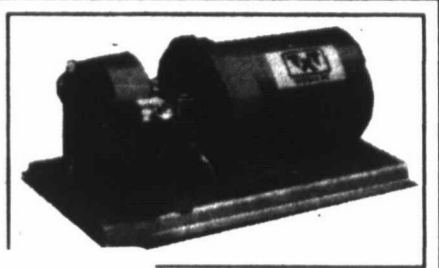




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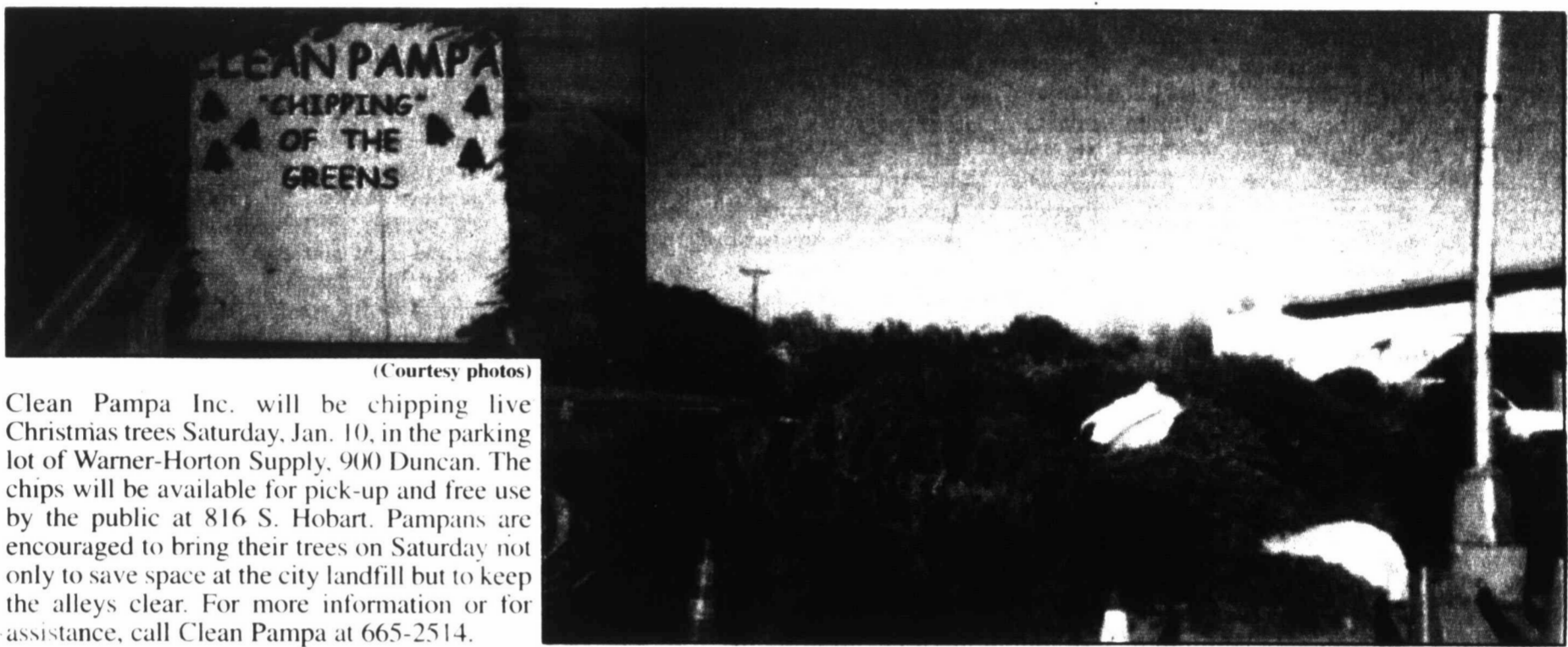
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**Commissioners eyeing request for TDH facility**     **Terror alert upsets travel schedules**

By MARILYN POWERS  
 STAFF WRITER

Gray County commissioners will meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5 in the county courtroom on the second floor of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The agenda includes the following items:

- Transfer remainder of tobacco funds to capital project fund.
- Resolution in support of providing facility for pharmaceuticals in case of emergency.
- Give county attorney authority to purchase computer.
- Consider intra budget transfer requests.
- Pay bills and salaries as approved by the county auditor.

At their Dec. 15 meeting, commissioners heard Ken Hall, city emergency services coordinator, speak concerning a request by the Texas Department of Health for a suitable location for stockpiling pharmaceutical items in an emergency.

The location would be used in the event of a disaster that requires pharmaceutical items to be delivered to the Pampa area. Such events might include terrorist attacks, natural disasters and some types of accidents.

TDH requirements for such a facility include:

- Temperature controlled to between 59 and 86 degrees.
- At least 20x40 feet, or enough room for the supplies, equipment and two workers.
- Secured by a lock on outside doors, and an inner room or cabinet that can be locked.
- Not used on a daily basis by anyone.
- Electricity, lighting, computer and printer, tables and chairs, and bathroom facilities available.
- Loading dock or area convenient for trucks to unload.

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- Parking area.
- Unrestricted access to a highway.
- Located out of a floodplain.

Suggestions for the emergency facility include Clyde Carruth Pavilion and a meeting room in Gray County Annex.

**'Crocodile Hunter' catching flack for stunt involving his infant son**

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — "Crocodile hunter" Steve Irwin has survived tussles with giant pythons, poisonous snakes and, of course, crocodiles. Now he faces accusations that he went too far and endangered his infant son.

Irwin drew fire from child welfare groups, but the acting premier of Queensland state, Terry Mackenroth, said no charges would be filed for a stunt in which Irwin fed a crocodile with one hand while cradling his month-old son, Robert, in the other on Friday in front of an audience.

"There won't be any charges brought against him; the department of children's services have done what they needed to do, to contact the family and to talk to them about it," Mackenroth said.

"They've (the Irwin family) assured them that it won't happen again and I am sure that if it does they will be back in touch with them," he said.

The incident at Irwin's popular reptile park in Beerwah, north of Brisbane, was captured on Australian television, and viewers later jammed phone lines to express their outrage.

"I think he's a bloody idiot, he's addicted to the attention," crocodile farm owner Keith Cook told The Courier-Mail newspaper.

At a news conference Saturday, Irwin said he probably would have done things differently with his son.

"If I could have my time again I would probably do things a little differently," he said. "But I would be considered a bad parent if I did not teach my children crocodile savvy because they live here. They live in crocodile territory ... so they have to be croc savvy."

He also claimed the danger posed by the crocodile was exaggerated.

"It's all about perceived danger. I was in complete control," said Irwin, flanked by his father, his wife and his 5-year-old daughter, Bindi. "People say, 'Well, what if you had fallen?' But for that to take place a meteorite would have had to come out of the sky and hit Australia at 6.6 on the Richter scale like in Iran."

Irwin has gained worldwide fame for his "Crocodile Hunter" show on the Animal Planet network, in which he chats excitedly about exotic and dangerous creatures — sometimes from extremely close proximity to the beasts. Animal Planet's Web site features several "Close Call Clips" that show Irwin getting bitten or merrily escaping the jaws of hungry reptiles.

By PETE YOST  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing another week of uncertainty over the terrorist threat from the air, international airlines and foreign governments greeted increased security with a combination of skepticism and support as flight cancellations and delays spread.

"The decision to operate next Monday's flight to Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) will be kept under review throughout the weekend," British Airways says on its Web site.

Airlines have canceled seven flights since Wednesday, with Mexico City and London the points of origin and Los Angeles, Washington Dulles International Airport and Riyadh, the destinations. Dulles was the takeoff point for the hijacked flight that destroyed part of the Pentagon in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

But British Airways' afternoon flight from London's Heathrow Airport to Dulles took off on schedule Saturday after the government said it was safe. The airline had been forced to cancel the flight on Thursday and Friday because of security concerns.

"The Department for Transport has confirmed to us that they are satisfied that it is safe for the aircraft to go," said an airline spokeswoman, on the condition of anonymity.

South Korea's national police agency responded sympathetically to American requests for international cooperation, saying it would deploy armed officers on individual U.S.-bound flights if warranted based on information about a terrorist threat to any specific flight.

Aeromexico canceled two flights from Mexico City to Los Angeles because of U.S. security concerns and a third turned around after takeoff because Mexico thought the airline hadn't screened passengers properly.

Authorities on the ground "said that we didn't search coats and sweaters worn by customers," said Fernando Ceballos, Aeromexico's assistant director of airports. "We didn't agree with that, but we ordered the plane back anyway."

In France, a police official said six cases of mistaken identity were behind the pre-Christmas grounding of six Air France flights between Paris and Los Angeles over terrorism fears. The names of six passengers sounded similar to those of terrorist suspects provided by the FBI, prompting the French government to ground the planes, the official said.

Watch lists that investigators use have phonetic spelling of Arab names, a senior FBI official said, making mistakes inevitable because individuals will have similar names.

Mistakes are inevitable, but the failure to respond "is a far worse alternative in spite of the inconvenience to passengers," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, senior Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Pierre Debue, director of the French border police, said U.S. officials have asked France to check out a few suspicious names on passenger lists nearly every day since Christmas Eve.

One turned out to be a 5-year-old child, and another was a prominent Egyptian scientist, he said.

Rockefeller said all the activity in the international air traffic system is being driven by "very specific" intelligence derived from "an enormous amount of much more than single-source reporting." He said the information can come from computerized watch lists, interception of communications and intelligence agents.

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## OBITUARIES

### GLADYS PEARL FULLER 1923-2003

Gladys Pearl Fuller, 80, of Pampa, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Frankie Lemons, minister of Southside Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Fuller was born April 1, 1923, in Ponta, Texas. She married Enoch Fuller on Aug. 19, 1939, at Ponta; he died March 3, 1992. In 1997, she moved to Pampa from Clovis, N.M.

She and her husband were in the ministry, and she was a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jessie R. Fuller in 1983; a brother; and five sisters.

Survivors include two daughters, Angel F. Davis of Ingleswood, Colo., and Pearl M. Morgan of Pampa; two brothers, Tom A.

Williams of Wichita, Kan., and Walter L. Williams, Sr., of Pampa; three sisters, Earlene M. Chatman of Brownwood, Lois L. Manzay of Kaufman and Everlene M. Jackson of Midland; 19 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101; or to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



### LELAH CAREY 1918-2003

CARLSBAD, N.M. — Lelah Carey, 85, a Pampa native, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003. Memorial services were Saturday in First Baptist Church with Pastor Bob Bacon officiating. The body was cremated. Arrangements were under the direction of Denton-Funchess Funeral Home of Carlsbad.

Mrs. Carey was born Tuesday, April 30, 1918, at Pampa, to Doshia and Henry Anderson. She attended school in White Deer and in 1936 graduated from high school at Big Springs.

On Aug. 22, 1937, she married Marion B. Carey. The couple lived in the Texas Panhandle prior to relocating to Carlsbad in 1968.

Mrs. Carey was an active member of First Baptist Church wherever she resided. She was also a member and past president of the Women's Club, the Green Thumb Garden Club, the Buena Vista Grandmothers Club, Carlsbad Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, the Altrusa Club, and the Landsun and VFW

Auxiliaries. She played the piano for church services, Sunday school classes, San Jose Senior Center and five times a week for Landsun and Lakeview Christian Homes.

She was preceded in death by Marion, her husband of 64 years, in August 2002; a daughter, Margaret Creed; nine brothers and sisters; and her parents.

Survivors include three sons, Byron Carey of Dumas, Kenneth Carey of Houston and Roy Carey of San Antonio; three daughters, Marianne Rinn of McKinney, Bobbie Moore of Carlsbad and Lelah Kay Martin of Spring; a brother, Clarence Anderson of Amarillo; two sisters, Ann Deuel and Mary Hopkins, both of San Antonio; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 112 N. Alameda, Carlsbad, NM 88220 or to Landsun Hospice, 1835 Westridge Rd., Carlsbad, NM 88220.

### DORE M. FRANTZ JR.

NORTH COLLEGE HILL, Ohio — Dore M. Frantz Jr., 88, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004. Services will be at 3 p.m. today at Paul R. Young Funeral Home in Cincinnati, Ohio. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at

Vine Street Hill Cemetery Mausoleum in Cincinnati. Mr. Frantz was a veteran of World War II and the Merchant Marines.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie M. Gilbert Frantz; two

children, Judy M. Palmer and Martha Kay Criswell, a sister, Eleanor Frantz; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. today at the funeral home. The family requests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association or to Cloverbrook Christian Church.

## SERVICES TOMORROW

**Services today**  
**FRANTZ, Dore M. Jr.** — 3 p.m., Paul R. Young Funeral Home, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**GEORGE, Michael Lee** — 2:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Wheeler.  
**Services Monday**  
**FRANTZ, Dore M. Jr.** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Vine Street Hill Cemetery Mausoleum, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
**FULLER, Gladys Pearl** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

## ON RECORD

### POLICE

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

#### Friday, Jan. 2

Eric Randall King, 23, 740 Brunow, was arrested on *capias pro fines* for no seat belt and no insurance.

Danasty Mize, 18, of Wheeler, was arrested for failure to appear, running a stop sign, possession of a controlled substance over 1 gram, less than 4 grams, and two *capias pro fines* for animal nuisance.

Jason Matthew Robles, 19, 1601 S. Faulkner, was arrested for disorderly conduct-language and criminal trespass.

#### Saturday, Jan. 3

Cody Nicholas Williams, 20, 1601 W. Somerville, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Wendy Deanne Gammage, 20, 841 Brunow, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and *capias pro fines* for failure to appear and minor in possession of alcohol.

Clifton F. Stewart, 39, no address given, was arrested for disorderly conduct-language.

### SHERIFF

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

#### Friday, Jan. 2

Marland J. Miller, 40, 616 N. Sumner, was arrested on a warrant for theft by check.

Robin Michelle Camp, 34, homeless, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for possession of a controlled substance.

Norma Irene Madrid, 17, 931 Murphy, was arrested by Department of Public Safety for driving while license suspended.

### AMBULANCE

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

#### Friday, Jan. 2

3 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Rham and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Aspen and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Jean. No transport.

6:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

#### Saturday, Jan. 3

12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Sunset. No transport.

6:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

### FIRE

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

#### Friday, Jan. 2

10:14 a.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to the 1800 block of North Nelson on an investigation.

3:01 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1300 block of Rham on a call for medical assistance.

## WEATHER FOCUS

### PAMPA

The forecast today is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the lower 40s and north winds 5 to 15 mph. Night should fall on partly cloudy skies with lows around 16 and northeast winds 5 to 15 mph, shifting to the southeast after midnight. Monday should see partly cloudy skies, highs in the mid 30s, south winds 5 to 15 mph. Monday night, partly cloudy.

Lows around 18. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

## City Briefs

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### Coast Guard tightens security along Houston Ship Channel

HOUSTON — An increased terror alert has

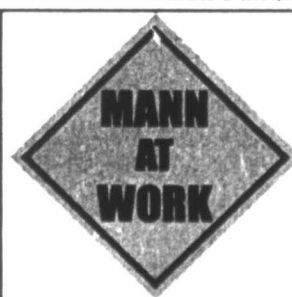
prompted the U.S. Coast Guard to boost security along the Houston Ship Channel.

The increased security has slowed traffic along the channel, officials said. The Department of Homeland Security raised its terror alert to orange, the second highest on the five-color scale on Dec. 21.

About 700 vessels traverse the channel daily, making it a likely target for terrorists.

"We look at different factors and decide based on those factors," Coast Guard spokesman Andrew Kendrick said in Saturday's editions of the Houston Chronicle. "There is some randomness also."

The scrutiny has not gone unnoticed by the Houston Pilots group, which is responsible for taking vessels through the ship channel, which is known internationally as difficult to navigate.



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**TABLE 1 - NOVEMBER OIL/GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT**

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	22	4	11
(2) REFUGIO AREA	62	5	24
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	83	20	33
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	101	5	93
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	56	3	61
(6) EAST TEXAS	106	8	76
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	43	10	9
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	101	4	63
(8) MIDLAND	72	27	12
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	86	20	7
(9) NORTH TEXAS	99	27	64
(10) PANHANDLE	53	6	14

**TABLE 2 - OCTOBER TOP 10 OIL AND GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION**

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBLs)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. GAINES	2,617,792	1. ZAPATA	22,332,474
2. YOAKUM	2,115,383	2. FREESTONE	21,469,043
3. ANDREWS	1,988,661	3. HIDALGO	21,421,490
4. HOCKLEY	1,827,866	4. PANOLA	19,051,712
5. ECTOR	1,726,800	5. WEBB	18,292,804
6. SCURRY	1,029,133	6. PECOS	15,829,971
7. MIDLAND	892,280	7. STARR	12,467,036
8. CRANE	841,183	8. YOAKUM	9,977,770
9. PECOS	783,062	9. BROOKS	9,670,308
10. LPTON	625,347	10. CROCKETT	9,452,352

## RRC posts oil, gas statistics

AUSTIN — The Commission issued a total of 894 original drilling permits in November 2003 compared to 801 in November 2002.

The November total included 715 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 32 to re-enter existing well bores, and 147 for re-completions. Permits issued in November 2003 included 153 oil, 350 gas, 369 oil and gas, 14 injection, and eight other permits.

