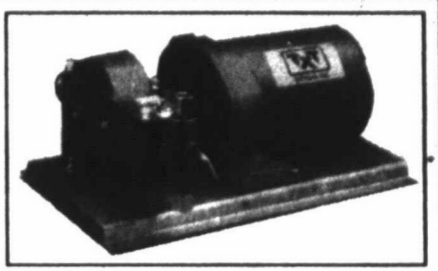




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PEDC fields offers for Crall Products

Pampa Economic Development Corporation board members plan to consider several offers for the Crall Products real estate and note at a meeting Monday in City Hall, 201 W. Foster.

The board will meet at 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 12, in the third-floor City Commission Chambers.

Doug Locke, board president, said Friday that the PEDC board has received another offer for the property

on Texas Highway 152, just west of Pampa.

Locke said that a representative for W&W Fiberglass planned to present an offer at the meeting Monday.

The board will consider the newest

offer, he said, along with previous offers made in December. All those who have made offers have been notified of the meeting, he said.

On Dec. 10, the PEDC board turned down a proposal by N&T Specialty Welding and Manufacturing Inc. to purchase the Crall Products land, building and fixtures for \$125,000, with certain conditions about taxes and environmental and structural exams, but excluding purchase of the equipment.

The board countered by asking for \$125,000 with the same conditions named by N&T, plus \$40,000 for the equipment for a total sale price of \$165,000.

N&T representatives declined the counter-offer.

Two other Pampa businessmen expressed interest in Crall Products at the December meetings — Hal Cree of The Cree Companies, and Carl O'Neal, president of Lone Star Technical Service.

Other items listed on the meeting's agenda include review of the Dec. 8 and Dec. 10 meeting minutes, discussion and possible action on unspecified assets and liabilities, and review of accounts payable.

MOW preparing for relocation

BY MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

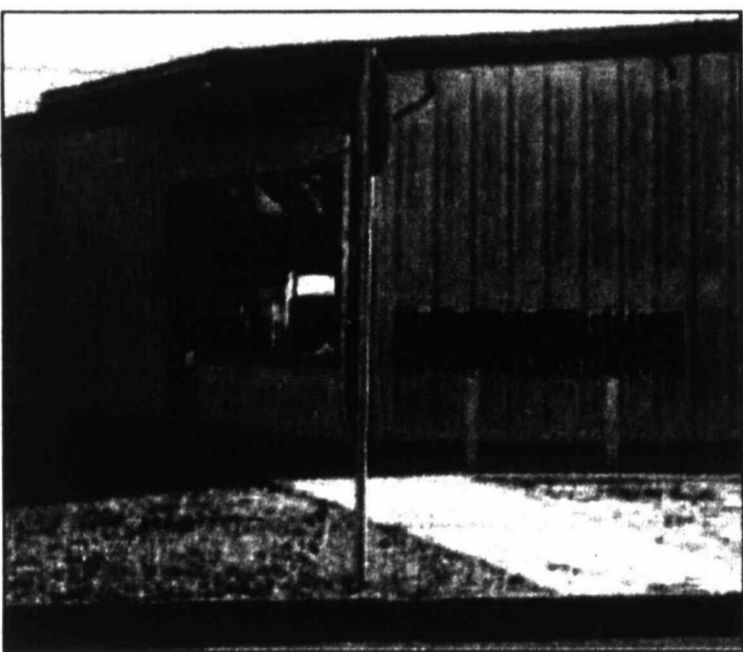
Pampa's Meals on Wheels has a new home for the volunteer organization's operations, and hopes to move in some time during June.

"We've bought the building and are getting bids right now for remodeling," Jeane Autry, director, said of the former Browning's Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration building at 302 E. Foster. The business closed last year, and the building's contents were auctioned off.

Three companies have submitted bids on the kitchen equipment needed at the new address, and contractors are also bidding on remodeling that will need to be done to convert part of the building into a kitchen, and add extra bathroom facilities.

"I don't know exactly when we'll be able to move in, but I think it will be some time in June," Autry said.

Meals on Wheels won't have to move far. For the past 23 years, they have been housed in the basement of First United Methodist Church at the corner of Foster



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Meals on Wheels has bought Browning's Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration building at 302 E. Foster and hopes to move into it some time in June, after remodeling and installing equipment has been completed.

Avenue and Ballard Street.

One big advantage to moving will be not having to deal with climbing stairs, Autry said, explaining that some volunteers found stairs difficult to negotiate.

And there are a lot of volunteers. On any given day, 15 volunteers are needed in addition to the paid staff of six to

get out the 100 to 125 lunches provided to shut-ins each weekday. On the payroll are a head cook, assistant cook, director, volunteer coordinator, food inventory clerk and patron coordinator.

All this activity is funded totally by donations, fund-raising activities and memorials, Autry said. In addition, special

donations help brighten clients' days. Freeman's Flowers and Greenhouses and Roberta's Flowers contribute flowers to clients on special diets for their birthdays. Cornerstone Baptist Ladies bake individual cakes for clients on regular diets to celebrate their birthdays.

"The two years I've been here, the Salvation Army has furnished food on Thanksgiving Day, and Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ provides meals on Christmas Day," Autry said.

The organization has several fund-raisers each year. One of its biggest successes is a garage sale, but it has not had one recently because it needs a place to hold one, Autry said. A cookbook containing recipes contributed by volunteers, patrons, staff, board members and friends is currently available.

Board members plan to meet Jan. 19 to decide on a contractor for remodeling the new premises.

For more information on the Meals on Wheels program, call 669-1007 between 8 a.m. and 12 noon weekdays, or write to P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79065.

Mad cow scare not affecting stock show

BY JUDITH KOHLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DENVER (AP) — One of the nation's biggest and most prestigious livestock shows is kicking off under the shadow of the mad cow scare, but ranchers see opportunity in adversity: They want to use the event to dispel fears about the brain-wasting disease.

The National Western Stock Show opening its 98th edition Saturday is an enormous production. About 15,000 animals from at least 40 states will be shown over 16 days to visitors from around the world.

Organizers say spirits are high, with crowds expected to rival last year's 641,000 visitors — just the right forum to educate the public about mad cow disease and the safety of the U.S. food system.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to bring together a lot of people who have been significantly impacted by the identification of the one Holstein cow up in Washington state," stock show President Pat Grant said.

There will be a session to discuss the disease and efforts to track cattle from birth to the slaughterhouse, a significant issue as authorities try to reconstruct the life history of the infected Washington cow.

Authorities also will electronically monitor mandatory certificates proving participating animals are disease-free.

estimated \$80 million for the Denver-area economy.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, is blamed on contaminated feed. The disease is a concern because humans can develop variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease from eating beef products contaminated with tissue from

PISD salutes school board this month

Pampa Independent School District joins school districts throughout the state in celebrating January as School Board Recognition Month, an acknowledgment of school board members' commitment to communities and schools.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state," said Pampa ISD Superintendent Barry Haenisch. "These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts."

Local school board members include Joe Martinez, Lance DeFever, Bill Jones, John Curry, Jay Johnson, Lee Porter and Charles Smith.

"These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education," Haenisch said. "They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and

the brain, spinal cord or small intestine of infected cows. Muscle tissue is the source of roasts, steaks and other beef cuts.

The country's first known case of mad cow disease was diagnosed Dec. 23 in a cow imported to the United States from Canada, whose beef indus-

try suffered after the discovery of an infected cow in May.

Grant said the mad cow scare will have no impact on the show, noting that crowds are expected to be at least as large as last year's event. Early ticket sales for various events show interest remains high, he said.

Increased security will continue in certain airports as well as the cities of New York, Washington and Los Angeles, said a Homeland Security official, speaking on condition of anonymity. A few of the many hundreds of dams, bridges and chemical plants that received heightened protection during the higher alert will continue under extra vigilance, the official said.



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Independent School Board members are "Making a World of Difference" for local public school students, which is the theme for the 2004 School Board Appreciation Month. Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins presents a proclamation declaring January School Board Appreciation Month to Joe Martinez, board president.

Terror threat still possible

WASHINGTON (AP) — The risk of terrorist attacks faded a bit with the end of the holidays, but it didn't go away.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announced Friday that the nation's threat level had been lowered, but "critical resources and locales" will remain on heightened alert. He also said uneasiness remains about al-Qaida's interest in using commercial planes to mount an attack.

"We have not let our guard down," Ridge said at a news conference.

Increased security will continue in certain airports as well as the cities of New York, Washington and Los Angeles, said a Homeland Security official, speaking on condition of anonymity. A few of the many hundreds of dams, bridges and chemical plants that received heightened protection during the higher alert will continue under extra vigilance, the official said.

Ridge said that after a careful review of intelligence the threat level was taken down a notch to yellow, or "elevated," the midpoint on the government's five-color scale. It had been at orange, or "high," since Dec. 21.

He would not offer specifics about continued threats. An intelligence official said separately that certain extremists abroad had raised the possibility of attacks in the near term, but such attacks no longer were expected.

The national alert level has been raised to orange five times since the system was announced in March 2002. It has never dipped below yellow, the middle of five levels.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Friday, Jan. 9

Kerry Gerald Wright, 38, 409 N. Nelson, was arrested for wrong/fictitious/altered/obscured vehicle registration.

Aaron K. Glaspie, 37, homeless, was arrested for criminal trespass.

Robert Franklin Spader, 61, of Albuquerque, N.M., was arrested for public intoxication.

Billy L. Willingham, 42, 2112 Zimmers, was arrested for failure to maintain financial

responsibility, theft under \$50, failure to appear, no valid driver's license, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft over \$50 and under \$500 and for theft of services.

Lisa Kay Shorter, 39, 2204 Christy, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Jay Gene Kelly, 39, 1200 N. Wells, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

Tammie McIntosh, 44, 1512 Coffee, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, two counts of unrestrained child and possession of drug paraphernalia.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Thursday, Jan. 8

10:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of South Cuyler and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Hamilton and transported a patient to PRMC.

Friday, Jan. 9

7:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Roberta and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 282. A patient was airlifted by LifeStar helicopter.

5:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

8:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSAW.

8:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Hamilton and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Fir and transported a patient to BSA.

SHERIFF

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

Friday, Jan. 9

Robert Allemmand, 30, of Canadian, was arrested by Department of Public Safety on a warrant out of Potter County for violation of probation - evading arrest.

FIRE

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

Friday, Jan. 9

7:34 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 400 block of Roberta on a call for medical assistance.

3:41 p.m. — Three units and six firefighters responded to the 1100 block of Lincoln Avenue on a hazardous materials spill. A small oxygen cylinder was found leaking anhydrous ammonia.

6:05 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to the 1100 block of South Christy on a structure fire. No fire was found.

6:43 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to the intersection of Wilks and Llano on investigation of a gas odor. Nothing was found.

OBITUARIES

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PARKS, Barbara — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

BARBARA PARKS 1940-2004

Barbara Parks, 63, of Pampa, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at Lubbock. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Fred Palmer, of Carpenter's Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Parks was born July 13, 1940, at Mount Pleasant, Mich. She married Raymond Parks on July 19, 1958, at Alma, Mich., and moved to Pampa in 1984 from Coldwater, Mich.

She worked for Auxiliary Nursing Service as a nurse's aide for five years.

Mrs. Parks was preceded in death by two sons, Mark Parks in January 1998 and Bart Parks in March 2000; and a daughter, Cathaline Kregler in August 2002.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond,

of the home; a son, Scott Parks of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three daughters, Debra Parks of Pampa and Michelle Cole and Valerie Peterson, both of Marlin; six brothers, David Smillie of Livingston, James Smillie of Pensacola, Fla., Steven Smillie of Three Rivers, Mich., Brad Smillie of Pampa, Donald Wheeler of Indian River, Mich., and Robert Wheeler of Mount Pleasant; five sisters, Ruth Ann Hutchinson of Reed City, Mich., Linda Dice of Pensacola, Kimberly Brenaman of Coldwater, Sonya Blanchard of Chase, Mich., and Cindy Warzak of Stanwood, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Feed The Children, P.O. Box 36, Oklahoma City, OK 73101.

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Irving police chief applies for top Dallas job

IRVING (AP) — Irving's police chief has applied for the top law enforcement job in Dallas.

Chief Lowell Cannaday, 66, joins at least 12 other applicants who are trying to become Dallas' next chief of police. Cannaday has been Irving's police chief since 1994, where he oversees about 325 officers.

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15 mph after midnight. Monday should see partly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds 5

to 15 mph. Monday night, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 60. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the mid 20s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the mid 40s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Friday, mostly cloudy. Highs around 40.

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ALL BUSINESS: Are Enron execs next?

By RACHEL BECK
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — It has been more than two years since Enron's collapse, but investors in the once-thriving energy giant might finally get some payback for all their losses. And this has nothing to do with money.

It comes down to whether the time has finally come for Enron's former top executives Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling to find their way into the prosecutorial hot seat.

So far, they haven't been charged with a single count for their involvement in one of the nation's biggest cases of securities fraud. But that was before Enron's former finance chief Andrew Fastow starting talking about a possible plea deal.

Should prosecutors get Fastow on their side, a new chapter in the Enron story could quickly begin — the one that Enron's battered investors have long been waiting for.

Remember Enron? Yes, it seems so long ago when this scandal hit, the first of many to rock corporate America. Since then, we've had so many more to mull — WorldCom, Tyco, Adelphia. The list goes on and on.

Enron imploded in late 2001, causing thousands of workers to lose their jobs and sending Enron's stock into a nose-dive. It was a stunning and shocking collapse. Almost overnight, it went from being one of the hottest, most-talked-about companies around, known for its innovation and money-making potential, to filing for bankruptcy court protection.

What makes the Enron case stick out is that prosecutors, at least so far, haven't been able to make a case against Lay or Skilling, even though they were ultimately responsible for running the company.

Their biggest victory came last month when Lay, after a long, drawn-out battle, finally agreed to surrender personal and corporate records

to the Securities and Exchange Commission that could be used for criminal and civil investigations in the pursuit of charges against him and others.

Still, it's clear that it has been tough to build a paper-trail leading up to either man. And with each month that passes, the likelihood of that happening seems to diminish.

That's why so much is riding on Fastow. As Enron whistle-blower Sherron Watkins said Thursday, Fastow's knowledge of Enron's inner workings could crack open the case.

"Sometimes I liken Jeff Skilling to a Mafia boss who used particular words. He never said, 'Go whack Joey.' He said, 'Go take care of Joey.' And now that there have been corporate problems, he tries to say that 'I just meant, send Joey on vacation.'"

"Andy's almost like the assassin who can now tell the government what his orders were or were not," Watkins told ABC's "Good Morning America."

Fastow is accused of being the mastermind behind a complex web of schemes that hid Enron's debt, inflated profits and allowed him to skim millions of dollars for himself, his family and selected friends and colleagues. Prosecutors say he reaped an estimated \$30 million from the web of partnerships he set up.

When Fastow was indicted in October 2002, his lawyers said Skilling and Lay approved his work.

He faces 98 counts of conspiracy, fraud, money laundering, insider trading and

other charges, which could give him as much as 40 years in prison should he be convicted of all charges and sentenced to the maximum penalties.

The big question is whether prosecutors can offer him a sweet enough deal that he will be willing to flip on his former bosses. Maybe they've now done that.

Andrew Fastow has been negotiating an agreement that would send him to prison and force him to pay \$20 million. But that deal hinged on another deal, that of his wife Lea. She also worked for Enron and faces six counts of conspiracy and filing false tax forms for allegedly participating in some of her husband's deals.

A federal judge on Thursday tentatively accepted a plea agreement that puts her in jail for five months — a fraction of the time he would serve but an arrangement that allows their two young sons to avoid going parentless for any length of time.

It's part of a little flurry of news in the Enron case this week.

On Tuesday, Enron's roadmap for emerging from bankruptcy received a New York judge's initial blessing and now will be sent to creditors to accept or reject the plan that will pay them about one-fifth of the approximately \$66.4 billion they are owed in cash and stock.

Maybe things really are starting to change in the Enron story.

Rachel Beck is the national business columnist for The Associated Press. Write to her at rbeck(at)ap.org



(Photo by Frank Stella)

Members of the Vanaver Caravan swing to "Peace Pin Boogie" from "Pastures of Plenty." The caravan will perform at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20 at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. The performance is being sponsored by Pampa and Borger community concert associations.

PCCA bringing to Pampa Vanaver Caravan's salute to Wood Guthrie

The Vanaver Caravan, in a performance entitled "Pastures of Plenty — Woody Guthrie in Dance and Music," will entertain at M.K. Brown Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 20, courtesy of Pampa and Borger community concert associations.

"Pastures of Plenty," the creation of Bill and Livia Vanaver, celebrates Woody Guthrie in music, song and dance.

The "Vanaver Caravan Dance & Music Company" takes the audience on a trip with Woody Guthrie across the United States with a view to what Woody must have seen on his journeys.

The performers use banjo, autoharp, fiddling and string guitar as background for a variety of dances including clog dancing, square dancing, Virginia reels, contra dancing and more.

The Vanavers formed the company in 1972 and the troupe has performed throughout the United States as well as Europe, most notably at The Smithsonian American Folklife Festival, Biennale de la Danse in Lyon, France, the Rudolstadt Festival in Germany, Harbourfront in Toronto and the Sidmouth International Festival in England.

State Department selects WT graduate student for internship

CANYON — Dustin Meyer has been forewarned that work days sometimes are long at the U.S. Department of State but that, he says, just makes his upcoming internship there even more appealing.

