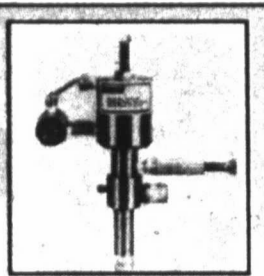


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Reunion meeting set for PHS Class of '69

Pampa High School Class of 1969 Reunion meeting is set for 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 16, at 2601 Cherokee.

PHS to conduct open house, parent meeting

A "come-and-go" open house at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, is set for 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 16. A meeting for 9th, 10th, and 11th grade parents to discuss pre-enrollment for the next school year will be held in the school auditorium after the open house.

DEATHS

Imogene Angel, 64, homemaker.

R.H. 'Harvey' Nenstiel, 97, services pending.

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Wells return to area fields

By SKYLA BRYANT
 NEWS EDITOR

Developmental wells are apparently making a comeback in the Texas Panhandle, says Wayne Hughes, executive vice president of Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association in Amarillo.

According to Hughes, as of Jan. 19, the new well count was up in most of the surrounding counties - except for Gray County.

Hemphill County showed the most dramatic increase with 19 wells; Wheeler and Lipscomb counties had five new wells apiece; Roberts County tallied in at four; and Hansford and Ochiltree both had two.

"There are now more rigs operating in Hemphill County than in the entirety of the Panhandle two years ago," Hughes said.

The increased production for natural gas, which Hughes termed the "fuel of choice," can be partially traced to a greater need in the winter months due to heating demands, he said.

Hughes said the demand is also being fueled by the fact that natural gas is what is called a "clean fuel source." That is, it gives off no residual

fuel, making it cleaner and better.

Gas prices earlier in the week last week were \$6.50 MCF (per million cubic foot) compared to \$3 in 2002, Hughes said. He anticipates that the price will stay above \$4 throughout the rest of the year.

Even though no new rigs have been drilled in Gray County, Hughes sees a favorable impact at the local level. He said Leonard Hudson Drilling Company in Pampa has experienced such an increased demand for its drilling rigs that it is booked up through 2005.

Drilling activity, added Hughes, usually increases employment opportunities throughout the affected area. During the average time a rig spends on the ground, he said, it employs approximately 100 people. It takes three- to four-man crews to keep a rig going and each crew member most probably will make between \$10 and \$12 an hour.

The rig's average time on the ground is approximately three weeks. It takes that long to reach the target depth. If the well proves to be productive, a completion crew is brought in.

"Most wells being drilled now are what is called 'developmental' (See DRILLING, Page 2)

Holiday hours

Some local businesses and government entities will observe Presidents' Day by closing Monday, while for others, it will be a routine day.

Most banks and other financial institutions will close in observance of the federal holiday Monday.

Gray County offices will also be closed.

The post office will not deliver mail, and service windows will not be open.

Pampa Independent School District and Clarendon College - Pampa Center will be open and will hold classes as usual.

City of Pampa offices will be open and will observe a normal work day.

Dedicated to quality law enforcement

By MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland is a candidate for re-election because "I am dedicated to providing quality law enforcement" in the county, he said. Copeland is running unopposed in the March 9 primary.

A Shamrock High School graduate, he has served as county sheriff since Jan. 1, 1997. His career in law enforcement goes back to 1963, when he became a police officer for the City of Shamrock.

After a year and a half at Shamrock, Copeland became a sheriff's deputy in Wheeler County. In 1968, he was hired by the Texas Department of Public Safety and assigned to Wichita County.

He moved to Pampa in 1980, and retired from the DPS on Aug. 31, 1995.

"Law enforcement is my life. I have about 39 1/2 years in law enforcement, and I've enjoyed it. I love it. I wouldn't be here if I didn't," Copeland said.

Copeland named drugs and drug-related crimes as a major concern in the county.

"It's not unique to Gray County, but drugs are my number one concern," he said.

Since his election as sheriff in 1996, Copeland feels he has built a "pretty positive law enforcement agency. We try to hire the best people we can find. You're only as good as the people who work for you. I'm proud of the people who work here, and I appreciate them."