Texas preliminary October 2003 crude oil production averaged 946,055 barrels daily, up

from the 927,607 barrels daily average of October 2002.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for October 2003 is 29,422,041 barrels, a decrease from 30,614,337 barrels reported during October 2002.

In November 2003, operators reported 139 oil, 490 gas, 13 injection and one other completion compared to 204 oil, 384 gas, 17 injection, and three others during November 2002.

Total well completions for 2003 year to date are 9,080 up from 8,638 recorded during the

same period in 2002. Operators reported 435 holes plugged and 62 dry holes in November 2003 compared to 320 holes plugged and 64 dry holes in November 2002.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 427,416,227 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for October 2003, down from the October 2002 preliminary gas production total of 433,166,800 Mcf.

Texas production in October 2003 came from 135,669 oil and 59,446 gas wells.

## SBA Disaster Loans now available

FORT WORTH — Businesses in some Texas and Oklahoma counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster.

Drought occurring Jan. 1, 2003, and continuing, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers.

Businesses dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inven-

tories at normal levels.

This loan program can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under the program.

The loan is designed for businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are 3.324 percent and terms may extend to 30 years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other federal agencies. Nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standards. Businesses that can meet their financial needs through other sources should not apply.

Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply: Gray, Wheeler, Collingsworth, Donley, Hemphill and Roberts.

For an application or more information, interested business owners should call SBA's toll-free telephone number at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD (817) 267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing is Aug. 12, 2004.

## USDA Rural Development program allows \$300,000 in economic development funds

TEMPLE — Bryan Daniel, Texas USDA Rural Development State Director, recently announced \$300,000 in economic development to strengthen rural communities in Texas, as part of the Bush Administration's ongoing commitment to invest and bolster programs for rural America.

South Bay Protein Processors received a Value-Added Product to Market Development Grant to process seafood waste into a pre-mix feed ingredient.

"This grant will bring new economic opportunities and job creation for rural Texans," said Daniel. "South Bay Protein Processors will give rural residents the opportunity to expand and improve local businesses and economies."

The VAPG program is designed to provide agricultural producers or rural businesses with grant funds to further refine agricultural commodities, increasing their value to consumers.

The grants will also provide capital to allow producers to

better market their products so that they can better compete in domestic and international markets. Recipients are required to obtain matching funds, which will double the impact of the USDA grants.

Funding of individual recipients will be contingent upon meeting the conditions of the grant agreement.

USDA Rural Development serves as the lead Federal entity for rural development needs and administers financial and technical assistance through three agencies: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service and Rural Utilities Service.

For further information on USDA Rural Development Business programs, call J. Pat Liles at (254) 742-9780.

The USDA Rural Development mission area was created in 1994 and includes the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Utilities Service. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's 53 million rural people.

For more information on USDA Rural Development programs in Texas, go to <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/> on the World Wide Web.



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Course	Time	Days	Course Title	Instructor	Credit
ACCT-2301	7:00-9:50PM	T	Elementary Accounting Principles	Staff	3.0
ACNT-1404	9:00AM-4:30PM	MTWR	Introduction To Accounting II	Haynes	4.0
BCIS-1405	5:00-6:50PM	W	Business Computer Applications	Murphey	4.0
BCIS-1405	7:00-9:50PM	W	Business Computer Applications	Denney	4.0
BCIS-1405	Online		Business Computer Applications		4.0
BIOL-1322	Online		Principles Of Nutrition	Estlack	3.0
BIOL-1413	1:00-3:45PM	M	Zoology Lab	Estlack	4.0
BIOL-1413	11:00-11:50AM	MWF	Zoology	Estlack	4.0
BIOL-1413	4:00-6:50PM	T	Zoology Lab	Estlack	4.0
BIOL-1413	7:00-9:50PM	T	Zoology	Estlack	4.0
BIOL-2402	4:00-6:50PM	R	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	Estlack	4.0
BIOL-2402	7:00-9:50PM	R	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	Estlack	4.0
BIOL-2421	5:00-6:50PM	W	Microbiology Lab	Estlack	4.0
BIOL-2421	7:00-9:50PM	W	Microbiology	Estlack	4.0
BUSI-2301	9:30-10:50AM	TR	Business Law	Murphey	3.0
BUSI-2301	Online		Business Law	Murphey	3.0
CHEM-1112	4:30-7:00PM	T	General Chemistry Lab II	Wiginton	1.0
CHEM-1112	5:00-6:50PM	W	General Chemistry Lab II	Vaid	1.0
CHEM-1312	9:30-10:45AM	TR	General Chemistry II	Wiginton	3.0
CHEM-1312	7:00-9:50PM	W	General Chemistry II	Vaid	3.0
CHEM-2225	1:00-4:20PM	T	Organic Chemistry Lab II	Wiginton	2.0
Chem-2325	11:00AM-12:15PM	TR	Organic Chemistry II	Wiginton	3.0
COSC-1401	1:00-3:15PM	T	Intro To Computer Info Systems	Murphey	4.0
COSC-1401	9:00-9:50AM	MWF	Intro To Computer Info Systems	Murphey	4.0
COSC-1401	11:00am-12:15PM	TR	Intro To Computer Info Systems	Murphey	4.0
COSC-1401	5:00-6:50PM	W	Intro To Computer Info Systems	Murphey	4.0
COSC-1401	7:00-9:50PM	W	Intro To Computer Info Systems	Murphey	4.0
COSC-1401	Online		Intro To Computer Info Systems	Denney	4.0
COSC-1436	VCT		Programming Fundamentals I	Wilkins	4.0
COSC-1437	VCT		Programming Fundamentals II	Wilkins	4.0
CRJU-1301	7:00-9:50PM	M	Introduction To Criminal Justice	Adams	3.0
DRAM-1310	Online		Introduction To The Theater	Huey	3.0
ENGL-0306	9:30-10:45AM	TR	Developmental English I	Thompson	3.0
ENGL-0306	7:00-9:50PM	M	Developmental English I	Sturgeon	3.0
ENGL-0308	9:30-10:45AM	TR	Developmental English III	Thompson	3.0
ENGL-0308	7:00-9:50PM	M	Developmental English III	Sturgeon	3.0
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ENGL-1301	1:00-2:20PM	MW	English Composition and Rhetoric I	Thompson	3.0
ENGL-1301	7:00-9:50PM	R	English Composition and Rhetoric I	Thompson	3.0
ENGL-1302	10:00-10:50AM	MWF	English Composition and Rhetoric II	Thompson	3.0
ENGL-1302	9:30-10:45AM	TR	English Composition and Rhetoric II	Thompson	3.0
ENGL-1302	7:00-9:50PM	M	English Composition and Rhetoric II	Thompson	3.0
ENGL-2331	1:00-2:20PM	TR	Non-Western World Literature	Thompson	3.0
ENGL-2331	7:00-9:50PM	T	Non-Western World Literature	Thompson	3.0
ENGL-2333	1:00-3:50PM	W	World Literature II	Thompson	3.0
ENGL-2333	1:00-2:20PM	MW	World Literature II	Thompson	3.0
ESOL-0301	TBA	TBA	ESOL Reading and Vocabulary I	Staff	3.0
GOVT-2305	11:00AM-12:15PM	TR	US Federal Government	Tibbets	3.0
GOVT-2305	7:00-9:50PM	W	US Federal Government	Adams	3.0
GOVT-2306	1:30-2:50PM	TR	Texas Government	Tibbets	3.0
GOVT-2306	7:00-9:50PM	R	Texas Government	Tibbets	3.0
HIST-1301	7:00-9:50PM	R	Hist Of The United States To 1877	Rapstine	3.0
HIST-1302	9:00-9:50AM	MWF	United States History From 1877	Frazier	3.0
HIST-1302	7:00-9:50PM	W	United States History From 1877	Dinsmore	3.0
HIST-1302	7:00-9:50PM	T	United States History From 1877	Rapstine	3.0
HUMA-1315	1:00-2:15PM	MW	Fine Arts Appreciation	Kuhnert	3.0
HUMA-1315	7:00-9:50PM	T	Fine Arts Appreciation	Willison	3.0
ITMC-1442	8:30AM-4:00PM	MTWR	Implement Windows Network Infrastru	Stephens	4.0
ITMC-1443	8:00am-4:00pm	MTWR	Admn Win 2000 Directory Services	Stephens	4.0
ITMC-2401	8:30am-4:00PM	MTWR	Support & Maint Windows NT/2000 SRV	Stephens	4.0
ITMC-2409	8:30AM-4:00PM	MTWR	Deploy & Support SMS Server	Stephens	4.0
ITSY-1400	6:00-10:00PM	M	Fundamentals Information Security	Stephens	4.0
MATH-0307	6:30-9:20PM	R	Beginning Algebra	Stewart	3.0
MATH-0308	6:30-9:20PM	R	Intermediate Algebra	Elms	3.0
MATH-1314	7:00-9:50PM	M	College Algebra	Staff	3.0
MATH-1342	VCT		Elementary Statistical Methods	Staff	3.0
MUEN-1241	TBA	TBA	College Choir	Staff	2.0
MUEN-2134	TBA	TBA	Small Instrumental Ensemble	Staff	1.0
PHED-1102	6:00-8:50PM	W	Tennis/Volleyball	Haynes	1.0
PHED-1110	6:00-8:50PM	M	Bowling	Haynes	1.0
PHED-1115	12:00-12:55PM	MWF	Physical Fitness	Reeve	1.0
PHYS-1401	VCT		College Physics I	Staff	4.0
POFI-1401	9:00AM-4:30PM	MTWR	Computer Applications	Haynes	4.0
POFM-1309	9:00AM-4:30PM	MTWR	Medical Office Procedures	Haynes	3.0
POFT-1319	9:00AM-4:30PM	MTWR	Record & Information Management	Haynes	3.0
POFT-2312	9:00AM-4:30PM	MTWR	Business Communications II	Haynes	3.0
POFT-2401	9:00AM-4:30PM	MTWR	Document Formatting & Skill Blgding	Haynes	4.0
PSYC-1100	Online		Orientation	Reeve	1.0
PSYC-2301	7:00-9:50PM	T	General Psychology	Wilson	3.0
PSYC-2314	11:00AM-12:15PM	MWF	Human Growth & Development	Wilson	3.0
PSYC-2314	9:30-10:50AM	TR	Human Growth & Development	Wilson	3.0
PSYC-2314	7:00-9:50PM	W	Human Growth & Development	Vinson	3.0
READ-0306	9:30-10:50AM	TR	Developmental Reading I	Thompson	3.0
READ-0306	7:00-9:50PM	M	Developmental Reading I	Sturgeon	3.0
SOCI-1301	7:00-9:50PM	R	Introduction To Sociology	Wilson	3.0
SOCI-2301	10:00-10:50AM	MWF	Marriage And The Family	Wilson	3.0
SPCH-1315	9:00-9:50AM	MWF	Public Speaking	Wilson	3.0
SPCH-1315	9:30-10:45AM	TR	Public Speaking	Wilson	3.0
SPCH-1315	7:00-9:50PM	W	Public Speaking	Wilson	3.0
SPCH-1318	6:00-9:50PM	F	Interpersonal Speech	Wilson	3.0

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# Giving should be voluntary

Inmates in Arkansas get a Christmas bonus. A bonus that costs, The Associated Press reports, \$60,000 to \$70,000 annually. Each inmate receives two apples, two oranges and \$5 in cash.

At the risk of sounding cold and unfeeling ... why? At a time when taxpayers' pockets are ransacked and gouged by practically every level of government, why should lawful, productive Americans be forced to give charitably to those who have broken the rules and spit on society? In fact, to those who, in many cases, have repeatedly and wantonly taken from it with absolutely no compunction?

Shouldn't the act of giving be voluntary?

Of course, we all know misuse of funds is a national pastime for most of our governing elite, but to force people to be charitable completely puts me out of charity with bureaucracy-at-large. We can be thankful Arkansas is apparently the only state to coerce its citizenship into giving in quite this manner.

Citizens Against Government Waste, a self-proclaimed "nonpartisan, non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating



**SKYLA BRYANT**  
NEWS EDITOR

waste, fraud, mismanagement and abuse in government," is keeping a sharp eye on "misappropriations" (my word) by congressional members, reporting on a plethora of excesses included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act which recently made it through the House.

According to a press release faxed to The News by CAGW, the Senate is not scheduled to act on this legislation until Jan. 20. In its "pork alert," CAGW said the nation is currently looking at a \$500 billion deficit.

Among the uncontrolled spending brought to light by CAGW in its fax: —\$1,000,000 tacked on by the House "for facilities construction for Tampa Bay Watch in Florida"; —\$750,000 tacked on by the Senate for Montgomery County, Md., for "pedestrian linkages in Silver Spring";

—\$400,000 to benefit Davenport Music History Museum, Davenport, Iowa;  
 —\$300,000 tacked on by the Senate "for the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs in Illinois for restoration of the Chicago Cultural Center Domes";  
 —\$250,000 tacked on by the Senate towards improvements to Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum, Anchorage;  
 —\$250,000 tacked on by the Senate for the University of Maine (Jonesboro and Orono), Blueberry Hill Farm, "to renovate the blueberry research facility";  
 —\$100,000 tacked on by the House for North Star Productions, Inc. in Bracken County, Ky., to build an amphitheatre;  
 —\$75,000 to fund the Kids Rock Free Educational program, Fender Museum of the Arts Foundation, Corona, Calif.; and  
 —\$50,000 tacked on by the Senate for YMCA of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, Nev., for "facility renovations."

To find out what else CAGW may have uncovered in this bill, log onto [www.cagw.org/site/PageServer?pagename=policy\\_porkbarrelreport](http://www.cagw.org/site/PageServer?pagename=policy_porkbarrelreport).

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Community needs Dr. Powell

To the editor:

In regard to the article on Dr. Dan Powell, I would like to say that I think Dan Powell is one of the finest persons I have ever known. He attends several members of my family from a medical standpoint and has treated them with upmost professionalism. Some time ago, I was in his office with a family member. After diagnosis and treatment, he dismissed the session holding both our hands in prayer. This was a first for me. Several days later, he followed up on that visit with a housecall, made of his own volition. We did not ask him to come.

I know him to be community-oriented because I worked with him through the place where I work to help with the Children's Christmas Shopping Tour. He is an elder at the church where he worships. He is a man of high character, personal integrity and committed to his professional, theological and community callings. This community needs Dan Powell to be a part of us.

**Lou Dean Cotten**  
Pampa

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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# States do have secession rights

A fortnight ago, in "Let's Do Some Detective Work," I provided unassailable evidence that Congress had vastly exceeded powers delegated to it by our Constitution. In last week's column, "Getting Back Our Liberties," I argued that liberties lost are seldom regained, but there was an outside chance to regain them if enough liberty-minded Americans were to pursue Free State Project's proposal to set up New Hampshire as a free state.

Free State Project ([www.freestateproject.org](http://www.freestateproject.org)) intends to get 20,000 or so Americans to move to New Hampshire and, through a peaceful political process, reduce burdensome taxation and regulation, reform state and local law, end federal mandates, and attempt to restore constitutional federalism as envisioned by the nation's founders.

Since there was only a remote possibility that we could successfully negotiate with Congress, the Courts and White House to obey the U.S. Constitution, I speculated that liberty could only be realized by a unilateral declaration of independence -- namely, part company. Quite a few readers criticized the idea, calling secession unconstitutional. Let's look at it.

On March 2, 1861, after seven states had seceded and two days before Abraham Lincoln's inauguration, Sen. James R. Doolittle of Wisconsin proposed a constitutional amendment that said, "No State or any part thereof, heretofore admitted or hereafter admitted



**WALTER WILLIAMS**  
COLUMNIST

into the Union, shall have the power to withdraw from the jurisdiction of the United States."

Several months earlier, Reps. Daniel E. Sickles of New York, Thomas B. Florence of Pennsylvania and Otis S. Ferry of Connecticut proposed a constitutional amendment to prohibit secession. Here's my no-brainer question: Would there have been any point to offering these amendments if secession were already unconstitutional? I'm guessing, no.

But there's more evidence. The ratification documents of Virginia, New York and Rhode Island explicitly said that they held the right to resume powers delegated should the federal government become abusive of those powers.

There's more evidence. At the 1787 constitutional convention, a proposal was made to allow the federal government to suppress a seceding state. James Madison, the father of our constitution, rejected it, saying: "A Union of the States containing such an ingredient seemed to provide for its own destruction. The use of force against a State would look more like a declaration of war than an infliction of punishment and would probably

be considered by the party attacked as a dissolution of all previous compacts by which it might be bound."

Professor Thomas DiLorenzo, in his revised "The Real Lincoln," provides abundant evidence in the forms of quotations from our Founders and numerous newspaper accounts that prove that Americans always took the right of secession for granted. Plus, secession was not an idea that had its origins in the South. Infuriated by Thomas Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase, in 1803, the first secessionist movement started in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other New England states.

Every single bit of evidence shows that states have a right to secede. There's absolutely nothing in the Constitution that prohibits secession. What stops secession is the brute force of a mighty federal government, as witnessed by the costly War of 1861. Only one thing good came out of that war. It eliminated slavery. It's had a devastating legacy for future generations of Americans, in that since the issue of secession was brutally settled, the federal government is free to run roughshod over the safeguards envisioned by the Framers, namely the Ninth and Tenth Amendments.