Meyer, a West Texas A&M University graduate student from Amarillo, will begin an internship Jan. 12 at the State Department's White House Liaison Office in Washington, D.C.

"This is a tremendous opportunity," he said. "I want to take everything out of it that I can. Long days are fine with me. I plan to commit to it 100 percent. The longer the day, the more I can get involved in."

Meyer, a 1997 graduate of Tascosa High School, graduated Summa Cum Laude from WTAMU, receiving his bachelor of science degree in political science on Dec. 12. In a few days he will pack his bags and head to the nation's capital, where he will spend about four months.

Meyer is one of two interns who were selected to

work in the White House Liaison Office this winter — the other one is from Maine — yet his alma mater is no stranger to the man he will work most closely with in Washington, D.C.

J.B. Horton, a 1998 graduate and two-time student body president at West Texas A&M, is now a special assistant in the White House Liaison Office. He helped formulate this internship opportunity.

According to Horton, Meyer will work closely with him on special projects, including meeting with ambassadors and ambassadorial candidates who are going through the confirmation process. He also will assist

the office with the selection of advisory board members.

"To this office, the interns are not considered 'just another intern,'" Horton said. "They are considered part of the staff because of the fast-paced nature of things and the intense flow of information that goes through our office."

"Internships at the State Department are very competitive, and I feel very fortunate that we're able to give WTAMU students an opportunity to interview for one of them. Dustin is a very impressive person who has had a great academic career at WTAMU. We're excited about having him in our office."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Swept under the rug

To the editor:

I wonder how many people in Pampa are paying off "bad checks" that have already been paid off? My wife and I had written some bad checks and should have them about paid off - if we had been given proper credit for our payments.

My wife made three payments in the amount of \$60 each and our record was never credited with the payments. Our former county attorney never gave us a receipt. We made one payment in the amount of \$90 that we never got credit for. We did not get a receipt and our account was not credited for the payments.

We went to the district attorney to see if we could get our record corrected and after we explained the situation to him he went into the other office, closed the door and ignored us.

We went to the county judge and he said he could not do anything unless it was in court, but he did get us copies of the checks and a print-out of our record.

Even though we have been making payments on this account, we now owe the same amount as when we started paying.

If every person in Pampa who had this same experience would speak out about the injustice they have suffered, maybe the judge would listen and take appropriate action.

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Jerad Matlock
Pampa

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2004. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Forty years ago, on Jan. 11, 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report saying smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

On this date:

In 1757, the first secretary of the U.S. Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, was born in the West Indies.

In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created.

In 1815, Sir John A. Macdonald, the first prime minister of Canada, was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 1861, Alabama seceded from the Union.

In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th Automobile Show in New York.

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began a trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

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Dr. Dean's advance: Unstoppable

If Howard Dean wraps up victories in the early primaries, as now seems quite likely, he may find that he has won them too well, so that his victories contain the seeds of his own destruction. But he'll likely survive - thanks, ironically, to the work of the party establishment.

Any candidate who wins Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina acquires a political momentum that's hard to stop. But in Dean's case, such early victories will do more than just accelerate his campaign, attracting media attention, money, supporters and votes - in each of these three primaries or caucuses, he stands likely to knock an opponent out of the race.

Dick Gephardt can't survive losing to Dean in Iowa. He might feebly attempt a comeback down the road, but he has waged a very weak campaign in the other states and has bet all his marbles on Iowa.

John Kerry's misguided campaign will probably come to an end in New Hampshire. With former Gen. Wesley Clark gaining on him, he might even suffer the indignity of coming in third in his next-door state.

Kerry's problem, indeed, his epitaph, is that he tried to move to the center before he secured the left. He looked at the field and saw Joe Lieberman, Gephardt and John Edwards as his adversaries. He correctly reasoned that all three men were to his right and then leapt to the fallacious conclusion that he had the left all to himself. But he didn't reckon with Dean outflanking him on the left. So when Kerry voted for the Iraq War, he thought he was moving to the mainstream for the general election when he was really cutting his throat in the primaries.

Edwards' campaign never really got going. He can't survive a loss in South Carolina, the state next door (and the place



DICK MORRIS
COLUMNIST

of his birth). Dean is doing well in South Carolina and Al Sharpton is a threat there as well.

Little noticed is the Washington, D.C., primary, which comes one week before Iowa's caucuses. As the real first-in-the-nation primary, the D.C. voting will serve to anoint either the Rev or former Sen. Carol Moseley Braun as the black candidate. Sharpton will probably win and the resulting concentration of minority voters may lift him to a win in South Carolina. But whether Dean or Sharpton wins there, Edwards will be out.

Then Dean will suddenly face a three-way race for the nomination. The underbrush will have been cleared away and he will face Sen. Lieberman and Clark in the finals.

The question for Dean is whether his leftist base can stake him to enough votes to prevail in a three-way field. Against the current crop of nine candidates, he can win by garnering a quarter of the votes in most states. But when the race narrows, he'll need to get 40 percent or more to win in each of the large key states.

A fringe candidate can usually get one voter in four. But can he get enough to win once the bar is raised?

My bet is that he can - because of the very rules that the Democratic Party leaders put in place to stop somebody like him from winning. Chastened by the almost-victories of Bill Bradley and John McCain in their respective primaries in 2000, the

party bosses decided not to risk having their favorite sons overturned by some flaky result in Iowa or New Hampshire.

Knowing that a candidate (like Dean) could come out of nowhere and win these two notoriously unpredictable states, the party leaders deliberately front-loaded the nominating process so that the victor of Iowa and New Hampshire would have a hard time garnering the money in time to compete six weeks later in the simultaneous primaries in New York, California, Texas and Ohio.

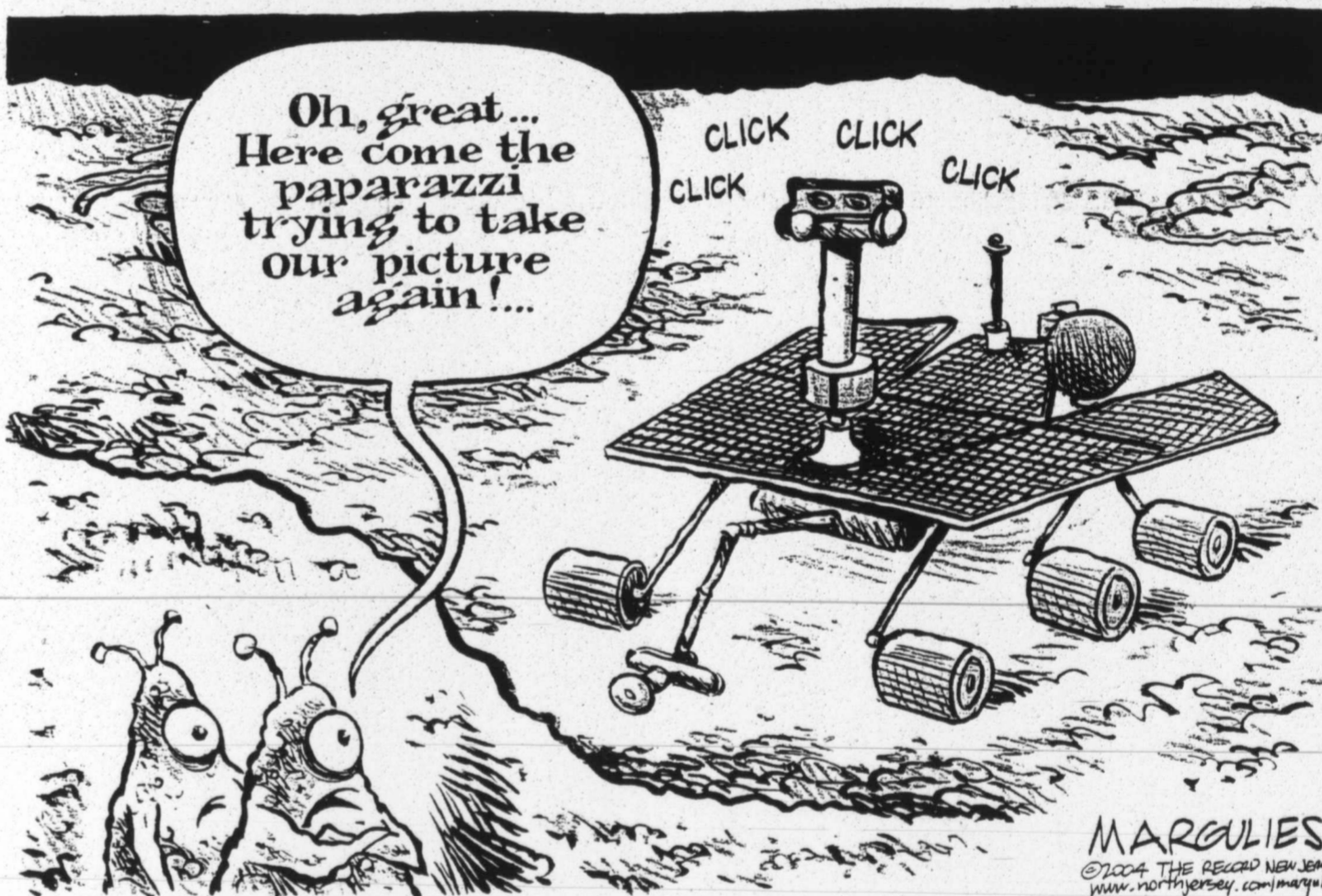
If some out-of-the-mainstream candidate upended their favored campaigns in New Hampshire or Iowa, he would never be able, they felt, to translate his new momentum into dollars in time to buy enough media to influence enough voters to win four big states. By the time he had solicited funds, opened the mail, deposited the checks and bought the media time, the primaries would be almost upon him.

Oops. Dean outwitted the leaders. By raising his money early in the process through the Internet and eschewing the limits on his campaign spending that federal matching funds would bring, he already has enough money to compete in the big four states.

It is Dean's opponents, struggling for traction after losing Iowa and New Hampshire, who will trouble revving up for the big primaries in early March.

While they are still scrounging for funds to get off the ground, convincing donors that they can win, Dean will have pulverized the airwaves - and the Internet - with his message. His momentum will leave them choking in his dust.

So the very system rigged by the bosses to prevent the Democratic Party from being captured by the extreme left will operate to assure that nobody can stop them.



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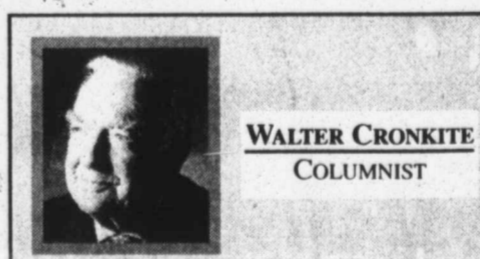
Columnist muses on Martians and men

The United States, NASA and its Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Cal Tech can rejoice over Sunday's successful landing on Mars of the spacecraft called Spirit. There now will be another week or so of tests before it is commanded to begin moving from its landing site to search Mars for evidence that there once was life on our nearest planetary neighbor.

Meanwhile, space buffs, many of whom are known for particularly active and vivid imaginations, see another possibility based on the fact that during the past three years, several American and British robotic explorers have reached Mars only to fall silent, refusing to communicate with their masters on Earth.

There is no reason to believe that it will happen to Spirit. Should it happen, however, it would be a terrible blow to the international scientific community. So strained is the U.S. Treasury that it seems unlikely that more millions of dollars will be available soon for further interplanetary exploration.

In far-reaching contrast to this gloom, those space buffs with unlimited imagination might fix on the possibility that the failure of previous robotic explorers could provide evidence that there is today highly intelligent life on Mars. Is it possible that, since the earlier robots landed all right but only the communications machinery failed, those green, bulbous-



WALTER CRONKITE
COLUMNIST

headed Martians simply turned off the transmitters? It would seem without question that the Martians, having observed the American/British invasion of Iraq, would be deeply concerned about the arrival on their territory of these deep-space travelers. After all, to the Martians they might appear to be suspiciously like the deadly American airborne machines that so quickly conquered and laid waste to Iraq.

If this speculation gains momentum in Washington, we can expect a flurry of activity. Almost certainly the space program will immediately be taken away from NASA and given to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and White House National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice who will in turn bypass the State Department to work with British colleagues and those of the 49 other nations that make up the Iraq Coalition.

There will develop the inevitable strain between CIA Director George Tenet and the White House as Tenet seeks to protect from inadvertent or deliberate misuse by the White House whatever information his

agency has of Martian intentions.

The president's chief political adviser, the powerful Karl Rove, will not decide what to leak to the press until he gets a far clearer picture of the likely effect on this November's election.

You can remember that you read all this here, after a particularly slow New Year's weekend. This columnist regrets, however, that I do not have the resources to pursue this story to the depths it might or might not deserve.

My recommendation is that interested readers -- and for the good of the nation, I hope there are many -- keep in touch with the *National Enquirer*, as it appears weekly at the supermarkets. Its ever-busy scientific staff for years has almost exclusively among its peers kept abreast of every development in the saga of the frequent visits to Earth of those UFOs -- unidentified flying objects -- and their little green explorers.

That's the other side of our story -- and if it suggests a Martian military, perhaps with weapons of mass destruction, it will justify our invasion of Mars. That, in turn, will depend on which political party wins this November's presidential election.

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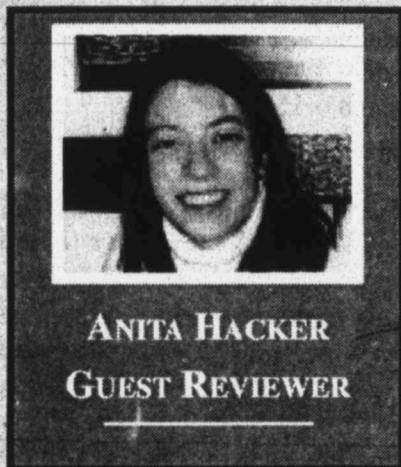
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'Cold Mountain' praiseworthy in every respect; all-star cast delivers powerful film

"Cold Mountain" is a strong film, unapologetic in its portrayal of the Civil War, and it is also mesmerizing. It captures the sadness and beauty of Charles Frazier's novel.

"Mountain" is a sweeping, epic story, which is no doubt why it was adapted for the screen. It is the love story of Inman (Jude Law) and Ada (Nicole Kidman). When Inman leaves to fight for the Confederacy, he and Ada hardly know each other, but they love each other. During their separation Ada's father dies, leaving her all alone, and Inman becomes disillusioned with everything surrounding him. After reading a letter from Ada urging him to come home, Inman deserts the army and begins a long trek back to Cold Mountain. Meanwhile, Ada meets Ruby (Renee Zellweger). She teaches Ada how to run a farm and survive on her own.

This story was put into the capable hands of director Anthony Minghella, who is no stranger to movies of love and war. He won a best director Oscar for 1996's "The English Patient." In "Mountain," he depicts the depravity of



ANITA HACKER
 GUEST REVIEWER

the Civil War and how it affected every family. He makes the audience believe the world is almost hopeless, but if only Inman and Ada could reunite, it might all be worthwhile.

The cast is what really makes the film come to life. Kidman delivers the great performance we've come to expect from her, and Law proves his talent as well. They both are able to show that they are exhausted, beaten down to almost nothing, but the longing for one another is what keeps them alive.

And they don't have to do it with big breakdowns, just a tired look in their eyes.

Before seeing the film, I wasn't sure if Zellweger could play the tough-as-nails Ruby convincingly. She apparently wasn't so confident either, and over does the role a little bit. Nevertheless, Ruby is a lovable character. She provides much of the comic relief in this otherwise dark movie. The supporting cast of solid actors, such as Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Natalie Portman and Donald Sutherland, are also essential to "Mountain."

Their strong performances make you realize that the effects of the war go beyond Ada and Inman.

Add to all this, beautiful cinematography of the Romanian countryside (which is as close to 1860s North Carolina as the filmmakers could find) and a powerful opening battle sequence, and you get a film that is praise-worthy in every aspect.

Grade: A

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Stories of Hudson Valley 'haunts' captivate author

By MICHAEL HILL
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — There is a specter haunting the Hudson Valley.

A bunch of them, actually: Henry Hudson's old crew; a headless Hessian; a woman dragged to death by a horse; former railroad workers; peddlers; an assortment of apparitions from the days of the American Indians and the Dutch.

Judith Richardson examines them in her new book, "Possessions: The History and Uses of Haunting in the Hudson Valley." She tries to answer why there are so many ghost stories in the valley, a place Washington Irving called "this spellbound region."

The topography of the Hudson Valley seems ready-made for hauntings. Trees tower above lonely hollows and stony-faced hills rise up by the river. The same grand vistas immortalized by Hudson River School painters can look downright spooky with a blanket of midnight fog.

Richardson, who teaches American literature at Stanford University, does not look at ghost stories in a supernatural, "X-Files" sense. She writes about the cultural context of the tales and what they reveal about the Hudson Valley's inhabitants.

She argues that the successive waves of people who settled the area north of New York City contributed to the valley's ghostly heritage. American Indians lived here, then the Dutch, the English and working immigrants from all over. While these outsiders had a sense of the valley's past, it was fragmentary. The lack of facts helped ghost stories thrive.

"The change and the transience and the multiple kind of people coming in and out makes this sense of history really tenuous," Richardson says. "And that lends itself to spookiness."

Consider Irving's most famous tale, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Ichabod Crane is an outsider, a Connecticut Yankee representative of New Englanders who migrated into the valley. The credulous school teacher is told the tale of the headless horseman, yet another outsider. The apparition is said to be the spirit of a Hessian brought over to fight for the British in the Revolutionary War.

