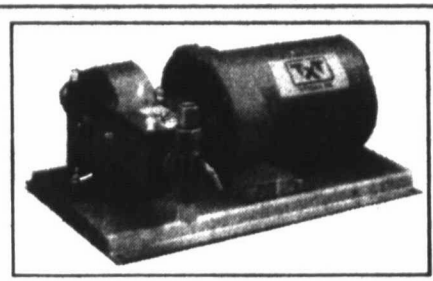


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JP receives Jane Doe autopsy

By MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Autopsy results have been received on the unidentified woman found dead Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003, near mile marker 132 on Interstate 40 in Gray County.

Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez, who received the autopsy from Lubbock early last week, said the cause of death was listed as "homicidal violence of variable etiology." In this instance, Martinez explained, "homicidal" means that someone caused the woman's death, whether it was accidental, intentional, or incidental to another event. "Etiology" means "cause" or "origin."

The autopsy lists head and neck injuries including contusions, hemorrhages, disloca-

tions and abulsions. Abulsions are torn away or separated areas of bodily structure.

Chest and abdominal injuries noted in the report are massive crush injuries with partial abulsion of the viscera, or internal organs.

Both of the woman's femurs, or thigh bones, had displacement fractures. A tire pattern injury was found on her back.

The toxicology report included in the autopsy was negative, meaning that no drugs or alcohol were found in the woman's body.

The autopsy was performed by the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center's Division of Forensic Pathology in Lubbock.

The woman, who was found dead on the westbound

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entrance ramp at the Johnson Ranch Road exit at about 7:45 a.m. Oct. 16, has not been identified as of press time today. Local law enforcement officials have been following up on tips and leads as to the woman's identity, but with no success.

"We had two good leads last week, but both women were found alive," said Kelly Rushing, chief deputy at Gray County Sheriff's Department.

He explained that the leads concerned missing women whose descriptions resembled that of the unidentified woman.

The woman found in Gray County appears to be a Native American female, 35- to 45-years-old, 5'4" to 5'8" tall, with black shoulder-length hair and brown eyes, and no visible scars, marks or tattoos.

She was last seen at the Flying J Truck Stop at Sayre,

Okl., at approximately 2 a.m. on Oct. 16. She was known to be carrying a black and tan backpack, and also a small, soft-sided bright blue Igloo cooler. She is also believed to have been wearing pants, a shirt and some type of overshirt, resembling men's clothing. Her body was nude at the time it was found in Gray County.

Investigators believe the woman caught a ride traveling west from the truck stop. Three trucks were seen at about 6 a.m. Oct. 16, pulled off of I-40 near the location where the woman's body was found less than two hours later.

Anyone with information on the case is asked to call Gray County Sheriff's Office at 669-8022 or Crime Stoppers at 669-2222.

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DEATHS

Maximino Blanco, 63, longtime Deming, N.M., resident.

Dixie Feazel, 72, homemaker.

Bunola Myers, 81, assembly line worker for Beechcraft

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Captured owl



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Local animal control officers picked up this horned owl over in the 300 block of West 17th Friday. The owl is seen here safely ensconced in a pet carrier for transportation to the Texas Department of Wildlife.

Fastows: From privilege to prison

HOUSTON (AP) — They were the ultimate successful family: Dad had a powerhouse job at a high-flying company. Mom, from a wealthy background, had her own solid career at the same firm before the kids came and she stepped down.

Then the company, and their lives, crashed because of illegal schemes that made multimillionaires of Andy and Lea Fastow, among many others at Enron Corp. In a deal that would spare their two sons the absence of both parents at the same time, they gave up any pretense of innocence and pleaded guilty to crimes in the Enron collapse.

Their friends and family were stuck by them as they made deals that will require jail time — at least five months for her, up to 10 years for him. Those friends sealed ranks when the trouble started, leaving public statements to the couple's rabbi.

"I am saddened at this turn of events that continues to compound the pain of the collapse of Enron," said the rabbi, Shaul Osadchey of Congregation Or Ami in Houston. "Andy and Lea Fastow have done much good in their lives for many. It is my hope that they will be able to return to leading productive and righteous lives in the future."

Class of 1969 to plan 35-year reunion

A planning meeting for Pampa High School Class of 1969 35-year reunion is set for 7:30 p.m., Monday, Jan.

19, at the home of Bob Marx, 2601 Cherokee. For more information call Marx at 665-0304.

Seabourn making most of his first weeks on job

By MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

County Attorney Josh Seabourn inherited 203 cases when he took office at the first of this month, and he has whittled the total down to about 100 in two weeks.

Nine of the original 203 pleaded guilty and were sentenced by a judge on Jan. 13. Pleas will be heard from 23 more on Jan. 19 and 28.

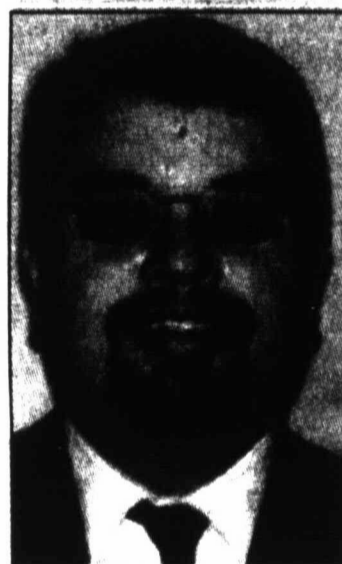
Seabourn dismissed eleven cases. He eliminated four because the victim(s) in each case submitted an affidavit of non-prosecution, meaning they did not want to pursue charges against the person.

In one case, the individual was charged with both a felony and a misdemeanor. The person "pleaded to a felony and agreed to make restitution on the misdemeanor as part of that plea," Seabourn said. Felony cases are generally heard in district or higher court, while the county attorney's office generally handles misdemeanor charges.

There were four cases in which Seabourn felt he did not have enough evidence to pursue prosecution.

In the case of two juveniles, Seabourn said several had been arrested at a party but all but two were dismissed by Todd Alvey, the previous county attorney. Seabourn dismissed the remaining juveniles' case.

About 20 to 30 of the



Josh Seabourn

cases will include accompanying felony charges, Seabourn said, and those persons will probably make restitution for them along with felony restitution. Another 20 or 30 are "just a matter of determining their restitution" to be completed, he said.

"If every one of those cases (mentioned above) was done today, we'd have around 100 still on the docket," Seabourn said.

Most misdemeanor cases end with out-of-court actions such as plea agreements, Seabourn said. He has also already handled some child protective services cases and cases involving juveniles.

Some changes have been made involving plea offers and fees.

"We have stiffened our plea offers. We looked up the statute on what we can charge on hot checks and

have updated our charges. We also are now sending out plea offers at the same time we file the case, which speeds up the process," Seabourn told Gray County commissioners at their Jan. 15 regular meeting.

"I now have monthly meetings set up with the local law enforcement agencies to discuss dismissals and other items," he told commissioners.

"I think our officers around here do a real good job. None of the dismissals reflect poor work on their part," he said Friday in a telephone interview.

As of Jan. 15, Seabourn's office had collected \$1,837.40 in hot check funds, which includes the amount of the hot checks plus fees and fines.

"The first day I was really in office, Jan. 5, Kelly (my secretary) said she'd seen more people come in that day to pay their hot checks than any other day," Seabourn told commissioners Thursday.

"Also, we're seeing more people coming in to plea on their cases, sometimes before the case is filed," he said.

"My main emphasis is probably going to be geared toward victims in all our cases, whether it is a hot check case, a DWI (driving while intoxicated), or any other kind. We want full restitution in all our cases," Seabourn said.

Troubled D.A. pleads innocent to perjury, tampering

BROWNWOOD, Texas (AP) — An embattled West Texas district attorney has pleaded innocent to charges that he lied under oath and tampered with government documents.

Sky Sudderth was arraigned on Friday on charges of aggravated perjury, tampering with

or fabricating evidence and tampering with government records.

He remains free on \$11,000 bond. A pretrial hearing was set for Feb. 6.

Also Friday, Senior Judge Dean Rucker of Midland denied a defense motion asking Senior Judge Weldon Kirk of

Sweetwater to recuse himself from the case, the Abilene Reporter-News reported Saturday.

Rucker assigned Kirk to the case last week after Senior Judge Billy John Edwards recused himself because he is a candidate for the 259th district attorney seat.

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OBITUARIES

MAXIMINO BLANCO

1941-2004

DEMING, N.M. — Maximino Blanco, 63, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Mieczyslaw Przetiora, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Blanco was born Jan. 15, 1941, at Durango, Mexico. He had been a Deming

resident for the past 20 years and was a Catholic.

Survivors include a son, Esteban Blanco of Chihuahua, Mexico; three brothers, Eulogio Blanco of Amarillo and Jose Maria Blanco and Albino Blanco, both of Mexico; three sisters, Manuela Blanco, Luc Blanco and Encarnacion Blanco, all of Mexico; and several grandchildren.

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

BUNOLA MYERS

1922-2004

Bunola Myers, 81, of Pampa, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004. Services will be Tuesday in Roselawn Mortuary Chapel in Salina, Kan. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery under the direction of Roselawn Mortuary of Salina. Local arrangements are with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Myers was born Dec. 28, 1922, at Baxter, Tenn. She married Arthur Myers on Jan. 16, 1953, at Kansas City, Mo.; he died in 1996.

She came to Pampa in 1998 from Salina. She was a member of Salina's First Covenant

Church and was an assembly line worker at Beechcraft for several years.

Survivors include three daughters, Ila Holmes of Pampa, Lisa Engler of Topeka, Kan., and Carol Farmer of Salina; a sister, Lanine Robinson of Michigan; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Briarwood Full Gospel Church, Family Life Center Building Fund, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

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DIXIE FEAZEL

1931-2004

Dixie Feazel, 72, of Pampa, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Rodney Tedford, minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Feazel was born June 5, 1931, at Hollis, Okla., and attended high school in Arnett, Okla., where she was valedictorian of her graduating class in 1949. She moved to Pampa in 1951 and married Roy

Feazel on June 6, 1953, at Borger.

She was a homemaker and a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Roy, of the home; a daughter, Janet Williams of Pampa; a brother, Benny J. De Foor of Hollis; five sisters, Jackie Coble, Bonnie Brazil and Vonelle Wyatt, all of Pampa, Jill McAllister of Amarillo and Brucie Galett of Ardmore, Okla.; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

BLANCO, Maximino — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
FEAZEL, Dixie — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

ON RECORD

AMBULANCE

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

Friday, Jan. 16

- 9:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 3400 block of Duncan and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
- 10:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.
- 11:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.
- 12:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Yeager and transported a patient to PRMC.
- 1:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.
- 9:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC.
- 9:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Hobart.
- 10:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to UMC, Lubbock.

Saturday, Jan. 17

- 2:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Russell and reported no patient.

FIRE

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

Friday, Jan. 16

- 7:16 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to the intersection of Highways 60 and 70 on a hazardous materials spill.
- 9:32 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to 1 Medical Plaza on a standby for LifeStar helicopter.
- 9:39 a.m. — Two units and five firefighters responded to the 3400 block of North Duncan on a standby for LifeStar helicopter.
- 9:30 p.m. — Two units and five firefighters responded to the 100 block of South Hobart on a motor vehicle accident in which there was a small hazardous materials spill.

SHERIFF

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

Friday, Jan. 16

- Kenneth Hair, 29, 816 N. Nelson, was arrested on a motion for enforcement for child support.
- Salador Rodriguez, 26, 417 N. , was arrested for driving while intoxicated, second offense, and for no driver's license.

POLICE

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

Friday, Jan. 16

- Cynthia Marie Miller, 27, 926 S. Faulkner, was arrested on capias pro fines for failure to appear, displayed expired registration and expired motor vehicle registration and for failure to yield right of way, for no insurance and for no valid driver's license.
- James Logan, 42, 1601 W. Somerville, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

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The family of Jim Triplehorn wishes to extend its sincerest appreciation for all the kind words, prayers and wonderful food we received during Pop's recent illness and passing. He fought a determined battle with the cancer that finally took him, however his strength and love of life will serve as an inspiration to friends and family alike. Our heart-felt appreciation also goes out to the wonderfully caring nurses and staff at the BSA Hospice of Pampa. They treated Pop and this family with such loving kindness that words cannot do them justice. A sympathy card received by the family really stated it well - "our loss is heaven's gain". Again, our thanks to everyone for all your kindness during this very rough time.

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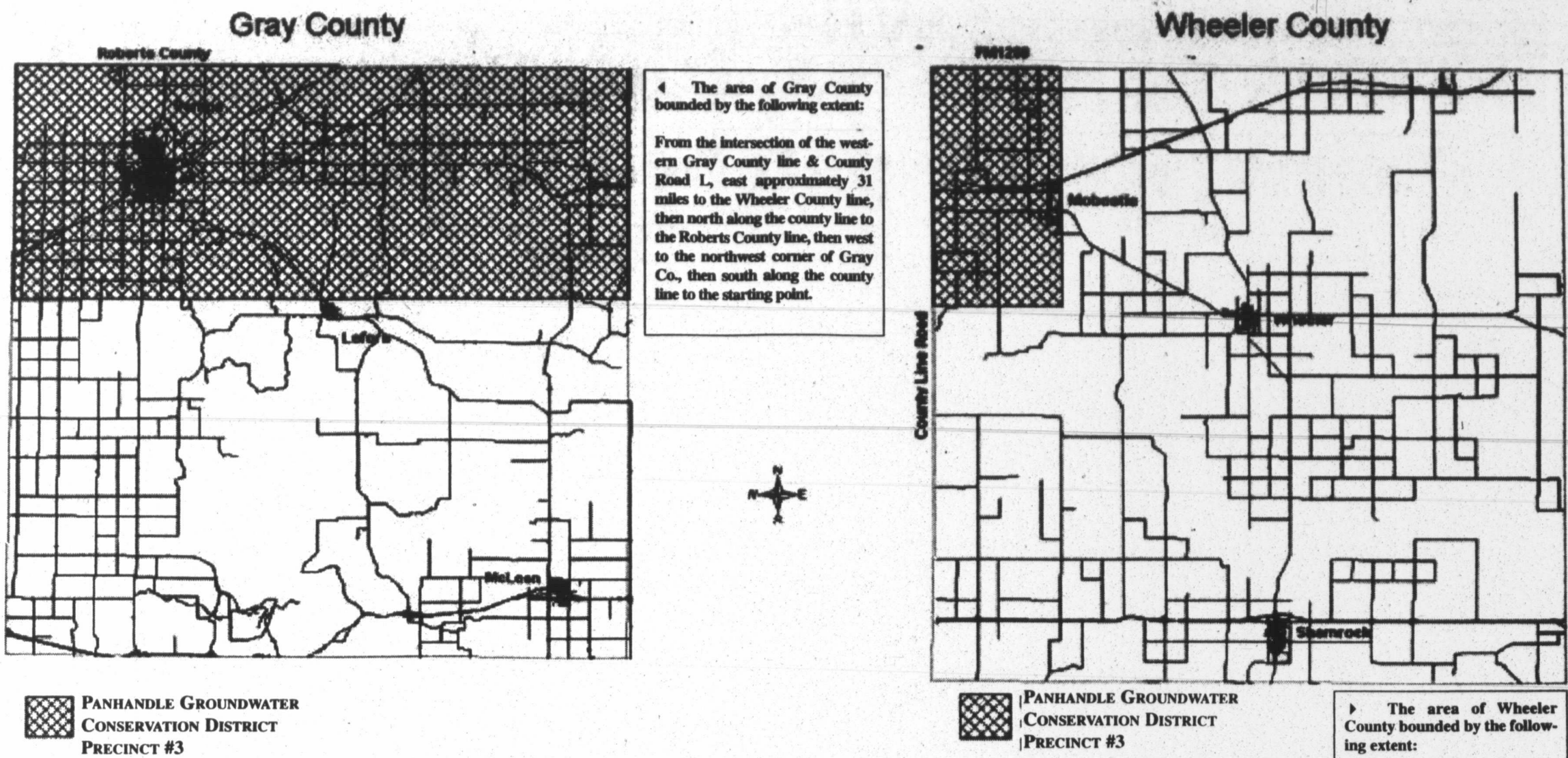
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Ground water board election set Feb. 7

On Feb. 7, local voters will decide who will fill two of nine seats on the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors. Only two of the five seats up for reelection are contested. The three others are not.

In Precinct 3, which covers parts of Gray, Roberts and Wheeler counties including Mobeetie, incumbent John R. Spearman Jr. faces challenger Stephen Smith.

In Precinct 7, Roberts County incumbent Robert Clark is being challenged by Kim Flowers.

Phillip Smith of Precinct 1, Carson County and part of Potter County; Jason Green, Precinct 5, Donley County; and John McKissick, Precinct 9, Potter County, are all unopposed and no vote will be taken for these spots.

Each of the board members will serve a four-year term.

Voting on Feb. 7 will be conducted at the Gray County Annex, 11215 E. Frederic, for Precinct 3 and the Little Red School House in Roberts County at Texas Highway 70 and Farm-to-Market Road 282.

Precinct 7 voting will take place at the Miami Community Center, 103 S. Main, in Miami.

Water district officials said voters must be registered in the precincts in which they vote.