There's little to suggest that the same brutality wouldn't be encountered if secession were tried again, as one writer cautioned: If New Hampshire seceded, massive troops along with today's deadly modern military equipment would be on its soil before lunch.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

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 On this date:  
 In 1821, the first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg, Md.  
 In 1904, the Supreme Court ruled that Puerto Ricans were not aliens and could enter the United States freely; however, the court stopped short of declaring them U.S. citizens.  
 In 1951, during the Korean conflict, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces captured the city of Seoul.  
 In 1960, French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46.  
 In 1965, President Johnson outlined the goals of his "Great Society" in his State of the Union address.

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# Independent movement works to counter chain domination

By KELLEY SHANNON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — Shelves of books by Texas writers. Lots of CDs by local musicians. A "Keep Austin Weird" T-shirt selection.

It's not the type of merchandise you typically find in a national chain store. And a growing force of Texas independent business owners wants to make sure you know it.

Adventurous. Unique. Weird, if you will.

Those are the buzz words of a movement among independent business owners in Austin and the nation who claim that domination by chains can turn a town into Anywhere, U.S.A.

"People are essentially tired of having everything be the same. It's a reaction to that homogenous world that they're being forced to live in," said Steve Bercu, co-owner of BookPeople, an independently owned Austin book store.

A strong local business presence keeps more money flowing into a city's economy and promotes the culture of a region, independents say.

In Austin, Bercu and

Rebecca Melancon, publisher of the local magazine "The Good Life," founded the Austin Independent Business Alliance after Bercu took note of a similar coalition forming in Boulder, Colo., about four years ago.

"It has been incredibly successful, just remarkably so," Melancon said. "It started with Steve and I and a couple of other people just calling businesses we knew."

The American Independent Business Alliance, based in Bozeman, Mont., is pushing the independent idea nationally. Independent business coalitions have organized in Phoenix, St. Louis, Albuquerque, N.M., and other cities.

"This is the moment. It's happening all over the country," Bercu said.

Even in Dallas, sometimes identified with sprawling suburbs and big chains, one developer is trying to build a shopping center for independent stores, Bercu said.

The Austin group has amassed more than 200 members. It has a Web site and a directory promoting local businesses. The alliance organizes an annual "Austin

Unchained" shopping day to urge consumers to buy locally. It also has gotten involved in efforts to prevent construction of so-called "big box" chain stores in environmentally sensitive areas.

"Certainly the chains have their place. I'm not anti-chain. I'm just pro-independent," said John T. Kunz, owner and president of the independent Waterloo Records in Austin.

Waterloo Records opened in 1982 and is closely connected to Austin's music scene. Along with nationally popular CDs, the shop features music by scores of local and Texas artists.

It regularly hosts in-store music performances. Lyle Lovett and the Dixie Chicks are among those who have played at Waterloo.

BookPeople, touting itself as Texas' largest independent book store, stocks popular mainstream books but also offers lesser-known titles.

"We have hundreds of local authors on consignment here," Bercu said. "That's one of the differences in an independent book store."

The Austin Independent Business Alliance co-sponsored an economic analysis

that found local businesses have about three times more economic impact on a city's economy than a national chain store. The alliance contends product prices and selection are usually comparable.

Although Wal-Mart is often mentioned by independent merchants looking to stop chain encroachment, a fight erupted in Austin over purported plans by Borders Books & Music to move into a prime spot downtown near Waterloo and BookPeople.

The BookPeople and Waterloo Records owners went to work battling the project and criticizing the city for offering financial incentives for the development. They sought public support through e-mail lists.

They printed thousands of bumper stickers displaying the slogan "Keep Austin Weird," which already had been coined by a local group. The bumper stickers were snatched up fast and since then 85,000 have been given away, Bercu said, adding that one was even spotted on a photograph of a Humvee outside Baghdad.

The saying describes "an Austin that always has been

the melting pot, or the oasis of Texas," Kunz said.

In the end, Borders decided not to build the store. The independents declared victory, although a spokeswoman for Borders said local opposition had nothing to do with the decision.

"That site just didn't make sense for us as a company," said spokeswoman Emily Swan, noting there were problems with the real estate and uncertainty about the other tenants.

"We hadn't even announced that we were going there," Swan said. "I know there was a grass-roots movement to prevent us from going there, but that didn't affect the outcome."

Borders, part of a Fortune 500 company based in Ann

Arbor, Mich., has two other stores in Austin and has peacefully co-existed with independent book stores for years, Swan said.

"I don't think that there's any antagonism there, and we all have the goal to sell books," she said.

At Waterloo Records, where the music inventory includes local artists like the Derailers, the Gourds and Del Castillo, Kunz said he believes there's room for big and small stores alike. But, he said, independent shops offer more diversity and cutting-edge merchandise.

"Chains, for the most part, are going to stick with the tried and true," he said. "The true spice and the true innovation happens much lower in the food chain."

## December cattle on feed up 5 percent from last year

AUSTIN — Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.84 million head on Dec. 1, up 5 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was unchanged from the Nov. 1 level. Producers placed 440,000 head in commercial feedlots during November, down 6 percent from a year ago and 35 percent below the October 2003 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 410,000 head dur-

ing November, down 14 percent from last year and 23 percent below the October 2003, total.

On Dec. 1, there were 2.36 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 83 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 5 percent from last year and unchanged from the November total.

November placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 345,000 head, a 39 percent decrease from the October total. Marketings were down 27 percent from last month to 320,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.3 million head on Dec. 1, 2003. This inventory was 4 percent above December 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.93 million head, 3 percent below November 2002. November placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 680,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 578,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 379,000 head; 800

pounds and greater totaled 289,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.54 million head, down 11 percent from 2002.

## Emergency farm loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought that occurred from Jan. 1, 2003, are being accepted at the local Farm Service Agency office in Clarendon, FSA officials recently announced.

Gray County is one of six counties in Texas eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from drought.

Producers may qualify for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or an operating loan necessary to continue the business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain

credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," said Larry Goetz, local FSA official. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Aug. 12, 2004, but farmers should

apply as soon as possible," Goetz said. "Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season."

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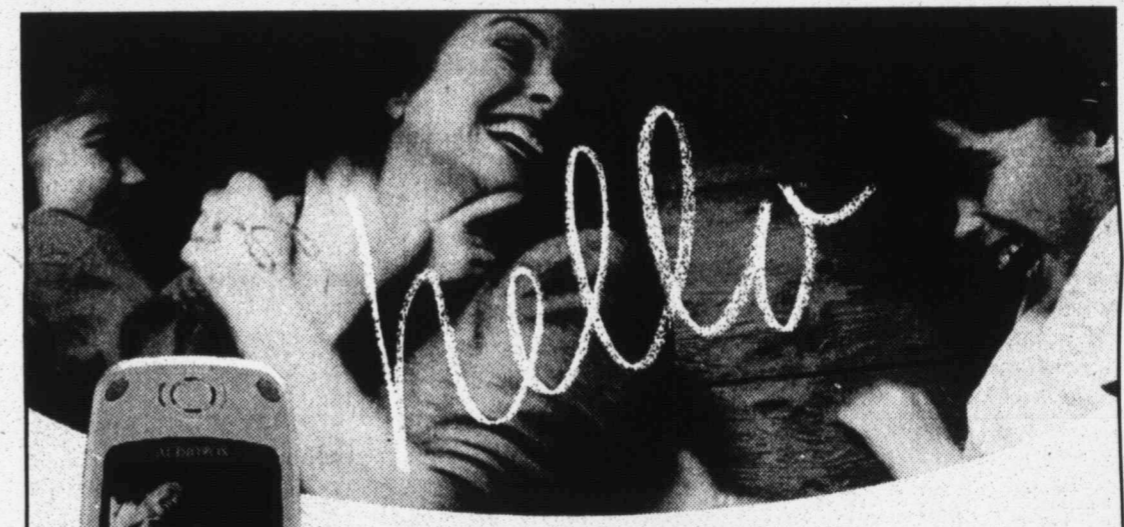
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# MEDICAL

## Procedure takes pain, surgery out of heart defect repair

By MARY ANN ROSER  
AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

AUSTIN — As a child, Maddy Green-Bray was prone to chest colds. A few times, she fainted, said her father, Mike Ryan.

She also "didn't grow real fast," recalled her mother, Heidi Green-Bray. But the slim high school cheerleader caught up and did a pretty good job of keeping up — until about 18 months ago.

"Sometimes, with my friends, they'd say, 'Let's go out to eat.' And I'd say, 'I can't; I'm really tired. I have to go home and rest,'" said Maddy, whose full name is Madison.

She had trouble breathing at times, and when her chest began hurting two months ago, she finally told her mom something was wrong.

A series of doctor visits followed, and Austin cardiologist Paolo Venegoni discovered the trouble. Maddy, 18, had a hole in her heart.

About 1 percent of babies are born with heart abnormalities, and Maddy's problem was one of the more common defects. The hole causes blood to spill into the heart and lungs, enlarging her heart and making breathing more difficult. Maddy's life could be cut short if she didn't get it fixed.

Eighteen months ago, doctors in

Austin would have sawed through Maddy's sternum, cut her chest open and stopped her heart to patch the hole between her heart's two top chambers. But on Nov. 17, Maddy had a procedure that involved no heart surgery, no cutting and very little pain.

"Oh, my God, are we not blessed?" Heidi Green-Bray asked. "It's amazing."

Maddy had a cardiac catheterization procedure at Brackenridge Hospital, a treatment some doctors around the country are calling "revolutionary" for closing atrial septal defects — the kind Maddy had. Her procedure was performed by the only two doctors in Austin certified to implant the Amplatzer Septal Occluder device, Karen Wright and Ken Shaffer.

Less invasive procedures are a trend in medicine. Insurers like them because they require shorter hospital stays, and patients like them because they cause less pain, and recovery time is shorter.

"You just found out that you weren't 100 percent wonderful, but soon you will be 100 percent wonderful," Wright, a pediatric cardiologist, told Maddy hours before she was wheeled into the cath lab at Brackenridge.

"Perfect," Maddy said, wearing jeans, a red tank top and a Lacrosse jacket belonging to the young man she is dating. She

admitted to being nervous, having never been put under general anesthesia.

"When I don't know how things are going to go, it kind of freaks me out," said Maddy, a senior at Not Your Ordinary School, a North Austin charter school.

As a baby, Maddy was diagnosed with a heart murmur, but everyone thought it went away. Not every murmur is a sign of a hole, and tiny holes in infants often close on their own, Wright said. Even holes that don't close might not need to be repaired, she said.

Doctors aware of murmurs in patients "look for evidence of heart enlargement or excessive respiratory infections" to assess whether something is wrong, Wright said. In Maddy's case, no one had connected the dots until recently.

At 1 p.m. Nov. 17, Wright and Shaffer, along with six nurses, anesthesiologists and technicians, were ready for Maddy. Dr. Erik Pronske, an anesthesiologist, put her under general anesthesia so she would "hold absolutely still."

A nurse anesthetist inserted a camera into Maddy's esophagus. Then, Shaffer put a second tiny camera in a tube and inserted it into the femoral vein in Maddy's left groin. He followed a path to Maddy's heart.

With the two cameras, the team had different views of Maddy's

heart on a TV-type monitor. A third monitor kept track of her vital signs and beeped every few seconds, in time with her heart.

Both cameras were attached to an echocardiograph, a machine that obtains images using ultrasound waves.

Wright then inserted a balloon through a small tube in Maddy's right femoral vein. When she reached the hole in Maddy's heart, Wright inflated the balloon to measure the hole. She and Shaffer painstakingly took pictures, examined the other structures of the heart and measured.

The hole turned out to be the size of a nickel.

"Measure twice, cut once. Is that what they say?" Shaffer asked.

"In seamstress school," Wright answered.

"See, I learned something," Shaffer said.

Satisfied with the measurements, Wright removed the balloon at 1:50 p.m. and put the Amplatzer device inside another tube. The meshlike device, which returns to its shape after being released from the tube, is made of a titanium and nickel alloy. It looks like a mushroom with a cap on either end.

Wright snaked the tube through Maddy's body and stopped when the monitor showed she had reached her destination.

"OK, we're going to go ahead and release this baby," Wright said at 2:13.

Wright unloaded the device through the tip by gently pulling back the tube. It sprang out, and the doctors assessed whether she should let go completely. Once she let go, removing the device would be difficult. Open-heart surgery could be required to get it out if it were misplaced, Wright said.

Assured they had the right spot, Wright let go. One of the mushroom's caps rested on one side of the hole, and the other pressed flat against it. It was right where the doctors wanted it.

In a few months, the device will become enmeshed in the heart tissue, further sealing the hole and preventing the blood from leaking out.

By 2:20 p.m., Wright and Shaffer were done, quicker than the two-hour average.

The team wiped blood from the puncture wounds where the tubes had been, at the tops of Maddy's legs, and plugged them with collagen.

Most patients who have a morning procedure go home that day. But Maddy had hers in the afternoon and spent the night at Brackenridge.

She required only over-the-counter Tylenol.

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## Study: Virtual colonoscopy more accurate, less invasive than conventional colonoscopy

CHICAGO (AP) — A procedure that lets doctors find abnormal growths in the colon through computer-generated images is slightly more accurate and less invasive than conventional colonoscopy, new research suggests.

Researchers hope the benefits of the so-called "virtual colonoscopy," which uses a CT scanner to produce three-dimensional pictures for evaluation, will lead to more people getting screened for the growths, known as polyps.

The American Cancer Society recommends that adults over 50 years of age get

a colonoscopy every 10 years. Less than half of those who should get screened do so, the society estimates.

"Virtual colonoscopy is an accurate screening tool, and if our methods are used, this hopefully will result in more widespread screening, especially for patients that avoid screenings," said lead author Dr. Perry J. Pickhardt. "If we can screen more patients, we know it will prevent cancers and save lives."

Even so, some patients have found the virtual colonoscopy less comfortable

than standard colonoscopy. Critics also pointed out that if a growth is found, a conventional colonoscopy has to be performed anyway.

Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, resulting in nearly 60,000 deaths each year. The detection and removal of polyps can help reduce fatalities and prevent cancer from developing.

In a conventional colonoscopy, patients take laxatives to cleanse their bowels 24 hours before the procedure.

Patients are sedated before an instrument is inserted through the rectum that allows doctors to screen and remove any suspicious growths.

In a virtual colonoscopy, patients also take laxatives but are not sedated. A small rectal catheter is inserted, and patients hold their breath as a CT scanner takes X-rays of the colon that result in images doctors can scan for polyps.

The virtual colonoscopy study was presented in Chicago at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America.

Researchers studied 1,233 adults who had an average risk of having colonic growths. Virtual colonoscopy found polyps that were at least 10 millimeters in diameter

93.8 percent of the time and discovered growths of at least 8 millimeters 93.9 percent of the time.

In comparison, conventional colonoscopy found polyps that were at least 10 millimeters in diameter 87.5 percent of the time and discovered growths of at least 8 millimeters 91.5 percent of the time.

The study also found virtual colonoscopy did not have many false positives.

In the study, 622 patients had polyps and two polyps were malignant. Virtual colonoscopy detected both malignant polyps, but conventional colonoscopy only found one.

Critics say if a significant polyp is found during the virtual colonoscopy, a conventional colonoscopy then has to

be performed to remove the polyp.

"That's two procedures as opposed to one. Since the patient has to go through the same preparation, which is the hardest part, they might as well do the conventional one," said Dr. Herman Kattlove, medical editor at the American Cancer Society.

Kattlove said that while the virtual colonoscopy could be a good screening device for the general population, the cancer society recommends conventional colonoscopy.

According to a survey of the study's patients, 54 percent said the virtual colonoscopy was more uncomfortable than the conventional colonoscopy, but researchers point out that's because virtual colonoscopy patients were not sedated.

Pickhardt, a radiology professor at the University of Wisconsin Medical School in Madison, considers the lack of sedation to be a benefit because patients do not spend any time in the recovery room.

"Neither procedure is a walk in the park, but virtual colonoscopy is significantly better tolerated," he said.

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**NFFF SCHOLARSHIPS.** Scholarships are available through National Fallen Firefighters Foundation for children of firefighters who have died in the line of duty. For more information, visit [www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org) and look up scholarships. To receive a free information packet, call 1-877-453-FIRE.

**NIA Guides.** National Institute on Aging is offering "Talking with Your Doctor: A Guide for Older People." The 30-page booklet is available in single or bulk copies. Also available through NIA is the 36-page booklet, "Who? What? When? Resources for Women's Health and Aging" to help women as they age. For more information, call the NIA Information Center weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., toll-free at 1-800-222-2225 or TTY at 1-800-222-4225.

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

**PIE.** Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families for foreign exchange students. The students, age 15-18, have spending money and carry accident and health insurance. PIE reps match students with host families through an infor-

mal in-home meeting. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-631-1818.

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

**School-to-Career Program.** Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs, contact the local Texas Workforce Commission or call (512) 470-0918.

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

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

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

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

**Tuition Assistance.** U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance - College Bound is an organization with a listing of over 700 different private scholarship sources for college students. Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; other can be applied towards tuition, living expenses and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools. For more information, send a SASE (business size, #10) to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

**World Heritage.** World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is currently seeking a local community representative to provide high school exchange students with program support. For more information, call Ande Bloom at 1-800-888-9040 or visit [www.world-heritage.org](http://www.world-heritage.org) on the World Wide Web.



