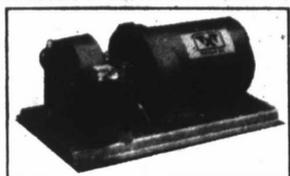




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**Story Time resumes**

Sharla Brookshire, children's librarian at Pampa's Lovett Memorial Library, recently announced that Tuesday pre-school story times have resumed at the library following a brief holiday break.

At 10 a.m. every Tuesday, Brookshire reads a story and helps participating youngsters with crafts.

No registration is necessary and the program is free each week to children between 18-months and 5 years of age.

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James Washington, Jr., 83, Army Air Corp veteran.

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# Federal grant pays for new radios

By MARILYN POWERS  
STAFF WRITER

Gray County has received 49 new radios and antennas valued at \$135,949.18, thanks to a federal grant from the Office of Homeland Security.

Of the 49 radios, 23 will go to Pampa Police Department, 14 to Gray County Sheriff's Department, 11 to Pampa Fire Department and one to Pampa Emergency Management Services.

The new radios will mean better communications among different agencies, both locally and farther afield, according to Ken Hall of Emergency Management Services.

"Interagency communications have always been difficult. This will help resolve that."

"Right now we are focusing on Gray County. But the radios will also help toward area-wide communications."

"Eight frequencies on the new radios will be regional response frequencies. Some of those frequencies are used throughout the state," Hall said.

The Office of Homeland Security grants began in 2002. Grants for Texas agencies are administered by the Texas Engineering Extension Service.

The new radios were purchased with 2003 grant money. In 2002, local grant funds were used to provide hazardous materials equipment for Pampa Fire Department, including decontamination stations, hazardous materials suits, special gloves and shoes, and handheld radios.

Combined grant money awarded to all Texas Panhandle entities for 2003 was \$1.7 million, Hall said. Panhandle Regional Planning (See RADIOS, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)  
From left, Ken Hall, head of Pampa Emergency Management; Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner; and Police Lt. Kenneth Hopson unpack new radios funded by a grant from the Office of Homeland Security.

# Four indicted in 31st Judicial District Court

By MARILYN POWERS  
STAFF WRITER

Four persons were indicted in 31st Judicial District Court by Gray County Grand Jury on Thursday, Jan. 22.

Charlie Monroe Lang, Jr., 35, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, a first-degree felony. Bond was set at \$50,000.

Lang was arrested Feb. 20, 2003. He allegedly at that time possessed methamphetamine in the amount of four or more

grams but less than 200 grams, with the intent to deliver.

Juan Manuel Salazar, Jr., 21, was indicted for money laundering, enhanced, a second-degree felony. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Salazar was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety on Oct. 19, 2003, when he allegedly had between \$20,000 and \$100,000 in United States currency in his possession. He was jailed for escape, money laundering, burglary

of a building and no driver's license.

Salazar was convicted of importing marijuana on March 28, 2002, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.

Steven Gregory Franks, 44, was indicted for retaliation, a third-degree felony. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Franks allegedly slashed the tires on a vehicle owned by Gerald Wright on Nov. 9, 2003. The act was alleged as retaliation for Wright's reporting a crime.

Jesus Manuel Villegas, Jr., 24, was indicted for injury to a child, a state jail felony. Bond was set at \$7,500.

On June 29, 2003, Villegas allegedly caused bodily injury to a child by shooting Ivan Davila, a child younger than 15 years of age, with a shotgun, according to the indictment.

Three adults and two children suffered shotgun wounds in the 1100 block of South Christy on the afternoon of June 29, 2003, when an appar-

ent neighborhood dispute erupted in gunfire. One adult suffered wounds to his lower back and left hand, and was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center. A two-year-old boy was hit in his left index finger by shotgun pellets and was treated and released at the hospital's emergency room.

The other three victims were treated at the scene. The shotgun was apparently loaded with birdshot, according to Pampa police.

# Crall again on EDC agenda

By MARILYN POWERS  
STAFF WRITER

Pampa Economic Development Corporation, Inc.'s board of directors will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26 in city commission chambers on the third floor of City Hall, 201 W. Foster, to receive offers on Crall Products' buildings, land and equipment note.

The property, located at 2930 Highway 152 West, became a focus of attention when N&T Specialty Welding

and Manufacturing, Inc., offered a bid of \$80,000 on the property at the Dec. 8, 2003, PEDC meeting. Partners in N&T are Jeanne Townson, Jimmy Townson and Larry Norton.

The initial bid was rejected by PEDC board members, and N&T made two subsequent bids of \$100,000 and \$125,000, each bid excluding the equipment note. PEDC declined those offers also.

The latest bid for the property was \$150,000 for the

# Jurors hear testimony in packer trial

By DAVID BOWSER  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — After hearing from an executive with the world's largest beef packing company, jurors this week heard from a Kansas cattle feeder who told them how he fought to keep his operation alive when he couldn't get anybody to buy his cattle.

Mike Callicrate, 52, of St. Francis, Kan., was one of the original cattlemen who sued IBP in 1996, claiming the giant beef packing operation, now owned by Tyson Foods, used their market power to manipulate cattle prices in violation of the Packers and Stockyards Act, federal

anti-trust legislation passed in 1921.

Callicrate told the five-man, seven-woman jury here how, after earning a degree from Colorado State University, he organized 10 investors and built a feedyard in 1978 near St. Francis, a town of 1,250 on the banks of the Republican River in north-west Kansas.

Almost a decade later, he left that feedyard to expand a small operation on his father-in-law's place nearby. Gradually expanding the facility, Callicrate said he built it up to handle as many as 12,000 head of cattle and employed about a dozen people in the community.

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# Spearman seeks seat on water district board

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of interviews of candidates in the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District election on Feb. 7.

By MARILYN POWERS  
STAFF WRITER

John R. Spearman Jr. of Pampa is "extremely" interested in water conservation. That is why he is running for re-election to the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors.

"I want water to be available now and for the future," he said. "I've lived here all my life. I want a chance for my children and grandchildren to live in this area."

Spearman has served one four-year term on the board, from Precinct 3, which covers parts of Gray, Roberts and Wheeler counties. He is opposed



John Spearman Jr.

in this election by Pampan Stephen Smith.

Smith has contacted *The Pampa News* and plans to be interviewed concerning his candidacy for the board early next week.

Spearman believes that local con-

trol and local boards are much more responsive to local problems than larger entities.

"I think there's a balance we can achieve through proper conservation to use water now for our economic welfare and to maintain water for the future."

"Under current state law, the water district cannot stop Pickens or Mesa Water from selling water down state. All the water conservation district can do is regulate how fast it's pumped. We don't have the authority or funds to purchase water rights," Spearman said.

T. Boone Pickens, a Roberts County rancher and Dallas businessman, founded Mesa Water Inc., which holds more than 150,000 acres of water rights in the Texas Panhandle and plans to sell the water down state.

"My personal preference is for the

water to be used in the Panhandle. Let's support our area economy. I wish Canadian River Municipal Water Authority or the City of Amarillo would step up and shell out the money and buy it (Mesa Water Inc.'s water)," Spearman said.

"I think CRMWA is beginning to wake up. But they need to do something before it's too late," he said.

Spearman is concerned that if the Panhandle needed to import water someday, it would not be possible to do so.

"Back in the late '60s and early '70s, an organization called Water Inc. studied the feasibility of importing water from the Mississippi or Missouri rivers to here. They determined it's not feasible; it would cost too much. Also, environmental concerns probably wouldn't let us do it now, anyway," he said.

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James Washington, Jr., 83, of Pampa, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Paul Carruth, associate pastor, officiating. Masonic rites will be administered courtesy of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Washington was born Sept. 14, 1920, at Watonga, Okla. He came to Pampa in 1934 and worked for IRI International from 1945 until retiring in 1984, after 39 years of service. He married Margaret Eckerd on May 24, 1946. He was a U.S. Army Air Corp veteran, a Cabot volunteer van driver and a Meals on Wheels volunteer. He held membership in Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM since 1958. Scottish Rite 32nd degree in El Paso, Kiva Shrine Temple in

Amarillo and Pampa Shrine Club. He also belonged to First Christian Church and Bethany Bible Class.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret, of the home; two daughters, Mary Tilger of Desoto and Ann Dalton of Bartlesville, Okla.; a brother, Bill Washington of Pampa; two sisters, Donna Sims and Clara Imel, both of Pampa; and five grandchildren.

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### SPEARMAN

"If we run out of water here, there's no way to get more water," he said.

Spearman supports a five-year cloud seeding study, now in its final year, which the water conservation district has helped sponsor.

"The results so far are that we

are seeing that we can enhance rainfall, but it may not be cost effective," Spearman said.

"I'm extremely concerned about watching out after everybody's tax dollar," he said.

A farmer and rancher, Spearman irrigates some of his farmland. He has converted his irrigation system to more efficient sprinklers in order to help with groundwater conservation,

and his oldest water wells have showed minimal depletion, he said.

"In most areas of our land, the static water level is the same now as it was 40 to 50 years ago," he said.

"I'm trying to be a good steward of the water. I've got the expertise to make sound decisions," Spearman said.



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## PEDC

land, buildings and equipment note, proffered by Wayne Wilson, president of W&W Fiberglass Tank Co., at the board's Jan. 12 meeting. PEDC board members voted to postpone a decision on the W&W bid until Monday's meeting, because others interested in the property had asked for a deadline at the end of January to prepare bids, which the PEDC had

agreed to do at their Dec. 10, 2003, meeting.

Hal Cree of Cree Companies has expressed interest in the property and has submitted a sealed bid to the PEDC board. Carl O'Neal of Lone Star Technical Service has stated his interest in the property in a letter to the PEDC.

In other business, the PEDC will hold discussion and consider action on other assets and liabilities, and review accounts payable.

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their work. The bomb squad responds anywhere in the region and does not charge for its services.

Grants will again be awarded in 2004, although the amount received locally may not be as much as in the past since more jurisdictions are applying for the grant funds, Hall said. Funds are allocated based on a terrorist threat assessment. The 2004 funds will be distributed equably among 57 jurisdictions, compared to between 30 and 40 for 2002 and 2003.

"We don't have to have any matching money" in order to

get the funds, Hall said.

A committee which included Hall, Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, Gray County Chief Deputy Sheriff Kelly Rushing, Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell, Randy Dunham of Pampa Fire Department and Robert Eakin of Pampa Regional Medical Center helped decide how to spend the 2003 grant, Hall said.

"Our request was in excess of the amount we received. We prioritized our needs and decided the most immediate need was to upgrade the communications equipment," Hall said.

## "Woodrow Franklin Tice"

We would like to take this time to thank each and everyone for all the things you have done due to our loss. For the prayers, cards, calls and flowers. Also the Crown of Hospice for all your wonderful help and care and The Church for the support, prayers and food. Also Carmichael Whatley and Doug Carmichael for being so kind and gracious.

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# Beef industry again upset by figure in Oprah case

By BETSY BLANEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AMARILLO (AP) — The central figure in Oprah Winfrey's legal fight with cattle ranchers outraged many in beef country six years ago with his prediction that sloppy meat production practices all but guaranteed mad cow's arrival in the United States.

With the first domestic occurrence of mad cow disease in December, Howard Lyman is again upsetting the beef industry.

Lyman, a former Montana rancher-farmer turned vegetarian, said the discovery validates his concerns about how cattle are raised and slaughtered to produce tons of meat each year. His comments on Winfrey's show in 1996 prompted a lawsuit by Texas cattlemen, who lost.

"I wish it had never happened, but you see somebody driving toward a cliff at 200 mph and they won't step on the brake, you can pretty well figure out what they're going to do," said Lyman, who now

lives in Alexandria, Va.

Industry officials dismiss Lyman's prediction that more mad cow cases are imminent and vow that the nation's meat supply is safe. They also stress that the diseased cow found in Washington state wasn't from a U.S. herd.

"All I can say is the cow came from Canada," said Kevin Crooks, 40, who raises about 7,500 head of cattle in West Texas. "That's where the problem all came from. I think that's what's going to save the United States cattle industry."

Paul Engler, the rancher and feedlot owner who initially brought the suit against Oprah, agrees that the Canadian link undermines Lyman's claim.

"If the cow originated in the United States, I'd say yes, I'd have the same concerns. But it didn't," Engler said.

Lyman's clash with the beef industry started when he went on Winfrey's show and said that processed livestock was being fed to cattle — a practice he said could spread mad cow disease in the United

States. Winfrey responded by saying she'd never eat another hamburger.

The beef industry sued under Texas' little-used "vegie libel" law that forbids false and disparaging remarks about agriculture products, claiming the nationally televised comments caused beef prices to tumble and cost ranchers millions of dollars.

Winfrey spent six weeks in Amarillo during the trial, drawing mixed reviews. Some critics wore hats and sported bumper stickers that read "The only mad cow in Texas is Oprah," but many wore "Amarillo Loves Oprah" buttons, caps and T-shirts.

Jurors sided with Winfrey and Lyman in 1998, and an appeals court upheld the verdict. A second lawsuit against Winfrey filed shortly after the first trial lingered until its dismissal in 2002.

Winfrey declined to talk to The Associated Press for this story, but Chip Babcock, one of the First Amendment attorneys who represented her in the lawsuit, said Lyman's comments were prophetic.

"It turns out the man who was saying we should be prepared for this and it very well could turn up here, that opinion has been vindicated," Babcock said.

Mad cow disease, also called bovine spongiform encephalopathy or BSE, is a threat because scientists say humans can develop a brain-wasting illness, a variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, from consuming contaminated beef products. But that link has been challenged, and experts say the risk to individual consumers is minuscule.

While 153 people worldwide have contracted that illness, most in Britain, it has

never been diagnosed in an American.

Lyman said he's certain the mad cow case reported in Washington won't be the last in the United States.

"If you think there's only one, you're smoking the No. 1 crop out of California," he said.

But those in the beef industry say they're conducting tests and taking other measures to ensure a safe product.

"I sure can't speculate on whether we'll find anymore or not, nor, I think, can anyone else," said Burt Rutherford, spokesman for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association in Amarillo. "But I can tell you that we are going to very aggressively look for it."

For many in the industry, a vegetarian's predictions are the least of their concerns.

They're still suffering since cattle prices have fallen and

layoffs have been reported since beef exports have been restricted. Ten percent of the nation's meat is exported.

But they're certain beef is still safe.

"American ranchers and American producers strive to create a safe product because we love to eat it too," said Crooks, the West Texas cattleman. "We wouldn't want to be eating it if it was bad for us."

Associated Press Writers Liz Austin in Dallas and Mark Babineck in Houston and contributed to this report.

On the Net:  
National Cattleman's Beef Association: www.beef.org  
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## TRIAL

Before Callicrate, Steve Donaldson, 38, took the stand to tell how he earned degrees from Auburn and the University of Georgia in animal science, came home to help his sick father with the family cattle operation and got out of the business in the mid-1990s because of a lack of profitability.

Earlier in the week, the court heard from Gene Leman, CEO of Tyson's Fresh Foods. Leman said he was in charge of the beef procurement and slaughter operations for the large meat packer.

In a videotaped deposition, Leman detailed IBP's operations that include almost 50,000 employees, 11 packing plants in the U.S. and Canada, trucking units, meat brands and international offices in Tokyo, Shanghai, Taiwan, Moscow, London and Mexico.

Leman said that IBP buys about 200,000 cattle each year from Simplot, a cattle operation in the Northwest, and from Amarillo-based Cactus Feeders. He also said they bought about 50,000 head of cattle annually from National Farms in Kansas and all of the cattle coming out of the Jerry Adams feed-yard in Nebraska, which has a one-time capacity of about 100,000 head. The cattle from Simplot, Cactus and National were generally bought, Leman said, on a forward contracting basis.

