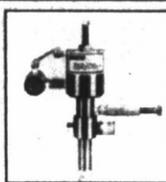




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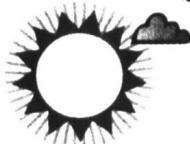
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City to mull PIF proposal

BY DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Pampa City Commissioners Tuesday will consider a proposal from the Pampa Industrial Foundation to deed the old Marie Foundation building to the city for \$10 with the provision that the city will return the building if new businesses are found to use it.

The proposal is listed on the agenda for the City Commission meeting scheduled Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 4 p.m., in the City Commission Chamber at City Hall.

In a letter to Mayor Lonny Robbins dated Feb. 2, Richard W. Stowers, PIF president, said that the foundation recently purchased the property, located at 800 E. Kingsmill, from Fylon Foundation of California. The purchase included two connected steel buildings of approximately 59,136 square feet. A third building of 8,000 square feet is connected to the other two buildings by a covered breezeway about 20 feet long.

In the letter, Stowers proposes to deed the property to the city for \$10 with a reversionary clause "so that when a suitable sale-lease is obtained - suitable both to us and the City, we could ask the City to transfer the property back to this entity."

The PIF asks that the deed contain the following provisions:

- The PIF retains full management of the property so that it can "pursue new businesses for Pampa;
- City is responsible for all maintenance and insurance;
- PIF fixes damaged roof on west building and beams in the center between two buildings that have caved in; and
- PIF fills holes where evaporative coolers were located.

"A great amount of pigeons" have roosted in the two buildings, Stowers said in the letter. He said the foundation will try to remove the pigeons, but may need city help.

He also asks if the city would help with "a great deal of cleanup" needed.

Stowers said the PIF has arranged for the 8,000 square foot building to be used by the Celebration of Lights to store displays and lights.

"However, if a prospect comes in to Pampa and wants all three buildings," he said,

Stowers said that once the roof is fixed, windows covered, building cleaned and pigeons removed, "I think we have a marvelous facility to show to prospective businesses."

"they will have to find other space for the Celebration of Lights organization.

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According to the letter, the PIF is "the only entity dedicated solely to actively seeking new industry for Pampa," relying on a limited amount of funds coming from local donations.

On Tuesday, city commissioners will consider taking action on these items:

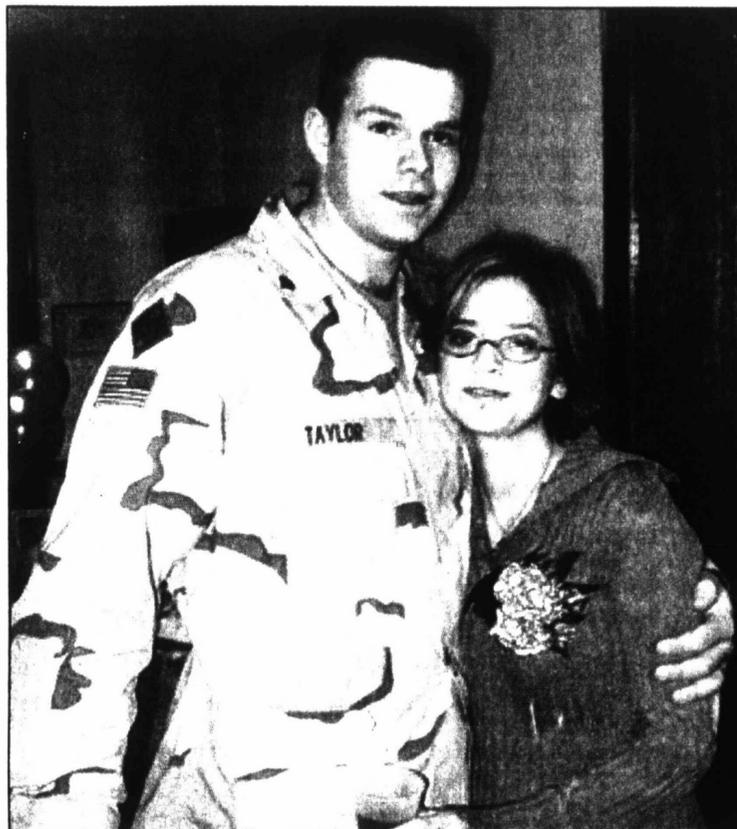
- price for sale of extra water allocation from Canadian River Municipal Water Authority;
- order for May 15 election for Ward 2 and Ward 4 Commissioners' seats;
- golf carts lease/purchase;
- bids for delinquent tax property at 514 N. Wells and 825 S. Tally;
- authorize staff to prepare plans and specifications for the seal coat project;
- one-year extensions of Animal Control Agreements with the cities of Groom, Lefors, McLean, Miami, Skellytown and White Deer.

An executive session is planned for an evaluation of the city manager's performance.

Reports scheduled for the meeting include a report by City Manager Mitch Grant on a site visit by the Texas Historic Commission, status report on Pioneer Cottage and maintenance report by Shane Stokes, and an election law update by City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers.

Commissioners also plan to discuss city commission meetings and agendas, the Railroad Commission office expansion, organizational staffing and animal control regulations.

A welcome home reception



(Courtesy photo)

A reception was recently held at the Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship to honor and encourage SPC. A. J. Taylor of the Headquarters Company, Engineering Battalion, shown here with his wife Rainy, SPC. Taylor was home on leave from Tikrit, Iraq. During the reception, SPC. Taylor spoke to the crowd about his experiences in Iraq and thanked them for their gifts and prayers. He is the son of Dale and Joann Taylor, and Rainy is the daughter of Nathan and Janey Hopson, all of Pampa.

Clark brushes off Kosovo war challenge during showdown

BY LIZ SIDOTI
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Wesley Clark, trying to brush off a distraction Saturday as he engaged Democratic presidential rivals in a Southern showdown, backed off remarks that some in the Clinton administration wanted to end the 1999 Kosovo bombing campaign for political reasons.

Front-runner John Kerry, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and Clark were campaigning in Tennessee and Virginia through the weekend, ahead of primaries in those states Tuesday. Kerry was in a strong position to sweep weekend contests in Michigan, Washington and Maine, states where his opponents put up little fight.

In Tennessee, country music singer George Jones lent his voice to a Clark radio ad debuting Sunday. The native Tennessean tells listeners, "Like Wes Clark, I'm no career politician, but I know a leader when I see one."

Clark tried to shrug off remarks that surfaced Saturday, from a 2000 interview, when he alleged that certain unidentified members of the Clinton administration were in a rush to end the Kosovo war so the conflict would not hurt Al Gore's presidential campaign. Clark was the military officer in charge of prosecuting the war, as NATO

supreme commander. Gore was vice president.

In the interview with NATO's official historian, Clark said: "There were those in the White House who said, 'Hey, look, you gotta finish the bombing before the Fourth of July weekend. That's the start of the next presidential campaign season, so stop it. It doesn't matter what you do, just turn it off. You don't have to win this thing, let it lie.'"

Campaigning in western Virginia on Saturday, Clark said President Clinton and his national security adviser, Sandy Berger, "were totally committed to this operation. I never had any political pressure to do anything but succeed."

Clark said his comments in 2000 were "a stream-of-conscious dictation" with a historian. "I had to assemble all of my memory and think about what had actually happened. It was such a complex period of time."

Clark was pushing for a larger NATO role in the war at the time. But as it turned out, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic agreed in June 1999 to the West's demands for the pullout of all Serbian forces and deployment of Western peacekeepers in Kosovo.

The retired general told a rally at a Roanoke, Va., biscuit shop that he lived four times in the state during his military career, and that he is new to politics. "Nobody owns me," he said.

Monday marks deadline to register for primary

AUSTIN (AP) — Monday is the final day to register to vote in Texas' March 9 primary.

Registration forms are available at post offices, libraries, and other outlets as

well as the secretary of state's office and online at www.sos.state.tx.us.

Forms that are mailed in must be postmarked by Monday.

Questions about the form or

where to pick one up also can be found on the Web site, said Jennifer Waisath, spokeswoman for the secretary of state's office. The office also has a toll-free telephone number, 1-800-252-8683.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

DOUGHERTY, Barbara L. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

GASSETT, Edna — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

BARBARA L. DOUGHERTY
1936-2004

AMARILLO — Barbara L. Dougherty, 67, in 1984. She was a member of the Cowboy Church at Craig Methodist Retirement Center in Amarillo.

Survivors include one daughter, Melissa Urban and husband Larry of Dumas; one son, Ken Dougherty and wife Kelly of Canyon; one sister, Alene Hagar of Hemphill; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Joe O'Rear.

Memorials may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society, Panhandle Chapter, 6222 Canyon Dr., Amarillo, TX 79109.

She married S.W. Dougherty on Sept. 30, 1960, in Brownfield. He preceded her in death

EDNA GASSETT
1917-2004

Edna Gasset, 86, of Pampa, died Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Gene Allen, a retired Full Gospel minister, and the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Gasset was born Oct. 5, 1917, at Pawhuska, Okla. She married Joe Milford Chapin in 1937; he died in 1971. She later married Robert Gasset on March 1, 1975, at Pampa; he died in 2002.

Mrs. Gasset worked for Skel-Tex Credit Union in Skellytown for 24 years and went on to serve on Skel-Tex board of directors for 12

years. She was a member of Eastern Star since 1935 and belonged to Briarwood Full Gospel Church. She was preceded in death by a son, Dan Chapin and by a grandson, Rodney Chapin, both in 1983.

Survivors include two daughters, Marie Stevenson of Pinehurst, Idaho, and Joyce Minor of Lewisville; a son, Joe Chapin of Molena, Ga.; a brother, Ralph Jackson of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to be Briarwood Full Gospel Church, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

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ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Friday, Feb. 6

Terry Ray Green, 25, 1244 S. Hobart, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Josh Magana, 17, 436 S. Hughes, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol, failure to appear and a capias pro fine for minor in possession of alcohol.

Lucio Magana, 19, 436 S. Hughes, was arrested for no driver's license, no insurance and failure to appear.

Tiffany Velasquez, 20, 402 McMasters, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Saturday, Feb. 7

Timothy Kellison, 25, of Lefors, was arrested for public intoxication and burglary of a building.

Amber Caviness, 21, 533 Doyle, was arrested for public intoxication and failure to identify.

AMBULANCE

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

Friday, Feb. 6

9 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Charles and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Kentucky and Price Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Dwight.

SHERIFF

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

Saturday, Jan. 7

Earline Gifford, 39, 1037 S. Wells, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Delbert Gifford, 36, 1037 S. Wells, was arrested by GCSO for the Texas Department of Public Safety on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

FIRE

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

Friday, Feb. 6

12:56 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to the 1100 block of South Hobart on a vehicle versus gas meter accident. Firefighters remained at the scene until officials from the gas company arrived.

10 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to Pampa Police Department, 200 W. Foster, on suspicious mail that had been brought to the PD by private citizen(s).

11:53 a.m. — Three units and eight firefighters responded to a residence in the 700 block of Fir on investigation of suspicious mail. The suspicious mail brought earlier to the PD originated from this residence.

12:45 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to Kentucky and Price Road on a motor vehicle accident involving two pickup trucks. The accident resulted in one patient being transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:20 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 400 block of North Dwight on a call for medical assistance.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

The forecast today is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the lower 50s and south-west winds 15 to 25 mph. Night should fall on partly cloudy skies with lows in the mid 20s

and north winds 10 to 20 mph. Monday should see partly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 30s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

Prison rape case ends in no indictments

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — A grand jury returned no indictments against 49 prison inmates accused of raping and selling a former prisoner as an unwilling sex slave.

A 70-page investigative report presented last week persuaded jurors that Roderick Johnson's allegations of prison gang rapes and beatings were unfounded, said Tanya Perry, the Office of the Inspector General investigator who handled the case.

"We looked at everything," Perry said in Saturday's editions of the Wichita Falls Times Record News. "We left no stone unturned and there was nothing to support that this allegation occurred."

Johnson, a gay Navy veteran, went to prison for burglary and was paroled. He returned after bouncing a \$200 check.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which filed a lawsuit on Johnson's behalf, disputed the investigation's findings, alleging that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and guards at the Allred Unit, just northwest of Wichita Falls, did nothing to stop rapes of Johnson. The civil case is pending in federal court.

"From what I already know, there's some-

thing very, very fishy going on here with this so-called investigation and with taking this thing to a grand jury, essentially to have this no-billed," said Margaret Winter, associate director of the ACLU's Washington-based National Prison Project.

Winter said she talked to Johnson on Friday and he was depressed by the grand jury decision.

"He didn't even know that this was happening," she said. "He was very stunned that they would do this."

The ACLU lawsuit alleges that Johnson was abused over an 18-month period before he was moved in April 2002 to the Michael Unit of the prison system in East Texas.

The suit described Johnson, who is in his mid-30s, as a "homosexual with no history of violence and very little prison experience." It also said officials at the Allred Unit "failed to take reasonable measures to prevent him from being victimized" by numerous prison gangs.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Mike Viesca said the grand jury's decision reinforces the agency's belief that Johnson's claims have no merit.

Workshop targets prospective school board candidates

AMARILLO — Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 11, 7-9 p.m., at the Region 16 Education Service Center, 5800 Bell St.

The workshop, cosponsored by the Region 16 Education Service Center and the Texas Association of School Boards will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a

local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively and where to find more information. Participants will also view "A Call to Service," a TASB video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

Individuals interested in applying for a place on the ballot for the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees should apply at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, in the personnel office between Feb. 16 and March 15 on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 1-800-580-8272, ext. 6104, or check the TASB web site at www.tasb.org for other dates and locations.

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Texas Hill Country Wildflower Trail ready to bloom

Ten central Texas communities have joined to create the Texas Hill Country Wildflower Trail. From late March through June, the towns of Brady, Burnet, Early, Fredericksburg, Goldthwaite, Johnson City, Lampasas, Llano, Mason and San Saba are celebrating the natural roadside beauty.