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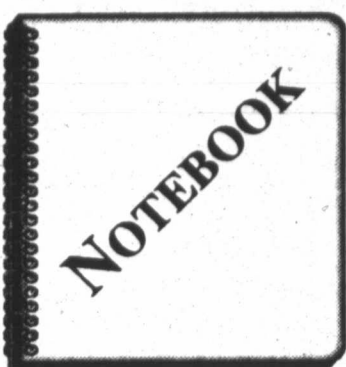
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# SPORTS

## Sugar Bowl winner is headed for splitsville



### FOOTBALL

**FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)** — Houston Nutt rejected Nebraska's \$2 million coaching offer, saying strong family ties and a job left undone kept him at Arkansas.

"I could not take my family, myself, and get on that plane," Nutt said at a news conference Saturday. "My heart was here."

Nutt, teary at times, said he was flattered at Nebraska's offer, but that it was best for him to remain in his home state.

"For six long years we've poured our heart into this program and we feel that our work isn't finished," Nutt said.

Nebraska fired coach Frank Solich in November after a 9-3 regular season. Nebraska offered Nutt the job Friday, but Arkansas made a counteroffer.

### HOCKEY

**DALLAS (AP)** — Two days after a dominating performance in a 4-0 victory over the Los Angeles Kings, the Phoenix Coyotes did it again.

Brian Boucher stopped 35 shots for his second consecutive shutout, and six different Phoenix players scored in a 6-0 win over the Dallas Stars on Friday night.

Chris Gratton, Shane Doan and Daymond Langkow each posted a goal and an assist, and Daniel Cleary recorded two assists. Ladislav Nagy, Brian Savage and Branko Radivojevic also scored.

"I thought we executed really well in different areas," Phoenix coach Bob Francis said. "A lot of guys stepped forward and we got a lot of challenges. Three guys that stuck out are Boucher, Danny Cleary and Chris Gratton"

### BASKETBALL

**CLARENDON** — Pampa junior varsity girls lost to Grady, N.M. 47-30 Wednesday in the Greenbelt Holiday Classic.

S. Bailey scored 21 points for Grady.

Nicole Clark and McKinsie East led Pampa scorers with 6 points each.

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Stephen Peterman spotted the crystal football from far across the Superdome field. As he walked toward the trophy, he became wary.

"I ain't touching it," the LSU offensive lineman said Friday. "Rub it like a genie? Has anybody ever touched it and lost? Not me. It's a jinx. You can't touch it — it's not ours yet."

Even if No. 2 LSU beats No. 3 Oklahoma tonight, there's virtually no way the Tigers can call themselves undisputed champions.

Like it or not, the Sugar Bowl is headed for Splitsville. The winner automatically receives the USA Today/ESPN coaches' crown — and college football gets more questions about which team truly was

tops this season. Southern California complicated the mix by winning the Rose Bowl, beating Michigan 28-14 Thursday. The victory all but assured the No. 1 Trojans the championship in The Associated Press poll.

"Everybody wants to sit here and say they got screwed, but they actually got the easier road to hoe," Oklahoma defensive tackle Dusty Dvoracek said. "They got to stay at home, play the lesser team."

"I rooted for Michigan, I won't deny it. But it doesn't matter. It's going to be an ongoing debate."

Still, the specter of a shared title is sure to take some of the shine off the Sugar.

"You can't really say you're the best if you haven't been through the battle," LSU

receiver Michael Clayton said. "There's no better way to determine who's the best than to square off and have a game. I think the world would really enjoy something like that."

And for now, that's not happening. Despite cries from critics of the Bowl Championship Series, there's no playoff in sight.

"It always sounds good, but is it good for the kids?" Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "Be careful about what you wish for. It doesn't always come out the way you want."

Besides, he said, having two schools earn bragging rights isn't so bad.

"Everybody always said the Dallas Cowboys were America's team. I don't know if it bothered the Pittsburgh

Steelers too much," he said. Stoops said he watched part of the Rose Bowl. LSU coach Nick Saban missed it.

"Everybody agreed before the season to respect this system, that it was something we could live with," Saban said. "In no way does that game have anything to do with this game. We all learn from our experiences. I think they'll do something to make the system more effective in the future."

As in, maybe take the winners of the four major bowls and let them play.

"We've been talking about why don't we have a system that would include four teams," Saban said. "The NCAA tournament has 65 teams and then they have a two-hour show to talk about the eight teams that didn't make it."

"I'm sure there's always going to be some controversy about somebody getting left out, regardless of the breadth of the playoff system that we have if we can get to a bowl playoff system, which is something I'd probably be in favor of."

Some of the LSU players watched the proceedings in Pasadena. Even though a Michigan win would've given his team a shot at a unified title, Tigers cornerback Travis Daniels said he was not upset with the outcome.

"I didn't really care. To me, this is the national championship game," he said. "But if people still don't know who is the national champion after our game and want to see one more to decide it, that's OK. We've all got about five games left in us."

## USC in perfect position for Associated Press title

By **JOSH DUBOW**  
AP Football Writer

The trophy ceremony is already being planned — and with good reason.

Southern California was so impressive in its dismantling of Michigan in the Rose Bowl that some voters on

The Associated Press poll already have decided to drop LSU from the No. 1 spot even before the Tigers play in the Sugar Bowl.

"I'm switching to USC, and I can't see a Sugar Bowl scenario that would change that," Ryan White of The Oregonian said Friday. "The Trojans have earned half the title, so they should get half the title."

A survey of 18 of the 65 poll voters backed up what everyone believed after watching Southern California beat Michigan 28-14 on Thursday — that USC is the top team in the nation no matter what happens in the Bowl Championship Series title game between LSU and Oklahoma on Sunday night.

At least two of the 21 voters who have LSU No. 1 are ready to switch to USC, and a third plans to split his vote. Others are open to changing.

That would make USC's 21 first-place vote lead almost insurmountable because it's hard to figure that many voters would drop the Trojans after dominating the fourth-ranked team in the nation.

"I'm not convinced that USC is a better team than the two teams in New Orleans, but the way the polls work I can't move USC off No. 1 after the game they played," said Herb Gould of The Chicago Sun-Times.

Of the 10 USC voters surveyed, nine have committed to stick with the Trojans or are heavily leaning that way. One is open to a switch.

Assuming nobody votes USC lower than second, at least 13 of the 42 voters siding with the Trojans, would have to change their votes for USC to be shut out of the title picture. The Trojans have tentatively planned a trophy ceremony for Monday.

"It's very similar to '97 when the coaches took it upon themselves to make Nebraska No. 1," said Tony Barnhart of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, who plans to move USC ahead of LSU. "I just think it's the right thing to do."

## White Deer downs Shamrock

**SHAMROCK** — White Deer split non-district basketball games with Shamrock on Friday night.

White Deer won the girls' game 49-23.

Becca Rapstine was high scorer for the Does with 15 points.

Penny Armstrong fol-

lowed with 9. Kita Ledbetter topped Shamrock with 11.

White Deer held Shamrock to only two points in the second quarter and led 19-8 at halftime.

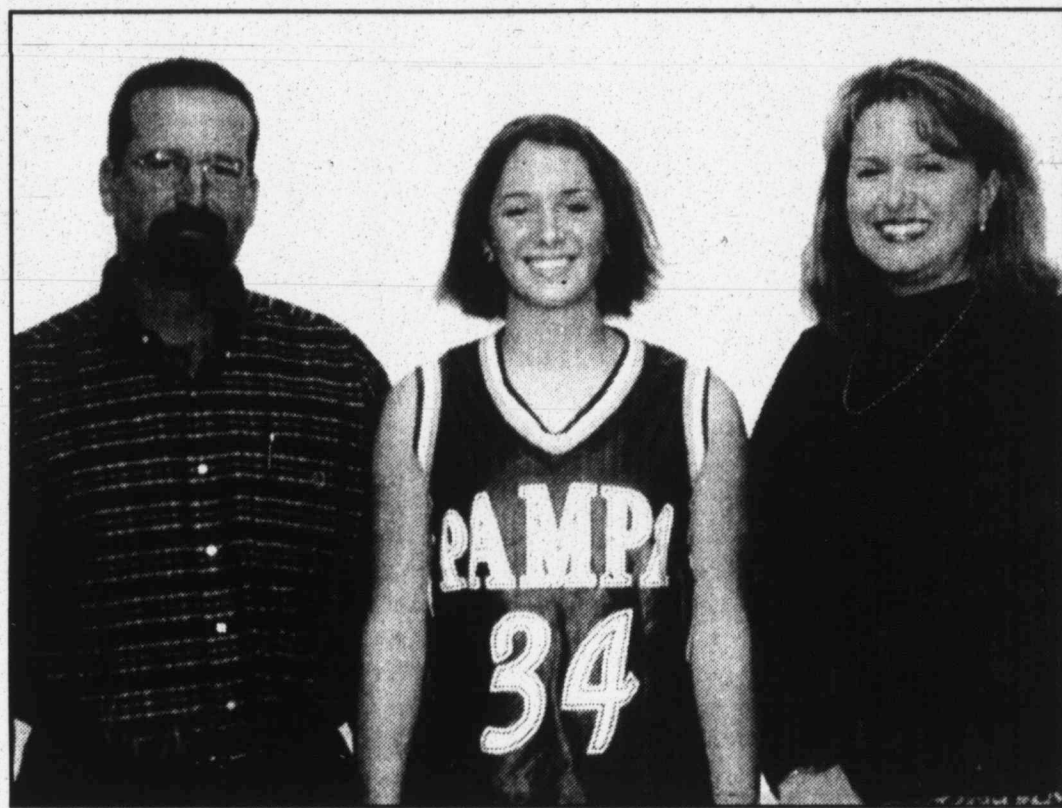
Shamrock won the boys' contest 81-55 behind the 27-point performance of Boomer Wright.

Josh Cochran led the Bucks with 12 points.

Andrew Parsley and Nick Hillman had 11 each.

Trey Sweatt added 21 points for the Irish.

## Harvester Hoops Spot-light



Jaclyn Spearman is a junior post player for the Lady Harvesters. Her parents are Jay and Janis Spearman, above. Besides basketball, Jaclyn is also involved in volleyball, track, student council, D-FY-IT and Fellowship of Christian Athletes at First Baptist Church.

## Manning, McNair tie for MVP honors

By **BARRY WILNER**  
AP Football Writer

Star quarterbacks Peyton Manning and Steve McNair reached the individual pinnacle of the NFL on Friday when they shared The Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player award.

In just the third tie since the award began in 1957, the premier passers each received 16 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL.

"This is such a tremendous honor," Manning said. "Obviously you look at all the former winners, it really is an honor to be on that same list, and to have such great teammates and a coaching staff that allowed me to go out and make plays."

"And to be sharing it with Steve, a player I have the most respect for and who has had a tremendous year, and to be ahead of guys like Tom Brady, who's a friend of mine, and

Jamal Lewis, a former teammate of mine at Tennessee who easily could have been there, as well, it's tremendous."

Added McNair: "It is great, my words can't express how I feel being co-MVP with another great quarterback like Peyton. It's very emotional right now for me that people look at me as being one of the top quarterbacks of the NFL, one of the top players, and a co-MVP."

New England quarterback Brady finished third with eight votes, followed by Baltimore running back Lewis, the AP Offensive Player of the Year, with five. Kansas City running back Priest Holmes got three votes, and Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis, the AP Defensive Player of the Year, received two.

Unlike the seemingly indestructible Manning, who's never missed a start in his six pro seasons, McNair has played hurt for much of his career. This season, he missed the last month of practice with a strained right calf and sprained left ankle that also has a cracked bone spur. Those injuries also sidelined him for two games.

But the NFL has learned how tough the nine-year veteran is. And how dangerous he is, even though McNair no longer

is the running threat he was early in his career. Now, he is a superb pocket passer, accurate and strong-armed. His 100.4 rating in 2003 edged Manning's 99.0 atop the league rankings.

McNair certainly is impressed by Manning's achievements, which include leading the league this season with 4,267 yards passing and topping the AFC with 29 TD passes. He has thrown 25 or more TD passes in each of the past six seasons — the only player to accomplish the feat.

"It's just his knowledge of the game," McNair said. "When Peyton came in, there were very few guys who came in and started, and Peyton did a good job learning from his mistakes his first year."

He came back and had a magnificent career, a student of the game, extra film work, learning the game mentally."

Manning and McNair make it three straight years a quarterback has been selected most valuable player. Oakland's Rich Gannon won last year and Kurt Warner was the 2001 MVP.

The other ties came in 1997 (Brett Favre and Barry Sanders) and in 1960 (Norm Van Brocklin and Joe Schmidt).

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 Dallas at Carolina, 8 p.m. (ABC)

**Sunday, Jan. 4**  
 Seattle at Green-Bay, 1 p.m. (FOX)  
 Denver at Indianapolis, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)

**Saturday, Jan. 10**  
 Carolina, Green Bay or Seattle at St. Louis, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)  
 Baltimore, Tennessee or Denver at New England, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)

**Sunday, Jan. 11**  
 Indianapolis, Baltimore or Tennessee at Kansas City, 1 p.m. (CBS)  
 Green Bay, Seattle or Dallas at Philadelphia, 4:45 p.m. (FOX)

**Sunday, Jan. 18**  
 AFC Championship Game, 3 p.m. (CBS)  
 NFC Championship Game, 6:45 p.m. (FOX)

**Sunday, Feb. 1**  
 Super Bowl at Houston, 6:25 p.m. (CBS)

**Sunday, Feb. 8**  
 Pro Bowl, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**BOWLING**  
**HARVESTER LANES**  
**League Standings**  
**Lone Star League**  
**(Week 13)**

Team	Won	Lost
Harvester Cafe	32	20
G.B.'s Contractors	32	20
Pampa Transmission	30 1/2	21 1/2
U.M.C.	30	22
Now & Then	24	28
B & K Carpentry	23	29
Whitehead Cattle	21 1/2	30 1/2

**Week's High Scores**  
 High scratch game: Ashleigh Burns 235; High scratch series: Ashleigh Burns 604; High handicap game: Jonnie Ray 235; High handicap series: Jonnie Ray 641.

**Harvester Combo**  
**(Week 12)**

Team	Won	Lost
Team One	33	15
B & C Twice	32	16
JJ & R	28	20
Team Eleven	24 1/2	23 1/2
Team Seven	24	24
AT&T Yard Service	23	25
A-1 Concrete	21	27
Reed's Welding	20	28
Team Ten	16	32
Black Gold	14	34
Coney Island	13	35

**Week's High Scores**  
**Men**  
 High scratch game: David Thomas 256; High scratch series: David Thomas 649; High handicap game: David Thomas 280; High handicap series: Cody Jones

**Women**  
 High scratch game: Belinda Nolte 214; High scratch series: Peggy Chase 569; High handicap game: Stacy Hext 258; High handicap series: Stacy Hext 644.

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**Atlantic Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	18	14	.563	—
Boston	16	18	.471	3
Philadelphia	14	18	.438	4
Miami	14	19	.424	4 1/2
New York	14	20	.412	5
Washington	9	21	.300	8
Orlando	8	25	.242	10 1/2

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	24	10	.706	—
New Orleans	21	12	.636	2 1/2
Detroit	20	13	.606	3 1/2
Toronto	16	15	.516	6 1/2
Milwaukee	16	16	.500	7
Chicago	10	22	.313	13
Cleveland	10	23	.303	13 1/2
Atlanta	9	25	.265	15

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Midwest Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	22	10	.688	—
Minnesota	21	10	.677	1/2
Denver	20	13	.606	2 1/2
Dallas	18	13	.581	3 1/2
Houston	17	14	.548	4 1/2
Utah	17	15	.531	5
Memphis	16	17	.485	6 1/2

**Pacific Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	21	8	.724	—
Sacramento	21	8	.724	—
Seattle	16	14	.533	1/2
Portland	15	16	.484	7
L.A. Clippers	13	15	.464	7 1/2
Golden State	14	17	.452	8
Phoenix	12	21	.364	11

**Thursday's Games**

No games scheduled

**Friday's Games**

New Orleans 86, Toronto 74  
 Washington 97, Golden State 79  
 Indiana 103, Boston 90  
 Miami 112, Orlando 101  
 Chicago 104, New York 99  
 New Jersey 97, Cleveland 82  
 Memphis 100, Utah 88  
 Detroit 93, Phoenix 81  
 Minnesota 93, Atlanta 75  
 Milwaukee 109, Dallas 101  
 Denver 106, Portland 96  
 Seattle 111, L.A. Lakers 109

## Buckeyes win Fiesta Bowl

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Craig Krenzel never lost two games in a row as an Ohio State starter. In fact, he almost never lost — period.

The Buckeyes' senior quarterback threw four touchdown passes — matching his career best — in No. 7 Ohio State's 35-28 victory over No. 8 Kansas State in the Fiesta Bowl.

He finished his college career 24-3 as a starter, and erased some of the lingering distaste from that loss at Michigan in the regular-season finale five weeks ago.

His performance Friday night earned him his second Fiesta Bowl offensive MVP award. His first came a year ago in Ohio State's double-overtime thriller over Miami for the national championship.

"This group of seniors, we've been fielding questions all week about how are we emotionally going to get up for the game when it doesn't really mean anything," Krenzel said. "We found that to be a slap in the face. We didn't want to be a senior class that contributed to a national championship and lost our last two games."

