main campus of Clarendon College in Clarendon.

Slater C. Elza of Underwood Attorneys and Counselors at Law will present legal issues facing health care professionals. The workshop is sponsored by Clarendon College's vocational nursing program.

Cost of the workshop is \$10. For more information, call Sharron Rust at 874-3571.

TRANSIT

was sent mainly out of an abundance of caution, and the threat — deemed "somewhat credible" by one official — was not causing undue alarm throughout the government.

The nation's terror alert level remains at yellow, or elevated, the midpoint of the five-color scale. It was last raised to orange, or high, on Dec. 21 amid suspicions

about terror attacks using commercial aircraft. The level returned to yellow on Jan. 10.

Passengers could see changes because of the bulletin. Federal officials are encouraging local transit authorities to conduct random passenger inspections and security sweeps of stations and to increase public announcements encouraging

people to report unattended baggage or suspicious behavior.

Intelligence indicates a plot might involve bombs made of ammonium nitrate fertilizer and diesel fuel, similar to the explosive concealed in a rental truck that blew up the Oklahoma City federal building in 1995. Both items are readily available.

Grandview-Hopkins ISD Pre-Registration

Any parent interested in their child attending Grandview-Hopkins ISD please contact Secretary Cheryl Deer at 669-3831. To be eligible for Kindergarten your child must be five before September 1, 2004.

Kindergarten Round-up (pre-registration) will be held on April 15, 2004. Registration will take place in the Meeting Room from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Parents need to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate, shot record, and social security card.

Cualquier Padre/Madre interesodo que su hijola atienda Grandview-Hopkins ISD. Por favor comuniquese con la secretaria Cheryl Deer at 669-3831. Para ser eligible para el kindergarten su hijola tiene que tener cinco años antes del 1 de Septiembre 2004.

Kindergarten Round-up (primer registracion) va-a ser el 15 de Abril 2004. La registracion va a ser en el cuarto de juntas de las 9:00 am hasta las 10:00 am. Padres necesitan traer una copia de la acta de nacimiento de su hijalo, tarjeta de vacunas y la tarjeta del seguro social.

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Ag commissioner urges producers to watch out for pesticide phone sales

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs is advising farmers and ranchers to be cautious when dealing with solicitors peddling pesticide products over the phone. The Texas Department of Agriculture has already heard from producers who have been contacted at their homes by telephone marketers offering products for the start of the planting season.

"Legitimate pesticide dealers may call to see what you're going to need this year, but don't initiate sales through telemarketing," Combs said. "Products that are pushed over the phone are usually touted as more concentrated, more effective or just cheaper. In many cases, producers who take up the offer end up very disappointed."

Combs noted that TDA frequently gets calls from pesticide applicators who are unhappy after purchasing products over the phone. In some instances, the product is not registered for use in Texas. Taking extra time to know what you are buying can prevent headaches and possible violations of state pesticide laws.

"The best advice is to buy pesticide products from your local licensed dealer," Combs said. "These are folks who can answer all your questions regarding a product's safe use, its effectiveness and its success in your particular area."

Combs advised applicators to follow some precautionary steps if they choose to deal with telephone marketers:

- Ask if the product is registered with TDA.
- Ask if the product label requires the applicator to be licensed before purchasing or using the product.
- Remember that all products must be used according to label. The seller may claim the product can be used on a particular pest or crop, but unless the label permits it, the applicator can be held liable for misapplication.
- Ask for details in writing (such as the label and Material Data Safety Sheet).
- Ask for references.
- Ask for the price, ingredients and concentration so you know what you are getting and can compare prices. Some products have been diluted, so it is crucial to get all the facts.

- Get the person's name, company name and phone number.
- Hang up if a telephone marketer won't answer all your questions. Any legitimate dealer will provide all the information you request.
- Combs also reminded producers that if they want to know if a pesticide product lives up to the claims from a phone salesman, they can always call the Texas Department of Agriculture's Pesticide Division at 1-800-TELL-TDA.

Canyon university to host 'Girl Power!'

CANYON — Inspirational speakers, salsa dancing, makeovers, prizes and more are on tap for West Texas A&M University's first-ever Girl Power! conference set for 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at the WTAMU Event Center.

The event-filled day will feature activities for pre-teen girls to grandmothers. The programs will focus on boosting self-esteem and overcoming obstacles to achieve success. The idea of Girl Power! has been the dream project of Geneva Schaffer, a WTAMU alumna and supporter, for more than a year.

"I want to bring girls of all types and ages to the campus and give them a day they will remember forever," she said. "It's going to be motivational

and inspirational and will give them an opportunity to see WT in a different way."

The WTAMU Event Center will be like a three-ring circus with all kinds of activities taking place. The facility will be divided into different areas for make-up makeovers, home decorating tips, dancing lessons, a style show and more. WTAMU students will be on hand to help out with the various activities, and Dr. Bob Hansen, professor of voice at WTAMU, will provide musical entertainment.

Prizes ranging from designer handbags, jewelry and watches to a digital camera, computer and \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded. Highlighting the day will be a series of presentations by

seven special speakers.

The speakers are Texas women from all walks of life who have achieved success in sports, business, writing and education. Each of the speakers will appear on the main stage to share their stories, answer questions and sign autographs. They are:

—Marsha Sharp of Tulia is the head coach of the Texas Tech Lady Raider basketball program. She has been with the Tech organization for 21 years and holds a career record of 508-159 and was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in May 2003. She received her master's degree from WTAMU in 1976.

—Sheryl Swoopes of Brownfield is a world class athlete, author and mother. She is a two-time WNBA MVP and four-time world champion with the Houston Comets. She was an All-American at Texas Tech and has earned two gold medals as a member of the U.S. National Olympic Team.

—Hazel Kelley Wilson of Amarillo is the 86-year-old CEO of the world's largest trucking company, the Jack B. Kelley Company. She is a successful businesswoman, community volunteer and philanthropist. She holds an honorary doctorate from West Texas A&M University.

—Jodi Thomas of Amarillo is a New York Times best-selling author and current writer in residence at West Texas A&M University. The former high school teacher has won numerous awards for her novels including two RITA awards from the Romance Writers of America.

—Natasha Taylor-Stewart of Childress is a former All-American basketball player

for West Texas A&M University and a finalist for the prestigious NCAA Woman of the Year award in 1997. She was

recently inducted into the WTAMU Athletic Hall of Champions and is currently head girls' basketball coach at Fort-Worth Eastern Hills High School.

—Carla Overbeck of Richardson was captain of the 1999 World Champion U.S. Women's National Soccer Team and is an Olympic gold medalist.

—Jinna Wright of Dimmitt is a student at Caprock High School in Amarillo. She was born with a profound hearing loss but has overcome her obstacle to succeed. She is a member of the Caprock girls' wrestling team, serves as treasurer of the statewide Texas Technology Student Association and is an award-winning member of the Future Farmers of America.

Tickets for Girl Power! are priced at \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door and include a light breakfast and full lunch. Those purchasing advance tickets will receive a commemorative Girl Power! T-shirt. All proceeds from the event will benefit the WTAMU women's athletics scholarship fund.

Leading sponsors for Girl Power! include Stanley and Geneva Schaffer, Bob and Nancy Jossérand, Bill and Helen Piehl, Pamela Barnes Stewart, McDonalds, MicroFour, Inc., Panhandle-Plains Student Loan Center, Plains Capital Bank, Plains Dairy, Xcel Energy and WTAMU Equestrian.

Tickets are available at the WTAMU Event Center and at all Panhandle Ticket outlets. For more information, call 806-651-1414.

For Heaven's Sake Daycare fund-raiser



(Pampa News photo by RedDann Woods)

For Heaven's Sake Daycare & Preschool reported netting \$1,500.25 in a recent fund-raiser. The daycare's top seller was Bryson Murrack. Participating in the fund-raiser was Joe Smith, left, son of Shawn and Julie Smith, with him is Debbi Nicewarner.

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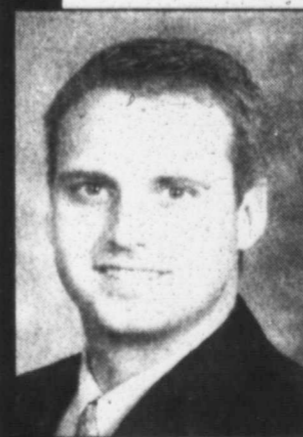
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New businesses must be accessible to handicapped

To the editor:

In the last year several new businesses have opened up in Pampa not in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act which allows for equal access for people in wheelchairs to businesses open to the public. I believe in shopping Pampa first but if I and my wheelchair-driving friends can't get to the door, through the door, or drive up and down the aisles, shopping Pampa first is a moot point.

I don't think anyone has deliberately set out to break the law. I figure these business owners don't know anyone in wheelchairs and the thought of access has never occurred to them. I would like to set the record straight, though, and inform them there is a force of buying public here who want what our government has deemed within our rights.

If anyone needs help on these issues, I'd be glad to lend my experience to the cause.

Kayla Pursley
 Pampa

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Palm Sunday, April 4, the 95th day of 2004. There are 271 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

On this date:

In 1818, Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.

In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated.

In 1887, Susanna Medora Salter became the first woman elected mayor of an American community — Argonia, Kan.

In 1902, British financier Cecil Rhodes left \$10 million in his will to provide scholarships for Americans at Oxford University.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces liberated the Nazi death camp Ohrdruf in Germany.

In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty.

In 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves tied Babe Ruth's home-run record by hitting his 714th round-tripper in Cincinnati.

In 1975, more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crashed shortly after take-off from Saigon.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage.

Ten years ago: On Wall Street, stocks plummeted in violent spasms of selling that sent the Dow industrial down more than 40 points to a six-month low. The University of Arkansas won the NCAA basketball championship, defeating Duke 76-72.

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Clarke's testimony helps Bush

The 2004 contest is not between two men, two parties or even two ideologies so much as it is between two issues. The most recent Fox News/Opinion Dynamics poll (March 26, 2004) highlights the contrast.

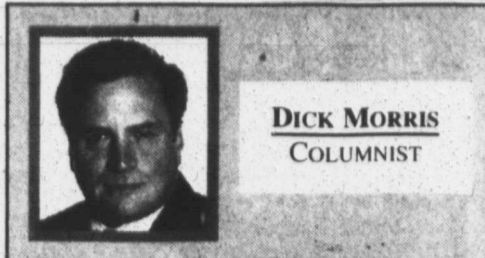
Asked which candidate would do the better job of fighting terrorism and promoting homeland security, Bush beats Kerry by 52-27. But asked who would be best at creating and protecting jobs, Kerry prevails by 48-31.

If voters are focused on terrorism on Election Day, Bush will win. If their gaze is on economic issues, Kerry is likely to prevail. The struggle between the two candidates is, at its core, a competition between these two issues for domination of the national agenda.

In this context, what happened last week?

Superficially, Bush was on the defensive as Richard Clarke testified that he was not sufficiently focused on al Qaeda, had failed to respond appropriately to the 9/11 attacks and was preoccupied with Iraq. The daily tracking polls of Scott Rasmussen indicated that Kerry went from two points behind Bush when the flap started to three ahead at its peak. Rasmussen shows, however, that Kerry has since lost his lead and the race is now, again, even.

But what really happened was that the nation's focus was further diverted, from the economy onto the issue of terrorism. Kerry is not about to close the



DICK MORRIS
 COLUMNIST

huge gap Bush has opened up on this issue. No matter what negatives emerge on Bush's conduct in dealing with terrorism, it will still be the president's issue. So as damaging as the Clarke testimony was - and as hurtful as his book is - all it does is ratify terrorism and the response to 9/11 as major issues in the election.

To win, Kerry needs to open up a second front by attacking Bush on the Medicare trust fund or the export of jobs. By letting the media lead his campaign onto the issue of Bush's performance on terrorism, he falls into a trap.

So what happened last week? Or last month? From March 4 through March 26, the Fox News poll reports that Kerry's negative rating has zoomed from 28 percent to 36 percent while his positives have dropped from 46 percent to 43 percent. Issues come and go. Bush's ratings will rise and fall as his conduct as president oscillates with events. But Kerry's negatives are forever. Without the power of the presidency to help him define himself, he lacks the tools to convert negatives into positives. He cannot act, as a president can,

to change events and consequently recover lost ground. His negative ratings will never go down. They will only stay put or rise. When they get above 50 percent, Kerry will have no pulse.

As always, the media focused obsessively on the Clarke testimony but ignored the air war raging above. Bush's attacks on Kerry's tax increases and his opposition to the Patriot Act and focus on the United Nations to the exclusion of unilateral U.S. action have damaged the Democrat.

Kerry's rebuttals have been late and ineffective. To counter the charge that he plans to raise taxes by \$900 billion, Kerry just says it ain't so and highlights his support for "middle income" tax cuts. On Bush's charge that Kerry wanted to raise gas taxes by 50 cents per gallon, the Democrat makes no reply. And none of Bush's attacks on terrorism and homeland security get a word of rebuttal, just footage of Kerry on combat duty in Vietnam.

Kerry says that he has learned the lessons of Mike Dukakis - to always answer negatives. But his lame performance so far indicates that he has much to learn. Bill Clinton's playbook was simple: Never go to sleep without answering every single negative that is out there. Answer, answer, answer, answer. But Kerry's inability to reply to the Bush attack is costing him dearly and may cost him the election.

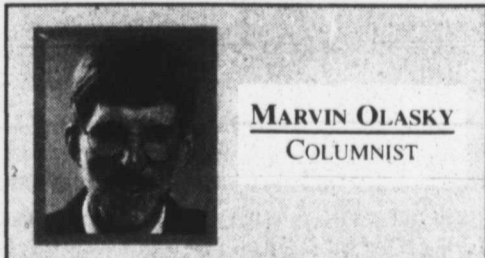


Recounts, conspiracy theories in Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan - Imagine - no, don't - a U.S. election in which the president and vice president, trailing in the polls, are both slightly wounded in an assassination attempt the day before the election. Imagine a leading legislator charging that the "assassination attempt" was actually a desperate ploy by the incumbents to win the election by gaining a sympathy vote. Imagine also the president winning by one-fourth of one percent of the vote, as election officials declare invalid almost 3 percent of all votes. Imagine a nationwide recount.

That all makes for drama even weirder than the U.S. "hanging chad" election of 2000 - and that's what this island-nation that the United States is pledged to defend now slouches through. The returns on March 20 showed President Chen Shui-bian of the Democratic Progressive Party gaining 29,000 more votes (out of 13 million cast) than Lien Chan of the Nationalist Party - yet referendum that President Chen favored, which would have pushed Taiwan toward a harder line in relation to Communist China, failed.

The current debate could not be more important: Lien favors a conciliatory approach toward mainland China, with a special emphasis on stronger commercial relations, and some say his approach could lead to Taiwan being absorbed into the People's Republic on terms similar to those given Hong Kong. But behind the political tension lie 55 years of troubled history.



MARVIN OLASKY
 COLUMNIST

Beaten by communist forces during the years after World War II, nationalists retreated to Taiwan - and ever since then many native Taiwanese have resented the escapees from the mainland, who brought with them leadership talents but also arrogance. President Chen's core support is Taiwanese, while Lien's core vote is Chinese - "and don't forget it, buster," his tone communicates.

Memorable campaign moments led up to Election Day. Lien kissed the ground to show his love for Taiwan despite his fondness for closer ties to the mainland. Analysts discussed how the burial of ancestors in a dragon-shaped cemetery could affect presidential candidates. One campaign's rally of 1 million supporters was topped by the other side's gathering of 3 million the following weekend.

Then came the pre-election day assassination attempt. Photographs showed a red streak across President Chen's stomach, apparently from a glancing shot. He required 14 stitches but was soon back campaigning, as was his kneecapped vice presidential running mate. Confusion dominated media accounts: No one gave a definitive answer about the number of shooters and the number of bullets. (At

first, only one bullet was found, leading to theories of a "magic bullet" deflecting off the vice president into the president.) No one knew whether the shooter (or shooters) was working for Beijing, or for gangsters who had placed big bets on the election - or perhaps, the conspiracy theorists said, it was all a set-up to win Chen sympathy.

The tension brought out big election day crowds. The China Post reported that Buddhist monks in their robes, brides and grooms in their wedding gowns and suits, and aborigines dressed in their traditional attire all lined up to vote, with voter turnout exceeding 80 percent. When early returns showed Lien leading, tens of thousands of his supporters wore their campaign colors of blue and orange, and let out rousing cheers. But as President Chen took control, his adherents gathered in front of a backdrop displaying Chinese characters translated as "Heaven Blesses Taiwan." When government vote counters declared Chen the winner shortly after 9 p.m., his supporters let out a huge roar and sent fireworks soaring.

I come away from an Election Day visit to Taipei without any blinding foreign policy insights (yes, we should review all old alliances in the light of new, anti-terrorist realities), but with new curiosity about Taiwanese politics. And here's one small thought: Wow, am I glad that we in the United States have an electoral college, so that recounts don't require counting every vote in every state.

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Cash prizes up for grabs at WT's 10th annual Student Research Conference

CANYON — Rare cash prizes will accompany bragging rights for winners at West Texas A&M University's 10th annual Student Research Conference, which has lured participants from all over the country.

The conference is scheduled for April 16, beginning with student check-in at 8 a.m. at the Jack B. Kelley (JBK) Student Center Commons. Research presentations are scheduled to commence at 9 a.m. in JBK, Rooms 11, 12, 13 and 14, and in the Hastings Electronic Learning Center on campus.

Participants from any college or university are welcome to enter research projects in any of 10 categories, and a special door prize will be awarded to the student who travels the furthest to present. The registration fee, which includes an awards banquet, is \$20. The top presentation in each

category will receive \$200, according to Dr. Bryan Vizzini, assistant professor of history and conference chairperson.

OTHER EVENTS: EASTER BUNNY WILL HOP BY WTAMU CAMPUS

CANYON — Peter Cottontail will make an early visit to the West Texas A&M University campus for a community-wide Easter egg hunt at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 on the lawn of Old Main.

The hunt is sponsored by Campus Activities and Campus Organizations who invite all members of the Canyon and WT communities.

"We will hide plastic Easter eggs filled with candy and coupons redeemable for prizes," Lindsay Webb, assistant director of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center and student activities, said. "We really encourage Canyon residents and WTAMU students to come, bring their children and have a good time."