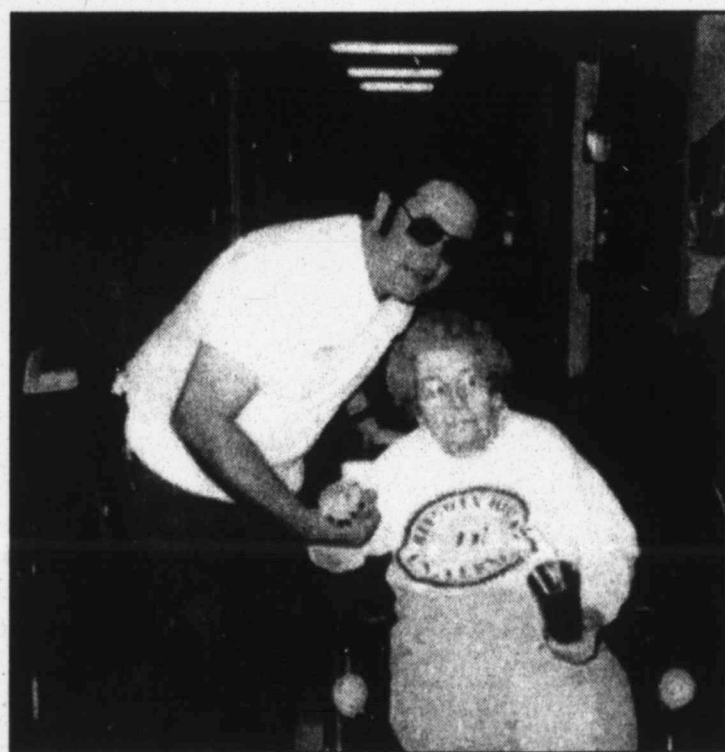
Irving didn't make up Hudson Valley ghost stories, but he made them famous with the likes of Crane and Rip Van Winkle. Valley innkeepers were happy to spread the tourist-attracting tales. Local folklore continued to take care of the rest.

By the late 20th century, when Richardson was growing up in Haverstraw in Rockland County, she knew six or seven haunted spots near her home. Reading Irving years later as a graduate student helped inspire her book.

Richardson's survey of ghosts includes Major Andre, the dashing British officer hanged for transporting military secrets divulged by Benedict Arnold during the Revolutionary War. Many other hauntings involve anonymous ghosts of dispossessed Indians, soldiers or "working ghosts" — apparitions of brick workers, bridge builders and railroad employees who died on the job. One tale features a ghost train that runs annually with a skeleton orchestra and a coffin.

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Is Elvis really dead?



(Courtesy photo)

Rick Macielo of Pampa Nursing Center visited with resident Vivian Jones at PNC's "Back to the 50's - Elvis Celebration" recently.



(Courtesy photo)

Melitta Sutherland, center, and other residents of Pampa Nursing Center enjoyed a visit from "the King" on Elvis' birthday. Residents were treated to root beer floats, games and some good ol' rock and roll music.

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ACCENT ON HEALTH: Cold weather brings Texas Department of Health precautions

AUSTIN — As Canadian weather moves south into Texas for a winter stay, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) advises people to take precautions against the cold. Freezing temperatures, chilling winds, ice storms and snow can create severe problems for people more attuned to heat indexes than chill factors.

Hypothermia, the severe or prolonged loss of body heat, begins when a person's body temperature falls below 95 degrees. Because the temperature drop may be gradual, and an early symptom of hypothermia is mental confusion, the victim may not know a problem exists. TDH officials warn that vulnerable people can die from the effects of cold weather.

Last year, exposure to excessive cold resulted in 28 Texas deaths.

People most susceptible to hypothermia include those 60

and older, infants and small children, the sick, those taking certain prescription drugs or drinking alcohol, the homeless, auto or boating accident victims and those unable to find temporary shelter in cold weather.

Often an older person's metabolism is slower than that of someone younger, which means less body heat is generated. Or the older person may already be in poor health and taking medications that can alter their awareness of dangerously low temperatures.

People 60 and older may not perceive or respond to cold as readily as younger people because the body's natural alarm signal, the reflex of shivering that increases blood flow, lessens with age. Some hypothermia victims die because they simply are unaware of gradual temperature changes.

And some people, especially those living on low incomes, may not turn up their thermostats, fearing high heating bills.

To reduce potential dangers: —Watch for hypothermia symptoms including confusion, drowsiness, slurred speech, a drop in blood pressure, shallow breathing and a pinkish tint to the skin. Anyone with these symptoms related to cold temperatures is in immediate danger.

—Check on elderly or ill people, especially if they live alone or in isolated areas.

—Wear loose-fitting clothing in layers, gloves and a face cover to block the wind if you must be outside. Stay dry.

—Be extremely cautious in the wind. A strong wind, even in only moderately cool weather, can cause a wind chill far below freezing.

—Remember, too, that animals may die if left outside in extremely cold weather. Provide them a warm environment, out of the chilling wind. Be sure they have access to food and that their water has not frozen.

Winter storms also may cause power outages, and food safety can be a problem. If you lose power for more than four hours, take the following precautions with refrigerated food products:

—Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.

—Discard any potentially hazardous foods such as meats, eggs, dairy products and leftovers that may have exceeded 45 degrees. When in doubt, throw it out.

—Any frozen food that has thawed but not exceeded 45 degrees should be prepared as soon as possible. Do not refreeze.

Wind chill refers to the cooling effect wind has on the skin. Not only can wind chill cause rapid body heat loss, it also can cause frostbite, actual freezing of tissues. Frostbite can occur in 15 minutes or less at wind chill values of 18 below zero or lower.

TDH officials warn that no one should underestimate cold weather and should dress appropriately. Anyone planning outdoor activities in cold weather should check local weather forecasts for information.

Wind Chill Chart

The term wind chill refers to the cooling effect wind has on the skin together with the temperature. As winds increase, heat is carried away from the body at a faster rate, driving down both skin temperature and eventually the internal body temperature. The wind chill chart combines the temperature and wind speed to indicate an equivalent temperature at which the body's heat loss would be the same if winds were nearly calm. A strong wind, even in moderately cool weather, can cause a wind chill far below freezing.

To access the Wind Chill Chart from the National Weather Service, go to: <http://weather.gov/om/windchill/index.shtml>

Not so drastic gastric bypass gains following

By ANGELA K. BROWN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, Texas (AP) — As America's waistline has been steadily increasing, so has the popularity of a less-invasive surgery for the morbidly obese.

When a gastric bypass operation is done through laparoscopy, a camera is inserted through the navel and doctors work through several 1- to 2-inch incisions in the abdomen. No large incision means patients usually recover faster and have fewer complications.

"It's still a major surgery. It is not a cosmetic operation," said Dr. David D. Kim, director of the new Bariatric Surgery Center at North Hills Hospital, which started offering the procedure in November. "It's done to improve overall health. Patients are sort of trapped in their bodies, and this operation gives them the tools to lose weight."

The laparoscopic weight-loss procedure originated a decade ago and now accounts for about half of the gastric bypass surgeries in this country, said Dr. Alan Whitgrove, a San Diego surgeon and president of the American Society for Bariatric Surgery.

The number of both types of operations has nearly tripled since 1997 to 63,100 last year, according to the organization, and it's no wonder.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 61 percent of adults and 15 percent of children in the United States are overweight. The number of extremely obese American adults — those who are at least 100 pounds overweight — has quadrupled since the 1980s to about 4 million, or about one in every 50 adults, according to a recent RAND Corp. study.

About 6 percent of healthcare expenditures in this country, some \$238 billion a year, are for obesity-related diseases, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association. Excess weight can lead to diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart disease, sleep apnea, arthritis and even depression, according to medical experts.

"I call obesity, unfortunately, the last acceptable form of prejudice in our society," Kim said. "But it has become so prevalent — how can it be anything short of a disease?"

Mortality rates for gastric bypass are about 0.5 percent, slightly higher than for other common procedures such as tonsillectomies or gall bladder surgery. That's because obese people usually are high-risk already because of other serious health problems, medical experts say.

The most common type of surgery for morbidly obese Americans is the Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, first done in 1967. A surgeon — through a large, vertical incision — divides the stomach in two, then attaches the small intestine to the smaller stomach pouch, about the size of an egg. The larger part of the stomach is no longer used.

Patients usually lose 70 percent of their weight in the first year to 18 months, Kim said. After that, patients must exercise and keep eating healthy foods — although, obviously, in smaller amounts — to shed pounds.

The first laparoscopic gastric bypass was done in 1993 at San Diego's Alvarado Hospital Medical Center by Whitgrove and his colleagues, who have done 3,500 procedures since.

Other surgical methods, including stomach stapling and placing a band around the upper part of the stomach to restrict food, are not done as often in this country because they have not been as successful for maintaining weight loss, Whitgrove said.

Gastric bypass surgery costs from \$15,000 to \$25,000, and the laparoscopy procedure usually is more expensive because more instruments are used, Whitgrove said.

Insurance companies initially refused to cover the surgery but later agreed, realizing the future cost savings as patients' health problems improved, Whitgrove said. However, many insurers have recently started requiring prospective patients to prove that they have failed at several diets, he said.

"Now, as there's a demand for the surgery, they're throwing roadblocks in front of it," Whitgrove said.



CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

by Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

SCIATIC NERVE TRAVELS THROUGHOUT THE BODY

You may think there is a problem with your thigh, leg or calf if experiencing pain in one of these areas of the body. However, the condition may start in the spine and travel downwards. Your sciatic nerve is the longest and largest nerve in your body. It begins in the lower back as five smaller nerves. It then spreads into the pelvis, thigh, knee, calf, ankle, foot and toes.

When this large nerve becomes inflamed, the condition is called sciatica. It can be extremely painful. There may also be burning, tingling, prickling, or tenderness. The leg can even lose sensation. Although sciatica pain is normally in the back of the legs or thighs, it can also be felt in the hips or back. The discomfort may come and go. It may be reduced by changing body position or by lying down.

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Treatment available to those with more severe Alzheimer's

HOUSTON — Patients in the moderate to severe stages of Alzheimer's disease may benefit from a new drug.

The drug memantine, approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in October 2003, has been shown to slow the disease's decline, allowing patients to perform some functions of daily living longer. The Alzheimer's Disease Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston participated in a clinical trial on the drug from 2001 to 2002.

"Memantine slows functional loss, helping people retain their functional abilities even when they are in the severe stages of the disease," said Dr. Rachele Doody, professor of neurology and director of the Alzheimer's Disease Center at BCM. "In some cases it may delay the time until a patient enters a nursing home, or requires more hands on assistance from a caregiver."

Memantine is the first in a class of drugs that protects the brain's nerve cells against

excess amounts of the chemical glutamate, which over excites one of the transmitter systems in the brain. When the transmitter system is over-activated, it can lead to the death of brain cells.

The drug works on a different system of the brain than current drugs for Alzheimer's, called cholinesterase inhibitors. Some studies have shown that combining both types of drugs may be an effective treatment for Alzheimer's. No drug stops the progression of Alzheimer's disease.

When patients with Alzheimer's reach the moderate stages of the disease, they uniformly have problems with the complex activities in daily life, like managing finances or using telephones. As the disease progresses to severe stages, they may lose many of the abilities that most people learn in early childhood and need help dressing, bathing, eating and walking. Stress on the caregiver increases sub-

stantially during this stage, because the patient needs more help to care for himself or herself.

"Severe Alzheimer's disease takes all different forms," Doody said. "I can see a severe patient who needs help with dressing, and could never put together a proper meal, but still likes to go out to dinner, enjoy events with family and travel. So severe disease doesn't mean the patient is inactive, or untreatable."

Until more new treatments for severe Alzheimer's are approved, early diagnosis is key.

"People need to know that Alzheimer's disease can be diagnosed, and that diagnosing it early and treating it early makes a difference," Doody said.

"Many patients are never diagnosed, or are diagnosed too late because families and physicians do not notice the problems, until it's very advanced."

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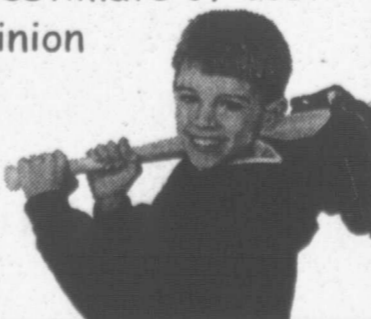
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Restoration continues on university organ

CANYON — Few musical instruments sell for as much as \$137,000, but West Texas A&M University owns a pipe organ requiring nearly that amount in repairs alone.

Yet when the work is finished, the majestic Reuter (ROY-ter) organ that the University purchased for \$165,000 in 1978, could be worth as much as \$2 million.

"There's no question that we have a real treasure," Dr. Sue Park, dean of the Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities, said. "The people who came to make the initial repairs said it has appreciated in value and has a market value right now of \$650,000, but they estimated it would be worth approximately \$2 million when fully restored."

Restoration of the organ — the crown jewel in the recital hall at Mary Moody Northern Hall — is being spearheaded by the Amarillo chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The three-phase project already is in Phase II, which calls for major refurbishing of the pipes. Restoration and modernization of the console and its power sources were performed during Phase I.

"I'm so proud of that organ," Mary Ruth McCulley, a member of the organists' guild and retired WTAMU instructor of organ, said. "Our chapter of the organist guild, just like chapters across the country, is attempting to encourage young people to become acquainted with pipe organs. So many students of music, from elementary school through college, have never been exposed to pipe organs."

"West Texas A&M has such a fine instrument. Restoring it to top condition is important to us and to the University. As we have the opportuni-

ty to apply for grants, that's what we'll do."

One such application submitted by McCulley was rewarded in December when the University's organ-restoration fund received a \$1,000 grant from the Xcel Energy Foundation.

"Mary Ruth McCulley is a wonderful asset; she is dedicated to keeping our organ program going," Park said. "The number of people who play the pipe organ continues to dwindle. We're indebted to the Amarillo organists' guild for taking on this project."

Presently playable and used for concerts and recitals, the Reuter organ will receive upgrades to its wind reservoir gussets and renovation of a number of flutes and reeds during Phase III of the project.

Contributions to the organ-restoration fund can be made by contacting Dr. Ted Dubois, head of WTAMU's Department of Music and Dance, at 806-651-2843 or tdubois@mail.wtamu.edu.

CattleWomen donation



(Courtesy photo)

(Left-right) Karen McGahen, administrative assistant at Tralee Crisis Center, receives Beef Gift Certificates in the amount of \$250 for use at the shelter from Elysa Clements and Berklee Clements, both members of Top O' Texas CattleWomen. For more information about the gift certificates, contact Diane Buckingham at (806) 256-3633.

Modern Woodmen offers on-line worksheet

As 2004 approaches, many Americans will resolve to eat better, exercise more or spend more time with family in the coming year. It's also a good time to resolve to review your financial needs and goals.

Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal benefit society with offices in Pampa, offers two complimentary, confidential, on-line tools to help individuals keep their financial resolutions — the Life Insurance Checkup and the Net Worth Worksheet.

Available to Modern Woodmen members and the general public, the Life Insurance Checkup calculates the approximate amount of life insurance individuals should have, based on their needs. It also allows individuals to determine whether or not their current life insurance coverage is adequate. Calculations are

based on the cost of final expenses, home mortgage payments, educational funds, family income needs and existing life insurance.

The Net Worth Worksheet helps individuals determine where they stand financially. Users are asked to enter their assets and liabilities, then the computer's browser calculates their net worth.

"Determining net worth is a key first step in planning for retirement and making sure your assets, estate and loved ones are adequately protected in the case of your death," says Larry R. Starnes, local Modern Woodmen representative.

To access the Life Insurance Checkup or Net Worth Worksheet, log onto Modern Woodmen's web site at www.modernwoodmen.org, click on the

appropriate icon and follow the easy-to-follow steps.

"The new year is a good time to schedule an annual review with your financial representative," Starnes said. "Your representative can help you reexamine your goals and make sure your current financial plan is still working for you. A review is also a way to make sure your contact information and beneficiary designations are kept up to date."

Starnes can be reached at 665-8863 for more information about the life insurance checkup or the net worth worksheet, or to schedule a personal financial review.

Founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society, today Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and fraternal members' benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States.

CAA sponsors art exhibit at Roberts County Museum

MIAMI — Thanks to Canadian Arts Alliance, Roberts County Museum houses a new exhibit entitled "Art from the Ruins." With the help of CAA, artist Doug Ricketts assembled a history lesson that goes one step further than most. His exhibit is a piece of Texas history that can be seen, heard and touched.

The exhibit includes stories set in the northeast Texas Panhandle.

"Art from the Ruins" tells the story of High

Plains history using archetypal shapes, pictures, narratives, old documents, magazines, letters, hardware and wire. The exhibit also includes an introductory video featuring traditional ranch dance music by fiddler Frankie McWhorter.

To encourage viewing by all ages, CAA created age-appropriate treasure hunts and reading lists for a fun and interactive history lesson.

"Art from the Ruins" is on exhibit at the Miami museum through February.

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Working ghost stories often circulated among the immigrant communities from which the dead workers came. Richardson says the stories serve a purpose for the tellers, giving them their own local ghost stories.

"People grab on to them and reshape them almost as a way of asserting themselves," she says. Another example is the story of Anna Dorothea Swarts. She served a wealthy landowner when she was dragged to death by a horse about 1755 in Leeds, near Catskill. The landowner had tied her to the horse, perhaps after she ran away. The facts of the case are foggy, but tellers of ghost stories have filled in the blanks.