## Clemson claims Peach Bowl win

ATLANTA (AP) — Clemson scored quickly and scored often, keeping Tennessee guessing with three first-half drives that lasted less than two minutes.

"When you score early in the game, it can set the tempo that will carry on," Tigers coach Tommy Bowden said. "When you can establish credibility early, it gives the team a lot of confidence."

Chad Jasmin, a fullback known mostly for his blocking, ran for a career-high 130 yards and a touchdown, helping the Tigers upset mistake-prone No. 6 Tennessee 27-14 Friday in the Peach Bowl.

Kyle Browning and Duane Coleman added TD runs, helping the Tigers (9-4) to their fourth straight victory.

The Volunteers (10-3) lost the Peach Bowl for the second straight season.

At the other side of Sun Devil Stadium, Kansas State quarterback Ell Roberson dressed without talking to reporters. The accusation that he sexually assaulted a woman at the team hotel early Thursday had cast a cloud over the Wildcats' first appearance in a Bowl Championship Series game.

"You know this was a major distraction. I think we all realize that," wide receiver Antoine Polite said. "We all came together and decided we had to play as a team. We couldn't let it affect the way we played on the field. I don't know if that was the case today or not, but we went out and played hard, and gave it the best we had."

Roberson was awful early.

"I think his head wasn't in the game the first half," Ohio State defensive end Will Smith said. "I think they underestimated our speed on defense, but they made some good adjustments in the second half."

After a 3-for-13 start, Roberson finished having completed 20 of 51 passes for 294 yards and one interception. He

ran for 32 yards. "How did he play? Not very well," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. "You saw in the second half he was a very competitive young man. Collectively, over the course of the ballgame, he probably didn't play too well."

Ohio State (11-2) led 35-14 entering the fourth quarter, but Kansas State scored twice. Maurice Mack's 37-yard kick-off return to the Ohio State 46 and Roberson's 19-yard pass to James Terry helped set up Ayo Saba's 3-yard run.

Roberson threw 24 yards to Davin Dennis to the Ohio State 15, and after a facemask penalty, Roberson sneaked over from the 1 to cut it to 35-28 with 2:47 left.

Kansas State (11-4) got the inside kick, but was called for a false start. Ohio State's Bobby Carpenter recovered the second inside kick and the Buckeyes held on.

The Wildcats had one more chance but Roberson's desperation pass from midfield was batted down at the 2.

Krenzel's four TD passes were his most in a non-overtime game.



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### SWIMMING

**FRIDAY • JANUARY 9**

Pampa at Lubbock Invitational

### WRESTLING

**TUESDAY • JANUARY 6**

Pampa vs. Caprock • 6 pm away

**FRIDAY • JANUARY 9**

Pampa at Hereford duals • away

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## Bucks win over Mavericks

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Antoine Walker insisted his double technical foul with 22 seconds left didn't cost the Dallas Mavericks the game.

It certainly sealed the victory for the Milwaukee Bucks.

Michael Redd scored 21 points, including four in the final 22 seconds, as Milwaukee tied a season-high in points with a 109-101 victory over

Dallas on Friday night. With the Bucks leading 103-99, Toni Kukoc blocked Josh Howard's shot, then found Redd for a fast-break layup with 22 seconds left.

Dallas called timeout, but referee Jack Nies whistled Walker for a double technical, ejecting the forward. Redd hit both free throws for a 107-99 lead.

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## 'Return of the King' a blockbuster and a movie with substance

"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" is the magnificent end to a trilogy that did J.R.R. Tolkien's books and its original fans justice and drew in an audience so wide that "Return" made \$125 million in its first five days in the United States alone. It's one of those rare movies that's a Hollywood blockbuster as well as a movie with substance.

In "Return," Sam (Sean Astin) and Frodo (Elijah Wood), led by the maybe traitor Gollum (Andy Serkis), travel closer to Mount Doom to destroy the ring, which is continuing to wear heavily on Frodo. Even he, with the purest of hearts, is beginning to be corrupted by its power. Meanwhile, Gandalf (Ian McKellen), Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen) and the rest of the remaining fellowship fight to



**ANITA HACKER**  
GUEST REVIEWER

save the city of Minas Tirith and try to keep the eye of evil Sauron on themselves instead of Frodo and Sam.

Director Peter Jackson is solely responsible for the success of these three movies. With "The Fellowship of the Ring" and "The Two Towers" he created another world so appealing that audiences are willing to sit nearly 3 1/2 hours in "Return." Despite its length, it is fast moving. The pace of the movie heightens the ten-

sion and creates a sense of urgency. The audience can feel that Sauron's attention can remain away from the two hobbits only so much longer.

The film isn't merely action and fluff to entertain the masses. Its themes run deep. Two neighboring countries of men must overcome their differences and unite, Frodo questions his companions' loyalties and Aragorn has to overcome his hesitation to become king. "Return" has cine-

matic depth as well. Pippen's (Billy Boyd) song, intercut with men charging into battle is quite beautiful and is my favorite scene of the film, maybe even the whole trilogy.

Another reason for its success is the casting. I can't imagine anybody else as any of the characters, except, perhaps, myself as Eowyn (Miranda Otto). In "Return," Orlando Bloom, remains constant as Legolas, the elf whose arrow never misses. He is the only person who could get away with surveying the surroundings with attentive eyes and saying things like, "There is a foul voice in the air." In this later chapter of the story, Wood has to portray the later stages of Frodo's breakdown. The once frightened look in his eyes has

evolved into depressing exhaustion.

Mortensen plays Aragorn with strength and sadness. One of the few flaws of the film is that he is not allowed more screen time. He is the king who must return in "The Return of the King," and his internal struggle is hardly touched. Also the end wanders around a bit as it has to squeeze a good chunk of the book into the last five to ten minutes of the film.

Overall, "Return" is a beautiful ending to an inspiring set of films.

Grade: A

—Anita Hacker was born and raised in Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2001. She's now a journalism major in her third year at the University of Texas at Austin.

## ACCENT ON HEALTH: TDH continues rabies fight with bait drop program

AUSTIN — A decade of feeding hungry coyotes and gray foxes in the dead of winter may not have kept these wild animals fat and happy, but it certainly has caused the incidence of canine and gray fox rabies to plummet, say officials with Texas Department of Health.

In 1995, the Texas Department of Health began the Oral Rabies Vaccination Program. The plan was to create zones of vaccinated coyotes and gray foxes to first stop the spread of rabies virus and then to eliminate canine and gray fox rabies.

Now, with stacks of favor-

able statistics at hand, TDH is again set to airdrop bait food filled with oral rabies vaccine over portions of South, Central and West Texas. In early January, about 2.7 million baits will drop from four specially-equipped airplanes flying across 47 counties. The second portion of the drop will begin Jan. 15 from the Kimble County Airport in Junction, and the final phase will fly from the Pecos County Airport in Fort Stockton beginning about Jan. 22.

TDH initiated the program in South Texas where canine

rabies in coyotes and domestic dogs had reached epidemic proportions and threatened to invade San Antonio and other major population areas. The next year, an air drop began in West-Central Texas where an epidemic of gray fox rabies had been occurring since 1988.

"The Oral Rabies Vaccination Program continues to show excellent results," said TDH veterinarian Tom Sidwa, ORVP director. "Look at the data: No human cases of rabies in either area since the vaccine airdrop began. No animal cases of either canine or gray

fox rabies outside the original zones since the program's beginning. No canine strain of rabies at all in Texas since 2001 and a significant drop in the number of gray fox rabies cases."

The number of canine rabies cases in South Texas declined from a high of 142 cases when the program began in 1995 to one in 2001 and none since then. Gray fox cases are down as well from an all-time high of 265 cases in 1994 to 61 in 2003 through October.

Appealing to specialized tastes, the customized baits offer a treat of fish meal to coyotes and dog food containing molasses and vanilla flavoring to gray foxes. Each bait contains 2-milliliters of oral rabies vaccine.

"The vaccine inside the bait cannot cause rabies in people or animals," Sidwa said.

Because baits contain a biological agent and are less likely to be eaten by wildlife

if people have touched them, they should not be handled. Each brown bait, which measures 1 1/4 x 1/4 x 3/4 inches, is marked with a TDH toll-free number, 1-877-722-6725, that people may call for information.

Sidwa emphasized that

owners of domestic animals need to get their pets vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian as required by law. A domestic animal's rabies vaccination can be safely given even if the animal recently ate an oral rabies vaccine bait, he said.

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### REPAIR

The next day, Wright looked at a new echocardiogram taken from outside Maddy's body. She saw no blood leaking from the heart.

"We took away your heart murmur," she told Maddy, leaning over her bed and listening to her heart. "It sounds wonderful."

Maddy beamed.

"I thought it would hurt really, really bad, and it hurt less than I thought," she said of the procedure. "It only hurts when I walk... I walk like the hunchback from Notre Dame."

"When will I walk normal?" she asked Wright.

"By Monday," Wright said, encouraging her to go

### Annual MS Bridal Show coming up

AMARILLO — Couples planning a wedding within the next year or more should plan to attend the 21st Annual M.S. Benefit Bridal Show from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, in Amarillo Civic Center's New Heritage Ballroom.

A wide range of bridal merchants and consultants will be on hand to visit with those present. The bridal show will also offer door prizes, a silent auction, a grand prize honeymoon giveaway, Chamber music by Vienna Conspiracy Quartet and continuous modeling of bridal and formal wear fashions.

"This is the perfect opportunity for couples to get planning ideas for their wedding and see all of the products and services our area merchants have to offer," said Jeri Farris, president of Panhandle M.S. Chapter. "The event has become the largest of its kind in the Panhandle Area with over 1,000 attendees and nearly 100 merchants under one roof."

The show is being sponsored by Gingiss Formalwear. Proceeds will benefit the Panhandle chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Five dollars admission will be charged at the door.

back to school before then. "It's good for sympathy."

Maddy said she could breathe more easily. "I feel more awake."

By Thursday, she was back in school.

If she had had open heart surgery, she would have spent four to seven days in the hospital and about six weeks waiting to return to normal activities.

Her mother considers the device a godsend. It's not perfect, however.

In studies comparing the procedure with open-heart surgery, the device fixed atrial septal defects 91 percent of the time, and surgery worked 95 percent of the time. When there were no technical problems with the procedure, the device maintained the hole repair 98 percent of the time after one year, compared with 100 percent for open-heart surgery, according to company reports to physicians.

The device, however, had fewer major complications than surgery, with complications happening about 2 percent of the time, compared with 5 percent of the time with open-heart surgery.

The device won't close every type of hole, but it works for the vast majority, Wright said.

Although she and Shaffer are pediatric cardiologists, about two-thirds of the 20 patients they have implanted so far have been adults, Wright said.

Maddy is looking forward to a family ski trip next month, and Wright said if her upper legs are no longer sore, she can go back to cheerleading as soon as today.

Heidi Green-Bray could only marvel at it all. "We're so lucky," she said.

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# COMMUNITY

## NEWSMAKERS



Bethanea Stevenson

Bethanea Stevenson, a native of Pampa and a Pampa High School graduate, was recently among 479 students participating in fall commencement at Prairie View A&M University.

Stevenson was awarded a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering technology.

She is the daughter of Jo Ann and David Stevenson and is the granddaughter of June Lidy, all of Pampa.

**WICHITA FALLS** — Lisa Anne Dwight of Pampa was recently awarded a bachelor of art degree from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

Dwight was among 381 other graduates receiving diplomas at the conclusion of the 2003 fall semester at MSU.

**CANYON** — Glen Eggleston of Canyon was named to the Dean's List at the T. Boone Pickens College of Business, West Texas A&M University, for the fall 2003 semester.

Eggleston is a junior computer information systems major. He is the son of George and Carol Eggleston and the father of Gavin and Garrett Eggleston, all of Pampa.

**SHAWNEE, Okla.** — Jeremy Buck, son of Mike and Shirley Buck of Pampa, recently participated in winter commencement at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Buck graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Bible.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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.

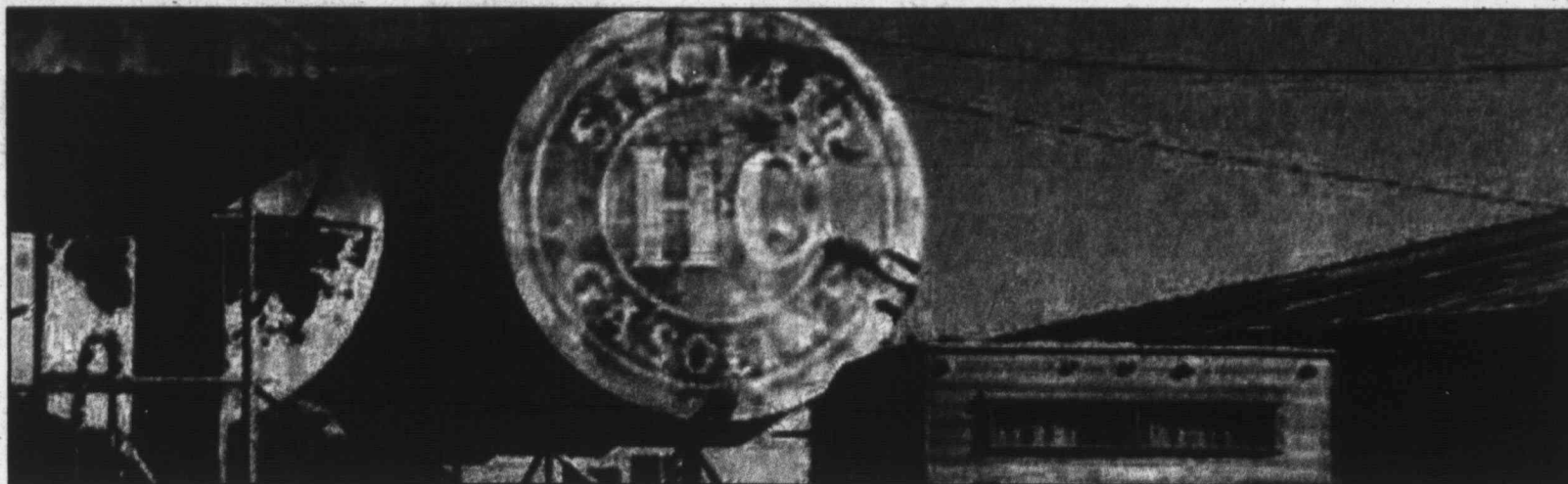
### TDHS VOLUNTEERS

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.

### DIAMOND MISS PAGEANT

The Second Annual Our Diamond Miss Beauty Pageant will be staged at 1 p.m. Jan. 10 at VFW Hall Post 1657, 105 S. Cuyler. For more information, call 669-7671 or 665-8921.

More 'EVENTS' on Page 20



This tank in the 300 block of South Houston is marked with the Sinclair HC Gasoline emblem. Two other tanks beside it are labeled with the Texaco Star. Texaco recently merged with Shell Oil Company, and the Shell logo will replace the Texaco star.

## Signs of the Past . . .

By MARILYN POWERS  
STAFF WRITER

Pampa's petroleum past can still be seen in old signs that linger long after the business itself has closed. Although the petroleum industry is still present in the area, the level of activity has decreased from the early days when oil was first drilled in Gray County and when oil booms were at their height.

Pampa is located at the center of the Panhandle Field, a crescent-shaped oil field 150 miles long. Charles N. Gould, a professor at the University of Oklahoma, discovered the Panhandle Field in 1904 while making a survey of lands along the Canadian River.

The first oil well drilled in the Panhandle Field was the Burnett No. 2, drilled in April 1921 by Gulf Production Company on the 6666 Ranch in Carson County.

Gray County's first oil well was the F. Wilcox No. 1 Worley-Reynolds, completed Jan. 31, 1925, five miles south of Pampa on the Worley-Reynolds Ranch.

Pampa experienced significant growth after the oil industry came to town. In 1925, there were 506 students in Pampa schools. In 1926, there were 1,016. Pampa ranked third in the United States in percentage of gain in population when the 1930 census recorded 10,470 residents.

April 1926 building permits totaled \$92,680. For the first two weeks of that June, they amounted to \$65,000. Bank deposits reached \$1,600,000 in July 1926.

One of the most expensive leases in Gray County was the north half of Section 88, Block B-2, 10 miles southeast of Pampa. In 1930, Phillips Petroleum Company paid \$1 million for this lease. Phillips later bought the south half of the same section for \$1.2 million.