The Easter egg hunt is free. In case of bad weather, the event will be rescheduled. For more information, call 806-651-2313.

of history and conference chairperson.

"This conference is an outstanding opportunity for students to share their work, receive professional feedback, network and learn a little more about academic life," Vizzini said.

"Graduate students and students involved in seminars are natural candidates for

the conference, but I encourage all graduate and undergraduate students to participate."

Students may submit abstracts — no later than April 1 — in the following categories: agriculture; business management and infor-

mation systems; communications; education; fine arts, literature and languages; health sciences; humanities; natural sciences; physical sciences; and social and behavioral sciences. Abstracts should be submitted online by accessing <http://wtcis.wtamu.edu/~sturesco>.

Each student will make a presentation of 15-20 minutes before a panel of judges and colleagues.

Winners in all 10 categories get \$200, and second- and third-place winners also will receive cash prizes that will depend upon the number of participants entered at the conference.

Winners will be announced at the Student Research Conference Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. in the Alumni Banquet Facility.

For more information, contact Dr. Bryan Vizzini at 806-651-2505 or bvizzini@mail.wtamu.edu.

Experience Works seeking Texas' oldest outstanding worker for 2004

Experience Works, the nation's largest provider of mature-worker training and employment, is searching for Texas' outstanding older worker. For the seventh year, outstanding older workers from every state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, will be honored, along with outstanding employers of older workers, in both their home states and in Washington, D.C. The Experience Works Prime Time Award Program is scheduled Oct. 5-9 in the nation's capitol.

Texas is currently soliciting nominations from businesses and individuals. To be eligible for an award, the nominee must be 65 years of age or older, a resident of Texas, currently employed and working at least 20 hours a week for pay.

Honorees must be willing and able to travel to Washington for the award program. Applicants who are part of a subsidized employment program funded by

local, state or national government are not eligible for this award.

Official nomination forms are available on-line at www.experienceworks.org or by mailing Experience Works, 801 Washington Ave., Suite 100, Waco TX 76701 or by calling 1-800-880-5292. Entries may be received by regular mail or e-mailed to marilyn_clayton@experienceworks.org.

The deadline for nominations is April 30. A search for American's Oldest Worker for 2004 is also under way. Last year, Dr. Russell Clark, 102, real estate developer and retired physician, was named America's Oldest Worker.

In addition to special activities and recognition at the state level, each honoree will be treated to a tour of the city's landmarks, meetings with Congressional representatives, U.S. Senate and House events and a banquet and ceremony in the Ronald Reagan Building.

LMNRA receives funding to extend additional boat ramps

FRITCH — Lake Meredith National Recreation Area has received additional funding to extend boat ramps within the park. Emergency funding was received in mid-March to extend the Sanford-Yake boat ramp to enable boaters to access the lake at its lower water levels. Since that time, additional funding has been provided from the regional director's office, said Karren Brown, superintendent of LMNRA.

"We're happy to be able to take steps to ensure continued access to the lake, even as we deal with the challenges of

lower water levels," Brown said.

Brown also announced that the National Park Service will remove metal gates at Harbor Bay, Cedar Canyon and Chimney Hollow. The posts will remain, but the gates will be removed. The installation of gates planned for Blue West and Bugbee is postponed until further notice.

"We thought it was a good idea to install gates, similar to the one at Chimney Hollow, around the lake for public safety and resource protection," Brown said. "It was never our intention to discour-

age people from visiting the area. We now realize the importance of seeking public comment on the gates before we installed them. We hope that our removing the gates demonstrates our intention to consult with the public prior to taking actions that significantly affect the community and lake visitors."

Cedar Canyon, Chimney Hollow and Harbor Bay boat ramps are still closed to boat launching due to low water levels.

Cedar Canyon campground will be re-opened sometime around the Easter holiday's,

thanks to the efforts of local volunteers who joined park staff in cleaning up and repairing the area.

Chimney Hollow campground will re-open around the end of April. It has been closed to visitors since June 2003 because of no water access, low visitation and continuing vandalism and trash problems. Harbor Bay remains open for camping.

For more information, contact park headquarters at (806) 857-3151.

Nominations sought for university's alumni awards

CANYON — The Alumni Association at West Texas A&M University has begun accepting nominations for the annual Distinguished Alumnus Award as well as for the 2004 University Excellence Award.

Award winners will be recognized during the Alumni Association's annual Phoenix Club Banquet Saturday, May 1, in the Dr. Hazel Kelley Wilson Banquet Hall of the Alumni Banquet Facility.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented to WT graduates who are professionally successful and who contribute to the betterment of the university, society and their profession.

The University Excellence Award goes to a university staff or faculty member with

at least three years of outstanding service to WT, students, the community and their profession.

Nominations for both awards will be accepted through Friday, April 9.

Individuals nominated in 2002 and 2003 but not select-

ed either year are still eligible for nomination, Brown said.

To obtain nomination forms or for more information, contact the Alumni Association at (806) 651-2311 or alumni@mail.wtamu.edu.



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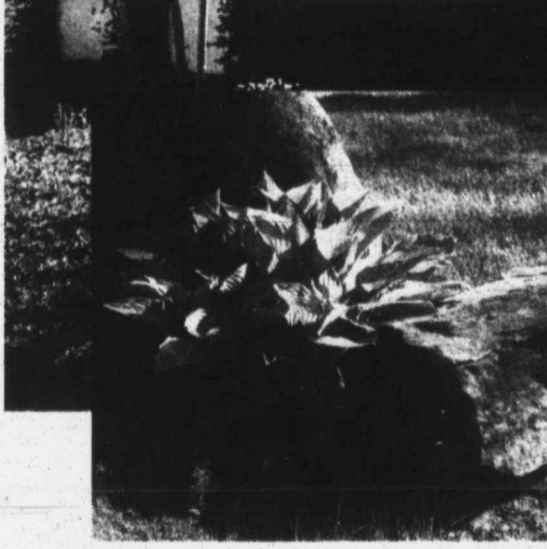
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MEDICAL SUPPORT GROUPS, ETC.

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

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

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

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

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

Medicines.md. U.S. senior citizens now have access to legitimate e-mail order links to the world's lowest prices on prescription drugs by visiting www.medicines.md on the Internet, allowing them to have their prescriptions filled by licensed pharmacies abroad. The service adheres to FDA guidelines and offers free access to regularly updated international price lists for the 120 most popular brand-name prescription drugs as well as 1,300 generic medicines.

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

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

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

Mommy 'N' Me. A support group for nursing mothers and women needing information on breastfeeding that meets at 10 a.m., the first Monday of each month at Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan. For more information, call 664-2459.

MSAA. A wide range of free, direct support services is available to local residents suffering from multiple sclerosis through Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. Services include general information, therapeutic equipment, educational literature, national lending library, no-cost MRIs, cool suits, wheelchairs and scooters, support groups and more. For more information, contact MSAA at 1-800-LEARN-MS or access www.msaa.com on the Internet.

MS SOCIETY. The Multiple Sclerosis Society offers a monthly program for people with MS every third Thursday of

each month. Some of the topics covered include: "Moving Forward: A Program for People Newly Diagnosed with MS," "When MS Progresses," "Intimacy and MS," "Life after Diagnosis: A Wellness Approach" and much more. A transcript is provided at the site after each program. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT-MS or (806) 468-7500 or contact the National MS website at www.nmss.org and select Educational Programs.

Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation®. MDFF seeks donations of old or slightly used vehicles for sale by the organization to raise funds to help individuals and families living with muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular diseases covered under the program. MDFF's purpose is to provide wheelchairs, hospital beds, van lifts, breathing machines, clinic services and other items of aid to clients in need. For more information, call 1-800-544-1213.

Music Therapy. Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center's Quality of Life Project/Palliative Care Services offers free Music Therapy Sessions at 10:30 a.m. weekly on Wednesdays at the Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room. Patient and adult family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 291.

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

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

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

Open Door Al-Anon Alateen Winners Group. Alateen Winners Group meets at 8 p.m., Wednesdays at 910 W. Kentucky. **Outreach Health Services/WIC.** Outreach Health Services/WIC Nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information, call 665-1182.

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

Panhandle Alliance for the Mentally Ill. A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

Pathways. The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #173-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

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

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

Princess Warriors. Princess Warriors, a support group for women with gynecologic cancer, meets at 5:30 p.m., the first

Tuesday of each month in the Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheater in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673 or (806) 934-2364.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

West Texas Parent Education Network. WTPEN, a program serving West Texas children with disabilities and their parents, is headquartered in Lubbock. Information, technical assistance and training for parents of infants, children and youth with disabilities are available at no charge. A goal of the project is to reach rural and minority parents who have not had access to such services in the past. For more information, call (806) 762-1434 or toll-free at 1-877-762-1435 or write West Texas PEN, 1001 Main St., #804, Lubbock, TX 79401.

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

EDUCATION, PSAs

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

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

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

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

AYA. Academic Year in America program is seeking host families for international exchange students between the ages of 15-18 1/2. For more information, call Danielle Carpino at 1-800-322-4678 ext. 5146.

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

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GRAY (WILDCAT above 4400') Pantera Energy Co., #1 Dalton, 2110' from North & 1000' from West line, Sec. 62,A-6,H&GN, PD 4400'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con, Inc., #1 B.H. Flowers, 2236' from North & 1987' from East line, Sec. 36,41,H&TC, PD 11000'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Upper Morrow) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con, Inc., #1AD.H. Honath, 1375' from North & 1500' from East line, Sec. 75,M-1,H&GN, PD 12400'. Replacement well for #1 D.H. Honath
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & GILL RANCH Brown Dolomite) Devon Louisiana Corp., #1301 Mathers Gas Unit, 900' from North & 525' from West line, Sec. 13,A-2,H&GN, PD 12500'. Rule 37
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, Fred A. Hobart, Sec. 67,A-2,H&GN, PD 13500'. for the following wells: #1067, 660' from South & 1810' from West line of Sec.

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 #1267, 700' from South & 467' from East line of Sec.
HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT & MEREX RESOURCES Granite Wash) Burnett Oil Co., Inc., #601 Coble Shire, 1364' from South & 673' from East line, Sec. 9,G,H&GN, PD 11000'.
HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT & S.W. MORSE Brown Dolomite) Ovation Energy, L.P., #2016 McNutt, 1870' from South & 570' from West line, Sec. 16,M-27,R.C. McNutt, PD 4000'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LIPS Mississippian) Range Production Co., #1 W.C. McGarraugh, 3507' from N/South & 3617' from West line, W. Cooper Survey, PD 10000'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & McMORDIE RANCH 11000') Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #3 Hale, 14138' from North & 4175' from East line, Clay County School Land, PD 10800'.
Applications to Plug-Back
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #1 Hobart '49' SWD, 1712' from South & 2072' from East line, Sec. 49,A-2,H&GN, PD 8100'.
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Tonkawa) Devon Louisiana Corp., #10 Mathers Ranch, 2360' from North & West line, Sec. 166,41,H&TC, PD 11150'.
Oil Well Completions
HEMPHILL (FELDMAN Tonkawa) J-Breck Co., #1 J-Fel, Sec. 9,43,H&TC, spud 9-5-03, drlg. compl 9-19-03, tested 2-26-04, pumped 32 bbl. of 47 grav. oil + 38 bbls. water, GOR 2368, TD 7800', PBTD 7755' —
HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT) Burnett Oil Co., Inc., #1 Coble '64', Sec. 1,G,H&GN, spud 12-15-03, drlg. compl 1-14-04, tested 1-29-04, flowed 235 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + no water thru 26/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 277, TD 9958', PBTD 9864' —
Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #17 Zybach '66', Sec. 66,M-1,H&GN, spud 12-11-03, drlg. compl 12-24-03, tested 2-5-04, potential 3226 MCF, TD 11667', PBTD 11626' —
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Devon Louisiana Corp., #9066 Young, Sec. 66,A-2,H&GN, spud 10-18-03, drlg. compl 11-9-03, tested 12-30-03, potential 505 MCF, TD 11505', PBTD 11000' —
HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #3 Carver 'A', Lot 12,4,W.M. Neil, spud 12-10-03, drlg. compl

12-16-03, tested 2-13-04, TD 3650', PBTD 3580' —
HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #B-15 Herring 'B', R. Walters Survey, spud 12-30-03, drlg. compl 1-3-04, tested 3-1-04, TD 3650', PBTD 3602' —
WHEELER (ALLISON BRITT) Devon Energy Co., L.P., #1 Holt, Sec. 20,RE,R&E, spud 9-25-03, drlg. compl 10-30-03, tested 11-10-03, potential 978 MCF, TD 18169', PBTD 12300' — Plug-Back
Plugged Wells
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Pan Resources, Inc., Whittenburg Estate, Sec. 17,47,H&TC (oil) — Form 1 in Westlund & Johnson, for the following wells:
 #1, spud 10-1-48, plugged 2-9-04, TD 2740' —
 #4, spud 11-28-48, plugged 1-22-04, TD 2779' —
 #9, spud 1-14-49, plugged 2-20-04, TD 2978' —
 #17, spud 8-21-49, plugged 2-15-04, TD 2833' —
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Pan Resources, Inc., #24 Whittenburg Estate, Sec. 17,47,H&TC, spud 9-10-67, plugged 1-30-04, TD 2774' — For 1 in Stephens Engineering

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

PCCA
 Pampa Community Concert Association's 2003-04 concert series includes the following programs: Lee and Suits Duo - 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 30, M.K. Brown Auditorium; "Guthrie in Dance and Music" - 3 p.m., Jan. 20, M.K. Brown Auditorium; "The Woods Tea Co." - Feb. 15, Heritage Room, M.K. Brown Auditorium; and Cantus - 7:30 p.m., April 26, Borger High School Auditorium. Memberships/tickets are available at the door. For more information on any of these events, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631.
BABY'S COMING SHOP
 The Moms and Babies Coming Shop in Pampa is looking for volunteers to help man the shop. For more information, call 664-2459.
TDHS VOLUNTEERS
 Texas Department of Human Services is seeking volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest, capability and availability of openings. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863.
CAPROCK CANYONS
 Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway will host the following events in April: 8 a.m., April 3, Volunteer Day; 7:30 p.m., April 17, "Butterflies & Moths of Caprock Canyons State Park." For more information on any of these programs, call (806) 455-1492.
HOSPICE TRAINING
 BSA Hospice will offer "The Hospice Approach to Living and Dying," its volunteer training and community education class, from 1-4 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, April 5-29 at Frank Phillips College in Borger. The program is free to participants from Borger and surrounding communities and is worth 2.4 CEUs. For more information, or to pre-register, call Janet at (806) 274-9111 or toll-free at 1-800-658-6985.

FRESHSTART
 "FRESHSTART" Tobacco Cessation Program will be offered from 6-7 p.m. over a two-week period at Texas Tech Women's Health & Research Institute in Amarillo. Participants must attend all four classes scheduled Tuesday, April 6, Thursday, April 8, Tuesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 15. For more information, call (806) 463-7848.
KONIS RECEPTION
 "In the Art Gallery," a reception for Ben Konis, is planned at 6 p.m. April 10 at the Armstrong County Museum's Gem Theatre in Claude.
CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS
 Several scholarship opportunities are currently available to area high school seniors through Top O' Texas CattleWomen. Awarded will be one \$500 scholarship and two \$250 scholarships. Applications for these scholarships are due April 23 and may be obtained through your high school counselor. All scholarship applications must be returned to Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. For more information, contact Christner at (806) 826-3572.
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.,

April 7, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., April 12, 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: April 27, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, Pampa; April 6, Family Care Clinic, Shamrock; April 7 and 21, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; and April 30, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. 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.
VFW ANNIVERSARY
 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the local post on April 3. The celebration will include a parade, tours of Freedom Museum USA, an open house and a banquet. Members of the 17 posts that comprise the area's District 9 as well as the state commander will be invited. Donations are welcome. Donations may

be sent to Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., Pampa Post #1657, P.O. Box 2684, Pampa, TX 79066.
DEVIL'S ROPE MUSEUM
 The Devil's Rope Museum in McLean will host its annual Barb Wire Show April 1 and 2 in the Western Heritage Room of the museum, located at 100 Kingsley. The show will feature various types of barbed wire and fencing tools plus a multitude of other items. The event is free and open to the public.
CINDERELLA PAGEANT
 The North Texas Cinderella Pageant will be staged April 18 at Childress. The pageant is open to girls between 0 and 2 years of age and 3 and 26 years of age and boys between 0-6-years of age. For more information, call (806) 684-2389.
COLGATE YOUTH SERVICE CONTEST
 Local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls Inc., Camp Fire and 4-H organizations are invited to enter their best community service projects in the 2000 "Colgate Youth for America" campaign. Cash grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded to the most creative and best executed projects from local clubs and troops. Local club and troop community service programs running between March 1, 2003, and March 1, 2004, are eligible for the contest. Entry forms are available through regional offices of the

national organizations or by sending a SASE to: Colgate Youth for America Campaign, P.O. Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150-1058. Deadline for entry into this year's program is April 30, 2004. Forms are also available on-line at www.youthforamerica.com.
THEATRE SCHOOL
 Circle in the Square Theatre School in New York will hold auditions on May 1 in Dallas as part of its Professional Two Year Workshops (both acting and musical) and its seven-week Summer Workshops (acting and musical). For more information, call (212) 307-0388; write: Admissions, Circle in the Square Theatre School, 1633 Broadway, New York, NY 10019-6795; or e-mail circleinthesquare@att.net. For a downloadable application, visit www.circlesquare.org on the World Wide Web.
WINE&CLAY FESTIVAL
 Llano Estacado's Seventh Annual Wine & Clay Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13 at Llano Estacado Winery, 3.2

miles east of US87 on FM 1585. Demonstrations are planned throughout the day. Admission is free. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, and 12 noon-5 p.m., Sunday.
HOUSTON CRAFT SHOW
 Houston Center for Contemporary Craft is seeking entries for "CraftHouston 2004: Texas" set for June 19 through Sept. 12 at the Craft Center. Postmark deadline for entries is April 1. Entry forms and application information for this juried event are available at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St., Houston, TX 77002; at www.crafthouston.org; or by calling (713) 529-4848, ext. 106, or e-mailing hccc@crafthouston.org.
USS SPERRY
 The USS Sperry Association is seeking former shipmates who served between 1942-82 for a reunion celebration. For more information, call (517) 784-7810; write George Gallas, secretary, USS SPERRY (AS-12) Association, Jackson, MI 49203-1521; or e-mail georgecarole@modempool.com.