*** PGCD Precinct 3 maps for Gray and Roberts counties are shown above. Precinct maps for Roberts County and the overall district are on Page. 5

West Texas A&M's Department of Music and Dance to present faculty grand recital

CANYON — It will be a musical thank you of sorts when the Department of Music Dr. Cloyce Stradley — mezzo soprano, assistant professor of voice, will be accompanied by

A gala reception will follow in the Northern Hall Atrium.

The recital is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the department's music office at (806) 651-2840.

The evening's program will include the Harrington String Quartet performing Beethoven's "String Quartet in C Major."

and Dance at West Texas A&M University presents its annual Faculty Grand Recital at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30 in the Mary Moody Northern Recital Hall on campus.

"The faculty really enjoys doing this program," Dr. Joseph Cox, professor of music and recital chairman, said. "It's a perfect opportunity for us to say thank-you to everyone who has supported us throughout the year."

The event will feature performing members of the University's music department faculty. The evening's program will include vocal performances as well as instrumental in musical styles ranging from jazz to classical.

The evening's program will include the Harrington String Quartet performing Beethoven's "String Quartet in C Major." Quartet members include Annie Chalex—violin, Keith Redpath — violin, Joanna Mendoza — viola and Emmanuel Lopez — cello.

formed by Denise Parr-Scanlin, instructor of music, and Mila Abbasova, staff accompanist.

Dr. Susan Martin Tariq — timpani, associate professor of music, and Dr. William Takacs — trumpet, assistant professor of music, will perform "Fanfare and Allegro" by Stanley Leonard.

Dr. Joe Ella Cansler — soprano, assistant professor of voice, and Sally Turk — flute, associate professor of music, will perform "The Russian Nightingale" with Abbasova at the piano.

Others scheduled to perform during the program include Redpath and Dr. Douglas Morrison, assistant professor of music with the West Texas Troubadours. The WTAMU Faculty Brass Quintet also is scheduled to play "Procession of the Nobles" by Korsakov.

"The program promises something for everyone," Cox said. "It's a fun time for our faculty; they love performing for a full house."

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Recently I was flying a trip pattern that was a U.S. Air Force CRAF (civilian reserve augmentation fleet) contract. The three-day pattern was scheduled to depart Dover Air Force Base, Del., for Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and then go to McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. On the third day of our pattern, and after a restful over-night in the Ramstein area, we arrived at Ramstein Operations to discover that we were dispatched to Dover instead of McGuire. Because it is not unusual for the Air Force to change a pattern for its needs, we didn't think much of it until we saw the weight of our cargo. It was such a light load. What's the deal? We decided to give the dispatcher a call to check the accuracy of the load.

We called our World-Wide Control Center, as they like to be called, and found the rerouting to be correct, with one annotation. The annotation was HR, which means "human remains." The only cargo we were to carry on this trip would be the remains of a U.S. Army captain killed in Iraq and his personal property.

As we climbed the stairs to reach the main deck of our airplane, we noticed how much higher it stood compared to the usual configuration. As we entered the main deck, we were all soberly choked with emotion at the sight of our cargo. We looked into the cavernous interior of our Boeing 747 freighter to see a U.S. flag-draped casket and a crated box of personal property as our only cargo. All three of us stood there silently for a moment, taken aback at what we saw. Then as quickly as we halted in our tracks, we returned to our duties to get the cargo to its destination — professionals doing our jobs the best way we know how and to the best of our abilities.

It was my leg to fly to Dover, and an uneventful one at that. Although the weather in Dover was beautiful on our arrival, I chose to do a practice VOR instrument approach, with the minimum descent altitude of 400 feet above the ground. Looking back on it in reflection, I'm sure it was a sight to see this lumbering, huge airplane banking to final

approach at 400 feet above the ground. I made an unusually smooth landing for a near-empty airplane, as light airplanes are harder to land smoothly than heavy ones. I was feeling pretty cocky about my flying ability until I started following the FOLLOW ME truck and remembered what my cargo was. I thought to myself, "That Army-trained bit of airmanship was in your honor, Captain, for your final flight home." We taxied into our spot, exited the airplane to go to the customs and immigration station, and then returned to our airplane before the honor guard arrived.

As we reentered our airplane, a very sharp-looking protocol officer met us. The Air Force major wore his BDUs well and with obvious pride. The major began to explain military custom to us but was interrupted by our flight's captain, who pointed to me and told the major that I was an active Army National Guard CW4 aviator. He then pointed to our engineer and stated that he was a retired Air Force E8. Then he told the major that he was a former U.S. Army drill sergeant. The major shook our hands as if relieved from the duty of explaining drill and ceremony and invited us to stand in the detail formation. We looked at each other. One can only imagine how wrinkled our uniforms were after 10 hours of duty with eight hours of flight. However, we tucked in our shirts and buttoned up the best we could and stood in the detail formation during the prayer ceremony held aboard our airplane.

To begin the ceremony, a U.S. Army brigadier general had flown to Dover Air Force Base in a glossy green and white VIP-painted U.S. Army UH-1 helicopter.

The general boarded our airplane and stood at the head of the casket during the prayer, said by a U.S. Army chaplain. At the end of the prayer, the general bent over the casket and said, "Thank you for your service to our country and for your

sacrifice. Welcome home."

The honor guard took the casket off the airplane, as we all stood at attention, saluting. As the ambulance drove away with the casket, the Air Force major dismissed the detail.

Then suddenly, and apparently unplanned, the major called the detail back to attention because he saw the general was making his way back to our airplane. He stated in a low voice that he believed the general was returning to thank us.

We stood at attention and I could faintly hear the major tell the general who we were. The general stood in front of us, individually, and thanked us for bringing the captain home and shook our hands as he thanked us.

I truly believe the general was thankful for us taking the time to stand in the detail formation for the ceremony. That is why he made the special effort to climb back up those stair steps to reenter our airplane before he walked across the ramp to his waiting helicopter.

It is all a part of our job, contracting to the military. We transport new equipment into the theater of operation, and we bring back broken or destroyed equipment. Occasionally, and all too often, we bring back a fallen brother or sister on the final flight home.

Was it by coincidence or by a Supreme Being's design that this particular and appropriate crew had been put together for this final flight home? Believe in what you wish, but believe this: If you have a loved one or know of someone that we have brought back home, we do it with honor and absolute respect, although we prefer to never bring anyone home on his or her final flight.

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Hispanics: Key to GOP's future

President Bush's immigration/amnesty proposal will probably be remembered in history as the idea that saved a political party.

By taking the lead in extending the benefits of legal protections to more than 10 million illegal immigrants now living in the United States, Bush has taken a bold and dramatic step to avert the extinction of his own party.

Until Bush acted, the grinding inevitability of demographic change was likely to doom the GOP to an early death. As America became 1 percent more Hispanic each year, the Republicans could not concede this growing group to the Democrats by 2-1 ratios without risking total annihilation down the road.

The Republicans have got to break the solid demographic phalanx that sustains the Democratic Party: Blacks, Hispanics and single white women. Together, this group cast 25 percent of votes in 1990, 32 percent in 2000 and will account for 40 percent in 2008.

But by embracing the cause of Hispanic immigrants and extending to them elemental civil rights and minimum-wage protections, Bush has struck a blow on their behalf that will resonate in their voting habits for generations to come. His legislative proposals are akin to the sponsorship of a sweeping civil-rights bill in 1963-65 by Presidents Kennedy and Johnson and will have a similar effect in binding Hispanics to the Republicans as the civil-rights legislation did in linking blacks to the Democrats.

For decades, Republicans systematically alienated Hispanics by insisting on English-only initiatives, opposing benefits for illegal immigrants and demanding an end even to free public schools for the children of those who came here illegally. These measures drove Hispanics into the waiting arms of Democrats. Bush has now acted to reverse the legacy of these initiatives and to welcome Hispanics into the GOP.

As Catholic voters, who take their religion seriously, Hispanics are a natural Republican constituency. Recent data that closely links the frequency of church attendance to party-voting habits supports the theory that this very religious voting group is likely to adhere to the Republican Party once its platform stops repelling them at every turn.

Republican efforts to win black voters have proven largely fruitless. Even the appointment of blacks to the two top jobs in the Bush foreign policy apparatus has failed to generate any significant African-American support for Bush in the polls. But candidates who appeal to the Hispanic vote - Gov. Pataki in New York, Gov. Rick Perry in Texas and the Bushes in Florida and Texas - have shown a real ability to get large shares of Hispanic voters.

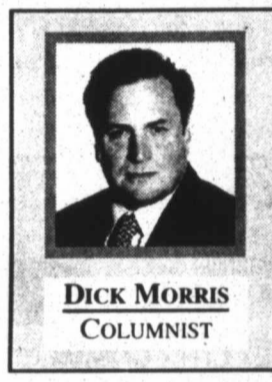
As Hispanics follow the traditional paths of upward mobility that immigrant groups have trod before them, they are likely to lean more and more toward the Republicans - just as Irish and Italians do these days, abandoning the Democratic orientation of their ancestors.

Hispanics hold the key to the political outcomes in many major states. California, Texas and Florida are heavily influenced by their participation as are New York, New Jersey and Illinois. These are the key battleground states that hold the balance of power between the parties.

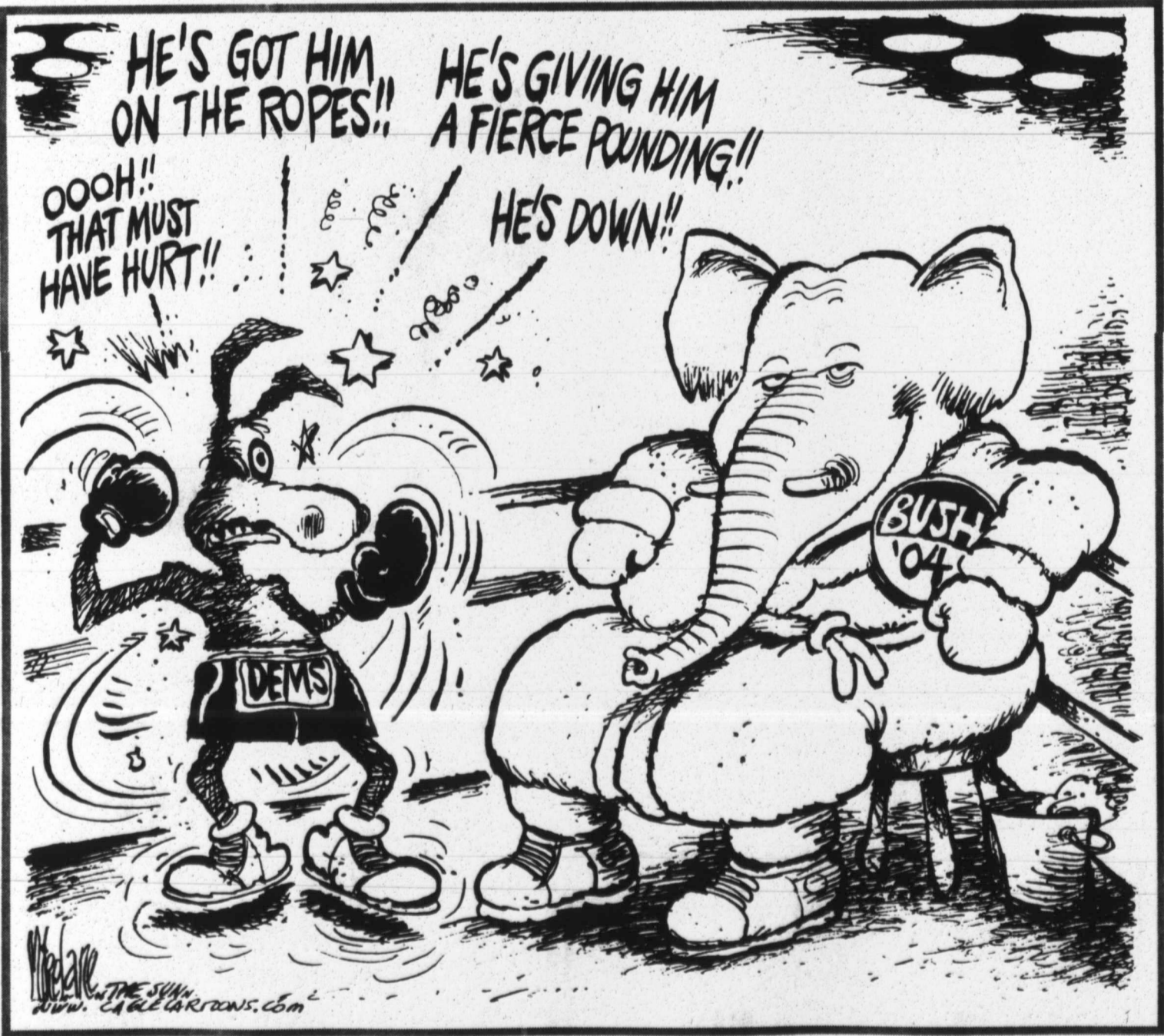
Apart from the politics of the issue, the merits also dictate the Bush initiative. America has 4 percent of the world's population but 25 percent of its wealth. It is incumbent on us to open our doors to those who seek upward mobility.

The only thing standing between subsistence and starvation in Mexico, and much of Central America is the money sent home to needy families by hard working men and women in the United States who tend our gardens, wash our dishes and clean our floors. It is not American workers who they are putting out of jobs, it is American robots. The alternative to their low wage work is not American labor but machines.

The United States needs the skills, energy, savvy and willingness to work hard of our illegal immigrants. They are illegal only because our laws have been nativist and short-sighted. Now Bush is setting them right.



DICK MORRIS
COLUMNIST



TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2004. There are 348 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Jan. 18, 1904, actor Cary Grant was born Archibald Leach in Bristol, England.

On this date:

In 1778, English navigator Capt. James Cook reached the

Hawaiian Islands, which he dubbed the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1788, the first English settlers arrived in Australia's Botany Bay to establish a penal colony.

In 1862, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71.

In 1912, English explorer Robert F. Scott and his expedition reached the South Pole, only to discover that Roald

Amundsen had beaten them to it. (Scott and his party perished during the return trip.)

In 1919, the World War I Peace Congress opened in Versailles, France.

In 1936, author Rudyard Kipling died in Burwash, England.

In 1943, during World War II, the Soviets announced they'd broken the long Nazi siege of Leningrad.

In 1943, a wartime ban on

the sale of pre-sliced bread in the United States — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

In 1970, Mormon president David McKay died at the age of 96.

In 1990, a jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckley and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckley, of 52 child molestation charges.

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Gastric bypass proving increasingly popular among El Paso Hispanics

BY CHRIS ROBERTS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

EL PASO (AP) — Rene Reyes' eyes lie to him.

When he shops, he is drawn to clothes that droop over his 202-pound frame. When he fills his plate, he takes portions so big he couldn't possibly finish them. It's all part of adjusting to his significantly smaller body after gastric bypass surgery.

"I still want to go and look at big sizes," said Reyes, 46, who has shed 145 pounds in eight months since the surgery. "I see the (size) 38 and I think, 'That's not going to fit.' I still have the eyes. I still have that mentality."

Reyes is among the growing number of Hispanics in El Paso who have opted for the increasingly popular procedure, which shrinks the stomach from about the size of a football to the size of a golf ball.

According to a Texas Department of Health study released in 2002, Texas Hispanics are significantly more likely than Hispanics nationally to be obese — 31 percent compared to 22 percent. Within Texas, the highest rate of adult obesity is among Hispanics.

There were 63,100 gastric bypasses nationally in 2002, up from 23,100 in 1997, according to the American Society for Bariatric Surgery.

And more Hispanics in Texas should consider the procedure, said Dr. Manuel Castro, who performed Reyes' surgery and recently discussed the benefits for Hispanics at a hospital fashion show where Reyes and others showed off their new physiques.

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"It's dietary," said Dr. Bruce Applebaum, who performs the surgeries in El Paso along with Castro. "Too much vitamin T — tacos, tostadas, tortillas."

Hispanics make up more than 70 percent of El Paso's population. Applebaum said about 35 percent of El Paso County's 700,000 people are overweight and about 10 percent — or 70,000 — are morbidly obese.

Karen Jacqueline Coleman, a researcher with the Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences Graduate School of Public Health at San Diego State University, recently com-

pleted a study of Hispanics in El Paso.

"Inactivity and poor nutrition are factors contributing to the 'obesity epidemic' across the country," Coleman said in her report. "Mexican-American families, however, may be particularly susceptible to obesity with a diet high in simple sugars and starches such as bread and tortillas, a lack of regular exercise outside of work, and parenting styles that are less restrictive of children's intake."

That has a familiar ring to Reyes, who has for years enjoyed traditional Mexican meals. Beans, rice and tortillas — most often cooked in lard — are served with everything.

"I still eat the chile relleno," Reyes said. "But when I was able to eat four or five of them before, now I have one. I eat one with no rice and beans because now I'm full."

The surgery has its dangers. The mortality rate is about 0.5 percent, slightly higher than for other common procedures.

"They told me I was high risk," Reyes said. "But I think me not doing anything, it's the same risk."

Obesity is the No. 2 cause of preventable death and related health care costs amount to more than \$200 billion nationally each year, according to the American Society for Bariatric Surgery.

Even so, doctors and patients say surgery isn't an easy way out.

Because there is less intestine to absorb nutrients, most who have had the surgery must take protein and vitamin supplements. They must avoid sugar and watch their diets. If they eat too fast, they throw up.