Favorite wildflowers found in the Hill Country, include bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush, phlox, Mexican poppy, winecups, Indian blanket and lemonmint.

"The Wildflower Trail is very important," said Deborah Farquhar-Garner, Wildflower Trail Coordinator, "because it promotes one of Texas' prettiest things - wildflowers."

Some of the highlights during the wildflower season town by town include:

Early invites visitors the fourth week of March through the end of May, when wildflowers are at their peak. Visitors may also want to pull over for a peek in Early's many antique shops, fine eating establishments, or even a round of golf at the Feather Bay Golf Course. The Saturday before Easter, kids can take part in the Largest Easter Egg Hunt in Texas. In July, join them for the Vietnam Veteran's Boogie on the Bayou at Riverside Park.

The wildflower season in Burnet - the Bluebonnet Capital of Texas - starts around mid-March and ends in July. Sightseers are sure to come upon bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush, core-

opsis, straw flowers, Mexican hats, standing cypress, Indian blankets, lemon mint, gay feathers, and white prickly poppies. Guests who time their visits - Hill Country Lawn and Garden Show, last Weekend in March; Spring Art & Craft Show, 1st Weekend in April Spring Art and Crafts Show and Sale; Bluebonnet Festival, 2nd Weekend; Valley Lake 5K Run, 4th Weekend; Market Days/Garage Sale, 2nd Weekend in May; Highland Lakes Wildgame and Barbecue Cookoff, 3rd Weekend; 33rd Annual Hill Country Tour and Trade Show, Memorial Day Weekend, 23, 24, 25; Burnet Rodeo, 4th Weekend in June; Hill Country Railfair and Festival, 4th Weekend in August; Fall Creek Vineyards Grape Stomp and Harvest Festival, last two Saturdays before Labor Day.

Over 100 varieties of wildflowers attract drivers to Goldthwaite from March through September. Bluebonnets, sunflowers, golden rod, red buds, and wild mustard are but a few of the colorful decorations in subsequent months. Events in this authentic Texas town include: last Saturday in April, Mills County BBQ & Goat Cookoff; Texas Friendship Wagon Trail, 3rd Weekend in April and 3rd Weekend in October; Goldthwaite FFA Rodeo, 2nd Weekend in June (Thur, Fri, and Sat.); Christmas in July.

Mason's springtime activities include Bluebonnet Drives in April and Wildflower Drives in May. Mark your calendars for more... February

19, Chamber of Commerce Banquet; 26, Mason Country Opry; Jake Hooker; March 25, Mason Country Opry; April 17, Republican Women's Home Tour; 24, Mason Country Opry; May 1, Mason VFD Annual Bar-B-Q Fundraiser; 27, Mason Country Opry; June 24, Mason Country Opry.

Gardeners will find more to interest them on their drive through Lampasas. The Bloomin' Fest is a festival geared to springtime gardening, featuring arts, crafts, and, of course, plants. More Spring events include March 5 - 6, Quilt Show; 27, Lometa Diamondback Jubilee; April 3, Bloomin' Fest; 18, Chamber Golf Classic; 24, City Wide Garage Sale; May 29, 30, 31 Memorial Golf Classic; June 12 - 13, Sulphur Creek Car Cruise; 4, 11, 18, 25 - Little Night Music; 18 - 19, Lampasas Riata Roundup.

Visitors to Llano may not find time to see the wildflowers with all the activities underway during the March - June season. Spring include February 14, Llano Country Opry - Johnny Duncan; March 13, Llano Country Opry; 27, Texas Indian Hobbyists; April 3, Wildflower Trail and Carnival; 10, VFD Fish Fry, Open Fiddle Contest, Llano Country Opry; 15 - 17, Annual Crawfish Open; May 8, Llano Country Opry.

Bluebonnets, galardia, winecups, purple cone flowers, gold yarrow, and blacked-eyed Susans will line the roads leading to San Saba late March

through July. Special events during this colorful time include the April 16 - 18, Heart of Texas Calf Roping; May 1 Volunteer Fire Department Cow Camp Cook-off; June 17 - 19, 66th Annual Rodeo; 19, Rodeo Parade and Dance.

Fun things to do during the Wildflower season in Johnson City include February 12-14, Cabin Fever Days; 28, JC Women Club Bingo and Spaghetti Dinner; March 20, men's State Chili Cook-off; April 1-3, ESA Annual Garage Sale; 10, Wildflower Festival; May 8, JCVFD Fish Fry and Raffle Fund-raiser; 8, Johnson City Market Day. Plus abundant wildflowers along the roadsides and county roads.

Mid-March through the end of May, visitors to Fredericksburg will enjoy the extra beauty of wildflower-lined roads on every approach. Fredericksburg is home to many events: February month of romance; 14-15, Wine Lover's Trail (Hill Country); March 1 - June - Texas Hill Country Wildflower Trail; 13-20, Texas Hill Country Hell Week (Bicycle Tour); 14, Hill Country Wedding Expo; 20, American Music Series; April 2, Van der Stucken Music Festival; 3, Rural Schools Open House; 5 - 18, Wildseed Farms Wildflower Celebration; 10, Easter Fires Pageant, Garden Club Plant Sale; 16 - 18, Herb Festival; 17 - 18, Wine &

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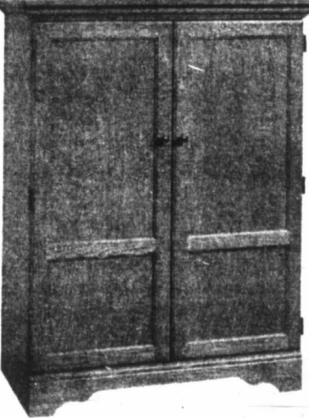
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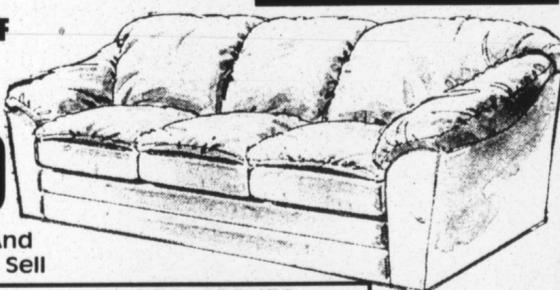
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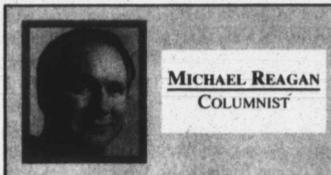
It's interesting to see John Kerry and Terry McAuliffe questioning Bush's status as commander in chief, falsely claiming that he was allegedly AWOL from the Air National Guard during the Vietnam War while other Democrat candidates allow their surrogates to repeat this instead of standing up and telling them, "You're wrong."

But they just let it go and say that they have a right to have their opinions and that Mr. Bush has to answer this charge. Well, Mr. Bush answered this slander in the 2000 elections. So did *George* magazine, which did a brilliant job of investigating this whole matter on Oct. 10, 2000. They — and the *New York Times* as well — found the charge to be bogus — that the president indeed did serve his time. Yes, he did take time off to get involved in a senate campaign in Alabama but then made up the time and was given an honorable discharge — something they don't give to people who haven't lived up to their obligations.

Now they're bringing this discredited story back up again because they want to play up Kerry's war record which was a fabulous one where he performed heroically. But they don't want to discuss his record after the war which is a dismal and shameful one.

After getting an early discharge from the Navy, he joined the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, worked with "Hanoi Jane" Fonda and became a leader of the anti-Vietnam War, pro-Hanoi movement, spreading vicious lies about U.S. soldiers then fighting and dying in Vietnam.

In testimony before the Senate



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Foreign Relations Committee hearing on April 23, 1971, Kerry said that U.S. servicemen had "personally raped, cut off ears, cut off heads, taped wires from portable telephones to human genitals and turned up the power, cut off limbs, blown up bodies, randomly shot at civilians, razed villages, shot cattle and dogs for fun, poisoned food stocks, and generally ravaged the countryside of South Vietnam."

According to Vietnam Veterans against John Kerry, "Kerry's betrayal of American prisoners of war, his blatant disrespect for the families of our missing in action, Vietnam veterans, the military, his support for communist Vietnam and his waffling over the issue of use of force in Iraq ... cannot be relied on to protect the best interests of the United States."

They are right, and his voting record proves it. The fact is that we could not fight a war if it was John Kerry's military because we wouldn't have the military machinery to fight these wars — the Apaches, the Bradleys, the B1s, the B2s, the F14s the F15s — we wouldn't have a military to fight a modern war. But Kerry and his fellow Democrats want to shift the emphasis away from his shameful conduct in his post-war activities and his anti-defense voting record onto the same

bogus issue of the President's Air National Guard service the Democrats tried and failed to make stick back in 2000.

What's maddening is that the media know the truth but you'd never know it from what they report. They're letting Kerry and McAuliffe and their fellow Democrats get away with peddling what they know is a big fat lie.

Look at it this way. Suppose the Republicans were to compare Kerry's activities when as a war hero he came home and turned on his country to those of another genuine war hero who also turned on his country after heroically serving it.

Can you imagine how the media would react if the Republicans were to compare the turncoat hero's record to John Kerry's, a war hero who also turned on his country and gave aid and comfort to the enemy.

If they so much as mentioned the name of Benedict Arnold — the wounded hero of the Battles of Freeman's Farm and Saratoga that destroyed a British army and eventually helped win the Revolutionary War, and then betrayed his country — in the same breath with John Kerry, the media would go crazy. They would rightly say that it would be a vicious slander. But no Republican would even think of doing such a vicious and slanderous thing.

Just as it is now a vicious and slanderous lie to suggest that George W. Bush, the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces served less than honorably while in the Air National Guard 30 years ago.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What's so different about Highway 60/Brown Street?

To the editor,
 I'm confused about the city government's initiative to clean up Highway 60/Brown Street.

The confusion arises when I travel the streets of our village and encounter trash of all sorts lining the gutters, against fencing on commercial and residential properties, lining Red Deer Creek, all over commercial parking areas, blowing with the wind as it is snagged in a tree branch, and my all-time favorite — blowing out the bed of a pickup as the driver motors down the street.

I'm even more befuddled when I see city employees toss out their cigarette butts from the city-owned vehicle they are driving. Massive brain overload happens when I see Price Road, from Highway 60 north to the intersection of 23rd Street, and Alcock Street from Price Road to Sumner Street. What's so special about Highway 60/Brown Street?

Cleaning up Pampa should start at the nucleus of our village — for those of you who don't understand "nucleus", think the word "center", and it should register. The whole Pampa enchilada is a mess!

Maybe the citizens that are responsible for the rampant trash don't understand the words "environment" and "ecological." Maybe our city fathers should educate the citizenry responsible for our trash problem — that means appropriate funds to do an anti-trash program. Use some of that Highway 60/Brown Street money.

And here's the clincher! The last time I checked, tossing trash out the car window or littering when you walk a city street is against state law, punishable by a fine. Maybe if our police would enforce the littering law, it would be a start to a clean village. Maybe if the citizens that litter would stop, it would be a start to a clean village. Maybe I'm dreaming?

Dennis Palmitier
 Pampa

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2004. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 One hundred years ago, on Feb. 8, 1904, the Russo-Japanese War, a conflict over control of Manchuria and Korea, began as Japanese forces attacked Port Arthur. During the war, Russia suffered a series of stunning defeats to Japan; the fighting ended with an agreement mediated by President Theodore Roosevelt, who went on to win the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The *Pampa News* welcomes and encourages readers to express their opinions on issues of public interest and concern. However, we also reserve the right to accept or reject any letter for publication.

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Letters submitted must include name, address, phone number and signature for verification. Addresses and telephone numbers will not be printed, unless requested for a specific reason.

Due to volume and repetition, we will limit submissions from the same person to two letters per month.

Poetry, candidate or political endorsements, letters to third parties and "thank you" letters will not be published except at the discretion of the editor, depending on general interest.

Letters may be dropped off at the office, 403 W. Atchison, or mailed to *The Pampa News*, Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066.



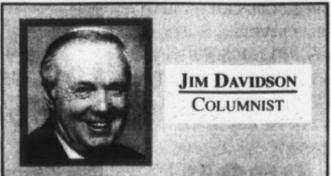
There's a monkey in the cockpit

In 1981, before moving here to Conway, Ark., my wife and I built a new home near the Little Rock Air Force Base. Our home was situated on top of a high hill and all the planes taking off to the west would come right over the top of it.

For us, one of the highlights each year was when the base would hold an open house. During this special event, in most cases they would have the Thunderbirds Air Force precision flying team perform. We would sit out on the deck and watch them. They were so good and so precise, it appeared that you could step from one plane to the next as they zipped along at 500 to 600 miles per hour.

Each pilot had to be extremely good to be part of this prestigious unit. Because the focus was always on these fantastic jet airplanes and all the various routines and stunts they were performing, I never thought much about the individual pilots and how they were selected to represent the United States Air Force all over the world. However, this all changed for me a few days ago when I heard the following story.

A new base commander had received an appointment at the Marine Corps Air Station located at Cherry Point, N.C. Soon after he arrived, the people under his command held a big reception for



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him. As people were making their way down the receiving line, this new base commander greeted a gray-haired first lieutenant. When he saw his gray hair, he said, "Fellow, you look to be up in years. Why haven't you moved up in rank?"

The first lieutenant said, "Well, sir, it's a long story. I'm 51 and I served as a fighter pilot during W.W.II in the South Pacific. Almost every night we would have an alert and all the pilots would have to go to the flight line and warm up our planes and be ready to go at a moments notice. However, in most cases the alert was called off and we had to stand down, which means the alert was called off the threat of danger had passed.