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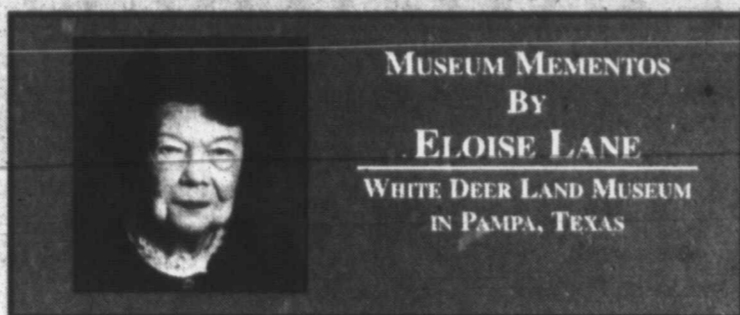
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Pioneer Cottage seen four different locations

(Most of the following information was obtained from articles written by Edna Carr Vincent and Kathryn Vincent Steele.)



MUSEUM MEMENTOS
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WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
IN PAMPA, TEXAS

Wiley Powell Vincent and his wife, the former Mary Catharine "Katie" Crawford, came to Pampa in 1903. With them were two sons, Clifton and Jack (R.C.). Two other children, Joe Tyler and Kathryn, were born later.

For a short time, the Vincents lived in a small house owned by J.S. Wynne and in a small house owned by the Johnson Mercantile Company. Then (also in 1903) they bought a five acre plot adjacent to the original town site of Pampa. (At that time, Browning Avenue was the northern boundary of Pampa.)

They hired Walter and Oll Davis to build the small house that became the Pioneer Cottage and Wiley helped in its construction. The cottage was built at the corner of Browning and Starkweather (now the Central Baptist Church Parking Lot.) While the cottage was being built, the Vincents lived in two tents — one was used for a kitchen and the other for sleeping quarters.

The foundation for the house was made of cedar posts and lumber was purchased from the Johnson Mercantile Co. The house was 16x30 feet with the front room 16x20 feet and a shed room 10x16 feet. There were two windows and a door in the south side of the front room and the shed room had one window in the east and one in the west with a door on the north side. The roof was made of cedar shingles and the house was painted to preserve the lumber.

Coal and wood were used as fuel for a heater in the front room and a cook stove in the kitchen. Kerosene lamps were used for lights, and Katie faithfully polished the lamp chimneys every-day. Water for household use was hauled from the White Deer Land Co. well in wooden barrels loaded on wagons. Later gutters were put on the house and rain was stored in a galvanized covered tank.

The Vincents planted fruit trees and Black and Honey Locust trees which the White Deer Land Co. furnished to settlers. Wiley dug a cellar about 10x12 feet to store fruit and vegetables and to protect the family from wind and storms.

Pampa's first school building was across Browning Avenue south of the cottage and

Cliff Vincent was one of the 10 pupils who attended the first school (1904-04). Both the cottage and the school building were threatened by a prairie fire (started north of Pampa by a burning haystack) which came within 600 yards of the cottage. (The year of the fire has been reported as 1907, but Leona Martin, whose family came in March 1908, wrote that she was attending school at the time of the fire.)

Wiley was not at home, and neighbor John E. Chapman warned Katie to seek safety for her family. She began immediately to carry bedding, clothing and food to the cellar. She pulled 50 pound sacks of flour and one 100 pound sack of sugar to tumble down the cellar steps. She took time out to chase Wiley's new Stetson hat that blew out of her hands as she started to the cellar. When she told this story in later years, she laughed until tears rolled down her cheeks and said that she could never have done what she did if she had not been so scared.

Katie did not forget "Rat," Cliff's pony; she went to the lot and turned him loose. Cliff said that it was hard to catch the pony after the fire which was contained by men and boys of the community who fought with wet sacks and brooms.

In 1912, Robert and Mary Yeager came from East Texas and later bought a 60 acre tract that stretched from Browning Avenue to present East Harvester (southern edge of Fairview Cemetery.) This purchase included the Vincents' five acre plot on which the pioneer cottage was standing. The Vincents moved to their farm about two miles northeast of Pampa. In 1914, they bought a large white house at 303 E. Atchison and moved there. (This house is now two miles west of Pampa just south of Highway 60.)

In 1915, the Yeagers built a lovely home (now at 727 Magnolia) immediately east of the pioneer cottage. Since they did not want the little house at their front door, they moved it to a place about where Yeager and Short streets intersect.

Robert Yeager died in 1918, and in 1920 Edward Spencer Carr and his wife Effie

purchased the Yeager holdings. Their daughter Edna had married Cliff Vincent on June 24, 1919, and the Carrs gave the cottage to Cliff and Edna and moved it back to its original location on the corner of Browning and Starkweather. Cliff and Edna lived in what had been Cliff's childhood home until 1925. They built a porch on the front and back of the house and painted it white. Electricity and water were available, but they still burned coal and wood for a time before they used natural gas for heat.

From 1925 until 1962, the cottage housed many families, and at one time one of Pampa's first "Helpy-Selfy Laundries" was operated there. In 1962, Cliff and Edna gave the cottage to the Pampa Genealogical and Historical Society and moved it to Starkweather and Yeager where the City of Pampa had allotted a park for its location.

On Dec. 6, 1970, the Pioneer Cottage was awarded a Texas State Historical Marker. Mrs. Wiley P. Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Vincent and members of the Crawford, Steele, Carr, Vincent and Wynne families assisted in the unveiling. The Pioneer Cottage remained at

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Starkweather and Yeager until August 2003 when it was moved to Santa Fe Park at the corner of Atchison and Cuyler. It is being restored for public viewing by members of the Gray County Historical Commission.



(Photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)
Katie Vincent is shown here standing in front of Pioneer Cottage, her home in 1903. On her right is the Texas State Historical Marker dedicated on Dec. 6, 1970.

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Stacey Johnson

Stacey Johnson and Abbi Covalt are the Pampa Lions Club January 2004 Sweethearts of the Month.

Stacey is the daughter of Jody and Vicki Johnson. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include PHS Student Council (three years); varsity volleyball (three years); Lady Harvester varsity basketball team (starter for three years); varsity softball; senior class president; National Honor Society; "Who's Who Among American High School Students" honoree; school yearbook's Best Athlete.

All-District Soccer Honorable Mention (2003); Harvester Soccer Leadership Award (2003); Lady Harvester Basketball Fighting Heart Award (2002-03); 2003 Regional Runner-Up Team; All-District Softball Team Honorable Mention (2001); Lady Harvester Golden Glove Award 2002; First Team All-District Infielder (2003); and Harvester Fighting Heart Award/Softball (2003).

Stacey attends Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ where she belongs to the church youth group. She plans to attend Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo., on a softball scholarship and pursue a degree in either psychology, special education or coaching.



Abbi Covalt

Abbi is the daughter of Monte and Laura Covalt. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include PHS Lady Harvester Basketball (four years/varsity three years); volleyball (four years/varsity three years); softball (four years/varsity three years); varsity track (one year); PHS Choir (four years); PHS Student Council; Optimist Christmas program volunteer; Salvation Army bell ringer; children's basketball referee; Student Council Historian; "Who's Who Among American High School Students" honoree; Heisman Scholarship nominee; National Honor Society.

USAA Student Council Award; USAA All-American Scholar; Division I Choir Solo (freshman year); basketball all-tournament team (freshman year); softball all-district honorable mention (freshman year); softball second team all-district (sophomore year); basketball defense award (junior year); Best All-Around Volleyball Player (junior/senior years); softball first team all-district (junior year); Coca-Cola Classic all-tournament volleyball team; volleyball first team all-district (senior year); and PHS 2003 Homecoming Queen.

Abbi plans to attend Texas Tech University and eventually pursue a master's degree in speech pathology.

FARM SCENE: California flower producers lamenting death of family-run growers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With its mild climate, California has long dominated the domestic cut flower industry by producing numerous varieties of flowers year-round.

But over the past several years, the ranks of flower growers have dwindled as family-run operations fell to foreign competition or sold their valuable coastal properties to developers.

Ten years ago, about 360 growers belonged to the California Cut Flower Commission. Now it's down to 300, with just 95 selling at least \$300,000 in cut flowers a year.

"It's lamentable," said Lee Murphy, president of the commission. "The flower industry's decline is part of America losing its ability to be a producer nation."

Yoshiko Kajiko and her husband began raising carnations at their 40-acre nursery near San Jose in 1965. As times got tough, they turned to growing water-cress, mint and other herbs, catering to the influx of Vietnamese and Mexican immigrants moving to the Santa Clara Valley.

"That's what we had to do because we couldn't live on flowers alone," Kajiko said.

Many growers can't compete with countries like Colombia, Ecuador, Costa Rica and the Netherlands. Overall, foreign growers supplied 70 percent of this country's cut flowers in 2002. Their lower prices were fueled by cheaper production costs and efficient shipping systems.

Ten years ago, foreign growers had just 45 percent of the domestic market, according to the commission.

Domestic growers face increasing costs for labor, energy and water along with strict environmental regulations.

To deal with those challenges, many have started producing flowers — snapdragons, for example — that don't weather shipping well and must be grown domestically, said Virginia Walter, professor of horticulture at California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo.

Other growers simply shut down and sell their land to developers.

"Some of my farmers sit on prime real estate," Murphy said. "They get offered millions for their property and they take it. That's how you go out of business. You occupy wonderful land, and then eventually the world beats the path to your door."

Rose growers like Euflovia Flowers in the town of Nipomo are staying afloat by producing high quality flowers and new varieties for an upscale market. The family-run company even managed to expand during the past year, sales manager Chad Nelson said.

"People can buy cheap imported products that last a few days or buy expensive flowers that last two weeks," Nelson said. "We're finding that some people are spending more for quality, and we go after those marketplaces."

March hog, pig inventory up 3 percent

AUSTIN — The March 1, 2004 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 920,000 head, was up 3 percent from the March 2003 total of 890,000 head.

The number of breeding hogs totaled 110,000 head, up 5 percent from last year, according to figures released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The March 1 market hog

inventory is up 3 percent from a year ago at 810,000 head, 88 percent of the total hog and pig inventory. The inventory of market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds, at 265 head, was up 20 percent from the previous year.

The inventory of hogs weighing 60 to 119 pounds, at 180,000 head, was down 14

percent from the March 2003 inventory. Market hogs weighing 120 to 179 pounds totaled 195,000 head, a 26 percent increase from last year; hogs weighing 180 pounds or more, at 170,000 head, were down 15 percent.

The December 2003-February 2004 Texas pig crop totaled 386,000 head, an

increase of 3 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.40, down 4 percent from the previous year. State Director, Robin Roark, reported that 46,000 sows farrowed in Texas during December 2003 through February 2004, up 7 percent from last year.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2004, is estimated at 59.3 million head, 2 percent below December 1, 2003. The breeding hog inventory, at 5.92 million head, was down 2 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 53.4 million head, was up 2 percent from last year.

The U.S. pig crop for December 2003-February 2004, at 24.9 million head, was 2 percent more than in 2003. U.S. producers intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow during the March-May 2004 period, 1 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2003.

TDA secures specific exemption to use Tracer on pasture and rangeland

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption allowing the use of spinosad (Tracer 4E Insecticide) on pasture and rangeland for control of beet armyworm, true armyworm, fall armyworm, southern armyworm and yellow-striped armyworm.

Tracer 4E Insecticide, manufactured by Dow Agrosciences, may be applied following all directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA registered pro-

ductlabel, as well as restrictions within the exemption notice. The specific exemption will expire Sept. 23, 2004, and replaces a crisis exemption that went into effect Sept. 23, 2003.

Applications will be made only by certified applicators, by licensed applicators or by persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators.

—The product may be applied at a rate of 1.0 to 2.0 ounces (0.031 to 0.062 pounds active ingredient) per acre. No more than 14.4 ounces (0.45 pounds a.i.) of product per acre per season should be applied.

—A maximum of 250,000 acres of pasture and rangeland may be treated.

—This product is highly toxic to bees exposed to direct treatment on blooming crops or weeds and should not be applied or allowed to drift to blooming crops or weeds while bees are actively visiting the treatment area.

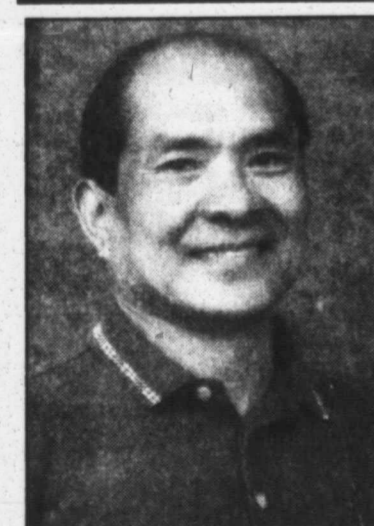
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MEDICAL

Inflammation marker might signal patients at-risk of colon cancer

By LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — High blood levels of a protein linked to heart attacks might also be an early warning sign of colon cancer, a study found.

The substance is C-reactive protein, or CRP, which is produced in the liver in response to infection or inflammation anywhere in the body. In recent years, doctors have come to believe that high levels of CRP in the bloodstream raise the risk of a heart attack by damaging blood vessel walls.

In a study of 22,887 adults, those with the highest levels of CRP were more than twice as likely to develop colon cancer over an 11-year period as those with the lowest CRP levels.

High CRP levels were strongly linked with colon cancer even after other risk factors such as age, family history, being overweight and smoking were taken into account.

The study was led by Dr. Thomas Erlinger of Johns

Hopkins Medical Institutions and appears in a recent Journal of the American Medical Association.

People with diseases involving chronic intestinal inflammation, including ulcerative colitis, are known to face an increased colon cancer risk, and studies have shown that aspirin and other anti-inflammatory drugs can reduce that risk.

The new findings suggest that elevated CRP levels might be a risk factor even without overt signs of colon inflammation, though Erlinger said it would be premature to recommend testing CRP as a way to predict a person's colon cancer risk.

"It will be important for future research to focus on whether and how CRP measurement could be used to improve current screening and prevention strategies," he said.

The researchers examined medical records of mostly white adults in Washington County, Md., taking part in an unrelated study. Colon cancer was diagnosed in 131 people during the study. Twenty of the diagnosed patients had the lowest initial CRP levels. By contrast, 50 colon cancer patients had CRP levels in the highest range.

Colon cancer will be diagnosed in more than 100,000 people this year, according to the American Cancer Society. It is one of the most common types of cancer in industrialized nations.

Screening tests include colonoscopies, which allow doctors to examine the entire colon through a narrow tube. Eating lots of fruits and vegetables, avoiding smoking and fatty foods, and getting plenty of exercise can lower the risk of colon cancer.

In an accompanying editorial, experts noted that the study does not rule out the possibility that high CRP levels are a consequence of early colon cancer rather than a risk factor for the later development of cancer.

Giving aspirin to people with high CRP and watching the outcome could clarify the issue, said cancer specialist Dr. Boris Pasche at Chicago's Northwestern University and researcher Charles Serhan at Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital.

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HEALTHBEAT: FDA considers anti-depressant risk to children

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents of children with depression must sort through an emotionally charged controversy in deciding on treatment: Do popular adult antidepressants sometimes increase the risk of suicide when they're given to kids?

British authorities recently declared a list of common antidepressants unsuitable for children, citing that possibility. Next week, U.S. health authorities open public hearings on the issue, at which parents who blame the drugs for children's deaths are expected to face families who credit the same pills for saving lives.

It's a difficult question, as depression occurs in about 10 percent of youth, and depression can lead to suicide. Some 1,883 10- to 19-year-olds killed themselves in 2001, and specialists say there are 10 to 20 attempts for every suicide.

Antidepressants called SSRIs, such as Paxil, Zoloft and Effexor, have been long used by adults, and authorities say there's no evidence of a suicide risk for them.

Medicines can work differently in children, and only carefully controlled studies can prove if suicidal behavior is more common among youths taking SSRIs. The same holds for determining whether if a risk is proved, is the risk because the drug just did not alleviate the depression or had had some other effect.

No suicides have occurred in studies encompassing 4,000 children. Preliminary data suggest suicidal behavior and attempts, while infrequent, might be two to three times greater among users of some SSRIs: roughly 3.2 percent among children getting the drugs compared with 1.5 percent among those given dummy pills.

The possible risk was spotted after the U.S. Food and Drug

Administration, seeing pediatric SSRI use rising, ordered research to see whether they work in children.

So far, the FDA has approved just one SSRI — Prozac — for use in depressed patients under age 18, but the agency says none of the others are yet proven to alleviate pediatric depression.

Lack of benefit in the face of possible risk led to Britain's warning that SSRIs other than Prozac are unsuitable for children. Here, FDA still is analyzing the research; it hopes to have recommendations by summer.

"Obviously there are many pediatric psychiatrists who believe in these drugs, but definitive advice on what to do is still pending," says Dr. Russell Katz, FDA's chief of neurological drugs. "Now, we can only say use them with caution."

For 18-year-old Jame Tierney of Kernersville, N.C., that's not enough warning. Next Monday, Jame will tell the FDA that fury and thoughts of suicide consumed her while taking Effexor — an experience her family wants the government to pay special heed to because Jame wasn't depressed when she started the drug at age 14. It was prescribed for migraine headaches.

A year of the starting dose induced some jitteriness. But when the headaches returned and the doctor doubled the dose, Jame's parents say their daughter went from a sweet, popular honor student to a raging loner.

"I hated my family, my friends and most of all myself," Jame says, describing screaming fits and hard-to-control impulses such as once lightly cutting her wrist with a razor until the pain stopped her.

Effexor maker Wyeth Pharmaceuticals wrote doctors in August to warn that while a cause-and-effect isn't certain, its studies show more suicide-related thinking in children taking the drug than those

given dummy pills, including a 2 percent incidence of hostility.

The debate elicits strong emotions.

"The aim is to do no harm. Leaving it (depression) untreated is not 'doing no harm,'" says Dr. Graham Emslie of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

He co-chaired a task force of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology that last week declared evidence that links SSRIs to suicide is too weak to justify not using them. The group points to evidence that suicides have dropped as SSRI use increased around the world, and to autopsy studies that show most suicides hadn't taken an anti-depressant, or the right dose, just before their deaths.