It's those forward contracts that are at issue in this trial.

The cattlemen claim those contracts give the packer con-

trol over the supply of cattle to the packing plant. Being able to control the supply of cattle to be slaughtered,

**The packer insists the marketing contracts are a way for cattlemen to realize profits on high quality cattle through a system of premiums and discounts.**

allows the packer to control cattle prices, the cattlemen claim, since price is a function of supply and demand.

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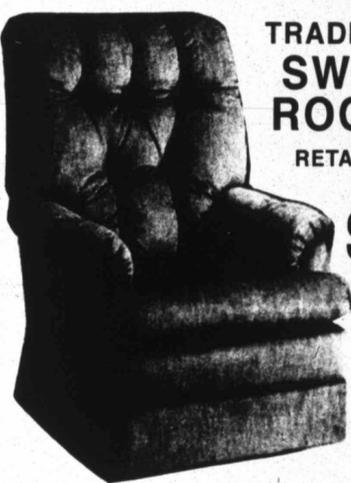
"We try to pay for value received," Leman said. "We like cattle producers a great deal."

In testimony Thursday, Callicrate, who now sells his beef through his company Ranch Foods Direct to customers along the Front Range of the Rockies from Pueblo, Colo., to Cheyenne, Wyo., disputed that.

"IBP buys lower quality animals," Callicrate said. "Low quality cattle results in low quality products."

IBP attorneys objected to the statement, saying Callicrate had no proof, just his opinion, of the quality of IBP's products.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### In America's best interest

To the editor:  
 It is my sincerest hope this past holiday season was truly a fulfilling one for all deserving Americans everywhere. Being Americans, we can all probably admit to receiving more than we actually needed. However, that is just one of the many blessings we Americans take for granted. A blessing, I might point out, that has been earned by a work ethic second to none.

Free people working in a free society will always be a tough act to follow. As I did my Christmas shopping, I was once again struck by how many items on the shelves were foreign-made and, in most cases, of substandard quality compared to good old American-made goods.

Many Americans are not aware of the enormous trade deficit this country has with the rest of the world. That means billions upon billions more of our dollars going out of this country opposed to those dollars coming back in the form of foreigners buying our products. Economics 101 tells us that you can't spend more than you earn and long endure.

The things from Mexico, Korea, Malaysia and most definitely Communist China are without question inferior to their American-made equivalent. Unfortunately, as a result of the excesses of a few leaders in organized labor, the cost of many American-made products have been put out of reach of ordinary Americans, a problem I, for one, don't have a good solution for.

Communist China has enslaved its own people and, as a result, their products are extremely cheap and inferior but still more affordable for most Americans. I would like to respectfully suggest that, as Americans, we could make a difference when we go to buy the many items we need and/or want.

The overwhelming percentage of all revenues generated in Communist China goes toward their ever-expanding military. When Americans purchase Chinese products, we are, in fact, facilitating that buildup.

Ask a W.W.II veteran who served in the Pacific and fought the Japanese how they felt about the fact that, prior to that war, America shipped tons upon tons of scrap iron to Japan only to have them shoot it back at our soldiers.

China is without question our enemy, and every time Americans buy even the least Communist-made product, we are, in fact, buying their military one more bullet that may someday be directed toward our sons or grandsons.

When we go shopping, let us all look at the labels and if they don't say, "Made in America," ask ourselves, do we really need that product. If we Americans don't take care of ourselves first and foremost, does anyone really believe the rest of the world will have our best interests at heart?

**John L. Tripplehorn**  
 Pampa

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"The price of justice is eternal publicity."  
 — Arnold Bennett, English poet, author and critic (1867-1931).

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# Negativity loses (election) day

The negative ads of Howard Dean and Dick Gephardt succeeded brilliantly: They both lost Monday in Iowa. The winners — John Kerry and John Edwards — both abstained from negatives and won.

The history of politics has always suggested that when one candidate attacks the other and the fire is returned, they both go down and the third — and fourth — candidate soars into the lead. Never has this been more true than it was in Iowa.

Iowa has served to nominate a liberal candidate (Kerry) to oppose a moderate (Edwards). In the best tradition of past primaries, they will now square off against one another.

In 1976, it was Mo Udall for the liberals, Jimmy Carter for the moderates. In 1984, Walter Mondale represented the left, Gary Hart the center. In 1988, Michael Dukakis was the liberal, Al Gore the centrist. In 1992, Jerry Brown represented the left; Bill Clinton was the moderate. Now these two traditional Democratic Party camps square off again.

What happened to Howard Dean? He was assassinated by Bill and Hillary with the assistance of Chris Lehane, the political hit man who first worked for Kerry and now backs Clark.

Desperate to keep control of the Democratic Party, the Clintons used their negative researchers and detectives to the ultimate and generated a story-a-day savaging Dean. The Vermont governor, not ready for prime time, cooperated by being thin-skinned, surly and combative. And now he is an artifact of history. The left (who had made Dean their darling) embraced Kerry (the original leftist) as their nominee.

But the most interesting surge was by



**DICK MORRIS**  
 COLUMNIST

Edwards, a written-off moderate from North Carolina — a born-again Clinton speaking for the South and appealing to the moderates who dominate general elections. An attractive orator and accomplished trial lawyer, Edwards can now effectively compete for the nomination.

The big losers? The men who weren't there: Wesley Clark and Joe Lieberman. Edwards and Kerry have reared up to the lead. Who needs a Clark or a Lieberman? Shunted aside by their own arrogant refusal to submit to the verdict of the voters in the nation's first contest, they'll be ignored in the rush of enthusiasm for the two new front runners. The media will be filled with stories of the rise of Kerry and Edwards; neither Clark nor Lieberman will be able to get a word in edgewise.

But President Bush has to be the biggest loser. His dreams of a slam dunk race against leftist Howard Dean have been dashed. The concerted efforts of the Clintons and the national media have consigned the Vermont governor to history. Now Bush has to work to get re-elected.

Iowa has, thankfully, consigned Richard Gephardt to a much-deserved political grave. This anachronism, a spokesman for organized labor and the AFL-CIO bosses, will join the ranks of Walter Mondale and Mike Dukakis on the scrap heap of special-interest liberalism.

Dean had seized an early lead based on his opposition to the war in Iraq. But his campaign died the day we captured Saddam Hussein. This military coup demonstrated anew the reasons for our invasion of Iraq and robbed the Dean campaign of its essential cause, its raison d'etre. The pounding of the Democratic Party establishment did the rest, dropping Dean to a small percentage of the vote he would have otherwise garnered.

Kerry, a senator from a neighboring state, will likely now go on to win in New Hampshire. The real contest will be for second place. Can Clark enter the race with a second-place finish? Will Edwards capitalize on his Iowa showing to oust the retired general from the second spot? Can Lieberman cash in on the memories of 2000 to replace them both?

My bet is that Edwards surges and finishes second in New Hampshire, too. Then we proceed to the big states five weeks later — New York, Texas, California and Ohio all vote on the same day in this front-loaded process. Edwards and Kerry will slug it out and the winner is anybody's guess.

Can Bush beat Kerry? Not as easily as he could defeat Dean, but he likely can. Kerry is ultimately a reincarnation of Mike Dukakis as the candidate from the People's Republic of Massachusetts. His liberalism places him beyond the pale of most American voters.

Edwards would be a tougher sell. While his trial-lawyer campaign contributions will likely rise up to bite him as the race progresses, he is a canny politician with a captivating manner and a trial lawyer's sense of how to appeal to the voters.

If he wins, Bush is in for a fight.



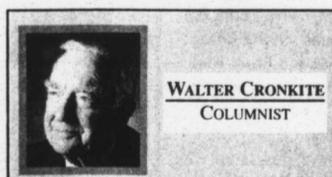
# Americans succumb to automania

These days could hardly be more important: President Bush delivers his first State of the Union address to the nation since the Iraq invasion; the Democrats who would like to succeed him in the White House meet their first tests in Iowa and New Hampshire; the National Football League overdoes its annual extravaganza known as the Super Bowl. However, all of this important current history is overshadowed, for the next few days at least, by Detroit's International Auto Show.

The new cars from American and foreign producers look sleeker and promise performance hardly imaginable a decade or two ago. Several advertise road speeds of more than 150 miles an hour, although the sales literature doesn't suggest where they should be driven at that speed. Seldom mentioned in the sales literature is either pollution control or fuel consumption.

As a nation of car lovers, we can drool with lust and envy as we tour shows like that in Detroit. But to face our more realistic transportation and traffic problems, complicated by an aging population, permit me to take a slight detour.

In Santa Monica, Calif., last summer, an aged driver lost control of his car, plowed into a crowd of pedestrians and killed 10 and injured 50 of them. This type of accident has happened before and is destined to happen again. Editorialists, columnists and commentators across the country tut-tutted. They expressed sympathy for our older citizens. They understood their need for transportation and the



**WALTER CRONKITE**  
 COLUMNIST

terrible blow to their independence if they were denied the right to drive. But most seemed to think that snatching away their driver's licenses was the only solution. Let me suggest another possibility.

First of all, let us agree that, to assure transportation around town, no one needs a machine that can accelerate from 0 to 60 miles an hour in eight seconds. And what does the elderly driver need with a machine that weighs 17 tons, is built like a tank and is capable of plowing through almost any obstacle?

Almost everyone, including the aged themselves, recognizes personal limitations. Only the most exceptional human specimen is lucky enough in his or her 80s to still have perfect eyesight and hearing and the reflexes of years ago. Many of the serious accidents involving the aged are a result of fouled reflexes — hitting the accelerator instead of the brake, swinging the wheel left when to the right would have escaped the impending calamity.

Wouldn't the solution be to remove the dangerous weapon that the automobile becomes in the hands of the aged? It could be done without leaving the old driver stranded. We would supply him or her with a suitable, but still far less dead-

ly, automobile. Our car would have a top speed of, say, just 20 miles an hour. Its accelerator and brake pedals would be so clearly defined that it would be almost impossible, even in panic, to confuse them.

The small engine and other components this car would require would cut substantially the weight of the car, removing its lethal potential if it should spin out of control. The small car — let's give it a name: the City Car — clearly would not serve for cross-country tourism or as a commuter on the high-speed highways, but it would take our aged comfortably and more safely into the nearby village and around town and city. It might slow traffic a bit on one-way streets, but on few of those does any car get up above 20 or so miles an hour. On the wider city streets, the City Car will be in the usually slower right lane anyway.

Motorized scooters are definitely helpful in getting around one's neighborhood, but they don't have the range of the automobile, are open to the elements and are not always permitted on city sidewalks. Besides, they seem to be an admission of extreme disability, of advanced old age. A machine that looked like a car, operated like a car and had the convenience of a car would bolster considerably the ego of the aging — and not be a menace to the pedestrian population.

(Write to Walter Cronkite c/o King Features Syndicate, 888 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10019, or e-mail him at [mail@cronkitecolumn.com](mailto:mail@cronkitecolumn.com).)

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# All Business: Unclear future for home-building stocks

By RACHEL BECK  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — It's not just homeowners and mortgage brokers who want to know if the housing boom is heading toward a bust. Add to that list all the investors who have seen big gains in their home-building stocks over the last year.

Just about everyone agrees that the supercharged housing market can't keep accelerating at this pace forever. But the big question is how soon will the slowdown come and what impact — if any — it will have on stocks.

Ask Wall Street analysts, and the consensus is that the home-building companies are built to last. With the economy gaining ground, these stocks will remain strong for the coming year, they believe, and the rally could extend well beyond that.

But some experts worry about the effect of higher interest rates, and point to the recent selling of stock by insiders at some home-building companies as evidence that the good times could be coming to an end.

Home construction and sales were pushed to record levels in 2003 as the Federal Reserve's interest-rate cutting campaign to jump-start the economy kept mortgage rates at levels not seen since the late 1950s.

That has resulted in a stunning run for shares in the home-building sector, which had gains last year that far outpaced the broader market. In fact, even some of the sector's worst-performing stocks still tallied double-digit returns for the year.

But given that advance and the likelihood that the Fed will start raising rates this year as

the economy picks up steam, what will happen next?

Those bullish on the sector aren't concerned. Their view is that the strengthening economy will likely lead to an improved labor market, which will only boost demand. Also, they argue that large homebuilders, especially those with a national presence, are less subject to cyclical downturns than they have been in the past.

Standard & Poor's named the home-building sector as one of its "best-situated groups" for the year ahead. While the credit-rating agency believes mortgage rates typically have the largest influence

on home sales, it only expects rates to inch up slightly over the next three years.

The Spear Report, which tracks recommendations from other investment newsletters and uses that to formulate its stock picks, said solid balance sheets and plentiful land inventories should continue to make these stocks attractive.

And a recent slowdown in the mortgage business, namely in refinancings, doesn't necessarily mean home building will dry up fast. In fact, there was a 2 percent jump in November's residential construction, which advanced to a new record annual rate of \$495.7 billion.

"We think that housing represents for many people a stable investment at a time when there is a lot of stress about equities," said Kenneth Reid, editor and chief market analyst of The Spear Report. "Even people who are not in the (stock) market end up supporting housing stocks."

Still, there is no telling how damaging a shift in rates could be. And it's something that seems to spook investors.

Home-building stocks tumbled last Thursday after Ryland Group said that its new home orders fell 8.9 percent in the quarter. But the sector managed to rebound in Friday's session

as investors surmised that Ryland's troubles were company specific, not industry wide.

Corporate insiders also appear to be considering some of the risks.

Just look at how executives, directors and key employees at home-building companies have been playing these stocks lately. Over the last three months, there has been about \$90 sold for every dollar bought, according to Thomson Financial.

Some of this insider selling may just be routine, or it could be executives wanting to free up cash to cover personal expenses. But it could also hint at worries over whether growth can continue at the same pace.

That's certainly something to keep a close eye on during the coming months.

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## WOODROW WILSON HONOR ROLL

Woodrow Wilson Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the third six-weeks grading period of the 2003-04 school year.

**First Grade.** Aron Avila, Genesis DeLatorre, Caci Freeman, Iaritz Melendez, Jasmine Recio, Kasandra Resendiz, Alex Salazar, Sierra Sieber, McKinli Thomas, Travis Williams, Isaiah Casanova, Olga Garcia, Adrain Lopez, Emily Mackey, Ivette Medina, Jessica Ramirez, Samantha Rivera.

**Second Grade.** Michael Foreman, Alexandra Gutierrez, Megan McCollum, Valeria Rodriguez, MacKenzie Smith, Mayra Tinajero, Erika Wells, Shelbie Reames, Dalia Camacho, Jose Copado, Cori Cox, Mayce

Wheat, Pamela Whinery, Vanessa Anguiano, Steven Carver, Harley Elliott, Alexander Hernandez, Jose Hernandez, Savanna McPherson, Krysten Miller, Jade Smiles.

**Third Grade.** Martecia Alexander, Patrick Barney, Omar Carrasco, Reena Patel, Destaney Vasquez, Summer Sieber, Brittany Weatherford, Riley Douglas, Daniel Ortiz, Brenda Recendiz.

**Fourth Grade.** Seth Almanza, Devin Asencio, Nicole Devers, Junnis Garcia, Carmen Marin, Samantha Powell, Mario Rivera, Caylie Reames, Brienne Moyer, Caylee Steward, Courtney Ward, Meganne Fraser, Joseph Vizcaino, Pedro Castillo, Dustin Whinery, Yelitza Anguiano, Mario Atilano, Jacob Boyd, Cody Parks, Luis Romero.