"After several weeks of this I was losing a lot of sleep, but it just so happened that our unit had a pet monkey. It really took some doing, but I trained this monkey to respond to an alert by going to the flight line and warming up my plane. When the alert was over the the stand

down was given, he would shut her down and come back to our sleeping quarters. Unfortunately, as luck would have it, one night the alert was not called off and when all the planes took off, the monkey took off with them. There is however, one redeeming aspect of this story. While I have just now made it back to first lieutenant, that monkey is now a full bird colonel."

Even in the worst of times, there are still those rare people who never lose their sense of humor. I'm proud to say that my father was this type of person. He was over 40 years of age when I was born. He served in W.W.I and was in Brest, France, when the war ended. He said they wanted to make him a PFC (private first class) but he told them that he did not want all that responsibility.

The human mind is a wonderful and powerful tool that God has given us. I consider myself a true patriot and I have a deep respect for our nations armed forces. You'll understand when I say that I have no disrespect when I think of that monkey in the cockpit. I can never again watch the Thunderbirds or the Blue Angels perform without wondering if one of the pilots is a particularly hairy "bird" colonel.

(Write to Jim Davidson at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Girl Searches for Way to Stop Best Friend From Smoking Pot

DEAR ABBY: My best friend, "Bette," is one of the nicest, smartest teens you'll ever meet. I enjoy her company, we get along great, and we have a lot in common. She's also my role model, since I'm two years younger than she is. (I skipped a couple of grades.)

Recently, Bette has been smoking weed and encouraging me to try it. I am very against smoking. I'm afraid Bette might be doing the wrong thing. She says it's OK because she does it only a little bit.

How can I persuade her to stop? Should I even try? Will I be ruining a great friendship?

NEEDS HELP IN GEORGIA

DEAR NEEDS HELP: You appear to be more mature than your older friend. Not only is pot smoking generally unhealthy, it impairs your judgment. Marijuana can affect memory and the choices smokers make while under the influence. It is also illegal, with all that implies.

It is important that you understand that people change as they mature — or fail to mature. If Bette continues on this path, she may eventually begin spending more time with other kids who smoke pot. It could affect her grades and her participation in sports and other interests. You may have less and less in common. So start developing friendships with other students whose interests and goals are similar to yours and continue moving forward on your own wholesome path.

By all means, try to persuade Bette to stop; as her friend, it is the right thing to do. But she is ultimately responsible for her own behavior — or misbehavior — and you have to protect your own future.

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a 13-year-old girl whose father is deployed in the Middle East. She was worried about her mother's depression. You wisely suggested that the daughter seek assistance from a trusted adult who knows her mother and can encourage her to talk to a doctor. I would like to offer some additional suggestions:

The mother's primary-care

manager through her health-care provider is a good starting point for assistance. She can also find out if there is a family advocacy program available at their military base. These programs offer support groups for spouses and children.

This child and her mother are probably eligible for TRICARE, the Defense Department's health-care program for military personnel, their families and retirees. TRICARE offers a health services and support contractor to manage the family's health benefits. It offers in-person or telephone counseling and online assistance. The mother can visit www.tricare.osd.mil and request customer service using one of the toll-free numbers.

Americans must do their part to support those who are sacrificing so much in defense of our freedoms. JUDY BLACK, VICE PRESIDENT, TRIWEST HEALTH CARE ALLIANCE, PHOENIX

DEAR JUDY: Amen to that! And thank you for offering this valuable information to the spouses of our military personnel.

DEAR ABBY: I am 21 years old and have been thin all my life. But for the past year, I have been getting up during the night and eating. Sometimes the next morning I don't even know what I ate the night before!

I have also noticed that I am gaining weight. Please help.

NOCTURNAL EATER

DEAR NOCTURNAL: Discuss this with your doctor. If you're doing this while not fully awake, it may be a symptom of a sleep disorder.

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.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

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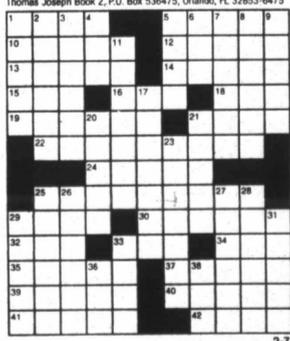
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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

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

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.

STAR CLASSES
Texas Panhandle Mental Health 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.

DISCOVERY CENTER
The Don Harrington Discovery Center, 1200 Streit Dr., Amarillo, will host "Stuffee Shares Health Smiles," a 30-minute, interactive dental education program for children in pre-school through first grade, at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., on Feb. 17-20 and 23-27. Groups must make advanced reservations. Throughout February and

March, the center will sponsor Frankie Fossil Funshops. The Funshops, led by Frankie Fossil, take a hands-on approach to educating children between the ages 5-12 about the Age of Dinosaurs. For more information about either of these programs, contact the center at (806) 355-9547, ext. 21.

CAPROCK CANYONS
Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway will host the following events in February: 9 a.m., Feb. 7, North Prong Nature Hike; 9 a.m., Feb. 21, "Geology of Caprock Canyons State Park" (exploratory hike to observe geological formations, etc.); 6 p.m., Feb. 21, History of Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway (to include sunset in amphitheatre followed by slide show); and 9 a.m., Feb. 28, Winter Waterfowl (bring binoculars, bird guide if possible). For more information on any of these programs, call (806) 455-1492.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB
Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Lovett Memorial Library. Books under discussion are "Ladies Detective Agency" by Andrew McCall Smith and "Embers" by Sandor Marai. Visitors are welcome.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Feb. 11, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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.texasattlewomen.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.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type

B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Feb. 4 and 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., Feb. 9, at City Hall, Canadian.

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 applica-

tion, visit www.circlesquare.org on the World Wide Web.

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

HOUSTON CRAFT SHOW
Houston Center for Contemporary Craft is seeking entries for "CraftHouston 2004: Texas" set for June 19 through Sept. 12 at the Craft Center. **Postmark deadline for entries is April 1.** Entry forms and application information for this juried event are available at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St., Houston, TX 77002; at www.crafthouston.org; or by calling (713) 529-4848, ext. 106, or e-mailing hccc@crafthouston.org.

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

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AAF awards \$363,699 in area grants

The Amarillo Area Foundation and its public supporting organization, The Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation, recently awarded a total of \$563,699 in charitable grants for the benefit of citizens in the Texas Panhandle. These grants marked the third of three discretionary grant-making cycles for 2003.

The grants went to 11 Panhandle area nonprofit organizations. The grants, along with a brief summary, are listed below in alphabetical order:

- Foundation grants include the following:
 - \$20,000 to Amarillo Area Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), to support the recruitment, training and supervision of volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children (from the Ronald R. Beasley Fund).
 - \$13,560 to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Canyon, to support expansion of bilingual educational programming (from the Lawrence R. Hagy Fund and the Layma Taylor Lister Fund).
 - \$50,000 to City of Borger, to support reconstruction and improvements to the municipal pool and activity center at Johnson Park in Borger (from the Lawrence R. Hagy Fund).
 - \$2,000 to Northwest Texas Museum Association, to provide maintenance for the traveling exhibit "Playas ... Gems of the Plains" (from the Nona S. Payne Fund).
 - \$8,139 to Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, to support the YES 79107 Youth Summer Employment Program (from the Lawrence R. Hagy Fund).
 - \$25,000 to Sherman County Older Texans, to repair and refurbish the senior

- center in Stratford (from the Lawrence R. Hagy Fund.)
 - \$270,000 to Amarillo Alzheimer's Academy Fund at Amarillo Area Foundation, to establish the Amarillo Alzheimer's Academy, a collaboration between Alzheimer's Association STAR Chapter, Area Agency on Aging and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at Amarillo School of Medicine. This grant is co-funded with the Mary E. Bivins Foundation, which will contribute an additional \$128,000 over three years (\$135,000 from the Sybil B. Harrington Fund).
 - \$25,000 to Golden Spread Council of the Boy Scouts of America, to support

- programs (from the Sybil B. Harrington Fund.)
 - \$50,000 to Caprock Connections, to support construction of a community center in Quitaque.
 - \$50,000 to Lone Star Ballet, to support programs (from the Sybil B. Harrington Fund).
 - \$50,000 to Mid-America Arts Alliance, to enhance professional practices and advance the institutional capacity of Texas Panhandle museums.

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MEDICAL

Hormone boosts survival in deadly cardiac arrests

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

A hormone called vasopressin is clearly better at saving the lives of patients whose hearts have stopped than the drug doctors have been using for the past 100 years, according to a study that could transform the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

For a century, cardiac arrest victims have been given epinephrine, a synthetic adrenaline that constricts blood vessels and boosts blood pressure. It is often administered when shocking the heart with a defibrillator fails to revive the patient.

Using vasopressin instead improved the chances of reaching a hospital alive by about 40 percent, and tripled the chances of going home from the hospital, in patients with the most deadly type of cardiac arrest, asystole, where all heart activity has stopped. Still, only 5 percent who got vasopressin made it home.

The large European study was reported recently in New England Journal of Medicine.

The finding should soon change international guidelines

for treating people in cardiac arrest outside a hospital, predicted lead researcher Dr. Volker Wenzel, associate professor of anesthesiology and critical care medicine at Leopold-Franzens University in Innsbruck, Austria.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Kevin M. McIntyre of Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston called the findings "an important breakthrough." He noted that vasopressin does not appear to have the risks of epinephrine.

"These advances should be translated into a new standard of care immediately," he said.

Vasopressin, a synthetic hormone that narrows blood vessels, has been around for decades. A few years ago, guidelines added vasopressin as an alternative first drug. That was partly because epinephrine sometimes increases irregular rhythms and decreases oxygen supply to the brain after resuscitation.

Each year, more than 600,000 people die of sudden cardiac arrest in North America and Europe, usually because of a heart attack or a heart rhythm disturbance.

When medical personnel arrive, nearly 70 percent of victims have ventricular fibrillation, in which the heart's main pumping chambers flutter wildly and pump little blood. Less than 20 percent of these patients survive to go home.

About 30 percent of victims, usually patients who have been down longer, have asystole, and nearly all die.

The study involved 1,186 cardiac arrest patients treated in 33 communities in Austria, Germany and Switzerland from 1999 to 2002.

After ambulance crews tried defibrillation, half the patients not resuscitated then got one or more injections of vasopressin and the other half got epinephrine. Patients in asystole did much better with vasopressin, but among other victims, outcomes were similar for the two drugs.

Wenzel, co-chairman of the advanced cardiac life support committee of the European Resuscitation Council, said he expects that group and its counterparts in several nations to issue a joint position paper in several months recommending vasopressin as the first drug for patients in asystole.

Wenzel will try to persuade his colleagues to go one step further and recommend injecting both vasopressin and epinephrine, because that showed the most benefit and saved eight crucial minutes.

"If truly confirmed by another study it would be a major advancement in the treatment of asystole," said Dr. Muhamed Saric, director of echocardiography and cardiac stress testing at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.

Physician brings humor into doctors' offices

By DAVID SHARP
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUBURN, Maine (AP) — Doctors who prescribe a healthy dose of humor for patients seldom get enough of it themselves.

That's not the case with the family physician who publishes the Placebo Journal, a bimonthly magazine he hopes will help doctors keep a sense of humor while battling what he calls the Medical Axis of Evil: drug companies, HMOs and medical malpractice insurers.

The December edition featured on its cover "It's a Wonderful Physician's Life" and offered a different spin on a memorable line: "Every time Daddy's pager goes off, an angel gets his wings."

Other features included "Stupid Pharmaceutical Tricks" and the "X-ray Files," featuring unusual X-rays.

Dr. Doug Farrago started the magazine in 2001 to point out what's wrong with medicine and have a few laughs along the way. "I'm doing this absolutely out of fun. This is my therapy," Farrago said.

Farrago, who has 2,500 patients, understands the need physicians have for a little levity — he diagnoses a terminal cancer case each month.

"You have to be Robo-Doc to deal with it," he said. "The only way to re-humanize yourself is to laugh and vent."

He also believes doctors will work better if they lighten up. "A doctor who's relaxed and has a sense of humor gives better care," he said.

And Dr. Michael O. Fleming, president of the American Academy of Family Physicians, agrees. Family physicians have a high burnout rate,

and one reason why is they take themselves too seriously, said Fleming, a family physician in Shreveport, La.

"Having a sense of humor and being able to laugh and smile is absolutely critical — I couldn't work without it," he said.

Much of the humor in the Placebo Journal is dark, focusing on pharmaceutical companies, the constant threat of lawsuits, narcotics-seeking patients and endless paperwork for insurers. Farrago strikes back by making fun of it all.

Few topics are sacred, but there are some ground rules: Stories must be true, patient confidentiality cannot be violated, and no story can involve harm coming to a patient.

The material is often crude, the stuff doctors deal with daily. Issues have included parodies including "Nordart," a contraceptive dart doctors can use on patients who have children but shouldn't; "Cyanara," a weight-loss drug that's 80 percent cyanide and "Indifferex," a mediocre anti-depressant.

It has phony ads, like one for "OxyCotton Candy," which takes a poke at OxyContin, a painkiller that has been abused by some patients.

The magazine, which has a circulation of 5,000, contains no real advertising. It's funded through subscriptions and profits from a device Farrago invented to reduce stress on the knees of baseball catchers.

Farrago's humor goes beyond his journal — it's very evident in the practice he shares with three other docs, Ray Stone, Carolyn Kase and John Comis.

The four are reminiscent of the "Seinfeld" cast during their daily lunch break. Nothing is off limits and the

laughter is infectious as they blow off steam and crack jokes, some of which end up in the magazine.

At a recent lunch, talk of the popular Atkins diet turned into a spoof called the "Fatkins Diet" — all-fat, of course. The four also swapped suggestions for a parody on The Learning Channel's popular "Trading Spaces," called "Trading Cases."

Farrago, who sees himself as the Seinfeld of the group, will decide whether those jokes make it into the journal.