On the other side, critics claim SSRIs sometimes cause agitation and urgent anxiety, called akathisia, that could make certain people suicidal.

"I think these drugs have a place even in these age groups, but my ability ... to use these drugs safely is going to be enhanced if they come with the right warnings," says Dr. David Healy, director of the North Wales Department of Psychological Medicine, who helped trigger Britain's review.

Day-to-day, doctors and parents are caught in the middle.

"The kids are in distress at this moment, so we have to work with the information currently available," says Dr. Joseph Gold, director of pediatric psychiatry at McLean Hospital, affiliated with Harvard Medical School.

He's reassured at the apparent low incidence of problems and notes that older antidepressants have far more common side effects but prescribes the lowest possible dose.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Laurant Neergaard covers health and medical issues for The Associated Press in Washington.



CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

by Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

REPETITIVE INJURIES FOUND IN ALL INDUSTRIES

Chiropractors care for many individuals with repetitive strain injuries. These occur when the shoulder, arm and hand are repeatedly completing the same task. This condition is often found with workers in a factory setting. However, it can occur at almost any place of employment. Some Doctors of Chiropractic, for example, specialize in helping musicians who suffer from this syndrome. These individuals were excellent performing artists until developing a repetitive strain injury to the arm or hand. Then their career either temporarily or completely stopped because of this debilitating injury. Many people who suffer from repetitive strain injuries believe the pain will go away. They continue to handle recurring tasks although their arms, elbows, shoulders, or neck are very sore. Pain is the body's warning signal. If you are having repetitive strain symptoms, visit your chiropractor immediately for a complete evaluation and treatment. The sooner the condition is treated and the doctor offers preventative suggestions for the future, the greater the chance of non-recurrence.

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Researchers: Vaccine can stop lung cancer

By RENEE C. LEE
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — An experimental vaccine wiped out lung cancer in some patients and slowed its spread in others in a small but promising study, researchers say.

Three patients injected with the vaccine, GVAX, had no recurrence of lung cancer for more than three years afterward, according to the study of 43 people with the most common form of the disease, non-small cell lung cancer.

The findings were published in a recent Journal of the National Cancer Institute. The research was funded in part by Cell Genesys, a pharmaceutical company that hopes to produce the vaccine.

The vaccine, developed by researchers at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, is years away from reaching the market, if ever. The researchers hope to apply for Food and Drug Administration approval in three years.

"The results are very promising for patients with non-small (cell) lung cancer, which is frequently resistant to chemotherapy," said Dr. John Nemunaitis, a Baylor oncologist who led the study.

Non-small cell lung cancer is the nation's leading cause of cancer death, killing more than 150,000 people each year. The disease is related to smoking and is often difficult to treat. Treatment usually involves removal of the tumor, chemotherapy or both.

Vaccine studies are a burgeoning area of cancer

research. Unlike traditional vaccines, which generally aim to prevent disease, some experimental cancer vaccines are designed to treat or cure existing disease.

This study is the first to show complete and long-lasting regression of lung cancer by stimulating the immune system to attack cancer cells, Nemunaitis said. A similar approach has shown promise against skin and renal cell cancer.

In the study, each patient was injected in the arm and leg with a vaccine that included cells from his or her tumors. A gene called GM-CSF was placed into the cancer cells to change the surface of the cells to help the body identify them as cancerous. The body's immune cells soon began to recognize, attack and destroy the cancer cells in the lungs.

Forty-three lung cancer patients — 10 in the early stage and 33 in the advanced stage — were injected with the vaccine every two weeks for three months. Researchers followed them for three years.

The cancer disappeared in three of the advanced-stage patients. Two of those patients previously had chemotherapy, which failed. In the rest of the advanced-stage patients, the disease remained stable and did not spread for almost five months to more than two years.

For patients in the early stage, the vaccine did not make much difference against the cancer.

"The most exciting thing is in those who responded to the vaccine, it was complete," Nemunaitis said. "It's given us a lot of encouragement."

For patients with advanced-stage lung cancer, chemotherapy works no more than 3 percent of the time, and survival is usually eight to nine months. Those whose cancer went into remission with the vaccine were alive at least three years later. And the vaccine has no side effects, Nemunaitis said.

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ALL BUSINESS: Option expensing reveals other business issues

By RACHEL BECK
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Now that it's more likely companies will have to deduct the cost of stock options from earnings as soon as next year, a big question looms: Will investors even care?

It will be shocking to see the impact that expensing options has on the bottom line at some companies, where profits will quickly turn to losses. But that alone probably won't send smart stock-owners stampeding for the doors.

Instead, investors may start paying more attention to other important measures of financial health and performance, including such things as corporate cash flows, to gauge the real worth of a stock.

Options give executives or employees the right to buy stock at a set price. If the price rises above that price, they can exercise the option and make money. The potential riches of options spurred some corporate executives to do everything they could — including in some infamous cases, accounting trickery — to make their companies look good during the 1990s stock market boom.

Companies traditionally have not had to record the cost of options as an expense on their income statements. Instead, they simply describe the potential cost in a footnote.

That would change under the new rule proposed Wednesday by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, which would require options costs to be directly subtracted from earnings.

Should the proposal go through — it still faces some opposition in Congress, largely thanks to an intense lobbying effort by small businesses and technology firms — the impact on corporate earnings could be big.

A new report from Credit Suisse First Boston found that expensing options would have reduced earnings by an average 8 percent for Standard & Poor's 500 companies in 2003, when profits rebounded from a two-year slump. The impact would have been more dramatic in 2002 and 2001, when options expensing could have knocked down already weak earnings by about 20 percent.

High-tech companies, many of which offer generous option programs to most of their employees, would be hit hardest.

Consider the case of Symbol Technologies. The bar-code technology maker earned 1 cent a share in 2003 from continuing operations. Had an option expense of 6

cents a share been included, the company would have lost 5 cents a share last year — a 600 percent decline in earnings, according to the CSFB report.

At software company Mercury Interactive, earnings would go from 45 cents a share down to a loss of \$1.08, while at Apple Computer, options expensing would have resulted in a loss of 27 cents a share from a profit of 19 cents, the report said.

Despite such dramatic examples of how the bottom line can change, a study by the consulting firm Towers Perrin of 335 companies that voluntarily expense options found that it had no bearing on their stock prices. The findings were based on trading during 150 days before and after the

companies announced their expensing plans.

However, as investors turn their attention to the net earnings figure to other aspects of business operations, it could scare them off a stock.

"A new accounting rule does not change the economics of a business. However, it does take a different picture of the economics," said CSFB's accounting analyst David Zion, who authored the report.

Investors, for example, may weigh how options costs compare from one company to the next within a given sector.

It's also likely that they will closely examine how big stock-option plans dilute the value of all shares, and how companies could be moving

cash away from such things as capital spending and dividend payouts to support their option programs.

In addition, a mandate to deduct options costs may spur changes in corporate compensation practices, with companies switching to other pay programs with higher upfront cash costs.

That's already starting to be seen. While options grants to top executives fell about 24 percent last year, their salaries rose about 4 percent and bonuses climbed nearly 20 percent, according to a

study compiled by the consulting firm Equilar from the 2003 proxy statements from 223 companies in the S&P 500.

Still, options expensing isn't yet a done deal, especially if the corporate lobbyists have their way. That may give investors more reason to wonder what those companies opposed to it really have to hide.

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Dallas woman breaks into jewelry designing

By JAMIE STENGLE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DALLAS (AP) — Like a lot of people relaxing on the beach in the Bahamas, Elizabeth Showers found herself daydreaming about a better life.

Unlike the many vacation-goers whose minds wander while staring into the surf, Showers wasn't messing around.

"I was like, 'You know what? I want to be an entrepreneur,'" said Showers, who was 24 when she had her epiphany. "What's it going to be? I think I'll be a jewelry designer."

Eight years later, the Latin American studies major — whose jewelry experience back then was limited to a beading class — is grossing \$1 million a year as an internationally known designer.

Her earrings, necklaces and bracelets are sold at upscale department stores such as Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue, and at about 80 boutiques in the United States, Mexico, Canada and Spain. Fashion magazines from "InStyle" to "Cosmopolitan" have featured her jewelry — which ranges from \$75 to \$850.

"She's got nice little details among her beads," said Cindy Edelstein, founder and president of Jeweler's Resource Bureau, an educational resource for jewelry designers. "She's not just a bead

line. She has some nice metal work in between."

"It seems her colors are relating well to fashion," said Edelstein, adding that Showers' chandelier earrings fit right into a current trend.

The delicate jewelry which bears her name features stones like green aventurine, pearls, lemon quartz and aquamarine. Many of Showers' earrings, which average about \$175, feature several tiers of the stones, which cascade down. Showers will have an 18-carat gold collection next year.

"She's got a great eye for color and how she arranges her stones," said Julie Butler, vice president and divisional merchandise manager for designer jewelry at Neiman Marcus.

Carol Quist, who has displayed Showers' jewelry in her showroom at Dallas' International Apparel Mart for retail buyers, said Showers' pieces are beautifully designed.

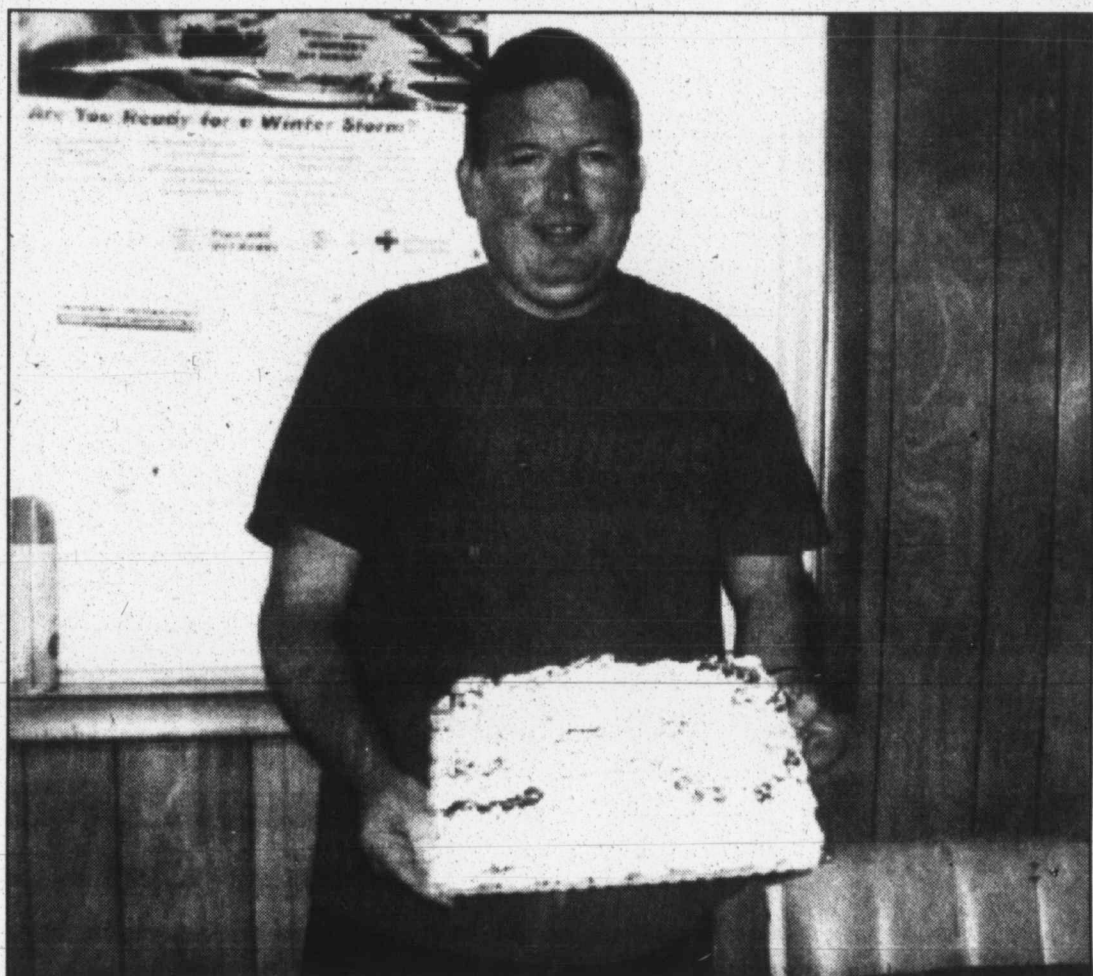
"She uses wonderful materials," Quist said. "The quality is excellent."

Such recognition is the result of hard work that began after that 1996 vacation. Showers, a Southern Methodist University graduate who grew up south of Dallas in Hillsboro, quit her job as a sales manager for a home-decorative manufacturer and began waiting tables so she could concentrate on her new pursuit.

"I had \$2,000 and a couple

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Out of circulation



(Pampa News photo)

Staff at The Pampa News recently held a going-away party for former circulation manager, Dean Lynch. Lynch had managed the department for the past eight years. His successor is Debbie Cantrell.

Longtime Railroad Commission employee to retire



Linda Clemmons

Linda Clemmons, a longtime employee of the Texas Railroad Commission office in Pampa, will be honored with a retirement reception on Monday, April 5.

Clemmons is retiring after 23 years at the RRC's Oil & Gas District 10 office in Pampa. The reception will be held at the RRC office located on the third floor of City Hall, 201 W. Foster. The come-and-go event is set for 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

She began her career with the RRC on July 27, 1981, during tremendous drilling

activity in the Panhandle Field. She was hired to process oil well completions, and in later years to process and maintain injection and disposal well information and files. She received the Outstanding Service Award in 1995.

Her knowledge of the Commission's procedures and service to the State of Texas has been invaluable, said District Director Lindsay Patterson.

"The Railroad Commission will miss the leadership, experience, and knowledge Linda

has brought to the Commission," Patterson said. "She has been a dedicated and outstanding employee. The Railroad Commission through its employees, has a long and proud history of service to both Texas and the nation."

Clemmons previously worked for TSTI in Amarillo, Bell Helicopter and the City of Pampa. She and her husband, Noel, are parents of one daughter, one son, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. They plan to travel and visit relatives in Arizona, California, and North Carolina

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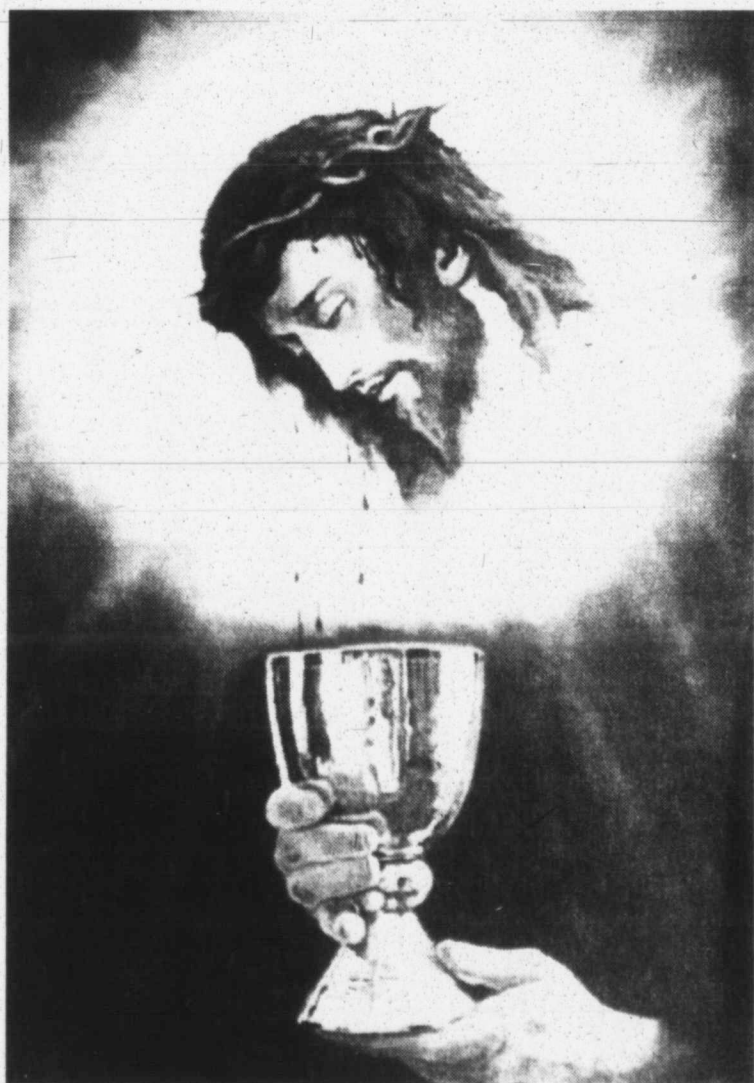


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BASEBALL-SOFTBALL

PAMPA — Coaches are needed in the Pampa Optimist Baseball and Softball Leagues.

Coaches are needed in the 7-8 year-old Pitching Machine League, 11-12 year-old Boys League, and Girls Softball, all leagues.

Interested persons can contact Kevin Davis at 665-7843 or Sherri Tice at 665-3505.

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Junior Volleyball 3 week Mini League at Pampa Middle School for 3rd & 4th grade girls will begin on

Tuesday, April 20 and finish on Thursday, May 6.

Sign-ups are April 5 - 8 at Pampa Middle School Girls' Gym from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The cost is \$25 - CASH ONLY!! (includes t-shirt, volleyball basics, games and ribbon).