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

## Republican Women



(Courtesy photo)

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club recently installed the following officers for the 2004 club year: (back row) Jennifer Peet, president; Gaye Whitehead, secretary; Kerrick Horton, program coordinator; (front row) Ann Franklin, publicity coordinator; and Clara Quarry, treasurer. The club will meet at 12 noon, Wednesday, Jan. 28, at The Coffee Shop in Pampa. Doug Ware, party chair, and Judge Richard Peet will be present to answer questions from those present at the meeting. The club meets the third Wednesday of each month at The Coffee Shop. New members are welcome.

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**SUPER BOWL WEEK SPECIALS**

**Farm Scene: Researchers cloning cattle to be mad cow resistant**

By CHRIS KAHN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Scientists looking for a surefire way to stop mad cow disease are trying to clone cattle that are genetically engineered to resist the deadly brain-wasting illness.

The Biotechnology Industry Organization, a Washington trade group, says at least three research teams are trying to produce clones. One of those, a team in Korea, announced last month the birth of four

"mad cow-proof" calves. At Virginia Tech University, Will Eyestone and William Huckle say they are hoping for success soon, too.

"If all goes well, we're looking to have a cloned cow born later this year or early next year," Eyestone said.

Using such a tricky and expensive method to protect the beef of the future doesn't seem very practical, beef industry and consumer advocates say. Still, there is interest in the effort.

"We're not in support of

cloning cattle," said James "Bo" Reagan, of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association in Denver. "But the more knowledge we have on any subject, the better off we'll be on making decisions."

The Food and Drug Administration has not approved beef from cloned cattle or their offspring for food. Even if it does get FDA approval someday, Reagan said ranchers probably wouldn't rush to buy genetically engineered cows. Mad cow disease remains a small threat for

American beef, he said, and a herd of genetically engineered animals would cost a fortune.

But if mad cow disease became a serious threat "and we felt like there was a high risk, then yeah — there would be a lot of people interested," he said.

Jean Halloran, director of the Consumer Policy Institute in New York, said some consumers would be open to the idea of buying cloned meat that's being promoted as "mad cow-proof." But she said doing so seems like overkill.

"This is a profoundly wrongheaded approach to the problem," she said of the cloning research. "Especially when there's a

much easier solution, which is that you stop feeding contaminated feed to animals that they weren't meant to have in the first place. Cows are vegetarians."

Eyestone and Huckle said they started working on cloning calves about two years ago in hopes of learning more about prions, the twisted proteins blamed for several types of brain-wasting disease in people and animals.

The rogue prions that cause mad cow disease, formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), can withstand ultraviolet light, ionizing radiation, sterilizing temperatures and chemical disinfectants.

As they work through the body, the prions infect normal prion proteins, causing them to misfold and infect other proteins, eventually creating tiny sponge-like holes in the brain. Infected animals wobble and slobber; people with the human form of the disease also lose muscle control and suffer from dementia before dying.

Cattle are thought to get BSE from eating feed that contains prion-contaminated meal made from other cows. Such feed was banned in 1997. Scientists believe people can get the human form of the disease by eating processed beef products containing spinal or nervous system tissue from a BSE-infected cow.

**Golden Nail committee seeking nominations**

AMARILLO — Organizers of the annual Golden Nail Awards Gala are currently seeking nominations from a 12-city area which includes Pampa. The awards were established to honor those providing extraordinary support for the fine arts in the Texas Panhandle.

Individuals, businesses and foundations can be nominated for the ceremonies set to take place Friday, April 2 in Amarillo Civic Center. Award categories include Summit, Individual, Business, Foundation and Distinguished Volunteer.

Each year, the Summit Award goes to an individual for lifelong support of the arts. Special awards are presented when warranted. Golden Touch Awards are bestowed for innovative ideas in the arts events and area activities.

The event is being sponsored by the Arts Committee of Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. Local representatives are Darlene Birkes and Becky Zenor, (806) 373-7800.

Nominations are invited from both individuals and organizations. Forms are available through Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, 1000 S. Polk, Amarillo, or from Birkes at 665-2913. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 16.

Established in 1982, 200 Golden Nail Award-winners included Gray-Pampa Foundation and Gray County Centennial.

**Seminar to focus on global business, homeland security**

CANYON — A free one-hour seminar on "Dealing with Global Business and Homeland Security" has been scheduled for noon Tuesday, Jan. 27 at West Texas A&M University.

Two members of the WTAMU faculty and Amarillo's coordinator of emergency management will lead a discussion in the Hazel Kelley Wilson Room at the Jack B. Kelley Student Center.

Dr. Syed Tariq Anwar, professor of marketing and international business, and Dr. Harry Hueston, assistant professor of criminal justice, will be joined by the city of Amarillo's Walt Kelley as they examine how best to deal with the changing issues of global business, terrorism and homeland security.

"The public, businesses, law-enforcement agencies and non-profit organizations continue to face questions about these issues, and we invite anyone from any of these sectors

and, of course, the University community, to join us for this seminar," Hueston said.

The speakers also will provide theoretical and practical perspectives of the geo-political, social and business issues of homeland security.

"This seminar is aimed at helping educate everyone — especially our business community and law enforcement agencies — in how best to deal with the changing issues of global business and homeland security," Anwar said.

The seminar is being sponsored by the Alpha Psi chapter of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars and WTAMU's Students for Law and Order. For more information, contact Hueston at 806-651-2421, Anwar at 806-651-2491, or access the seminar Web site at <http://wtfaculty.wtamu.edu/~sanwar.bus/seminars-NEW.htm>.

**TRAVIS HONOR ROLL**

Travis Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the third six-weeks grading period of the 2003-04 school year.

**THIRD GRADE**

**A Honor Roll.** Tiffany Britton, Rebecca Corbitt, Christina DiTirro, Bryce Parker, Taylor Ranney, Alison Alexander, Keva Dallas, Raul Lara, Joshua Owen, Heather Parks, Talia Poe, Sheldon Reeve, Chris Rivera, Taylor Woods, Elyxcus Anaya, Matthew Arnold, Bailey Beck, Madison Brass, Christopher Duree, Holly Lane, Nicolas Pletcher, Bailey Read, Alexis Urquhart.

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**FOURTH GRADE**

**A Honor Roll.** Dylan Hooker, Margo Mendoza, Alanna Stephens, Janell Parks, KeEra Busse, Stephanie Allen, Jessica Covil, Jacob Frost, Reid Miller.

**AB Honor Roll.** Jose' Cabrales, NaKayla Hardman, Teaira Jordan, Brandon Yates, Shane Smith, Miranda Patterson, Koltan Henderson, Kendall Aikin, Marco Garcia, Laci Hernandez, Chris Nesbit, Ashley Stucker, Schrade Thompson, Shelby Worthington.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Car Accident Forces Mom To Reorder Her Priorities

DEAR ABBY: I have always believed my home and family are a reflection of me. My spotless home and my children defined me as a success. When an auto accident left me in traction and unable to leave my bed, I learned a new definition of success.

A special neighbor who had recently graduated from college was job-hunting without much luck. Every morning she would come over, get my kids ready for school and clean my house, while I lay in bed feeling sorry for myself.

The one thing I was able to do from my bed was talk to my children. I read to them every night at bedtime. For the first time, I listened to them without distraction. I heard them laugh. I held them when they cried. I didn't think about dirty dishes or laundry—I just thought about them. In other words, I was a real mom for the first time in their lives.

When I was finally able to get out of bed and do things for myself, I wrote a long letter of gratitude to my neighbor and tucked it into her pocket as she left. Imagine my surprise when she showed up at my door bright and early the next morning. Over coffee, she tearfully told me how much helping me had meant to her. She had been considering suicide because she didn't feel she had a purpose in life. Helping me gave her a purpose and snapped her out of her depression.

Abby, I have learned many things from this experience. I have learned that smiles on my children's faces are far more important than shiny floors and sparkling windows. I have also learned that giving help is as important as receiving it. My house may not be as clean as it was before, but my children will never have to compete with housework again.

THANKFUL IN TEXAS

DEAR THANKFUL: Thank you for sharing the insight you have gained. It seems the auto accident was a life-changing experience, not only for you, but also for those around you. I agree, your house may not be as tidy as it was before your accident, but your priorities are

now in order, and that's far more important.

DEAR ABBY: My dad died two years ago, leaving my mother alone after 49 years of a wonderful marriage. My sister and I helped Mom move into an assisted-living facility where she has adjusted as well as can be expected.

My dad worked hard, saved well, and left Mom with no financial concerns. Our dilemma is that Mom, a very trusting person, has now befriended a man who is a known con artist. This man has been in severe financial trouble for more than 20 years and has asked Mom for a large sum of money, which she agreed to give him. He also informed her that this sum of money may not be enough to resolve his problems.

Abby, this man has been caught in several lies, but Mom insists she's doing the right thing. We are certain he intends to drain Mom of 50 years of hard work and savings. How can we help her? We need to help her understand this man's true motives. We both love her dearly.

WORRIED SICK IN ALABAMA

DEAR WORRIED SICK: Warn your mother's attorney about what's going on, and if necessary, call the police. A con man who smells money has as much conscience as a shark who smells blood in the water, and it appears your mother is in over her head. Please don't wait.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)



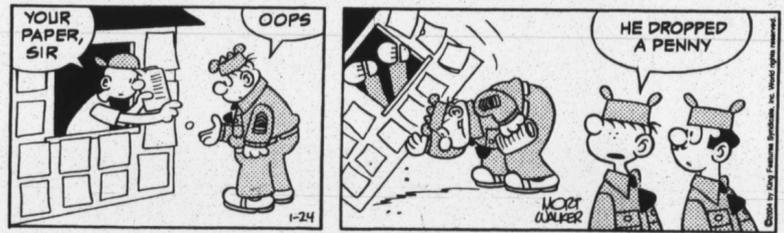
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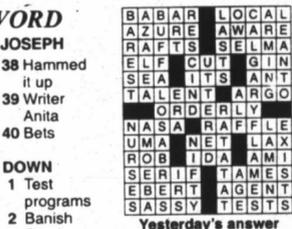
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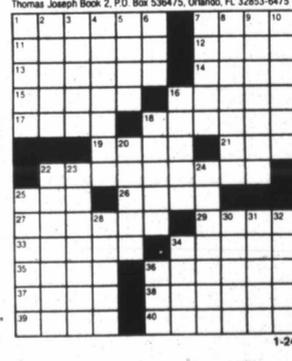
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# MEDICAL

## Children in Italy shunning healthy traditional diet

By FRANCES D'EMILIO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ROME (AP) — Big. That's how many Italians sum up their impressions of the United States — from the Grand Canyon to the jumbo burgers to the back-sides.

But Italians no longer have to cross an ocean to gape at slab.

This country of the good-for-your-waistline Mediterranean diet has somehow produced a generation of chubby children. And with Italian youngsters now among Europe's fattest, doctors are worrying about the nation's health future.

"In the 20 years of my practice, the number of overweight and obese children has increased enormously," says Andrea Vania, a pediatric nutritionist in Rome.

He's appalled that he is seeing patients as young as 5 with weight problems. "We never used to see this."

Curiously, southern European children in general are far chubbier than their counterparts in the north, where traditional diets are fatty ones.

Experts say the blame for the extra pounds is twofold.

Not only have southern Europeans increasingly abandoned traditional diets rich in vegetables, fruits and grains for fatty ones, but also indulgent parents are letting children lead some of the most sedentary lifestyles in western Europe.

"You (Americans) colonized us. Italian children don't follow the Mediterranean diet anymore," says Margherita Caroli, an expert in pediatrics and diet and a member of the European Child Obesity Task Force.

While calories are mounting, calorie-burning is not.

"Italian mamas coddle their children," says Caroli, who is based in southern Italy.

A generation ago, Italian youngsters whiled away the hours kicking soccer balls. Now they're being enrolled by their parents in computer courses or English lessons.

And while grandparents might have walked children to school a few decades back when cars were scarce in postwar Italy, students these days are driven to

school, or, if they're old enough, zip there on their own motorscooters.

Surveys of European youngsters' daily physical activity have found that Italian and Portuguese children are the least active, says Laura Rossi, a researcher at Italy's national nutrition institute, INRAN.

Italians are eating more meat and moving away from Mediterranean staples like pasta, rice and barley.

In the years right after World War II, many Italians went hungry and "meat was seen as a luxury that was good for you," Rossi says.

The notion still sticks. The first question many Italian mothers ask their children after school is, "Did you eat your meat today?"

Children's midmorning snacks used to be simple foods like focaccia, a kind of chewy bread. Jumbo bags of potato chips are the current playground status symbol.

Thirty-six percent of Italian children ages 6-11 are overweight, compared with 34 percent in Spain, 31 percent in Greece, 20 percent in England, 15 percent in Denmark and 13 percent in Finland, Caroli says. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says about 15 percent of American children and teenagers are overweight.

Experts disagree over what constitutes obesity in childhood.

For adults, the World Health Organization's threshold for being overweight is a body mass index of 25 and those at 30 or more are considered obese. BMI is calculated by multiplying weight in pounds by 703, then dividing by height in inches squared.

Some experts contend that, in general, any child with a BMI above the 85th percentile for age and sex is obese, while others, like the CDC, use the 95th percentile.

What experts agree on is that overweight children tend to grow up to be overweight adults, with related problems like diabetes and heart ailments.

"A photograph of an obese child is the photograph of a future obese generation," says Michele Carruba, a pharmacologist in Milan who heads the Italian Obesity Society.

Yet many parents resist

(See ITALY, Page 12)

## Accent on Health: TDH offers tips for new year

AUSTIN — It's that time of year when people make resolutions. You know the vows: clean out the garage, keep in better touch with friends and family, save money.

But there are some health and fitness resolutions that could save your life, according to Texas Commissioner of Health Eduardo Sanchez, M.D.

"If people would remember to do just five things, they could live longer, healthier lives," Sanchez said.

The five are eat smart; get fit; get shots; get checkups and screens; and don't smoke.

Each of these suggestions alone is good for anyone to consider, Sanchez said. But together they provide a solid plan to help a person get healthy and stay that way.

First, more than 60 percent of the people in Texas are overweight or obese. Preliminary analysis by the Texas Department of Health (TDH) suggests that overweight and obesity cost an estimated \$10.2 billion in 2001 in Texas.

Healthy benefits come, nutritionists say, if people eat five to nine servings of fruit and vegetables a day. Other good choices include eating whole grains; taking smaller portions; selecting lean meat, fish and poultry; and reducing or eliminating fat, fried foods, sugar and salt.

In addition to an improved immune system, people who eat smart may avoid or delay problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol and triglycerides (fats in the blood) that can lead to heart disease and stroke.

Next, are you having trouble getting moving? You are not alone. Urban sprawl means more time in the car for many, and busy schedules

make getting fit a challenge.

Think about ways you can start slowly and build your activity level. Just 30 minutes of moderate to brisk exercise daily can strengthen your heart.

"Make it a family activity," Sanchez said. "Try fun runs, walks and other activities that can include family members of all ages."

Third, getting shots is something many adults don't think about; but pneumonia, one of the most serious infections for seniors, is easily prevented with a vaccine. While an influenza vaccine can't always completely cover all strains circulating, it does provide protection, and is especially important for those at risk of serious complications or death.

"Check with your health care provider about what shots are recommended and when," Sanchez said. "Most adults should get vaccinated against pneumonia and flu, especially those over age 65."

Or when is the last time you had a tetanus shot? The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends adults get a booster every 10 years.

Fourth on the list is getting checkups and screens. Many people don't visit a doctor until a problem occurs. This procrastination can be deadly.