Signs of Farrago's wackiness also abound in his office. There are a golden bust of Elvis, a Three Stooges cookie jar and a crown made from medical instruments. And there's the journal's mascot, a skull with Groucho glasses, nose and mustache, as well as Disney character masks that Farrago wears to make children smile.

Dr. Amber Tyler, a resident at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said the Placebo Journal hits upon the realities of modern day doctoring.

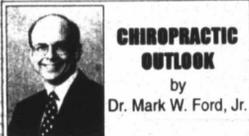
"I'm six to seven months into my residency and I'm already fried. It's a great thing to sit down and read and laugh and realize that you're not alone," she said.

Another fan is Tess Gerritsen, M.D., author of medical thrillers including "Harvest" and "The Surgeon."

"It's almost a guilty pleasure reading that thing," Gerritsen said. "I feel a little bad about it because some of the humor — it's the kind of humor you don't want your patients to know you're reading."

Some doctors have been offended, but Farrago makes no apologies.

"We've been called sophomoric," he said. "I'm proud of being sophomoric."



CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

by Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

HEAD OVER HEELS

Today's fashions with very thin and high-heeled stiletto shoes are being blamed for back and leg pain, say chiropractors. Many women wear these shoes to increase height and make legs look longer and bodies thinner. The heels force the lower back muscles to strain when the woman tries to stand up straight and balance herself.

Shoes with a heel height of between one and two inches are considered safe. They will not put too much of an extra burden on the lower back muscles. Anything higher can lead to tingling legs and ankle sprains as well as back problems.

If you get muscle spasms when wearing high-heeled shoes, immediately remove them so the pain does not worsen. Follow this with mild stretching exercises of the upper and lower back. This does not mean you should never wear high heels. Rather, it is best not to wear stilettos every day and to notice effects on posture and movement when you do.

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Scientists create gene that produces healthy fatty acid in mice

By JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA
AP SCIENCE WRITER

Scientists say they have bioengineered a gene from a tiny worm that could lead to juicy sirloins and gooey omelets that protect your arteries, not clog them.

Mice bred with the worm gene produced "significant" amounts of a heart-friendly omega-3 fatty acid normally found in salmon and other fish that are staples of heart-healthy diets, researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital report in a recent issue of the journal Nature.

The researchers now are trying to breed transgenic chickens that would lay omega-3 eggs, but those results are not expected for several months. They said "the obvious followup" would be transferring the gene to livestock to see if they can

produce meat and milk rich in omega-3.

"It would be little bit more difficult in a cow or pig," said the study's senior author, Jing X. Kang. "Overall, it would be quite similar and I think the outcome would be the same."

Researchers at several universities are experimenting with adding protective levels of omega-3s to foods ranging from ice cream to orange juice and salad dressing.

Breeding livestock that genetically express omega-3 would represent a radical change to America's meaty eating habits, and a potential bonanza to ranchers who have been riding a rollercoaster of high protein diets, mad cow disease and concerns about obesity.

But other scientists cautioned that promising results with mice not always are duplicated in experiments on larger and more complicated species.

And transgenic herds would face significant regulatory and consumer hurdles, including animal welfare and human safety, they warned.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration treats transgenic animals as medicine and requires extensive clinical evaluations. So far, the agency has not approved any transgenic animals for human consumption, although last year it said cloned animals probably were safe.

In October, the FDA cited the University of Illinois for selling the offspring of pigs used in a genetics experiment.

Transgenic meat also would likely generate protests over labeling and its potential sale in supermarkets alongside conventional meat. After years of fierce protests, the European Union now requires stringent labeling of foods made with genetically modified organisms.

"It's an interesting idea, a

tremendous idea," said Bob Roberts, a food researcher at Penn State University who did not contribute to the mouse studies.

"My sense is that consumers would have issues with it," Roberts said. "They have issues with transgenic tomatoes."

For years, ranchers have been breeding leaner animals to capitalize on consumers' health concerns. Organic and natural producers offer meat from animals grazed on grass to reduce fat content. Some livestock even have been fed omega-3 supplements — with poor results.

In the late 1980s at the University of California-Davis, cattle and sheep were fed diets in which fats were made less digestible. The animals' meat was lower saturated fat. But flavors were less rich.

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CALENDAR ITEMS

COMMUNITY, CHURCHES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 meets every Thursday at

7:30 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill, stated meeting is the third Thursday of each month at the same time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MUSEUMS, MILITARY

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

Freedom Museum USA. Freedom Museum, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

Harrington House. The 2001 tour season for Harrington House, 1600 S. Polk, Amarillo, is in full swing. Built in 1914 by cattlemen John and Pat Landergin, the house was acquired in 1940 and preserved by Don and Sybil Harrington. The hour-long tours are conducted from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April through mid-December. There is no admission fee. For more information call (806) 374-5490.

The Old Guard. Current and former members of the U.S. Army's oldest Infantry Regiment, the 3d U.S. Infantry or "The Old Guard Association" (also known as

TOGA) are being sought for membership in the association. For more information, write to: Membership Committee, The Old Guard Association, 1000 Winchell Rd., Drawer 22, Aurora, OH 44202; or visit www.old-guard.org on the Internet.

Old Mobeetie Jail Museum. Old Mobeetie Jail Museum in Mobeetie offers various volunteer opportunities to interested individuals. For more information, call (806) 845-2028.

PPHM Story Time. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present "Story Time" at 2:30 p.m. every second Saturday of each month except December and January on the second floor of the museum. For more information, contact PPHM at (806) 651-2244.

USS Columbus. USS Columbus Veterans Association is seeking Navy and Marine Corps shipmates who served on the USS Columbus (CA-74/CG-12) 1944-1976 and the USS Columbus (SSN-762) past and present. Contact Alvin S. Lewis, president, 726 E. Covina Blvd., Covina CA 91722-2955; (626) 339-3568; e-mail homeport@lewisengraving.com.

White Deer Land Museum. White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.

OTHER

Ballroom Dancers. United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association is seeking support for a chapter for beginner social or recreational ballroom dancers in the Amarillo area. If enough

interest is expressed, a local steering committee will be formed to guide the project and enroll members. For more information, call 1-800-447-9047; e-mail USABDA-CENT@aol.com; or write: USABDA, P.O. Box 128, New Freedom, PA 17349.

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

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SPORTS

Top high school recruits not rushing to NFL

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Brian Toal is one of the top football recruits in the nation, yet he knows he needs a lot more experience — and size — before he's ready for the NFL.

He's not alone.

Although a federal judge ruled high school players and college underclassmen should be eligible for the NFL draft, many will stick to school for now, and they wonder if any teenager could handle the big time.

"My goal is to turn pro; it'd be nice," Toal said. "But I'm not sure I'm ready."

The 6-foot-2, 230-pound running back/linebacker could start at Boston College as a

freshman. He was recruited by virtually every major college program in the country, including Miami, Tennessee, and Penn State.

He and many of the nation's best young players say they plan to use college to hone their game, and to grow, both physically and emotionally. Then they can consider playing in the NFL.

"I don't think anybody can go straight out of high school, including myself," said Ted Ginn Jr., one of the nation's most recruited high school players, out of Cleveland Glenville.

Ginn has drawn comparisons to Deion Sanders with his

blazing speed, but he realizes he needs to play college ball. He will be a defensive back at Ohio State after playing quarterback, wide receiver and cornerback in high school.

"We may be fast enough. But we're not strong enough, or mentally ready," Ginn said. "Those are grown men. They have a lot of experience."

Cleveland St. Ignatius coach Chuck Kyle, whose teams have won nine Division I state championships since 1988, said none of his players who went on to the NFL would have been ready after their senior year.

Top recruit Jeff Byers agreed college is essential for young football players who

dream of turning pro. The 6-4, 290-pound high school center from Loveland, Colo., is headed to co-national champion USC.

"You might be able to take a hit from someone in high school, but you get to the NFL and you're going to have to take a hit from a guy like Brian Urlacher," Byers said. "I don't know of any 18-year-old that would be able to do that."

"The NFL playbook is like 6 inches thick, and a guy coming right out of high school isn't going to be able to handle that mentally."

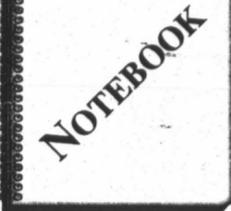
A federal judge sided with Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett on Thursday,

striking down the NFL's 1990 rule that a player must be out of high school three years to enter the draft.

The NFL is appealing, but in the meantime set a March 1 deadline for high school players and newly eligible college underclassmen to apply for April's draft.

Longtime observers of high school football panned the judge's decision.

"It was a horrible ruling," said Allen Wallace, publisher of the SuperPrep college football recruiting magazine. "I can't think of a single one I've met who's emotionally and physically ready to succeed right away in the NFL."



SOCCER

PAMPA — There will be Harvester Soccer Booster Club meeting at 7 Monday night in the Ready Room at the Pampa High School athletic fieldhouse.

Parents of soccer players are urged to attend.

GOLF

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Rain or shine, Vijay Singh and Phil Mickelson can't wait to get to Pebble Beach.

They toiled at Spyglass Hill on Friday, the toughest course in the rotation at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, trying to survive the bumpiest greens and stay within range of the leaders.

When the second round ended Friday, Luke Donald of England shot a 65 at Pebble Beach to take a one-stroke lead. He had a three-putt bogey from 12 feet on the 18th hole.

Singh played his best when sunshine gave way to clouds and a brisk wind and wound up with a 4-under 68 at Spyglass that left him only one shot out of the lead.

Mickelson didn't have a very exciting round, and that was OK with him. He had no bogeys in a 68 while playing with Singh, and was just two shots behind.

Slammers open basketball tournament season

PAMPA — The Slammers opened up the tournament season with a successful start at the Liberal Mid-American Youth Basketball Tournament on Jan. 31.

The Slammers are a group of 6th grade girls from Pampa who have played together for three years. They finished third at Liberal with a 3-2 record with one of the wins coming by forfeit.

The tournament was supposed to be Saturday and Sunday, but because of bad weather the Slammers played four games at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. The Slammers defeated Orange Crush 34-18 and Hugaton 35-13 and won by forfeit over the Limesters. The Liberal Heat and High Plains Storm defeated the Slammers 34-23 and 38-24. These two teams played in the finals late Saturday night.

The Slammers won their 4

o'clock game and had to play again at 5 against the Storm, who had drawn a bye after their 11 o'clock game. The Slammers held an 11-10 lead after the one quarter, but the well-rested Storm gradually pulled away and led 15-10 at halftime.

Last year, the Slammers 31 games and finished with 23 wins and 8 losses. Their next three tournaments are Feb. 12-14 at Fort Elliott, Feb. 20-22 at Elk City, Okla. and March 4-6 at Miami.

Slammer statistics from the Liberal tournament are as follows:

Player	Points	Rebounds	Assists
Ashley Facio	36	14	1
Serina Wagner	23	5	2
Carlyn Teichmann	12	9	15
Emilie Troxell	11	15	0
Andi Hutto	9	14	0
Kara Stephens	8	6	2
Brooklyn Barker	7	17	5
Shelbie Watson	5	7	4
Kelsey Watson	3	4	0

Three-point goals: Serina Wagner 3, Brooklyn Barker 2.



The Slammers receive last minute instructions during their first game against Orange Crush. From l to r are Carlyn Teichmann, coach David Teichmann, Serina Wagner, Andi Hutto, Ashley Facio, Shelbie Watson, coach Jimmy Barker, Kara Stephens, Emilie Troxell, Kelsey Watson, Brooklyn Barker and coach Bino Facio.

Reid, Dungy enjoy dubious honor at Pro Bowl

KAPOLEI, Hawaii (AP) — Andy Reid has lived in cold-weather climates for much of his coaching career, so he thoroughly appreciates the chance to wear shorts to work as the coach of the NFC Pro Bowl team.

Still, Reid has done this

week-long job three straight seasons, and he'd prefer to skip it next February. That's because the Pro Bowl is run by the coaches from the losers of the conference title games — this year, Philadelphia coach Reid and Indianapolis' Tony Dungy.

"It's hard to say anything bad about a week of vacation in Hawaii," Reid said. "I wouldn't mind spending another week or two with my team, though. Everybody knows this is an honor because of how good your team has been, but it's not the ultimate honor you're always striving for."

Reid's NFC teams lost in his first two trips to the Pro Bowl, and the task is just as daunting Sunday. The AFC quarterbacks — league co-MVPs Peyton Manning and Steve McNair, along with Kansas City's Trent Green — could be unstoppable in the Pro Bowl structure that prohibits blitzing, bump-and-run defense and most double coverages.

And the NFC offense must deal with a defense run by Dungy, one of the league's top defensive minds. Sure, there isn't much time to put together a foolproof game plan in a week of short, non-contact practices, but Dungy has impressed his AFC players in his first year running their squad.

"He's just a mellow guy, like everybody says he is," said Kansas City guard Will Shields, in his ninth Pro Bowl. "Everything is organization with him. He knows where everything is going on. It's fun to play for him."

Reid describes the assignment as "advanced football," since the players who reach the Pro Bowl need no basic instructions, even when faced with

playing an unfamiliar scheme. Dungy, who coached the NFC team in February 2000 after his Tampa Bay Buccaneers lost the conference title game, echoes the assessment.

"Most of the guys here, you can tell what makes them good," Dungy said. "They're not only talented guys, they're really smart guys who can pick up on what you're doing right away. You've got guys like (Dolphins safety) Patrick Surtain, who know exactly what you want them to do, even before you tell them."

Unlike last season, when Reid coached an NFC squad with 10 Eagles, only defensive tackle Corey Simon and cornerback Troy Vincent are on the 2004 team. Quarterback Donovan McNabb was knocked out of the Pro Bowl lineup with the injuries that hampered him throughout the playoffs, but he made the trip to Hawaii anyway.