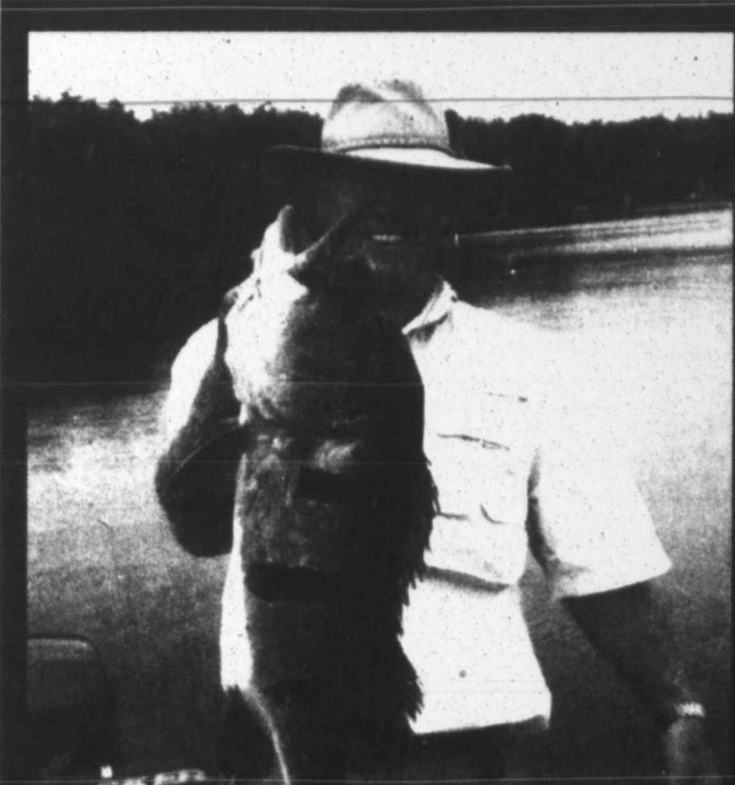
Practice days are Tuesday & Thursday, April 20 & 22 at 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday, April 27 & 29 at 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., and Tuesday, May 4 at 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Game day is Thursday, May 6 at 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Deanna Polasek or Carrie Hicks at 669-4900, ext. 37 (day-time).

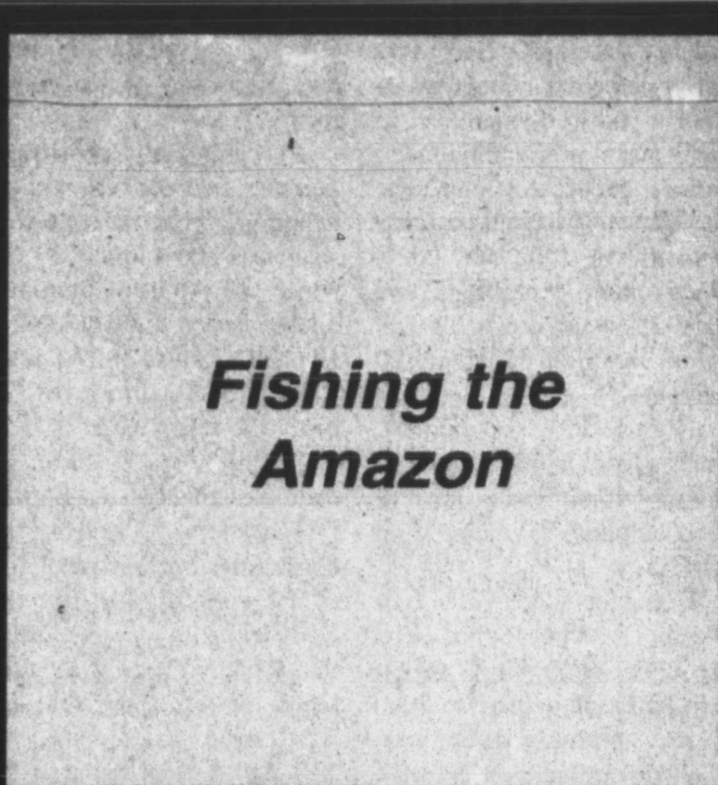
BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The annual Pampa High boys basketball banquet will be held Tuesday, starting at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church-Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at the PHS Athletic Office.



While on a trip to Brazil, Alan Cloud (top photo) of Berger and son Jeff of Pampa went fishing on the Amazon River. Alan and Jeff exhibit 21 and 23-pound peacock bass they caught, respectively. The 12 anglers who went on the fishing excursion caught 20 peacock bass that weighed over 20 pounds each. Of the 20 trophy fish caught, the Clouds caught six of them. Alan also reeled in a 19-pound speckled bass, which is believed close to the world record.



Fishing the Amazon



Pampa routs PD to even 3-4A mark

AMARILLO — Pampa evened its District 3-4A record with a 12-4 win over Palo Duro Friday.

The Harvesters are now 2-2 in district and 9-8 for the season.

PD falls to 0-3 and 1-14-1.

Dusty Lenderman pitched a complete game to pick up the victory. He gave up 9 hits while striking out 6 and not walking a batter.

Lenderman improved his mound record to 3-1.

Pampa's big inning was the second when seven runs crossed the plate. Jed Martin had a two-run single and

Lenderman a run-scoring triple. Shea Brown and Tyson Hickman each had RBI base hits as Pampa took an 8-2 lead into the third.

Martin, who had four RBI for the day, smashed a solo homer in the fourth inning and an RBI single in the fifth. Seth Foster had two hits and two RBI while Hickman had two hits and an RBI. Other Harvesters with hits were Hunter Craig and Brett Ferrell, one single each. Lenderman added a base hit.

Andrew Soria had a double and single, and knocked in two runs for the Dons. Losing pitcher Ryan Godwin had an RBI double and a single.

Rangers committed to younger players

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Alex Rodriguez is gone. The pitching is still suspect. And the payroll has been slashed.

At least it won't cost the Texas Rangers as much money to struggle in the AL West this season. They finished last in the AL West all three of Rodriguez's seasons, just as they did the year before he signed his record \$252 million, 10-year contract.

Now they'll try a different approach, entering manager Buck Showalter's second season committed to younger players.

A-Rod isn't the only expensive veteran missing. Sluggers Juan Gonzalez and Rafael Palmeiro were let go, helping drop the payroll from more than \$100 million to around \$60 million.

The Rangers will try to build around an infield of talented 20-somethings, including second baseman Alfonso Soriano, who came from the New York Yankees in the A-Rod trade. And the final three spots in the rotation were reserved for younger pitchers.

"Everybody's really relaxed. We hope we can

have a Cinderella season," third baseman Hank Blalock said. "You won't ever hear from me. 'We're young, it's OK if we lose.'"

The Rangers certainly won't concede the season. After all, who expected the Florida Marlins to win the World Series last season? Or AL West rival Anaheim two years ago?

Of course, such expectations aren't really realistic.

"I don't even want to go there," general manager John Hart said. "Those guys, they had a lot of special things that happened. That's a pretty lofty comparison."

Stars defeated by Wild, 4-2

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Rickard Wallin scored a pair of goals and goaltender Manny Fernandez beat his former team for the first time in four tries this season as the Minnesota Wild topped the Dallas Stars 4-2 Friday night.

Ron DiMaio scored twice in the second period for the Stars, who have 95 points and are in fifth place in the Western Conference.

Minnesota's power play, ranked 28th in the NHL at home, put the Wild on top 3-2 at 3:12 of the third period. Wallin took a pass from Eric Chouinard in front of the net and beat Ron Tugnutt.

Marian Gaborik scored on a breakaway six minutes later to double Minnesota's lead. The Wild scored on their first two shots of the period.

Fernandez, who stopped 32 shots, made the lead stand with several acrobatic stops down the stretch.

The Stars are 0-2-2 since starting goaltender Marty Turco was suspended four games suspension for slashing Edmonton's Ryan Smyth. He can return for today's season finale

Trotters win Classic title

AMARILLO — The Pampa Globetrotters won the Amarillo Bluebonnet Classic by going undefeated in four games this past weekend.

In the first game, Pampa led 32-11 at halftime, but slowed the game down to rest players and coasted to a 46-23 win. Matthew Smith led the team in scoring with 12 points. Heath Skinner had 11, followed by Hayden Skinner with 9, Casey Trimble 8 and Thomas Fraser 6.

In the second game, the Trotters played a tough Westover Raiders team and came away with a 48-40 victory. Matthew Smith once again led the team in scoring with 15 points, followed by Heath Skinner with 9, Casey Trimble 8, Thomas Fraser 5, Blake Sieck 5, John Luke Covalt 2, Alex Clendingen 2 and Hayden Skinner 2.

The third game saw the Globetrotters playing a physical Amarillo Warriors team. Pampa led by 17 at the half and held on for a 12-point victory 40-28. Matthew Smith had an outstanding game with 20 points. Hayden Skinner added 11 points with 6 coming from the free throw line. Heath Skinner ended up with 8 points. That victory pitted a re-match in the finals against the Raiders.

The Globetrotters played solid defense down the stretch against the Raiders and won in overtime 59-53. The game was tied 53-53 in regulation. Pampa outscored the Raiders 6-0 in overtime for the victory. Matthew Smith had another stellar game by scoring 21 points and playing tenacious defense at crucial times along with the other players. Blake Sieck scored 11 points, followed by Thomas Fraser 9 and Heath Skinner 7. John Luke Covalt and Hayden Skinner each had 4 points and Casey Trimble 3. Alex Clendingen came in and played good defense for the tournament champions.

The basketball team is coached by Jeff Skinner and Monte Covalt. The Trotters have a 10-6 record with a few tournaments left to play.

Stars defeated by Wild, 4-2

against Dallas. DiMaio's second goal of the second period put Dallas ahead 2-1, but Wallin knocked in a rebound less than a minute later to tie it for the Wild.

Notes: DiMaio had his first multigoal game of the season. ... The Wild went over three million in home attendance in franchise history. It was their 183rd consecutive sellout. ... Wild G Dwayne Roloson was hired by ESPN to provide commentary for the NHL playoffs. ... With All-Star D Filip Kuba on the injured with a broken hand, the Wild have moved 19-year-old rookie Brent Burns to the blue line.

Johnson qualifies for track regionals

SAN ANTONIO — Pampa High graduate Curtis Johnson raced to an NCAA regional-qualifying time of 21.06 to take first in the 200 at the recent Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Invitational.

Johnson is a junior and a member of the University of Texas-San Antonio track team.

E-Mail Address

The Pampa News sports department has another e-mail address in addition to the old one.

Articles and photographs from coaches or volunteer reporters should be e-mailed to sports@thepampanews.com

However, the old e-mail address moosescourat@yahoo.com can still be used.

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Nelson and Martelli: Saint Joseph's sweeps AP awards

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Jameer Nelson and Phil Martelli were at the Final Four. The star and coach of Saint Joseph's wanted to be in the Final Four.

The tiny school from Philadelphia that had an almost-perfect season swept The Associated Press men's college basketball awards Friday.

Picking up two nice trophies and joining a select group of previous double winners didn't do much to lift their spirits six days after the Hawks lost 64-62 to Oklahoma State in the East Rutherford Regional final, one game from the Final Four.

"I thought coming here would help," Martelli said Friday, after stopping off at the

Alamodome a day earlier. "It just felt empty."

He might not even attend the semifinals Saturday.

"I don't know if I can emotionally handle the games," he said.

This marked the ninth time one school swept the awards, and the first since 1980 when Mark Aguirre and Ray Meyer of DePaul won them.

The 5-foot-11 Nelson averaged 20.6 points, 4.7 rebounds, 5.3 assists and 2.9 steals this season, leading the Hawks to a 30-2 record and the school's first No. 1 ranking and No. 1 seeding. He shot 47.5 percent from the field, including 39 percent from 3-point range, and

shot 79.2 percent from the free throw line. His No. 14 already has been retired. He finished as the school's all-time leader in points (2,094) and assists (713).

"I wouldn't be receiving these awards if my teammates didn't capture the attention of the nation," Nelson said. "It was an unbelievable season."

Nelson received 55 votes from the same national panel that votes on the weekly poll, well ahead of the 14 for Connecticut's Emeka Okafor, who like Nelson was a unanimous All-America selection. Lawrence Roberts of Mississippi State had three votes.

"He is the finest human being

I've ever been around in this game of basketball," Martelli said of Nelson.

Nelson seemed to be getting over the loss a little quicker than Martelli.

"I'm starting to appreciate everything this season. The bitterness is starting to go away," he said.

Nelson said much of the season hasn't sunk in yet. He said it may take some time before he fully appreciates what the Hawks accomplished and then added a jab at the bald Martelli.

"Maybe once I get 40 years old and once Coach loses all the rest of his hair," he said.

It was the second straight year an Atlantic 10 player won

the award, following David West of Xavier last season. The only other player from that league to win it was Marcus Camby of Massachusetts in 1996.

Martelli just completed his ninth season at Saint Joseph's, and it was unlike any other in school history. The Hawks didn't lose until Xavier beat them in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 tournament.

Saint Joseph's won the Atlantic 10 regular-season title for a fourth straight year and this was the third time the Hawks won 25 or more games under Martelli.

"This award for myself is not really for coach of the year ...

this is about honoring the team of the year," Martelli said. "By honoring me, you are really honoring those 15 kids."

Martelli received 29 votes, 16 more than Eddie Sutton of Oklahoma State. Mike Montgomery of Stanford was third with 12 votes and Joe Scott of Air Force had eight.

The only other Atlantic 10 coach to win the award was John Chaney of Temple in 1988.

Of the nine times a school swept the awards, UCLA did it four times. John Wooden was the coach each time, with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (then Lew Alcindor) in 1967 and 1969, and Bill Walton in 1972 and 1973.

Semi-retired Elliott is right back on the fast track in Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — For Bill Elliott, it was as if he hadn't even missed a race. He got in the car and went right back to the front of the field.

Elliott, the semiretired driver, ran a qualifying lap of 193.729 mph Friday and will start in the No. 2 position in just his second NASCAR Nextel Cup race of the season, the Samsung/RadioShack 500 today.

The former series champi-

on hadn't been in a Nextel car since finishing 20th in Las Vegas a month ago.

"Honestly, I don't even feel like I've missed a race from my standpoint," said Elliott, who will start alongside polesitter and Texas fan favorite Terry Labonte.

"This is no different than it being the second race of the season rather than the seventh," Elliott added.

Labonte sits on the pole at Texas for the second straight year, and on the front row for

the fourth time, after a lap of 193.903 mph. The No. 18 car owned by Joe Gibbs will be the first Chevrolet to start on the pole this year.

While Labonte became the first multiple pole winner at Texas, nobody has ever won from the front row on the high-banked, 1 1/2-mile track.

Rookie Kasey Kahne, who took over full-time in Elliott's old No. 9 Dodge owned by Ray Evernham, qualified third at 193.673.

Elliott is running a limited schedule for Evernham Motorsports. He hopes to run 10 to 12 races, but a lack of sponsorship could keep that from happening.

"We don't have anybody on the car, so if you want to throw in a couple of bucks, I'm sure Ray will talk to you," Elliott said. "I don't know how low he'd go."

Elliott owns the TMS qualifying record at 193.514 mph, set two years ago when he finished ninth for his only top-10

at the track. He led 43 laps after starting sixth last year, but only completed 46 before engine problems ended his day in last place.

Kahne will make his fifth top-five start, and already has three top-three finishes. But he dropped from fifth to 11th in points last week after he collided with Jamie McMurray at Bristol and was knocked out of the race, finishing 40th.

"We put it behind us and qualified third today, so we're

looking good this week," Kahne said. "I was upset when it happened to be out of the race that early, especially with as good of a car as we had."

Greg Biffle will start his Ford fourth, just ahead of the Chevrolet of Joe Nemechek.

Defending Samsung/RadioShack 500 winner Ryan Newman qualified 15th in his Dodge, and was 10 spots ahead of Nextel Cup points leader Matt Kenseth's Ford.

Spurs are getting into championship shape

By DOUG ALDEN
AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The defending NBA champions are gaining in the race for the top playoff spot in the Western Conference.

The San Antonio Spurs won their fifth straight and seventh in eight games, beating Utah 94-81 Friday to extend a four-year winning streak over the Jazz.

"I think we are getting into that championship shape," said Devin Brown, who had a career-high 19 points and pulled down seven rebounds in the Spurs' 17th straight win over the Jazz.

San Antonio swept Utah for the fourth straight season and is within two games of the No. 1 spot in the West. The Los Angeles Lakers took over the lead with a 97-86 win at Seattle later Friday.

The Spurs have six games remaining. Unfortunately, none of them are against Utah, which has not beaten San Antonio since Feb. 6, 2000.

"It didn't make any difference what we tried to do. They made it difficult for us," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said. "We started feeling sorry for ourselves when we missed a few layups and they kind of took us

out of the ballgame."

Tim Duncan scored just one point in the first quarter, but finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds. He was outscored by Brown, whose previous career high was just 11, set Jan. 26 against Milwaukee. Brown went 8-for-13 from the field, including a one-handed dunk off a rebound as the Spurs put the game away in the fourth quarter.

"I was going to tip it in, but I haven't dunked it for a while. So I just dunked it," Brown said.

With Utah's loss and Denver's win over Houston, the Jazz dropped into 10th place in the Western Conference — a half-game behind Portland and Denver.

Gordan Giricek led Utah with 22 points and five assists, and Andrei Kirilenko added 16 points and eight rebounds.

The Jazz, who have six games remaining to try to clinch a playoff spot, led by 10 early, but couldn't sustain it after unraveling in the second quarter.

Utah was called for 10 fouls in the second period, including technicals on Raja Bell and Sloan, and the Spurs went 10-for-12 from the line.

"We had our chances, but we blew it. We blew it big,"

Giricek said. "We had a 10-point lead and we lost it."

Manu Ginobili and Hedo Turkoglu both scored 15 and Rasho Nesterovic pulled down 10 boards for the Spurs, who took advantage of 16 turnovers by Utah.

After trailing 49-41 at half-time, the Jazz made a run and cut the lead to 57-56 on a 3-pointer by Carlos Arroyo, but Turkoglu finally gave the Spurs some scoring other than Duncan with a 3 at the 4-minute mark. Duncan had scored San Antonio's first eight points of the period.

Brown hit a jumper just before the buzzer to put the Spurs up 70-62 at the end of the third and added a free throw on a three-second violation early in the fourth. Ginobili kept the Spurs rolling with a 3-pointer to give San Antonio a 74-62 lead — the largest of the game at that point.

The Jazz, playing with a lineup of reserves, scored the next six points to cut the lead in half, but got no closer.

With the Spurs up 82-74, Brown leaped for a rebound off a miss by Parker, grabbed the ball and slammed it down in one motion to put San Antonio back up by 10.

"Devin did a great job, especially with that putback at the

end," Duncan said. "He went to the basket and hit the glass."

Notes: Duncan was blocked twice by Kirilenko under the Spurs' basket on the same possession in the first half. ... Sloan got a technical with 6:49 after complaining about an offensive foul called on Ostertag. ... Utah's Mikki Moore was called for three fouls in a span of 16 seconds in the second quarter. San Antonio outrebounded Utah 36-32.