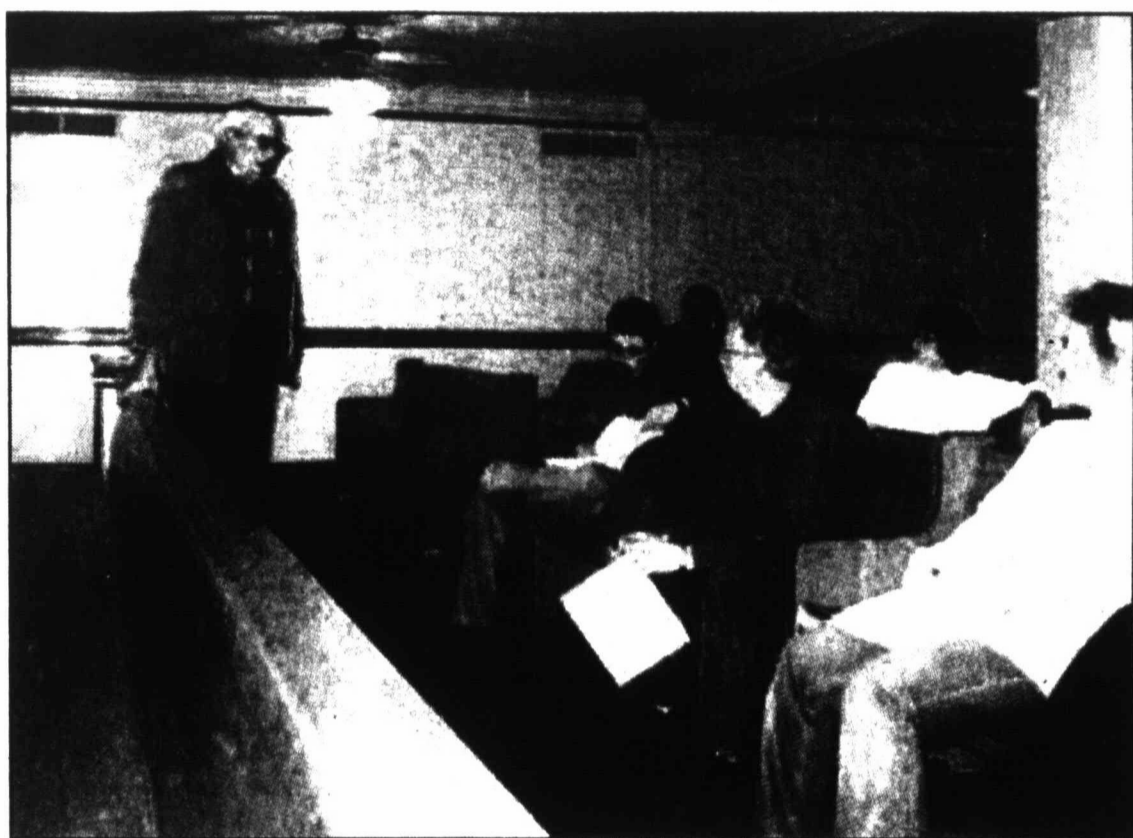
Copeland supervises 38 employees

in the sheriff's department, including deputies, dispatchers, secretaries, maintenance personnel and county jail staff. He also maintains his state certification as a peace officer, which requires a minimum of 40 hours of training and continuing education every two years.

If re-elected, Copeland plans to continue to strive for improvement in the department.

"I will continue with good-quality law enforcement. I appreciate the good citizens of Gray County for allowing me to serve as their sheriff. My goal is to continue, and I would appreciate their future support," he said.

"I just want to provide good law enforcement. I intend to continue to serve with honesty and integrity."



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Richard L. Smith, standing, addresses the audience at Friday's county commissioners' meeting. Smith and 50 other residents living on or near County Road E presented a signed request and \$500 in donations to commissioners asking for lowered speed limits on County Road E and placing stop signs at the intersection of County Roads E and 5.

Commissioners name new Extension agent

By MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Brandon McGinty was named Gray County agricultural extension agent Friday at a regular meeting of county commissioners in Gray County Courthouse.

McGinty holds a master's degree in agricultural science from West Texas A&M University. He was assistant county extension agent in Howard County for two years before being named agricultural extension agent for Briscoe County four years ago.

"I recommend approval of Brandon McGinty as Gray County extension agent. I think he will be a great asset to the extension program here," said Donna Brauchi, district Extension administrator, at Friday's meeting.

McGinty will assume duties in Gray County on April 1. Gray County's share of the county Extension agent's salary is \$9,515.36 annually, and \$9,880 for travel expenses annually.

A public hearing was held at Friday's meeting to discuss the speed limit and potential stop signs on County Road E: County Road 10 1/2; and Highway 60 and Gray 4 at a railroad crossing.

Richard L. Smith, 11475 Co. Rd. E, addressed commissioners concerning traffic on County Road E.