Pap smears, mammograms and colorectal exams can detect cancerous activity early when treatment is most effective. Tests for cholesterol, triglyceride levels and blood pressure, along with a family history, can indicate if you are at risk for heart disease. People at risk of developing diabetes can prevent serious complications or death if the disease is diagnosed and managed.

And finally, it's been repeated often; but, again,

smoking is bad for your health. Tobacco use can lead to deadly diseases such as lung cancer, emphysema and stroke. When quitting, ask your doctor if nicotine replacement products are a good idea, get a friend to remind you of all the benefits of being smoke-free, and be patient — many people quit several times before they kick the habit for good.

"Make 2004 a year for positive behavioral change," Sanchez said. "You just may save your life."

### Tips for Eating Smart

—Reduce portion size. If you eat out, order smaller portions or divide your entrée and take half home.

—Drink fewer sodas. Over a year's time, one can of regular cola a day at 150 calories equals more than 15 pounds worth of calories.

—Write down what you eat. You may be surprised by the incidental calories — a bag of chips here, some candy there, really add up.

—Add fruit and vegetables. Substitute dried fruit for candy, add vegetables to soups, pasta, stir-fry dishes or casseroles.

—Limit snack foods, foods high in fat or sugar and processed foods since they have more calories and fewer nutrients.

### Tips for getting fit

—Take a step in the right direction. Walking 10,000 steps a day (about five miles) helps to maintain a healthy weight. A pedometer will help you determine your steps.

—Go it on foot. Take the stairs instead of elevators, park farther from your destination and walk. Encourage your children to walk to school where feasible, walk or ride a bicycle for short trips instead of taking the car. It all adds up.

—Start small. Incorporate

10 minutes of exercise a day at first, then gradually build to half an hour a day to maintain weight or an hour a day to lose weight.

—The more television a child watches, the more likely he or she is to be obese. Consider activities as a family such as going to the zoo or park, playing catch or skating.

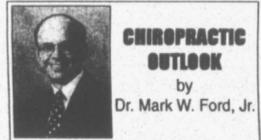
### Tips for quitting smoking

—For some people drinking coffee, driving or watching TV triggers a desire to smoke. Identify triggers for smoking and avoid or modify behavior.

—Choose healthy alternatives such as drinking water, taking a walk, or going to the movies or a library where smoking is not allowed.

—Be patient, most people make several attempts before they are able to quit permanently.

—Seek out a supportive friend or family member or call the American Cancer Society's Quitline at 1-877-937-7848 for help.



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

### OLDER AND WISER

We're all getting older. Science still has not figured out a way to halt the aging process. But look on the bright side - getting older can mean you are getting better. At 40, 50 or 60, you most likely know more, work better and have more self-confidence than when you were 20. Of course, our bodies undergo changes as we age, but we can take steps to minimize the negative effects of aging.

Doctors of Chiropractic can suggest ways to lessen the challenges of aging. Making changes in diet and exercise routines may be your key to staying active and healthy well into older years.

Lack of exercise causes the muscles to weaken and the body to gain needless weight. In addition to burning off calories, exercise can also reduce the risk of getting diseases. Watching the foods you eat is also important. Refrain from consuming fatty foods, keep plenty of fiber in your diet, eat a lot of vegetables and fruits, and take the right vitamins and minerals. Make an appointment with your chiropractor to discuss an exercise routine and diet, as well as checking on your spinal health and well being.

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## Researchers identify gene linked directly to heart attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first gene linked directly to heart attacks has been isolated from an extended Iowa family that has been plagued for generations with rampant coronary artery disease.

The gene, called MEF2A, plays a role in protecting the artery walls from building up plaque that can impede blood flow and lead to heart attacks, said Dr. Eric J. Topol of the Cleveland Clinic, head of a team that discovered the gene.

"This is the first heart attack gene," said Topol. "Everyone

who has this gene mutation is destined to have the disease. If you don't have this gene in this family, you appear to be free from developing this disease."

A report on the discovery was recently in the journal Science.

Topol said that his team analyzed the genes of about 100 members of an Iowa family where heart disease and heart attack have been common for generation after generation. They found that members of the family with heart disease had a MEF2A gene that lacked some

key bits of DNA. This apparently causes the arteries to thicken and become clogged.

It will take more study to determine if MEF2A plays a role in heart disease among people outside of families where the mutation is inherited. The gene makes a protein that regulates some other genes and Topol said those will now be analyzed to see if they can be linked generally to heart disease.

"We have learned from other genetic studies that once you get the first gene it starts to unlock the whole story," said Topol.

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# SPORTS

## Harvesters surge past Plainview, 65-53

PAMPA — Chance Bowers scored 19 points and Jed Martin added 17 as Pampa posted a solid 65-53 win over Plainview in District 3-4A action Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa scored the first six points of the game and never trailed to boost the Harvesters into a three-way tie for third place with Plainview and Dumas.

Pampa is 3-3 in district and 7-12 for the season. Plainview is 3-3 and 12-9.

Every time Plainview threatened, Pampa would go on a scoring

run to extend the lead. The Bulldogs crept within one point five times in the first quarter, but the Harvesters pulled away to a 10-point advantage (33-23) at halftime.

Bowers scored 14 first-half points and Martin did most of his damage after intermission with 12 second half points.

Clayton Hall and Collin Bowers chipped in 10 points each for the

Harvesters.

Dave Smith led Plainview with 16 points.

The Bowers twins (Chance and Collin), along with 6-7 Jarrett Kotara, combined to hold down the Bulldogs' 6-7 Jeremy Alexander. The muscular Alexander collared 14 points, but was limited to 10 points.

Pampa had a 29-27 rebounding edge with Brittin East leading the Harvesters with 8 rebounds.

The Harvesters made the most of their free throwing opportunities, hitting 16 of 23 attempts.

Plainview was 6 of 11.

The Harvesters travel to Hereford Tuesday night.

<b>Pampa</b>	17	33	48	65
<b>Plainview</b>	16	23	36	53

Pampa - Chance Bowers 19, Jed Martin 17, Collin Bowers 10, Deterrance Smith 2, Jarrett Kotara 2; 3-point goals: East 1.

Plainview - Dave Smith 16, Jeremy Alexander 10, Jamar Wall 9, Joe Urbina 7, Todd Jeffress 7, Tyler Lane 2, Kenon Uddley 2; 3-point goals: Smith 4, Urbina 1.



Chance Bowers

### NOTEBOOK

#### GOLF

**LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP)** — Phil Mickelson shot an 8-under 64 to go to 21-under and take the third-round lead at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic. He had a 68 in his first round of the season, followed by a 63 the second day of the 90-hole Hope.

He leads Jay Haas and Ben Crane by two shots.

Haas, who turned 50 last month but is in no hurry to join the senior tour, also had a third-round 64 to go to 19-under 197. Crane shot a 65 to move into contention.

Robert Gamez had a tour record-tying 27 on the front nine and shot a 12-under 60 — one off the 18-hole record — to go to 16 under.

#### BASEBALL

**HOUSTON (AP)** — The Houston Astros are about ready to add free-agent reliever Dave Veres to their roster.

"I've talked to his agent but there has been no deal," Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said late Friday.

Veres started his major league career with the Astros in 1994 and was traded to Montreal after the 1997 season. He pitched for the Cubs last season and was 2-1 with a 4.68 ERA in 31 games.

Veres also has pitched at Colorado and St. Louis.

#### BASKETBALL

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP)** — Bob Knight has asked the Indiana Court of Appeals to consider his appeal of a judge's decision dismissing his lawsuit against Indiana University for firing him as basketball coach.

The appeal challenges Monroe Circuit Judge Kenneth Todd's ruling in October that IU didn't violate Knight's contract when former university President Myles Brand fired the coach in September 2000. The judge last month denied a request by Knight to reconsider the case to correct errors.

University counsel Dorothy Frapwell said IU's position on the lawsuit hasn't changed. "We still believe that the university complied with the terms of the contract," she said. "Obviously, we will continue to defend this case, as we have to date."

Brand fired the 29-year Indiana basketball coach for allegedly grabbing a student who greeted him at Assembly Hall. Knight, now the head coach at Texas Tech, had been under a "zero tolerance" order from the IU administration for grabbing former player Neil Reed by the neck and other incidents.

Knight sued IU in 2002, alleging it violated his contract by failing to follow procedures for firing him. He said losing the job had cost him \$2 million in income from media contracts, basketball camps and endorsements.

## Super Bowl caps 2 years of stardom for Brady

**FOXBORO, Mass. (AP)** — The State of the Union was neat. Disney World's a hoot. One can only guess what Tom Brady thought about the Playboy Mansion.

For the New England Patriots quarterback, though, none of the canoodling or hobnobbing that he has done in the last two years ranks with the Super Bowl victory that first made him a crossover star worthy of the gossip columns and the front page.

"I've had some great experiences," Brady said Thursday, two days after watching the President's speech as a guest of first lady Laura Bush. "A lot of that is because of the success we've had on the field, and a lot of that success is because of the guys I'm playing with."

"Hopefully, the stories I bring back for those guys give them a taste of what it's all about. It's been a great couple of years. But when that success on the football field goes away, so do all the really neat things I get to do. That's why football is always going to be No. 1."

The dimpled chin and boyish good looks may make women swoon, but what's more important to Brady is that his coaches and teammates swear by him. In a job that requires him to constantly read and react to defenses, Brady always seems to make the right decision.

"He knows what it takes," offensive lineman Matt Light said after New England advanced to the NFL title game for the second time in three years. "He will lead us the rest of the way, I'm sure."

The 199th pick in the 2000 NFL draft, Brady was neat. Disney World's a hoot. One can only guess what Tom Brady thought about the Playboy Mansion.

His poised and efficient leadership took New England to the Super Bowl, though with their untested quarterback they were two-touchdown underdogs to the St. Louis Rams. Brady took a nap on the floor of the locker room before the game and then engineered one of the biggest upsets in football history, leading the Patriots 53 yards in the final minutes to set up Adam Vinatieri's 48-yard, game-winning field goal as time expired.

New England won 20-17, and Brady was the game's MVP — the first of a wide variety of honors to follow.

There were trips to the White House and Hef's House. He judged a beauty contest and was spotted with his share of them. Donald Trump reportedly wanted to fix him up with his daughter.

"A lot of things have changed," Brady said. "Obviously, the important thing for me is to continue to do things that I find most fulfilling."

"I think that first year I took it for granted, I really did. After that third or fourth week of the year, I was going nonstop. This year, it's been quite a bit different. I'm really enjoying it," he said. "I am happy to head down there for a second time."

## Pampa girls give Plainview a scare

PAMPA — Pampa put quite a scare into powerful Plainview Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Lady Harvesters came out with a scrappy defense and led Plainview by as many as 10 points in the first half. Pampa limited Plainview to only a field goal in the first half to take an eight-point lead (19-11) into halftime.

The second half, however, belonged to Plainview, who went ahead and claimed a 51-37 victory. Plainview outscored Pampa, 22-9 in the third quarter.

Plainview was able to stay out of foul trouble, which kept Pampa from ever shooting a free throw. In the meantime, the Lady Bulldogs cashed in on 26 of 35 attempts from the line.

The Lady Harvesters never gave up their upset hopes despite the disappointing third

quarter. They trailed by only five points (33-28) going into the fourth period and were close to catching Plainview in the closing minutes. With 1:33 to play, Pampa was within six (43-37) after back-to-back baskets by Abbi Covalt and Tara Jordan. The charity stripe came to the rescue and the Lady Bulldogs were able to can 8 of 10 free throws down the stretch.

<b>Plainview</b>	3	11	33	51
<b>Pampa</b>	9	19	28	37

Plainview - Chelsea Hartman 18, Jackie Thiel 9, Dane Reinhart 8, Addie Lees 7, Jessica Igo 6, Rebekah Sarchet 3; 3-point goals: Hartman 3.

Pampa - Abbi Covalt 12, Britteni Rice 10, Stacey Johnson 6, Tara Jordan 4, Lindsey Ammons 3, Jennie Waggoner 2; 3-point goals: Rice 2, Covalt 1, Ammons 1.

## Rain delay



The Pampa girls' soccer team takes a break from the Midland Tournament after rain postponed the matches. Team members are (front, l-r) Korri Carter, coach Jeff Quisenberry and Emalie Luna; (middle row, l-t) Jenee Norris, Lensey Mixon, Chera Chavedo, Vanessa Resendiz, Ashley Pitman and Ericka Silva; (back row, l-r) Kat Passini, Jordan Albracht, Kl'eigh Sweeney, Adeena Dallas, Heather Balay, Darby Snow, Kori Dunn and Erica Wildcat. Injured player Beth Adams could not make the trip. The Lady Harvesters lost two matches and tied one at the tournament.

## TCU conference decision could come this week

**FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)** — Texas Christian University is expected to accept an invitation next week to join the Mountain West Conference beginning in the 2005-06 school year, according to a published report.

TCU could receive a formal invitation as early as Monday, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in its Friday editions, citing unnamed sources.

The school's athletic committee, which has studied a

possible move for months, is expected to recommend to trustees at the board's meeting Jan. 30 that the school leave Conference USA, the newspaper said. The board can veto the move but is expected to approve it, the newspaper reported.

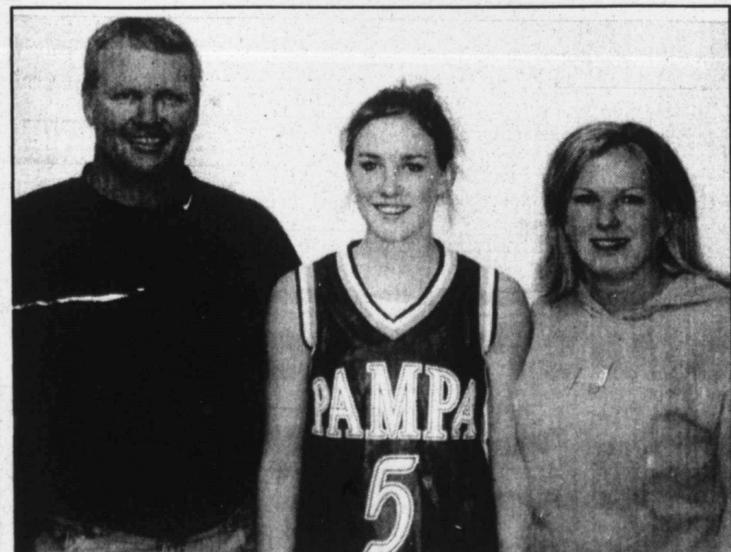
TCU athletic director Eric Hyman declined to comment.

The move would end months of speculation about TCU's athletic future and solidify a place for the Horned Frogs in a major conference.

TCU would join Air Force, Brigham Young, Colorado State, New Mexico, San Diego State, Nevada-Las Vegas, Utah and Wyoming in a nine-team league.

TCU has been on the move since the Southwest Conference dissolved in 1995. The Mountain West would be TCU's fourth conference in 10 years. TCU joined the Western Athletic Conference in 1996 and left for Conference USA after the 2000-01 season.

## Harvester Hoops Spot-light



Britteni Rice is a freshman starter on the Lady Harvesters' varsity basketball team. Her parents are Darin and Rogena Rice, above. Her other activities include volleyball, AAU Basketball, track and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Britteni is a member of the First Baptist Church.

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## Davis savors Carolina homecoming

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Signing with the Carolina Panthers was the best career choice Stephen Davis ever made: He can sleep in his own bed twice a week; tuck his children in at night and spend time with his extended family.

He's also headed to the Super Bowl for the first time in his career. The running back's homecoming is a major reason why the Panthers advanced to the Feb. 1 game against the New England Patriots.