Royals down Astros, 7-3

HOUSTON (AP) — Andy Pettitte loves his new commute. "As I was driving down here I thought about that," he said.

Houston's prized offseason acquisition was only a spectator Friday night as the Kansas City Royals beat the Astros 7-3.

"It was cool to pick the kids up from school and spend some time with them at home before coming to the ballpark," the left-hander said.

Pettitte, who left the New York Yankees last December to sign a three-year deal with his hometown team, already had made his last preseason start in preparation for his debut Tuesday against the San Francisco Giants.



Pampa Harvester Sports

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Saturday • April 10

Pampa vs. Caprock • 1:00 pm away

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Thursday • April 8

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Thursday • April 8

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Women of diverse backgrounds meet similar fates

By JULIE E. BISBEE
AND
APRIL MARCISZEWSKI
Associated Press Writers

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Casey Jo Pipestem and Jennifer Hyman shared two things: a brief stint in prostitution and violent deaths.

Using names such as "Sugar" and "Kaya," Pipestem and Hyman solicited clients over citizens band radios, police reports show. They spent their late-night and early morning hours at truck stops along converging interstates that ferry freight to all corners of the country.

Then their naked, strangled bodies were found near rural highways — Pipestem in Texas, Hyman in Mississippi.

They are among seven deaths investigators in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi have linked together. Investigators believe the women may have been killed by a single person, perhaps a truck driver, targeting women who sell sex at truck stops.

The bodies of five other women were found either nude or partially clothed in Oklahoma and Arkansas.

The women were found at rate of about one a month from July 11 to Jan. 31.

Some had been strangled; others died after being hit by a blunt object.

No suspects have been identified despite hundreds of tips received after investigators from several states met in Oklahoma City on Feb. 27 to share information about the cases.

Word of the killings has created new fears in the network of prostitutes in Oklahoma City. Many have been warned by police officers or trusted customers to be careful.

On a recent Wednesday night, prostitutes at the truck stop where Hyman and Pipestem were last seen were using cell phones to keep tabs on each other as they walked near big rigs parked in a truck lot along Interstate 35, a few miles north of Oklahoma City.

Cookie, a 19-year-old prostitute who has been working the truck stops since she was 14, said the women, who once viewed each other as competition, are now sticking together since the deaths.

"We call each other and tell each other which truck we're in," she said. "Once one group of girls leaves, the rest of us pretty much leave."

Dressed in baggy jeans, a sweater and tennis shoes,

Cookie walks with the other women along the back row of the lot looking for truckers interested in paying for sex.

The stayings shook the community of prostitutes at that truck stop.

"I was probably the last one to see Sugar (Pipestem)," said Deja, a 37-year-old prostitute, with 14 years experience. "We think about it more, but this is a dangerous business. I'm risking my life every day that I'm out here."

"The two prostitutes spoke on condition their full names not be used.

In addition to truck stops, an area near downtown, called "the stroll," is also frequented by prostitutes.

Renee McCullough, 35, who said she has worked as a prostitute in Oklahoma City for 20 years, took time off from walking the street to talk about the dangers of her life.

Since the killings, she has started carrying a box cutter in her back pocket, in addition to the four-inch blade she always carries. She's also stopped working the truck stops. For her, it's frightening to get back into the sleeping compartment of a truck.

"Once you get in that sleeper you're trapped," McCullough said. "It's scary. But I take a chance every day I walk out here."

Pipestem and Hyman each took one too many chances.

A father and his daughter stumbled across the bloodied and bruised body of Pipestem in a creek bed in a Grapevine, Texas, park. Her nude body had been thrown 37 feet from a bridge along a Texas highway in the bedroom community of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Pipestem, who would have turned 20 in March, was a lanky girl with a bright smile. She wrote poetry and excelled at basketball while in high school, even drawing the interest of a few small colleges.

As a child, she was shuffled through the homes of several family members as her mother tried to get out of a difficult and abusive relationship. When Pipestem and her mother clashed, the 16-year-old left home.

"I was worried about her, but she always kept in touch," said her mother, Donna Gayton. "I tried to get her to come home, but she was stubborn."

An argument with an administrator got her kicked out of high school and she moved in with family members in Oklahoma City.

"We were just trying to get over this thing, these outbreaks," said Ted Underwood, the uncle she lived with at the time.

By July 2003, Pipestem had become a known prostitute at several truck stops in Oklahoma City, police said. She was arrested 11 times over a six-month period for trespassing, a common charge when police can't catch women negotiating payment for sex.

Pipestem's final arrest came just five days before she made a cell phone call to a friend at about 3 a.m. on Jan. 28, said Grapevine Police Sgt. Todd Dearing.

She was never heard from

by relatives or friends again. Hyman, 24, was last arrested in Oklahoma City for trespassing at a truck stop 10 days before her nude body was found under a Tallahatchie River bridge near Oxford, in north-central Mississippi.

Over the previous four months, she had racked up three trespassing charges, one charge of offering to engage in prostitution and one charge of resisting arrest.

Hyman grew up on 4-H, Baptist summer camps and bedtime stories, said her grandmother, Leona Hyman. After graduating from high school, Jennifer Hyman started taking photography and

public relations classes at the University of Central Oklahoma.

She became good friends with Jeff Ferrell, and the two often went out for drinks after working together at a liquor store. The last time Ferrell saw her was in April 2002, just after his daughter was born. Hyman brought the newborn a pink blanket.

After that, Ferrell tried to call, but Hyman's number had been disconnected.

Ferrell like many in Hyman's life, were puzzled as to why she would become a prostitute.

"This is a very difficult time for our family," her mother, Linda Hyman, wrote in an

e-mail. "Jennifer was a wonderful daughter and a joy to be with."

She declined to further discuss her daughter, saying officials had advised her and her husband not to talk to the media for fear it would jeopardize the investigation.

Taffuey Harjo, Pipestem's older sister, hopes additional attention to the cases of the slain women could help the investigation.

"I don't care what she was doing in the end, she was my sister," Harjo said. "Every time I see a truck, I wonder if there's somebody else in it; every time I go over a bridge, I wonder if anybody else is down there."

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DESIGNER

of credit cards and that's how I got started," said Showers, who worked out of her tiny one-bedroom apartment.

As two credit cards grew to 12, Showers would stick notes on the back of each one to remind herself how much credit was left. Her first year she lived on about \$10,000. She also got into about \$50,000 debt.

"I was always borrowing clothes from my mom," Showers said. "My parents did bail me out with rent a few times, but they didn't fund my business."

About a year after starting the business, she quit waiting tables as the boutiques began to grow. Then Neiman Marcus signed on to carry her line in 1999.

"I didn't believe it until I actually got the order with the P.O. number and shipped it out and it was in the store," Showers said. "I was like — really? Really? You're going to carry my line?"

"It was a turning point," Showers said from her Dallas office, delicate chandelier-style earrings of her own creation peeking out from behind her blonde hair.

Showers wasn't completely unfamiliar with the world

of design before changing professions. Her mother, Jan Showers, is a noted interior designer, antiques dealer and furniture designer in Dallas.

"She was always creative," Jan Showers said. "When she was little, I thought she would be a costume designer."

Showers enjoyed painting and drawing as a kid and remembers being delighted with "a mountain of art supplies" under the tree one Christmas. She even used to make jewelry with her grandmother.

The business that began with only Showers has now grown to about 20 employees. Looking to the future, she plans to expand her offerings at Neiman Marcus and Saks, sell in more boutiques and, hopefully open a retail store in the next four to five years.

In the meantime, Showers constantly looks for inspiration for her next collection.

"I get inspired by antique jewelry," she said. "I'm also inspired by pretty things, by architecture, by the way my mother designs homes, pretty colors."

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Windy Wagner



Monty Joiner

CANYON — Windy Wagner of Pampa and Monty Joiner of McLean are among 18 hard-working students at West Texas A&M University nominated for Student Employee of the Year. The winner will be announced April 16 on campus at the culmination of National Student Employment Week.

Wagner, a senior public relations/advertising major, is employed by the Alumni Association. Monty Joiner, a senior mechanical engineering major, is employed by Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering Department.

WTAMU's Student Employee of the Year will move on to regional and, possibly, national Student of the Year competition. Nominees will be considered according to the following criteria: Reliability, quality of work, initiative and professionalism.

"Another thing we look at is the uniqueness of their contributions to the departments they work in," Yvonne Wieck, campus coordinator of Student Employment Services, said. "They also have to be employed at the same department for at least three months."

Each WTAMU nominee will receive a certificate of appreciation for their hard work along with a Student Employee of the Year nominee pen. The winner will receive two plaques — one to take home and one to hang in his or her office — and a \$50 gift certificate from the University Bookstore.

All the nominees will be recognized and the winning student will be announced at a reception at 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 16 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Quiet Lounge. WTAMU President Russell Long will make the presentations and Dr. Don Albrecht, vice president for student services, will speak on the importance of student employees.

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Oklahoma Baptist University recently announced its President's Honor Roll for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.7 grade point average or higher for the semester.

Students named to the list include Andrea Marie Shank, Karmen Lee Buck and Jeremy Michael Buck, all of Pampa.

Ginning around



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Sprouting out of a cotton patch west of White Deer, construction workers erect the new office of the Carson County Gin.

COTTON

"We've had dryland cotton range from 275 pounds to 625 pounds to the acre," Bowers said. "Over a bale."

A bale of cotton is 500 pounds.

What stirred the interest in cotton here was a combination of high natural gas prices and low grain prices.

Irrigated farmers have faced rising natural gas prices for the last several years.

The cost of natural gas for pumping their wells was going up. That, coupled with low prices for the corn and grain sorghum, has prompted farmers to consider other crops, like cotton.

About 65 percent of the cotton raised in the Pampa area is irrigated.

"Cotton is not as water sensitive as some of the other crops, like grain," Norton said. "You limit irrigate cotton and at least make something."

With corn, if a farmer misses one watering, he's pretty well lost his crop.

Norton said government programs also favor cotton.

"But that's all subject to change," Norton said.

Norton is no stranger to cotton farming.

"I grew up raising cotton," Norton said.

Originally from Farwell, Norton said the growing season in Gray and Carson Counties is actually seven days

longer than his native Palmer County.

"We always thought there was quite a bit of difference," Norton said, "but there isn't. That's really surprising."

Cotton fits well into a farming operation, Norton said.

"It's a good rotation crop," Norton said. "A lot of guys that are growing corn, the next year put cotton right behind the corn. That's probably one of the better ways to get better yields from what I've seen."

Right now, Norton said he's on a wheat-cotton rotation.

"You could get by planting it year after year for a few years," Norton said, "but you eventually have got to start rotating just like any crop."

Cotton, he said, likes heat.

"Our area sure seems to have enough heat for it," Norton said.

The problem is that the nearest cotton gin is at Lelia Lake. The next closest gins are at Dawn and Wellington.

"They'll still be some farmers that will take their cotton to Dawn," Bowers said.

That's where he took his cotton to be ginned.

"It won't hurt my feelings if they go to Dawn," he said. "We feel like we'll have a good working relation with them and they're good folks."

He said that he wants to get the Carson County Gin up and going and be competitive.

"We hope that in the future we have an opportunity to earn their business," Bowers said.

Construction started on the Carson County Gin in February. It will be ready for harvest come mid-September.

"We expect that gin to be up and running before October," Norton said. "It will be ready for this harvest."

Jim Bradley, another one of the investors in the partnership, owns the North Gin at Dimmitt.

"He built a whole new gin similar to this one," Norton said. "We're a little bit ahead of his schedule, and he was up and running by October. When they brought in the cotton, he was ready."

In mid-March, the investors in the gin hired a manager, Randy Kennedy, an experienced gin manager from Shallowater.

Cotton acreage has

expanded greatly the last few years, Norton said.

"Between Gray and Carson Counties, we're probably looking at around 35,000 acres of cotton," Norton said.

This year, Bowers expects more.

Farmers from as far north as Stratford have expressed an interest in having their cotton ginned in Carson County.

"They're actually closer to the gin in Moscow, Kan., but they want to come down here," Bowers said.

There has also been interest expressed by farmers in Gray, Wheeler, Carson, Roberts, Donley and Armstrong Counties.

"We hope to attract some business from the Dumas-Dalhart area," Bowers said.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Orlando Charley with a Seagraves construction company assembles forms for the concrete basement and walls at the Carson County Gin.

THE MAN

With growing experience, he soon found himself working for gin manufacturers like Lummus.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

With a big grin and a new gimmer cap Tracy Birkelbach watches the new office go up at Carson County Gin.

Since then he's built cotton gins all over the world. He's been to Australia, Greece, Spain, Argentina and all over Africa.

"They've all been good projects," Birkelbach said, pulling his new white Carson County Gin cap down against stinging dirt of a dust devil blowing across the construction site.

He came to White Deer from Puerto Rico.

"I was there for five weeks on a small project," he said, standing on the construction site of the Carson County Gin, looking at the gin office going up.

Behind him, a construction crew out of Seagraves set forms for the basement and footings of the gin and a seed warehouse. Around him, a black Labrador named Lucky sniffed and ran back and forth.

"I told everyone that the project wasn't official until we had caps and a dog running around," Birkelbach grinned.

He stood for a moment, carefully watching the construction crews working busily around him.

"What we're doing here," Birkelbach said, looking back at the concrete crew, "is the most difficult part, getting the base-

ment and walls up to ground level."

If that part isn't right, the rest of the construction project will be in trouble.

"We're about two weeks from having the walls and basement finished," he said.

By mid-April, Birkelbach said he expected the arrival of the ginning equipment.

The Carson County Gin will produce 50 to 60 bales of cotton per hour when complete, and Birkelbach said he expects to handle that much cotton next fall.

"It's upper scale," he said.

If there is to be any expansion, Birkelbach said, it will mean building another gin.

The Lubbock native built a similar gin in southwestern Kansas a couple of years ago, he said, but they wanted to save money and opted to build their gin to handle only 20 to 30 bales an hour. Last year, they produced 65,000 bales of cotton. Now, they're faced with the additional cost of expanding.

"We should be ready by the first of September," Birkelbach said.

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LIFESTYLES

ANNIVERSARIES



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rhodes

Rhodes anniversary

Bob and Grace Rhodes of Skellytown are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. Grace is the former Grace Homer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Milo Carlson

Carlson anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Carlson of Pampa are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary with a family get-together April 9-11 at Beulah Land Ranch in Lindale, home of their son, John Carlson.

Milo Carlson and Pauline Leverett were married April 2, 1939, at First Baptist Church in Pampa with the Rev. Gordon Bayless officiating.

The couple farmed in Neosho County, Kan., for seven years. They have lived in Pampa for



Mr. and Mrs. Milo Carlson

78 years and are members of First Baptist Church.

Mr. Carlson retired from J.E. Carlson, Inc., in 1986, after 42 years of service with the company.

Mrs. Carlson is "still working" as a homemaker.

Children of the couple are Jerry and Sherry Carlson of Pampa, John and Sue Carlson of Lindale, Jack and Karen Carlson of Houston and Gene and Cindy Carlson of Aledo. They have nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

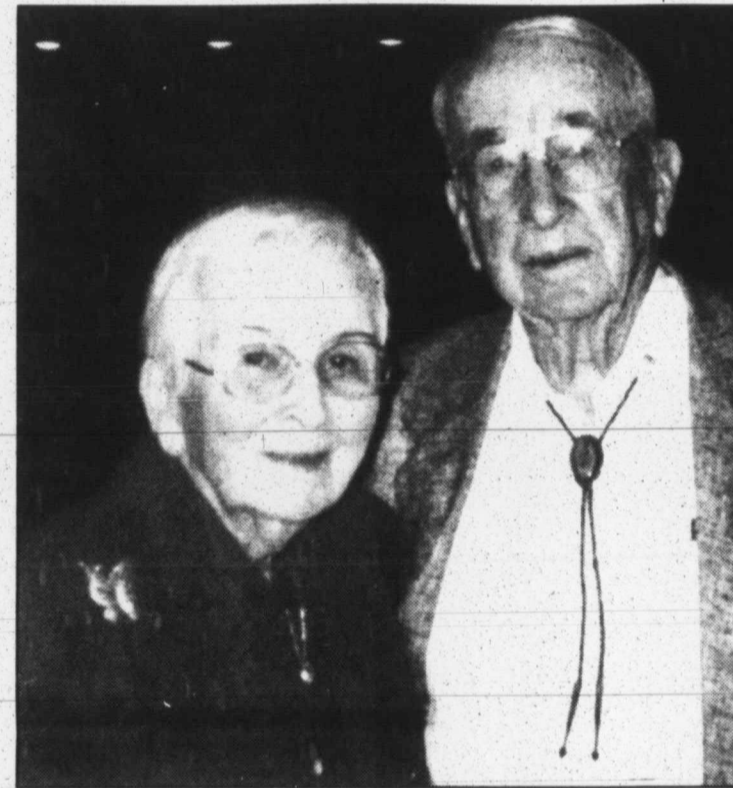
Philpott anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Kint Philpott of Pampa are celebrating their 73rd wedding anniversary.

Kint Philpott and Helen Walker were married April 4, 1931, at Erick, Okla. They have resided in Pampa for 25 years and are members of the Methodist Church in Miami.

The Philpotts farmed prior to retiring in 1974.