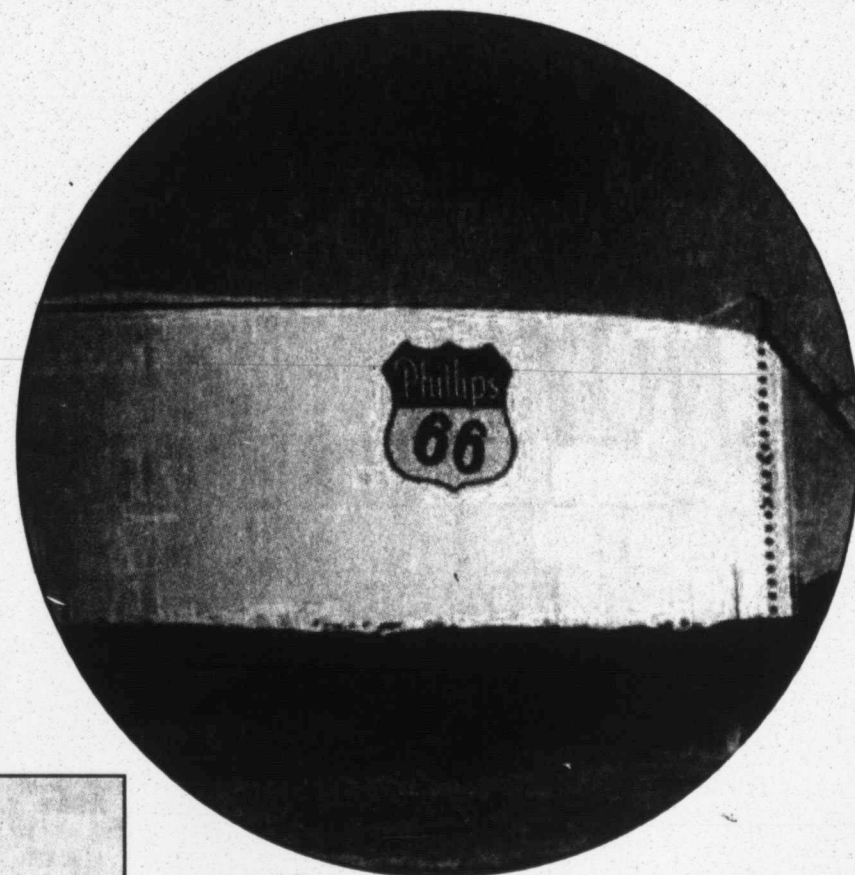
Many other oil companies helped Pampa grow, including Skelly Oil Company, which became Getty Oil Company and then was bought by Texaco Oil Company.

Although the businesses may be gone, signs of their presence are still here as a reminder of the past.

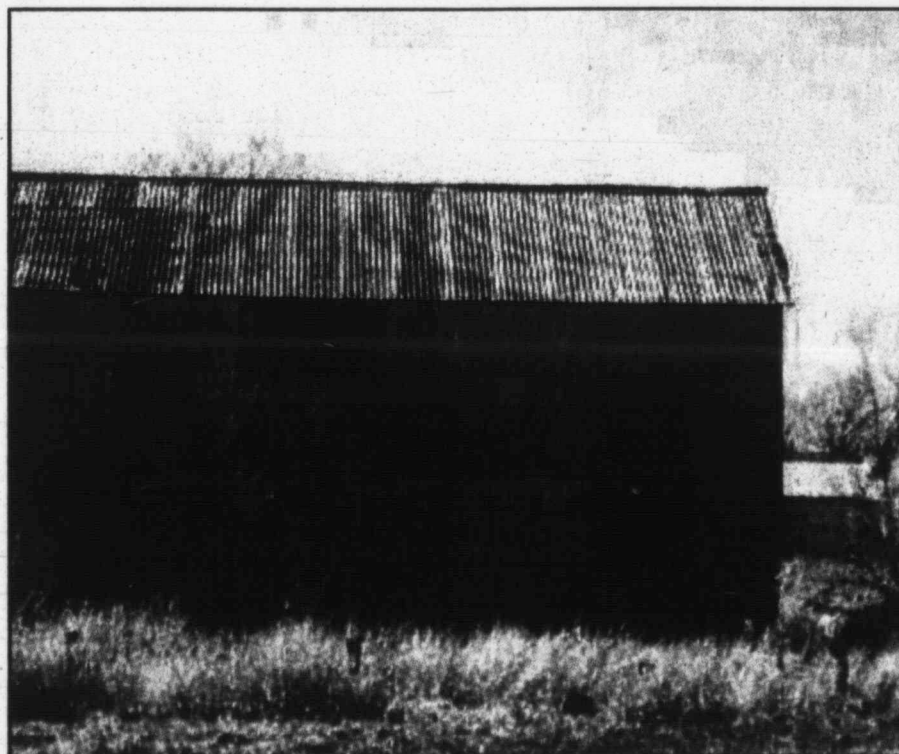
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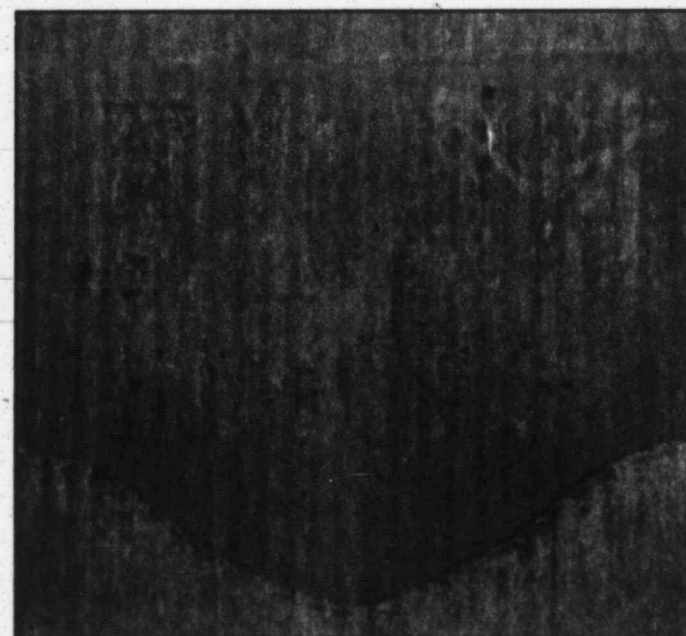
In 1919, this Gulf Oil Company logo was patented by the United States patent office as a registered trademark. The logo remained the same until 1963, when a white band was added around the middle. This early logo is on a building on Wall Street. Gulf Oil Company was sold to Chevron Corporation in 1984, one of the largest corporate mergers in history at the time, according to a website devoted to the history of Gulf.



This oil tank, about one and one-half miles west of Bowers City, shows the Phillips 66 logo that was used by Phillips Petroleum Company as far back as the 1920s and 1930s.



This abandoned building on Wall Street has the name "Aquagel" painted on its side. Aquagel is made by Baroid Industrial Drilling Products, a Halliburton company. It is used in the drilling process and is described as a finely ground, premium-grade Wyoming sodium bentonite.



This sign for Buda Engines is on a building near the railroad tracks at the juncture of Frost and Atchison. The Buda Manufacturing Company was begun in 1882 in Illinois and made engines which were used in boats, automobiles and railroad motor cars. Buda engines were also used to power agricultural machinery and drilling equipment.

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# LIFESTYLES

## MENUS

### WEEK OF JANUARY 5-9

<p><b>Pampa Schools</b> <b>MONDAY</b> Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: Popcorn chicken or steak fingers, whipped potatoes, English peas, mixed fruit, rolls.</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, flour tortillas. Lunch: Ravioli or chicken nuggets, green beans, salad, pears, bread sticks.</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy. Lunch: Egg rolls or pizza, corn, broccoli/cheese, fresh fruit.</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> Breakfast: Cinnamon toast. Lunch: Barbecued weiners or beef/cheese nachos, baked beans, salad, lemon pudding, Texas toast.</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Bean/cheese burritos or hot dogs, French fries, corn, apricots.</p>	<p><b>Lefors Schools</b> <b>MONDAY</b> Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Baked potatoes, burritos, chili, broccoli, oranges, salad bar, milk.</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Ham, corn dogs, scalloped potatoes, pears, salad bar, milk.</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fajitas, soft tacos, beans, pineapple, salad bar, milk.</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Meatloaf, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, salad bar, milk.</p>
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(See MENU, Page 20)

## WEDDINGS

### Kindle-Stark

Brittany Suzanne Kindle and Joshua Kenneth Stark, both of Amarillo, were wed Jan. 3 at Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa with Pastor Lynn Hancock, of the church, officiating.

The matron of honor was Ceeli Hunt, sister of the bride of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Karen Kirkwood of Lubbock, Callie Ruth of Sublette, Kan., Abby Parker of Amarillo and Helen Brooks of Fort Hays, Kan. The flower girl was Kindle Hunt, niece of the bride of Pampa.

The best man was Eric Buske of Lubbock. The groomsmen were Ted Jobe of Kress, Bryan Liles of Kingston Springs, Tenn., Loren Delahunty of Riley, N.C., and Cody Barrett of Edmonson. The ring bearer was Ethan Hunt of Pampa.

The ushers were Matthew Stark, brother of the groom of Kress, and Chris Burrow, cousin of the groom of Dallas. The candlelighter was Braden Hunt of Pampa.

Registering the guests were Ashlei and Tara Jordan of Pampa.



Brittany Suzanne Kindle

Music was provided by vocalists Lynn and Janet Hancock and Spencer Neff, all of Pampa.

A dinner and dance was held following the ceremony in M.K. Brown Heritage Room with Bobbie West of

Pampa, Karla Howell of White Deer and Sherry Warren and Kathy Durham, both of Kress, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Eddie and Starla Kindle of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Jean Bryan, Jim Kindle and Jerry and Wanda Mulanax, all of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2002 and is currently pursuing a degree in elementary education at West Texas A&M University where she plans to graduate in the spring of 2005. She is presently employed at Trinity Lutheran Preschool in Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Steve and Mandy Stark of Kress and is the grandson of Argel and Virginia Stark of Kress and William and Patricia Allred of Lubbock. He graduated from Kress High School in 1997 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving four years aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt. He is currently employed at Pantex.

The newlyweds planned a honeymoon trip to Durango, Colo., and intend to make their home in Amarillo.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gist of Pampa celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday, Jan. 3, with a recep-



Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gist

tion at Pam Apartments Reception Room and with dinner at Dyer's Bar-B-Que hosted by James and Lyssa Schaub, Steve and Chanda Schaub, Barbara Hughes, Wanda Armstrong, Ginger Kilhoffer, all of Pampa, Lisa

Schaub of Fort Worth and Bob and Angie Gist of Amarillo.

Jay and Shirley Gist married Jan. 5, 1979, at Pampa.

Mr. Gist has lived in Pampa 57 years and Mrs. Gist for 38 years. The couple presently co-owns Chicken Express in Pampa and previously owned-operated Jay's Drive Inn for many years.

The Gists are members of First Baptist Church of Pampa.

Children of the couple are James Schaub, Steve Schaub and Barbara Hughes, all of Pampa, Lisa Schaub of Fort Worth and Bob Gist of Amarillo. They have 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### Bridal Selection

- Erin Kerlick ~ Barry Brauchi
- Celeste Stowers ~ Grady Locknane
- Amanda Kludt ~ Erick Anderson
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- Julie Marsh ~ David Radcliff

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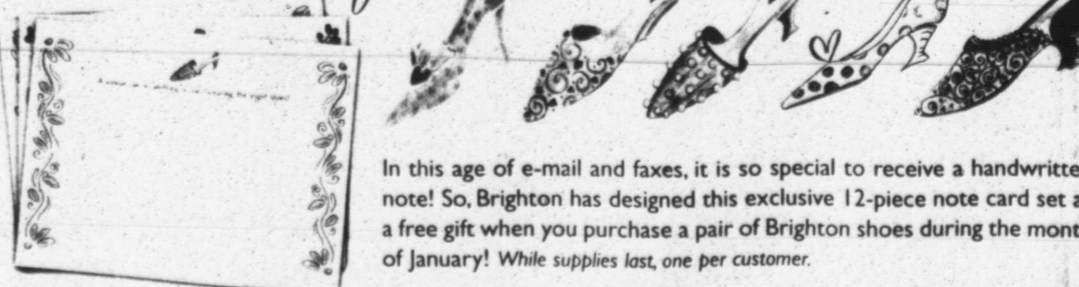
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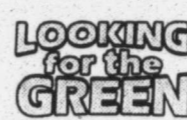
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Girl Wonders If Boyfriend's Shaking Could Lead To Abuse

DEAR ABBY: I am 15. I have been in a relationship with "Adam" for four years, but things just don't seem the same. I met him when I was 11 and we have been together ever since. I waited until my 14th birthday to give him my virginity and we were in love way before that. He is the only guy I have ever loved. It seems like we fight all the time. He has never hit me or anything, but he has shaken me, and I'm wondering if he would ever hit me in the future. Do you think we should stay together? I want to, but at the same time I don't. I never thought I'd say that, but I'm sure it means something. What should I do?

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DEAR TEEN: Let me explain something to you. Abusive behavior does not spring from the egg, fully formed like a chicken. It starts out small and grows like a vine until it weighs down and smothers the victim. I'll bet Adam didn't start out by shaking you. It probably started with nasty comments, then yelling — and now this. Will it continue to escalate? Very likely, unless Adam learns that it is unacceptable behavior and is willing to find acceptable ways of displaying his anger.

The preteen and teen years are supposed to be a time of growth and learning, both intellectually and socially. You have limited yourself to one person for too long, and on some level, I think you already know that. Tell Adam you no longer want an exclusive relationship, that you intend to concentrate on your studies and see other people. Then do it. If he doesn't like it, get your parents involved. I'm sure they will set him straight in a hurry.

DEAR ABBY: I am a college student in a small town. Eight months ago, I met a wonderful young man, and we were planning to be married until I told him about my past. My stepfather molested me. It

was long ago, and I have since forgiven him and my mother. (Mother is still married to him.)

My boyfriend, however, cannot forgive them. He tried to convince my mother to leave my stepfather. She refused, and now my boyfriend and my mother no longer speak.

He says things will never work out because of this rift he has with my family. I am willing to do whatever it takes to make the relationship work, but he says he can't be around my family, and it isn't fair to ask me to give them up.

Was I wrong to expect him to support my decision to forgive them? DESPERATE IN TEXAS

DEAR DESPERATE: Your boyfriend's inability to forgive your mother is rooted in his caring for you. When you marry someone, in a sense you also marry that person's family. Your family is so dysfunctional that it may have scared this young man off. His fears might be allayed if you're willing to cut your ties to your mother, but it's no guarantee.

That your mother stayed married to the abuser who molested you speaks volumes. That you opted to "forgive" them both was a personal choice you made — but that doesn't change the fact that your mother's husband is a child molester. What makes you think he wouldn't be a danger to your children in the future? Think about it.

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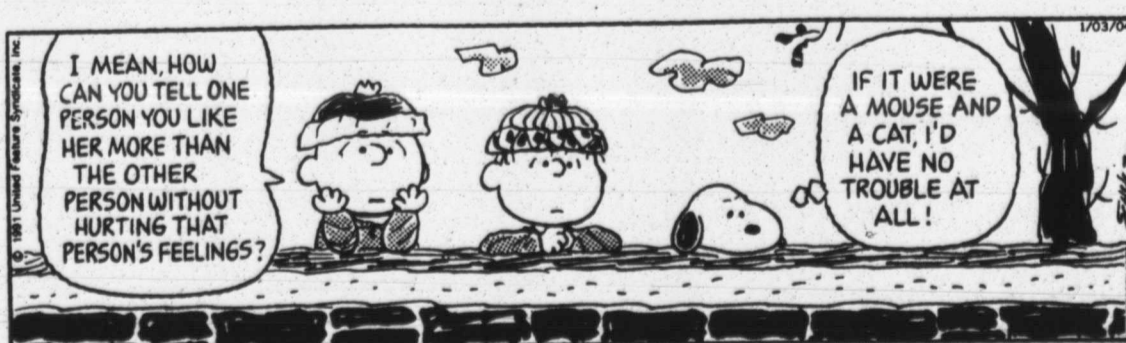
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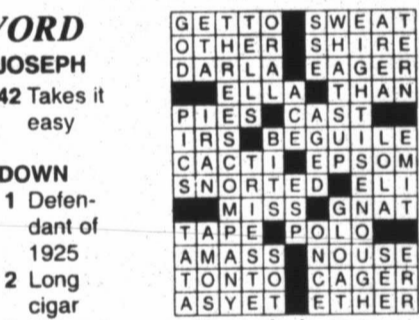
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# Inflation or deflation? For interest rates, it matters

By RACHEL BECK  
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NEW YORK (AP) — No sooner did the Federal Reserve seemingly back away from its worries over deflation than new economic data revealed that core consumer prices fell this fall for the first time in 21 years.

That's making it all the more tricky to figure out where prices are heading next — and which direction they go matters because prices are sure to have a big influence on the Fed's next move with interest rates.

An uptick in prices could mean rates will rise soon, while signs of falling or stable prices could keep them low for some time.

Confused yet? Don't worry, even economic experts are baffled.

Since World War II, the

Fed has largely tried to keep inflation in check. But deflationary concerns took center stage starting last spring after the Fed said the probability of dropping prices exceeded that of rising prices.

When a destructive deflationary cycle takes hold, consumers stop spending because they think even better deals are on the way. Then businesses make deep price cuts to attract customers, and that eats away at profits.

The good news is we haven't gotten stuck in such a mess — at least yet. And recent comments from the Fed indicate that its central bankers believe the threat may be over.

After its December policy-making committee meeting where it left a key short-term interest rate at a 45-year low of 1 percent, the Fed issued a statement that said the

prospect of inflation going lower had diminished and was now about equal with the possibility that inflation could increase.

Certain sectors of the economy are already experiencing inflation. Look at the steep gains in commodity prices, with the Commodity Research Bureau's spot index soaring 16 percent over the last year, while gold prices have surged above \$400 for the first time since the mid-1990s. Medical care and education services are also sharply higher.