An early 19th century version portrayed her as a ghost with a piercing cry and a lighted candle upon each finger. Richardson says that version,

implying Swarts was wronged, was tied to class tensions at that time.

Another version circulated on the verge of the Civil War portrays the ghost as a runaway slave, a prominent issue

then. The tale survived though 1942 in a version of the tale that recast the ghost as a Hessian.

Through it all, the story remained hazy and undefined. Like a ghost.

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Vinson announces deadline for county bee

Herman Vinson, director of the Gray County Spelling Bee, says the bee is scheduled to begin this year at 9 a.m. Friday, March 5, in the auditorium of Pampa Middle School.

Contestants should plan to arrive, Vinson said, by 8:30 a.m. in order to sign in and to draw for spelling order. The deadline to enter, whereby the director must have all the names of contestants and alternate contestants, is March 3. Vinson can be reached at 669-4900, or via e-mail at the school address.

Students in grades five and below will compete for junior champ while students

in grades eight and below will compete for the senior title. It is, however, possible for an elementary school student to win the county title and to become the county champion.

The Gray County winner

will be eligible to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee set for 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 27, in Mary Moody Northern Concert Hall on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon. There will be no charge to attend.

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SUNDAY • JANUARY 11, 2004

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Super Bowl Sunday Offers Chance to Help the Needy

DEAR ABBY: I am a junior in high school and have participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring since it started at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C. From putting \$1 in the big soup pot at church when I was 3, to taking calls from other young people reporting their group's collections on Super Bowl Sunday, I have seen firsthand that young people can make a difference.

Would you please ask your readers to join this youth-led effort to help the less fortunate? The movement got a huge boost when you spread the word a few years ago.

To participate, people simply give \$1 each for the needy as they leave worship the weekend of the Feb. 1 game. Youth group members holding large soup pots stand at sanctuary exits to receive the donations. Best of all, each group (schools do it, too) sends every dollar it collects directly to a local charity it chooses.

Even though the money collected is sent directly to each charity, we ask participating groups to report their totals on game day so the national impact can be measured. Access www.souperbowl.org or call (800) 358-7687 for instructions, to request free posters and to report totals. (We would love for the total to be announced during the game, but we need help to make that happen!)

Abby, an aggregate of more than \$20 million has been collected to help needy people since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in our church youth group. This year 28 pro coaches have signed on.

Thank you for encouraging young people, and all people, to make a difference. God bless.

SHELLEY LONG, YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE, SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

DEAR SHELLEY: And encourage them I do. By giving \$1, everyone can be a winner on Super Bowl Sunday. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a

laudable example of the good that can be accomplished when individuals join together for a common cause.

I applaud you for your efforts, and hope that your wish for a mention of the total monies raised during the game is realized.

DEAR ABBY: After my father passed away, my husband's brother and his wife did not attend the funeral or the wake because they said they could not get off from work.

The following week, a friend of theirs came in from out of town. They both took off from work so they could entertain him. Abby, their friend didn't even stay at their house, and they had plenty of time to spend with him — a week and a half!

My feelings are very hurt. It bothers me that they were not there for me, my husband or my children. Am I overly sensitive?

HURT IN LOUISIANA

DEAR HURT: I don't think so. Funerals are for the living, and when you needed their support, your husband's brother and his wife withheld it.

Now that you know where their priorities lie, do not expect anything from them and you won't be disappointed. P.S. You have my sympathy.

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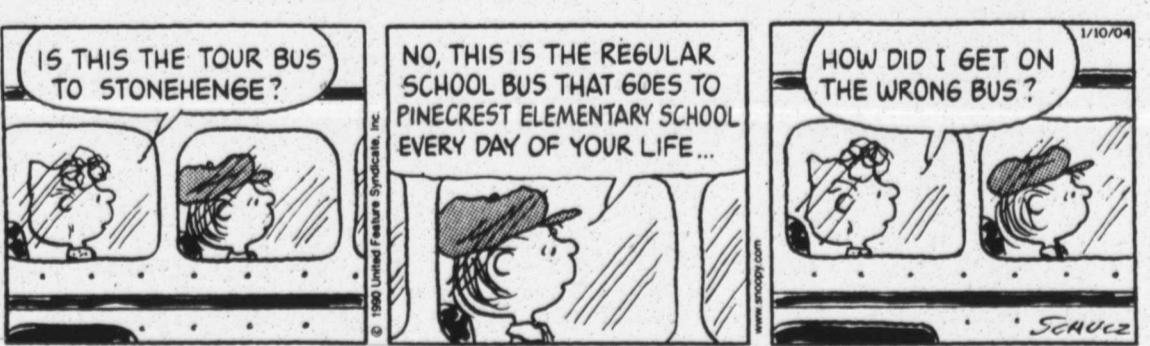
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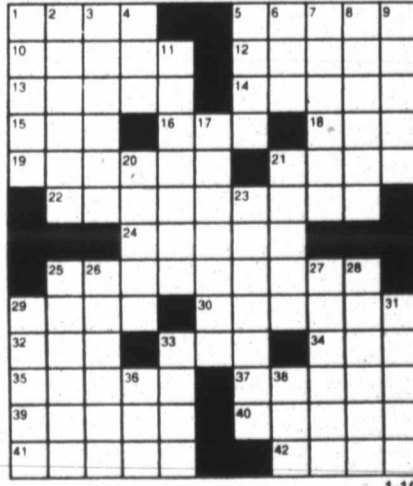
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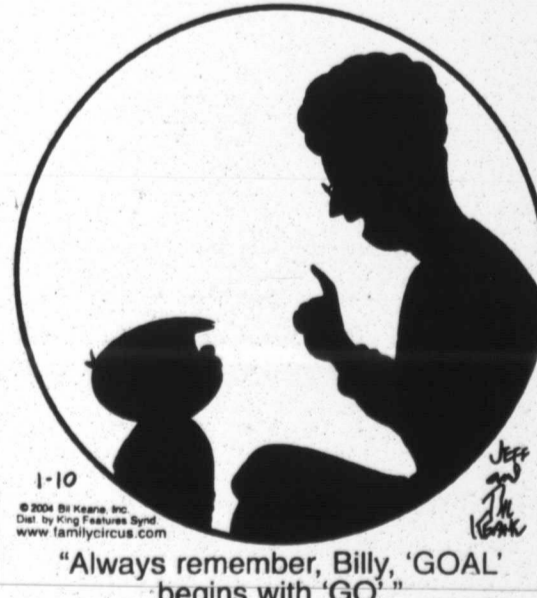
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CALENDAR ITEMS

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ACCORD. Gray County Chapter of Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD INC.), meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library. For information, call 665-8516 or 665-7659.

Boy Scouts. Boy Scout leaders meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

Celebration of Lights. The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

Church of the Brethren. Church of the Brethren hosts a country gospel program at 7 p.m., every Monday at its location at 600 N. Frost.

Clean Pampa, Inc. Clean Pampa, Inc., holds its monthly membership meeting at 12 noon on the second Tuesday of each month at Clint and Sons, 1421 N. Hobart. The public is welcome. No fee to join. For more information, call 665-2514. Office hours are 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Eastern Star. Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Jim Greene at 665-8067 and Bill Kidwell at 669-6347. For memorials or donations write Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, TX 79065.

Girl Scouts. Pampa Girl Scouts meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Pampa Girl Scout House on Kingsmill.

Gospel Singing. First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

Highland Baptist. Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, will host prayer time from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., each Thursday with a special time of prayer from 12:15-12:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 669-6509.

Macedonia Baptist Church. Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

Pampa Area Literacy

Council. Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill, stated meeting is the third Thursday of each month at the same time.

Pampa Ministerial Alliance. Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

Pampa Prison Ministry. The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

RCIA. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church hosts Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) beginning at 7:15 p.m., Wednesday at 2004 Williston. For more information, call Aloise Martin at 883-4901 or Peggy Rodriguez at 669-2683.

Red Cross. Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers from the community to respond during times of crisis in Pampa and other parts of the county. As well as personal satisfaction, volunteers learn how to protect themselves and cope with disaster by planning ahead, particularly essential during tornado season. In addition, ARC is willing to deliver informational discussions on disaster preparedness to area church or community organizations. For more information, call (806) 669-7121.

St. Mark CME Church. St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

Story Hour. Lovett Memorial Library will offer a story hour at 10 a.m., every Tuesday. The free program is open to children 18 months to 6 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

Texas Department of Human Services. 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.

Veterans. To recognize the contributions Texas veterans have made to the liberty we enjoy, Memory Gardens Cemetery is assigning grave spaces to honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. If you are a veteran, you may be qualified for free burial space. However, you must register to obtain the free plot and you must show proof of honorable discharge. A number of veterans' spaces are available. Certificates will be issued on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call (806) 665-8921.

VFW & Ladies Auxiliary. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1567 meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the VFW Hall, 105 S. Cuyler. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m., the

second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall.

VFW Bingo. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson 669-0853 or 669-1264.

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American Legion. American Legion Post 334 meets at 7 p.m., the third Thursday of each month at Freedom Museum, 600 N. Hobart.

Butterfly Garden Club. The Butterfly Garden Club of America offers free butterfly garden seeds (with growing instructions). To receive a packet, send a long SASE with two stamps to: The Butterfly Garden Club of America, P.O. Box 629, Burgin, KY 40310. Limit one free packet per household. Additional packets are available for \$1 each.

Downtown Business Association. Pampa Downtown Business Association meets at 8:30 a.m., the second Tuesday of the month at The Coffee Shop on Cuyler. For more information, call Chase Roach at 665-1251.

Golden Spread Coin Club. Golden Spread Coin Club, originally Amarillo Coin Club, meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. GSCC is a member of American Numismatic Association. For more information, call (806) 352-8281 or (806) 342-9536.

Gray Co. Ass'n for Retarded Citizens. Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

Gray Co. Extension Education. Gray County Extension Education meets at 1:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Gray County Courthouse Annex.

Gray Co. Genealogical Society. Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society. Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

Magic Plains ABWA. Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Clint and Sons Smokehouse, 1421 N. Hobart. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

Pampa Citizens on Patrol Ass'n. Pampa Citizens on Patrol Association meets at 8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at 824 S. Cuyler.

Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club. The Pampa Duplicate

Bridge Club plays Monday at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Carol Carpenter at 669-7940.

Pampa Fine Arts Ass'n. Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building (Chamber building).

Pampa Garden Club. Pampa Garden Club meets at 2 p.m. the second Monday of each month from September through May. Meeting location changes monthly.

Pampa Pilots Ass'n. Pampa Pilots Association meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Airport Lounge.

Pampa Rotary Club. Pampa Rotary Club meets at 12 noon every Wednesday at Pampa Country Club.

Pampa Takedown Club. Pampa Takedown Club Wrestling for youth 5-15 years of age. Practice is at 900 N. Frost. Season starts Sept. 25 through February. For more information, call Rick Urganhart at 665-8321.

Pampa Woodcarving Club. Pampa Woodcarving Club meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Meetings are open to any individuals interested in woodcarving from beginners to all experience. Projects and instructors are available. For more information, call 669-3008.

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild. Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Shrine Club. Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

Southwest Cowboy Poets. Southwest Cowboy Poets meets at 8 a.m., the second Saturday of each month at The Big Texan, 1-40 East, in Amarillo.

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MUSEUMS, MILITARY

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

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The hour-long tours are conducted from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April through mid-December. There is no admission fee. For more information call (806) 374-5490.

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Ballroom Dancers. United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association is seeking support for a chapter for beginner social or recreational ballroom dancers in the Amarillo area. If enough interest is expressed, a local steering committee will be formed to guide the project and enroll members.

For more information, call 1-800-447-9047; e-mail USAB-DACENT@aol.com; or write: USABDA, P.O. Box 128, New Freedom, PA 17349.

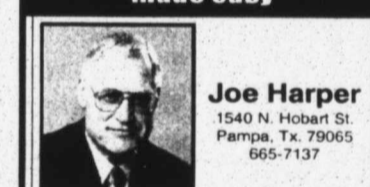
Clarendon VFW Bingo. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7782, Hwy 287 east, Clarendon, hosts charity bingo every Saturday. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m. Ten games are played per session. For more information, call 874-VETS. The maximum award is \$750 per game and \$2,500 per session.

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Tetra's Virtual Aquarium. Tetra's Virtual Aquarium is located at www.tetra-fish.com on the World Wide Web.

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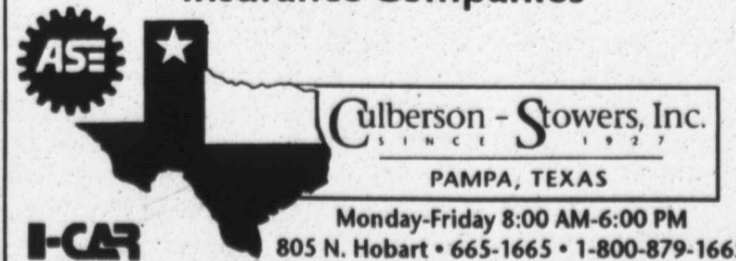


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SPORTS

Parcells eagerly digging into offseason

Cowboys reached playoffs after three straight 5-11 seasons

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Now that his first season running the Dallas Cowboys is over, Bill Parcells has put himself on a diet and started working out again. He even planned to take a vacation.

Is this the start of a leisurely offseason?

Hardly. Parcells already has drawn up a schedule for the spring, including a list of projects for assistant coaches that go beyond personnel evaluations. The majority of his time will be spent trying to upgrade the roster through free agency and the draft.

Two good nights of sleep following a 29-10 playoff loss to Carolina was all Parcells needed to get refreshed.

"I wish I could do it all right now and get my team improved. I want to solve the problems," he said this week at his final news conference.

"I'm hopeful that we can get the team back to where anybody would like to have it. ... I feel energized about doing it. I don't know how many years I'll feel that way. I feel that way now and that's all that counts."

Parcells came out of retire-

ment about this time last year. He faced a high standard — his own history of having taken three other losing franchises and reaching the playoffs by his second season.

The Cowboys were coming off three straight 5-11 seasons. Some estimated he'd be lucky to make it in three years.

Instead, Parcells went 10-6 and earned a wild-card right away.

Fans are giddy just thinking about what he'll do in his second season. So is Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, who said the loss to the Panthers would increase his "resolve to do as much or more to improve our team than we did last year."

"I almost had to pinch myself with the excitement we've had this year and exceeding expectations," Jones said.

Parcells also enjoyed being back on the sideline. Usually, he admitted there were a few times when he woke up at 2:30 a.m. sick to his stomach with worry over the team and thought, "This is not really worth it." It happened rarely, and never for very long.

Parcells clicked with his play-

ers from the start. They respected what he'd accomplished elsewhere and tried hard to please him.

It wasn't like Parcells brought a unique playbook or gave rah-rah speeches. He simply emphasized basic concepts like year-round conditioning and minimizing mistakes.

Predecessors Dave Campo, Chan Gailey and Barry Switzer surely preached those things, but didn't get the same results.

"It is tough to put your finger on it," tight end Dan Campbell said. "Maybe that's what makes him great."

Parcells knows the challenge next year will be greater. Among his concerns is the thought the team could be better, yet win fewer games.

After all, the division seems tougher with the arrival of coaches Joe Gibbs in Washington and Tom Coughlin, a Parcells protege, with the Giants. There's also road games at Minnesota, Seattle, Cincinnati, Baltimore and Green Bay, teams that were a combined 31-9 at home.

So Parcells is looking to get better at every position, even on a defense that gave up the fewest yards in the league. His only exception: deep snapper.

The Cowboys certainly can

get better running the ball, rushing the passer, punting and returning kicks. They also could use help on the offensive line and a possession receiver.

As for quarterback, Parcells said the job remains Quincy Carter's — for now.

"That doesn't mean if an opportunity comes along where I feel like I can get somebody that's going to improve that position, then I'm not going to do it," Parcells said. "But am I saying, 'Well I'm going out here and definitely going to do that?' No."

Parcells compares the task before him to repairing a car.

"This isn't Texaco," he said. "You just can't go down there and change the spark plugs, put some air in the tires, put a new air filter in and adjust the brakes and everything is going to go fine. ... Sometimes the needs don't coincide with the availability. You have to live with something longer than you want to because you sometimes don't have options."

He said the Cowboys won't focus on a specific player or position. They also won't throw a lot of money at one or two problems, even though they have enough room under the salary cap.

Receiver Joey Galloway, offensive lineman Larry Allen

and punter Toby Gowin have cap figures that outweigh their performance. They could be released or asked to restructure their contracts.

Some work already has been done.

Parcells has talked to several free agents about coming back and some reserves have been resigned. Prospects have been added, too, including one from the CFL.

Defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer took a raise instead of pursuing the head coaching job at Nebraska, and the two assistant coaches whose contracts expire will soon have new deals.

Parcells also has decided to send quarterback Chad Hutchinson to NFL Europe for some seasoning. It's likely his last chance to impress Parcells; the coach said anyone who can't play in that league "is going to have a hard time playing over here."

Third-string QB Tony Romo could be Europe-bound, too, although Parcells may keep him home for his first full offseason program with the Cowboys.

"We are young. We have a lot to do," Parcells said as his hour-long news conference came to a close Tuesday. "I don't think it's impossible."

NOTEBOOK

SOCCER

PAMPA — There will be a Harvester Soccer Booster Club meeting at 7 Tuesday night in the Ready Room at the high school athletic building.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The Harvester Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school athletic building to finalize plans for the annual football banquet.

Parents of varsity, junior varsity and freshmen players are encouraged to attend and bring any pictures they have from the season.