When he wasn't courting San Francisco free agent receiver Terrell Owens over drinks at a Waikiki hotel bar, McNabb changed into shorts and joined the NFC squad for workouts.

"I'm disappointed I didn't play in the Super Bowl, but injury will do that," said McNabb, chosen for the fourth time in his five NFL seasons. "When you're injured, you have to think about your future."



Pampa Harvester Sports Calendar

Basketball

Tuesday, February 10

Pampa vs. Caprock • 5:45 pm home

Friday, February 13

Pampa vs. Randall boys • 7:30 pm home

Wrestling

Friday, February 13

Pampa • District Meet • 3:30 pm home

Soccer

Tuesday, February 10

Pampa vs. Canyon B-G • 4 pm home

Friday, February 13

Pampa vs. Caprock girls • 7 pm away

Saturday, February 14

Pampa vs. Caprock boys • 2 pm away

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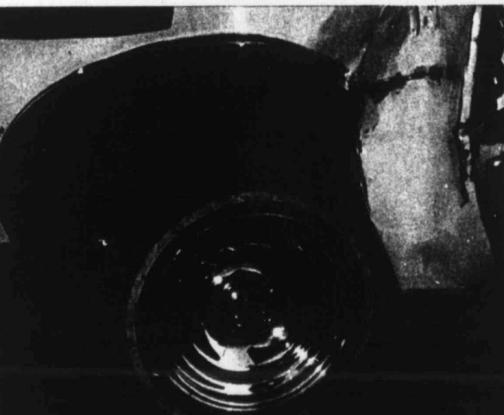
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Hot Shot winners



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Duncan leads Spurs by Kings

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are certainly comfortable at Arco Arena.

Tim Duncan had 28 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks Friday night, leading San Antonio to its third straight victory in Sacramento, 102-94 over the NBA-leading Kings.

"We're really thrilled to come away with a victory," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "It's a heck of a tough place to play. They're the best team in the league. To get a victory is something you have to feel fortunate about."

Defense was a key ingredient for the Spurs, who allow the NBA's fewest points per game. The challenge was defending the Kings, who lead the league in scoring. Pestered by the Spurs' defense, Sacramento shot 37 percent (30-of-81) to drop to 22-4 at home.

"It may be our worst game offensively all season," Kings coach Rick Adelman said. "You give the Spurs credit, they were good defensively. We tried to do too much on our own."

Tony Parker kept San Antonio in front in the first

half, scoring 17 of his 20 points. Duncan took over after halftime, scoring 20 points to help the defending champion Spurs pull away.

"It was the No. 1 defense against the No. 1 offense, so we were fortunate to come out on top in this one," Duncan said.

The Kings had won five straight, including a comeback victory last week in San Antonio.

Bruce Bowen added 14 points for the Spurs; and his defense made things difficult for Peja Stojakovic, who shot 6-of-18 and scored 20 points.

"They didn't shoot the ball well. That doesn't happen much to the Kings," Parker said. "This win is huge for our confidence, to beat the team with the league's best record."

Manu Ginobili scored eight points during the first half of the fourth quarter when the

Spurs opened their largest lead, 93-75.

Ginobili finished with 15 points, and former Kings player Hedo Turkoglu had 13 points in his return to Arco Arena.

Vlade Divac and Mike Bibby matched Stojakovic with 20 points for the Kings. Brad Miller had 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Anthony Peeler also scored 12.

"They hit a lot of shots early and we didn't bounce back," Bibby said. "We kept trying to fight our way back in, but then we would turn it over or miss our shots."

Notes: The Kings honored Nate "Tiny" Archibald, one of seven players in franchise history to have his number retired. ... California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger watched the game from a skybox.

Clemens, Pettitte complete victory lap

HOUSTON (AP) — As much as Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte have enjoyed being toasts of the town, pardon them for being ready to hit the diamond again.

"This is the last banquet thank goodness," Pettitte said, quickly adding that he felt honored to be named the Houston Area Major League Player of the Year on Friday at the annual Houston Baseball Dinner. "Let's get to spring training and play. But this has all been great. It's been fun."

He and Clemens, who won the Allen Russell Distinguished Achievement Award for his lengthy list of

career milestones, were set to be honored anyway because of their Houston roots. Adding to the festivities — and causing a record 1,700 tickets to be sold — were their decisions this offseason to trade their Yankees pinstripes for the Astros variety.

The uproarious reaction to Clemens was very different from the response he drew last month at a similar event in New York, where boos intermingled with cheers.

This time, as in several other dinners and events starring one or both of the Texan pair, it was unanimous.

"This last month and a half

has been unbelievable," Clemens said of the community's lobbying to get him to sign and the response after he agreed to come out of a brief retirement and sign a one-year deal.

Other winners at the \$50-a-plate dinner were outfielder Richard Hidalgo as last season's Most Valuable Astro, relief pitcher Brad Lidge as the team's top rookie and former closer Billy Wagner as the club's Pitcher of the Year.

Wagner, who was traded to the Philadelphia Phillies after last season, did not attend because his flight from his home state of Virginia was snowed in.

White Deer cagers swept by Gruver

WHITE DEER — White Deer was defeated by Gruver 66-40 in a District 1-1A boys game Friday night.

Matt Messer led Gruver in scoring with 14 points. Carlos Borunda and Cass Copper added 13 points each.

Nick Hillman had 10 points and Brian Ferrell 8 for White Deer.

Gruver came away with a 55-44 win in the girls contest.

Cassie Wyatt paced Gruver with 16 points. Gruver pulled away after leading by just four (39-35)

after three quarters. Lindsey Clift, Lauren Urban and Liz Lopez followed with 8 points each for

Gruver. Ashley Davis led White Deer with 12 points.

Kara Lewis and Holly Miller added 8 apiece.

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DECA students compete at District 8 Conference

Pampa High's Mitchell Crow was recently elected DECA District 8 president during Texas DECA District 8 Career Development Conference at Coronado High School in Lubbock. Crow will represent the district at the International Leadership Conference to be held May 1-4 in Nashville, Tenn.

Altogether eight Marketing Education students from PHS competed at the district competition. All eight placed first in their respective events and will advance to State DECA Career Development Conference slated Feb. 26-29 in Galveston.

Donna Crow, advisor of the local chapter, reported that the following Pampa students participated in the conference: Misty Ivey, fashion merchandising promotion plan; Kolby Gilleland and Tosha Powell, both quick serve restaurant management; Seth Williams, vehicles and petroleum marketing; Michael Kane, retail merchandising; Demetrio Martinez IV,

advertising campaign event; Jacob Stillwagon, retail merchandising event; and Crow, public relations project.

The students participated in curriculum-related competitive events which tested their knowledge and skills about various concepts involved in marketing, merchandising and management with those of students from throughout the Panhandle.

Approximately 225 members from across the area and their advisors attended the event.

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(Courtesy photo)

Eight DECA students from Pampa High School competed at district conference in Lubbock recently. Above: (back row, left-right) Mitchell Crow, Michael Kane; (front row, l-r) Demetrio Martinez IV, Seth Williams, Tosha Powell, Misty Ivey, Jacob Stillwagon and Kolby Gilleland.

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FLOWERS

Wildflowers Trail (Hill Country); 24, Wildflower 5K-10K Run/Walk, Scholarship Fest; Apr. 25 - May 1, Texas Woodcarvers Guild Spring Roundup & Show; Apr. 30 - May 2, Hill Country Motorcycle Run; May 1, Children's Chorale Spring Concert; 2, Texas Bach Choir and Texas Bach Collegium Concert; 7 - 8, Pow Wow; 8, Founders Day Festival, Chorale Spring Concert; 15, American Music Series; 21 - 22, Lone Star Street Rod Assn. State Run; 31, Memorial Day Program.

Lakes, rivers, and streams provide a shimmering backdrop to the wildflower display around Brady. Visitors will be surprised to discover fields of sunflowers growing in McCulloch County, accenting the bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush, dogwood, Mexican hat, brown-eyed Susan and gold-rod. Top events through the

Spring include the Texas Muzzle Loader Association spring shoot at Brady Lake, Lions Club Honors Banquet, 3rd annual Heart of Texas Swap Meet/Car Corral will be held at Richards Park on Saturday, April 3, 2004. This event will feature a gigantic swap meet, a regional car show, and arts and crafts booths. McCulloch County Helping Hands hosts its annual barbecue dinner on the last Saturday in April. Drag Boats at Brady Lake May 15 - 16. Brady is also home to the Heart of Texas Museum and the Heart of Texas Country Music Museum.

More information on dates, locations, and activities along the Texas Hill Country Wildflower Trail is available by contacting each community's chamber of commerce, by calling Wildflower Trail Headquarters toll free 1-866-TEX-FEST (839-3378), or by visiting the web site www.tex-fest.com <<http://www.tex-fest.com>>.

Local library announces changes

The Advisory Board of Lovett Memorial Library recently implemented several changes in its circulation policy.

Changes to the circulation policy include the following:
—A young adult may obtain a library card at age 16 without a parent's signature.
—A child (any age) may obtain a library card with a parent's consent.
—The loan period for videos has been extended from two- to seven-days and fines reduced to 50-cents per day.
—Books may be renewed up to three times on the Internet via the library's home page (www.lovettlibrary.net),

by phone or in person at the library.

—Books requested by another user cannot be renewed.

—Accounts may be called up on-line with a PIN number, so clients can review materials checked out, due dates, fines owed, and book requests.

—Requests for books are accepted on-line.

—The card catalog may be accessed from the library's home page and does not require a PIN number or an access code.

—Access is also provided to databases of periodicals, reference books and other information. A password is required. For more information, contact the library at 669-5780.



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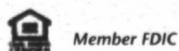
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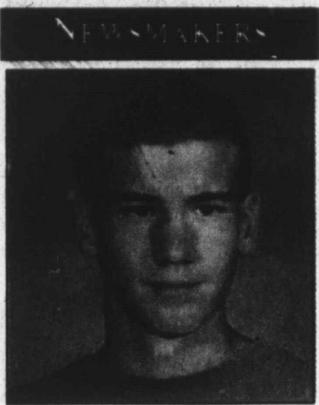
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Adam Brown

Adam Brown of Pampa was recently chosen to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy which began Feb. 3 and ended today in Washington, D.C.

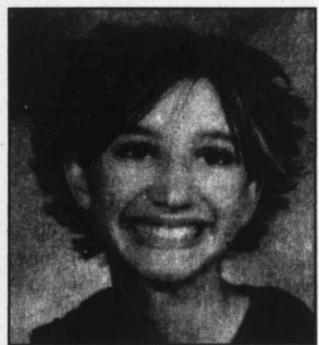
Having demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in a career related to national security, Brown joined approximately 400 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across the United States at the forum.

"Imagine being 16- or 17-years-old and the responsibility of securing the United States at home and abroad rests on your shoulders. Through specialized simulations, the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy strives to put students like Adam Brown in the driver's seat of building a strategy that will uphold our national security," said Donna Snyder, executive director of NYLF. "The combination of interacting with professionals and with other students in this setting ensures that leaders are being developed so the future of our country will remain very bright."

The curriculum for the forum is based on actual world events, allowing participants to learn from the examples set by previous generations of leaders and encouraging them to develop a perspective and tenacity unique to upcoming generations of leaders.

Throughout the forum, students examined how the U.S. plans for peace and prepares for crisis. Students met with leaders from key agencies and institutions.

In the past, NYLF/DID has visited several government institutions and military installations, including the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Marine Corps Combat Development Command at Quantico, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the U.S. Naval Academy, a variety of embassies and many others.



Brittynne Lewis

Miss Brittynne Lewis of Canyon participated in the National Young Leaders Conference this week (Feb. 3-8) in Washington, D.C. NYLC is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Lewis was among approximately 400 outstanding scholars from throughout the United States at the conference.

The theme of NYLC is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the six days, Lewis interacted with a variety of personnel who operate within the three branches of government, the news media and the international community.

"We often hear from members of Congress, political appointees and members of Washington's press corps that it is a privilege to meet and interact with students like Brittynne Lewis because they are the face of our country's future," said Mike Lasday, execu-

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(Courtesy photo)

This painting by Grant Johnson won first place at the High Plains Art Festival in Miami recently.

Locals score big at art show

BY SETH DAVIDSON
FOR THE NEWS

The High Plains Art Festival has a simple premise: If art is of value, artists should be rewarded. At a time when schools are slashing budgets, the fine arts go first. This is a tragedy because the skills, concepts, and passions stimulated by the arts stay with us for life.

On Jan. 24, the third High Plains Art Festival was held in Miami. With \$2,000 in cash prizes awarded, Pampa residents Grant Johnson, Linda Nowell and Lois Minnick swept places 1-3, respectively. Rachel Andrews and Elizabeth Terry, also of Pampa, placed second and fourth in youth 6-10 category.

More than 100 visitors and over 60 artists came together at the Roberts County Museum for the art competition, which was judged by Michael Grauer, curator of art at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. One of the largest events ever held at the museum, the festival attracted people from as far away as Lubbock.

After the show, artists and visitors met across the street at the home of Bill and Lorelee Philpott, where live bluegrass music featuring Buddy and Tina Wright, barbecue, and snacks were enjoyed by all.

For more information, contact seth@wildsteps.com



(Courtesy photos)

▲ Linda Nowell earned a red ribbon at The High Plains Art Festival for her ceramic bowl.



(Courtesy photo)

Lois Minnick won third place at the High Plains Art Festival with her painting.



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◀ Pat, Tina and Buddy Wright entertain at a reception held recently following the art festival at Miami.