The weak dollar could also be inflationary. Non-oil import prices are now rising modestly, climbing 1.1 percent in November compared with a year earlier, when they

had dropped slightly. And OPEC said earlier this month that it may cut production to protect itself from the falling dollar, which could boost oil prices.

Of course, the Fed doesn't want inflation to go too high. About 3 percent would suit it just fine, enough to keep the economy's engines going by giving businesses some pricing power back.

"Fed officials have made it clear that they want to push inflation up and that they are not inclined to tighten monetary policy until they have succeeded in that endeavor," Goldman, Sachs & Co. chief U.S. economist William Dudley pointed out in a recent note to clients.

But that may take longer

than anticipated.

Just days after the Fed changed its stance on deflation, the Labor Department issued a surprising report that showed the consumer price index, the government's widely followed measure of inflation, fell 0.2 percent in November. That pulled the year-over-year pace down to 1.8 percent from 2 percent.

And the core rate of inflation — CPI subtracting out the volatile food and energy categories — was off 0.1 percent, its first drop since December 1982.

In addition, 40 percent of the components in the core CPI are flat or negative from a year ago, according to David Rosenberg, chief North American economist at Merrill Lynch. That includes an 11.3 percent slump in used car prices, which are deflating at a pace not seen since

February 1961. Apparel and furniture prices were also down.

So where does that leave us? The CPI report suggests the Fed has leeway to keep rates low, possibly into 2005. That's good news for business and consumer spending, which could be dampened should rates go up.

But there is also the possibility that the drop in the November prices may just be an anomaly, so economists and investors are sure to closely watch when the December figures are reported in the middle of this month.

That may give a better clue into the Fed's next move, or lack of it.

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# Veterans Affairs chief views war through eyes of a parent

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The faces of Anthony Principi's sons creep into his mind each time he visits the wounded men and women who have returned from Iraq and come to heal at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

As Veterans Affairs secretary the past three years, Principi has been consumed with the care of millions of men and women who served in the Armed Forces. As a parent, he has felt pride and angst as his Air Force officer sons, Anthony and Ryan, have joined other service members to fight the war in Iraq.

"I see my sons in the place of that wounded soldier, the grieving parents, the loved ones," Principi said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "I think of my wife sitting there and holding my son's hands. It's hard to describe in words. It certainly does add a new dimension to my work."

A decorated Vietnam War veteran, Principi's fears for his sons were heightened by his own combat experience. But he said their deployment was harder on his wife, Elizabeth, a former Navy nurse who cared for wounded soldiers and former POWs during and after

Vietnam.

"When I go up to Walter Reed, it especially hits me hard as I go from bed to bed. I'm pretty emotional (so) I kind of hide it," he said. "What if that was one of my sons in that bed?"

His sons have since returned from Iraq. His third son, John, is not in the military.

Principi, 59, took over Veterans Affairs in 2001 as the agency was struggling to serve a fast-growing population of veterans. In health care, the VA's population had surged from 3 million in 1998, when VA health care opened to all veterans, to 4.8 million by 2000. This year, it provided health care to about 7 million veterans, the VA said.

Seen as a veteran's advocate, Principi has been both cheered and booed as he has made it a priority for the agency to serve the most needy and those veterans injured or ill because of their military service.

Early in his tenure he developed "triage" teams to clear disability claims filed by elder veterans who'd been waiting years for decisions. He gave health care priority to Gulf War veterans diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. And he's called on the Institute of Medicine to review new

research showing that low levels of sarin nerve gas caused behavioral problems in lab animals.

Hearing that veterans faced long waits for doctors' appointments, Principi sent Gordon Mansfield, a disabled veteran recently named VA deputy secretary, undercover to VA hospitals to check waiting times. Six of the eight hospitals Mansfield visited declined to treat him because they were too full.

To reduce the waits, he proposed charging a \$1,500 deductible for some veterans for health care and increasing or adding prescription drug or enrollment fees. Congress panned the idea and Principi dropped it. In lieu of that, he barred new higher-income veterans without injuries or illnesses connected to their military service from the VA health care system this year.

Principi's smile fades when he's asked about the criticism.

"The president has always told me, 'Tony, just do what's right.' So the (suspension) decision was a tough one, but I believe to this day it was the right one so we can focus on the disabled and the poorest of the poor," Principi said.

Thus far, those who have been unhappy with his cost-control decisions still remain

fans. Many who work with Principi praise his decisiveness and straight-shooting style, and his openness to the ideas of those who disagree with him.

"He hasn't shirked the hard decisions," said Dave Gorman, executive director of Disabled American Veterans.

John Brieden, national commander of the American Legion, said Principi has been forced to make up for Congress' failure to fully fund veterans health care.

A Naval Academy graduate, Principi commanded a river boat patrol unit during the Vietnam War. His unit's two boats and 25 men guarded an area near the Cambodian border on the Mekong Delta that the Vietnamese had to traverse to get to Saigon.

On Principi's second day in Vietnam, an ambush killed several Green Berets and reservists attached to his unit.

"I had to go in and take my boats and finish up whatever enemy was left there and retrieve the bodies," Principi said. "I had been in country just two days and had never really seen combat before. It was a rude awakening for me."

There were many more firefights and hours spent "waiting in ambush" for North Vietnamese. But when things

were calm, Principi and his crews helped rebuild nearby villages damaged by the combat or provide some health care to the villagers. Principi may return to the Vietnam in January on an official trip and visit the area he once patrolled.

"You learn a lot about leadership and courage and responsibility for men in your unit," he said. "I think that helped to forge my character and my beliefs."

Principi, the only boy in a family of five children, is the son of an immigrant whose family lived and owned hotels, vineyards and other businesses in Argentina. But the family arrived penniless in America after a stock market crash wiped out the Wall Street investments of Principi's grandfather.

In the United States, Principi's father volunteered for the military, serving on a submarine in World War II. His father used skills learned while in the military to build an electrical supply business in New York City. Principi remembers him as a tireless worker.

"I'll never forget when I came back from Vietnam and I had 30 days leave and a week after I was home, he woke me up one morning and said it was time to go to work. ... The next three weeks, I spent my leave in

his business with him, which was kind of wonderful in a way."

Though his father inspired his work ethic, Principi said he draws commitment to caring for poor and disabled veterans from an encounter with Bataan Death March survivors.

In 1942, the Japanese forced an estimated 70,000 captured American and Filipino soldiers to hike across 60 miles to 70 miles of jungle roads in the Philippines without food or water. Tens of thousands of the soldiers died or were killed.

"They made me realize what was important," Principi said. "that we were really established to care for the men and women who really have borne the battle and we should never lose site of that."

Principi was to be in Waco, Texas, on Friday to tour the Waco VA hospital and meet with senior staff about the future of the hospital, which the VA has proposed closing. Principi was to go next to Fort Hood to meet with family members of deployed soldiers from the Army's 4th Infantry Division, which helped capture Saddam Hussein.

On the Net:  
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# Torture victims desperate to denounce Saddam on his day in court

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A ship's captain dipped into nitric acid wants to offer his wrecked body as evidence of Saddam Hussein's crimes. A janitor wants to tell the world how the dictator ordered her husband killed and her son tortured.

A new tribunal created to try top former Iraqi officials doesn't have custody of Saddam. It doesn't have courtrooms, judges or prosecutors either. Things like charges and witness lists remain months away.

But already, thousands of Iraqis who suffered under Saddam's bloody rule are lining up for a chance to testify against the man who to them personifies the evil of a regime that destroyed its people.

Iraqis like Abdul-Wahid al-Obeidi, 63. A merchant marine captain, he was arrested in 1971 for doling out religious and political advice aboard his ship. He was dipped in nitric acid and left for dead, and his family was persecuted in the decades after his miraculous survival.

Iraqis like Nuria Bash Agha Yassin, 47. A janitor at a home for the elderly, she still mourns her husband 20 years after his execution, and cares for the son he left in her womb, who hasn't been well since three months of electric shocks in an Iraqi torture chamber.

They and thousands more see their trauma as an entitlement: to confront the man in their nightmares, and then to watch him suffer.

Al-Obeidi says the victims are many. "Their nails were pulled out. Their ears were cut off," he told The Associated Press. "We will show him the evidence of our bodies. We will tell Saddam Hussein: 'Aren't these things evidence enough of your crimes?'"

Al-Obeidi graduated in 1957 from Baghdad's military college with the rank of captain, his allegiance split between the country he loved and the God he served.

By the end of the 1960s he had a good job at the

helm of a ship leaving Iraq's southern ports loaded with oil and returning with manufactured goods for a country that was rapidly modernizing under its new Baath Party leadership.

One of his proudest achievements was the construction of a small mosque aboard his ship. When crew members came to pray, they often asked their captain for religious advice, which he happily gave, reveling in the role of spiritual leader.

One day, a sailor asked him if God would approve of the purges of political opponents being carried out by Saddam's Baath Party. Al-Obeidi told the man he didn't think God would. That comment later found its way into a secret police report.

In June 1971, al-Obeidi sailed into the port of Umm Qasr to find police waiting for him. They blindfolded him and took him to Baghdad's Qasr al-Nihaye — Palace of the End. For more than a year, he was beaten and given electric shocks.

"They would hang me from a ceiling fan by my legs," he said, dangling a string of prayer beads to illustrate. "They'd beat me with cables. When they were finished, they'd turn the fan on and leave me spinning."

Finally, in September 1972, the torturers took al-Obeidi to what was known as the death room.

"They told me, 'It's over. You're going to die,'" he said.

But he said they took pity on him. When they lowered him into a bathtub filled with nitric acid, they immersed only his back.

"They put me in for less than a second, then pulled me out," he says. "I felt my flesh melting. I was unconscious for three days."

When he woke up, he saw his tearful family gathered around him. He later learned that prison officials, believing he would soon die, sent him home so they wouldn't have to dispose of the body.

Al-Obeidi faced a long recovery. His back and upper arms were destroyed. A former bodybuilder, he had wasted away to nothing. He sold a plot of

land to travel to Westminster Hospital in London, where doctors performed 13 skin grafts to replace the dead flesh.

Meanwhile, the government that had failed to kill him did what it could to make his life miserable. He was fired from his job, denied his pension for 12 years of service and forbidden from working for the government. He found odd jobs loading and unloading trucks, and a local mosque gave him a monthly pension of 5,000 dinars — \$3.

His children were kicked out of school, and police burst into his home regularly to search for political writings. A security agent moved in next door to keep an eye on him. He was frequently summoned for questioning.

"For 30 years we lived with fear inside of us," he said. "But we had conviction that God would punish Saddam."

Al-Obeidi watched with joy as TV stations broadcast images of Saddam in captivity, his mouth being probed by a U.S. soldier. The very next day, he went to an organization of former prisoners to let them know he wanted to take the stand. "If there is a sentence worse than the death penalty, Saddam should face it," he said. "When he goes to the hereafter, God will punish him. If he killed 1 million people, he will be killed 1 million times. That will be God's punishment."

Yassin, the widow, has met Saddam before.

It was 1983, a few months after her husband had been arrested for membership in the Communist Party. She knew nothing of his fate, but requested an audience with the president because she needed to feed her three daughters and her newborn son.

"I told him, 'I have children and I have no support,'" Yassin said. "He said, 'Your husband was executed. You're young. You can work.' He called an officer and told him to take me away."

The work Yassin was given consisted of cleaning a home for the elderly in the Baghdad slum

then known as Saddam City. She was paid 3,500 dinars — \$2 — a month.

The director let her stay in a one-room ramshackle building nearby in exchange for keeping an eye on the public well in the yard. After a few years, the water was declared undrinkable and the well was closed, but Yassin was allowed to stay.

She raised her family as best she could, marrying off two of her daughters. Her son, Khaled Khawan, graduated from high school and got a job as a prison guard, but after two months the government realized his father had been a communist, and fired him.

Khawan cursed Saddam for his predicament, and was overheard. In November 2002, he was hauled into jail where he received three months of electric shocks to his hands, neck and ears before being transferred to a prison. He was released in April by American soldiers, but his mother said he isn't the same.

"He has a nervous disorder now," Yassin said. "When he remembers how they hung him from the ceiling he starts shouting and goes into convulsions."

And so he has become another mouth to feed, huddled with his two sisters in his mother's one-room shack, jagged pieces of linoleum carpeting the bare cement floor.

After Saddam's fall, Yassin found her husband's remains in a cemetery outside Baghdad. She doesn't have money to rebury him, so she put up a cardboard sign with his name.

Yassin begins to cry at the thought of the trial, saying she would testify not because of her suffering, or even her husband's, but because of her son's.

"I raised him with my tears. I gave him everything. I raised him so he would protect his sisters," she said. "Why did they torture him? Why did they destroy him?"

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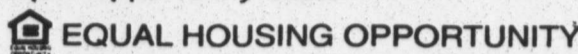
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004:  
 You open up to a very special year. You express unusual grace and might manifest a latent talent that will help you make money or bring you enjoyment. You have a lot of energy, which comes out in your family life. You could be constantly rearranging furniture, or you could actually move. If this energy is not properly channeled, you could lose your temper a lot. Don't let this happen. Learn new ways of handling your energy. You might paint or remodel your home. If you are single, you will meet many people this year. Relating becomes a learning experience involving boundary issues. Don't be hard on yourself. If attached, the two of you will learn to give and take even more. Buy little gifts for you sweetie. GEMINI can undermine you.

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)  
 As action moves around you, you might not be as sure of yourself as you would like to be. Friends add an unusual quality to your life. Your high energy could push some buttons today or have you taking on something you would prefer not to. Tonight: Put your feet up. This Week: Speak your mind even though pressure builds. Playtime happens Thursday.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 You reach out for others, but the responses you get could be overwhelming. On the other hand, you might find that many are seeking you out. If you need to screen your calls, do so. A friend could make a heavy demand. Tonight: Out and about.

This Week: Expenses get out of whack. Talk through problems Wednesday, if you can. Bring extra work home Thursday.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 Hold on to your wallet, as money could slip through your fingers, be it

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 Others might inadvertently challenge you. A partner knows how to inspire you, and will. Allow more loving to go on between you. Your fiery ways

upbeat about the possibilities that could occur once everyone has chilled out. Tonight: Keep on smiling, despite others. Know that this will pass.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 You need and want to lay low. If you have good sense, you will be able to understand what needs to happen. Manipulating anything backfires. Close your door and cocoon if possible. Tonight: Plan on curling up with a good book.

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 Take the high road and see what is going on from a detached point of view. You might be amazed by what goes down around you. Be smart and say little. Join others in a meeting, but your point of view might not be valued. Tonight: Put on headphones.

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 Others want something from you. Detach rather than going crazy or getting into an argument. Understand what you want from others, but also understand that you're not going to get it today. Deal with a loved one carefully. Don't lose your temper. Tonight: Rent a movie; avoid conversation.

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 How you see what is going on with a partner will not coincide with what he or she sees. You aren't going to get anywhere trying to convince this person of anything right now. Think and don't act. Tonight: Avoid making any judgments.

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 While everyone is arguing, do your work or clear out a project. You might be very pleased with the end results if you do it on your own. You might get nothing but flak if you try to work with others. Tonight: Zoom home, lock the door and don't answer your telephone.

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 You might want to express your creativity and affection for someone, but today isn't the day. You might want to plan a romantic get-together with someone you care about in the near future, but keep it to yourself for now. Tonight: Have a pillow fight to let off steam.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 You might not want to deal with what is on your plate, but you need to. Stay out of people's way and work from home if possible. You also might want to screen your calls. Everyone appears to be in an uproar. Tonight: Play Casper the Friendly Ghost.

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make a difference. Tonight: As you want it. Don't let this opportunity slip away. This Week: Read between the lines Monday. The Full Moon adds to your allure, but it also adds to your moodiness. Careful.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 The building Full Moon might be depleting, or you might say that the holidays have finally caught up with you. Either works. A loved one is more than ready to indulge you and allow you to lounge. Why not? This person knows just what to do. Tonight: Stay in.

This Week: Use Monday to your advantage. Play ostrich until midday Thursday, when you beam. You won't want to know what goes on in between.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 You might be pushed, as so many people want you here and there. Enjoy your popularity, but be willing to say "no," especially if you want to do something else. You enjoy sharing a favorite pastime. Tonight: Do what you want. Don't give in to social pressure.

This Week: Everyone looks to you right now. Aim for more of what you want this week, while others deal with the Full Moon. Play Thursday low-key.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 You might want to do one thing, but it appears that others have a whole other idea of what needs to happen. You might want to say "no," as you want to spend time with a special loved one. Let the good feelings flow. Tonight: Get a head start on work. Start organizing your thoughts.

This Week: Take an overview. If you can do that, you will be a happy camper. Work on detachment.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 Sometimes too many options could be a problem. You could feel like this right now. Others might find themselves overwhelmed by calls and the needs of others. You could opt to stay home and hide behind the answering machine. Tonight: Be a homebody.

This Week: Deal with another individual through Tuesday, when you will definitely want to detach. You regain command of your ship Thursday. Phew.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 Pressure from a partner or financial expectations could make you

unhappy. You might want to have a loving discussion with someone you trust and who understands you. Dig in and have that conversation. Let others run with the ball, as you have little or no choice. Just hold on to your wallet. Demands appear from out of nowhere. Tonight: Go along with another's plan.