The banquet to honor the 2003 Harvesters will be Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the athletic building during regular school hours.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Stars center and All-Star starter Mike Modano doesn't expect to skate again until at least next week because of a groin injury.

Modano has missed three games. He said he hopes to skate again Monday. He left in the third period of Friday's 6-0 loss to Phoenix.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Clemens is expected to decide by next week whether he will play for the Houston Astros this season, according to a broadcast report.

Astros owner Drayton McLane and the agents for Clemens, Randy and Alan Hendricks, met Friday for about two hours.

"Roger has indicated sometime in the next week he would make a decision," McLane told Houston television station KRIV. "So they updated me on that."

McLane said he hasn't extended an official offer to Clemens, but that there have been discussions on the financial details of a contract. "No definite decisions have been made," McLane said.

McLane said he is confident the two can reach a deal.

Randy Hendricks said Wednesday that he expected a decision during the final two weeks of January.

BASKETBALL

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — It was such a bad night for the Houston Rockets that Yao Ming was outscored by Darko Milicic.

Milicic scored six points — more than doubling his season total — and Yao had four in Detroit's 85-66 win over the Rockets on Wednesday night.

"I feel a lot better after getting in and getting a chance to play," said Milicic, the second pick in the draft, who had scored five points in 11 games. "Yao is a good player, but maybe this was not his day."

Richard Hamilton scored 16 points to lead the Pistons to their seventh straight win

Rose still gambling as he pushes for reinstatement

By JOE KAY
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) — Pete Rose doesn't want to give up gambling. He's also drawing the line on apologies.

Fourteen years after his gambling disorder was diagnosed, baseball's banished career hits leader is seeking reinstatement while continuing to wager. Rose insists in his latest autobiography and accompanying interviews this week that there's no reason to quit.

An expert doubts that Rose has cured himself.

"It certainly can happen," said Keith Whyte, executive director of the National Council on Problem Gambling. "It's probably a little more prevalent than the Immaculate Conception, but not a lot."

Major league baseball is paying close attention as Rose makes rounds of interviews and appearances to promote his latest autobiography. In "My Prison Without Bars," Rose acknowledges publicly for the first time that he bet on Cincinnati Reds games when he was their manager.

The book doesn't mention the diagnosis that he has a significant gambling disorder, and attacks those who brought his misdeeds to light, resulting in his lifetime ban in 1989.

Asked Friday on "Good Morning America" whether he owes an apology to baseball investigator John Dowd and former commissioner Fay Vincent, Rose said emphatically that he did not. Dowd uncovered evidence that Rose had bet

on baseball.

"I don't think it was fair, the way he came to his conclusions," Rose said. "The end result — he was right. But I just didn't like the way he went about it."

Vincent didn't have a problem with that, saying: "He doesn't owe me an apology. He doesn't owe me anything."

Rose's continued gambling brought concern and criticism on Friday.

Barbara Pinzka, who was Rose's adviser and spokeswoman in 1989, was stunned to see Rose petting a race horse and talking about his visits to the track in a nationally televised interview the previous night.

"Seeing those pictures of him with the horse and having him say he's still betting at the track and that was OK, that just cemented the door against him getting back in baseball," Pinzka said. "He clearly doesn't understand that he has a problem."

Rose promised that he won't bet with bookmakers again, but drew a distinction between illegal gambling and going to the track. In an interview with The Associated Press, he was asked whether he's willing to stay away from tracks and casinos if baseball made it a condition for reinstatement.

"I would do anything they say, but they have to understand — I'm not telling them what to do — but they also have to understand one of my means of entertainment is periodically going to the races," Rose said.

Oklahoma's Tommie Harris plans to go pro

By JOEL ANDERSON
AP Sports Writer

All-American defensive tackle Tommie Harris will forgo his senior season at Oklahoma and enter the NFL draft.

"If you've got an opportunity in front of you, you've got to jump on it," he told The Associated Press on Friday from his Killeen, Texas, home.

Harris closed his college career Sunday night with three tackles and one sack in the

Sooners' 21-14 loss to LSU in the Sugar Bowl.

Harris said the allure of the NFL and the risk of injury weighed heavily in his decision. He's projected as a probable first-round draft pick and could go as high as the top five.

Harris bounced back from an injury-plagued sophomore season to become one of the premier defenders on a defensive unit that ranked No. 1 in the nation and set a school record for sacks with 46.

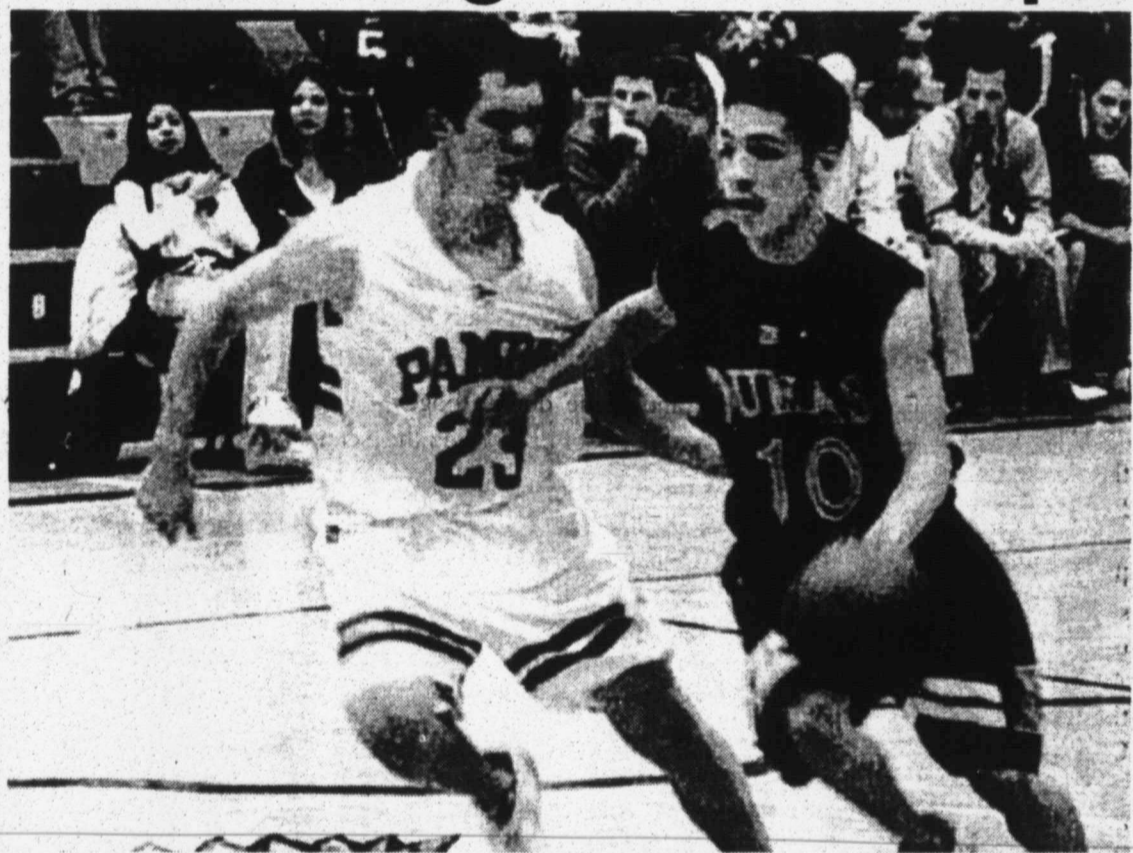
This season, Harris won the Lombardi Award as the nation's top interior player, was honored as an All-American for a second-straight year and was a finalist for the Nagurski and Bednarik awards as the nation's top defensive player.

Harris, 6-foot-3 and 290 pounds, has excellent speed for someone his size (4.68 seconds in the 40-yard dash) and is the strongest player on the team (470-pound bench press).

Oklahoma coach Bob

Stoops had said that if Harris was most likely to be among the first five picks, he'd encourage the player to go.

The Sooners tied a record with five All-Americans and won more post-season awards than any team in history. They will lose five starters on defense. Three of them — Harris, linebacker Teddy Lehman and cornerback Derrick Strait — were first-team All-Americans.



Let me have it: Senior Jay Martin tries to steal the ball from a Dumas player. (above)



You can't get past me: Senior Abby Colvalt guards an opposing team member. (left)

Dumas beat both the Harvester, 47,42 and the Lady Harvester 50,40 Friday night in McNealy field house.

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Sticking with it

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Johnson announces he will not leave Longhorns to enter Draft

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — With a room full of reporters and a live radio broadcast, Texas All-American linebacker Derrick Johnson couldn't resist the chance for a laugh.

The junior announced he would leave the Longhorns to enter the NFL draft. But he couldn't keep a straight face for long.

"Nah, I'm just kidding," he said. "I'll be sticking around for another year."

After the collective sigh of relief drifted through the halls of the Texas athletic offices,

Johnson said that while playing in the NFL remains a dream, it can wait while he chases some elusive goals at the college level. He will stay at Texas for his senior season.

"I want to take another shot at the national championship," Johnson said. "I want to get closer to my degree. I want to win the Butkus."

Johnson's 116 tackles led the Longhorns in 2003 and he was finalist for the Butkus Award given to the nation's best linebacker. He had been projected as a possible first-round pick if he had entered the draft.

"I knew all along, kinda,

that I wanted to stay," he said. "But you know (when) you have the opportunity to leave, you have to check it out, go through the process."

Coach Mack Brown, who was traveling home from the American Football Coaches Association meetings in Orlando, Fla., said he was thrilled by Johnson's decision.

"He already is one of the best linebackers in Texas history, and one more year will put him in a category in which few have ever been anywhere," Brown said.

Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds, who attended the news conference, said he

had expected Johnson to stay but was taken-aback by the joke.

"I was thinking, 'Well, I guess he changed his mind,'" Dodds said.

Johnson said he will buy an insurance policy to guard against an injury that might affect his future draft potential.

Johnson said Carl Reese's resignation as defensive coordinator earlier this week — and the wait for Brown to fill the job — did not factor into his decision.

"I know coach Brown will get the best possible coach," Johnson said.

Texas is still waiting for leading rusher Cedric Benson to announce whether he also will stay for his senior season or enter the NFL draft. The deadline for underclassmen to declare themselves eligible for the draft is Jan. 15. Benson has hinted he will stay.

The Longhorns also are awaiting a decision from backup junior quarterback Chance Mock on whether he'll transfer to a Division I-AA school in search of more playing time.

Mock played most of the second half in Texas' 28-20 loss to Washington State in the Holiday Bowl.

"I knew all along, kinda, that I wanted to stay," he said. "But you know (when) you have the opportunity to leave, you have to check it out, go through the process."

—Derrick Johnson

Knight: Team has made strides, has long way to go

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Coach Bob Knight won't hazard a guess as to how Texas Tech will fare as it heads into Big 12 play.

"I look at them today and see where I think they are today, and where I think we have to go tomorrow," he said. "I'm just not smart enough to figure out where they should be a month from now."

Knight does know this, though: Big 12 leading scorer Andre Emmett will be looked to for leadership, and he'll need help from his new supporting cast.

As Tech (12-2) heads into

Saturday's conference opener with Oklahoma State (10-1), Knight says he has seen glimmers of improvement from the three junior college transfers and four freshman learning the motion offense.

One of the quick studies has been freshman guard Jarius Jackson, who is averaging 10.4 points and leads the team in steals with 32.

"He's probably played better than you would expect a freshman to play, and yet he's had some ups and downs," Knight said. "I think he has a chance to be a very good player and he's got a lot of work to

do get there."

Knight has watched teams attack Emmett and has told his players they need to help.

They've responded so far, with Robert Tomaszek averaging 9.0 points and Ronald Ross 8.4. Knight also has praised Darryl Dora, a freshman who has started six games and shows good court vision.

"I just always have my eyes open to see open people, especially Andre," he said. "He's a very good cutter. We're always making eye contact. We've got some athletes on the team who are real

good. You can put it anywhere and they'll go get it."

Emmett, the conference's leading scorer the past two seasons, is leading again with 21.5 points per game. He also has added dimensions to his game.

He leads the teams in rebounds (7.2), has five double-doubles and is second in steals (24). On the downside, he also leads the team in turnovers with 34.

Emmett said one of his goals is to lead his team.

"We got goals set," he said. "I don't think they'll be accomplished if someone

doesn't step up and lead the team. If everything's falling into place, we keep going, we'll keep getting better and better."

Knight agrees, but still thinks improvement is needed.

"I think we have a lot of work to do at both ends of the floor," he said. "I think our team has worked hard. I think it's made some good strides and played pretty well a fair amount of time. We just got to keep working to get better. We got a long way to go to be able

to compete with everybody."

Last year Tech finished 22-13, tied for seventh (6-10) in the Big 12, and lost 64-63 to St. John's in the NIT semifinals. Afterward, Knight decided that wasn't good enough so returned his \$250,000 salary to the school. Tech is 57-24 under Knight, 63.

This year, Knight has been tough on the fans. In December, he chastised them for low attendance, suggesting Tech should consider scrapping the men's basketball program.

Singh surges into the lead with birdie streak in Mercedes Championship

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Vijay Singh is playing as if they're still counting votes for PGA Tour player of the year.

Playing the best golf of his life, Singh finished with seven straight birdies Friday for a 9-under 64 to surge past Stuart Appleby and into the lead at the season-opening Mercedes Championships.

Singh was at 14-under 132 and had a one-shot lead over Appleby in what was shaping up as a two-man race going into the weekend on the Plantation course at Kapalua.

"I wasn't expecting all that," Singh said.

Appleby led by as many as four shots when he made the turn on the Plantation course at Kapalua, but his momentum slowed when he tried to drive the green on the 305-yard 14th and lost his ball in the waist-high vegetation — a two-shot penalty — and had to scramble to make bogey.

He birdied the two par 5s after that and finished with a 67.

Darren Clarke recovered from a double bogey on the first hole for a 69 and was at 10-under 136.

Tiger Woods, who barely beat out Singh for player of the year, hit some unfamiliar shots that left him in a familiar posi-

tion — trying to catch the big Fijian.

Woods lost his opening tee shot and made double bogey, missed a 4-foot par putt on the next and spend the rest of the day trying to make up lost ground. He wound up with a 3-under 70 and was nine shots behind.

"I just need to get off to a good start and not put myself in a hole," Woods said, who now has gone six straight rounds without breaking 70 — his longest stretch since late summer in 1999.

Singh is riding a wave that would be considered huge even by Maui's standards.

He won four times last year, despite being mired in controversy over critical comments about Annika Sorenstam playing in the Colonial. Better yet, he won the PGA Tour money title with \$7.5 million, ending Woods' four-year reign.

The hardest-working man in golf didn't get much of a vacation during the three-week break from golf, and it showed. No one looks sharper, and Singh looks as determined as he was last year.

He was four shots behind when he holed a 20-foot birdie putt on No. 12 that started his great roll. Singh played aggressively off the tee to set up short birdies on the next two holes, two-putted for birdie on the par-5 15th, spun

back a wedge to 5 feet on the 16th and holed another 20-footer on No. 17.

The trouble he had all day came on the 18th when he blocked his 4-iron. It bounced up against the grandstand, but Singh judged the grain and slope to perfection and chipped to 2 feet for a tap-in birdie.

"You've got to make putts over here to score," Singh said. "I didn't do it yesterday. They paid me back today."

He took only 25 putts (he had 31 on Thursday), and that included a three-putt on the sixth hole.

Singh has said his goal is to replace Woods at No. 1 in the world, a task that could take two years. He looks as if he means business.

Despite a nearly flawless 64, he headed to the range in fading sunlight.

"That's my routine," he said. "Come back strong tomorrow."

Kona winds up to 20 mph made the course play difficult, especially the first few holes. Nobody felt quite like Woods.

He hit a duck-hook into the weeds, setting off a search reminiscent of the first round at the British Open when he never found his opening tee shot.

This may be the only similarity between Royal St. George's and Kapalua.

"The marshals never saw it because they were expecting someone to hit the ball a little further than that," Woods said. "When I hit it 210 off the tee, diving left ..."

Woods should have recovered from the double bogey-bogey start, but he missed four putts inside 10 feet on the front nine, then failed to birdie both par 5s on the back.

On the 18th, where he made eagle on Thursday, he tried to hammer a 2-iron and pulled it into the hazard, the third time in two days he has had to take a penalty drop.

He managed to save par from 100 yards away in the rough, which eased the pain.

"It was a nice way to end it, because if I didn't, I think all my clubs would have been in that barranca over there," he said, pointing to the gorge beyond the 18th green.

His line for the first two rounds: 11 birdies, one eagle and still only 5 under par.

Divots: Tiger Woods said he would not play the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am for the second year in a row, saying the bumpy greens hurt his confidence with the putter. ... British Open champion Ben Curtis became the first player this year to shoot in the 80s. Curtis, still rusty from a winter in Ohio, had a 7-over 80 and was at 7-over 153.

Mavericks fall victim to Pacers' Winning Streak

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Their lead held strong for the rest of the game.