"At first I didn't know when I was full. It was a new feeling," Reyes said. "Now I feel normal because I know what it's like to be full. ... Before, I would eat until I was miserable."

Applebaum said it is possible to "cheat the operation" by eating frequent small meals and making poor food choices. In some cases, the stomach can be stretched to the point where the person regains all the lost weight.

"And of course their medical problems come back," he said.

But, unlike diets, most people who have the surgery are keeping the weight off.

A group of about 600 patients have been followed for 16 years and have kept off more than 50 percent of their excess weight, said Dr. Neil Hatcher, a Virginia doctor who has performed gastric bypasses since 1972 and is a member of the American Obesity Association's advisory board.

Many insurance companies are paying for gastric bypass, which costs about \$20,000, because recipients make fewer health claims, Castro said. The number of hospital visits generally drops by about two-thirds after the surgery, he said.

That's been Reyes' experience. Sleep apnea and pain in his legs from carrying so much weight have disappeared, as has his high blood pressure and borderline diabetes.

"It's like being reborn," said Reyes, who expects to lose about 15 more pounds. "Things you were not able to do before, now you want to do everything. ... It's just amazing how much energy I have developed. Now if I sit down and watch TV, I feel like I am wasting time."

Toadfish mating call illuminating muscular disease

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — The love song of the lonely toadfish is giving scientists new insight on fighting human muscular diseases.

Blessed with a face that only a mother could love, some males of a type of toadfish called the plainfin midshipman work hard for a date, hiding under rocks in shallow waters and humming to attract egg-laying females.

The toadfish, which can be found in the North Pacific from California all the way to Alaska, makes the humming sound by vibrating a set of sonic muscles on its air bladder 6,000 times a minute for more than an hour, at a stretch, an amazing combination of speed and endurance. The human heart beats about 60-80 times a minute.

That kind of muscular capability could lead to clues on fighting human muscle diseases, such as the weakening disorder nemaline myopathy, says Kuan Wang of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. Nemaline myopathy, or NM, is a rare genetic neuromuscular disorder that can be fatal, especially in infants. Symptoms include delayed motor development, and weakness of arm, leg, trunk, face and throat muscles.

"It turns out, it's built for high-performance and wired for high speed," says Wang, chief of the NAIMS's Laboratory of Muscle Biology. His research was presented at a meeting in San Francisco of the American Society for Cell Biology and was reported recently in the San Francisco Chronicle.

Eventually, Wang hopes to learn enough about how the toadfish sonic muscle works to reverse engineer those qualities in human tissue. The idea is to understand how to coach human muscles to work faster and longer.

The love lives of toadfish have proved fruitful for other research.

Cornell University neurobiologist Andrew Bass has been studying how the fish make and hear noises, research that could eventually be used to help treat human auditory problems.

He discovered in the late 1980s that there are two types of male plainfin midshipman, which he labeled Type 1 and Type 2. Type 1 males make the noise, staking out "nests" in shallow water, waiting for a female to approach and then, after the female lays individual eggs on the rocks above, fertilizing each one in a process that can take 20 hours. The Type 1 male then watches over the eggs until they hatch.

Type 2, or "sneaker" males are, to be blunt, cads. They don't hum but hang around Type 1 males until a female approaches. During fertilization, sneaker males try to fan some of their sperm onto the eggs before taking off.

Having two types of toadfish is a plus for researchers, Wang points out, because it provides a built-in control group.

Not everyone is enthused about toadfish tunes; during the summer mating season when the bottom-feeding toadfish move into shallow waters their nocturnal calls have been known to annoy houseboat owners.

Crown of Texas changes hands, part of Odyssey

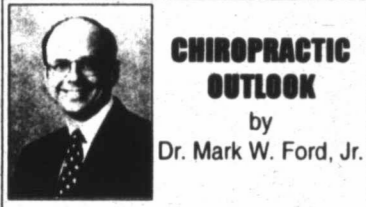
Crown of Texas Hospice officials recently announced that the hospice has changed hands and is now a part of Odyssey HealthCare. Hospice officials will be visiting with those currently enrolled in its care about any changes.

Crown of Texas Hospice and Crown of Texas Hospice Foundation were the invention of Sharla Valdez who started the hospice 12 years ago. With programs in Amarillo and Conroe, Crown serves a daily average of 400 patients and families and has cared for more than 14,000 patients since its inception.

Many people facing a life-limiting illness prefer to remain in their homes, free of pain, surrounded by family and loved ones. Over the years, Crown of Texas Hospice has helped families cope with what people fear most about dying — being in pain, being alone, losing control and being a burden to others.

Since June 1991, Crown of Texas Hospice Foundation has served terminally ill patients and families being cared for by the hospice. Additionally, the foundation has offered bereavement support for families and members of local communities, training for volunteers and educational opportunities for groups and individuals including SKY Camp, a camp for youth 7 to 17 years of age grieving the death of a loved one.

Crown of Texas Hospice Foundation has also assisted with activities such as educational programs for the community, bereavement/grief support and other needs associated with end of life care.



CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK
by
Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

BE CAREFUL OF STUDENTS' HOMEWORK POSTURE

You can easily damage your back by leaning over your work desk. The same holds true for your children when they are doing homework in school and at home. Bending over a desk or sitting at a computer for long periods of time can lead to upper back and neck ailments. Here are a few tips that can help prevent problems:

- Adjust the angle of your son or daughter's backrest so that the back is fully supported. The chair does not fit correctly if he/she cannot sit completely back and upright without the knees hitting the front of the seat.

- When typing, the child's elbow should be vertically under the shoulders. Make changes if armrests keep the chair from getting close enough to the desk.

- The armrests are too low if your child slumps down. Use adjustable height armrests to correct positioning.

- The computer monitor should always be directly in front of the child. Put the mouse as close to the user as possible, so there is no need to stretch.
- Use a document holder that is positioned at the same height and distance as the monitor, so there is no straining.

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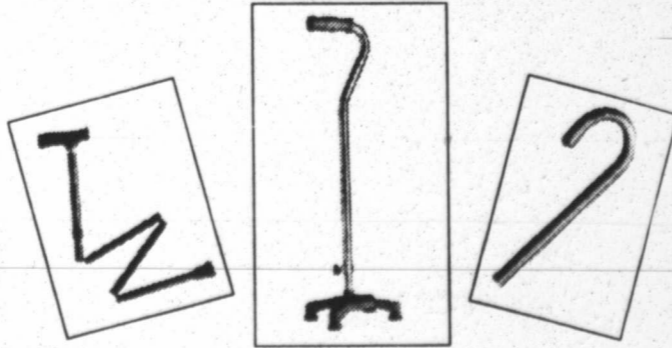
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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

PCCA

Pampa Community Concert Association's 2003-04 concert series includes the following programs: Lee and Suits Duo - 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 30, M.K. Brown Auditorium; "Guthrie in Dance and Music" - 3 p.m.; Jan. 20, M.K. Brown Auditorium; "The Woods Tea Co." - Feb. 15, Heritage Room, M.K. Brown Auditorium; and Cantus - 7:30 p.m., April 26, Borger High School Auditorium. Memberships/tickets are available at the door. For more information on any of these events, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631.

CPC LUNCHEON

The Contract Procurement Center in Amarillo will sponsor a business luncheon for small, minority and women entrepreneurs from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Golden Corral Family Steak House, 7220 I-40 West, Amarillo. The guest speaker will be Les Hoyt, CPA, assistant superintendent of administration, Amarillo ISD. For reservations or for more information, contact Edmond Esparza, (806) 372-3381.

PAS DANCE

Pampa Area Singles Dance will take place from 8-11 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 24, at M.K. Brown Auditorium with Mike Porter. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Snacks welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.

PARENTING CLASS

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation's STAR program will sponsor a one-day "Back in Control" parenting class from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 24 at its Children's Services Facility, 1619 S. Kentucky, Suite 640-F, in Amarillo for parents and grandparents who wish to further their parenting skills. The class teaches parents to set and enforce rules as well as improve communication with their children. For more information or to register, call (806) 359-2005.

CINDERELLA PAGEANT

The Top of Texas Cinderella Scholarship Pageant will be staged Jan. 31 in the high school auditorium at Happy. Registration will be conducted at 10 a.m. for 0-2-year-olds and boys 0-6-years-old and at 11:30 a.m. for 3-26-year-olds. For more information or an entry form, call (806) 684-2389 or log onto www.TexasCinderellaPageant.com on the Internet.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and

size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Jan. 7 and 21, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

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

STAR CLASSES

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation's STAR program will offer the following classes in February at its location in Amarillo for area youth ages 7-17 - Anger Management and Stop Bullying. Anger Management will be conducted from 4-4:45 p.m. Feb. 3, 4, 10 and 11. Stop Bullying will be conducted from 4-4:45 p.m. Feb. 2, 5, 9 and 12. There is no fee for the sessions and transportation is available if requested in advance. For more information or to register, call (806) 359-2005.

UMC FOR PERFORMING ARTS

The University of Mobile's Center for Performing Arts will hold college scholarship auditions Friday, Feb. 13. The auditions are open to students interested in majoring in vocal or instrumental music at the university in the fall of 2004. Deadline to sign-up for auditions is Feb. 6. To receive an audition time call (251) 442-2320 or e-mail joyl@mail.umobile.edu. For more information, visit www.umobile.edu.

GIRL SCOUT FUND-RAISER

Girl Scouts from the Five Star Girl Scout Council are currently selling cookies in the area through Feb. 22 at a cost of \$3 per box. Available are Thin Mints, Caramel DeLites, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties, Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes, Animal Treasures and Pinatas with strawberries.

TREE ORDERS

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

LEFORS ISD HONOR ROLL

Lefors Independent School District announced its honor roll for the third six-weeks grading period of the 2003-04 school year.

A Honor Roll

Edward Boaz, Alana Len Shephard, Cheyenne Bryant, Dylan Ward Connell, Khori Lott, Brian Tyler McBee, Tycee Overstreet, Colten J. Helfer, Jeffrey Kyle Smith, Seth Edward Scully, Meira Rhiannon Vaid, Joseph Cameron Barnes, Shayley Renee Morriss, Taylor Overstreet, Roger Lee Smith, Ashley Primeaux, Haley Jeannette Smith, James Arun Vaid, Emily Joann Jackson, Gabriel Heath Miller, Carrie Louise Angel, Amanda Rena Lawrence, Hannah Dawn Maness, Timbra Bethanne Overstreet, Jacob Rudy Garcia, Drake Evan Jackson, Alicia Whitehead, Nicholas Andrew Miller, Trenton Keith Roberson, Gareth Akash Vaid, Katherine Jeanette Barnes, Dennis Joseph Boyd, Andrew Wiley Klein, Savannah Jeanine Smith, John David Stamper.

AB Honor Roll

William Blake Fields, Katrina Pearl Webb, Zanna Rancee Beck, Dillon Wayne Helfer, Koltan Spur Morris, Brenden Chase Kimbley,

Zeke Michael Meddock, Kaitlynn Michelle Porter, Taylor Wayne Ray, Amber Lee Shephard, Dennis W. Sprouse, Austin Hardy Brooks, Sharon Brooke Franks, Casey Pine Graham, Stormy Howard, Erick Layne Lewis, Cameron Alexander Meddock, Mercedes O'Brien, Shayna Lee Purvis, Sarah Hannah Simpson, Keely Shaye Callaway, Trevor Nicholas Czubinski, Seth Zachary Fry, Lacie Brienne Johnston.

Abigail P. Maness, Janie Leigh Ponce, Keenan J. Santacruz, Ashley Nicole Shephard, Brittney Nicole Coombes, Devin Nichole Jones, Rebecka Joyce Lawrence, Brandon Kyle Mcbee, Eleasha Simpson, Aaron Keith Spotts, Valerie Brooke Willis, Tory Dale Coombes, Victoria Michelle Meeks, Amanda Marie Ponce, Jeremy Lucas Sprouse, Robert Lynn Wallen, Brenda Elaine Weber, Amanda Beth Hicks, Dustin Michael Johnson, Tanner Michael Ray, Almon Seal, Kody Allen Bowman, Matthew Taylor Daugherty, Lindsay Gail Duckworth, Brandon Parsley, Rachael May Stubbs, Tad Coombes, Brad Lee Kent, William Ryan Lewis, Christopher Warren Czubinski, Andrew Ryan Jennings, Erasmo Jesus Soto, Rickey Dee Vaughn.

Reception to follow CCA production

Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie will host an informal reception at Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center, 320 S. Cuyler, in Pampa immediately following "Pastures of Plenty - Woody Guthrie in Dance and Music," a presentation being sponsored by the community concert associations in Pampa and Borger.

"Pastures of Plenty" will be held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20, at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Individual tickets for this concert will be available to non-members for \$20 apiece at the door. Most community concerts are through subscription only.

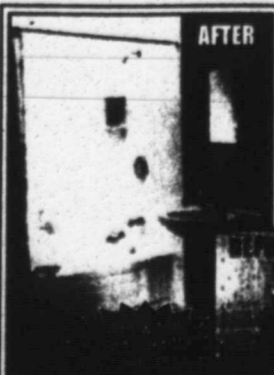
"Pastures of Plenty," the creation of Bill and Livia Vanaver with a traveling company of a dozen artists, takes the audience on an imaginary trip with Guthrie across the United States during the late 1930s and 1940s. Guthrie began traveling when he left Pampa in 1938, where he

began his musical career at Harris Drug Store as a teenager.

The Vanaver Caravan, formed in 1972, has performed throughout the United States and in Europe, most notably at the Smithsonian American Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C., the Rudolstadt Festival in Germany, the Harbourfront in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and the Sidmouth International Festival in England.

Members of the Vanaver troupe contacted Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie about the upcoming community concert at the suggestion of Woody's daughter, Nora Guthrie, giving rise to the planned reception by the local non-profit organization.

Members of the cast of the production will be on hand to visit with the public during this non-alcoholic event at the center, the former home to Harris Drug. Lynn Hart will also be present.



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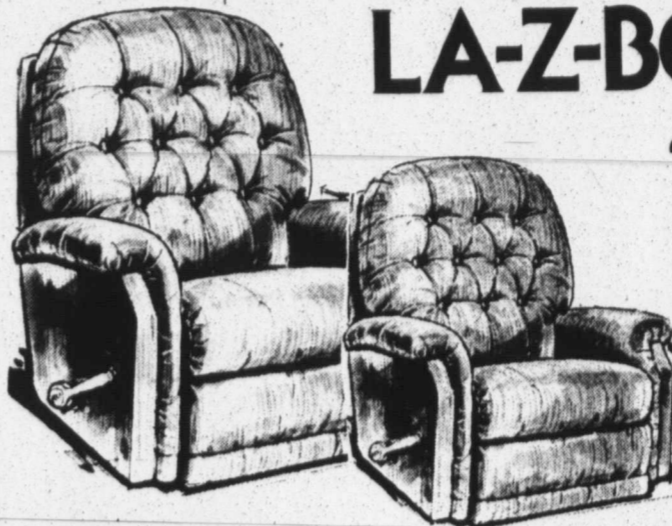
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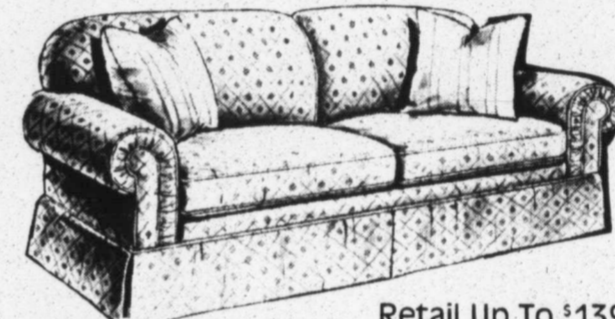
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SPORTS

Panthers expect rowdy reception at Philly

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Muhsin Muhammad can't wait for the reception the fans at the Linc will give him and the Carolina Panthers.

While kiddingly suggesting the Philadelphians will be just as eager to kindly greet the visitors as they are to cheer their beloved Eagles, his smile indicated he knew better.

"I expect them to welcome us with open arms," the wide receiver said Friday night as he looked ahead to Sunday's NFC championship game at Lincoln Financial Field. "I think it's an exciting part of the game."

If the fans' arms are open, it certainly won't be to make the Panthers (13-5 overall, 6-3 on the road) feel warm and fuzzy. The folks in the stands will be doing their best to

unnerve the NFC South champions and provide an edge for the Eagles (13-4).

Bring it on, safety Mike Minter says.

"I love coming to hostile environments and playing to the crowd," said Minter, who last week did just that in a 29-23 double-overtime victory at St. Louis. Minter dared Rams fans in the Edward Jones Dome to get louder and louder. And when they were silenced at the end of the game by Steve Smith's 69-yard touchdown reception, he held his arms wide and wondered where the noise went.

"Back when we went up to play the New York Jets, those fans were crazy," Minter recalled. "I imagine this will be the same. I'm looking forward to getting out there with

them."

Unlike the Rams, who had won 14 straight at home, the Eagles have not been so dominant in the Linc. They lost the first two games ever played there back in September, and finished 5-3 at home.

Then they were outplayed for much of last week's 20-17 overtime victory against Green Bay.

Should they struggle early in Sunday night's title game, the Eagles could begin hearing it from the faithful. And it won't be cheers.