One week away from the biggest game of his career, Davis hasn't stopped to reflect on his dream season. He rushed for a career-best 1,444 yards as the focal point of a run-oriented offense and was selected to the

Pro Bowl. "I haven't looked back yet, maybe when the season is over I can take time and look at the whole season and enjoy the whole season," he said. "Right now, the only thing I am worrying about is that we have one more game and it is the biggest game of the season."

After seven seasons with the Washington Redskins, three of them Pro-Bowl years, Davis was considered a misfit in Steve Spurrier's offense and was cast aside during the offseason. Scouring the market for work, only Carolina and the Houston Texans showed any real interest in the 29-year-old back.

As a native of Spartanburg, S.C., where the Panthers hold

training camp, and because his primary residence is 90 minutes away from Charlotte in Columbia, S.C., picking the Panthers was a no-brainer.

Davis' homecoming has meant as much to him this year as winning football games and proving he's still one of the top backs in the league. Media-shy and leery of accepting the star role, being home this season is one of the few topics Davis truly opens up about.

"Being able to go home some nights and sleep in my own bed, seeing my kids, my mother, seeing my grandmother before she died, that was important to me," he said. "A lot of guys don't get the opportunity and I am blessed to have that opportunity."

## Culligan Water improves record to 2-0 in Optimist boys' league

PAMPA — A furious fourth-quarter rally, highlighted by a three-point shot, brought Culligan Water Conditioning a 15-14 victory over Frank's Value Hardware Friday in the Optimist Boys Basketball 344-4th Grade Division.

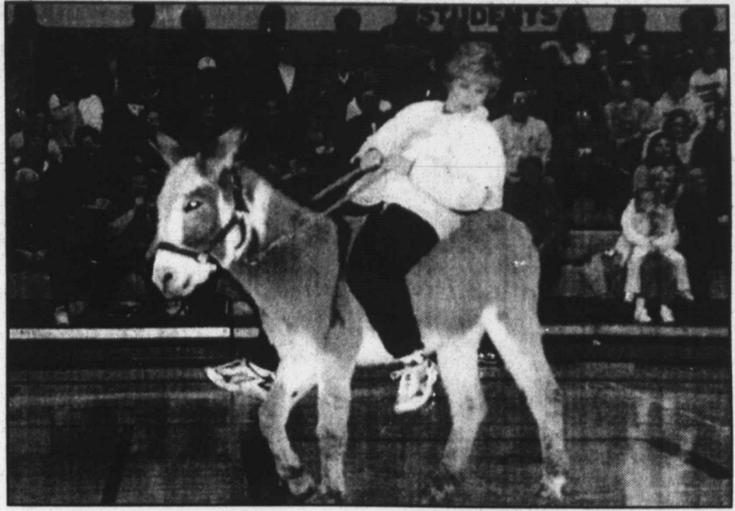
Culligan improved to 2-0 with a 15-9 win over Celanese Corporation Saturday. The team is coached by Dr. Dan Powell and

Worley Kennedy.

Quality Sales defeated Cabot Corporation 35-18, Pampa Office Supply fell to Holmes Gift Shoppe & Sports Center 34-18, and National Bank of Commerce handled Liquid Recovery Systems 29-13.

Ninety boys are taking part in the league this year, according to league Commissioner Dawn Clendenning.

## Basketball on the hoof



Pampa High Principal Evan Smith took the other riders to school, handling the reins like an experienced cowgirl at Thursday night's Donkey Basketball Game in McNeely Fieldhouse. The game was sponsored by the Pampa Lions Club with proceeds going to buy eyeglasses for the Texas Lions Club.

## Houston looks to shine in spotlight

HOUSTON (AP) — With the nation's largest concentration of chemical plants and refineries and a mystique framed by movies such as "Urban Cowboy," the push is on to create a new image for Houston as the Super Bowl puts the city in the spotlight.

Chuck Watson, chairman of the Super Bowl host committee, uses a cattle term — branding — to describe what the Feb. 1 game and its related week-long events should accomplish.

"We've taken a few hits the last few years," he said. "Think about on Monday morning (after the game). You're on the

front page of every newspaper in the world. It's about putting Houston in a positive light."

This Super Bowl is seen as a chance to shed old images and dazzle outsiders by showing off new sports arenas, a huge new downtown hotel and the first working leg of a new light rail mass transit system that, not coincidentally, links a reborn downtown entertainment district with the new football stadium seven miles away.

"It's going to be a large party at the front door," said Bob Eury, who heads Central Houston, a city business-civic booster group. "When you get down to it, some of this hap-

pening now is the result of major projects a long time coming."

While Houston and Texas are spending millions to help make the city shine, Houston must contend with a history filled with grit and sometimes scandal.

Tropical Storm Allison in June 2001 left the city under water. The last presidential campaign portrayed it as America's most air polluted city. An embarrassing financial scandal toppled Enron Corp., which at No. 7 used to be Houston's highest-ranked company on the Fortune 500 list.

## SCOREBOARD

BOWLING		
<b>HARVESTER LANES</b>		
League Standings		
Wednesday Night Mixed League (Week 16)		
Team	Won	Lost
The Woodpecker Shop	38	26
Bob's Bandits	37	27
Lefors Fed Credit Union	34 1/2	29 1/2
Beta Tex	33 1/2	30 1/2
Chez Tanz	31 1/2	32 1/2
Reed's Welding	31	33
Gutter Busters	30 1/2	33 1/2
Team Three	30	34
Harvester lanes	27	37
Davis Minit Mart	25	39
Week's High Scores		
Men		
High scratch game: Gary Ensey 226; High scratch series: Mike Lane 635; High handicap game: Gary Ensey 276; High handicap series: Gary Ensey 666.		
Women		
High scratch game: Judy Anderson 187; High scratch series: Bonnie Clemens 520; High handicap game: Stacy Hext 239; High handicap series: Robbie Locke 619.		
Harvester Women's League (Week 17)		
Team	Won	Lost
Rug Express	43	25
O'Brien Enterprises	42 1/2	25 1/2
Schiffman Machine	41 1/2	26 1/2
Big Uns!!	39	29

Davis Minit Mart	38	30
Peacevale Land & Cattle	34	34
Coney Island	31	37
Gymnastics of Pampa	30	38
Harvester Lanes	21	43
Week's High Scores		
High scratch game: Peggy Muncrief 220; High scratch series: Peggy Chase 597; High handicap game: Peggy Muncrief 276; High handicap series: Nell Laughlin 660.		
Peggy Muncrief, who carries a 130 average, had a 220 game to win two WIBC awards: 75 pins over average and 200 high game.		
<b>BASKETBALL</b>		
<b>EAST</b>		
American U. 74, Colgate 71		
Brown 77, Yale 65		
Bucknell 56, Army 23		
Hartford 78, Dartmouth 68		
Holy Cross 88, Navy 54		
Lafayette 111, Lehigh 104, OT		
Manhattan 96, Loyola, Md. 63		
Niagara 62, Siena 58		
<b>SOUTH</b>		
UCF 74, Troy St. 72		
<b>MIDWEST</b>		
No major team scores reported from the MIDWEST.		
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<b>FAR WEST</b>		
Gonzaga 80, Portland 65		

## Spurs sneak past Suns, 86-84

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Suns still give the San Antonio Spurs fits, even with their major personnel turnover this season.

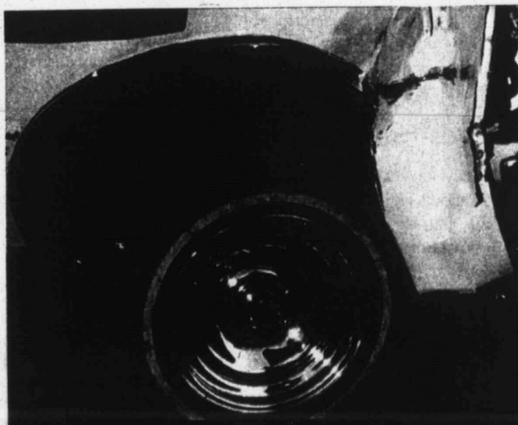
Tony Parker drove to the basket and passed to Rasha Nesterovic for a stuff that tied it with 36.5 seconds to play, then sank a 22-footer with 3.8 seconds left to give the Spurs an 86-84 win over the Suns on Friday night. It was his fifth basket in 13 attempts.

"It's always like this. They really get up for us,"

Tim Duncan said. "They play hard against us. They have a great game plan to counter what we do. It always seems to end up that way."

The way the Spurs were shooting, coach Gregg Popovich insisted he didn't care who took the game-winning shot.

"I had no clue who was going to take it. I had no idea," Popovich said. "I just wanted anybody who might make a shot to take it."



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**TUESDAY • JANUARY 27**

Pampa vs. Hereford B-G • 6 pm away

**FRIDAY • JANUARY 30**

Pampa vs. Palo Duro B-G • 6 pm home

### WRESTLING

**THURSDAY • JANUARY 29**

Pampa vs. Hereford • 6 pm away

### SOCCER

**TUESDAY • JANUARY 27**

Pampa vs. Amarillo High boys • 6 pm home

Pampa vs. Lubbock Coronado girls • 5 pm away

**SATURDAY • JANUARY 31**

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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.

**TDHS VOLUNTEERS**  
Texas Department of Human Services is seeking volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest, capability and availability of openings. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863.

**HANDWEAVER'S GUILD**  
Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 in Amarillo. The meeting is open to individuals interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts. For meeting location or for more information, call (806) 358-2765.

**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.

**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.

**CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Several scholarship opportunities are currently available to area high school seniors through Top O' Texas CattleWomen. Applications for the \$500 Pat Grote Memorial Scholarship are being accepted by the local chapter **until Feb. 20.** For an application, log on to www.texasCattleWomen.org on the Internet. Also awarded will be one \$500 scholarship and two \$250 scholarships. Applications for these scholarships are **due April 23** and may be obtained through your high school counselor. All scholarship applications must be returned to Sandra

Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. For more information, contact Christner at (806) 826-3572.

**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 2.** 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.

**AMARILLO QUILT SHOW**  
Amarillo Quilt Show is scheduled from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, March 19, and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 20 in the Regency Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. The event is being sponsored by Piecemakers Quilt Club, a member of National Quilting Association. Admission will be \$3 for adults. For show information, call (806) 359-3315; for class information, call (806) 655-7401; and for quilt show entries, (806) 353-1164.

**COLGATE YOUTH SERVICE CONTEST**  
Local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls Inc., Camp Fire and 4-H organizations are invited to enter their best community service projects in the 2000 "Colgate Youth for America" campaign. Cash grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded to the most creative and best executed projects from local clubs and troops. Local club and troop community service programs running between March 1, 2003, and March 1, 2004, are eligible for the contest. Entry forms are available through regional offices of the national organizations or by sending a SASE to: Colgate Youth for America Campaign, P.O. Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150-1058. **Deadline for entry into this year's program is April 30, 2004.** Forms are also available on-line at www.youthforamerica.com.

**THEATRE SCHOOL**  
Circle in the Square Theatre School in New York will hold auditions on May 1 in Dallas as part of its Professional Two Year Workshops (both acting and musical) and its seven-week Summer Workshops (acting and musical). For more information, call (212) 307-0388; write: Admissions, Circle in the Square Theatre School, 1633 Broadway, New York, NY 10019-6795; or e-mail circleinthesquare@att.net. For a downloadable application,

visit www.circleinthesquare.org on the World Wide Web.

**WINE & CLAY FESTIVAL**  
Llano Estacado's Seventh Annual Wine & Clay Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13 at Llano Estacado Winery, 3.2 miles east of US87 on FM 1585. Demonstrations are planned throughout the day. Admission is free. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, and 12 noon-5 p.m., Sunday.

**USS SPERRY**  
The USS Sperry Association is seeking former shipmates who served between 1942-82 for a reunion celebration. For more information, call (517) 784-7810; write: George Gallas, secretary, USS SPERRY (AS-12) Association, Jackson, MI 49203-1521; or e-mail georgecarole@modempool.com.

**Winter wheat down 6 percent**

AUSTIN — Texas wheat producers have seeded 6.2 million acres for the 2004 winter wheat crop, down 6 percent from last year, and 3 percent lower than 2002. "A very dry fall in major wheat growing areas discouraged some producers from planting," State Director Robin Roark reported. Nationally, U.S. seedings of winter wheat for 2004 totaled 43.5 million acres, down 3 percent from 2003.

**Shamrock gearing up for annual St. Paddy's events.**

**SHAMROCK**  
Preparations have begun for the 2004 Shamrock St. Patrick's Day Celebration and the 12th Annual Lad n' Lassie and Pre-Teen Pageant. The pageant committee invites all boys between the ages of 0 and 6-years of age and all girls between 0 years of age and eighth grade to compete in this year's pageant to be staged at 1 p.m., Sunday, March 21 in the high school auditorium in Shamrock. The pageant will include the following age divisions: Boy and girl divisions - 0-12

months of age; boy and girl divisions - 1-3 years of age; boy and girl divisions - 4-6 years of age; and Pre-Teen Division for girls between 10-years-old and eighth grade. All contestants from 0 to 9 years of age can choose to dress casual or Sunday best; however, Pre-Teen competitors will vie in both casual and Sunday best wear categories. Due to an overwhelming number of contestants in the past, the pageant committee has been forced to restrict the number of contestants in each

age division. Entries will be accepted in the order received, so contestants are urged to submit their entry forms as soon as possible. The deadline to enter is March 1. After this date, entries will only be accepted until each division is full. Each contestant in each age group must provide a completed entry form together with two photos to be used for photo judging and for possible inclusion in the local newspaper. Late entries may not be eligible to participate in the

photo judging competition or to be printed in the newspaper. Contestants may be sponsored, but sponsorship is not necessary to compete. For a complete list of rules, requirements and an entry form, write to: Lad n' Lassie Pageant, c/o Dana Hosack, P.O. Box 43, Shamrock, TX 79079. For questions, call Hosack at (806) 256-3503 or Betty Lee at (806) 256-2897 after 6 p.m.

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**ITALY**  
the label of overweight for their children, says Vania, the nutritionist. "Children with a little bit of fat on them are considered cute and healthy." And Italy remains a country where the command "Eat!" is still often equated with maternal love. Vania recommends activity and dietary changes for his young patients, among them Azzurra Cariola, who was 10 years old and 125 pounds when she asked her mother to take her to a doctor. "The kids made fun of me. They called me 'fatso,'" says Azzurra, now 14, in high school and no longer overweight. Her mother, Anna Maria D'Angelo, says Azzurra used to wolf down cookies when at friends' homes, and D'Angelo had quit preparing traditional vegetable dishes for her family because she was the only one who would eat them. She puts much of the blame for the weight problem of her daughter's generation on Italy's higher standard of living. When D'Angelo visited her husband's small town in Sicily 30 years ago, "there were no supermarkets, and all the peo-

ple were skinny," she says. "They ate pasta and beans, the real Mediterranean diet." Now "they have supermarkets and lots of fat people."

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*Klarisse C. Espiritu-Santo*

**Klarisse C. Espiritu-Santo**, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Prudencio C. Avendano of Pampa, participated as a state finalist in the Pre-Teen Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program staged recently at Adam's Mark Hotel in Houston.

Klarisse, a sixth-grader at Pampa Middle School, was Pre-Teen Texas Title winner and earned Best Interview award and third runner-up in Talent.

Over \$5,000 in educational bonds, prizes and awards were presented to the 98 young ladies attending.

Pre-Teen America is a by-invitation only scholarship and recognition event for young ladies between 7 and 12 years of age. Participants are awarded and recognized for outstanding personal achievements, volunteer services, school involvement, leadership abilities and sports accomplishments.