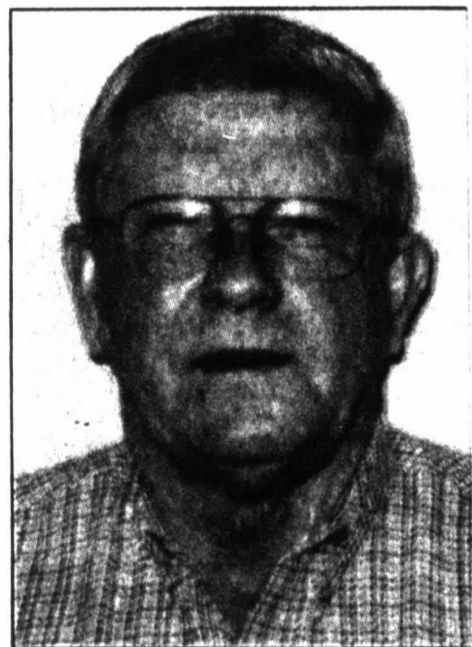
"If we lower the speed limit, maybe we can lower the risk of having some accidents. Maybe kids can get out of the way if riding their bicycles. They do that quite often. I also would like some road signs there. I contacted all but three people in the area, and only one did not wish to sign this request," Smith said.

The request presented to commissioners was signed by 51 residents living on or near County Road E and stated, "We, the below citizens of Precinct 2 that live in the area and use County Road E, wish to have the speed limit on County Road E, also known as Kentucky Street, lowered from 60 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour, from the Pampa City Limits to the Carson County Line."

"Any of you who live in that area know that some traffic moves at 60 to 70 miles per hour. There have been two traffic deaths east of us on E since we've moved there. Maybe we can prevent some deaths," Smith said.

Amber Walker, who lives at 8653 County Road 5, said, "I cross E and 5 all the time. E

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ON RECORD

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported no arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

POLICE

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

Saturday, Feb. 14

Aaron Eugene Young, 34, 340 Tignor, was arrested on a warrant for open container, for resisting arrest and for disorderly conduct-language.

FIRE

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

Friday, Feb. 13

4:36 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a call for medical assistance in the 100 block of South Russell.

9:32 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a med assist in the 600 block of North Nelson.

11:19 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a med assist in the 2100 block of North Nelson. The call was canceled en route.

AMBULANCE

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

Friday, Feb. 13

8:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Russell on a call for lifting assistance.

11:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Fisher and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

12:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's, Amarillo.

3:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 near Panhandle on a call for medical assistance and transported a patient(s) to BSA, Amarillo.

4:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Russell.

5:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

8:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Perryton Parkway and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

OBITUARIES

R.H. 'HARVEY' NENSTIEL

R.H. "Harvey" Nienstiel, 97, Feb. 14, 2004, at Pampa, direction of Carmichael-Whatley of Pampa, passed away Saturday. Services are pending under the Funeral Directors of Pampa.

IMOGENE ANGEL 1939-2004

Imogene Angel, 64, of Pampa, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Nathan Bailey, a Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Angel was born June 27, 1939, at Ardmore, Okla. She had been a lifelong resident of Pampa. She married James Angel on July 17, 1957, at Borger.

She was a homemaker and a member of Wells Street Church of Christ.

Mrs. Angel was preceded in death by her father, Roy Lee Steele; two brothers, David Lee Steele and Melven Steele; and a son, Darrell Duane Angel in 1990.

Survivors include her husband, James Angel, of the home; two sons, Terry Angel and Steve Angel, both of Pampa; her mother, Alcie Steele of Pampa; two sisters, Maxcine Chase and Lavern Fulton, both of Pampa; a brother, Duane Steele of La Porte; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family will be at 2301 Beech in Pampa. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

SERVICES TOMORROW

Services today

MILLER, Ollie — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Walnut Creek Cemetery, Athens.

Services tomorrow

ANGEL, Imogene — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

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COUNTY

and 5 is a dangerous intersection. In 1991 or '92, we had stop signs on 5, but due to vandalism, they're not there anymore. Traffic on 5 never slows down for the intersection."

Smith contributed \$100 in a check dated Jan. 27 to pay for placing the traffic regulation signs along the county road. He added another \$300 in a check dated Feb. 12. Lois Whaley, of 11739 Co. Rd. D, gave \$100 in a check dated Feb. 12. The checks were held by the county treasurer pending action on the traffic regulation request.

Gary Willoughby, Precinct 2 commissioner, said that the request to lower the speed limit and place stop signs on County Road E, which is in his precinct, was prompted in part by Lee George.