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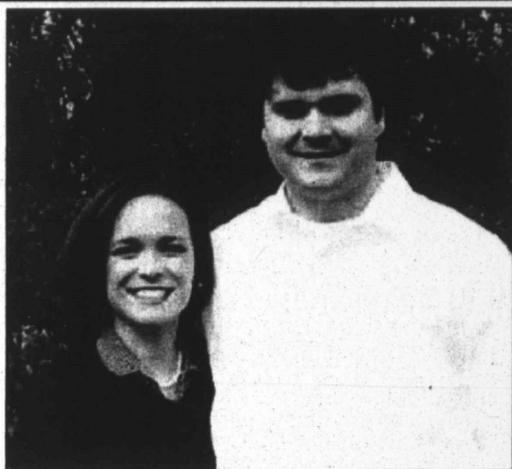
ENGAGEMENTS

Martin - Grantham

Kimberly Dawn Martin and Clayton Richard Grantham plan to wed this coming March.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Martin of Brownwood. A 1998 graduate of Southwest Texas State University, she is director of Training and Programming at Chi Omega Executive Headquarters in Memphis, Tenn.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Richard Grantham of Clinton, Miss. He holds undergraduate (1995) and graduate (1997) degrees from the



Kimberly Martin and Clayton Grantham

University of Alabama. He is currently a senior marketing analyst at FedEx World Headquarters in Memphis.

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ive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors the conference. "What these students learn at the National Young Leaders Conference will enable them to build coalitions with one another and exercise their own leadership skills within communities around the country."

Highlights of past conferences have included welcoming remarks from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club, in addition to meeting with senators and representatives or appointed staff members to discuss important issues facing the nation.

To complement the schedule of special meetings and

briefings, Lewis participated in a number of leadership skill-building activities and simulations. In one role-play activity entitled "If I Were President," students acted as the president and cabinet members responding to an international crisis.

Students also participated in "Testing the Constitution," in which they examined actual Supreme Court cases. The conference culminated with the Model Congress, in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. representatives, and debate, amend and vote on proposed mock legislation.

Lewis is the daughter of Howard and Tawny Lewis of Canyon; is the granddaughter of James H. and Marilyn Lewis of Pampa and Durwood Henderson of Canyon; and is the great-granddaughter of Zola Lewis of Pampa and

Helen Peebles of Canyon.

HAYS, Kan. — Fort Hays State University recently announced its Deans Honor Roll for the fall 2003 semester.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must maintain a minimum 3.60 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include **Helen L. Brooks** of Pampa.

ANNIVERSARIES

Terrill anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Terrill recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary with a family dinner in Amarillo.

Children of the couple are Pat and Jim Hayes of Athens and Joe and Joy Thompson of Pampa.

They have four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Terrill

Stafford anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Stafford of Lake Palestine celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 12 with a family dinner. A trip through Big Bend Country is planned at a later time.

Donald W. Stafford and Shirley Tinkler were married Feb. 12, 1954, at First Baptist Church in Kellerville. The couple lived in Pampa for 42 years prior to relocating to Lake Palestine in 1995.

Mr. Stafford is a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving at the Armed Communication School at Fort Knox, Ky., from 1957 until 1959. He retired in 1995 after 30 years of service with Celanese Chemical



Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Stafford

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Mrs. Stafford worked at the Gray County Clerk's Office and was a secretary at Pampa Chamber of

Commerce for several years.

The Staffords have one daughter, Donna Higgins of Houston, and two grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

Davenport - McGee

Shelly Marie Davenport and Wayne Michael McGee, both of Lubbock, were wed Dec. 20, 2003, at St. Elizabeth's University Parish Chapel in Lubbock with Father James O'Connor, of Lubbock, officiating.

The matron of honor was Angie Davenport Dorsch of Lubbock. The bridesmaids were Julie Davenport of Miami and Stacey McGee of Richardson.

The best man was Richard McGee of Fort Stockton. The groomsmen were Dan Dorsch of Lubbock and Tom Davenport of Miami.

The ushers were Wes Hukill and Cody Hukill, both of Pampa.



Shelly Davenport and Wayne McGee

Registering the guests was Mary Ann Mullen of Grand Prairie.

A reception was held following the service at Ramada Inn with Mary Ann, Katie and Liz

Mullen, all of Grand Prairie, and Chelsea Davenport of Canyon serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Roger and Shan Davenport of Miami. She holds a bachelor of science degree (2000) from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a master of science degree (2002) from Texas Tech University. She is currently employed as a research assistant and instructor at TTU where she is pursuing a Ph.D. in applied mathematics.

The groom is the son of Richard and Ann McGee of Lubbock. He holds a BS (2000) from Texas A&M University and a MS from TTU (2003). He is currently employed as an instructor at TTU where he is also working on his Ph.D. in applied mathematics.

The newlyweds honeymooned at Fort Davis and intend to make their home in Lubbock.

TPMHMR board approves funding to purchase vehicles

AMARILLO — During a recently convened meeting, Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation board of trustees heard from representatives from Doshier, Pickens & Francis, PC, who presented a financial audit for fiscal year 2003, and Susan Kitchens, Clients Rights director, reported on results of TDMHMR's Adult Mental Health Consumer Satisfaction Survey.

In other business:

According to Jim Connor, director of Mental Retardation Services, the conversion of funding sources for seven group homes from Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded to Home and Community-based Services will be completed by Feb. 11.

This transition should allow clients to receive unlimited prescriptions per month for a \$48,000 projected annual savings; a choice of providers; a choice of services; and a \$1,000 annual allowance for dental benefits. Upon transition, the agency should operate under rate in regard to these homes versus supplementing the rate with local dollars.

Nona Rivas, Contracts Management director, reported that the agency has been notified by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services of the continuation of services to the Services to At-Risk Youth program. Contract negotiations are under way and finalized information will be reported at next month's meeting.

The Texas Council of Offenders with Mental Impairments has changed to the Texas Correctional Office for Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments. The trustees approved the contract amendment and juvenile services in the amount of \$187,318.

Family Partner has been

approved for the Children's Services program. A full-time employee will work with and educate families of children receiving mental health services.

The board approved purchase of nine vehicles (\$153,183) thanks to a couple of grants. A grant from the Mary E. Bivens Foundation in the amount of \$24,100 was obtained to purchase two sedans. The Brumley Foundation bestowed another grant totaling \$12,030 for purchase of another vehicle. The agency budgeted \$117,053 to purchase vehicles this fiscal year.

The board represents the citizens served by TPMHMR in the upper 21 counties of the Texas Panhandle. Its purpose is to provide oversight for the operations of the agency. It meets monthly and conducts business in accordance with the Open Meetings Laws of Texas. Board members include Sharon Braddock of Pampa. The center has offices in Amarillo, Borger, Clarendon, Dumas, Hereford, Pampa, Perryton and Wellington.

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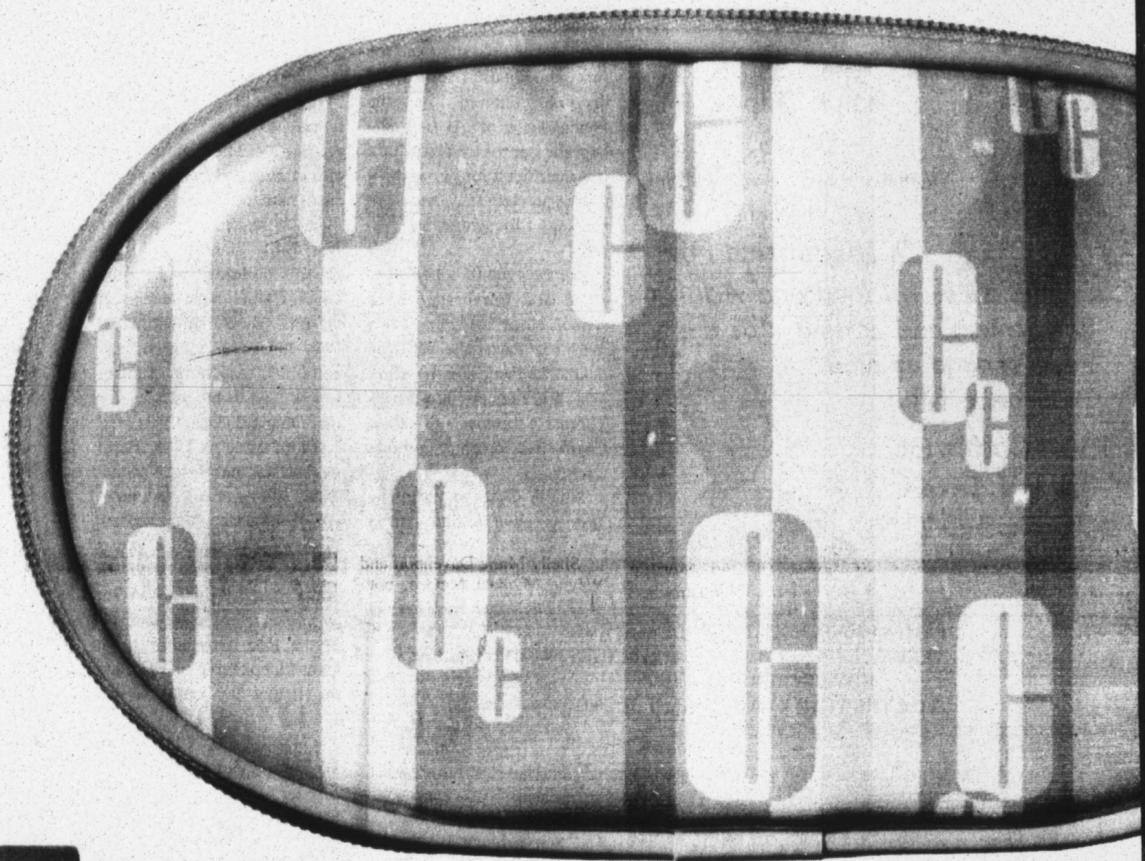
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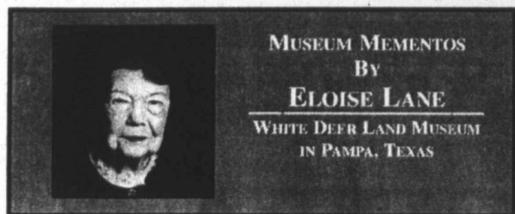
Beryl Wynne Vicars: Early Pampa historian

Beryl Wynne Vicars was one of Pampa's earliest historians. The articles she prepared for the Pampa Genealogical and Historical Society in 1964 have been very helpful to those who are interested in the early history of Pampa.

Beryl's father was Jesse "Jess" Smith Wynne who came with S.V. Barton in 1880 to Jericho in Gray County. The men brought 1,000 head of stock horses and established the Bow and Arrow Cross Ranch in McClellan Creek. This was the first and only horse ranch in Gray Co.

After most of the horses were sold, Wynne worked on several ranches and was in the hardware business in Panhandle before he bought his own ranch four miles southeast of Panhandle.

Beryl's mother was Anna Minna Davies, a native of Wales, who came to Panhandle to visit in the home of Judge O.H. Nelson. Jesse Smith Wynne and Anna Minna Davies were married on May



18, 1880, at Panhandle. They were the parents of two daughters: Mary Alice Wynne, born Feb. 15, 1891, and Minna Beryl Wynne, born Nov. 22, 1892.

Alice and Beryl were two of the 10 pupils who attended Pampa's first school (1903-04) in the one-room white frame structure at 513 E. Francis. They boarded in Pampa — very likely at the home of Eli and Georgia Vincent at 109 S. Cuyler.

(On the day, Oct. 18, 1902, that the first Gray Co. courthouse was dedicated at Lefors, the Wynnes met Eli and Georgia Vincent and Wiley and Katie Vincent. The Vincent men were brothers, and Georgia and Katie were

sisters of Tom Crawford, first sheriff of Gray Co. The Wynne, Vincent and Crawford families became good friends and, in later years, Alice Wynne married James Riley Crawford, brother of Tom, Georgia and Katie.)

Each Monday morning at the schoolhouse for 24 weeks, Edith (Mrs. Hal) Townsend, sister-in-law of Sam Case, wrote a Bible verse on the blackboard. Each verse began with a letter of the alphabet except x and z. At the end of the 24 weeks, Beryl received an award for having memorized the most verses. The reward was a book, "The Shipwrecked Girl," which Beryl kept for many years.

In the schoolyard, Beryl once picked up a star from the first schoolhouse flag — it had become tattered in the Panhandle wind. At first, she kept the star for a pattern since it was difficult for her to draw a five-pointed star, and then she kept it for sentimental reasons.

For the 1904-05 school year, Alice and Beryl attended a school close to their family ranch near Panhandle, but Beryl returned to Pampa for the school year 1905-06 when John V. Thomas (brother of Sam, Charlie and Josephine) was the teacher.

At the close of each day, Thomas gave a little purple card to each pupil whose "deportment" merited it. When

a pupil had acquired 20 little purple cards, the pupil received a large purple card with the Biblical quotation: "Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." In later life, this quotation meant a great deal to Beryl who had received a large purple card.

(Pampa had no high school for Beryl, and it is believed by some that she continued her education in Clarendon.)

About 1907, Beryl acquired a namesake — her first but not her last — when the 6-year-old son of W.R. Beydler named his pig for her. Beryl said that nearly every family had a pig because that was the town's "garbage system."

In 1907, the Ladies Library Club was organized over the First National Bank (101 N. Cuyler). Beryl, who was the second librarian, received 50-cents a session for keeping the library open two afternoons a week. Box suppers, plays and musicals were held to buy books.

When the first beauty parlor was opened, Beryl asked, "Who would go away from home to have her hair washed?" The shop soon closed because there were no customers.

In 1909, Beryl taught her first Bible class in the first school building where the Union Church was meeting at the time. As a member of the First Christian Church, she continued teaching Sunday school and Bible classes for more than 40 years.

From 1911 to 1918, Beryl worked at the First National Bank. While there, she notarized the deeds when Fairview Cemetery (begun in 1904) was surveyed into lots with 16 grave spaces which sold for \$15. She was an active member of the Red Cross during the great flu epidemic of 1918 and the anxious days of World War I.