But they rightfully are expecting a huge lift from the crowd at the start of their third consecutive NFC championship match. If the players respond with a strong per-

formance, well, the cheers might be audible back in Charlotte.

"The city has been just starving for some success, starving for a championship team," said cornerback Troy Vincent, who missed the Green Bay game with a hip injury but is likely to play against Carolina.

"We have brought them to that edge, that edge of their seats, on many occasions, and we just haven't brought the trophy home. "Not only are the fans anticipating, and their hopes, we as players likewise feel the same way. We want to win just as much as the fans want us to win."

Having lost the last two NFC championships game could make the Eagles tight if

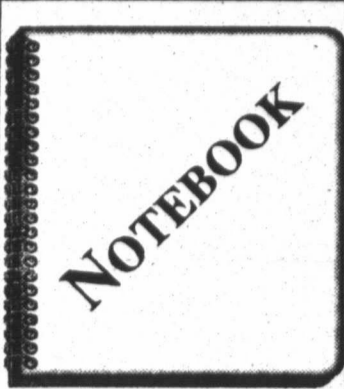
they fall behind. It also might turn the fans' positive frenzy into negative vibes.

That would add tremendous pressure to an already stressful situation for the Eagles, right?

Not according to Minter. He looks at the final-quarter fourth-and-26 conversion last week as the true sign of Philadelphia's makeup.

"Every day we've looked at that," he said. "If we're in that situation, we say, 'Let's play it different than the Green Bay Packers did.'"

"I see a great quarterback (Donovan McNabb) making a great throw, and a great catch by Freddie Mitchell. What it shows me is they have got the heart of a champion, they won't quit and they will keep coming."



BASKETBALL

WHEELER — Wheeler rolled to a 76-43 win over Memphis in a District 2-1A girls game Friday night.

J'Shay McCasland had 19 points to lead the Mustangettes in scoring. Lezli Finsterwald added 11 points.

Jennifer Harrison topped Memphis with 13 points.

In the boys game, Memphis posted a 67-21 victory.

Trevor Guy had 23 points to lead Memphis.

James Chapman had 8 points and Cameron Burton 6 for Wheeler.

FOOTBALL

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Reveille, Texas A&M's collie mascot, isn't barking in the background. Dustin Long's team colors are no longer maroon and white.

The shaggy, long hair that he once had as the Aggies' starting quarterback has been shorn into a burr.

"I'm going for a new look," Long explained.

Really. The new doo is just a small part of the makeover for Long, who transferred from A&M to nearby Sam Houston State after a much-publicized duel with Reggie McNeal for the Aggies' starting quarterback job last season.

Long started just one game in 2003 and in the offseason decided he would have a better chance of showing his wares to pro scouts at the Division I-AA Southland Conference school, a short drive from the A&M campus.

"There, I could be sitting on the bench the whole time," Long said, ending the first week on his new campus.

"I could be sitting on the bench here too, but I think I have a better opportunity to show off my talent in this type of offense."

Lady Harvesters coast by Caprock in district action

AMARILLO — With 10 players making the scoring column, the Pampa Lady Harvesters coasted to a 65-28 win over Caprock in District 3-4A girls action Friday night.

The Lady Harvesters evened their district record at 3-3. For the season, they improved to 10-12.

Caprock falls to 1-6 and 1-17.

The first half was close with Pampa leading by six (20-14) at intermission. However, the Lady Harvesters broke the game open with a 23-point third quarter.

Freshman guard Britteni Rice finished with 13 points to lead Pampa's attack.

Callie Cobb followed with 11.

Leasley Castillo was Caprock's high scorer with 13 points. Becky Mayes followed with 6.

The Lady Harvesters cashed in from the foul line, hitting 19 of 21 attempts.

Abbi Covalt added 7 points for Pampa, followed by Lindsey Ammons 6, Jackie Gerber 6, Tara Jordan 6, Jaclyn Spearman 6, Stacey Johnson 4, Whitney Roden, 4, and



Rice

Jennie Waggoner 2.

Roden came off the bench to lead Pampa on the boards with 7 rebounds. Pampa had a 32-20 rebounding advantage.

Pampa's fierce comeback fell short in a 56-51 loss to Caprock in the boys game.

Caprock was leading by 14 points in the fourth quarter when Pampa started cutting away at the deficit. With 40 seconds to go, Pampa's Collin Bowers hit a pair of free throws to trim the lead to two (52-50).

Pampa wouldn't get any closer as

Caprock was able can four foul shots down the stretch.

Leading Caprock scorer was Cheston Mitchell with 16 points.

Pampa's scoring leader was senior guard Jed Martin with 13 points. Right behind was Chance Bowers with 12.

Errant shooting from the foul line hurt the Harvesters, who connected on only 12 of 22 attempts.

Other Pampa scorers were Collin Bowers 9, Brittin East 8, Clayton Hall 7, and Jaret Katara 2.

Pampa is 1-3 in district and 5-12 for the year. The Longhorns are 4-1 and 13-10.

Freshmen energizing Texas men and women's teams

AUSTIN (AP) — The script for Texas' men's and women's basketball team was nearly identical when the season started. Fresh off Final Four appearances, both returned deep and talented lineups.

Yet it's the newcomers, freshmen P.J. Tucker and Tiffany Jackson, who are starting for Texas, pushing the veterans to get better and spurring the Longhorns to big wins.

Tucker is the sleeper from North Carolina who left Tobacco Road for No. 18 Texas (10-2) where he's emerged as a fan favorite on the men's team.

Jackson's arrival with the women was highly anticipated after a stellar high school career in the Dallas area. Her size and athleticism has already elevated her among the No. 3 Longhorns' (14-2) best players.

"Freshman can come in today and because of what they've been exposed to make

a quick impact," men's coach Rick Barnes said. "I don't know Tiffany that well, but P.J.'s strong minded. He's got mental toughness and I'm sure she does too or she wouldn't be where she is."

Tucker is a small but brutish 6-foot-5 power forward who forced his way into the starting lineup by outscoring and outrebounding experienced teammates.

He averages 15.4 points, 7.5 rebounds and is shooting 65 percent from the floor with an uncanny ability to finish shots in heavy traffic under the basket.

The team that used to rely on tiny T.J. Ford at point guard now gets the ball to a power forward who finds more success ducking under defenders than going over them.

"He's relentless," senior guard Royal Ivey said. "He's 6-5 and plays like he's 6-9. He's got heart."

6-point deer



Cade Ferguson, 6, of Pampa shows off the deer, a 6-pointer he shot last year. The antlers were 27 inches wide. He was guided by dad Cal Ferguson of 4F Outfitters. It was Cade's first deer.

Wie comes up one shot short

HONOLULU (AP) — Michelle Wie thought she made the cut at the Sony Open, only she sure didn't behave that way.

Even for a 14-year-old girl on the PGA Tour.

There were no cartwheels. No fist pumps. She didn't sprint around the green giving high-fives to the huge gallery that followed her Friday. All she did was smile, as if Wie expected this kind of performance all along.

Only when she walked into the scoring trailer did she realize that her 2-under 68 — which included two birdies on her final three holes at Waialae Country Club — was one shot short of playing on the weekend.

The scoring official told her the cut was at 1-under 139.

"I added 70 and 70 together and it equaled 140. And I was like, 'Oh, no. This is not happening,'" she said.

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SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

How College Top 25 Fared

Friday

- Connecticut (14-1) did not play. Next: at No. 9 North Carolina, Saturday.
- Duke (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Wake Forest, Saturday.
- Stanford (13-0) did not play. Next: vs. California, Saturday.
- Wake Forest (11-1) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Duke, Saturday.
- Kentucky (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Saturday.
- Saint Joseph's (14-0) did not play. Next: at Xavier, Saturday.
- Arizona (10-3) did not play. Next: at UCLA, Saturday.
- Louisville (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. Tulane, Saturday.
- North Carolina (10-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Connecticut, Saturday.
- Cincinnati (12-0) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Christian, Saturday.
- Oklahoma (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Saturday.
- Georgia Tech (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. Maryland, Saturday.
- Pittsburgh (17-0) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Saturday.
- Kansas (10-2) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Saturday.
- Florida (11-2) did not play. Next: at No. 23 Vanderbilt, Saturday.
- Gonzaga (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. St. Mary's, Calif., Saturday.
- Syracuse (12-1) did not play. Next: at Notre Dame, Saturday.
- Texas (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Saturday.
- Wisconsin (11-3) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Wednesday.
- Mississippi State (13-1) did not play. Next: at LSU, Saturday.
- Marquette (11-4) lost to Southern Mississippi 83-61. Next: at Charlotte, Tuesday.
- Texas Tech (13-2) did not play. Next: at Baylor, Saturday.
- Vanderbilt (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Florida, Saturday.
- Creighton (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. Evansville, Saturday.
- Illinois (10-4) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa, Saturday.

National Basketball Association

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	21	16	.568	—
Boston	20	22	.476	3 1/2
Philadelphia	18	21	.462	4
New York	17	24	.415	6
Miami	16	24	.400	6 1/2
Washington	10	28	.263	11 1/2
Orlando	10	30	.250	12 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	30	11	.732	—
Detroit	27	13	.675	2 1/2
Milwaukee	22	17	.564	7
New Orleans	22	17	.564	7
Toronto	20	17	.541	8
Chicago	12	27	.308	17
Cleveland	12	27	.308	17
Atlanta	11	29	.275	18 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	26	11	.703	—
San Antonio	26	14	.650	1 1/2
Dallas	23	16	.590	4
Houston	22	16	.579	4 1/2
Denver	23	18	.561	5
Utah	21	17	.553	5 1/2
Memphis	20	18	.526	6 1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	28	9	.757	—
L.A. Lakers	24	12	.667	3 1/2
Seattle	19	18	.514	9
L.A. Clippers	16	20	.444	11 1/2
Portland	16	21	.432	12
Golden State	16	23	.410	13
Phoenix	14	26	.350	15 1/2

Thursday's Games

- Memphis 108, Chicago 93
- Milwaukee 86, New Jersey 83
- Toronto 78, New Orleans 74, OT
- Utah 97, Miami 85
- Phoenix 105, Portland 96
- Golden State 119, Cleveland 102

Friday's Games

- Orlando 124, Boston 118, OT
- Indiana 89, San Antonio 79
- New York 108, Seattle 88
- Detroit 98, Washington 77
- Dallas 91, Denver 88
- Phoenix 104, Golden State 93
- Miami 87, L.A. Clippers 85
- Sacramento 103, L.A. Lakers 83

Saturday's Games

- Memphis at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
- Minnesota at Houston, 3:30 p.m.
- Toronto at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
- Seattle at Washington, 7 p.m.
- Orlando at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
- Indiana at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
- New York at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
- Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
- Cleveland at Utah, 9 p.m.
- Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.
- L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

- San Antonio at Boston, 12:30 p.m.
- Portland at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
- Miami at Denver, 9 p.m.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	21	10	10	5	57	124	105
New Jersey	21	11	10	1	53	100	81
N.Y. Rangers	18	16	6	4	46	120	116
N.Y. Islanders	20	19	4	1	45	125	115
Pittsburgh	11	27	5	3	30	88	165

Northeast Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	24	11	8	3	59	128	112
Ottawa	23	11	7	3	56	143	90
Boston	20	11	10	4	54	110	106
Montreal	23	16	5	2	53	116	99
Buffalo	18	22	5	1	42	109	118

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	21	15	6	1	49	105	93
Atlanta	19	21	4	2	44	129	140
Carolina	15	19	9	2	41	84	107
Florida	14	19	10	2	40	96	120
Washington	13	26	5	1	32	109	141

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	27	13	5	2	61	153	107
St. Louis	24	13	5	1	54	113	104
Nashville	21	16	6	2	50	109	115
Chicago	11	23	7	5	34	95	135
Columbus	12	24	6	3	33	89	123

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	25	10	7	2	59	135	96
Vancouver	25	12	7	2	59	132	103
Calgary	22	14	4	3	51	101	89
Minnesota	16	17	13	0	45	102	99
Edmonton	18	19	7	1	44	112	118

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	19	11	11	4	53	110	98
Los Angeles	16	14	10	5	47	114	115
Phoenix	16	14	13	2	47	114	117
Dallas	19	19	8	0	46	91	103
Anaheim	13	20	7	5	38	91	117

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Thursday's Games

- Boston 1, Buffalo 0
- New Jersey 3, N.Y. Rangers 3, tie
- Tampa Bay 5, Carolina 4
- N.Y. Islanders 4, Ottawa 4, tie
- St. Louis 5, Columbus 3
- Nashville 4, Phoenix 3
- Colorado 4, Dallas 1
- Edmonton 1, Anaheim 0
- San Jose 3, Vancouver 1

Friday's Games

- Columbus 3, Los Angeles 2, OT
- Philadelphia 4, Toronto 1
- Phoenix 3, Detroit 3, tie
- Carolina 4, Atlanta 3
- Minnesota 4, Pittsburgh 2

Saturday's Games

- Washington at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
- Boston at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
- N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 7 p.m.
- Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
- Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
- Tampa Bay at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
- Minnesota at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
- Edmonton at Nashville, 8 p.m.
- San Jose at Colorado, 9 p.m.
- Dallas at Calgary, 10 p.m.
- Anaheim at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

- Atlanta at Carolina, 1:30 p.m.
- Pittsburgh at Washington, 3 p.m.
- Los Angeles at Chicago, 7 p.m.
- Edmonton at Columbus, 7 p.m.

BOWLING

HARVESTER LANES

League Standings

Harvester Women's League

(Week 13)

Team	Won	Lost
O'Brien Enterprises	35 1/2	16 1/2
Rug Express	35	17
Schiffman Machine	33 1/2	18 1/2
Big Uns!	29	23
Davis Minit Mart	29	23
Gymnastics of Pampa	25	27
Peacevale Land & Cattle	20	29
Coney Island	20	32
Harvester Lanes	13	36

Week's High Scores

- High scratch game: Jo Adams 233; High scratch series: Jo Adams 641; High handicap game: Jo Adams 265; High handicap series: Jo Adams 737.

Association Awards

- Jo Adams, who carries a 160 average, had games of 196, 233 and 212 for a 641 series. She received a WIBC 600 high series award and a 125 pins over average award.

Patriots motivated going into AFC Championship

BOSTON (AP) — Indianapolis tight end Marcus Pollard spoke the truth when he said that if the Colts kept playing like they have been, "they might as well just hand us the rings."

After all, the Colts had two nearly perfect playoff games to advance to the AFC Championship against New England. And even the Patriots know that they will probably need to force a punt to beat Indianapolis.

Even so, Patriots safety Rodney Harrison didn't like the sound of it.

"Nobody is picking us to do anything," Harrison said. "I mean like Marcus Pollard said, you might as well give them the ring."

The Colts have two more games to win before they start sizing their fingers for Super Bowl rings, and the first one is Sunday against the Patriots. However difficult their task was before, it didn't get any easier when Pollard angered some New England players with his comments.

"I don't think you'll ever hear that come out of our locker room," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said Friday. "Not only don't we say anything stupid, we don't think anything stupid. We don't need to go out there and talk. We let 13 games in a row say it for us."

The Colts dismissed the back-and-forth as irrelevant.

"Who cares? What does it mean? What does it matter?"

A new McLane

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros fans were shocked when owner Drayton McLane signed free agent left-hander Andy Pettitte last month. They were floored when he added future Hall of Fame pitcher Roger Clemens.

Could this be the same owner who has been portrayed by fans and some players as tightfisted, more interested in the bottom line than reaching the World Series? After signing Clemens and Pettitte, he's a hero and has the Astros talking about a championship.

"Drayton has his eyes on the World Series and as you go into the season, that's what you try to do, especially with the rotation that we have now," said Pettitte, who is from the Houston area and won four World Series titles with the New York Yankees.

"We've said before we want to be champions and this is another step in that direction," McLane said. "When you add guys like Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens, I think that speaks for what we're trying to do here. Everybody in this organization wants to bring a World Series to Houston."

quarterback Peyton Manning said. "I think the Patriots were pretty fired up to play anyway against us because it's a chance to go to the Super Bowl."

Manning has enough to worry about facing the Patriots, who beat Indianapolis 38-34 in the regular season after stopping them on the 1 at the end of the game. Few opposing coaches have figured out how to stop the Colts' offense, but Bill Belichick might have a better chance than most.

"His preparation is second to none," Brady said. "Sometimes we come in on Wednesday morning to get the game plan and it doesn't even look like our playbook. We say, 'OK, we've got a whole bunch of new things to learn.'"

Colts coach Tony Dungy trusts Manning to call the plays at the line of scrimmage, or change the play when he gets there. Of course, sometimes Manning is just pretending to change the play when he makes a series of audibles that are nothing but a decoy.

"Whatever is called, whatever he runs, you just have to stop it," New England defensive end Willie McGinest said. "You can't play the chess match. You can't play the guessing game with him. You have to believe in your defense and your system."

That's where Belichick comes in.

Although he has softened some since his days in Cleveland, when he was known to show up in public

disheveled and irritable, Belichick is still unlikely to allow anything to catch him unprepared. Players say Belichick weeds through the hours of game tape on an opponent so they can focus on the few things that could decide the game.

"He breaks it down simply," Brady said. "He says, 'These are the things we need to do to win. These are some things, if you do them, we're going to lose.' He doesn't really overwhelm you with stuff."