"He lost his son due to a roadside accident on a county road in Wheeler County. He said if there had been speed limit signs and stop or yield signs, the accident might not have happened," Willoughby said.

By law, county roads which are not otherwise marked have

a speed limit of 60 miles per hour, said Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

"The right-of-way is too narrow to put speed limit signs beside the county roads. Our roads are made for 60 miles per hour, and I think 45 is too slow. I am not opposed to stop signs at the intersections, but I think you are asking the public to break the law if you put up 45-miles-per-hour speed limit signs," said Joe Wheeley, Precinct 1 commissioner.

Wheeley said there would not be enough clearance to move farm machinery down the county road if speed limit signs were installed along it. He said that at intersections, there was more room to maneuver around such things as stop signs.

Willoughby suggested placing the speed limit signs on the high banks beside the road in order to give machinery as much clearance as possible. He also suggested attaching the signs to posts already in place along the road.

"You can slow them down by putting up stop signs, and (Sheriff) Copeland can enforce that," Wheeley said. "The sheriff's department is not going to have a way to enforce

the speed limit, and (Constable) Chris Lockridge can't be there all the time, either. And I don't know the legality of putting signs in the fence row," Wheeley said.

Commissioners okayed the reduced speed limit of 45 miles per hour on County Road E, and stop signs at the intersection of County Roads E and 5, the Gray 4 railroad crossing, and County Road 10 1/2. Wheeley voted against the measure.

An agreement between the child protection court prosecutor and Gray County was approved unanimously by commissioners. The county will provide office space in the courthouse for the prosecutor and an aide. Funding for the positions will be provided by the state, with the county acting as fiscal agent, said Elaine Morris, county auditor.

Becky Williams will be the prosecutor's assistant and will start work Feb. 17, Morris said. Lucinda Wood, the attorney, will begin March 1. Wood has been an attorney for Children's Protective Services since December 2000. Both will be full-time employees and will work in Judge Phil Vanderpool's court.

County Clerk Susan Winborne and District Clerk Gaye Honderich were recognized by commissioners for completing their continuing education for 2003.

A bill for \$3,042.19 from Rivas Environmental Consultants was approved for payment after discussion on whether the county or the City of Lefors was responsible for the bill. The charges were incurred last October when a hazardous material was spilled in Lefors as the result of a burglary.

"I think we gave the go-ahead to clean it up. The City of Lefors didn't give approval.

So it falls back on our shoulders," Peet said.

Commissioners discussed having Ken Hall, emergency management officer for the city of Pampa, to develop a procedure for future situations like the one which occurred in Lefors.

A leftover balance from a vehicle purchase by the sheriff's department, as well as monies from the civil defense fund, will be used to help pay for the Lefors cleanup.

Morris made the first of what will become a monthly internal audit report to commissioners. Peet asked if there were any problems in any

departments as a result of funds not being posted to their accounts.

"It was a very clean reconciliation, with limited problems this month," she said.

County Treasurer Lee Cornelison asked commissioners to consider updating the county investment policy, which currently is a one-page policy. He said that the Public Funds Investment Act requires 29 questions to be answered in county investment policies.

Cornelison is working on an updated policy and will present it to commissioners at their mid-March meeting, he said.

City Briefs

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Miami ISD board to convene Monday

MIAMI — Miami Independent School District's board of education will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 16 in the school administration office to plan a school board

election and consider teacher evaluations and a principal's resignation.

The election is planned for May 15. Board members will appoint an election judge and election clerks at Monday's meeting.

Also on the agenda:

- Financial reports on bills, fund balances, cafeteria, transportation, tax and other.
- TASB Update 72 committee appointed.
- Approve school calendar for 2004-2005.

DRILLING

opmental wells," Hughes said, explaining that a developmental well is a new well located on property where wells already exist — another words on land that has already been developed.

Wildcating, he said, is a term used to describe wells located on property that has never been drilled or leased for drilling. Hughes is unaware of any wildcating presently occurring in the area.

The industry is constantly maturing, Hughes said, reporting that the expected lifespan for crude oil production is 100 years. The projected lifespan for natural gas is expected to far exceed the availability of crude, he said, but it is all "beyond anybody's guess" as to how long any of these fossil fuels will actually last.

"We will never again find the reserves that will replace the

reserves that we are losing through attrition," Hughes concluded.

Production is based heavily on cost of extraction, so, though the earth may contain more crude and natural gas, it may not be practical to extract in the future.