On Nov. 30, 1921, Beryl Wynne and DeLea Vicars were married at Amarillo. Their home in Pampa was in the red brick house at 303 N. Frost which is now the Vicary House Tea Room.

DeLea Vicars came with his family from Virginia in 1908 and attended school in the first schoolhouse where the class of 1908 "finished." That was all the pupils did in those days.

He eagerly started work at the First National Bank as the boy who swept the floors



(Photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)

← Beryl Wynne Vicars near her wedding date in 1921.



← (Photo by Deborah Chambers) Beryl Wynne and DeLea Vicars were married on Nov. 30, 1921.



(Photo by Deborah Chambers)

Beryl Wynne's wedding dress is displayed on a mannequin in the bridal room of White Deer Land Museum.

before going to school each morning. He worked his way up through the ranks to become president of the bank from 1934 to 1944.

DeLea was an outstanding citizen of Pampa and devoted his entire career to his beloved

community. He engaged in many activities and gave generously in monetary support of numerous civic and charitable organizations both in and out of Pampa.

Even after he suffered a paralyzing stroke in 1981, he exerted a tremendous effort physically to keep active in Pampa affairs. Although he had no children, he was regarded as an exemplary "city father" of Pampa. But as long as he lived, he got excited about the famous robbery of the First National Bank on March 31, 1927.

Beryl was also generous with time and money, especially when it came to helping the less fortunate. She had a dynamic personality and amazing energy until the last few years of her life when health problems made her a near invalid. Her brother-in-law, Kermit Vicars, said the only way he remembered Beryl was with her knitting needles going 90 miles an hour and her tongue keeping pace.

She was an efficient record keeper and history buff and had a world of stories to tell. She had a fantastic collection of pictures, newspaper clippings and memorabilia of the Texas Panhandle, which she happily shared with all who showed an interest.

Beryl died on March 17, 1974, and DeLea died on Nov. 26, 1984.

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Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$1,150,064	\$123,378	\$20,817	\$1,294,259
5800 State Program Revenues	233,866	-	54,946	288,812
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	-	69,715	69,715
5020 Total Revenues	1,383,930	123,378	145,478	1,652,786
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	867,538	-	80,005	947,543
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	3,695	-	-	3,695
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	1,450	-	-	1,450
0021 School Leadership	88,451	-	2,363	90,814
0022 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	18,966	-	-	18,966
0033 Health Services	29,231	-	1,105	30,246
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	38,659	-	1,005	39,664
0035 Food Services	1,660	-	92,989	94,649
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	171,069	-	-	171,069
0041 General Administration	119,340	-	1,014	120,354
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	40,963	-	2,025	242,988
0053 Data Processing Services	64,839	-	1,000	65,839
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service Principal on long-term debt	-	70,000	-	70,000
0072 Debt Service-Interest on long-term debt	-	11,713	-	11,713
0073 Debt Service-Bond Issuance Cost and Feeds	-	350	-	350
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	18,120	-	-	18,120
6030 Total Expenditures	1,663,981	82,063	181,416	1,927,460
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)	(280,051)	41,315	(35,938)	(274,674)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915 Transfers In	-	-	35,933	35,933
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(35,933)	-	-	(35,933)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Use)	(35,933)	-	35,933	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(315,984)	41,315	(5)	(274,674)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	426,719	24,014	1,654	452,387
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$110,735	\$ 65,329	\$1,649	\$177,713

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Pampa Community Concert Association

Wood's Tea Company Performance February 15, 2004

The Wood's Tea Company has been a group since the early 1980's, but it has gone through several "mutations" since then. "We were more bluegrass when we started," says Rusty Jacobs, a member of the band. "We had a country feel. After that we were more Celtic and with Tom McKenzie we had a more traditional American slant. Now we're about half Celtic and lots of original sound."

On Sunday, February 15th at 2:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Heritage Room, The Wood's Tea Company will perform under the sponsorship of the Pampa Community Concert Association. Refreshments will be served.

They now have four members: Jacobs, who plays tin whistle, guitar and bodhran; Mike Lussen, five-string banjo, guitar, bodhran and bezouki; Howard Wooden on bass, guitar, concertina and bodhran; and their newest member, Chip Chase, who plays fiddle, mandolin guitar and banjo. All do vocals.

Jacobs explains that a bodhran is a Celtic drum and a bezouki is a Greek string instrument made popular in "Never on Sunday."

Their long and noteworthy list of past performances include:

- New York's Lincoln Center
- The Mayflower II (Plymouth Harbor)
- The Hatch Shell Concert Series (home of the Boston Pops)
- The Tall Ship Extravaganza (Boston)
- Silver Dollar City (Branson, Missouri)
- The International Celtic Festival (Hunter, NY)
- First Night Celebrations (Boston and Burlington, VT)
- The Chautauqua Institute, Chautauqua New York
- The Clearwater Sloop Festival

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

Membership/tickets are available at the door. For information, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president at 665-2631.

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BILLBOARD HOT 100: TOP 10

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "The Way You Move," OutKast feat. Sleepy Brown. Arista. (Gold)
 2. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat. Kanye West & Jamie Foxx). Atlantic.
 3. "Hey Ya!" OutKast. Arista. (Gold)
 4. "Yeah!" Usher (feat. Ludacris & Lil Jon). Arista.
 5. "You Don't Know My Name," Alicia Keys. J.
 6. "Me, Myself and I," Beyonce. Columbia.
 7. "Someday," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
 8. "Hotel," Cassidy (feat. R. Kelly). Nick.
 9. "Salt Shaker," Ying Yang Twins (feat. Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz). ColliPark.
 10. "Here Without You," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
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THE BILLBOARD 200 TOP ALBUMS: TOP 10

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

1. "Kamikaze," Twista. Atlantic.
 2. "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," OutKast. Arista. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
 3. "The Very Best of Sheryl Crow," Sheryl Crow. A&M. (Platinum)
 4. "Fallen," Evanescence. Wind-up. (Platinum)
 5. "Soulful," Ruben Studdard. J. (Platinum)
 6. "In the Zone," Britney Spears. Jive/Zomba. (Platinum)
 7. "Shock'n Y'all," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
 8. "2004 Grammy Nominees," Various Artists. Grammy.
 9. "Jackpot," Chingy. Disturbing tha Peace. (Platinum)
 10. "Now 14," Various Artists. Columbia/Universal/EMI/Zomba/Sony Music. (Platinum)
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HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Forever and For Always," Shania Twain. Mercury.
2. "Calling All Angels," Train. Columbia.

3. "Drift Away," Uncle Kracker (feat. Dobie Gray). Lava.
4. "Unwell," matchbox twenty. Atlantic.
5. "You Raise Me Up," Josh Groban. 143.
6. "The First Cut is the Deepest," Sheryl Crow. A&M.
7. "Look Through My Eyes," Phil Collins. Walt Disney. Arista.
8. "White Flag," Dido. Arista.
9. "Big Yellow Taxi," Counting Crows (feat. Vanessa Carlton). Geffen.
10. "Invisible," Clay Aiken. RCA.

TOP GOSPEL ALBUMS

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

1. "WOW Gospel 2004," Various Artists. Word.
2. "Do You Know," Michelle Williams. Music World.
3. "Throne Room," CeCe Winans. PureSprings.
4. "Gotta Have Gospel!" Various artists. Integrity Gospel/Epic/Sony Music.
5. "Smokie Norful: Limited Edition (EP)," Smokie Norful. EMI Gospel.
6. "A Tribute to Mahalia Jackson," Lynda Randle. Gaither Music Group.
7. "I Need You Now," Smokie Norful. EMI Gospel.
8. "Bringing It All Together," Vickie Winans. Verity.
9. "WOW Gospel 2003," Various Artists. EMI Christian. (Gold)
10. "Byron Cage," Byron Cage. Gospo Centric.

MAINSTREAM ROCK TRACKS

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Figured You Out," Nickelback. Roadrunner/DJMG.
2. "Numb," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
3. "I am the Highway," Audioslave. Interscope.
4. "Away From Me," Puddle of Mudd. Flawless/Geffen.
5. "(I Hate) Everything About You," Three Days Grace. Jive.
6. "Hit That," The Offspring. Columbia.

7. "Megalomaniac," Incubus. Immortal.
8. "Re-Align," Godsmack. Republic.
9. "Are You Gonna Be My Girl," Jet. Elektra.
10. "So Far Away," Staind. Flip.

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Hit That," The Offspring. Columbia.
2. "Numb," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
3. "Megalomaniac," Incubus. Immortal.
4. "Are You Gonna Be My Girl," Jet. Elektra.
5. "I am the Highway," Audioslave. Interscope.
6. "(I Hate) Everything About You," Three Days Grace. Jive.
7. "Figured You Out," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
8. "Last Train Home," Lostprophets. Columbia.
9. "Meant to Live," Switchfoot. Red Ink.
10. "How About You," Staind. Flip.

HOT COUNTRY SINGLES AND TRACKS

(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Remember When," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
 2. "American Soldier," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
 3. "There Goes My Life," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
 4. "Watch the Wind Blow By," Tim McGraw. Curb.
 5. "I Wanna Do It All," Terri Clark. Mercury.
 6. "Little Moments," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
 7. "You Can't Take the Honky Tonk Out of the Girl," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
 8. "In My Daughter's Eyes," Martina McBride. RCA.
 9. "Hot Mama," Trace Adkins. Capitol.
 10. "I Love You This Much," Jimmy Wayne. DreamWorks.
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TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUMS

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1. "Kamikaze," Twista. Atlantic.
 2. "Soulful," Ruben Studdard. J. (Platinum)
 3. "Terrorist Threats," Westside Connection. Hoo-Bangin'. (Gold)
 4. "The Black Album," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
 5. "Juve the Great," Juvenile. Cash Money.
 6. "The Diary of Alicia Keys," Alicia Keys. J. (Platinum)
 7. "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," OutKast. Arista. (Platinum)
 8. "Beg for Mercy," G-Unit. G-Unit. (Platinum)
 9. "Chicken N Beer," Ludacris. Disturbing tha Peace. (Platinum)
 10. "Jackpot," Chingy. Disturbing tha Peace.
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(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Shock'n Y'all," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
2. "Greatest Hits Volume II," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
3. "Greatest Hits Volume II and Some Other Stuff," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
4. "Long Black Train," Josh Turner. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
5. "Martina," Martina McBride. RCA. (Nashville). (Platinum)
6. "Unleashed," Toby Keith.

7. "Up!," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Nashville). (Platinum)
 8. "Golden Road," Keith Urban. Capitol.
 9. "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
 10. "Top of the World Tour Live," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Gold)
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HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLES AND TRACKS

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)

1. "You Don't Know My Name," Alicia Keys. J.
 2. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat. Kanye West & Jamie Foxx). Atlantic.
 3. "Me, Myself and I," Beyonce. Columbia.
 4. "Yeah!" Usher (feat. Lil Jon & Ludacris). Arista.
 5. "Sorry 2004," Ruben Studdard. J.
 6. "Read Your Mind," Avant. Geffen.
 7. "Hotel," Cassidy (feat. R. Kelly) Full Surface.
 8. "The Way You Move," OutKast feat. Sleepy Brown. Arista. (Gold)
 9. "Splash Waterfalls," Ludacris. Disturbing tha Peace.
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 5. "Juve the Great," Juvenile. Cash Money.
 6. "The Diary of Alicia Keys," Alicia Keys. J. (Platinum)
 7. "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," OutKast. Arista. (Platinum)
 8. "Beg for Mercy," G-Unit. G-Unit. (Platinum)
 9. "Chicken N Beer," Ludacris. Disturbing tha Peace. (Platinum)
 10. "Jackpot," Chingy. Disturbing tha Peace.
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HOT RAP TRACKS

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1. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat.

2. "Hotel," Cassidy (feat. R. Kelly). Full Surface.
 3. "Salt Shaker," Ying Yang Twins (feat. Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz). ColliPark.
 4. "Through the Wire," Kanye West. Roc-A-Fella.
 5. "Splash Waterfalls," Ludacris. Disturbing tha Peace.
 6. "The Way You Move," OutKast (feat. Sleepy Brown). Arista. (Gold)
 7. "Topsy," J-Kwon. So So Def.
 8. "One Call Away," Chingy (feat. J. Weav). Disturbing tha Peace.
 9. "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
 10. "Damn!" YoungBloodz (feat. Lil Jon). Arista.
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HOT DANCE MUSIC CLUB PLAY

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "Fake," Simply Red. simplyred.com.
 2. "Give It Up," Kevin Aviance. Robbins.
 3. "Nothing Fails (Remixes)," Madonna. Maverick.
 4. "Slow," Kylie Minogue. Capitol.
 5. "Me, Myself and I (Junior Mixes)," Beyonce. Columbia.
 6. "Love's Divine (Deepsky, Murk, & Passengerz Mixes)," Seal. Warner Bros.
 7. "Burning," Robbie Rivera & Axwell (feat. Suzan Brittan). Benz Street.
 8. "Fallen (Remixes)," Sarah McLachlan. Arista.
 9. "Born Slippy Nuxx (P. Oakenfold & R. Smith Mixes)," Underworld. JBO.
 10. "Breathe (Remixes)," Michelle Branch. Maverick.
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HOT LATIN TRACKS

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1. "Cuidate El Alma," Chayanne. Sony Discos.
 2. "Me Cansé de Ti," Obie Bermudez. EMI Latin.
 3. "Te Llame," Cristian. Ariola.
 4. "Y Todo Queda En Nada," Ricky Martin. Sony Discos.
 5. "Cerca de Ti," Thalia. Virgin.
 6. "Mas Que Tu Amigo," Marco Antonio Solis. Fonovisa.
 7. "Lagrimas de Cristal," Grupo Montez de Durango. Disa.
 8. "Antes," Obie Bermudez. EMI Latin.
 9. "Rosas," La Oreja de Van Gogh. Sony Discos.
 10. "Nomás Por Tu Culpa," Los Huracanes del Norte.
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TOP LATIN ALBUMS