The Patriots have won 13 consecutive games, including last weekend's 17-14 playoff victory over the Tennessee Titans. Indianapolis has played two playoff games and hasn't punted yet — scoring 79 points to beat Denver and Kansas City.

What will matter more is whether the New England defense, which has allowed the fewest points in the NFL this year, can do better against Manning than Denver or Kansas City did. With Belichick devising the schemes, the Patriots are confident they can.

After all, they've seen it before: In the Super Bowl season two years ago and in 13 straight wins, so far.

"You could be a little mind-boggled at first because there's so many different things to know," cornerback Ty Law said. "You have to be pretty intelligent. They expect you to play hard. But if you buy into it, you can be a winner."



Pampa Harvester Sports Calendar Basketball

Tuesday, January 20

Pampa vs. Randall B-G • 6 pm away

Friday, January 23

Pampa vs. Plainview B-G • 6 pm home

Swimming

Friday, January 23

Pampa • district meet • Lubbock

Wrestling

Tuesday, January 20

Pampa vs. River Road • 6 pm home

Friday, January 23

Pampa • state duals • 10 am Canyon

Soccer

Tuesday, January 20

Pampa vs. Lubbock High boys • 4 pm away

Thursday, January 22

Pampa boys • Carrollton Tournament • 2 pm

Friday, January 23

Pampa vs. Lubbock High girls • 5 pm away

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Al-Anon. Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-6898.

Alzheimer's Support Group. The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson at 6650 0356.

American Heart Ass'n. American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant in Pampa.

ARC. Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs (with pot) and hospital beds for its Loan Closet. For more information or to make a donation, contact the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.

Area Agency on Aging. Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle needs volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the

residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Tanya Mock, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

Beginnings. "Beginnings," a Harrington Cancer Center program for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients, will meet weekly in Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173, or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

Breast Cancer 101. The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center sponsors "Breast Cancer 101," an intensive education and supportive introduction to breast cancer, monthly at Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheatre in Amarillo. The series repeats the following topics each month: "Breast Cancer Overview and Surgical Options"; "Chemotherapy and Radiation Therapy for Breast Cancer"; "Women in Touch Support Group"; and "Body Image and Sexuality" (spouses invited). For more information call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

Cancer Survivors Network. CSN, created by American Cancer Society, is a community/support network for cancer survivors and caregivers. The link to the network is located on ACS's web site at www.cancer.org. People may also call 1-877-333-4673 (HOPE). By logging onto the site, cancer survivors and caregivers can listen to, read or

download prerecorded personal stories and discussions among survivors and caregivers. They may also explore and contribute to the Expressions Gallery, a compilation of survivor's stories, poems and songs.

COAF Web Site. The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center. Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo is now open on Saturdays and will take appointments for blood donations. The new donation hours are: 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday; and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday. The center is also promoting The Birthday Club. If a donor donates blood on their birthday, they will receive a Blood Drop Beanie. For more information, call (806) 358-4563 or 1-800-658-6178.

CPF. Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

Dialogue. The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society. Thursdays from 12 noon-1:00 p.m. this

month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

GCAP for Moms and Babies. Gray County Partnership of Moms and Babies meets at 12 noon on the third Friday of each month at Medical Office Building, second floor conference room, in Pampa. For more information, call 664-2459 and leave a message.

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

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

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

HOSPICELINK. Hospice Education Institute, a non-profit organization, has established HOSPICELINK, a national toll-free telephone hotline for people seeking information and education regarding hospice

care. The service offers referrals to hospices in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and is available to consumers free of charge. HOSPICELINK maintains a continually updated computer database of all hospices, national and internationally, so referrals are accurate and appropriate to each patient's needs. For more information about HEI, call 1-800-331-1620. HOSPICELINK lines are open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., weekdays, Eastern time.

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

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

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

Mamá Maniá. A support group for mothers entirely in

Spanish. It meets at 10 a.m., the third Thursday of each month at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. For more information, call 1-888-892-2273, ext. 228.

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

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

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

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



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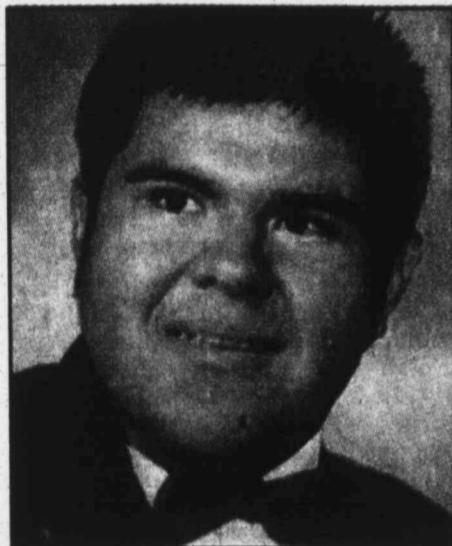


Kimberly Elizabeth Cory

DALLAS — Kimberly Elizabeth Cory, daughter of David and Jan Cory, recently graduated from Dallas Baptist University with a bachelor of arts degree in communications and sociology.

While at DBU, Cory was involved in student activities and inter-collegiate tennis.

She is currently employed at Bright Horizons Family Center in Dallas.



Edson Miranda

DENTON — Edson Miranda of Pampa was recently named to the Dean's Honor Roll of Scholars at the University of North Texas.

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

Miranda graduated from Pampa High School in 2002.

LEVELLAND — South Plains College recently announced its Dean's Honor List for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor List, a student must maintain a minimum 3.25 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include Shelly Sims of Pampa.

AMARILLO — Amarillo College recently announced its honor roll for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must maintain a 3.6 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include Dirk William Archer, Sherilyn W. Archer, Jennifer A. Evans, Johnny Goodson, Travis Eugene Reed and Shawn Taylor, all of Pampa; Kristina L. Porter of Lefors; and Michael R. Griffith of Skellytown.

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Christian University recently announced its Dean's List for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include Bobby Carter, Kevin Harris and Kimberly Slaybaugh, all of Pampa.

FORT WORTH — Emily Waters, 2000 graduate of Pampa High School, was awarded a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology from Texas Christian University at the conclusion of the 2003 fall semester at TCU.

While at the university, Waters was a member of Gamma Sigma Alpha, a Greek honor society; Kappa Delta Pi, an education honor society; and Kappa Alpha Theta, a social sorority, serving as intramural chair, vice president of finance and vice president of administration for KAT.

In addition, Waters played on TCU's Women's Tennis Team, lettering for three years. The team won the Western Athletic Conference championship in 2001 and the Conference USA championship in 2002. Waters was Academic All-Conference in 2002 and 2003.

Waters currently teaches at Plainview High School in Plainview where she is assistant tennis coach. She is the daughter of Diane and Judge Lee Waters and is the granddaughter of Bill Waters and R.H. and Betty Dyson of Pampa.

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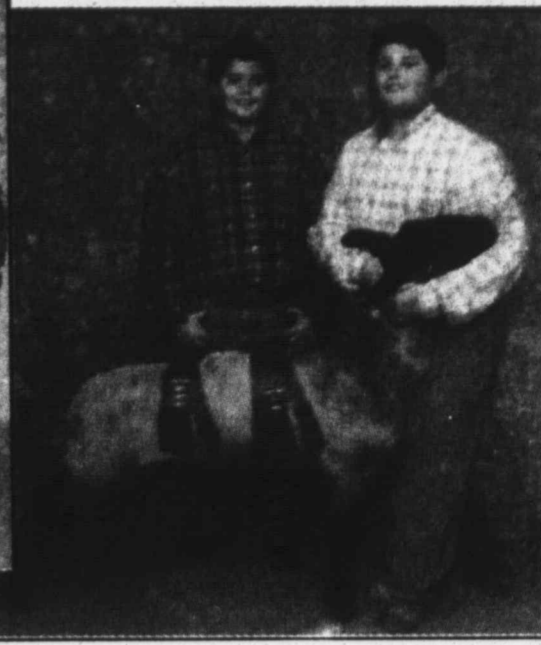
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Sierra Stephens, Oldham 4-H, grand champion barrow.



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Matthew Kiker, Wheeler 4-H, grand champion steer.



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Nick Hardcastle, Wheeler 4-H, grand champion lamb.

Top O' Texas Junior Livestock Show

The 2004 Top O' Texas Junior Livestock Show was staged recently at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa.

Results from the stock show are as follows:

LAMBS

Grand Champion. Nick Hardcastle, Wheeler 4-H.

Reserve Champion. Danielle Ballinger, Moore 4-H

Breed Champions. Danielle Ballinger, fine wool, Moore 4-H; Trent Gaines, fine wool cross, Wheeler 4-H; Nick Hardcastle, medium wool, Wheeler 4-H; Skylar Moneymaker, Southdown, Hutchinson 4-H.

Reserve Breed Champions. Sarah Miller, fine wool, Ochiltree 4-H; Amber Maddox, fine wool cross, Wheeler 4-H; Danielle Ballinger, medium wool, Moore 4-H; Tabitha Shields, Southdown, Hansford 4-H.

Junior Showmanship Division. Bailey Walker, first place, Perryton FFA; Skylar Moneymaker, second place, Hutchinson 4-H; Danielle Ballinger, third place, Moore 4-H.

Senior Showmanship Division. Trent Gaines, first place, Wheeler 4-H; Cody Heck, second place, Perryton FFA; Danielle Ballinger, third place, Moore 4-H.

Class #1-Fine Wool. Danielle Ballinger, first place, Moore 4-H; Sarah Miller, second place, Ochiltree 4-H.

Class #2-Light Weight Fine Wool Cross. Shantell Meek, first place, Wheeler 4-H; Danielle Ballinger, second place, Moore 4-H; Emily Nicklas, third place, Gray 4-H; Caleb Miller, fourth place, Ochiltree 4-H; Tyler Lamb, fifth place, McLean FFA; Tyler Lamb, sixth place, McLean FFA.

Class #3-Medium Weight Fine Wool Cross. Trent Gaines, first place, Wheeler 4-H; Amber Maddox, second place, Wheeler 4-H; Josh Hardcastle, third place, Wheeler 4-H; Kendra Cartwright, fourth place, Panhandle FFA; Tabitha Shields, fifth place, Hansford 4-H; Skylar Moneymaker, sixth place, Hutchinson 4-H.

Class #4-Light Weight Medium Wool. Bailey Walker, first place, Perryton FFA; Kaylene Wyant, second place, Pampa FFA; Kendra Cartwright, third place, Panhandle FFA; Katie Baggerman, fourth place, Miami FFA; Alana Miller, fifth place, Ochiltree 4-H; Nikki Rodgers, sixth place, Hemphill 4-H.

Class #5-Medium Weight Medium Wool. Nick Hardcastle, first place, Wheeler 4-H; Kendra Cartwright, second place, Panhandle FFA; Josh Hardcastle, third place, Wheeler 4-H; Bailey Walker, fourth place, Perryton FFA; Jake Puryear, fifth place, Fort Elliott FFA.

Class #6-Medium Heavy Weight Medium Wool. Skylar Moneymaker, first place, Hutchinson 4-H; Trent Gaines, second place, Wheeler 4-H; Tabitha Shields, third place, Hansford 4-H; Kaycia Mitchell, fourth place, White Deer FFA; Krista Rau, fifth place, Hutchinson 4-H.

Class #7-Heavy Weight Medium Wool.



(Courtesy photo)

Shane Swenhaugen, Perryton FFA, reserve champion barrow.

Nick Hardcastle, first place, Wheeler 4-H; Danielle Ballinger, second place, Moore 4-H; Shaye McWilliams, third place, Hutchinson 4-H; Shantell Meek, fourth place, Wheeler 4-H; Brooke White, fifth place, Wheeler 4-H.

Class #8-Southdown. Skylar Moneymaker, first place, Hutchinson 4-H; Tabitha Shields, second place, Hansford 4-H; Payton Austin, third place, Wheeler 4-H; Amber Maddox, fourth place, Wheeler 4-H; Tommy Meek, fifth place, Wheeler 4-H; Krista Shults, sixth place, Miami FFA.

STEERS

Grand Champion. Matthew Kiker, Wheeler 4-H.

Reserve Champion. Sheldon Franks, Lipscomb 4-H.

Breed Champions. Larry Golleher, American & American Cross, Pampa FFA; Sheldon Franks, English & English Cross, Lipscomb 4-H; Matthew Kiker, Exotic & Exotic Cross, Wheeler 4-H.

Reserve Breed Champions. Royce O'Neal, American & American Cross, Gray 4-H; Taryn Eubank, English & English Cross, Gray 4-H; Tucker Williams, Exotic & Exotic Cross, Hansford 4-H.

Junior Showmanship Division. Taylor Williams, first place, Hansford 4-H; Carissa Jones, second place, Moore 4-H; Brenna Reid, third place, Hansford 4-H.

Senior Showmanship Division. Lance Williams, first place, Hansford 4-H; Kara Lewis, second place, White Deer FFA; Angela French, third place, Panhandle FFA.

Class #1-American & American Cross. Larri Golleher, first place, Pampa FFA; Royce O'Neal, second and fourth place, Gray 4-H; Bailey Adcock, third place, Roberts 4-H.

Class #2-Light Weight English & English Cross. Taryn Eubank, first place, Gray 4-H; Sierra Stephens, second place, Oldham 4-H; Kelton Chapman, third place, Oldham 4-H; Blake Nusser, fourth place, Gray 4-H; Bill Haley, fifth place, Gray 4-H.

Class #3-Medium Weight English & English Cross. Sheldon Franks, first place, no county listed; Taryn Adcock, second place, Miami FFA; Brenna Reid, third place, Hansford 4-H; Daniel Wagner, fourth place, Oldham 4-H; Ty Adcock, fifth place, Roberts 4-H; Kara Lewis, sixth place, White Deer FFA.

Class #4-Heavy Weight English & English Cross. Garrett Coutts, first place, Pampa FFA; Blaine Britten, second place, Carson 4-H; Brodie Klink, third place, Collingsworth 4-H; Paydon Hales, fourth and sixth place, Highpark FFA; Chance Bowers, fifth place, Gray 4-H.

Class #5-Light Weight Exotic & Exotic Cross. Taylor Williams, first place, Hansford 4-H; Tracy Brown, second place, Hansford 4-H; Meredith Coutts, third place, Pampa FFA; Angela French, fourth place, Panhandle FFA; Carissa Jones, fifth place, Moore 4-H; Melissa Wagner, sixth place, Oldham 4-H.

Class #6-Medium Weight Exotic & Exotic Cross. Lance Williams, first place, Hansford

4-H; Blake Nusser, second place, Gray 4-H; Brenna Reid, third place, Hansford 4-H; Kara Lewis, fourth place, White Deer FFA; Bailey Reid, fifth place, Hansford; Collin Bowers, sixth place, Gray 4-H.

Class #7-Heavy Weight Exotic & Exotic Cross. Matthew Kiker, first place, Wheeler 4-H; Tucker Williams, second place, Hansford 4-H; Mason Moore, third place, Hemphill 4-H; Katie Adcock, fourth place, Roberts 4-H; K'Lyn Holmes, fifth place, Pampa FFA; Austen Strawn, sixth place, Ochiltree 4-H.

Class #8-Extra Heavy Weight Exotic & Exotic Cross. Bradley Brown, first place, Panhandle FFA; Carissa Jones, second place, Moore 4-H; Marium Hannon, third place, Roberts 4-H; Tracy Brown, fourth place, Hansford 4-H; Dillon Quackenbush, fifth place, no county listed; Matricia Davis, sixth place, Pampa FFA.

BARROWS

Grand Champion. Sierra Stephens, Oldham 4-H.

Reserve Champion. Shane Swenhaugen, Perryton FFA.

Breed Champions. Kristen Dunn, Berkshire, Pampa FFA; Gareth Reininy, Duroc, Panhandle FFA; Shane Swenhaugen, Hampshire, Perryton FFA; Korina Medley, Spots & Polands, Gray 4-H; Emily Nusser, White OPB and Yorkshire, Gray 4-H; Sierra Stephens, cross, Oldham 4-H.

Reserve Breed Champions. Logan Sparlin, Berkshire, McLean FFA; Brittney Lemons, Duroc, Randall FFA; Austin Adams, Hampshire, Hedley FFA; Ryan McCarley, Spots & Polands, Pampa FFA; Elizabeth Campbell, White OPB, Pampa FFA; Brooke Owens, Yorkshire, White Deer FFA; Trenton Huseman, cross, Randall 4-H.

Junior Showmanship Division. Bailey Walker, first place, Perryton FFA; Whitney Richburg, second place, Randall 4-H; Caid Faske, third place, Randall 4-H.

Senior Showmanship Division. Marcie Langley, first place, Wellington FFA; Jay Blasingham, second place, Perryton FFA; Jeffrey Blasingham, third place, Perryton FFA.

Class #1-Berkshire. Kristen Dunn, first place, Pampa FFA; Logan Sparlin, second place, McLean 4-H; Amber Freeman, third place, Pampa FFA; Emilea Greer, fourth place, Gray 4-H.

Class #2-Light Weight Duroc. Gareth Reininy, first place, Panhandle FFA; Amber Maddox, second place, Fort Elliott FFA; Sonny Bohannon, third place, Collingsworth 4-H; Kori Dunn, fourth place, Pampa FFA; Collin Bowers, fifth place, Gray 4-H.