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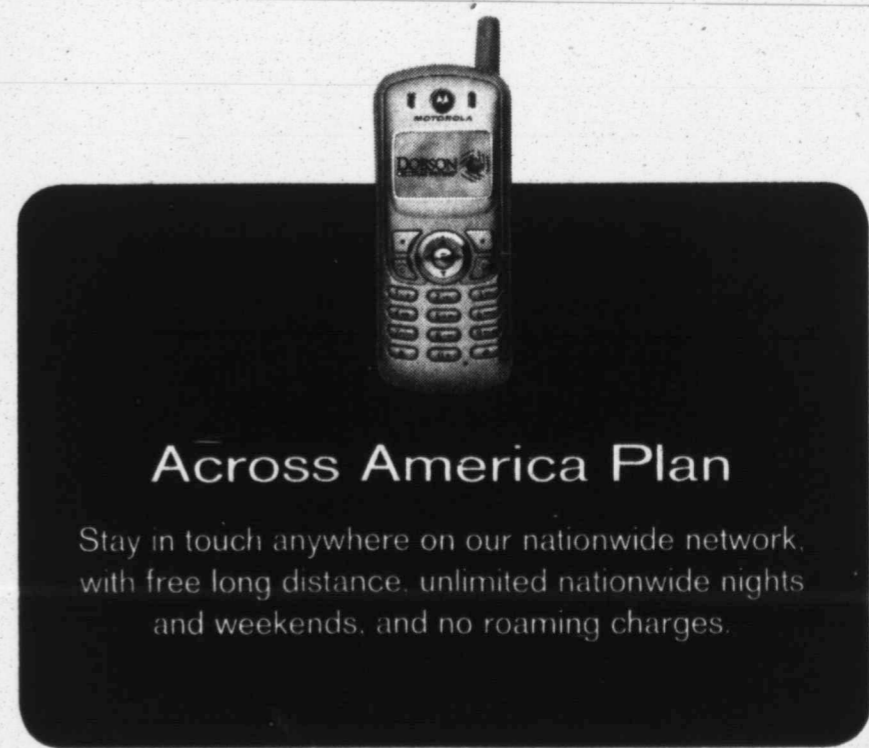
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NEWSMAKERS



Jonathon Wade

DENVER, Colo. — **Jonathon Wade**, son of Kevin and Ann Wade of Pampa, was recently awarded a bachelor of science degree in information systems security from Westwood School of Technology in Denver.

Wade will be working with IBM in Boulder, Colo.

He graduated from Pampa High School in 2000 and is the grandson of Linda Duncan and Johnnie and Shirley Wade of Quanah.

CLARENDON — Clarendon College recently announced students named to its President's and Dean's lists for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the college. Students named to the list include **Karen Joiner, Megan Poole and Jason Stephenson**, all of Pampa.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.6 or higher GPA while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the college. Students named to the list include **Ryan Bennett, Barry Finney, Patricia Lesher, Tina Renner and Jacob Swigart**, all of Pampa.

BIG SPRING — Howard College in Big Spring recently announced students named to its President's List for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the college. Students named to the list include **Adam Jones** of Pampa.

CLUB NEWS

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

CattleWomen

Top O' Texas CattleWomen met Dec. 8 at the home of Mary Mitchell in Wheeler with President Liz Austin presiding. Twelve members were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Berklee Clements reported on business support. Businesses wishing to learn more should contact Clements at (806) 274-6073.

—Texas Beef Ambassador Speaking Competition will be held April 17. The contest determines who will represent the state

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Brenda Tucker, Martha Hadley, Valie Pook and Darlene Vespesta, members of Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild, recently delivered more than 40 lap quilts made by PPMG members to Coronado Nursing Center. Accepting the donated quilts is Kathy Kane, assistant activities director.

(Courtesy photo) Panhandle Community Services introduces New Housing Specialist Mine Conner, on the right, and New Housing Clerk Susie Isbell, on the left.



(Courtesy photo)

Brownie Scout Nicole Anderson sells cookies to her neighbor Bill McGill.

Girl Scouts hit the streets with sumptuous treats

Are you starved for Thin Mints? Are Caramel deLites or Animal Treasures your passion? After a year of not being able to get these most delicious of all cookies, it looks like cookie time again. Girl Scouts of The Five Star Council - Pampa area will be selling cookies Jan. 15 through Feb. 22.

Expect a Girl Scout to appear on your doorstep or to ask you to buy cookies at church, school, or in front of the grocery store. For \$3 per box you can enjoy your fill of Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Shortbread and Animal Treasures. If you prefer a reduced fat variety, ask for Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Crèmes. And be sure to try the newest Girl Scout Cookie, Piñatas!

"Shortbread cookies have been a mainstay of the Girl Scout Cookie Sale since the 1930s," says Letha Anderson, product sales manager for the Five Star Girl Scout Council. "They started something very special that has become one of the most anticipated events in America. Their trefoil shape reminds people who buy them that they are supporting Girl Scouts, where girls grow strong!"

"This is about much more than just selling cookies," comments Mrs. Anderson. "The girls are involved in every aspect of the sale - from planning, to selling, to deciding how the money is spent. In the process, the girls learn some very valuable life skills, like goal setting, communication, teamwork and economic independence."

Less than one third of your \$3 goes to pay for the cookies. About 70% of the proceeds from every box sold go directly to support Girl Scouting in our local area. Fifty percent of that goes directly to the troops and a volunteer board of directors of the Five Star Council budgets the other 20% for expense related to providing Girl Scout services to 123 girls and 40 volunteers in Pampa, White Deer, Miami, Lefors and McLean.

Look for the Girl Scouts of Five Star Council - Pampa area selling cookies in the next few weeks. Booth sales will be held several times over the next six weeks at Wal-Mart, United, Hastings, Jiffy Cleaners and the Coffee Shop. So be sure to look for these and add a box or two of piñatas to your order. What a delicious way to support Girl Scouting.

For more information, contact the Amarillo Five Star Council at 806-356-0096.

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LIFESTYLES

WEDDINGS

Sons-Box

Sherry Sons and James Box, both of White Deer, were wed Dec. 11, 2003, in United Methodist Church in White Deer with Toni Bailey, of the church, officiating.

The matron of honor was Pamie Box of Pampa.

The best man was Michael Box.

A reception was held following the service at the home of Lawausa and Brian McCurley in White Deer with the

McCurleys serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Judy-Howard of White Deer and Woodie Sons of Stanton, Ky. She is currently employed at Pampa Country Club.

The groom is the son of Brian and Lawausa McCurley of White Deer. He is currently employed with K&K Pipe Line Inc., in White Deer.

The couple intend to make their home in White Deer.



Sherry Sons and James Box

CRADLE CALL



Garrett W. Snow

Garrett Snow

Garrett Walker Snow, son of Jay and Angela Snow of Plano, was born at 8:40 p.m. Nov. 17, 2003, at Plano Presbyterian Hospital.

At birth, the infant weighed 9-pounds, 3-ounces

and was 21-inches long.

The proud grandparents are Frank and Sue Snow of Pampa and Frank and Beverly Wood of Tulsa, Okla. His great-grandparent is Jim Brown of Pampa.

ANNIVERSARIES



Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Doggett

Doggett anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Doggett of Pampa celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday at Pamcel Hall. Children of the couple hosted the reception.

Doyle Doggett and Marie Buta were married Jan. 15, 1954, at Honolulu, Hawaii. They have made Pampa home for 40 years.

Mr. Doggett has worked for Celanese for 27 years.

Mrs. Doggett has worked for St. Matthews Episcopal Day School for 10 years.

Children of the couple are Charlie and Jeannette Miller of Pampa, Tom and Donna Stamp of Panhandle and Tommy and Lori Doggett of Houston. They have five grandchildren.

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CLUB

at the national contest scheduled in September at Sheridan, Wyo. Cash prizes in the amount of \$3,000 and \$6,500, respectively, will be given away at the state and national level.

"Beef Ambassadors" get the opportunity to travel across Texas, promoting beef following the competition.

Contestants must be between 16 and 19 years of age, turning 16 no later than Jan. 1, 2004, and 20 no earlier than Oct. 1, 2004. For more information, contact Nell Tucker at (940) 888-3650 or log onto www.texascattlemenu.org on the Internet.

—Members voted to donate Beef Gift Certificates to Tralee Crisis Center as a Christmas project.

—A board of directors meeting is scheduled Jan. 17 in Austin.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at Dyer's Bar-B-Que in Pampa.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met Jan. 6 at the home of Pat Youngblood with President Rue Park presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Park commended members on the success of their entry for Festival of Trees.

—Many members plan to enter an art show to be held Jan. 24 in Miami. The deadline for entries is Jan. 20.

—Louise Moore will give a demonstration at the club's next meeting. Members from Heritage Art Club are invited to attend.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 20 at Lovett Memorial Library.

Bridal Registry...

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Albert & Pauline Wagner To Celebrate 60th Anniversary



On Saturday, January 17, 2004, their children and grandchildren, and their spouses, held a reception celebrating the Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary in December of Albert and Pauline Wagner of Pampa.

The reception was held at Pampa Country Club for family and several close friends. The hosts were Dr. Raymond and Mrs. Cheri Wagner, and their sons Mr. Derek Wagner and

Mr. Richard Wagner and his wife Mrs. Gretel Wagner, all of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and daughter Mrs. Polly St. John and her husband Harry St. John, and their children Miss Stephanie St. John and Mr. Jordan St. John, all of Redmond, Washington.

The Wagners are nearly forty-five year residents of Pampa, having moved here with their children in 1959. Mr. Wagner is presently retired, but was a long-time employee of the Cabot Corporation and the oil field machinery business it purchased from the Franks Manufacturing Company. His last position at Cabot was as the Comptroller of the Cabot Machinery Division. He started his professional career with the Franks Manufacturing after graduation from Tulsa Central High School, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1936. He also attended classes at Tulsa Junior College while working prior to World War II. He enlisted in the Army in 1942, and met his wife at a USO dance at Camp Crowder, Missouri, shortly thereafter. The couple was married at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church in New Orleans on December 19, 1943, while Mr. Wagner was attending Officer Candidate School. He left shortly thereafter for service in the Army Corps of Engineers in England and France. He finished military service in summer 1945 as a First Lieutenant, and the couple had a late honeymoon at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. Upon returning to Franks Manufacturing, he held various sales and management positions in Ft. Worth, Compton, California, and Odessa, Texas, before coming to Pampa after the Franks Manufacturing business was sold to Cabot.

Mrs. Wagner was nee Ester Pauline Anderson of Webb City, Missouri, where she graduated from Webb City High School in 1933. She attended Southwest Missouri State Teachers College and graduated from Pittsburgh State University in Kansas with a degree in English and music. She taught public school in Joplin, Missouri, from 1938 until 1943. She was a member of Tri Sigma sorority and SAI music honors fraternity. She has been a homemaker primarily since marrying, but was a ten-year employee of Montgomery Wards in Pampa, and also taught private piano lessons, before both she and Mr. Wagner retired in the early 1980's.

The Wagners are 45-year active members of Pampa First United Methodist Church, where Mrs. Wagner was the church pianist for many years. Mr. Wagner also was active in the 1960s and 1970s in Pampa Kiwanis Club. They are long-time members of the Pampa Country Club, and Mr. Wagner was an avid golfer and remains a golf devotee.

They are the parents of two children — Raymond (Ray), who is Chief Scientist of Boeing Missile Defense Systems, The Boeing Company, Colorado Springs, and Polly, who is Financial Legislative for the Metropolitan King County Council in Seattle, Washington. Both children are graduates of Pampa High School in the 1960s. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner have four grandchildren, Richard, Stephanie, Derek and Jordan and have no great-grandchildren.

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MENUS

WEEK OF JANUARY 12-16

Pampa Schools MONDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits.

Lunch: Mini corndogs or steak fingers, French fries, spinach, pineapple.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Cinnamon tarts.

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

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Cheese omelet.

Lunch: Crispos or pizza, corn, salad, applesauce, cornbread muffin.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Danish rolls.

Lunch: Barbecue on a bun or beef/cheese nachos, sliced potatoes, salad, peaches, red gelatin with/ topping.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast.

Lunch: Soft beef tacos or hamburger, pinto beans, Spanish rice, apple slices.

Lefors Schools MONDAY

Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Pizza, cheese sticks, mixed vegetables, salad bar, applesauce, milk.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast bars, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Fried chicken, potatoes, corn, gravy, rolls, apricots, salad bar, milk.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Chicken teriyaki, egg rolls, rice, stir fried vegetables, pineapple, salad bar, milk.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Macaroni/cheese, fish, peas, coleslaw, peaches, salad bar, milk.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Muffins, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Hot dogs, chili dogs or fruit pie, French fries, green beans, pears, milk.

Senior Citizens MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or lasagna rollups, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, pumpkin cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Baked cod/rice or Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, cream corn, baked cabbage, beans, cinnamon swirl cake or rice pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, buttered squash, beans, cherry chocolate cake or apple cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or stuffed peppers, tater tots, fried okra, carrots, beans, orange cake or coconut cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or burritos/chili/cheese, potato wedges, brussel sprouts, beans, French vanilla cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels MONDAY

Sloppy Joes, tater tots, pork beans, cherries.

TUESDAY

Chicken pot pie, pickled beets, corn, pudding.

WEDNESDAY

Eggs/bacon casserole, hash brown, biscuits, gravy, peaches.

THURSDAY

Comdags, macaroni&cheese, peas&carrots, applesauce.

FRIDAY

Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello.

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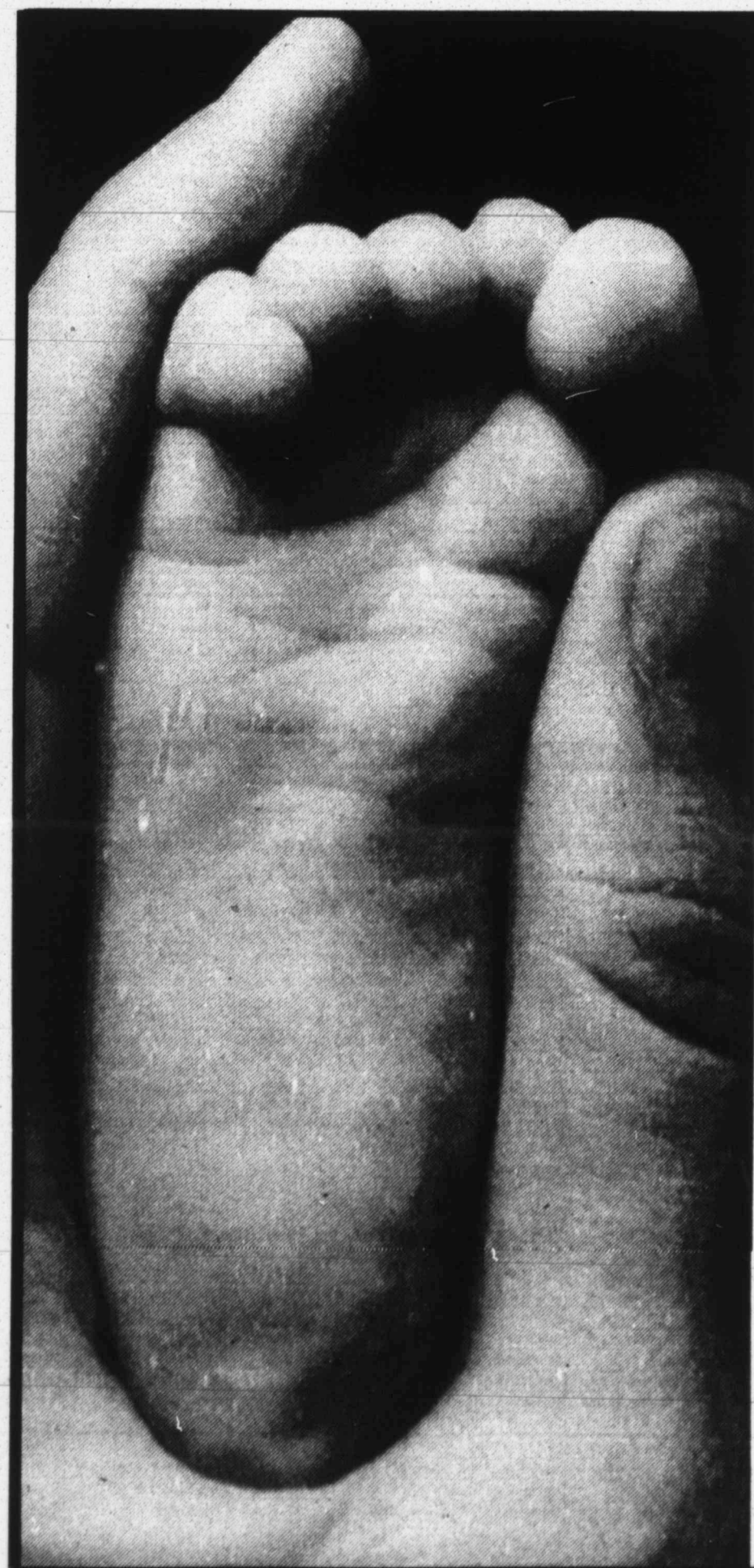
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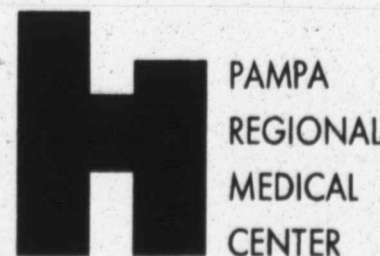
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BILLBOARD MUSIC CHARTS

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Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.):

BILLBOARD HOT 100: TOP 10

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Hey Ya!" OutKast. Arista. (Gold)
 2. "The Way You Move," OutKast Feat. Sleepy Brown. Arista. (Gold)
 3. "Milkshake," Kelis. Star Trak.
 4. "You Don't Know My Name," Alicia Keys. J.
 5. "Stand Up," Ludacris (feat. Shawnna). Disturbing tha Peace.
 6. "Walked Outta Heaven," Jagged Edge. Columbia.
 7. "Here Without You," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
 8. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat. Kanye West & Jamie Foxx). Atlantic/
 9. "Suga Suga," Baby Bash (feat. Frankie J). Universal.
 10. "Me, Myself and I," Beyonce. Columbia.