Seven individual categories help ensure a total and thorough evaluation format and include "Academic Achievement," "Volunteer Services," "School Honors and Activities," "Development of Personal Skills and Abilities," "General Knowledgeability," "Communicative Ability" and "On Stage Acknowledgment of Accomplishments."

The Pre-Teen America program, headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., was founded in 1990 and is designed to recognize the nation's outstanding Pre-Teens as well as to provide an avenue to promote high moral standards of excellence, fellowship, family values and social development.

Klarisse will be competing for the Pre-Teen America title July 3-8 at Baton Rouge.

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** — Marine Corps Pvt. **Travis A. Renfro** of Canadian recently completed basic military training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Renfro successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to an intense physical regimen, Renfro and fellow recruits spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included instruction in first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat, assorted weapons training and close order drill.

The training culminated with the The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution, ending with each recruit receiving the Marine Corps Emblem.

**NORMAN, Okla.** — The University of Oklahoma recently announced students named to its 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 at the university. Students named to the list include **Robin Kristine Miranda** of Shamrock.

To be eligible for the honor roll, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher (a 3.3 GPA for the College of Architecture and a 3.0 GPA for the College of Engineering) while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include **Tyson Cameron Curtis** and **Katie Elizabeth Shaffer**, both of Pampa; and **Autumn Lynn Flowers** and **Heath Eldon Flowers**, both of Canadian.

(See NEWSMAKERS, Page 14)

Barry Haenisch, superintendent of Pampa Independent School District, and PISD Board of Trustees honored Pampa High School student leaders and their parents with a reception in the high school library last week.

The student leader reception is held in recognition of students who contribute to their community and their school through volunteer work with various organizations and activities.

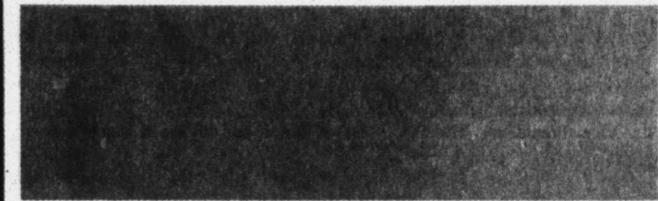
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**Pampa School Board President Joe Martinez, left, converses with Floyd Sackett, vice principal at Pampa High School.**



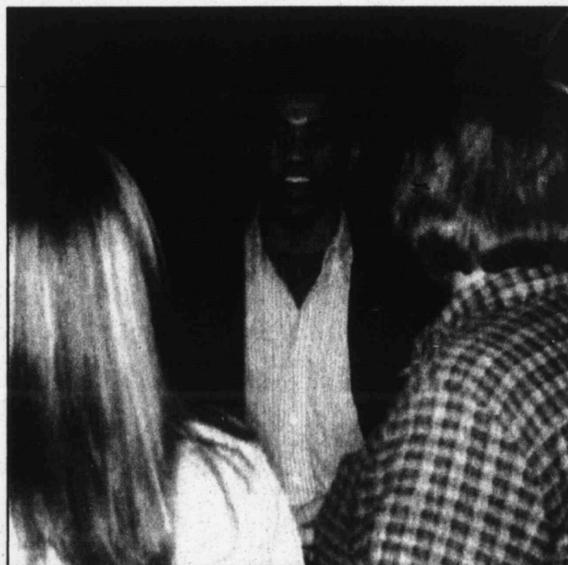
**Dr. Jay Johnson, school board member, talks with Krissy Holman who is active in choir, National Honor Society and cheerleading at Pampa High.**



**Pampa ISD Superintendent Barry Haenisch expresses the district's appreciation to approximately 80 Pampa High School student leaders who attended a reception in their honor on Thursday, Jan. 22.**



**PHS Junior Michael Pergason shares a chuckle with Superintendent Barry Haenisch. Pergason is active in rodeo and the Student Council.**



**PHS Senior Shawn Goodin, center, is active in the National Honor Society and wrestling.**



**Sherry Seabourne, PHS Student Council sponsor.**

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# LIFESTYLES

## ENGAGEMENTS

### Hefley-Brooks

Jill Lynette Hefley and Christopher Craig Brooks, both of Amarillo, plan to wed June 19 at Country Home Weddings in Canyon.

The bride-elect is the daughter of James and Charlotte Hefley of McLean and is the granddaughter of Audrey Seitz of Mobeetie and Frances Hefley of Wheeler. She graduated from McLean High School in 1996 and from West Texas A&M University in Canyon in 2001. She is currently employed at Affiliated Foods in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the son of Larry and Diana



**Christopher Brooks and Jill Hefley**

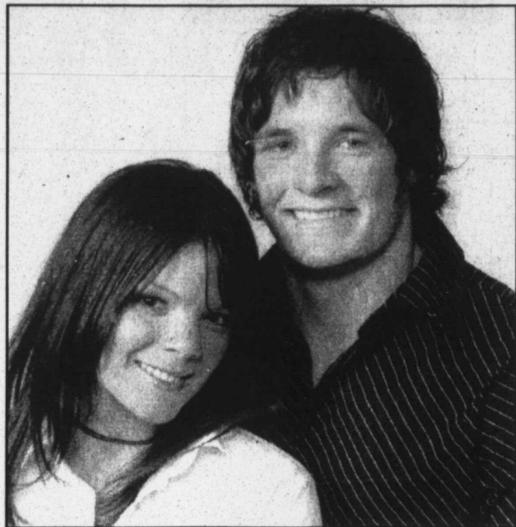
Brooks of Junction. He graduated from Junction High School in 1996 and from Texas A&M University in College Station in 2001. He is currently employed at C.M.I. Shepler's - Amarillo Building Products in Amarillo.

### Hargreaves-Hudson

Elizabeth Jane "Libby" Hargreaves and Tyler Glenn Hudson plan to wed March 27 at Echuca, Victoria, Australia.

The bride-elect is the daughter of John and Denise Hargreaves of Echuca. She recently graduated from Hillson College with an associates degree in youth ministry.

The prospective groom is the son of Stan and Patti Hudson of Pampa. After graduating from Pampa High School, he traveled to Australia to pursue a degree in music ministry. He earned an associates degree in music ministry from Hillson



**Elizabeth Hargreaves and Tyler Hudson**

College in December. Both are currently employed as youth ministers in Echuca.

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## NEWSMAKERS

ALVA, Okla. — Northwestern Oklahoma State University recently announced students named to its Vice President's Honor

Roll and its Vice President's Honorable Mention Honor Roll for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Vice

President's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher while enrolled in 14 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include **Stephanie Cameron** of Pampa and **Jacey Richardson** of Groom.

To be eligible for the Vice President's Honorable Mention Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher while enrolled in a minimum of nine and a maximum of 13 semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include **Aaron Dunnam** of Wheeler.

WICHITA FALLS — Midwestern State University recently announced students

named to its Dean's Honor Roll for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.50 grade point average or higher while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include **Lisa Anne Dwight** of Pampa.

PLAINVIEW — Wayland Baptist University recently announced students named to its President's and Dean's lists for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average for the semester. Students named to the list include **Shanna Buck**,

**Maegan Dyer**, **Amanda Dyson**, **Tandi Laos** and **Kevin Schaub**, all of Pampa.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester. Students named to the list include **Kelsey Charron**, **Jessica Milligan**, **Janelle Powers** and **Doug Warren**, all of Pampa.

### Bridal Selection

**Amanda Kludt ~ Erick Anderson**  
**Julie Marsh ~ David Radcliff**  
**Shannon Allen ~ Mark Wood**  
**Michelle Bailey ~ Danny Kirkpatrick**  
**Misty Vick ~ Daniel Hatfield**  
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## MENUS

### WEEK OF JANUARY 26-30

<p><b>Pampa Schools</b> <b>MONDAY</b> Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Popcorn shrimp or steak fingers, French fries, English peas, apricots, rolls.</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> Breakfast: Kolache. Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce or chicken nuggets, green beans, salad, peaches, bread sticks.</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy. Lunch: Chicken fajitas or pizza, western beans, Spanish rice, fresh fruit.</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls. Lunch: pigs in a blanket or beef/cheese nachos, corn, salad, mixed fruit.</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Corndogs or burgers, French fries, vegetarian beans, pears, brownies.</p> <p><b>Lefors Schools</b> <b>MONDAY</b> Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Macaroni/cheese, chicken nuggets, green</p>	<p>beans, peaches, salad bar, milk.</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> Breakfast: Omelets, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Baked potatoes, burritos, chili, cheese, broccoli, oranges, salad bar, milk.</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken pot pie, mini corn dogs, spinach, tater tots, pears, salad bar, milk.</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> Breakfast: Muffins, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, cheese sticks, corn, applesauce, salad bar, milk.</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> Breakfast: Yogurt, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Spaghetti, meat sauce, peas, garlic toast, peas, salad, tropical fruit, milk.</p> <p><b>Senior Citizens</b> <b>MONDAY</b> Chicken fried steak or chicken/ham tetrazinni, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, German</p>
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chocolate cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**TUESDAY**  
Taco salad or salmon patties, curly fries, cheese hominy, English peas, beans, cherry chip cake or chocolate sundae cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, macaroni/tomatoes, turnip greens, beans, black forest cake or peach cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**THURSDAY**  
Chicken strips or beef enchiladas, seasoned red-skin potatoes, cream corn, Italian green beans, beans, hurricane oatmeal cake or butterscotch pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**FRIDAY**  
Catfish/hushpuppies or Salisbury steak, potato wedges, broccoli spears/cheese sauce, beans, brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

**Meals On Wheels**  
**MONDAY**  
Pork roast, sweet potatoes, green beans, cake.  
**TUESDAY**  
Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, peas, applesauce.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Chicken/rice casserole, corn, broccoli, cookies.  
**THURSDAY**  
Stew, cornbread, jello.  
**FRIDAY**  
Tuna salad, cottage cheese/pears, pickled beets, apricots, crackers.

## Oh Boy! It's a Hometown Girl!

Lana Miller: Business owner, wife and new mom of baby Jetta Ann.

*I love living in Pampa. It's a great place to build a business and an even better place to raise your family. It was eight years since we'd had our last baby and times have changed. I wanted to have this baby 100% naturally — right here at home.*

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WEDDINGS

**Kludt-Anderson**

Amanda Karol Kludt and Erick Thomas Anderson were married on Saturday, January 24, 2004 at six thirty in the evening at the First Presbyterian Church in Bryan, Texas. The ceremony was officiated by the Reverend Philip Lariety officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kludt of Pampa, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Nettie Marie Kludt and the late Mr. David T. Kludt of Orange, Texas, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Giacobbe of Baltimore, Maryland.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Anderson of Cypress, Texas. The groom is the grandson of Mr. Webb Anderson and the late Lucille Anderson of Marion, Ohio, and Mr. Harry Radel and the late Grace Radel of Cardington, Ohio.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory raw silk with a fitted bodice, enhanced by a cathedral length veil. The bridal



Amanda Karol Kludt

bouquet was fashioned of white roses, calla lilies, and stephanotis and a borrowed handkerchief crochet by her grandmother.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Heather Kludt Schwanz of Wichita, Kansas. Bridesmaids were Natalie Sears of Jacksonville, Florida; college friend and Denise Asher of Bryan, Texas. Serving, as flower girl was

Ashby Marie Schwanz of Wichita, Kansas, and niece of the bride, escorted by her uncle, David Theodore Kludt, College Station, Texas.

Brian Anderson, brother of the groom, of College Station served as the Best Man. Groomsmen were Kurt Salisbury of Salado, Texas and Jon Lamson of Midlothian, Texas, college friends.

Serving as ushers and candle lighters were David T. Kludt of College Station, brother of the bride, Keith Ketzle of Lubbock, and David Culberson of Spring, Texas, college friends.

Amber Jones, flutist and Jason Jones, trumpeter of Pampa, Texas, high school friends of the bride provided special music. The organist was Martha Braswell of College Station. Guests were greeted by Jennifer Bentley of College Station, and Michelle Filiut of Bryan, both friends of the bride.

Amanda graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and from Texas A&M University in 2000 with a B.S. in Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences and is currently employed by Tellepsen Solutions Limited Partnership in Houston, Texas.

Erick is a 1997 graduate of Cy-Fair High School and a 2001 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Distribution. He is currently employed by DXP Enterprises, INC. in Houston, Texas.

After honeymooning in Las Vegas, Nevada and Park City, Utah the couple will reside in Houston, Texas.

**Ratliff-Jones**

Amber Dawn Ratliff of Owasso, Okla., and Kurt Glen Jones of Borger were wed Jan. 3 at Tulsa, Okla., with Bill Miller of Pryor, Okla., and Bryan M. Dockens of Santa Barbara, Calif., officiating.

The maid of honor was Tammy Ratliff of Oklahoma City, Okla. The bridesmaids were Kimberlee Jones of Pampa and Maria Ratliff of Sioux Falls, S.D. The flower girl was Baylee Ann Ford of Irving.

The best man was Jeffrey P. Ledbetter of Lubbock. The groomsmen were Joshua Ellis of Pampa and Jason Ratliff of Sioux Falls. The ring bearers were Keaton Malone and Logan Miller, both of Amarillo.

The ushers were Trenton and Trevor Lemaster of Inola, Okla., and Judd Miller of Pryor. The candlelighters were Jesse and Kobe Miller and Laci Miller, all of Amarillo, Taylor and Derek Inman of Claremore, Okla., and Jade Miller of Pryor.

Registering the guests were



Amber Dawn Ratliff and Kurt Glen Jones

Katie Malone of Amarillo and Jordan Ann Miller of Pryor.

Music was provided by Laurie Hixon, Hal Hammons, Erik Judd and Andrea Judd, all of Tulsa.

A reception was held following the reception at Sparrowhawk Clubhouse with Ida Stookey and Sue

Sterling, both of Spring, and Jill Inman and Jerri Kohler, both of Claremore, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Kay Ratliff of Owasso. She graduated from Owasso High School, Frank Phillips College and Tulsa University. She is currently

employed as a mathematics instructor at FPC.

The groom is the son of Kent and Karen Jones of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1998 and is scheduled to receive his degree from Frank Phillips College this spring. He served in the U.S. Army and is currently an evangelist at Franklin Street Church of Christ in Borger.

The newlyweds planned a honeymoon trip to Riverview Cabins in Oden, Ark., and intend to make their home in Borger.

**LIFESTYLES POLICY**

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

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9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).

**Former Pampan receives award in excellence**

The Association of Minnesota Building Officials recently awarded Russell Thornburg of Fairmont, Minn., its first annual Excellence in Education Award for his work over the past five years in improving code official education throughout Minnesota.

Beginning in July 1998, Thornburg completed the Building Inspection Technology program with honors at North Hennipen Community College and passed his Building Official Limited Test.

In 1997, he took a job in the inspection department of Willmar as rental housing and residential construction inspector, and in 2000 was hired by the City of Fairmont as residential building inspector. He currently holds three international certifications and one Minnesota Building Official certification.

In 1999, he joined the Education Advisory Committee of the Building Codes and Standards Division of Minnesota. While serving on the committee, Thornburg has spearheaded the two southern Minnesota chapters in (See AWARD, Page 16)



(Courtesy photo)

Russell Thornburg of Fairmont, Minn., a former Harvester, receives the Association of Minnesota Building Officials first annual Excellence in Education Award.

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## Meals on Wheels volunteers



(Courtesy photo)

(Left-right) AFS Exchange students Hanna Vimpeli of Finland, Vlad Rybalkin and Masha Soldatova, both of the Ukraine, delivered Meals on Wheels to residents of the Schneider House recently.