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1. "Tributo Al Amor," Los Temerarios. Fonovisa.
 2. "La Historia Continua...," Marco Antonio Solis. Fonovisa.
 3. "Un Día Normal," Juanes. Surco. (Gold)
 4. "La Historia," A.B. Quintanilla III & Kumbia Kings. EMI Latin.
 5. "12 Discipulos," Various Artists. Diamond.
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 7. "Eclipse," Mana. Warner Latina.
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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)

★★★★ With Venus adoring your sign right now, your appeal builds, though a disagreement with someone at a distance or a change of plans might make it hard for you to believe just that. Learn to flex with others, even if you think you are right. Tonight: Put your feet up.
 This Week: Others hold the cards right now. You might find it interesting to see how they are played. Meanwhile, do your thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your playfulness delights those around you. Don't take someone's comment too personally, as you might discover that your feelings get hurt easily in the next few days. You might need a break from serious matters. Tonight: Do what you enjoy.
 This Week: Easy does it. Do what you must, but keep an ear open to someone else. You could hear a lot of wild things. Be a skeptic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Look at the long term, and detach from an immediate situation. You could find that your perspective helps you and others, if they are willing to listen. Make plans with a happy friend whom you always enjoy. Tonight: Home.
 This Week: Your ingenuity could save the day if someone can hear you. Use it for your own interests as well. Work on relieving stress.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Speak your mind. With that

smile and a touch of diplomacy, the cards tumble in your favor. Others seem drawn to you. Prepare to revise your schedule as need be. Pressure builds, as you might be overly tired. Tonight: Early to bed.
 This Week: Deal with home and personal matters carefully. You might still be flirting with the idea of a home office. Do you think you could function working at home?
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to think "vacation," but maintaining the household budget is key. If you find that there is a huge difference of opinion, you might want to postpone making firm plans. Flip through some travel brochures. Tonight: Order in.
 This Week: You need to find the words to express your ideas. You might find others difficult. Wednesday, hide out and do your thing.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ The Moon in your sign adds that extra pizzazz to everything you do. You might be on top of the world and inspire a partner to join in, but you might want to distance yourself from a family member who could be quite tough on you right now. Tonight: The world is your oyster.
 This Week: You have to deal with some hard facts, and perhaps an associate who's on the warpath. Be happy this person cares enough to speak out on his or her issues.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Maintain a low profile, and you'll draw someone to you. Go toward him or her, and you might not have as positive a result. Deal with a difficult sibling or neighbor, trying another approach. Your instincts are on. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.
 This Week: You are in your power days and can pretty much have it your way. Refuse to go overboard on Wednesday night.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Aim for more of what you want, with the full expectation of receiving it. You function unusually well with in groups and among friends. You could be developing a deeper friendship with someone in your immediate environment. Is this what you want? Tonight: Play as if there is no tomorrow.
 This Week: Take in the facts until mid-week, when you are ready to take a stand. A close associate thinks he or she knows it all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Others push, and you might want to vanish. Actually, this might not be a bad idea at all. You might not be in the mood to deal with many different people. Hang with a favorite person or indulge in a favorite pastime. Tonight: Be with the one you love.
 This Week: You might not feel like handling a meeting or brainstorming session, but you will. You will want to mull over some of what you hear most of the week.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Take an overview right now rather than getting plugged into what is going on. You will be a lot happier. An expenditure on a family member or the house could bring everyone a lot of pleasure. Tonight: Listen to a favorite piece of music.
 This Week: Stay on top of work or whatever heads your way. As a result, you'll greet Friday with a sense of success.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You have the right words, but a friend might not want to listen. No one can say you haven't tried. Make plans with someone you really value and care about. Do something together that you both enjoy. Tonight: Go for cozy.
 This Week: Detach from the immediate goings-on, and you will be much happier. Do research or find an expert if need be. By Thursday, your word means something because of information gained.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Others will seek you out if you do nothing. You also might want or need to change plans because of a responsibility or an older relative. You find a partner to be most supportive and caring. Remember to say "thank you" in a special way. Tonight: Accept an invitation.
 This Week: Work individually with others through Wednesday. You might get frustrated more easily right now. Understand that this is your problem.

BORN TODAY

Actor Nick Nolte (1941), writer Jules Verne (1928), TV journalist Ted Koppel (1940)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 9, 2004:

What you have in mind might not always be the general consensus of the group or your inner circle. Often, others disagree with you, and in quite strong terms. Learn to detach and become more of an observer in these hot scenes. You won't always get your way. Work could be a bit of a drag, or you just might not feel up to snuff this year. Follow good health habits. You are resilient in many ways because of your ability to bottom-line issues. You will also make money through others. If you are single, you could meet someone quite exotic, especially after the summer. If you are attached, make plans for that special trip. You'll love the closeness you can build in a different setting. **LIBRA** understands you.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Extremes are likely. If you're not in the mood to work, make it OK, rather than getting annoyed or angry at yourself or others. A brainstorming, solution-finding session will do more good than you can imagine. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Pace yourself, as you have a lot of ground to cover, and you just might not feel like it. A comment could motivate you, especially if you don't like what is said. Be direct in your dealings, and don't get into a problem with a boss. Tonight: Work late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might feel pushed to per-

form, or at least to do someone else's bidding. Though you might grumble at first, consider how invaluable you are. You might be overly tired of financial matters. Take charge. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Sit back and listen. Everyone doesn't have to agree with you. Your fiery nature comes out, though later you could be sorry for words you said. Hold back rather than springing forth with ideas. Another person wants to date on you. Tonight: Happy at home.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Think carefully before accepting a seemingly irresistible invitation. What are the implications of this? Sharp words are likely from someone in charge. Discussions are helpful and allow a common opinion. Tonight: Don't make it too late.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Deal with finances head-on. While you might have difficulty coming to an agreement with a child or loved one, you gain a deeper understanding. Aim for more of what you want in a specific area. Avoid scattering left and right. Tonight: Where your friends are.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your well-meaning ways could trigger a boss, as well as a partner. A little flirtation and nurturing could go a long way toward making peace. Sometimes you need a timeout from others. If that is the case, take off and/or close your door. Tonight: Whatever keeps the balance.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Step back, especially as everyone seems feisty and cantankerous. Visualize more of what you want from a child or loved one, though right now might not be

the best time to discuss this issue. Take your time with this matter. Tonight: Get some zzz's.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Keep your focus, despite someone's interference. Clearly, a partner has a different point of view from you. A discussion can help ease the tension, but not eliminate it. Your fiery ways help others understand that you cannot be played with. Tonight: Where your friends are.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ All eyes turn to you, yet when you have a suggestion, you could be baffled by someone's reaction. You might feel that you cannot win for losing. Avoid taking a risk, but be willing to talk. Right now, taking no action might be best. Tonight: Stay calm.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Read between the lines when a partner loses his or her temper. You might not be comfortable with this person, but you do need to deal with him or her. Avoid a similar reaction through self-discipline and detachment. Tonight: Stay in your head.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to discuss a problem, whereas another person could be on the warpath. Work with someone closely, understanding the limits within a situation. You cannot force an issue to go your way. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

BORN TODAY

Actor Joe Pesci (1943), actress Mia Farrow (1945), broadcaster Roger Mudd (1928)

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N. WELLS - Attractive brick home with new interior paint. All new carpeting, three bedrooms, cathedral ceiling in living room. Fireplace, large pantry, floored attic with pull down stairs, double garage. MLS 6224.

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

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.

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

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

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

ROSEWOOD - One owner home. Three bedrooms, large dining room, utility room, central heat and air. 1 3/4 baths, carport + double garage. MLS 6356.

5 ACRES CLOSE TO CITY - Two houses both with three bedrooms, new septic system in '98. Water well, 2 baths, central heat and air in one of the homes. Water in the pasture for livestock. MLS 6291.

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. CHRISTY - Three bedroom home with nice deck. Central heat and air, 1 1/2 baths, utility room, dining area, single garage. MLS 6145.

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.

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1717 RUSSELL 4/3.5/2, wonderful home with over 5100 sf of living area. Kitchen is open to a great family room, formal living/dining, sprinkler system and much more. MLS 6308.
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1996 Chevy Tahoe Z-71 LS White, Gray Leather	\$9,850
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3. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
4. "The Ultimate Weight Solution" by Dr. Phil McGraw (Free Press)
5. "Automatic Millionaire: A Powerful One-Step Plan to Live and Finish Rich" by David Bach (Broadway Books)
6. "The Price of Loyalty: George W. Bush, the White House, and the Education of Paul O'Neill" by Ron Suskind (Simon & Schuster)
7. "American Dynasty: Aristocracy, Fortune, and the Politics of Deceit in the House of Bush" by Kevin Phillips (Viking)
8. "Naomi's Breakthrough Guide: 20 Choices to Transform Your Life" by Naomi Judd (Simon & Schuster)

9. "Give Me a Break: How I Exposed Hucksters, Cheats, and Scam Artists..." by John Stossel (HarperCollins)
10. "Dude, Where's My Country" by Michael Moore (Warner)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
2. "The Ultimate Weight Solution Food Guide" by Dr. Phil McGraw (Pocket)
3. "The King of Torts" by John Grisham (Dell)
4. "Chesapeake Blue" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
5. "Digital Fortress" by Dan Brown (Griffin)
6. "Deception Point" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
7. "Captivated" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
8. "The Jester" by James Patterson and Andrew Gross (Warner)

9. "Wild Rain" by Christine Feehan (Avon)
10. "Key of Valor" by Nora Roberts (Jove)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "South Beach Diet Good Fats/Good Carbs Guide" by Arthur Agatston (Rodale)
2. "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel García Márquez (Perennial)
3. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
4. "All He Ever Wanted" by Anita Shreve (Little, Brown/Back Bay)
5. "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel (Harcourt)
6. "Middlesex" by Jeffrey Eugenides (Picador)
7. "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier (Random House)
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9. "Rich Dad, Poor Dad" by Robert T. Kiyosaki and Sharon L. Lechter (Warner)

10. "Gift with a Pearl Earring" by Tracy Chevalier (Plume)

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1. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
2. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion)
3. "Divided in Death" by J.D. Robb & Nora Roberts (Putnam)
4. "The Amateur Marriage" by Anne Tyler (Knopf)
5. "New Spring" by Robert Jordan (Tor)
6. "The Zero Game" by Brad Meltzer (Warner)
7. "The Cat Who Talked Turkey" by Lilian Jackson Braun (Putnam)
8. "Absolute Friends" by John le Carré (Little, Brown)
9. "Retreat, Hell!" by W.E.B. Griffin (Putnam)
10. "The Second Chair" by John Lescroart (Dutton)

'The Big Bounce' generates no excitement, no highs or lows for audience

The tagline for "The Big Bounce" is "Who's scamming who? A comedy about taking a chance on paradise." Well, whatever producer gave this film the green light is scamming the audience, and if you see it you're taking a chance on falling asleep in the theater.

I don't understand why this film was made. It feels like a summer movie because it's warm, beachy and doesn't pretend to be serious, but I wouldn't have even released it then. It hardly has a storyline. Owen Wilson is Jack Ryan, a guy who is in some unexplained trouble with the law on the mainland and decides to head to Hawaii to escape his problems. He is sort of thinking about pulling out of crime: until Nancy (Sara Foster) comes up with a scheme to take a big stash of money from her loaded boyfriend (Gary Sinise).

Sounds like a heist movie, right? Wrong. A big, elaborate

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scheme a la "Ocean's Eleven" could have made this a lot more interesting. Instead, Jack and Nancy are content cruising around the island, doing little stunts here and there for most of the film. They do whatever they want, and there are no big decisions to make or serious complications.

Everything is just way too easy for these people, including relationships. They all get along so easily. Even though he's just met these people, it seems like Jack's known everybody forever, including Nancy and Walter Crews (Morgan Freeman), the judge of the island, who ends up hir-

ing him to take care of some bungalows he owns. Even though Ray Ritchie, the boyfriend, has a grudge against Jack, and his cronies are trying to run him off the island, Jack doesn't really loathe any of them. He's just cool as usual. He has no character range or development at all.

It's good that Owen Wilson can play that cool, laid back guy with the best of them. Even though he didn't have anything to work with, he made the character as likeable and endearing as possible. And I'm almost sure that some of the few funny parts

were his input into the film, because they were similar in tone to the movies he's co-written with Wes Anderson, such as "Rushmore."

The only reason I can think of for this movie to exist is because the studio wanted a

straight-arrow movie that was cheap to make and sure to bring in a few bucks. They didn't try anything fancy or different, which also means there's nothing interesting. "The Big Bounce" is a big snore. It's boring.

Grade: C-

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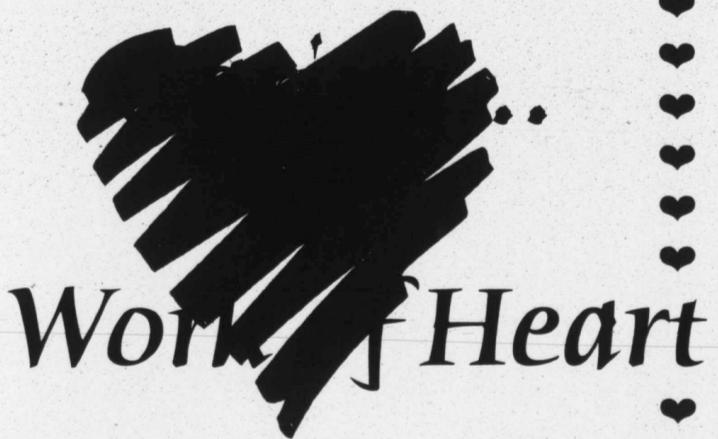
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