Class #3-Medium Weight Duroc. Zachary Licklider, first place, Gray 4-H; Marcie Langley, second and third place, Wellington FFA; K'Leigh Sweeney, fourth place, Gray 4-H; Stephen McCarley, fifth place, Pampa FFA.

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Sheldon Franks, Lipscomb 4-H, reserve champion steer.



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Danielle Ballinger, Moore 4-H, reserve champion lamb.

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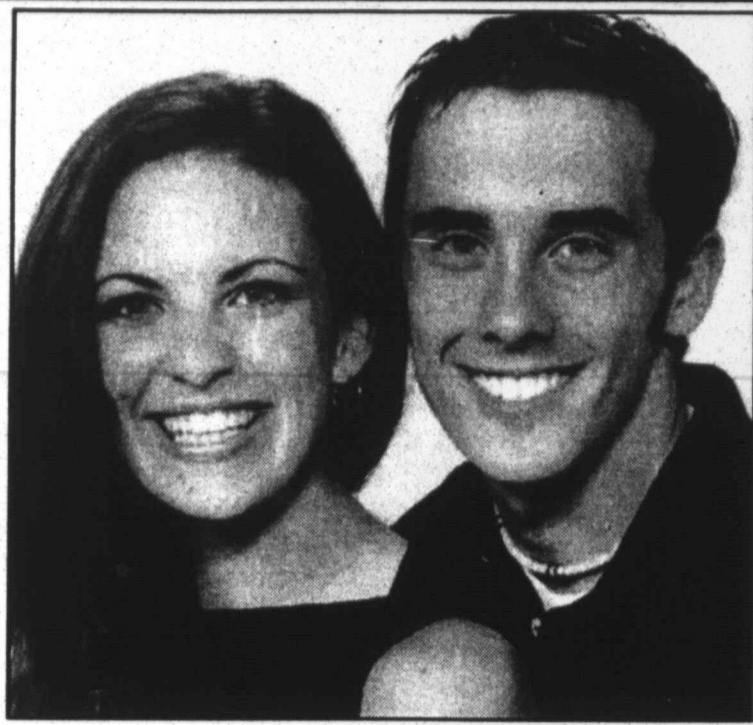
ENGAGEMENTS

Bailey-Kirkpatrick

Michelle Bailey and Danny Kirkpatrick plan to wed Sunday, May 16, at Logsdon Chapel in Abilene.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ken and Sue Bailey of Martin's Mill. She is currently pursuing a degree in education at Hardin-Simmons University.

The prospective groom is the son of Reed and Chris Kirkpatrick of Pampa. He is currently pursuing a degree in applied theology at Hardin-Simmons University.



Michelle Bailey and Danny Kirkpatrick

Hale-Herthneck

Shelly Hale and Robert Herthneck, both of Lubbock, plan to wed March 20 at Treasure Island Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hale of Miami. She graduated from Miami High School and Texas A&M University and earned a masters degree from West Texas A&M University. She currently operates Caprock Clinical Trials Center.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Herthneck of The Woodlands. He graduated from McCullough High School and



Shelly Hale and Robert Herthneck

Texas A&M University and spent eight years as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Air

Force. He recently earned a diploma from Texas Tech School of Law.

MENUS

WEEK OF JANUARY 19-23

Pampa Schools
MONDAY
 Holiday.
TUESDAY
 Breakfast: Toast.
 Lunch: Steak fingers or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, salad, pears, rolls.
WEDNESDAY
 Breakfast: Donut holes.
 Lunch: Chef salad or pizza, English peas, pineapple, rolls.
THURSDAY
 Breakfast: Egg patty, biscuits.
 Lunch: Sloppy Joes or beef/cheese nachos, potato wedges, fresh fruit, cookies.
FRIDAY
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
 Lunch: Flauta/cheese sauce or hot dogs, corn, pinto beans, peaches, cornbread muffins.
Lefors Schools
MONDAY
 Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Sloppy Joes, chicken sandwiches, beans, tater tots, peaches, salad bar, milk.

TUESDAY
 Breakfast: French toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Steakfingers, fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, corn, salad bar, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY
 Breakfast: Cinnamon pastries, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Lasagna, chicken nuggets, green beans, garlic toast, applesauce, salad bar, milk.
THURSDAY
 Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Chicken fajitas, soft tacos, beans, rice, salad bar, tropical fruit, milk.
FRIDAY
 Breakfast: Omelets, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Hot pockets, tomato soup, oranges, milk.
Senior Citizens
MONDAY
 Chicken fried steak or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, English peas, beets, beans, strawberry cake or blueberry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
TUESDAY
 Meatloaf or mushroom chicken/angel hair pasta, boiled potatoes, corn cobettes, spinach, beans, Boston cream pie or pineapple squares, slaw,

tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
WEDNESDAY
 Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, California blend, green beans, beans, lemon pound cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
THURSDAY
 Chicken strips or pepper steak/rice, criss cross potatoes, broccoli casserole, baby carrots, beans, pistachio chocolate bundt cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
FRIDAY
 Catfish/hushpuppies or Frito pie, potato wedges, rice, beans, tomato spice cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, jalapeno cornbread, hot rolls or cornbread.
Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
 Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, bread sticks, blueberries.
TUESDAY
 Polish sausage, cheese grits, mixed greens, cake.
WEDNESDAY
 Tater tot casserole, cabbage, blackeyed peas, pumpkin bars.
THURSDAY
 Ham, okra/tomatoes, pinto beans, pudding.
FRIDAY
 Barbecue meatballs, baked beans, potato salad, pears.

ANNIVERSARIES

Wagner anniversary

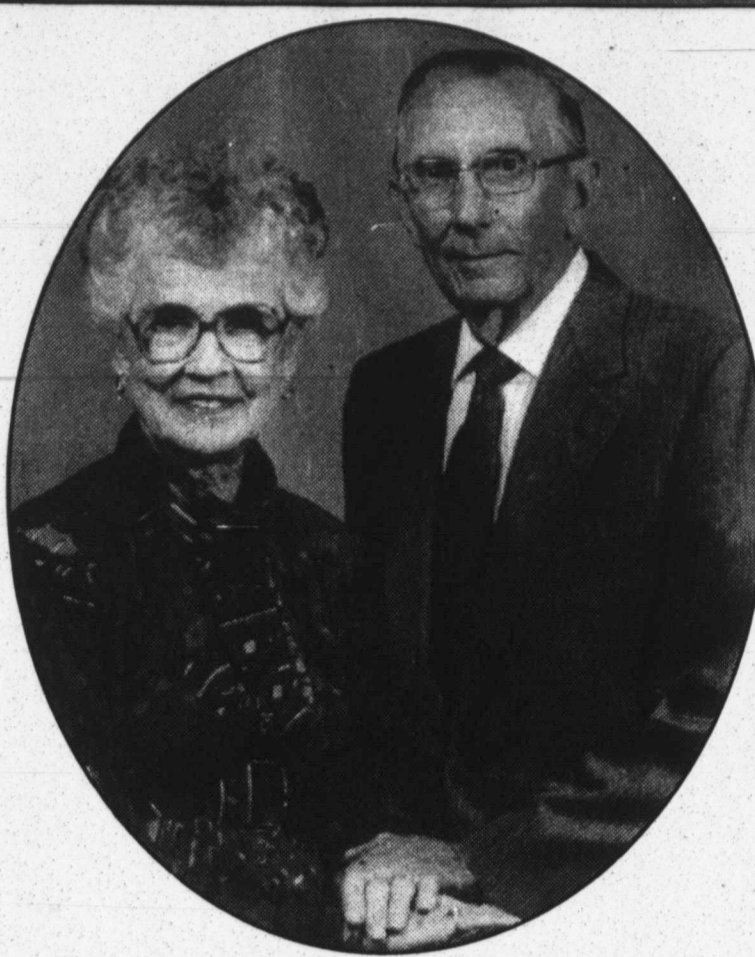
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wagner of Pampa celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday, Jan. 17, at Pampa Country Club with children of the couple and their spouses hosting the reception.

Albert Wagner and Esther Pauline Anderson of Webb City, Mo., were married Dec. 19, 1943, at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church in New Orleans, La. They moved to Pampa 44 years ago and are members of First United Methodist Church of Pampa.

Mr. Wagner retired in 1983 as comptroller of Cabot Machinery Division. He first joined Franks Manufacturing, later Cabot Corporation, in 1945.

Mrs. Wagner worked for Montgomery Wards in Pampa from 1965 until 1975 and taught piano in the 1960s.

Children and grandchildren



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wagner

of the couple are Dr. Raymond L. and Cheri Wagner, Richard and Gretel Wagner, and Derek Wagner, Colo., Harry A. and Polly St. John and Jordan St. John, all of Redmond, Wash., and Ms. Stephanie St. John of Seattle, Wash.

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NEWSMAKERS

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Southwestern Oklahoma State University recently announced students named to its President's and Dean's honor rolls for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include Joshua Kyle Miller and Katherine Anne Vandiver, both of Pampa; Jennifer Michel Bradford and Brooke Nicole Wilson, both of Canadian; and Randi Jo Riley of McLean.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.50 or higher GPA while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include Shane Alan Story of Pampa; Glenda Janell Pinion of Allison; Tonja Sue Hawley and Kaleb Perry Jones, both of Canadian; Julie Dawn Williams of Groom; Krissy Renee Ryan of Shamrock; and Jennifer Dawn Johnson of Wheeler.

STILLWATER, Okla. — Oklahoma State University recently announced its President's and Dean's honor rolls for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include Kristi Danielle Walling of Pampa; and Kara Leigh Emmert and Lauren Diane Weaver, both of Wheeler.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.50 or higher GPA while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include Shawn David Strate, Abby Noelle Cavalier and David John Thacker, all of Pampa; and Lesley Morgan Forrest and Kimbra Ann Julian, both of Canadian.

CANYON — West Texas A&M University recently announced 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 3.85 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include Connie L. Dvorak, Karissa D. Intemann, Marcia K. Julian, Ashley D. Knipp, Hayle S. Monds, Charity D. Nachtigall, Chasity D. Nachtigall, Amy M. Spearman, Andrew J. Swope and Lauren E. Walters, all of Pampa; Eric C. Hall and Tamera D. Hartline, both of Canadian; Evan F. Crowell, Paul T. Weinheimer and Wyatt J. Weinheimer, all of Groom; Amber B. Estes of Mobeetie; Lindsay D. Wakefield of Shamrock; and Lindsey D. Been and Angela Starks, both of White Deer.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.25 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include Aaron P. Baker, Rachael A. Banks, Melissa D. Cain, George G. Eggleston, Pamela D. Greer, Steven N. Hall, Nathanael W. Holmes, Alicia G. Ingram, Ashlei P. Jordan, Brittany S. Kindle, Ashley D. Kiper, Jennifer L. Lindsey, Lena K. Mendoza, Valerie G. Molone, Randa R. Morris, Evelyn A. Noble, Sammie J. Parsley, Amanda M. Parsons, Kaleb K. Snelgrooves, Sarah L. Teague, David S. Towles, Jennifer A. Valingo and Windy T. Wagner, all of Pampa.

Chelsea R. Archer of Allison; Clifton T. Brunson, Elizabeth A. Hill, Amanda G. Keener, April G. Lankford, Desirae S. Manning, Derek R. Maupin, Shannon M. Meadows, Brianna D. Rankin, Sandra Reyes, Kristin D. Robinson, Neysia G. Smith and Lisa M. White, all of Canadian; Karri E. Britten of Groom; Christy R. Cox, Raymond A. Glass and Monty P. Joiner, all of McLean; Cheryl M. Herpich and Cara M. Swart, both of Miami; Robert M. Lowe of Shamrock; Kori L. Brame and Keith M. Larkin, both of Skellytown; Melanie R. Alls, Keri E. Marion, Alli O. Moore, Dagen W. Moore and Arlette J. Winkler, all of Wheeler; Thomas K. Kotara and Suni J. Petty, both of White Deer.

LIFESTYLES POLICY

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WEDDINGS

Pinkerton-Phillips

Katrina Cox Pinkerton of Canyon and Darrell Shannon Phillips of Amarillo were wed Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at Trinity Baptist Church in Amarillo with Pastor David Evans, of the church, officiating.

The matron of honor was Denise Fortenberry of Amarillo. The bridesmaid was Ashley Irwin of Canyon. The flower girl was Megan Leivas of Mesquite.

The best man was Cade Phillips of Mesquite. The groomsmen were Nelson Book of San Angelo. The ring bearer was Dee Church of Canyon.

The ushers were Tim Cox and William Cox, both of Amarillo, Shawn Fraley of Borger and Tye Bell of Farmington, N.M.

Music was provided by



Katrina Cox Pinkerton

vocalist Carmen Espinoza-Rodriguez, guitarist David Rodriguez of Canyon and organist Debbie Fox of Amarillo.

A reception was held fol-

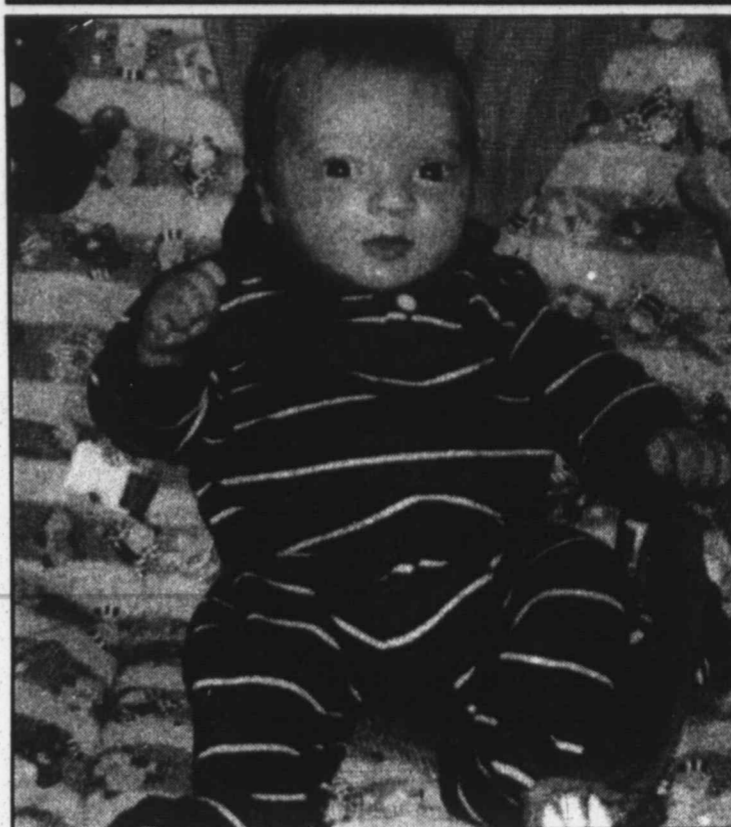
lowing the service in fellowship hall of the church with Marissa Acheson of Papillion, Neb., Kim Bell of Farmington, Shelley Phillips of Mesquite and Shauna Mayhew of Amarillo, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Marvin and Linda Cox of Amarillo. She holds a bachelor of business administration degree in computer information systems from West Texas A&M University and is currently employed as records accountant for Canyon Independent School District.

The groom is the son of Dixie and Darrell Phillips of Amarillo. He holds a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from Texas Tech University and is currently employed as site manager for Mineral Solutions in Amarillo.

The newlyweds took a honeymoon cruise to the eastern Caribbean and intend to make their home in Amarillo.

CRADLE CALL



Cy W. Ferguson

Cy Ferguson

Cy William Ferguson was born Nov. 21, 2003, to Clint and Brandi Ferguson of Boyd.

At birth, the infant weighed 6-pounds, 15-ounces and was 19-inches long.

His relations include sister Kelcei; grandparents, Becky Epps and Al and Susie Ferguson; and great-grandparents, Mildred and Myrel Loopner and Virginia and Lloyd Gooch.

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Class #4-Heavy Weight Duroc. Brittney Lemons, first place, Randall 4-H; Caid Fiske, second place, Pampa FFA; Amber Maddox, third place, Fort Elliott FFA; Landry Keith, fourth place, Randall 4-H; Kori Dunn, fifth place, Pampa FFA.

Class #5-Light Weight Hampshire. Heath Bellmon, first place, Perryton FFA; Jazmine Rose, second place, Gray 4-H; Jamie Sanderson, third place, McLean FFA; Caitlyn Hulsey, fourth place, Perryton FFA; Sandi Anderson, fifth place, McLean FFA; Haley Dwight, sixth place, Randall 4-H.

Class #6-Light Medium Weight Hampshire. Ashley Winton, first place, Pampa FFA; Katie Thomas, second place, Perryton FFA; Brittany Davis, third place, White Deer FFA; Dusty White, fourth place, Fort Elliott FFA; Roper Sweeney, fifth place, Gray 4-H; Ty Youree, sixth place, Gray 4-H.

Class #7-Medium Weight Hampshire. Austin Adams, first place, Hedley FFA; Marcie Langley, second place, Wellington FFA; Austin Terhure, third place, Perryton FFA; Stephen McCarley, fourth place, Pampa FFA; Emily Nusser, fifth place, Gray 4-H; Desmond Johnson, sixth place, Gray 4-H.

Class #8-Heavy Weight Hampshire. Shane Swenhausen, first place, Perryton FFA; Marcus Arnold, second place, Panhandle FFA; Paydon Hales, third place, Highpark FFA; Blake Owens, fourth place, White Deer FFA; Brittney Evenson, fifth place, White Deer FFA; Shala Swenhausen, sixth place, Perryton FFA.