## TASS preparing March agricultural survey

AUSTIN — In 2003 Texas producers planted 5.62 million acres of cotton, 3.20 million acres of sorghum and 1.83 million acres of corn. Texas producers also harvested 3.45 million acres of wheat and 5.24 million acres of all hay. How much will be planted and har-

vested in 2004, and how will it compare to last year's acreage?

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service is preparing to gather information on crop intentions for the 2004 crop season. The upcoming March Agricultural Survey will collect crop acreage planted and to be

planted, and the quantity of grains stored on farms.

About 4,800 Texas farmers are being asked to take part in this survey. Selected farmers will be called or personally visited by an interviewer from February 27 to March 12, 2004. State and National survey results will be available in the '2004 Prospective Plantings' report from Washington, D.C. on March 31, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. All reports are available on the Internet within minutes of the scheduled release time at <http://www.usda.gov/nass>. The results will also be printed in the "Texas Agricultural Facts" publication. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Eric Stout or Lorna Brown at 1-800-626-3141.

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## 'TEXAS' auditions set to begin

CANYON — Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, Inc., producers of the outdoor musical drama "TEXAS" is holding national auditions for the 39th season as well as for their newest script, "TEXAS LEGACIES, An Adventure of a Lifetime."

Cast members will have an opportunity to take college credited courses from West Texas A & M University and to participate in the foundation's own Professional Performance Workshops.

Try-outs are scheduled as follows:

—Feb. 15, University of Texas, Winship Drama Building, Room 1.172, Austin;

—Feb. 21, West Texas A&M University, Branding Iron Theatre, Canyon;

—Feb. 28, University of Oklahoma, Weitzenhoffer Theatre, Norman, Okla.;

—Feb. 29, Southern Methodist University, Owens Fine Arts Center Choral Hall, Dallas;

—March 6-7, Southeastern Theatre Conference, Chattanooga, Tenn., [www.setc.org](http://www.setc.org);

—March 20-21, Institute of Outdoor Drama, UNC Chapel Hill, N.C., [www.unc.edu/depts/outdoor](http://www.unc.edu/depts/outdoor);

—March 28, West Texas A & M University, Branding Iron Theatre, Canyon.

Children's auditions are by appointment only.

At the Austin, Norman, Dallas and first Canyon audition, dancers should register at 9:30 a.m. and all others at 10 a.m. For the SETC and IOD locations, refer to their web sites for additional audition information.

Auditions requirements:

In order to accurately depict the history of Texas the foundation is looking for a culturally diverse cast. Specific needs are for American, Hispanic, Native American and African-American performers.

All applicants will have 90 seconds for monologue and song combined.

An accompanist will be provided. Bring sheet music in correct key.

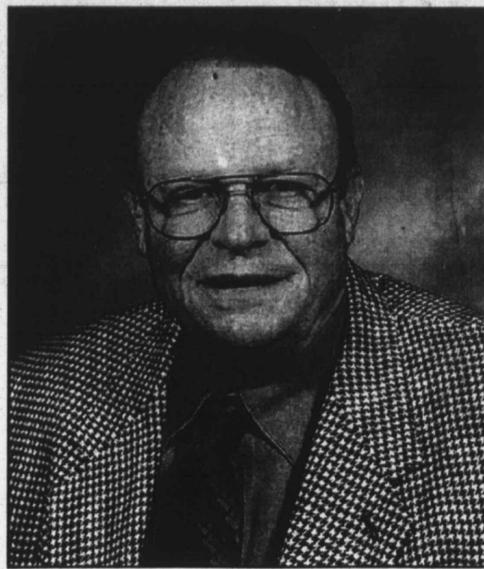
Dancers will be taught a combination.

Musicians will be asked to improvise as well as to read from lead sheets, charts and fully realized parts.

All applicants must bring a headshot and resume. Company members will be placed under a written contract and must be available for the entire season, May 9-Aug. 21, 2004.

For further information, call 1-877-58TEXAS, (806) 665-2181 or visit [www.epictexas.com](http://www.epictexas.com). on the Internet. "Texas Legacies" is co-produced by West Texas A & M University and is sponsored in part by Southwest Airlines, the Official Airline provider of Texas Legacies, Xcel Energy, American Quarter Horse Association, GEBO's and Wrangler Jeans.

## Retirement reception



(Courtesy photo)

Former co-workers and students are invited to help Pampa Independent School District say "good-bye" to Floyd Sackett as he retires after 36 years of service with the school district. A come-and-go reception will be held in his honor from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29 at the library of PHS.

## CLUB NEWS

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

### DAR

Highlights of the Lewis and Clark expedition and the Louisiana Purchase were presented by Fran Gross at the January meeting of Las Pampas Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution held recently in the home of Louisa Britton with Peggy Palmitier serving as co-hostess.

Members heard the following reports: National Defense by Britton; President General's message, Palmitier; flag fact, Studie Reeder; conservation, DAR school projects, fire prevention, Mary Cantrell; and Cahokia Indians, Darlene Birkes, regent.

Reservations have been made for the trek to Adobe Walls on June 26.

Birkes announced the need for volunteers to help with repairs at Pioneer Cottage and reported on the progress of interviews with World War II veterans.

The annual chapter contributions to DAR-sponsored schools, scholarships, veterans and projects were tabulated, and new member Minelle Turner was introduced.

Gross and Cantrell were voted delegates to the 105th TSDAR State Conference slated in March at Houston.

The 35th annual DAR tea honoring Good Citizens chosen by seven area schools and Pampa American History essay winners is scheduled at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 22 in the Education Building of First United Methodist Church. AFS exchange students will present the program for the event. Hostesses for the tea are Reeder, Nancy Coffee, Billie Dixon and Birkes.

### Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met Jan. 20 at Lovett Memorial Library for a special program presented by One-Stroke Certified Instructor Louise Moore.

Moore demonstrated by painting hydrangeas, wisteria, roses and leaves.

Members of Heritage Art Club were present at the event.

Rue Parks served as hostess.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 3 at the home of Carol Peet.

### Desk & Derrick

Desk & Derrick Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at Pampa Country Club. The guest speaker will be Dr. William L. Hallerberg, retired senior vice president of IRI International of Amarillo.

Dr. Hallerberg is a member of Canadian River Municipal Water Authority Board of Directors and also sits on the board of Panhandle Water Planning Group, charged by Senate Bill 1 with developing a 50-year water plan.

Guests are invited to the upcoming dinner meeting. For reservations, contact Nancy Hollingwood before 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 26 by calling at 669-8020 or 665-2296.

### 20th Century Club

Twentieth Century Club met recently at the home of Nancy Coffee with President Phyllis White presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Myrna Orr, secretary, called roll and read minutes from the previous meeting which were approved as read.

—Dot Stowers delivered the treasurer's report.

—The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for the election scheduled to take place during the next meeting.

—Members heard additional committee reports on community activities, education and home life, arts and literature, science and technology and world news.

—Louise Bailey gave a program on "America's Music - Jazz."

The next meeting will be Jan. 27 at the home of Mary Wilson with Vonna Wolf in charge of the program.

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## AWARD

scheduling, organizing and promoting BIT courses, seeing eight BIT college courses offered at locations outside the metro area for southern and western Minnesota with the goal of establishing a four year degree program for building officials.

His efforts in that direction have given rise to the formation of a "four year degree sub-committee" which is in the process of completing a curriculum schedule, credit requirements and articulation agreements among various institutions.

Thornburg has served as executive officer of SW chapter for the past three years and has assisted the Association of Minnesota Building Officials in offering IRC classes in Mankato and with the development of AMBO curriculum for contractor education concerning the International Residential code.

Thornburg is a former graduate of Pampa High School where he played on the Harvester Football Team.

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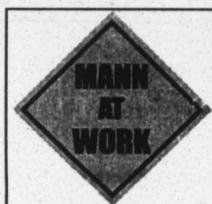
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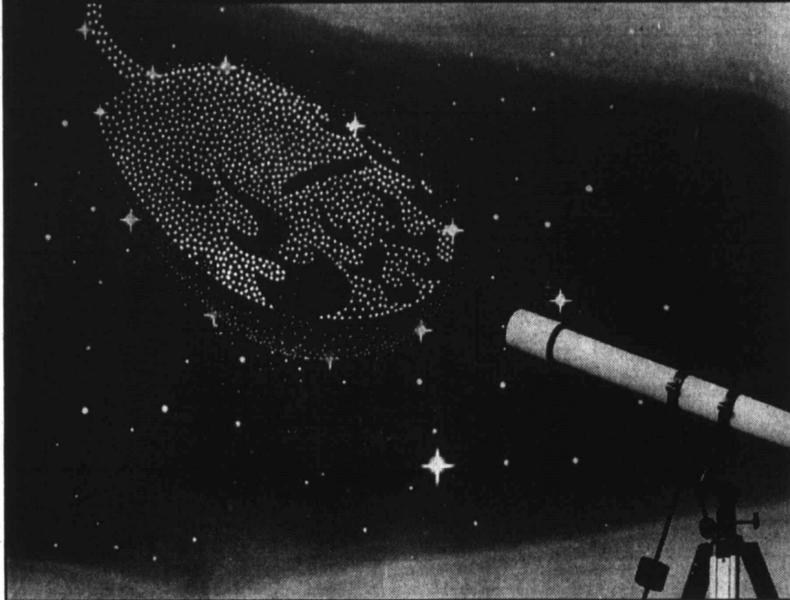
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- BILLBOARD HOT 100: TOP 20**  
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Hey Ya!" OutKast. Arista. (Gold)
  2. "The Way You Move," OutKast Feat. Sleepy Brown. Arista. (Gold)
  3. "You Don't Know My Name," Alicia Keys. J.

4. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat. Kanye West & Jamie Foxx). Atlantic.
5. "Milkshake," Kelis. Star Trak.
6. "Me, Myself and I," Beyonce. Columbia.
7. "Yeah," Usher (feat. Ludacris & Lil Jon). Arista.
8. "Someday," Nickelback. Roadrunner.

- HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY**  
(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Drift Away," Uncle Kracker (feat. Dobie Gray). Lava.
  2. "Calling All Angels," Train. Columbia.
  3. "Forever and For Always," Shania Twain. Mercury.
  4. "Unwell," matchbox twenty. Atlantic.
  5. "Look Through My

- HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLES AND TRACKS**  
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)
1. "You Don't Know My Name," Alicia Keys. J.
  2. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat. Kanye West & Jamie Foxx). Atlantic.
  3. "Me, Myself and I," Beyonce. Columbia.
  4. "The Way You Move," OutKast feat. Sleepy Brown. Arista. (Gold)
  5. "Read Your Mind," Avant. Geffen.
  6. "Yeah!" Usher (feat. Lil Jon & Ludacris). Arista.
  7. "Walked Outta Heaven," Jagged Edge. Columbia.
  8. "Milkshake," Kelis. Star Trak.
  9. "Sorry 2004," Ruben Studdard. J.
  10. "Through the Wire," Kanye West. Roc-A-Fella.
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- HOT DANCE MUSIC CLUB PLAY**  
(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)
1. "Wonderful (S. Kleinberg & D. Aude Mixes)," Annie Lennox. J.
  2. "Nothing Fails (Remixes)," Madonna. Maverick.
  3. "Breathe (Remixes)," Michelle Branch. Maverick.
  4. "Fallen (Remixes)," Sarah McLachlan. Arista.
  5. "Fake," Simply Red. simplyred.com.
  6. "Give It Up," Kevin Aviance. Robbins.

- HOT LATIN TRACKS**  
(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)
1. "Cuidarte El Alma," Chayanne. Sony Discos.
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**APPLICATION**  
 ONEOK Field Services Company, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 20767 which would authorize continued operation for the Gray County Plant Section of the Kingsmill

**1 Public Notice**

Complex. The Natural Gas Liquids Production Facility is located .55 miles west of Pampa on State Highway 60, then 1.5 miles north on Gray Co. 3 Road in Gray County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, organic compounds, hydrogen sulfide, formaldehyde and particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 08, 2003. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 North Houston, Pampa, Gray County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING**  
 You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing in the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

**After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and**

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**Preliminary Decision**, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING**  
 You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

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If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST**  
 In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**INFORMATION**  
 Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

Further information may also be obtained from ONEOK Field Services Company, P.O. Box 871, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74102-0871 or by calling Ms. Mary K. Lamberth, Environmental Specialist at (918)588-7530. Issuance Date: December 30, 2003 D-81 Jan. 25, 2004

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004:  
 You could be unusually lucky this year, but at times, opportunity might strike in a perverse manner. Know that no matter what seems to happen, you will come out smelling like roses. What you want could change substantially during the next few years, but especially this year. You might reverse your thoughts about your friends and what you want. If you are single, what appeared to be a priority before also could vary. Be more open to change and a different kind of person. You could be delighted by someone you meet while traveling. If you are attached, be sensitive to a loved one's needs. PISCES helps you spend money.

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)  
 \*\*\* Think carefully about what is happening around you. Though someone acts uptight and might even change his or her plans, the caring between you does exist. Perhaps a discreet question or two could help. Tonight: Your time for requests.  
 This Week: You move into your element Monday. The week begins and ends on this note.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Your ability to see the end results helps you create the party of parties. Bring others together for a fun and relaxing time. You might suggest a movie or perhaps just a midwinter-blash party. Whatever you do works. Tonight: Call it an early night, if possible.  
 This Week: Think until Wednesday, when you take a leap. You might be surprised by the positive results.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Aim for more of what you want out of life. Examine your long-term interests with care. You could be uncomfortable with an emerging situation involving a pal. Consider clearing the air and beginning anew. Now, doesn't that sound good? Tonight: Celebrate living.  
 This Week: Zoom in and make the most of Monday and Tuesday. Those days are starred for success. Retreat a bit on Wednesday.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Read between the lines and deal with others accordingly. Sometimes what isn't being said might have more power than the spoken word. Investigate possibilities that surround a job or potential public appearance. Tonight: A must show.  
 This Week: Take charge immediately Monday. As a result, you roll into an extraordinarily successful week.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You easily could decide to get involved with what is going on with a child or loved one, but you might prefer just to watch the person and not add to his or her inner stress. Detach and express your caring. You might make a poignant comment or two. Tonight: Let your mind wander.  
 This Week: Do your research before you present an idea, not afterward. State your case from Wednesday on.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Others make it clear what they need and want from you. However, you could feel like you need to make a major adjustment in order to go along with a request. You must evaluate the pros and cons of this situation carefully. Deal with a loved one directly. Tonight: Togetherness works.  
 This Week: Work as a team right now, and you'll gain. From Wednesday on, greet news with curiosity and excitement.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 \*\*\* Get into a project, but realize what you need to do in order to make a situation work. Your ability to lie back and make what you want work helps you. Make time for a special individual who seeks you out. Laughter marks the moment. Tonight: Go along for the ride. The only answer is "yes."  
 This Week: Others run with the ball. Just stay put and listen. What is offered could be quite intriguing. Carefully think through choices.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Contrary to popular opinion, you might want to rethink a story more carefully. Understanding takes you to a new pinnacle of relating with someone special. Clearly, you might not want to risk too much more financially or emotionally. Tonight: Early to bed.  
 This Week: Work might be what is on your mind, but it becomes clear Wednesday or Thursday that someone else has another idea.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 \*\*\* Recognize that much is going on beyond the obvious. You could easily feel stressed out. How you handle what is happening in your immediate circle could change. Allow your playfulness to emerge later in the day, when others and you relax more. Tonight: Let it all hang out.  
 This Week: Others look for you. Your ingenuity is called upon. Work and relationships flow as a result.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You might want to rethink a decision that involves a personal matter. You of all signs feel much lighter than you have in a while. After a personal discussion, you realize just how much you are cared for. Tonight: At a favorite spot for dinner.  
 This Week: Monday and Tuesday, you might want to work from home, or at least deal with a personal matter. Use your creativity from Wednesday on.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 \*\*\* Deal with finances in a firm and direct way. You rethink a decision. Realize what is happening within your own circle. You could discover just how much another person cares. Tonight: Do your thing.  
 This Week: You like what you hear. Return messages. Clearly, by Wednesday, you want to settle in and accomplish more.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Your spirit and lightness mark your actions. You have a way of bringing new information forward that puts a smile on everyone's face. Help lighten up your day with more of a party attitude. Think positively. Tonight: As you like it.  
 This Week: Deal with finances first, then worry about everything else. You will be a lot happier as a result. On Wednesday, tell it like it is.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Singer Alicia Keys (1981), actress China Kantner (1971), actor Dean Jones (1931)

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St. Martha, I resort to thee and to thy petition and faith. I offer up to thee this light which I shall burn every Tuesday for nine Tuesdays. Comfort me in all my difficulties through the great hour which thou didst enjoy when our Savior lodged in thy house. I beseech thee to have definite pity in regard to the favor I ask thee. St. Martha to overcome the dragon which thou didst cast at thy feet. One Our Father and three Hail Marys and a lighted candle every Tuesday, this miraculous Saint grants everything before the nine Tuesdays are ended, no matter how difficult. Publication must be promised. M.H.