Children of the couple are Don and Barbara Philpott of Miami and Marvin and Shirley Philpott of Delaware, Ohio. They have five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-



Mr. and Mrs. Kint Philpott

MENUS

WEEK OF APRIL 5-9

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Waffle sticks. Lunch: Burrito supreme or macaroni/cheese, corn, carrots, applesauce. TUESDAY Breakfast: Biscuits. Lunch: Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, spinach, pineapple, rolls. WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Pancakes. Lunch: Teriyaki chicken or pizza, English peas, salad, mixed fruit, rolls. THURSDAY Breakfast: Cinnamon toast. Lunch: Ravioli or beef/cheese nachos, green beans, salad, fruit, garlic toast.</p>	<p>FRIDAY Holiday. Lefors Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Yogurt, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Baked potatoes, burritos, chili, broccoli, cheese, peaches, salad bar, milk. TUESDAY Breakfast: French toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers or barbecue sandwiches, all the fixens, French fries, oranges, salad bar, milk. WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.</p>	<p>Lunch: Ham, corn dogs, scalloped potatoes, peas, apples, salad bar, milk. THURSDAY Breakfast: Muffins, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Sack lunches. FRIDAY Holiday. Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos/cheese sauce, whipped potatoes, cheese grits, Italian green beans, pintos, cinnamon swirl cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. TUESDAY French marinate chicken breasts or cabbage rolls, red skin potatoes/vegetables, corn cobettes, spinach, beans, black forest cake or vanilla pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, whipped potatoes, beets, spring blend, butter beans, strawberry shortcake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. THURSDAY Chicken strips or Swedish meatballs/noodles, potato wedges, green bean casserole, carrots, blackeyed peas, butter pecan cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. FRIDAY Holiday. Meals On Wheels MONDAY Chicken, tomatoes, mixed vegetables, pears. TUESDAY Hamburger, tater tots, apricots. WEDNESDAY Tuna casserole, brussels sprouts, pickled beets, peaches. THURSDAY Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, pudding. FRIDAY Holiday.</p>
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Bridal Selection

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Friday ... April 9

12:00 Noon Good Friday Service

Saturday ... April 10

10:00 am Holy Saturday Liturgy

3:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt

7:00 pm Easter Vigil-Holy Eucharist

Sunday ... April 11

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

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ENGAGEMENTS

Neie-Treat

Sara Dawn Neie and Shawn Dell Treat, both of Amarillo, plan to wed April 10 at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mrs. Vicki Neie of Amarillo. She graduated from Amarillo High School in 2001 and is currently employed at BSA Healthcare Center.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Steve and Frances Treat of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1995 and holds a degree in computers from Academy of Professional Careers in Amarillo. He is currently employed at Ben E. Keith in Amarillo.



Shawn Dell Treat and Sara Dawn Neie

Miller-Frye

Laura Beth Miller of Tulsa, Okla., and Daniel Frye of Houston plan to wed May 22 at Bible Church of Pampa.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Stan and Pama Miller of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater in 2000 with a degree in communications sciences and disorders. Miller received a master's degree from OSU in 2002.

She is currently employed as a speech pathologist at Tulsa Regional Medical Center.

The prospective groom is the son of Mike and Marilyn Frye of Pampa. He graduated



Laura Beth Miller and Daniel Frye

from Pampa High School in 1995 and holds a degree in management information systems from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Frye is currently employed as a personal computer systems group account manager at Hewlett-Packard in Houston.

Comedy bit turns comedy of errors

NEW YORK (AP) — What began on David Letterman's "Late Show" as a comedy bit needling President Bush turned into a comedy of errors when CNN incorrectly reported that the White House had cried foul.

Then Letterman only heightened the confusion.

The whole thing started during a collection of video clips Letterman showed Monday under the label "George W. Bush Invigorates America's Youth."

One showed Bush at a March rally in Orlando, Fla., standing at a lectern with several listeners behind him. While Bush spoke, the young man yawned, twisted his head, checked his watch and generally seemed dead on his feet.

Tuesday morning, CNN attempted to lighten its news mood by running the segment, credited to CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman," on its "CNN Live Today."

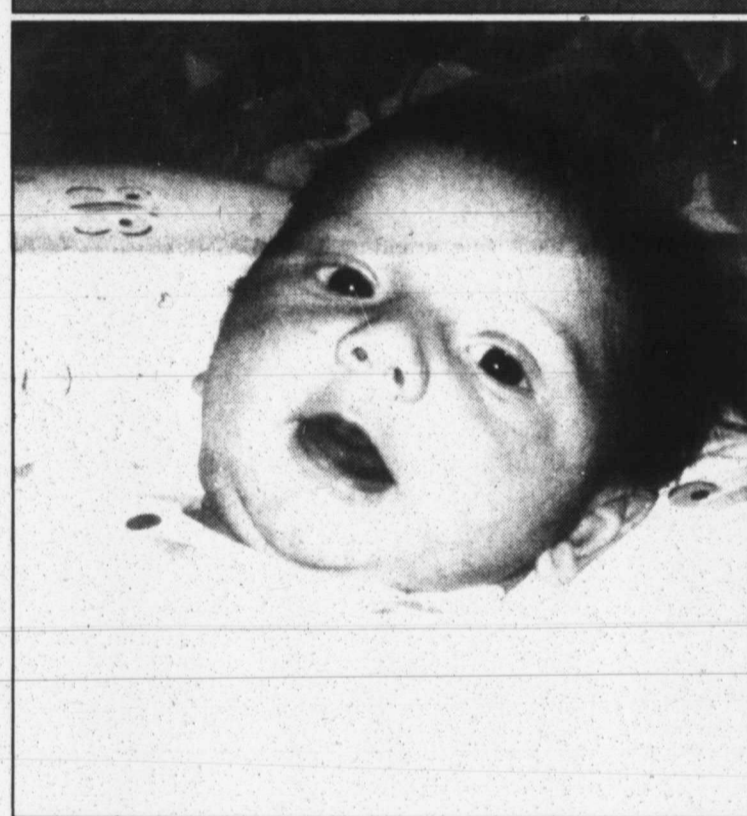
Then CNN host Daryn Kagan added: "We're being told by the White House that the kid, as funny as he was, was edited into that video, which would explain why the people around him weren't really reacting."

Later, during CNN's "Live From ..." anchor Kyra Phillips reran the tape but cautioned viewers: "We're told that the kid was there at that event, but not necessarily standing behind the president."

The truth was: The White House never complained, and the footage was real.

On Tuesday night, Letterman aired Kagan's and Phillips' skeptical remarks and ranted: "An out-and-out, 100 percent absolute lie. The kid absolutely was there and he absolutely was doing everything we pictured via the videotape. ..."

CRADLE CALL



Alexander Cruz

Alexander Cruz

Alexander Mason Cruz was born at 8:20 a.m. Jan. 28 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, to Ricardo and Courtney Cruz of Pampa.

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

and was 20 1/2-inches long.

Relatives include two brothers, Tyler and Kelton, both of Pampa; and grandparents, Carlos and Teresa Cruz and Gary and Cyndee Parks, all of Pampa.

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Experiencing the journey, not the destination, for 'Coast to Coast' with Richard Dreyfuss

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Traveling a noble cinematic tradition, "Coast to Coast" is a road picture. But not a rite-of-passage road picture. Or a caper kind of road picture.

Instead, "Coast to Coast" accompanies a middle-aged couple on the brink of divorce as they drive from their about-to-be-former Connecticut home across the country to Los Angeles.

This is a road trip whose stated reason is the wedding ceremony of their son, who, as a wedding gift, will get their vintage Thunderbird, which is delivering them there.

But, as with life, what really matters in "Coast to Coast" is the journey, not the destination. Barnaby, a retired sitcom writer (Richard Dreyfuss in a commanding performance), and his wife, Maxine (the sublime Judy Davis), make many stops along this transcontinental memory lane as they head toward what seems the end of their long marriage.

"Coast to Coast," which premieres 8 p.m. EST today on Showtime, also stars Maximilian Schell, Fred Ward, Saul Rubinek, Selma Blair and David Julian Hirsch.

It is directed by Paul Mazursky, no stranger to humor or humanism in films including the road picture "Harry and Tonto" and the Dreyfuss-starring hit "Down and Out in Beverly Hills."

Frederic Raphael, whose many film scripts include the classic road romance "Two for the Road," adapted the "Coast to Coast" screenplay from his 1999 novel of the same name.

The result is often funny,

more often bittersweet. Familiar yet unpredictable. And refreshingly adult.

"What was Paula?" the wife presses her husband during a robust exchange about their infidelities.

"Maybe she was a slice of turkey, when no one was looking," says Barnaby. "What was Hal?"

"A long, long time ago," Maxine replies.

No wonder Dreyfuss was eager to make the film.

"One of the great things about (Raphael's) script is that you know he's THERE — he didn't get up one morning and say, 'I think I'll do a thing about divorce.' He didn't do that. He put it down on paper in this complete way. And you go, 'Oh, yeah! I know that!'"

Now 56, Dreyfuss knows about divorce, and even more

pointedly, about midlife crisis. As with his character Barnaby, that remains a sticky issue for Dreyfuss, too.

"Oh, no, I've not moved off THAT dime," he says, deploying the manic little chuckle recognizable to millions of moviegoers ever since he played high schooler Curt Henderson in "American Graffiti" three decades ago.

"But I guess I always did that, was always introspective, thinking, 'When am I ...?' I'm still doing that, just with a different When."

So why, then, does Dreyfuss — as he finishes lunch in a midtown coffee shop — look so frisky, so rarin' to go?

Maybe it's his current venture: his starring role in the revival of "Sly Fox," at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre right

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HOT COUNTRY SINGLES AND TRACKS
(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "When the Sun Goes Down," Kenny Chesney & Uncle Kracker. BNA.
2. "You'll Think of Me," Keith Urban. Capitol.
3. "Sweet Southern Comfort," Buddy Jewell. Columbia
4. "Perfect," Sara Evans. RCA.

5. "Mayberry," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
6. "American Soldier," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
7. "Watch the Wind Blow By," Tim McGraw. Curb.
8. "Letters From Home," John Michael Montgomery. Warner Bros.
9. "Little Moments," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
10. "Desperately," George Strait. MCA Nashville.

TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "When the Sun Goes Down," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
2. "Shock 'n' Y'all," Toby

3. "Long Black Train," Josh Turner. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
4. "Golden Road," Keith Urban. Capitol. (Platinum)
5. "Greatest Hits Volume II," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
6. "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
7. "See If I Care," Gary Allan. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
8. "Melt," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street. (Platinum)
9. "Martina," Martina McBride. RCA. (Nashville). (Platinum)
10. "Top of the World Tour Live," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Gold)

HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLES AND TRACKS
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)

1. "Yeah!" Usher (feat. Lil Jon & Ludacris). Arista.
2. "If I Ain't Got You," Alicia Keys. J.
3. "Topsy," J-Kwon. So So Def.
4. "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," Jay-Z. Roc-a-Fella. Collipark.
5. "Splash Waterfalls," Ludacris. Disturbing the Peace.
6. "One Call Away," Chingy (feat. R. Kelly). Full Surface.
7. "I Don't Wanna Know," Mario Winans (feat. Enya & P. Diddy). Bad Boy.
8. "Sorry 2004," Ruben Studdard. J.

9. "Burn," Usher. LaFace.
10. "All Falls Down," Kanye West (feat. Syleena Johnson). Roc-a-Fella.

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1. "Confessions," Usher. LaFace.
2. "Let's Talk About It," Carl Thomas. Bad Boy.
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4. "The College Dropout," Kanye West. Roc-a-Fella.
5. "Fly or Die," NERD. Star Trak.
6. "Split Personality," Cassidy. Full Surface.
7. "By Any Means Necessary," Pastor Troy. Khaotic Generation.
8. "Kamikaze," Twista. Atlantic. (Platinum)
9. "The Diary of Alicia Keys," Alicia Keys. J. (Platinum)
10. "Bad Boy's 10th Anniversary... The Hits," Various Artists. Bad Boy. Copyright 2004, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.

HOT RAP TRACKS
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1. "Topsy," J-Kwon. So So Def.
2. "One Call Away," Chingy (feat. J. Weav). Disturbing the Peace.
3. "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," Jay-Z. Roc-a-Fella.
4. "Splash Waterfalls," Ludacris. Disturbing the Peace.
5. "Wanna Get to Know You," G-Unit (feat. Joe). G-Unit.
6. "Hotel," Cassidy (feat. R. Kelly). Full Surface.
7. "All Falls Down," Kanye West (feat. Syleena Johnson). Roc-a-Fella.
8. "Freek-a-Leek," Petey Pablo. Jive.
9. "I'm Still in Love With You," Sean Paul (feat. Sasha). VP.
10. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat. Kanye West & Jamie Foxx). Atlantic. Copyright 2004, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.

HOT DANCE MUSIC, CLUB PLAY
(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "Not in Love (D. Aude, Minge Binge, & R.H. Vission Mixes)," Enrique Iglesias (feat. Kelis). Interscope.
2. "Love Profusion (R. Rosario, Craig J. Passenger & Blow-Up Mixes)," Madonna. Maverick.
3. "Free (S.A.F. & Nemo

- Mixes)," Sarah Brightman. Nemo Studio.
4. "Truly," Delerium (feat. Nerina Pallot). Nettwerk.
5. "Save My Soul," Kristine W. Tommy Boy Silver Label.
6. "Amazing (Full Intention Mixes)," George Michael. Sony Music.
7. "Good Boys," Blondie. Sanctuary.
8. "Toxic (Remixes)," Britney Spears. Jive.
9. "Hole in the Head (Full Intention & Gravitas Mixes)," Sogababes. Island.
10. "Make Me Dance All Night," 3 Speakers High. PAS. Copyright 2004, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.

HOT LATIN TRACKS
(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)

1. "Te Quise Tanto," Paulina Rubio. Universal Latino.
2. "Mas Que Tu Amigo," Marco Antonio Solis. Fonovisa.
3. "Y Todo Queda En Nada," Ricky Martin. Sony Discos.
4. "Tengo Ganas," Victor Manuelle. Sony Discos.
5. "Aunque No Te Pueda Ver," Alex Ubago.
6. "Cuidarte el Alma," Chayanne. Sony Discos.
7. "Tu Fotografia," Gloria Estefan. Epic.
8. "Hazme Olvidarla," Conjunto Primavera. Fonovisa.
9. "Creo en el Amor," Rey Ruiz. Sony Discos.
10. "Baraja de Oro," Palomo. Disa. Copyright 2004, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.

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1. "En Vivo Desde Chicago," Grupo Montez de Durango. Disa.
2. "Pau-Latina," Paullina Rubio. Universal Latino.
3. "Roots," Gipsy Kings. Nonesuch.
4. "Intimamente: En Vivo Live," Intocable. EMI Latin.
5. "Greatest Hits," Thalia. EMI Special Markets.
6. "20 Anos de Fuerza Norteno," Los Rieleros del Norte.
7. "Travesia," Victor Manuelle. Sony Discos.
8. "DJ Kane," DJ Kane. EMI Latin.
9. "Lo Que Te Conte Mientras Te Hacias la Dormida," La Oreja de Van Gogh. Sony Discos.
10. "Historia Musical Nortena," Various Artists. Univision. Copyright 2004, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.

BILLBOARD HOT 100: TOP 10
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by

SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Yeah!" Usher (feat. Ludacris & Lil Jon). Arista.
2. "One Call Away," Chingy (feat. J. Weav). Disturbing the Peace.
3. "Topsy," J-Kwon. So So Def.
4. "I Don't Wanna Know," Mario Winans (feat. Enya & P. Diddy). Bad Boy.
5. "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," Jay-Z. Roc-a-Fella.
6. "This Love," Maroon5. Octone.
7. "My Immortal," Evanescence. Wind-up.
8. "Hotel," Cassidy (feat. R. Kelly). Nick.
9. "Splash Waterfalls," Ludacris. Disturbing the Peace.
10. "Burn," Usher. Arista. Copyright 2004, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.

THE BILLBOARD 200 TOP ALBUMS: TOP 10
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)


1. "Confessions," Usher. LaFace.
2. "Now 15," Various Artists. EMI/Universal/Sony Music/Zomba/Capitol.
3. "Greatest Hits," Guns N' Roses. Geffen.
4. "Let's Talk About It," Carl Thomas. Bad Boy.
5. "Feels Like Home," Norah Jones. Blue Note.
6. "Fly or Die," NERD. Star Trak.
7. "Fallen," Evanescence. Wind-up. (Platinum)
8. "The College Dropout," Kanye West. Roc-a-Fella.
9. "In This Skin," Jessica Simpson. Columbia. (Platinum)
10. "When the Sun Goes Down," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum) Copyright 2004, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.

HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY
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1. "The First Cut is the Deepest," Sheryl Crow. A&M.
2. "You Raise Me Up," Josh Groban. 143.
3. "White Flag," Dido. Arista.
4. "Forever and For Always," Shania Twain. Mercury.
5. "100 Years," Five For Fighting. Aware.
6. "Calling All Angels," Train. Columbia.
7. "Drift Away," Uncle Kracker (feat. Dobie Gray). Lava.
8. "Unwell," matchbox twenty. Atlantic.
9. "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," Michael McDonald. Motown.
10. "This One's for the Girls," Martina McBride. RCA Nashville.

TOP GOSPEL ALBUMS
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1. "WOW Gospel 2004," Various Artists. Word.
2. Soundtrack: "The Fighting Temptations," Various Artists.
3. "Throne Room," CeCe Winans. PureSprings.
4. "I Need You Now," Smokie Norful. EMI Gospel.
5. "Gotta Have Gospel!" Various artists. Integrity Gospel/Gospo Centric/Epic/Sony Music.
6. "Byron Cage," Byron Cage. Gospo Centric.
7. "RiZen," RiZen. Chez Musique.
8. "Smokie Norful: Limited Edition (EP)," Smokie Norful. EMI Gospel.
9. "The Best is Yet to Come," Martha Munizzi. Martha Munizzi.
10. "Rain," New Direction. Gospo Centric.



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Billie Sue Evans has taught for almost 40 years in Texas schools located from the Coastal Plains to the High Plains. She moved to Pampa from Houston almost ten years ago when her husband was called to be the minister at First Christian Church. When she arrived in Pampa, there was only one teaching position available, and it was at the Pampa Learning Center. "There is no place, I'd rather be. PLC is the place to be," Mrs. Evans tells everyone she meets.

Having had experience in kindergarten, fourth, fifth, middle school, and high school, Mrs. Evans has developed a unique eclectic teaching style. The student always comes first; she believed this long before No Child Left Behind entered the educational world. Mrs. Evans like to use humor and absurdities (not to be confused with sarcasm) to guide her students through their lessons. Building self esteem and giving students chances to succeed at their own pace are essential to creating healthy learning patterns and to making life-long learners of her students.

Mrs. Evans teaches freshman and sophomore English, government, TAKS techniques, and numerous electives. Along with teaching, Mrs. Evans is active in Altrusa, PCTA, Disciple Christian Women at First Christian Church, and Delta Kappa Gamma.