Class #9-Light Weight Spots & Polands. Korina Medley, first place, Gray 4-H; Destinee Manhart, second and fourth place, Gray 4-H;

Whitney Evenson, third place, White Deer FFA; Matthew Applewhite, fifth place, McLean FFA.

Class #10-Medium Weight Spots & Polands. Ryan McCarley, first place, Pampa FFA; K'Lyn Holmes, second place, Pampa FFA; J'Cee Holmes, third place, Pampa FFA; Patsy Schafer, fourth place, Canadian FFA; Danielle Arnold, fifth place, Panhandle FFA.

Class #11-Light Weight White OPB. Elizabeth Campbell, first place, Pampa FFA; Malorie Homen, second place, White Deer FFA; Cody Lee, third place, Pampa FFA; Emily Terry, fourth place, Pampa FFA; Lauren Coutts, fifth place, Gray 4-H.

Class #12-Medium Weight White OPB. Ashley Kinslow, first place, Oldham 4-H; Lauren Coutts, second place, Gray 4-H; Garrett Hancock, third place, Randall 4-H; Elaine Craig, fourth place, White Deer FFA; Jonathan Cook, fifth place, Gray 4-H.

Class #13-Light Weight Yorkshire. Emily Nusser, first place, Gray 4-H; Landley Keith, second place, Randall 4-H; Claire Hopkins, third place, Pampa FFA; Shea Craig, fourth place, White Deer FFA; Zachary Licklider, fifth place, Gray 4-H.

Class #14-Medium Weight Yorkshire. Brooke Owens, first place, White Deer FFA; Caid Fiske, second place, Randall 4-H;

Blake Palmer, third place, Perryton FFA; Macy Woodside, fourth place, Hemphill 4-H; Katie Baggerman, fifth place, Miami FFA.

Class #15-Heavy Weight Yorkshire. Melissa Wagner, first place, Oldham 4-H; Devion Johnson, second place, Gray 4-H; Kyleigh Rice, third place, Perryton FFA; Halle Hulsey, fourth place, Perryton FFA.

Class #16-Light Weight Cross. Audra Graves, first place, Perryton FFA; Shane Swenhausen, second place, Perryton; Blake Nusser, third place, Gray 4-H; Jelsie Rose, fourth place, Gray 4-H; Shea Craig, fifth place, White Deer FFA; Garrett Kennedy, sixth place, Pampa FFA.

Class #17-Medium Weight Cross. Caitlyn Hulsey, first place, Perryton FFA; Rylee Bellman, second place, Perryton FFA; Alabama Bohannon, third place, Collingsworth 4-H; Jennifer Splan, fourth place, Perryton FFA; Emily Licklider, fifth place, Gray 4-H; Cody Lee, sixth place, Pampa FFA.

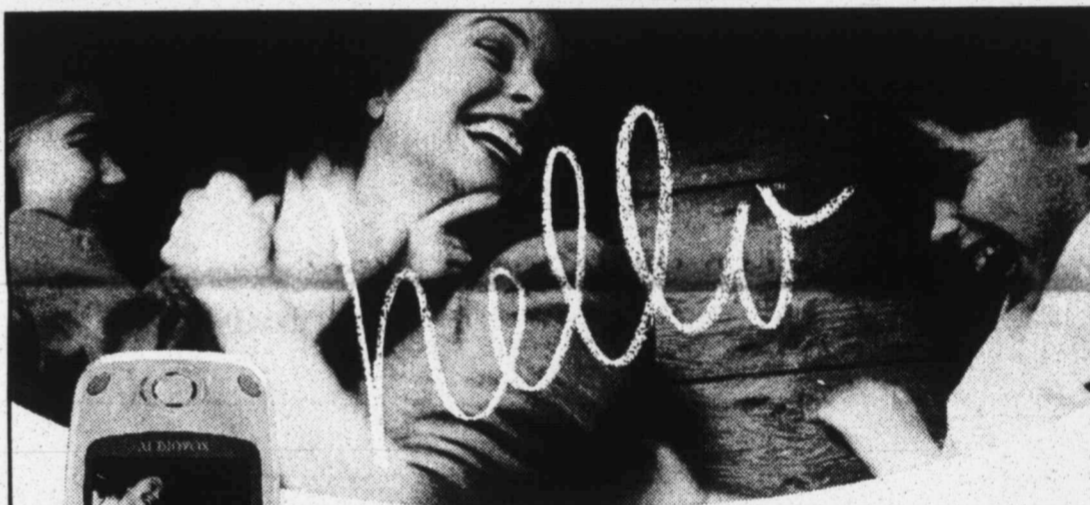
Class #18-Medium Heavy Weight Cross. Trenton Huseman, first place, Randall 4-H; Bailey Walker, second place, Perryton FFA; Garrett Coutts, third place, Pampa FFA; Jordan Wortham, fourth place, Gray 4-H; Marcie Langley, fifth place, Wellington FFA; Amber Maddox, sixth place, Fort Elliott FFA.

Class #19-Heavy Weight Cross. Sierra Stephens, first place, Oldham 4-H; Garrett Hancock, second place, Randall 4-H; Jay Blasingame, third place, Perryton FFA; Joni Swanson, fourth place, Panhandle FFA; Justin Martin, fifth place, Ochiltree 4-H; Shantell Meek, sixth place, Fort Elliott FFA.

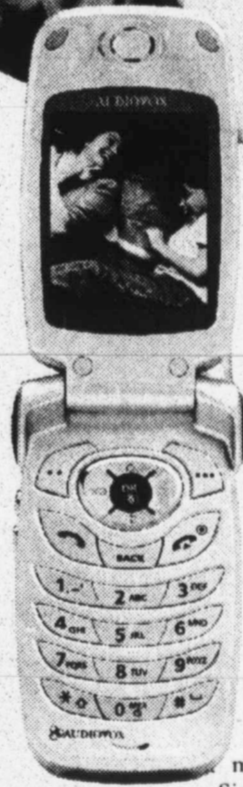
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SUNDAY • JANUARY 18, 2004

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Name-Calling Chases Boy Out of School and Into Home

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend I'll call "George." He is a good person, smart and fun to be with. He hasn't matured as fast as other boys and his voice is soft and high-pitched. People call him gay, and it hurts him terribly.

He recently dropped out of school and is now being home-schooled. When he told me why, it shocked me.

Won't you explain to your readers not to judge people until you have walked a mile in their shoes? Get to know them. I am the only person who stands up for George, and I always will. Please tell people it is not OK to ridicule others.

It hurts me to hear him say his life is ruined. He says he will get a new wardrobe and change everything. But he shouldn't have to change. He has a right to be himself.

CONCERNED FRIEND
IN BILLINGS, MONT.

DEAR CONCERNED FRIEND: I don't have to tell people that it's not OK to ridicule others. You have done a good job of that in your letter. But I'll tell you a secret. People who make derogatory comments about the sexuality of others often have doubts about their own.

P.S. I'm sorry that George's parents didn't talk over their son's predicament with their lawyer and the school principal. If they had, I'll bet George would still be your classmate.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 37-year-old married woman. One night I walked into our bedroom and caught my husband looking at something. When he saw me, he stuck it between the pages of a magazine and began shuffling business papers. The next morning when he went to work, I opened the magazine and found a snapshot of a naked woman.

A few nights later he said he was going to hang out with some friends, so I decided to take myself out to dinner. When I walked into the restaurant, I saw my husband having dinner with the woman in the photo.

He didn't see me, so I left quickly. I didn't mention having seen him. Now I have noticed that he no longer really talks or listens to me, and he's making lame excuses to go out more often.

I want to save our marriage. But how?

UPSET IN LONGMEADOW, MASS.

DEAR UPSET: You will not save your marriage by remaining silent. Confront your husband with the fact that you found the photo and have seen him with the woman. Tell him that you love him but you feel betrayed and hurt, and offer him the option of marriage counseling. Marriages can survive this trauma, but only if both parties are willing to work at rebuilding the trust that has been broken.

DEAR ABBY: Three weeks ago my boyfriend, "Jeremy," proposed, and I am overjoyed. My problem is I hate the engagement ring he chose. I also hate the matching wedding band. I'm afraid if I mention trading them for something that I like, he'll be hurt.

Should I keep my mouth shut and live with the rings? Or should I speak up and risk hurting Jeremy?

LOOKING FOR THE RING OF TRUTH

DEAR LOOKING: Speak up now because if you wait, it will probably slip out later at an inopportune time.

The lesson here is that the bride-to-be should be part of the selection process. It's not a difficult thing to arrange. All it takes is for the man to ask the salesperson to show his fiancée a selection of rings — or stones — that's within his price range. It's done all the time.

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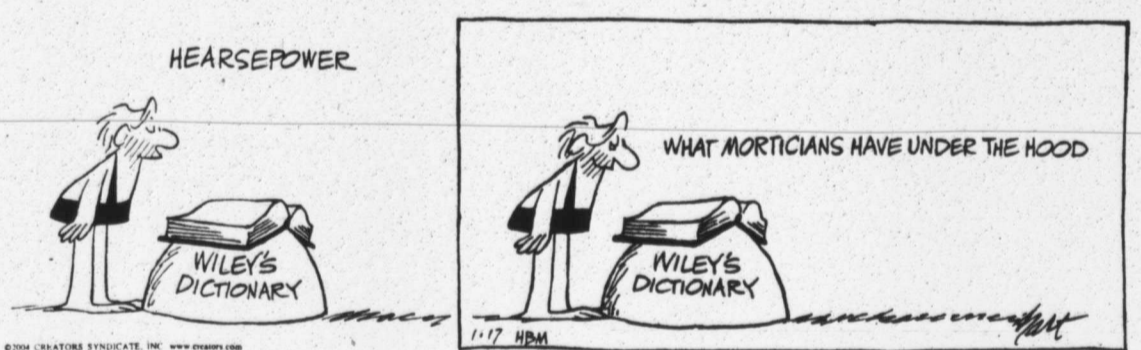
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Crossword Puzzle

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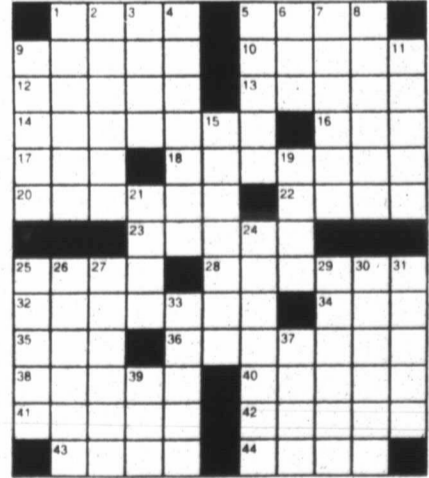
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- 5 Engine sound
- 9 Sea spouter
- 10 Gardeners, at times
- 12 Quiver item
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- 14 Was fond of
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- 18 Blue books?
- 20 Insurance type
- 22 Stagger
- 23 Texas landmark
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- 35 Symbol of strength
- 36 Chose for office
- 38 In reserve
- 40 Choose
- 41 Enticed
- 42 Catches one's breath
- 43 Plants
- 44 Congeals



Yesterday's answer

- 19 Easy gait
- 21 Pack down
- 24 Brings together
- 25 Counter seat
- 26 Marsh birds
- 27 Japanese self-defense
- 29 Unpretentious
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- 31 Ladies' men
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"Pastures of Plenty," by Bill and Livia Vanaver with their internationally-acclaimed "Vanaver Caravan Music and Dance Company," is a celebration in music, song and dance of Woody Guthrie the folk singer and Woody Guthrie the man.

The performers "hitch a ride" with Woody "From California to the New York Island," from the Dust Bowl to the California orchards, from the miners' shanties to the outlaws' trail, from the lonesome highway to the Union Hall. Instruments include the Bluegrass banjo, autoharp and harmonies, fiddling and string guitar. Dances include clog dancing, Harlem's Lindy Hop and modern, interpretive styles.

The Vanavers say, "Woody Guthrie's legacy reveals a startling array of songs, lyrics, writings and drawings, reflecting a life of great hardships tempered by a fearless hope in humanity."

Other performances which members of the Pampa PCCA can attend include: Cole Porter music, "I Get A Kick Out of Cole," on Tuesday, February 17th at 7:30 pm in Plainview; "Barbershop Quartet/Sweet Adelines" in Borger on Saturday, February 28th at 7:30 pm; "Robert Post Comedy Theater" on Thursday, April 1st at 7:30 pm in Plainview; and "Cantus" Vocal Choir on Monday, April 26th at 7:30 pm in Borger in another joint presentation by the Pampa and Borger Associations. Borger concerts are in the high school auditorium and in Plainview they are at Herral Memorial Auditorium.

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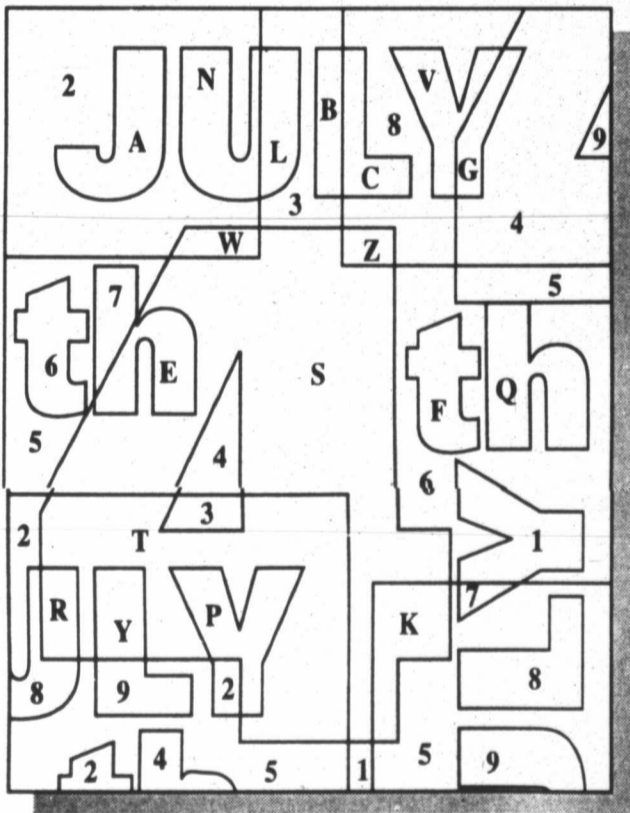
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2. Put an apron over good clothes or wear old clothes. Be sure your clothing is not too loose so it doesn't drag through flames or the food. Roll up your sleeves. If your hair is long, tie it back.
3. Read the recipe through. Before you start, get together the ingredients, equipment and supplies you need for the recipe.
4. Wash your hands thoroughly.

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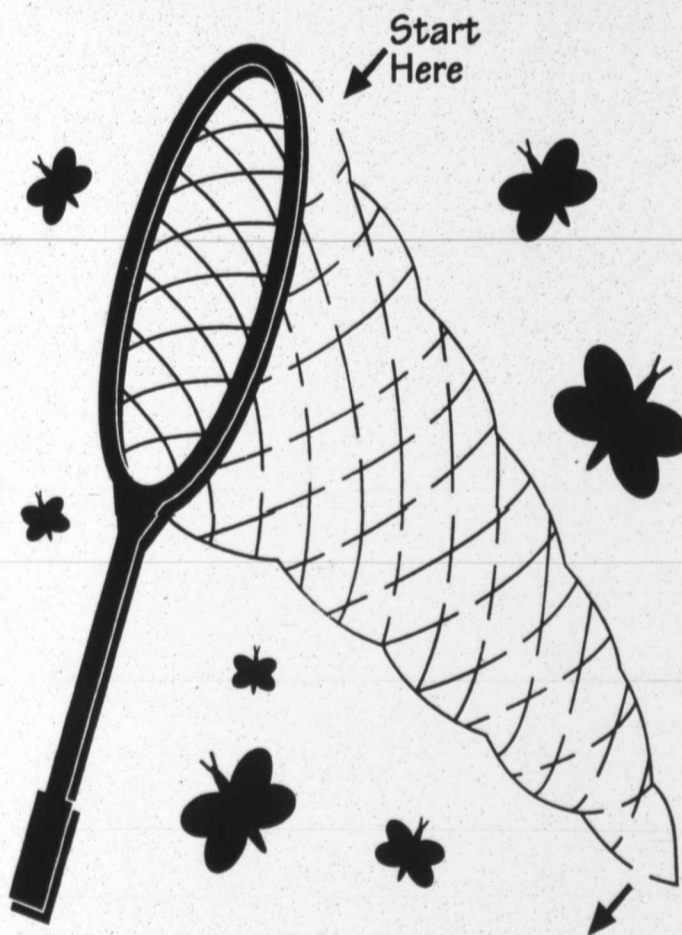
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3. Always use a pot holder, even when cooking in the microwave, to make sure you don't get burned.
4. Keep towels and pot holders away from open flames and hot burners.
5. Make sure an adult is present when you use sharp knives, electric appliances, the stove or the oven.
6. Clean up as you go. It will make cooking safer, and it will be easier to clean up when you're done.
7. Don't let food stand at room temperature more than 1 1/2 hours.
8. Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough, then wash your hands before eating or cooking.
9. Wash fresh fruits and vegetables thoroughly with cool water before eating.
10. Stay away from foods that look or smell stale or moldy.
11. When using a microwave, follow the package directions to make sure the food is cooked correctly. Let it sit for a few minutes when it comes out of the microwave so it's not too hot to eat.