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<p><b>'03 BUICK REGAL LS SEDAN</b></p>  <p><b>\$20,134</b> MSRP \$26,395 -C/S Discount \$6,261 Stock #B03010</p>	<p><b>'03 CHEVROLET IMPALA LS SEDAN</b></p>  <p><b>\$20,869</b> MSRP \$27,295 -C/S Discount \$6,426 Stock #C03064</p>
<p><b>'03 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SE SEDAN</b></p>  <p><b>\$21,124</b> MSRP \$27,970 -C/S Discount \$6,846 Stock #P03004</p>	<p><b>'03 BUICK LESABRE CUSTOM SEDAN</b></p>  <p><b>\$21,870</b> MSRP \$28,265 -C/S Discount \$6,395 Stock #P03011</p>
<p><b>'03 CHEVROLET TRAIL BLAZER LT 2 WHEEL DRIVE</b></p>  <p><b>\$23,239</b> MSRP \$30,095 -C/S Discount \$6,856 Stock #P03116</p>	<p><b>'03 GMC SIERRA HD 2500 - 4 WHEEL DRIVE EXT. CAB</b></p>  <p><b>\$27,195</b> MSRP \$34,611 -C/S Discount \$7,416 Stock #G02056</p>

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**NEW LISTING - POWELL** - Nice brick home with two bedrooms. Has steel trim for low maintenance. Storage building. Large walk in closets, central heat and air, washer/dryer, stove and refrigerator stay, single garage. MLS 6327.

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

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

**N. ZIMMERS** - Neat and clean three bedroom with neutral carpeting. One bath, central heat and air, large storage building, single garage. MLS 6321.

**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.

**SOLE 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.

**PRICE REDUCED - CHARLES** - Nice home on tree lined street. Three bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths, lots of good storage. Some hardwood floors, central heat and air, corner built-in china hutch and book shelves. \$2,000 REPAIR OR CARPET ALLOWANCE. MLS 5948.

**DOGWOOD** - Quiet neighborhood, located on one of Pampa's parks. Four bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths, central heat and air, storage building, storm windows, single garage. MLS 6304.

**PRICE REDUCED - CHESTNUT** - Good location. Large country kitchen. No maintenance trim on eaves. Three bedrooms, central heat and air, and a single garage. MLS 6059.

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

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

**GRAPE** - Two story brick home with fireplace, three bedrooms, 2-3/4 baths, covered patio, storage building, central heat and air, 2 living areas, utility room and double garage. MLS 6103

**HAMILTON** - Great view of the park! Large open living/dining, kitchen areas. Tile floors in main bath, built-in desk and recessed lighting in living room. Wonderful view from dining area. Good storage. Single garage plus carport. MLS 6155

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

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

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

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

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1330 E. Kingsmill	\$23,750	2/1/1cp 1084SE/GCAD
1200 S. Finley	\$21,000	2or3/1/1 875SF/GCAD
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922 E. Frederic	\$15,000	2/1/1 1068SF/GCAD
1001 E. Foster	\$13,500	3/1/1cp 1220SF/GCAD
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**Horoscope** BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, Jan. 26, 2004: You have a very special spiritual or dreamlike quality this year. Others sense it, and often come to you for guidance. You feel and know things in advance. Sometimes you need to separate yourself from others in order to revive your energy. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or at a restaurant, leave that spot. Your sixth sense might be playing in here. Take good care of yourself, as work is demanding and your energy could be limited. Use your mind rather than your body. If you are single, you will meet people easily, but you might not see them as they really are. You always see the best in others. If you are attached, your relationship will be dependent on more mutual sharing of household chores and work. You learn an even better way to communicate with your significant other. ARIES is your friend.

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) Express your full personality, even if you feel a bit insecure on some level. Friends and associates spur you on in a very special way. Brainstorm away. Share your ideas, and your supporters will help you zero in on what you want. Tonight: As you like it.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Step back and do some hard-core thinking. You might feel a bit down and out about what is going on and what someone says. Someone you respect a lot puts you on a pedestal, or vice versa. Be careful, as a fall is inevitable. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) You star in a meeting. Look with care at new possibilities. Make calls to experts. Break past regimented thinking. You see a situation in a new light as a result. You might be surprised by the response. Tonight: Join your pals.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) You might be raining on someone's parade without realizing it. Right now, be more sensitive to others in your immediate surroundings. An associate, close loved one or friend could be most inspiring. Tonight: A must appearance.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) You see way beyond the obvious right now. You will be able to solve a problem quickly and efficiently. Don't hesitate to find someone more in the know than you. Don't feel insecure in the least when dealing with those around you. Tonight: Where the music is.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Work with someone on a close basis, even though you might prefer to work as a group. You laugh and express your more positive side with a co-worker or day-to-day friend. Realize how important this person is. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You like what you hear, with the exception of what is happening within the work arena. Think through an idea that might seem far-out but has possibilities. A romance could become more spicy if you let it bloom. Tonight: Say "yes."

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Expand your life through more positive thinking, and detaching will be possible. You understand much more than you are willing to reveal. Dig into work and stop some of the daydreaming, and you will get a lot done. Tonight: Put your feet up.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your fiery instincts work well right now, except with a beloved partner who might just slam the door on you. You must have noticed that this person has been uptight lately. Direct your sensitivity toward him or her. Tonight: Play as if it is Friday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take charge at work, as you see a lot that needs to get done. Use all your people skills if you don't want to push someone away. Investigate an expenditure or financial deal that feels too good to be true. Tonight: Buy a lottery ticket on the way home.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Put your best foot forward. You have a dreamy quality that others pick up on. Recognize that you could have limited energy levels at the moment. Don't push beyond your natural limits. Use your mind more than your body. Tonight: At a favorite spot, with a favorite person.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Take your time with a loved one who really care about. See what needs to be done in order to handle an upset child or loved one. This person could manifest his or her feelings by pulling away. Curb your spending for now. Tonight: Pay bills.

**BORN TODAY** Singer Eddie Van Halen (1955), activist, writer, teacher Angela Davis (1944), singer Anita Baker (1958)

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# North Carolina doc named best in the 'country'

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BELHAVEN, N.C. (AP) — When an ornery hurricane began beating at the shoreline near Belhaven, Charles Boyette had an idea of what to expect.

He'd weathered six of those storms in as many years as mayor of this small town on the Pamlico Sound, seen hundreds of houses wrecked by floods and their owners equally battered as tree limbs and power lines sliced the air.

Boyette, also one of the town's few doctors, knew the local hospital would drop its floodgates and shut down. He gathered up some supplies and equipment that day last September, stocked his house with them and quietly told rescue workers he would be on call.

"Word got out that I was available to people who needed advice," Boyette said.

Before the hospital opened the next day, Boyette had seen about a dozen patients, including one woman who suffered a heart attack. He had navigated the low-lying town that stood under as much as six feet of water so that he could open his practice.

Jay Wilkins, the bookkeeper for Boyette's practice, said he and many others didn't know about his boss' efforts until weeks later.

"The ambulance just stopped at

his house when they had an emergency call," Wilkins said. "That's just the way he is."

Others have taken notice.

Staff Care, a temporary physician firm based in Irving, Texas, recently named Boyette its Country Doctor of the Year, pointing out the dedication he showed during the storm. His reward is a plaque and a week's worth of the services of another physician at his office. Staff Care values the service at \$10,000.

The award, given out by the company since 1995, honors primary care physicians who practice in communities of fewer than 25,000 people.

Boyette, 68, has worked in Belhaven for 38 years, coming to the town as a young family man after serving as a flight surgeon at Marine Corps Air Station New River.

For 30 of those years, he was the town's only doctor. For all but six years since 1970, he has also been mayor of the town that's about 140 miles east of Raleigh.

He sees them as complementary roles.

"You must have the confidence of the patient to get good medical results and you must have the confidence of the people to be a good mayor," he said.

Boyette has steadily built the practice over the years. His office is a renovated house in view of the Pungo River. He started in a smaller house and expanded into the two-story

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building next door by building a connecting breezeway.

His office still has the feel of a comfortable, old-time practice. Blue and white tiles checker the floor and paintings by local artists decorate the walls. An old church pew sits out front where patients take their last drags from cigarettes before heading in for their appointments.

Boyette has the help of a few nurses, a nurse practitioner and two doctors these days. They see about 100 patients in a typical day, and Boyette heads home at about 8:30 p.m. after a 12-hour work day.

The growth of his practice comes as the growth of his town has stalled. About 2,000 people live in Belhaven, a fishing village that lost about 300 residents between 1990 and 2000.

Like many rural Americans, those who remain have growing health needs as they age and their income flattens.

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Medicaid. Add to that a diet that favors pork barbecue, fried vegetables and sweets, and hypertension, strokes and diabetes become common, Boyette said.

In addition to treating those ailments, he usually sets aside one day a week to handle minor medical procedures such as removing lumps, repairing tendons and putting in feeding tubes. He estimates he delivered 3,000 babies by the time he stopped in 1995.

"The country doctor must be broadly trained," said Boyette, who embraces the role. "The country doctor must not be from the bottom of the class, but must be from the top of the class. He must exercise impeccable judgment."

Boyette had some idea of what he would be taking on when residents of Belhaven began to recruit him to succeed their aging doctor.

He grew up in Chadbourne, a similarly sized town about 45 miles west of Wilmington in southeast North

Carolina, where his family operated a copy store. He left in 1953 with an academic scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He graduated in 1957 and then began medical school at UNC.

Boyette has been tireless since he finished school.

"When you look at what that man's done in town ... it's pretty amazing," said Town Manager Tim Johnson. "Everything is possible with him."

After Hurricane Floyd in 1999 flooded hundreds of homes, Boyette helped spearhead a project that rebuilt or elevated about 360 houses in floodplains.

During Hurricane Isabel in September, just 15 homes were flooded.

David Faries, a spokesman for Staff Care and one of five people who helped select Boyette for the award, said that in addition to medical acumen and public service, Boyette displays a charitable spirit.

Wilkins recalls his boss sending an employee to fetch a new cat for a sick patient whose own cat had just died. He remembers Boyette buying clothes and shoes for a pair of poor children who came to his office.

"Touches like that," Faries said, "recognizing the humanity of a patient, that's what missing in health care."

## From natural to free-range, marketing claims for beef confusing

By JON SANCHE  
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DENVER (AP) — Organic. Natural. No added hormones. No antibiotics. Grass-fed. Free-range.

An often-confusing array at a higher cost awaits consumers interested in alternatives to mass-produced beef after mad cow disease was found last month in a Washington dairy cow.

This spring the government is expected to approve new rules that should clear up some of the confusion.

Of all the current labels, the most stringently regulated is organic. Only organic beef meets strict standards verified by independent inspectors.

To be certified organic, beef must come from cattle fed grass or grain grown without pesticides. The meat must be traceable from the ranch to the dinner table.

Organic beef can be roughly double the price of ordinary mass-produced beef.

Other labels may boost the cost by 50 percent. And what does that label mean? For consumers, confusion reigns.

"I think I would go more with 'natural,' and I'm trying to learn what it means, but I don't really trust the label," said Denver shopper Susan Rodgers, who tries to buy most of her meat from an area farmer.

"The only way to know is to call the producer and ask what the label means," said Ruth Kava, nutrition director of the American Council on Science and Health.

Products labeled "natural" simply have to be minimally processed with no artificial ingredients.

Virtually any fresh-meat product can be labeled natural, said Roy Moore, one of those selling "natural" beef. Founder of Denver-based Maverick Ranch, he says his meat is also free of antibiotics and additional hormones. And he says his cows are never fed animal products but you'll have to take his word for it.

"That's the frustrating thing," said Sue Jarrett, a rancher near Wray on Colorado's Eastern Plains. "You can put anything you want on a label and you have the right to say, 'This is what it means to me.'"

Food labels making such claims must be approved by the U.S. Agriculture Department's Food Safety and Inspection Service, which works with the Agriculture Marketing Service to develop standards.

The goal is consistency among labels, so that one farmer's claim of natural, hormone-free beef, for example, means the same thing as that of another farmer, said Robert Post, director of the service's labeling and consumer protection staff.

Under current labeling rules, "natural" means no artificial ingredients or added color, and minimal processing like grinding, smoking or freezing.

Claims such as no hormones, no antibiotics, free-range or pasture-raised, or grass-fed or grain-fed may be approved if producers supply sufficient documentation to satisfy the FSIS. Inspections to verify claims can be conducted if the agency believes something is wrong with a claim, Post said.

Proposed rules expected to be made final this spring are designed to set consistent definitions for claims including:

— No hormones: Animals never received supplemental

hormones. A related claim of no hormones used during finishing would mean the animals did not receive supplemental hormones during the time before slaughter.

— No antibiotics: Animals never received antibiotics. A related claim of no subtherapeutic antibiotics means no feed laced with antibiotics; and no detectable antibiotic residue would mean any antibiotic treatment was ended long enough before slaughter to ensure the meat was free of traces of antibiotics.

— Free-range or pasture-raised: Animals that have had continuous and unconfined access to pasture throughout their lives and have never been confined to a feedlot, where movement is limited.

— Grass-fed: Cattle that throughout their lives received 80 percent or more of their primary energy source from grass, green or range pasture or forage. Grain-fed would mean average grain consumption must equal at least half of the feed for 30 days for cows and 100 days for steers and heifers.

As for the high cost of organic and naturally produced beef, Bo Reagan of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, offered an

explanation: Cattle raised on grass diets and without additional hormones are typically four months older at slaughter because they fatten more slowly than mass-market cattle.

The U.S. beef industry has been plunged into uncertainty since the first domestic case of mad cow disease showed up in Washington state last month. The animal was imported from Canada, which had a mad cow case in May.

Agriculture officials

believe that feed containing protein or bone meal from cows with bovine spongiform encephalopathy — mad cow disease — is the most likely source of infection. Such feed was banned in 1997, but some consumer advocates aren't satisfied with enforcement.

Scientists believe people get the human form of the disease by eating infected beef products.

Grocery shopper Daniel Dethmers said he'd always look for naturally raised be

if it were the same price as regular mass-market beef, "but a lot of times it's too expensive."

Despite the cost, the overall market for natural food and beverages is growing, with sales of \$10.4 billion in 2002 and projected sales of \$11.1 billion in 2003, according to the Natural Marketing Institute.

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