As for the Texas Panhandle ... "We have the largest natural gas field in the United States," Hughes said. According to him, Panhandle producers provide fuel not only to the upper Midwest but to the East and the West coasts.

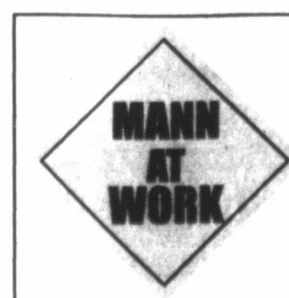
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Wood's Tea Co. PCCA's next act

At 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Pampa Community Concert Association will present The Wood's Tea Company at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa.

Based out of Vermont since its formation in the 1980s, the group has evolved into its present style.

"We were bluegrass when we started," explained Rusty Jacobs, group member. "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."

The four-member group consists of Jacobs on tin whistle, guitar and bodhran; Mike Lussen on five-string banjo, guitar, bodhran and bezouki; Howard Wooden on bass, guitar, concertina and bodhran; and Chip Chase on fiddle, mandolin guitar and banjo.

Vocals are performed by all four members. Past appearances include New York's Lincoln Center, The

Mayflower II (Plymouth Harbor), The Hatch Shell Concert Series, home to the Boston Pops, The Tall Ship Extravaganza in Boston, Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo., The International Celtic Festival in Hunter, N.Y., First Night Celebrations in Boston and Burlington, Vt., The Chautauqua

Institute in Chautauqua, N.Y., and The Clearwater Sloop Festival.

PCCA membership and tickets will be available at the door the afternoon of the concert. For more information, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631. The event will include refreshments.



(Courtesy photo)

The Wood's Tea Company, a four-member group based in Vermont, will perform Pampa Community Concert Association's February concert starting at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. PCCA membership and tickets will be available at the door the afternoon of the concert. For more information, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631.

Request for Proposals for Water 2025 challenge grant program currently available via Internet

WASHINGTON — The Request for Proposals for the Water 2025 Challenge Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2004 is now available online at www.doi.gov/water2025.

The \$4 million Challenge Grant Program is seeking proposals from irrigation and water districts that want to leverage their money and resources in partnership with Reclamation, to make more efficient use of existing water supplies through water conservation, efficiency and water market projects. The program will focus on achieving the outcomes identified in Interior Secretary Gale Norton's Water 2025: Preventing Crises and Conflict in the West, particularly in water conservation and efficiency, water markets, and collaboration, with an emphasis on projects that can be completed within 24 months and that reduce future water conflicts.

"The goal of Water 2025 — and these challenge grants — is to support realistic, cooperative approaches and tools that have the most likelihood of successfully addressing water challenges in basins where crisis and conflict are preventable," Secretary Norton said. "Water 2025 is focused on local solutions in partnership with local water users. It is not a big federal program."

The deadline for submitting proposals is April 8, 2004. Selection and award will be in May or June with implementation beginning in early August of this year.

Examples of proposals Reclamation is seeking include development of water accounts that would provide a way to market water for other existing needs, including agriculture; retrofitting and modernizing existing facilities to achieve better water management through use of new technology; and canal lining or construction of new measurement devices that will allow for more accurate measurement and accounting, leading to increased efficiency.

Eligible entities include irrigation and/or water dis-

tricts legally created and organized under state law, within the states identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, as amended and supplemented. Specifically, these states are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The grants program is being funded under the Western Water Initiative, which was proposed by President George W. Bush in his Fiscal Year 2004 budget request. The Western Water Initiative was the initial step towards Water 2025, which was announced by Secretary Norton in June 2003. President Bush has requested

\$20 million for Water 2025 activities in FY 2005.

Water 2025 will help manage scarce water resources and develop partnerships to nourish a healthy environment and sustain a vibrant economy. They will encourage voluntary water banks and other market-based measures, promote the use of new technology for water conservation and efficiency, and remove institutional barriers

to increase cooperation and collaboration among federal, state, tribal, and private organizations.

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VIEWPOINTS

Special spirit defines Americans

Canadians protest when we call ourselves Americans. A Canadian acquaintance of mine persistently reminds me that Canada is in North America, so in his estimation, Canadians should also be called Americans. Although geographically correct, I don't believe he understands our definition of Americans.

When people of the United States use the noun "American," we are referring to a people with a certain spirit, the American spirit.

The American spirit was defined when the professional army of King George surrendered to the citizen-soldier American army. Their do-or-die American spirit gave birth to the free and sovereign United States of America.