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THE BILLBOARD

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

1. "Speakerboxx/The Love Below," OutKast. Arista. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
2. "The Diary of Alicia Keys," Alicia Keys. J.
3. "Now 14," Various Artists. Columbia/Universal/EMI/Zomba/Sony Music. (Platinum)
4. "The Very Best of Sheryl Crow," Sheryl Crow. A&M. (Platinum)
5. "The Singles 1992-2003," No Doubt. Interscope.
6. "The Black Album," Jay-Z. Roc-a-Fella.
7. "Fallen," Evanescence. Wind-up. (Platinum)
8. "Beg for Mercy," G-Unit. G-Unit. (Platinum)

9. "Shock'n Y'all," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
10. "soulstar," Musiq. Def Soul.

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HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Drift Away," Uncle Kracker (feat. Dobie Gray). Lava.
 2. "Forever and For Always," Shania Twain. Mercury.
 3. "Calling All Angels," Train. Columbia.
 4. "Unwell," matchbox twenty. Atlantic.
 5. "Big Yellow Taxi," Counting Crows (feat. Vanessa Carlton). Geffen.
 6. "Look Through My Eyes," Phil Collins. Walt Disney.
 7. "Sunrise," Simply Red. simplyred.com/Red Ink.
 8. "You Raise Me Up," Josh Groban. 143.
 9. "The First Cut is the Deepest," Sheryl Crow. A&M.
 10. "Invisible," Clay Aiken. RCA.

TOP GOSPEL ALBUMS

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Gotta Have Gospel!" Various artists. Integrity Gospel/Gospo Centric/Epic/Sony Music.
 2. "Throne Room," CeCe Winans. PureSprings.
 3. "Smokie Norful: Limited Edition (EP)," Smokie Norful. EMI Gospel.
 4. "I Need You Now," Smokie Norful. EMI Gospel.
 5. "WOW Gospel 2003," Various Artists. EMI Christian. (Gold)
 6. Soundtrack: "The Fighting Temptations." Music World.
 7. "Byron Cage," Byron Cage. Gospo Centric.
 8. "Bringing It All Together," Vickie Winans. Verity.
 9. "The Heavens are Telling," Karen Clark-Sheard. Elektra.
 10. "The Rebirth of Kirk Franklin," Kirk Franklin. Gospo Centric.

MAINSTREAM ROCK TRACKS

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Numb," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
 2. "Figured You Out," Nickelback. Roadrunner/DJMG.
 3. "Away From Me," Puddle of Mudd. Flawless/Geffen.
 4. "(I Hate) Everything About You," Three Days Grace. Jive.
 5. "I am the Highway," Audioslave. Interscope.
 6. "Still Frame," Trapt. Warner Bros.
 7. "So Far Away," Staind. Flip.
 8. "Hit That," The Offspring. Columbia.
 9. "Gasoline," Seether. Wind-up.
 10. "Weak and Powerless," A Perfect Circle. Virgin.

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Numb," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
 2. "Hit That," The Offspring. Columbia.
 3. "(I Hate) Everything About You," Three Days Grace. Jive.
 4. "Are You Gonna Be My Girl," Jet. Elektra.
 5. "Meant to Live," Switchfoot. Red Ink.
 6. "Feeling This," Blink-182. Geffen.
 7. "Megalomaniac," Incubus. Immortal.
 8. "I am the Highway," Audioslave. Interscope.
 9. "Away From Me," Puddle of Mudd. Flawless/Geffen.
 10. "Fortune Faded," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.

HOT COUNTRY SINGLES AND TRACKS

- (Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "There Goes My Life," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
 2. "Remember When," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
 3. "You Can't Take the Honky Tonk Out of the Girl," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
 4. "I Love This Bar," Toby

- Keith. DreamWorks.
 5. "I Wanna Do It All," Terri Clark. Mercury.
 6. "Honesty (Write Me a List)," Rodney Atkins. Curb.
 7. "Drinkin' Bone," Tracy Byrd. RCA.
 8. "American Soldier," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
 9. "Watch the Wind Blow By," Tim McGraw. Curb.
 10. "Little Moments," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
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TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Shock'n Y'all," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
 2. "Greatest Hits Volume II and Some Other Stuff," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
 3. "Martina," Martina McBride. RCA (Nashville). (Gold)
 4. "Up!," Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville). (Platinum)
 5. "Top of the World Tour Live," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Gold)
 6. "Unleashed," Toby Keith. DreamWorks (Nashville). (Platinum)
 7. "Greatest Hits," LeAnn Rimes. Curb. (Gold)
 8. "Long Black Train," Josh Turner. MCA Nashville.
 9. "Melt," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street. (Platinum)
 10. "Red Dirt Road," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville. (Gold)
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HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLES AND TRACKS

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)
1. "You Don't Know My Name," Alicia Keys. J.
 2. "The Way You Move," OutKast Feat. Sleepy Brown. Arista. (Gold)
 3. "Walked Outta Heaven," Jagged Edge. Columbia.
 4. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat. Kanye West & Jamie Foxx). Atlantic.
 5. "Milkshake," Kelis. Star Trak.
 6. "Read Your Mind," Avant. Geffen.
 7. "Step in the Name of Love," R. Kelly. Jive.
 8. "Me, Myself and I," Beyonce. Columbia.
 9. "Change Clothes," Jay-Z. Roc-a-Fella/Def Jam/DJMG.
 10. "Damn!" YoungBloodZ (feat. Lil Jon). So So Def.
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TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUMS

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports col-

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1. "The Diary of Alicia Keys," Alicia Keys. J.
 2. "Soulful," Ruben Studdard. J.
 3. "The Black Album," Jay-Z. Roc-a-Fella.
 4. "Speakerboxx/The Love Below," OutKast. Arista. (Platinum)
 5. "Juve the Great," Juvenile. Cash Money.
 6. "Beg for Mercy," G-Unit. G-Unit. (Platinum)
 7. "Private Room," Avant. Magic Johnson.
 8. "soulstar," Musiq. Def Soul.
 9. "M.A.D.E." Memphis Bleek. Roc-a-Fella.
 10. "ChickenNBeer," Ludacris. Disturbing tha Peace.
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HOT DANCE MUSIC CLUB PLAY

- (Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)
1. "A Thousand Beautiful Things (Rauhofer, G&D, Bimbo Jones)," Annie Lennox. J.
 2. "Stoned (Deep Dish Remix)," Dido. Arista.
 3. "Lucky Star," Basement Jaxx (feat. Dizzee Rascal). XL.
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 5. "You're So Beautiful," Donna Summer. Mercury.
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Dogfighting sport and efforts to stop it on the rise

By DOUG SIMPSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Though illegal in all states and a felony in 47, dogfighting is on the rise, particularly outside its traditional stronghold in the Deep South.

Lawmakers and humane officials are seeking new ways to attack the trend, however, and investigators see a "gold mine" in a list of thousands of potential suspects seized in a recent bust, along with scarred dogs, steroids and canine treadmills.

More than 100 Web sites sell pit bull training gear. About a dozen dogfighting magazines publish regularly, up from three in the 1980s. The FBI keeps no statistics on the activity, but authorities estimate that at least 40,000 people in the United States breed or own pit bulls for fighting.

"It's definitely on the upswing. Communication on the Internet has made dogfighting accessible without the inherent risks of arrest that used to go along with it," said Mark Kumpf, a Virginia investigator with the National Illegal Animal Fighting Task Force, made up of U.S. Department of Agriculture officers and local police nationwide.

In cities, owners fight their animals on street corners and alleys. In rural areas, organized fights have strict rules — and wagers between \$100 and \$50,000. The winning dog fights another day. The loser may be nursed back to health, if valuable, or it may be shot or abandoned.

Investigators say there are at least 50 breeders in the United States who have farms with hundreds of the dogs. A 36-year-old Oklahoma man who breeds pit bulls for fights, speaking with The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said he

grew up among people involved in dogfighting and has seen more and more get involved over the past decade.

"Nobody can stop it," he boasted.

A videotape confiscated from a recent New Orleans arrest shows a training fight between a mature pit bull, Kay, and a dog that appears to be 1 year old. Men hold the dogs apart on soiled carpet inside a square "fight pit" that's enclosed by wooden planks.

Once they're released, the snarling dogs attack each other. Their owner cheers as Kay chomps down on the muzzle of the younger dog, whipping its head back and forth for nearly 10 minutes.

The owner argues with another man over whether to stop the fight to protect the younger dog, which has started whimpering.

"I think you should pick her up and save her."

"I don't do that. If she can stand, she can fight," the owner replies.

The fight continues, and the younger dog is pinned on its back; finally it stops resisting. Men pry the animals apart.

The young dog stands panting, staring straight ahead.

"She's had enough," a voice says. "She's in shock."

The American pit bull terrier emerged as the preferred fighter after more than a century of breeding for strength, agility and jaw power. Champion fight dogs also have what owners call "gameness" — an eagerness to attack despite ripped flesh, dehydration, exhaustion or broken bones.

Owners express a deep pride in their dogs' abilities, comparing the animals to professional athletes. In a Web posting, one recalled his pit

bull's recent victory as "the most fulfilling moment of my life."

Most of a fighting dog's life is spent with a heavy chain around its neck, according to breeders who say restraints are necessary to keep the animals from escaping and injuring other animals.

The dog runs for up to an hour at a time on a treadmill. Its jaws are strengthened with "springpoles," hung from trees with a lure attached. The dog clamps its jaws on the lure and whips its head back and forth, perfecting the "bite and shake" technique.

Organized dogfighters often liken themselves to horse breeders: They say they treat their animals well and breed champions with champions. Many learned to train from their fathers and grandfathers.

It's unfair, they say, that dogfighting is illegal while activities in which humans kill animals are condoned.

On Internet sites, they have answers for those who call dogfighting cruel:

— Injured dogs quickly receive medical care. A champion can be worth \$10,000, and it would be foolish to withhold treatment.

— A fight is halted when one dog stops attacking, thus minimizing injuries.

— Pit bulls were bred to fight, just as retrievers were bred to fetch. The animals enjoy fighting; look at their tails wag.

"Cruelty is in the eye of the beholder," someone posted on a pit-bull-related Web site in response to a query from The Associated Press.

In the eyes of officials of the Humane Society of the United States, any form of dogfighting is a vicious blood sport.

Investigators are going after the

clandestine sport, and they staged a number of raids in 2003.

Among them:

— In Petaluma, Calif., a man was arrested after police searched his property and found 15 pit bulls and a bloody treadmill;

— In Orangeburg, S.C., 70 pit bulls were confiscated from an alleged fighting ring;

— Near Erie, Pa., authorities made 11 dogfighting arrests and seized 32 pit bulls.

Pittsburgh's district attorney's office had its first-ever dogfighting case just five years ago, and has prosecuted 24 people for dogfighting since then.

On pit bull-related Internet message boards, anonymous postings now warn dogfighters that the Pittsburgh area should be considered off-limits because the risk of raids and arrests is too great.

A bill pending in Congress would make it a felony to transport fighting dogs across state lines. The Humane Society considers the bill an important effort to disrupt what's considered a nationwide dogfighting circuit.

"If the locals can work with the federal government to catch them, that will give them another tool," said Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., a sponsor.

A key arrest came in April, when Orange County, N.Y., police charged former body builder James Fricchione, 33, with felony dogfighting and identified him as publisher of the Sporting Dog Journal, a leading dogfighting magazine.

The magazine had been published six times a year on cheap paper, featuring fight results and advertisements for pit bull breeders, most with the disclaimer: "Not Intended For Any Illegal Purposes."

The magazine never printed its address. To deter undercover police, subscriptions were sold only to people who had references from other subscribers.

Investigators said Fricchione's arrest came after several years of investigations into the national dogfighting circuit. On the day he was arrested, police in Georgia also raided and seized records from the Georgia home of Jack Kelly, Sporting Dog Journal's former publisher.

At Fricchione's home, investigators found canine treadmills and 18 pit bulls and steroids that investigators believe he fed to the dogs.

Fricchione pleaded not guilty to 33 animal cruelty, dogfighting and promoting dogfighting charges. If convicted of all charges, he faces anything from probation to 12 years in prison.

Norman Shapiro, Fricchione's lawyer, said his client is a breeder who has nothing to do with dogfighting.

Messages left at Fricchione's home were not returned, but in the July-August issue he printed this statement:

"As dogpeople we should take heed and make changes to insure (sic) our safety. Remember, the Humane Society has been raiding people's homes since the '70s and will continue their witch hunt for as long as the (pit bull) remains in existence."

For investigators, Fricchione's arrest had a special dividend.

They seized his list of more than 5,000 Sporting Dog Journal subscribers.

Kumpf, the Virginia investigator, called the list "a gold mine."

"A lot of us out here in law enforcement are waiting for the gold rush to hit."

Officers try to choke off drug flow on I-40 pipeline

By ANANDA SHOREY
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FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The police dog circles the car stopped on the shoulder of Interstate 40 just outside the city. It sniffs, pauses and then leaps toward the passenger door, clawing up the side before slipping in through the window.

Barry, a Belgian malinois, wags his tail and scratches the back seat, alerting the officers that he smells something.

The officers find \$97,434 in a suitcase and in the driver's wallet, and a compartment hidden beneath the floor of the trunk.

The driver, a Georgia man originally pulled over for tailgating, is arrested on suspicion of money laundering. The car is seized by officers who say they believe the money will be used to buy drugs, and the specially constructed compartment to smuggle them.

Variations on this scene play out regularly on Interstate 40 in northern Arizona which, according to authorities, has become one of the country's main corridors for transporting cocaine and marijuana smuggled in from Mexico.

I-40 begins in Barstow, Calif., and enters Arizona near Kingman. It traverses the desert and later pine forests as it approaches Flagstaff. The forest disappears as the road heads toward New Mexico. The interstate

ends in Wilmington, N.C.

On Nov. 25, Arizona Department of Public Safety officers stopped a driver who was transporting 35 pounds of cocaine near Flagstaff, said spokesman Frank Valenzuela. In October, investigators seized 160 pounds of marijuana and 5 kilograms of cocaine along the same interstate highway near Kingman.

The southern part of the state is perhaps more widely known for being a transit point for drugs because of its proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border.

But northern Arizona can be just as active in some respects. For example, DPS's K-9 unit made more drug-related busts in that region from January through early December than in the South, Valenzuela said.

Authorities concede that drug dealers who use Arizona as a gateway to get their products from Mexico into the United States are increasing the amount of highway crime, clogging up the courts and costing residents money and officers time.

The reason: I-40 has several features that make it attractive to drug traffickers.

The highway, which is about 6 1/2 hours north of the border, doesn't have Border Patrol checkpoints like those that pepper highways farther south, including Interstate 10.

"Drug smugglers are human, too, and like to follow the path of least resistance," said

Jim Moles, a Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman.

The highway also provides a straight shot between the West Coast and the South, and it connects to interstates leading to the Midwest, the destination for many of the drugs coming through the area.

Most of Interstate 40's drug traffic from Mexico comes through the border communities of Nogales, Mexico, and Nogales, Ariz., said Steve Volden, a DPS spokesman.

But traffic also comes from California, where it enters from Tijuana, Mexico, and gets to I-40 via San Diego or Los Angeles. The Arizona traffic heads north through Tucson and Phoenix.

These drugs are mainly transported to Columbus, Ohio, Chicago, New York City, as well as cities in Massachusetts, Indiana and Missouri.

While the Midwest is one of the main markets for drugs passing through Flagstaff, the traffickers are from all over the country. And their ages and lifestyles vary.

The Department of Public Safety has arrested an 82-year-old man; a 67-year-old English nurse from San Diego; as well as doctors, attorneys and firefighters.

Rent-a-families are common, too, said DPS Officer Casey Kasun. Drivers have passengers pretend to be spouses and children while they transport the drugs.

"Greed — it attacks all walks of life," said Sgt. Jeff Brownlee, who oversees DPS' K-9 officers in Flagstaff.

When these traffickers get caught, the counties where they are arrested bear the financial burden.

"We take a little beating here because we are a small community and we don't have the resources that bigger counties have for similar problems," said Fred Newton, Coconino County's presiding judge.

County officials won't have to deal with the case of the man caught recently with the large amount of money and the hidden compartment in his car. Because of its magnitude, the case is being filed through the U.S. Attorney's Office, which is expected to charge the driver with money laundering, according to the DPS.

When the man was taken back to DPS' crime lab, he watched as officers pried off the bumper of his car. He was released after officers counted the bundles of money from his suitcase and the wad of cash found in his pocket.

Arresting one alleged drug trafficker doesn't offer much relief. For every person arrested, officers said, another will appear.

"The drug trade is very entrepreneurial," said Coconino County attorney Terry Hance. "It probably will always remain there as long as there is a market."

NASA will almost start from scratch in moon-Mars effort

By PAUL RECER
AP SCIENCE WRITER

If NASA returns astronauts to the moon and then takes aim at Mars, the agency will have to go back to the drawing board to get the job done. The rockets, equipment and engineers that put American footprints on lunar soil have long been lost, junked or retired.

For the seven moon-landing missions from 1969 through 1972, NASA built craft designed specifically for single landings and short stays. The command ship accommodated three astronauts and the lunar lander only two. The reserves of power and propulsion were tightly budgeted, a problem that almost cost the lives of the astronauts on the only failed landing mission, Apollo 13.