This Week: Others still maintain a lot of control. In some sense you'll go along for the ride until mid-Thursday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 Others want you, but can you be everywhere all at once? The answer can only be "no." Make careful choices, keeping your desires in mind. You might want to treat yourself to something that is on sale. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

This Week: Dig into work and try not to get too distracted by the Full Moon Wednesday. Others are in control right now.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 Your creativity and imagination might be needed, as you might be overly tired. Limit what you do, and spend some quality time with a loved one. Talk and brainstorm, but do less physically. Tonight: Rest up.

This Week: Your playfulness could be stopped abruptly midweek by the Full Moon. Work calls. By midday Thursday, you lighten up, as do others.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 You might like all the action around you. On the other hand, some peace and quiet with a loved one might be wonderful. Your plate is full. The choices you make reflect your priorities, and a loved one knows this. Tonight: Enjoy your loved one.

This Week: Your week builds to the Full Moon, when your creativity comes into play. You are the solution-finder.

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 Finances play a major role in your decision-making process. You need to think through a decision involving a partnership. But you won't decide, or need to, today. Tonight: Think about your budget before you treat.

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2247 Mary Ellen	\$35,000	3/1/1 - 1078 SF/GCAD
711 E. 14th	\$33,000	3/1.5/1 - 1032 SF/GCAD
2314 Mary Ellen	\$32,500	3/1/1 - 1148 SF/GCAD
2005 Hamilton	\$29,900	2/1 - 1289 SF/GCAD
1013 Mary Ellen	\$29,500	2/1/1 - 1280 SF/GCAD
2630 Semarole	\$28,500	2/1/None - 1020 SF/GCAD
408 Harvester	\$25,000	3/1/1 - 1064 SF/GCAD
2213 Williston	\$16,900	3/1/1 - 964 SF/GCAD
1230 N. Russell	\$15,000	2/1/1 Det - 750 SF/GCAD

LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT		
South West		
310 N. West	\$57,500	4/1.75/2 - 1917 SF/GCAD
304 N. West	\$49,500	2/2/CP/Beauty Shop
325 N. Christy	\$13,900	3/1/1 cp - 1056 SF/GCAD
128 S. Faulkner	\$13,900	2/1/1 det - 780 SF/GCAD
310 N. Faulkner	\$12,000	2/1/None - 966 SF/GCAD

TRAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT		
West and North West		
2120 Lea	\$82,500	3/2/1 - 1593 SF/GCAD
1908 N. Zimmers	\$66,750	3/1.75/2 - 1633 SF/GCAD
1817 N. Zimmers	\$59,900	3/2/2 - 1368 SF/GCAD
1024 Sierra	\$59,900	3/2/2 - 1274 SF/GCAD
931 Cinderella	\$55,500	3/1.75/2 - 1198 SF/GCAD
400 E. 17th	\$45,000	4/1.5/2 - 1381 SF/GCAD
2120 N. Christy	\$49,900	3/1.75/1 - 1381 SF/GCAD
2209 N. Dwight	\$45,000	3/1/1 - 1040 SF/GCAD
2131 N. Nelson	\$39,900	3 or 4/1/2 - 1725 SF/GCAD
809 N. Dwight	\$31,000	3/2/1 - 1269 SF/GCAD
1800 N. Faulkner	\$29,900	2/1/1 - 1405 SF/GCAD
1818 N. Faulkner	\$29,500	2/1/1 - 1026 SF/GCAD
704 N. Wells	\$27,500	3/1.75/1 - 1100 SF/GCAD
217 N. Faulkner	\$26,200	3/1/1 - 1020 SF/GCAD

WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT		
East and South East		
106 S. Cuyler	\$87,500	3/2/2 - 3500 SF/GCAD
1200 S. Finley	\$21,000	2 or 3/1/1 - 875 SF/GCAD
500 Magnolia	\$20,000	3/1/None - 1208 SF/GCAD
523 S. Ballard	\$15,000	2/1/None - 960 SF/GCAD
700 Doucette	\$15,000	2/1/1 - 786 SF/GCAD
922 E. Frederic	\$15,000	2/1/1 - 1068 SF/GCAD
1001 E. Foster	\$13,500	3/1/1 cp - 1220 SF/GCAD
424 Pitts	\$7,500	2/1/1 - 816 SF/GCAD

OTHER AREA		
Outside City Limits		
3172 Miles W. on 152	\$210,000	4/2/2 - 2557 SF/GCAD
Regal Manor Hwy	\$195,000	4/2.75 - 5/2 - 4626 SF/GCAD
105 W. Summit, Miami	\$192,000	4/2.75/2 Alt. 1 Det - 4138 SF/RCAD
#7 Bucca, Stinnett	\$110,000	4/2/None - 3753 SF/HCAD
120 Broadmoor, Borger	\$93,000	4/2/2 - 2201 SF/GCAD
1 Kiowa, Miami	\$65,000	3/1.75/2 cp - 2968 SF/RCAD
410 Omohundro, White Deer	\$45,000	3/1/2 - 883 SF/GCAD
509 Williston, White Deer	\$34,500	3/1/2 - 1257 SF/GCAD
8311 Cole Road	\$27,000	3/1/1 cp - 1416 SF/GCAD
304 Popham, White Deer	\$25,000	2/1/None - 750 SF/GCAD
917 Elmore, Borger	\$25,000	2/1/1 det - 824 SF/GCAD
406 W. 6th, White Deer	\$19,000	3/2/None - 1412 SF/CCAD
501 E. 8th, Lefors	\$17,499	3/1/None - 1372 SF/GCAD
609 Byrd, Skellytown	\$4,500	3/2/1 CP - 1064 SF/GCAD

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY		
640 Acres, Wheeler Cnty	\$325,000	Live Creek, Home, 2 Windmills
320 Acres	\$284,400	Farmland, Irrigation Well
22 Miles E. on 152	\$198,400	640 Acres
518 N. Hobart	\$189,000	Large Restaurant With All Equipment
315 Ballard	\$145,000	SPS Office Bldg
1051 Price Road	\$139,000	Skate Town/Bldg & Equipment, Etc.
424 N. Hobart	\$135,000	2690 SF Office Building
2600 & 2608 Milliron Road	\$135,000	Industrial Bldg./Yard/Fenced
1435 Alcock	\$125,000	1600 SF Office Building & Storage
1313 N. Hobart	\$120,000	5496 SF Office Building
2600 Milliron Road	\$110,000	4000 SF Metal Building
2707 Alcock	\$100,000	5 Industrial Bldgs & 9,34A
Spring Meadows Park	\$99,000	Mobile Home Park/3.07 Acres/15 Spaces
401 E. Craven	\$80,000	4500 SF Shop Building
3404 W. Borger Hwy	\$75,500	Industrial Bldg
Oneal Property	\$75,000	5350 SF Office Bldg/Panhandle, TX
3318 W. Borger Hwy	\$74,400	Industrial Bldg
600 W. Kentucky	\$65,000	Building/Office or Retail
3319 W. Borger Hwy	\$61,000	Industrial Bldg
2625 Kentucky	\$57,500	Metal Bldg & Fenced Yard
2222 Perryton Parkway	\$56,000	252.3' Vacant Lot
200 N. Hobart	\$55,000	Service Station Corner Lot
Western Street	\$49,900	Large Warehouse and 2 Acres
23rd & Price Road	\$45,000	5.9 A. Price Rd. @ 23rd
409 W. Foster	\$42,500	3000 SF Office or Retail
Keller Estates	\$40,000	9 Acres at \$6,000 Each
1121 N. Frost St.	\$40,000	Office Building 1805 SF/GCAD
419 Foster	\$39,900	Commercial Building
732 Brown	\$39,900	Nine Storage Buildings
117 W. Foster	\$38,000	5000 SF/GCAD Retail or Office
3315 W. Borger Hwy	\$36,600	Industrial Bldg
420 W. Francis	\$35,000	1121 SF Office or Beauty Shop
2747 Aspen	\$25,000	Vacant Lots
2726 Duncan	\$25,000	Vacant Lots 1 & 2
2501 Aspen	\$22,500	Vacant Lot
1000 N. Dwight St.	\$15,360	2 Vacant Lots, 57680 Separately
Purvisue St.	\$15,000	Vacant Lots 14 Total
1801 Williston St.	\$7,500	Vacant Lot
1415 Evergreen	\$6,500	Vacant Lot and Foundation

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**NEW LISTING COLE ADDITION** - Outside city limits, five bedroom home. Kitchen has lots of cabinets, dishwasher, trash compactor, breakfast bar and a Jenn-air. Rooms are large with lots of closets. Central heat and air. Some hardwood floors. Woodburning fireplace, patio and much more. MLS 6322.

**NEW LISTING - DOGWOOD** - Corner lot with RV Parking. Open living area with new carpet, vinyl and ceramic tile. Play room in back. Storage building, three bedrooms, 2 living areas and a double garage. MLS 6311.

**NEW LISTING - RUSSELL** - Two bedroom home close to middle school. Corner lot. Large closet in hall. Dining room, breakfast area in kitchen. MLS 6293.

**N. WELLS** - Brick with steel siding on eaves. Three bedrooms, central heat and air, 1 3/4 baths, large living room, double garage with large shop or storage building in back. Utility room. MLS 6248.

**EVERGREEN** - Completely redone from top to bottom. Four bedrooms, open living/den kitchen areas, storm cellar, woodburning fireplace, built-in entertainment center, sunroom, double garage with circle drive. MLS 6109.

**MARY ELLEN** - Located on tree lined street. 2-story with five bedrooms, office, sunroom or playroom, sprinkler system, formal dining room, breakfast room, large pantry, basement, nice patio, central heat and air, plantation shutters, hardwood floors, workshop in double detached garage. Owner is offering a \$1,500 allowance for new appliances. MLS 6190.

**RUSSELL** - Well maintained three bedroom home located on corner lot. Vinyl siding on exterior for low maintenance. Recently replaced heat and air. Small basement, utility room, artificial fireplace, double garage. MLS 6264.

**N. RUSSELL** - Nice beginners home. Two bedrooms plus a sitting room or office. Nice deck overlooking a pond. Central heat and air. Single garage. MLS 6184.

**W. 19TH AVE.** - Located on corner lot. Three bedrooms, 2 living areas, nice rock fireplace, open kitchen den area. Large pantry, isolated master, glassed in porch off double garage. MLS 6253.

**GRACE** - This three bedroom home has been completely redone. Two living areas, two baths, fireplace, new floors, new cabinets, new tile, breakfast area, double garage. MLS 5698.

**DUNCAN** - Older home with some new paint. New gas line to alley, new duct work in attic, seller say heat and air new. Baths and utility redone. Three bedrooms, 2 living areas, breakfast area, covered patio, sprinkler system, lots of good storage. MLS 6262.

**COMARCHE** - Spacious rooms in this four bedroom home. Woodburning fireplace, new kitchen counter tops, breakfast bar, pantry, tile floors in bathrooms. Large living room. Central heat and air, double garage. MLS 6280.

**CHARLES** - Nice home on tree lined street. Three bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths, lots of good storage. Some hardwood floors, central heat and air, corner built-in china hutch and book shelves. MLS 5948.

**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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**WORKSHOP** for sale. 5000 sf with offices, overhead doors & cranes. Reduced to \$75k. 2308 Alcock. MLS 6213C.

**1217 RUSSELL** 3/1.75/1, very nice master bedroom & bath, large utility, hardwood floors, storage bldg. MLS 6242.

**100 E. 26th** inviting 3 bdrn home on corner lot. Grand family room with WBfp, formal dining, 2 storage bldgs, close to schools. Reduced! MLS 6112.

**1717 RUSSELL** 4/3.5/2, wonderful home with over 5100sf of living area. Kitchen is open to a great family room, formal living/dining, sprinkler system and much more. MLS 6308.

**1230 MARY ELLEN** This one and a half cottage would be perfect for the single person. 1200sf, fully furnished, storage bldg., dbl garage plus dbl carport. MLS 6307.

**2522 CHESTNUT** Beautiful, comfortable and very relaxing. Extensive interior remodel in 2002, soothing pond complete with arbor and hammock, nice covered patio, den with wet bar, sprinkler system. This is a gorgeous home. MLS 6309.

**2421 DUNCAN** Very nice 2 story home with 4 bdrms & 2.75 baths. Wonderful floor plan with one bedroom downstairs. Hobby room, 2 living areas, dbl. garage. Pond and lge. storage bldg. MLS 6313.

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**TOP KID VIDEO SALES**

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Rugrats Go Wild," Nickelodeon Video.
2. "The Land Before Time X: The Great Longneck Migration," Universal Studios Home Video.
3. "Barbie of Swan Lake," Artisan Home Entertainment.
4. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," Sony Wonder.
5. "Mary-Kate & Ashley Olson — The Challenge," Warner Home Video.
6. "Dr. Seuss: Cat in the Hat," Universal Studios Home Video.
7. "Frosty the Snowman," Sony Wonder.
8. "Dr. Seuss: Green Eggs and Ham and Other Favorites," Universal Studios Home Video.
9. "Spongebob Squarepants: Christmas," Paramount Home Entertainment.
10. "Hot Wheels: World Race," Artisan Home Entertainment.

**TOP VHS RENTALS**

(Based on data provided by the Video Software Dealers Assn.)

1. "Bruce Almighty," Universal Studios Home Video.
2. "X2: X-Men United," FoxVideo.
3. "The Santa Clause 2," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
4. "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of

Life," Paramount Home Entertainment.

5. "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines," Warner Home Video.
6. "Finding Nemo," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
7. "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde," MGM Home Entertainment.
8. "Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd," New Line Home Entertainment.
9. "The Italian Job," Paramount Home Entertainment.
10. "Daddy Day Care," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.

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**TOP VHS SALES**

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1. "Freaky Friday," Walt Disney Pictures.
2. "Seabiscuit," Universal Studios Home Video.
3. "Finding Nemo," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
4. "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
5. "The Santa Clause 2," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
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8. "The Land Before Time X: The Great Longneck Migration," Universal Studios Home Video.
9. "Barbie of Swan Lake," Artisan Home Entertainment.
10. "Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas," Universal Studios Home Video.

**UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR**

**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 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Jan. 7 and 21, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

**ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION**

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout this month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The 10 trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Autumn Classic Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Jan. 31. For more information, check out the foundation's web site at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org) on the Internet.

**AMARILLO QUILT SHOW**

Amarillo Quilt Show is scheduled from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, March 19, and from 10 a.m.-5

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

**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](http://www.youthforamerica.com).

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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](mailto:georgecarole@modempool.com).

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**MENU**

**FRIDAY**

Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Grilled cheese, stew, spinach, apples, milk.

**Senior Citizens**

**MONDAY**

Chicken fried steak or chicken/dumplings, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, beans, German chocolate cake or banana pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**TUESDAY**

Ham/fruit sauce or chicken leg quarters/wild rice, cheese potatoes, macaroni/cheese, spinach, beans, strawberry short-cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**WEDNESDAY**

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, carrots, English peas, butter beans, butter pecan cake or black-berry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**THURSDAY**

Chicken strips or sauerkraut/sausages, curly fries, squash casserole, turnip greens, beans, black forest cake or butterscotch pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**FRIDAY**

Catfish/hushpuppies or spaghetti/meatballs, potato wedges, California blend,

beans, brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

**Meals On Wheels**

**MONDAY**

Turkey, macaroni/cheese, Harvard beets, pears.

**TUESDAY**

Mexican casserole, Spanish

rice, pinto beans, plum cobbler.

**WEDNESDAY**

Meatloaf, peas, carrots, pudding.

**THURSDAY**

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**FRIDAY**

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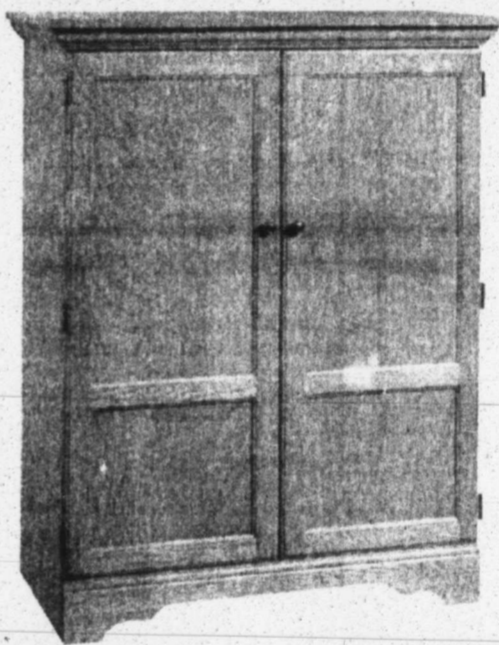
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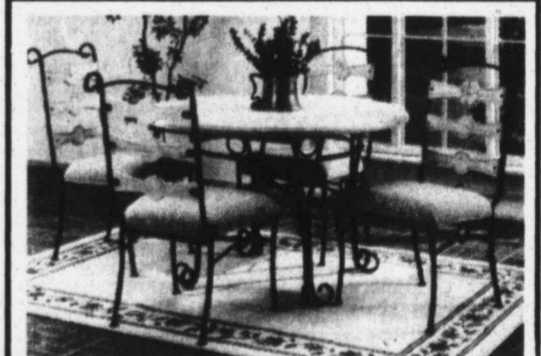
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