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Easter Bunnies Face Sad Fate After Holiday Excitement Ends

DEAR ABBY: Easter is coming. Many families still purchase live rabbits as pets for their children. Parents often think rabbits are good "starter" pets and don't understand what they are getting themselves into. As a result, too many of these poor creatures end up in animal shelters, and children learn that pets are disposable.

Before getting rabbits, people should consider:

(1) Are they willing to make a 7- to 10-year commitment? That is the average lifespan of a rabbit.

(2) What will happen if their child gets bored with the bunny after six months?

(3) Is there a place in their house for a rabbit cage?

(4) Are they willing to pay to get it spayed/neutered and provide vet care?

(5) Do they know that most rabbits hate to be held? Will their child accept that?

(6) Are they willing to ensure that children under 7 won't pick up the rabbit without supervision? Rabbits are fragile; their legs or spine will break if accidentally dropped.

(7) Can they provide three hours of exercise every day in an escape-proof area outside its cage?

(8) Do the adults want the rabbit, too? A rabbit should be a family pet.

If people have questions about rabbits and their care, please ask them to contact my organization. We are happy to answer questions. Our Web site is www.rabbitnetwork.org and our phone number is (781) 431-1211.

Finally, if a rabbit is right for you and your family, please adopt one from a shelter or rescue group. You enrich your family with a new member and also teach your kids the

value of saving a life. Thank you. -- SUZANNE TRAYHAN, PRESIDENT, HOUSE RABBIT NETWORK

DEAR SUZANNE: The topic of bunnies, baby chicks and ducklings as Easter gifts is one that recurs every year. I hear from people who work in animal shelters deploring the fact that the helpless little creatures are later dumped when they cease to be novelties. I hope readers will take to heart what you have written, particularly the suggestion that if a rabbit is going to be adopted, a shelter or rescue group can be an excellent resource.

DEAR ABBY: "Paul" and I have been dating for about 10 months. He is wonderful. He is going through a divorce because throughout his 20-year marriage, he was unfaithful to his wife. Paul swears he will never cheat on me because I am exactly what he has been looking for.

Paul's friends are cheaters, too, and frankly, I'm worried he will eventually stray, no matter what he says now.

Recently Paul asked me to move in with him. I am 32 and he's 46. Do you think because he's older now he will really be able to change? -- LOVING AN EX-CHEATER

DEAR LOVING: No, I do not. And birds of a feather flock together. Listen to your intuition. Instead of moving in, move on.

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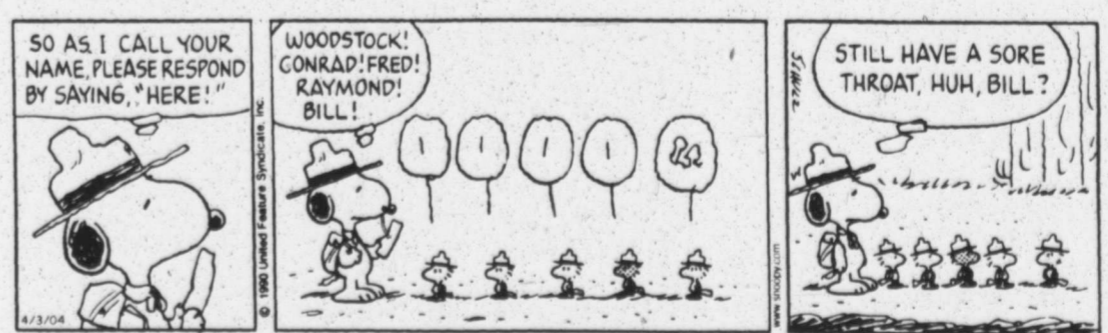
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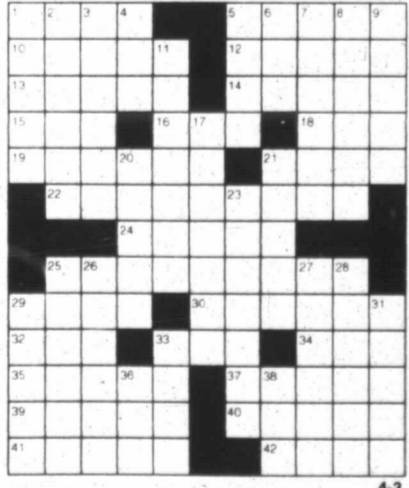
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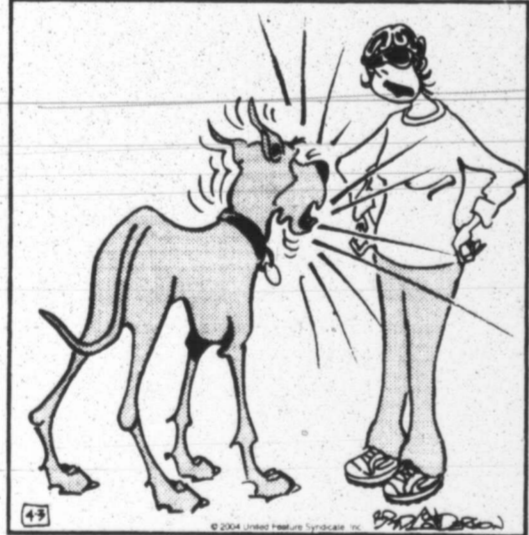
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CHESTNUT - Nice three bedroom home with new carpeting. Large living and kitchen/dining areas. Central heat and air. 1-3-4 baths. Storage building, double garage. OE.

CHESTNUT - Good location, large country kitchen, no maintenance trim on eaves. Three bedrooms, central heat and air, and a single garage. MLS 6059.

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NEW LISTING - KENTUCKY & PLUM - Nice brick home located on 1.62 acres. Fireplace with book cases. Carpet has been updated in this three bedroom plus basement. Central heat and air. Water well and septic system. Double garage. MLS 6381.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 4, 2004.

Examine all your alternatives this year, as many opportunities head your way. You don't need to jump at the first one. Sometimes you find those around you to be challenging and hard to get along with. Remember that you are a strong sign that can overwhelm others. You will tell it like it is, but try to add some extra charm to your words. A family member or a domestic issue could weigh you down. Do not buy real estate this year. Work remains a strong point through the fall. Relationships and networking take over as your strong suits-around the holidays. If you are single, you will need to think about how you want to feel with a lover rather than look at him or her individually. You will have many to choose from. If you are attached, agree to disagree, and your bond will become even better. Sometimes LIBRA cannot understand your abruptness.

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)

***** Phones ring. Doorbells ring. E-mail arrives. Everyone would like to visit with you. Though this might be touching, you recognize that you are only one person. Before you fly out the door, handle a responsibility at home. Tonight: Forget that tomorrow is Monday.

This Week: Hold on to your hat, as the planets wreak havoc Monday and Tuesday. It might take the remainder of the week to recuperate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** A project needs to be finished. If you want, you also might get into a favorite hobby or pastime. Use today for yourself, and get all the R & R you can. Screen calls, as a friend's invitation might be too tempting to say no to. Tonight: Easy does it.

This Week: You might need to insulate yourself, as others could be bouncing off the walls. On the other hand, you might enjoy helping. It is your call.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Let more fun, flirtation and romance into your life -- although you scarcely have a choice. You cannot help the case of spring fever that overtakes you. At the same time, don't destroy your finances while in this upbeat mood. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday? This Week: Your ruler does the backward

jig Tuesday. Lie back and watch what goes down rather than trying to change it. Consider how you could have prevented what occurs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Home and responsibilities weigh heavily on your shoulders. Clear out what must be done in your life, and you'll start to enjoy yourself more. Recognize that at this point you are overly serious. Take up a new hobby or add a pet or plant to your home. Tonight: Get into the mood for spring.

This Week: The Full Moon blasts you into the workweek. You might have difficulty staying in one place for any amount of time. If you can, let stress roll off of you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Others enjoy hearing from you. Make a list of who you need to touch base with, as well as who you haven't talked to for a while. Start dialing. If there is something you don't want to talk about, then don't. Your life doesn't need to be an open book. Tonight: Eat at a favorite spot.

This Week: What you want easily could drop in your lap this week. But in a couple of weeks you might decide you really don't want it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Play with your budget some and see where you can or would like to cut back. Friends surround you, but you might have more serious matters to handle. Screen your calls, if need be. Talk to a trusted friend or loved one if you run into a problem. Tonight: Play it cool.

This Week: Hold on tight, as money matters might take a strange turn. Also, your ruling planet goes retrograde, adding to a sequence of bad-hair days. Sorry.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You are a surefire winner at whatever you decide to do, even if you opt for a lazy day. The Moon in your sign creates several power days. You can play out your own agenda. Be careful with a parent or boss. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

This Week: On Monday, you might have more impact than you know. Make decisions with care. Avoid signing or even agreeing to any money matters.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Know that you need some time to yourself or with that special person in your life. Make yourself unavailable and do what you need to, even if it is being lazy and watching television. You need to withdraw and recharge. Tonight: Get some extra sleep, if possible.

This Week: You could decide to put a can-

cel on this week. The Moon in your sign starting Tuesday should help. Friends could disappoint you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Friends seek you out, and you are happiest in groups. Consider a change in what is going on with a partner or a close friend who might be down. Do your best to help this person come out of his or her cocoon. Tonight: Do what pleases you.

This Week: Many come to you Monday. Still, don't take anyone or anything for granted. Partners could start acting up as soon as Tuesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** You express your need to take charge, even on this Sunday. On some level, others appreciate the fact that you make plans and execute them. Catch up with an older relative. Do your best with a depressed loved one. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

This Week: You need to hang in there when others cannot. Detach from chos and sort through snafus, looking for solutions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Do more visualizing of what could be rather than tumbling into a maze of difficulty. You might need to make an adjustment in your thinking or take a class or two. Realize that you have the wherewithal to create what you want. Tonight: Share some of your dreams.

This Week: You hear news from a distance that might have you taking off just like that. Perhaps you will opt for a workshop in order to open your eyes to new vistas. Great idea!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Slow down and make time for a child or loved one. One-on-one time can only help to improve your relationship. You will also feel much better as a result. Stop scattering your energy left and right. Prioritize key people in your life. Tonight: Be a duo.

This Week: A partner might be adding stress without intending to. With the planet that rules significant relationships moving backward, count on yourself and only yourself right now.

BORN TODAY

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 You might find it challenging to stay nice and even. You also might want to redefine your boundaries with others, as you often wonder if you give too much of yourself away, or not enough. Your relationships could develop into a tug-of-war situation, with you wondering if you should do what you want or rather what might work. Other people play an unusually significant role in your year. Often, you will need to detach in order to get the complete picture. You also might want to walk in others' footsteps and experience what it would be like to be them. If you are single, you will grow significantly through a relationship of your choice. Many will want to be your sweetie. You will lean toward someone very different. If you are attached, you will want to redefine your relationship, learning to be slightly less me-oriented. The holidays could be unusually romantic. LIBRA has a similar issue as you do but handles it very differently. Observe.

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)
 ***** Act and be smart. Defer to others during this Full Moon. Keep smiling when you see changes happening. You get information from someone behind the scenes. Be adaptable in your thinking, as you have an opening that easily could be missed. Tonight: Keep smiling. Avoid getting into the thick of things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 *** Accept the fact that you do have a lot on your plate. You might need some time to think, but others quickly overwhelm you with their needs and requests. Structure your finances in a more beneficial man-

ner. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep. Pull away from frenetic energy.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Play all you want, but realize that there could be a cost to all this romping. Friendships and goals are highlighted, though you might be overwhelmed. You might want to listen to others, especially as a close associate has some powerful feedback. Tonight: Still carrying on like a young pu
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 *** Pressure builds, and you might not be able to remain easygoing and together. Take a walk at lunchtime to diffuse tension. Recognize and understand that you cannot be everywhere at once. Ask a trusted partner for help. Tonight: Cocoon at home.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** You find that pressure builds as the day goes by. You could be overwhelmed by what drops in your lap. You can count on your creativity. Understand that you will find solutions that might even surprise you. Tonight: Brainstorm over munchies.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 *** Treat someone to a meal or do something thoughtful, just for this person. A card to say "thank you" might be perfect. Listen to a loved one on the home front. This person has strong feelings about your spending and domestic expenditures. Tonight: Make it your treat.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** The Full Moon in your sign highlights you, for good or bad. Others need you and seek you out; you easily might be overwhelmed. Reorganize your schedule if need be. You find out that you can stall -- if you want to. Tonight: The world is your oyster.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ** You would be well-advised to take a more passive role in today's happening. You might have strong

opinions, but observe before you come to a conclusion. You could play a bigger role than you think in present decisions. Tonight: Get some extra sleep -- you're going to need it.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** You might need to adjust your plans, but you'll come out of the stall galloping anyway. You have the ability to see through what is happening and understand exactly what must occur. Focus on the long term rather than immediate issues. Tonight: Kick back. You need time for what you want.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 *** You could be affected by others who feel very pressured. Understand what each person needs before responding. You also don't need to charge in before you are ready, despite pressure. Accept responsibilities calmly and wisely. Tonight: In the limelight.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** What you see, others don't see right now. Trying to explain your vision might be close to impossible with the frenetic energy right now. Consider what your best choice is for the long term. Follow that path. Tonight: Relax your mind.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Others make demands that you cannot or might not be prepared to meet. Financially, the smart move is not to commit and to walk a conservative path for several weeks. New information comes forward that will help you. Tonight: Check all your joint holdings.

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Woman, 92, raising six great-great-grandchildren

By MITCH STACY
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LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Lucille Bouges has been rearing children, hers and other people's, for the better part of 70 years. Most everybody around here just calls her "Mother."

Bouges is 92 now and thought maybe she was finished bringing up babies.

That lasted until this past New Year's Eve, when her 26-year-old great-granddaughter went to jail again and left a brood of six young ones without a place to live or anybody to look after them.

As she's done so many times before, Mother Bouges stepped up. With the blessing of state social service workers — and much support from her church, charities and family — she took them in.

Six great-great-grandchildren, ages 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 11. Four girls and two boys.

Up at 6 a.m. to get them ready for school. Shopping. Cooking meals. Wiping noses. Washing piles of dirty clothes. Settling arguments. Disciplining, cuddling, reassuring.

"Some people said, 'You're too old,'" Bouges said, sitting on the front porch of the old three-bedroom, tin-roofed house she rented recently to accommodate the family. "And I said, 'I didn't hear God say nothin' about that.' God's happy and I'm happy, so there's nothing to worry about."

Grandparents raising grandkids is certainly not an anomaly. The 2000 Census reported 2.3 million grandparents were responsible for their grandchildren in this country. But not like this.

When great-granddaughter Tabatha Worlds was arrested for the 10th time — authorities say she violated probation by having cocaine — she pleaded with Bouges to take the children and try to keep them together. Workers from the Department of Children & Families tried to place them with other relatives, but nobody could take all six. There was talk of splitting them up.

"Not while I'm alive," Bouges said.

As a child, Bouges picked cotton and helped raise hogs

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and chickens near Fairfax, S.C. Both parents died before she was 10, and she grew up with other families. She had two children of her own, but has had a hand in rearing every generation of her family since, as well as various other children. Her husband died years ago.

She and her six little ones live on about \$1,400 a month in Social Security benefits, plus food stamps. Half of the money goes for the rent on the drafty, clapboard house she was able to find in a modest Lakeland neighborhood, just east of Tampa. Her daughter helps out with the cooking and cleaning, along with other family members and friends, and tries to make sure she gets the children to school and to doctor's appointments and such.

Charities have donated a house full of clothes, furniture, toys and other things, including a new washer and dryer and two televisions.

The children have their own beds, but they'd all rather be in hers.

"They all pile up on the bed with me like little rats," she said with a hearty laugh.

Bouges' health is remarkable, considering her age. She's bothered by a little arthritis in her knees and shoulder, and her bright eyes don't see as well as they once did, but that's about it. People say her mind is sharp enough to do what she needs to do for the children, one of whom has a disability that requires braces on his legs.

"Her attitude is always positive," said Ruth Olinger, whose Polk County charity, Miracle Resources, has helped out the family. "She is never depressed. I've never heard her complain about anything. She is so grateful that she is physically able to keep those children. Her biggest fear is that somebody will take those children and split them up."

DCF officials declined comment on Bouges' case, citing confidentiality laws. But a caseworker has indicated that the situation is a "long-term commitment," regardless of what becomes of the children's mother. Authorities say Worlds will be in custody until early next year.

Brent Elrod, statewide coordinator of the Florida Kinship Center, a University of South Florida agency that assists grandparents raising children, said he's heard of an 83-year-old great-grandmother caring for a single child, but never a great-great grandparent. And certainly no one as old as Bouges, with six young ones.

"I don't have any doubt she can do it with the help she's getting," said DeEtte Blythe, a Kinship Center volunteer who has gotten in touch and will try to help. "She is just as bright as she can be. She's very alert."

As 4-year-old Curdaisya and 2-year-old Curtisha chattered and played on the sunny porch, their grandma was looking ahead with a sense of hope.

"I believe we're going to make it," she said.

On the Net:
Florida Kinship Center:
<http://www.flkin.usf.edu/pages/index.asp>

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across 47th Street.

First produced on Broadway in 1976, the madcap comedy by Larry Gelbart (the TV series "M-A-S-H") mirrors Ben Jonson's 400-year-old "Volpone," in which a miserly rich man pretends to be dying so as to fleece the opportunists trying to finagle their way into his will.

"This is a yukfest," glows Dreyfuss from beneath his baseball cap. "And the character is huge!"

Besides: This puts him — an actor most identified with a half-dozen totemic movies (among them "Jaws," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and his Oscar-winning "Goodbye Girl") — back

on Broadway, which, after a dozen years' absence, he had forgotten he loves so much.

"I was BORN here! I was born in this experience! Right here: Getting to the theater when it's empty, saying 'Hi' to the stage manager." (He's set for more come November, headlining the London run of the smash musical "The Producers.")

When the interview is over, he will start his nightly regimen, which he is happy to describe:

"I get to the theater a couple of hours early. I try to be alone, no conversation for hopefully an hour and a half. Then — a comic pause and that chuckle again

— "I get really nervous!"

But, looking anything but nervous, he reports that the show, "with all the jumping around, which doesn't come naturally to me anymore, takes my mind off of me, away from all that midlife crisis stuff."

No wonder he's grinning as he heads across the street. Curtain time is nearing. "It gives me a rest!"

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