Apollo was drilled into space with the giant Saturn V rocket, the most powerful

launcher ever built by the United States. After the Apollo program ended, the equipment, tools and plans for building the rocket were lost. A new lunar and Mars effort could require even larger lift rockets, depending on the mission scheme selected.

For an extended lunar expedition, which sources said Thursday is what President Bush has in mind, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration would need to design and build a large mother ship, able to transport a number of crew members and a large inventory of supplies and equipment. If the mission design follows the Apollo plan, the agency also would have to build a landing craft able to ferry crew and supplies between the moon's surface and a command ship in lunar orbit.

A colony on the moon almost certainly would require

an atomic reactor for power. Some small reactors were used on six Apollo missions, but they were designed to produce just enough electrical power to operate scientific instruments left on the surface.

For Mars, everything required by a moon voyage would have to be multiplied, perhaps many fold. Some who have studied Mars exploration say a manned expedition would last at least three years, with long voyage out and back, and just a limited stay.

All fuel, water and other supplies would have to be carried along or sent ahead on robot craft. The crew size would have to be expanded to allow for sickness or death that is likely for such a risky expedition.

Over the years, NASA has conducted a number of basic studies aimed at achieving the moon and Mars.

The Apollo missions

depended on the powerful three-stage Saturn V rocket that vaulted the craft into Earth orbit and then restarted to drill it toward the moon. After leaving Earth orbit, the third stage of the Saturn V was discarded and the momentum of the rocket firing carried the craft outward until it slipped into the grip of lunar orbit. It was rather like throwing up a baseball that was then captured at the top of its arc by the moon's gravity.

Just after he took over as NASA administrator, Sean O'Keefe said the Apollo technique was simply too slow for exploration beyond Earth orbit and that a new propulsion method would be needed for long space voyages.

NASA has tested an ion rocket system that could be used to continually accelerate a spacecraft with a steady pulse after the craft leaves Earth orbit.

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Seek out and investigate new knowledge, especially if something doesn't feel right to you. You also might worry too much and make mountains out of molehills. Be realistic about your abilities, understanding that one of your greatest strengths is your ability to detach in order to gain perspective. Others note a new wisdom in you. Some of you could opt to take classes or learn more through traveling. In any case, your mind will expand. If you are single, someone quite exotic could drop in your life in the next year. At that point, you will be more than able to accept him or her. This will be a dynamic experience and relationship, as long as you remain open. If attached, share this personal growth process. Take a class together. Seeing other countries and other styles will also bond you more closely. VIRGO helps you see the other side.

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) ***** You might need to reorganize a project because of information that comes forward. Though you might grumble, you're right in your element, being a troubleshooter and a solution-finder. You resolve the issue effectively. Tonight: Bring extra work home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** A partner might disappoint you, be it with a loan or some other type of commitment. You find ways around the issue with your unusual creativity and spontaneity. Detach if you feel upset. You won't find answers until you calm down. Tonight: So what if it is Monday? GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Build a relationship on a stronger foundation. You might wonder what happened to make an associate rear and react in such a manner. Remember that though you might be affected, his or her behavior could have very little to do with you. Tonight: Relax at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You could be overwhelmed by impending confusion around you. Make it your job to sort through the problems and find more effective ways of handling these issues. Your calmness and questions help. You'll find your way through the maze! Tonight: Get together with a pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Deal with your finances before they deal with you! A risk will backfire right now, whether it involves money or love. Play it conservatively, if you can. Once you see what has happened, you gain insight into what NOT to do! Tonight: Pay bills.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Your smile is a winner to everyone except a key loved one or family member. Could this person be jealous? You cannot be popular with everyone all of the time. Use your

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004:

You have a very unique approach this year. Although you already tend to be cautious and somewhat detail-oriented, these traits could be enhanced. You also will develop a remarkable ability to distance yourself from a situation and become an observer. As a result, you will gain enormous understanding of others. Many of you will take courses to enhance your work specialty, while others will take a more spiritual turn. Your career or public image will bloom after September. If you are single, you will find someone on a similar level of evolution entering your life. You easily find this tie important to your well-being. If you are attached, your relationship will grow because of your understanding. Your mate could be very serious this year. VIRGO introduces new ideas.

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)

Level up and use today for catching up on a project, cleaning out your desk or anything that might ultimately make your life easier (which might be a lazy day with a snooze here and there). Don't make anything heavier or more difficult than it is. Tonight: Follow today's theme.

This Week: Network and do work. Others massively seek you out. They need what you have to offer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Some days are meant for fun and frolic — such is today. Grab your favorite person and go off and enjoy. Remember that life is about the here and now. The past is the past, and the future we might never know. Tonight: Naughty works.

This Week: Calming down and getting into the workweek could be your biggest problem. Although you hit an obstacle or two, you'll cruise through.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Stay close to home and family right now. You might want to go out, but those around you (it might even be the cat) need some extra time. Get needed rest. Do for yourself for a change. Pick up that book. Tonight: Early to bed. This Week: If you can work from home Monday, do so. From Tuesday on, you could feel the need for flirtation and fun. Add that to your work environment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Catch a movie or go see a friend. You need an outing. Chat during an extended meal, laugh and swap jokes. You might want to stay out and not go home, so do just that. Give yourself permission to be free. Tonight: At a favorite restaurant.

This Week: Take your time expressing your deeper thoughts. In fact, you easily could change your mind. Put your cards on the table Thursday.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Besides balancing the budget and paying bills, you might have the urge to indulge yourself. Is there something you want or need that you didn't get from Santa? Price this item carefully before buying it, even if there are sales going on. Tonight: Treat yourself (and a friend or loved one) to dinner.

This Week: Don't put if everything doesn't go your way. Keep conversations open. Your strongest day is Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

With the Moon in your sign, anything and all is possible. You might want to take some time to yourself, but with as many friends, admirers and loved ones as you have, you will have to vanish. For once, do what you want — please. Tonight: Ask, and you shall receive.

This Week: Use Monday for key moves, then hold back till Thursday. Keep your ideas to yourself in between.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Don't feel like you have to do anything at all. Make this a day to cocoon. You are a very gregarious sign, always giving. You need to recharge. Someone might have been very hard on you lately. Could that be you? Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

This Week: You're in full force and unstoppable from Tuesday on. The Moon in your sign helps you skip over obstacles rather than running smack into them. Remember that Libra charm, too. You'll need it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Friends find you whether you want them to or not. Listen well to what someone at a distance shares. You might think that this person is being negative, but he or she isn't. Do whatever you can to help loosen this person up. Tonight: So what if it is Sunday? This Week: Use Monday and Thursday for important stands. In between, nose to the grindstone works. Avoid others' problems if possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

A family member or someone you feel you have to answer to makes a request. Perhaps you need time to visit with an older relative who feels uniquely alone. Your generosity of spirit means a lot to this person. Tonight: It could be a late night.

This Week: You are in the limelight until Thursday, when you graciously bow out. You could find that quiet stance trying.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Hop in the car and meet a friend halfway. Invite others to join you at an art gallery or museum. You need time away from the here and now. The more perspective you gain, the better. Some of you might choose just to explore on your computers. Tonight: Let your mind drift.

This Week: Keeping your mind on work takes unusual talent Monday, though you will have no choice by Tuesday. Others need your complete attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Work with a dear friend or close associate. You might not be ready for all that he or she has in mind or wants to get done. Remind this person that it is the weekend and to relax a little. A foot rub or back rub might be perfect.

Tonight: Indulge each other, if possible. This Week: Work with others individually Monday. Detach in order to find solutions. You might need an expert or two. Take a strong stand Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Others dominate the scene. You could be a bit put out by someone close and what he or she requests. Be

clear, but understand what is happening with this person. You don't need to put him or her down. Just understand. Tonight: Love the one you're with.

This Week: Venus moves into your sign midweek. Though others run with the

Diet: Nation's food banks put more emphasis on nutrition

By **BOBBY ROSS JR.**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DALLAS (AP) — Containers of high-fat mayonnaise, calorie-rich marshmallow cream and sugarcorned fruit cereal help fill a giant crate at the North Texas Food Bank.

Such not-so-healthy items are typical of the foods often given to the nation's food banks.

"What you find a lot of times in donated foods is what somebody has in their pantry," said Jan Pruitt, executive director of the Dallas food bank. "They say, 'The kids won't eat this,' or, 'I thought I was going to make fudge, but I didn't.' It's that kind of donation."

Charity food providers relied primarily on such donations to feed the hungry until a few years ago, when the high rate of obesity among the poor became a concern.

Now, food banks from Dallas to Boston to Oakland, Calif., distribute more fruits, vegetables and lean meats, and offer programs to teach people how to eat healthier.

"We didn't want to be a snack bank" anymore, said Leslie Oliver, nutrition manager at the Greater Boston Food Bank.

Not long ago, the Boston food bank "couldn't move a carrot," Oliver joked.

In 1999, the organization, which serves 750 food shelters and pantries in eastern Massachusetts, distributed no produce. Last year, it gave away 3 million pounds of it.

Distributions of lean meat, seafood, poultry and other protein products topped 3.2 million pounds. Dairy products exceeded 1.6 million pounds. Both figures represent more than 60 percent increases in just two years.

The Alameda County Community Food Bank in Oakland considered banning soft drinks in an effort to curb obesity among recipients.

Instead, the food bank chose to focus on education, posting health information by the carbonated drinks in the warehouse where clients pick up food — along with a 16-pound bag of sugar designed to help make the point.

"I drink soda," said Suzan Bateson, the food bank's executive director. "I don't drink a lot of it, but I drink it. It's part of my diet. What I find helpful is getting information about how many I should be drinking, or should I be feeding this to a 2-year-old."

To satisfy their hunger, poor people often rely on grains, sugars and fats, said Matt Longjohn, executive director of the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children.

"That's opposed to lean meats and fruits and vegetables that you really only find in the middle- and upper-end grocery stores but certainly not in the caged-in grocery stores that are the hallmarks of these communities," Longjohn said.

Mary Johnson received government cheese, peanut butter and damaged, off-brand canned goods from a Dallas ministry when she was between jobs 15 years ago and need-

ed help feeding her family.

"When you opened it up, it might not be good," she said.

The 56-year-old divorced mother of three grown children sought food assistance again this month after she lost her telemarketing job.

This time, she left North Dallas Shared Ministries — one of 400 nonprofit agencies served by the North Texas Food Bank — with fruits, vegetables, milk and eggs.

"It's just wonderful," said Johnson, whose

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unemployment check barely covers her apartment rent.

In the past 10 years, efforts to improve the product mix at food banks have gained momentum, said Sue Hofer with America's Second Harvest. The Chicago-based organization works with more than 200 regional food banks.

Corporate grants by companies such as Kraft and ConAgra have helped food banks and their affiliate agencies increase their capacity to store and transport refrigerated and frozen foods.

"It didn't do any good for us to accept a truckload of yogurt with a use-by or sell-by date of next week if we didn't have anybody who could accept delivery of that," Hofer said.

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"Obviously, there's still a lot to do, but we have moved produce to No. 1 on the list of products shipped to our food banks," Hofer said. "It's a huge stride in just a very few years."

In Dallas, the North Texas Food Bank decided to make milk, eggs, rice, pinto beans and pasta available all the time.

"We are raising more and more dollars so we can go out and purchase the food that's needed," Pruitt said.

Through a "virtual food drive," donors can go online and contribute money to buy such items. Such purchases topped 832,000 pounds last year — a figure the Dallas food bank estimates will nearly triple to more than 2.2 million this year.

The goal: making a healthy diet an option for everyone.

"You and I go make our choices standing in a grocery store where there are hundreds of choices," Pruitt said. "The families that we're talking about go to a small church somewhere in their neighborhood where the choices may be very small."

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

By The Associated Press

Celebrity birthdays for the week of Jan. 11-17:

Jan. 11: Actor Rod Taylor is 74. Saxophonist Clarence Clemons of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band is 62. Country singer Naomi Judd is 58. Guitarist Vicki Peterson of The Bangles is 46. Actress Kim Cools ("Living Single") is 42. Guitarist Tom Dumont of No Doubt is 36. Singer Maxee Maxwell of Brownstone is 35. Singer Mary J. Blige is 33. Musician Tom Rowlands of The Chemical Brothers is 33. Actress Amanda Peet is 32.

Jan. 12: Country singer Ray Price is 78. Singer Ruth Brown is 76. Singer Glenn Yarborough is 74. Actor Anthony Andrews is 56. Actress Kirstie Alley is 53. Political commentator Rush Limbaugh is 53. Country singer Ricky Van Shelton is 52. Radio personality Howard Stern is 50. Keyboardist Charlie Gillingham of Counting Crows is 44. Actor Oliver Platt is 44. Singer Rob Zombie is 38. Model Vendela is 37. Singer Zack de la Rocha (Rage Against the Machine) is 34. Rapper Raekwon of Wu Tang Clan is 34. Singer Dan Haseltine of Jars of Clay is 31. Bassist Matt Wong of Reel Big Fish is 31. Singer Melanie Chisholm (Sporty Spice) of the Spice Girls is 30.

Jan. 13: Actress Frances Sternhagen is 74. Actor Charles Nelson Reilly is 73. Comedian Rip Taylor is 70. Actor Billy Gray ("Father Knows Best") is 66. Actor Richard Moll ("Night Court") is 61. Guitarist Trevor Rabin of Yes is 50. Drummer Fred White of Earth, Wind and Fire is 49. Actor Kevin Anderson ("Nothing Sacred") is 44. Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus ("Seinfeld") is 43. Country singer Trace Adkins is 42. Actress Penelope Ann Miller is 40. Actor Patrick Dempsey is 38. Actress Nicole Eggert ("Baywatch," "Charles

in Charge") is 32. Actor Orlando Bloom ("The Lord of the Rings") is 27.

Jan. 14: "60 Minutes" commentator Andy Rooney is 85. Blues singer Clarence Carter is 68. Singer Jack Jones is 66. Actress Faye Dunaway is 63. Actress Holland Taylor is 61. Singer-producer T-Bone Burnett is 56. Actor Carl Weathers is 56. Singer Geoff Tate of Queensryche is 45. Rapper Slick Rick is 39. Actor Dan Schneider ("Head of the Class") is 38. Actress Emily Watson is 37. Actor-comedian Tom Rhodes ("Mr. Rhodes") is 37. Rapper LL Cool J is 36. Actor Jason Bateman is 35. Musician Dave Grohl of the Foo Fighters is 35.

Jan. 15: Singer Captain Beefheart is 63. Actress Andrea Martin is 57. Actor-director Mario Van Peebles is 47. Singer Lisa Lisa of Lisa Lisa and the Cult Jam is 37. Actor Chad Lowe is 36. Actress Regina King is 33.

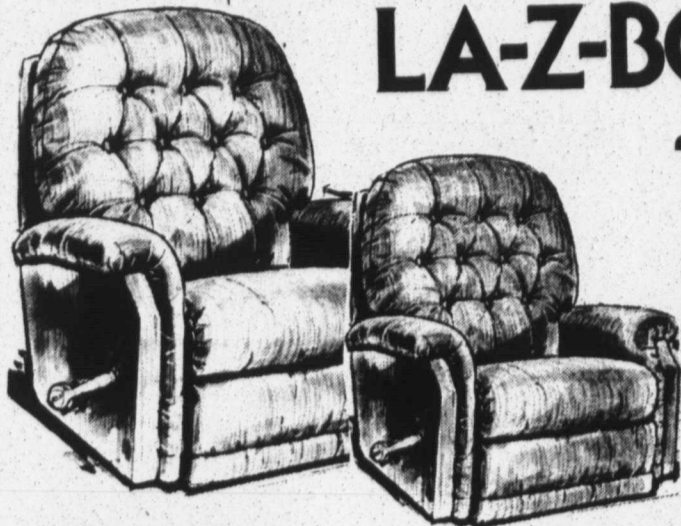
Jan. 16: Country singer Ronnie Milsap is 61. Country singer Jim Stafford is 60. Director John Carpenter is 56. Actress-dancer Debbie Allen is 54. Singer Sade is 45. Singer Maxine Jones of En Vogue is 38. Actor David Chokachi ("Baywatch") is 36. Supermodel Kate Moss is 30.

Jan. 17: Actress Betty White is 82. Actress-singer Eartha Kitt is 77. Actor James Earl Jones is 73. Talk-show host Maury Povich is 65. Singer William Hart of The Delfonics is 59. Former Rolling Stones guitarist Mick Taylor is 56. Singer Sheila Hutchinson of The Emotions is 51. Singer Steve Earle is 49. Actor-comedian Steve Harvey is 47. Singer Susanna Hoffs of The Bangles is 45. Actor Jim Carrey is 42. Actor Joshua Malina ("The West Wing") is 38. Singer Shabba Rankins is 38. Musician Kid Rock is 33. Actress Zooey Deschanel ("Elf," "The Good Girl") is 24. Singer Ray J is 23. Country singer Amanda Wilkinson of The Wilkinsons is 22.

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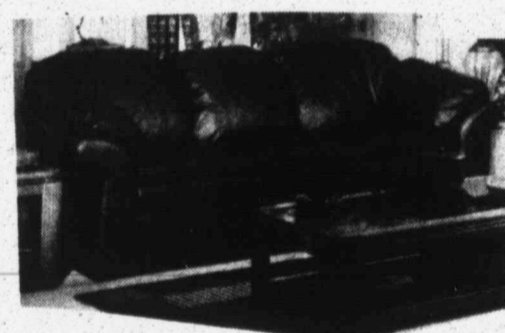
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