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Lighting The Way

Lighthouses are fascinating structures that were designed to give ships a reference for their locations. They often indicate that there are dangerous rocks in the area, too.

During ancient times, people lit fires on hilltops to warn ships of those rocks. Later, masonry or steel-frame towers were built that were capable of withstanding severe storms and were equipped with optical and sound signaling systems.

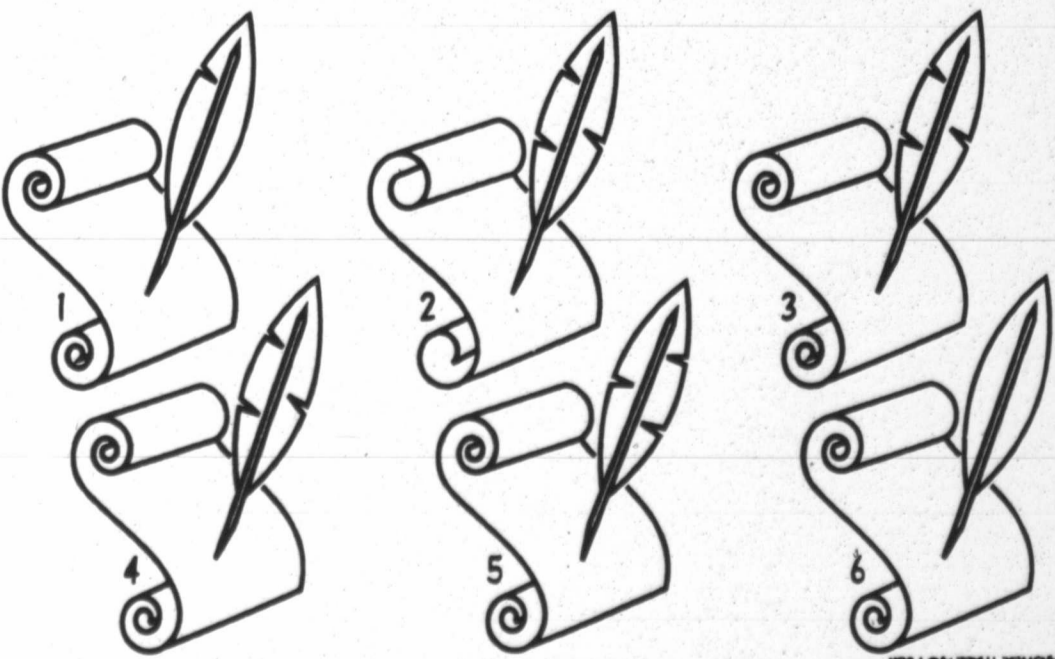
The first lighthouse, Pharos of Alexandria, is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It was built in 280 B.C., was about 350 feet high and had a wood fire at the top. The first lighthouse built in the United States was the Boston Light, constructed in 1716.

With the advancements in construction and equipment, the first towers completely exposed to the sea were built in the 18th century. Then came improvements over the old wood, coal and oil ways to light the towers. In 1782, the Swiss scientist Aimé Argand invented the Argand lamp. It was an oil lamp with a circular wick, which was protected by a glass chimney. For more than a century, Argand lamps were used for lighthouses.

In the 1920s, the incandescent lamp was developed, and it is standard in lighthouses today. During the early 1900s, reflectors and refractors were developed so the light could be seen as one powerful beam. Then that beam was rotated so it could be seen from any direction.

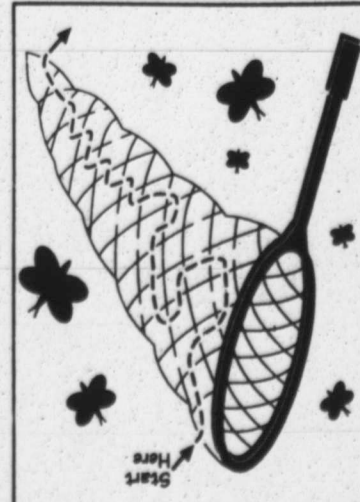
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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004:
 A lot goes on behind the scenes this year. You might be going through an internal transformation. Your perceptions about yourself and the world might change substantially. You could act on these changing views, but remember that what you believe today might not be what you think a month from now. Take your time as you ponder certain key issues in your life. Attend workshops, travel and try to imagine what it would be like to be someone else. If you are single, be careful who you hook up with, as someone might be emotionally unavailable in some manner — though September 2004 presents someone very special. If attached, share some of your inner processing, or else your sweetie could feel out of the loop. SAGITTARIUS makes a great confidant.

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)
 ***** Take off for the day or plan a special excursion, if that is what you want to do. You might be hard to keep up with right now. Be considerate of someone in your life who is just not as bouncy as you. Flow with changes. Tonight: Read between the lines.

This Week: Your positive actions get results. Follow through on your New Year's resolutions with the New Moon energy Wednesday. Empower yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Work with a partner. You might need to take a strong stand even if you don't want to. You might feel very strongly about someone or some issue in your life. Express yourself carefully. Let good feelings flow. Tonight: Be a duo.

This Week: You could be quite "heady" through Tuesday, as you seek answers. Wednesday, you know what to do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Let others approach you, even among friends. Someone might ask you for assistance. Be happy to pitch in. If you see a shortcut, politely let the other person know. You might need an adjustment vis-a-vis someone close. Tonight: The more people, the more fun.

This Week: Work with people individually. You might be up for some experimental ideas or a new approach on Wednesday.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Make it OK to take your time and curl up with a good book. Do what makes you happy. Let go of your need to cater to others so much. You might find that you need to screen your calls. Remember yourself. Tonight: What would you find most relaxing?

This Week: Others charge in your direction. What is going on here? Use this position as a powerbase. It is your way or the highway.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** You delight others with your playful attitude. Whether you invite others to join you at the movies or to hang out listening to music, it makes no difference. You also might like something totally different. Tonight: Follow your instincts.

This Week: Plunge into work, knowing that by Wednesday networking and socializing will be in order.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Right now, those close to you need some of your time. Make it your pleasure. In fact, let a loved one choose the outing that would most please him or her. Together you have a ball. A statement that might feel harsh really isn't.

Tonight: Order in.

This Week: Your ever-playful manner takes you down a new path. Touch your life with creativity. Work demands your focus from Wednesday on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** You could find it a little difficult to see what is going on around you. Lighten up about a problem involving a partnership. A talk could be most revealing and informative. You might be amazed by how someone else sees a situation. Tonight: Breeze through some of your favorite stores.

This Week: You come from a place of solidity to one of unusual, dynamic creativity. Use your assets well, please.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Go for that long-awaited major purchase. You probably have done as much pricing as you want to do, but still check again. You could be thrilled. A new relationship will blossom with your nurturing and sensuality. Tonight: Act like a Scorp.

This Week: You will be as expressive as you can be in the next few days. Communication flourishes on many levels.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Do what comes naturally. If attached, go off together and do something that the two of you consider fun. You need some special private time together. If single, you meet people easily; in fact, someone might turn your head. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

This Week: You know what you want and why you are doing what you are doing. Explanations might be needed by Wednesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Knowing when to let others do their thing might be instrumental to the well-being of a relationship. Kick back and do some thinking or reading, or watch a movie. You and your views could be in the process of changing.

Tonight: Lie back.

This Week: You hit your power days Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Make what you want possible. Don't feel intimidated by anyone right now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** You do what comes naturally, which involves your friends and loved ones. Others follow you like you are the Pied Piper. Don't forget an important call; someone might be waiting to hear from you. Tonight: You are the party.

This Week: Do your thing, and don't worry about others. By mid-Wednesday, you can pull your weight and create what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** You might want to catch up on news that involves an older friend or family member. Treat this person to a late brunch or early dinner. You could be surprised by how much the two of you have to share. Tonight: Don't let time restrict you.

This Week: Use Monday and Tuesday to zero in on the bull's-eye. You vanish in order to regroup late Wednesday. You've got a lot to do.

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

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

GRAPE - This three bedroom home has been completely redone. Two living areas, two baths, fireplace, new floors, new cabinets, new tile, breakfast area, double garage. MLS 5998.

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

BEECH - Tastefully decorated three bedroom, 1 bath with hardwood floors. New paint inside and out. Nice kitchen with good pantry and dishwasher, wonderful back yard with deck, single garage. MLS

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

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT YOU WILL NEVER PUT YOUR FOOT IN IT. — AUSTIN O'MALLEY

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Jan. 19, 2004.

This year, in some manner, you reveal much more of yourself or grow past a major issue. You'll like what comes up if you are focused and ready to aim for more of what you want. Make a wish list for the year in the next few days. Manifest your desires and make them real. Your personality comes forward, and at the same time, you know when to detach. You learn that others' ways would work. You could become involved with different cultures. If you are single, you could attract a foreigner or someone quite different next year. You might decide that this person is it! If you are attached, plan a special trip together this year. You also might want to do a couple's workshop. CAPRICORN is a soul mate.

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)
***** Take charge of your work life. You might be surprised by the more-than-positive results you gain. Others pull together at your word and command. Doesn't it feel nice to be captain of your ship? Explore your professional options. Tonight: In the limelight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Reach out for answers, using nontraditional thoughts. What you thought was a great idea might no longer be once you get expert information. Don't work on anything vague. Listen, but check out facts. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** You see what others don't.

Investigate possibilities rather than locking on opinions. A boss might have an unusually dynamic idea that is far from your ideas and thoughts. You might find this person mentally invigorating! Tonight: Make plans with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** You might be all about work as the day begins, but by midafternoon, you have to look at the pros and cons of a situation more carefully. Network and return calls. Someone helps you break past old thought patterns. Tonight: Out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** You might be playful when you enter work but down in the dumps when you see how much you really need to do. A partner spontaneously pitches in, making life much easier. Avoid socializing, if possible. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Where others might charge into work, you go in dragging your heels, but you become a creative dynamo by midday. You seem to grasp the full dimensions of problems and find quick and easy resolutions. Investigate possibilities. Tonight: Play away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Express what you need to express in order to get to the bottom of a problem, though in some way you might feel it is a repeat conversation. Be creative in your work style. Be willing to take that shortcut. Investigate possibilities. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Do some fiscal accounting but check out facts. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** You see what others don't.

the situation a lot different. Run with it. Tonight: Join friends at a favorite place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** You might find this slow, downhill day. Quickly get down as much as you can and get into the office or work ASAP. You could be distracted later in the day. You need to deal with family and security later on. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** You start slowly but build to a strong, dynamic pace. You find out that maybe you had underestimated someone in your immediate environment. Think in terms of learning more, and you won't feel challenged. Tonight: What is your pleasure, dear Goat?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Use the a.m. to nail down an OK to a project. You might not be comfortable in the late afternoon. Think through an unexpected money situation. Your instincts will come through. Avoid risk-taking for now. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** You might want to talk about what is on your mind with someone you respect. Together you come up with a workable plan that pleases you to no end. You are on the victory trail. Follow-through counts. Tonight: Get together with a friend.

BORN TODAY
Musician Desi Arnaz Jr. (1953), singer Robert Palmer (1949), race-car driver Jensen Button (1980)

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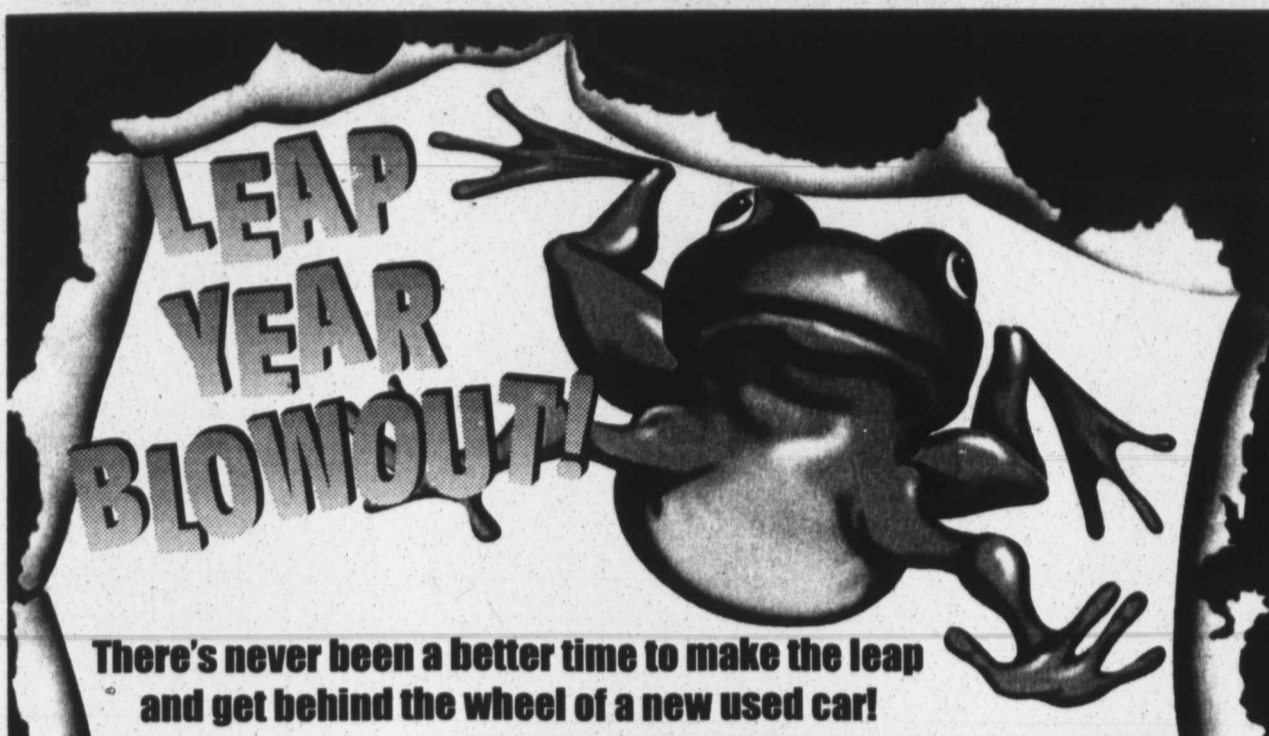
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Children's hospitals across the nation expanding

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DALLAS (AP) — Sixteen-year-old lymphoma patient Heather Moore was pleasantly surprised when she saw her new room at Children's Medical Center Dallas.

The walls were painted in a cheerful pastel as opposed to the sterile white of her last room. The television had a DVD player and a VCR, and beds for her parents were more convenient. "I think the rooms are just more inviting," said her mother, Stacey Moore of Plano. "The whole floor is more cheerful."

The more friendly environment is just one benefit of the recent building boom at many of the nation's children's hospitals.

At the Dallas hospital, a campaign is under way to raise \$150 million for more patient rooms and operating rooms. The hospital also hopes to recruit more physicians and pediatric specialists. More than \$86 million already has been committed to the effort, which will also fund centers to explore brain and nerve injury, infectious diseases and heart care.

Because of increasing demand and the inability of many general hospitals to spe-

cialize in pediatrics, multimillion-dollar expansions have also taken place at children's hospitals in Chicago, Cincinnati and elsewhere.

From 1995 to 2000, admissions at children's hospitals increased 10.5 percent, according to the most recent figures available from the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions. During that period, the number of all hospitals offering pediatrics decreased by about 3 percent, according to a study by the group.

Though fewer hospitals overall are treating children, more are going to children's hospitals, which treat everything from broken bones to rare diseases.

"Children's hospitals are getting a larger share of a shrinking market," said Lawrence McAndrews, president and chief executive officer of the organization of 165 children's hospitals in the United States and four in Canada.

The organization collected information on about 120 major construction projects at 41 hospitals for its study through 2000. All those projects were finished or expected to be completed by 2005.

An aging population has been a factor

in the increased demand, said Scott Hamlin, senior vice president of finance and chief financial officer of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. General hospitals are getting older patients so can't afford to specialize in pediatrics, he said.

"All of that population is moving into the children's hospitals — where they have the infrastructure and training," said Hamlin, whose hospital opened a \$70 million, 447,300-square-foot patient-care building in 2002.

Also, patients with lifetime conditions are living longer and needing care longer.

"Those that remain are sicker and require more in subspecialty services," McAndrews said.

An average of about 8,800 patients were admitted at each U.S. children's hospital in 2002, according to a survey conducted by the children's hospital organization.

Children's Medical Center Dallas needed more room for the influx of patients expected as the North Texas area grows.

"The pediatric population in the area is growing at three times the national average," said Christopher J. Durovich, presi-

dent and CEO of Children's.

In 2002, the Dallas hospital — which takes all children regardless of socio-economic status or where they live — had to divert almost 450 children to other area hospitals during the winter when it's usually busier because of space constraints, he said.

At Children's, the expansion is also allowing them to create more patient- and family-friendly spaces, something the children's hospital organization survey shows was a top priority in the expansions.

"Patients and their families who have come here on more than one occasion already notice the difference," Durovich said.

Five of the six new floors being built atop an existing building at the hospital opened this fall. In June, Children's began work on another tower.

"There's been a lot of enthusiasm on the part of the staff," said Kathy Harper, project director for Children's. "They're still smiling."

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