The British empire would again test the Americans. However, as witnessed by Francis Scott Key, the American spirit kept the star spangled banner flying.

The American spirit faltered, yet endured a civil war. The union still stands. Great Britain and France called to the American spirit for help in the Great War. We now call that war World War I, and the American spirit proved to be the deciding factor for victory in that war.

As Britain, France, Nazi Germany, and the former Soviet Union were battling World War II, the American spirit was idle until provoked. An attack on the United States awakened and enraged the American spirit. Every man and woman either fought on the front lines or played a supporting role to kick our industry into high gear for unconditional victory.

Americans were later conflicted in the postwar years. Yet, the American spirit persevered within the service men and women we now call Cold War Warriors.



GREGG C. DUNHAM
GUEST COLUMNIST

Their unwavering spirit was victorious, as there is no more Soviet Union, Europe is no longer divided, and communism in our neighborhood is dying away on a Caribbean island. Still, some believed the American spirit was dead.

On a clear September morning, without provocation and without warning, America was ruthlessly attacked. The attackers were so sinister that lives of innocents meant nothing to them.

Once again provoked, Americans were forced into war, and the American spirit proved not to be dead.

As a professional airline pilot, working for an airline with a military contract, I have personally witnessed the American spirit at war. Not unlike their fathers and grandfathers, the young men and women of today's armed forces have a spirit to get any job done. However, unlike their fathers and grandfathers, today's service members are all volunteers.

I recently flew a late night military contract re-supply mission into Kuwait. Time was critically tight to meet our duty time restrictions in order to fly the next mission. If the scheduled time on the ground were exceeded, we would have been forced to stay in Kuwait until meeting legal rest requirements, delaying the next re-supply mission by at least 26 hours.

I explained the situation to the Kuwait ground supervisor, an activated Air

National Guard airman, with three months into her tour. She replied, "Delay is no option, sir." She and her fellow airmen were not going to allow the supply chain to be broken, and fervently unloaded the supplies through the early morning darkness. Their American spirit got our flight out on schedule.

Later, I flew a re-supply mission to an isolated base deep into Kyrgystan, a former Soviet republic. Through the freezing night the eager young airmen unloaded the supplies, never complaining about the cold or lack of sleep. Their American spirit was high despite being isolated in a country which many Americans have never heard of.

Certainly, soldiers will complain as they become fatigued and are in sore need of a shower. Yet, they will continue to do their jobs, not only keeping America free, but also liberating others from oppression. I feel compelled to report to my fellow Americans that the American spirit of our service members is alive and well. I also feel compelled to ask my fellow Americans to perpetuate the American spirit by showing support for our service members. A simple "thank you" goes a long way to keep the American spirit in these men and women unwavering.

My Canadian acquaintance may be geographically correct, but the people of the United States, with the American spirit, deserve to proudly call ourselves Americans.

Gregg C. Dunham flies the Boeing 747 for an international freight company. He is also an Army Aviator and serves in the Indiana Army National Guard. He is a 1972 graduate of Pampa High School.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'And justice for all ...'

To the editor:

The last four words of the Pledge of Allegiance — "and justice for all." Those deprived of justice desire mercy and those deprived of mercy seek justice.

The former county attorney was deprived of justice and left office under a cloud of allegations, insinuations and inferences of mis- and malfeasance. His departure was negotiated without giving him the opportunity to clear his name of the various hints and unclear approximations of conduct offered by his negotiator. He deserved the same entrée to the justice system as anyone else.

Apparently the cost of justice in this case was the deciding factor. When justice becomes a commodity to be sold or traded only the poor may expect justice. This convoluted fact gives little comfort to the poor.

This should be the last star chamber effort by an individual in Gray County in the dispensation of justice, no matter that the dispenser stands behind his work.

I am reminded of the young farm equipment salesman who proudly announced he stood behind the firm's equipment he sold, even their manure spreader.

**Bill Reeves
McLean**

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2004. There are 320 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 15, 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.

On this date:

- In 1564, astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa, Italy.
- In 1764, the city of St. Louis was established.
- In 1820, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass.

In 1879, President Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.

In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that claimed the life of Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak.

In 1942, the British colony Singapore surrendered to the Japanese during World War II.

In 1961, 73 people, including an 18-member U.S. figure skating team en route to Czechoslovakia, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707 in Belgium.

In 1965, Canada's new maple-leaf flag was unfurled at ceremonies in Ottawa.

In 1982, 84 men were killed when a huge oil-drilling rig, the Ocean Ranger, sank off the coast of Newfoundland during a fierce storm.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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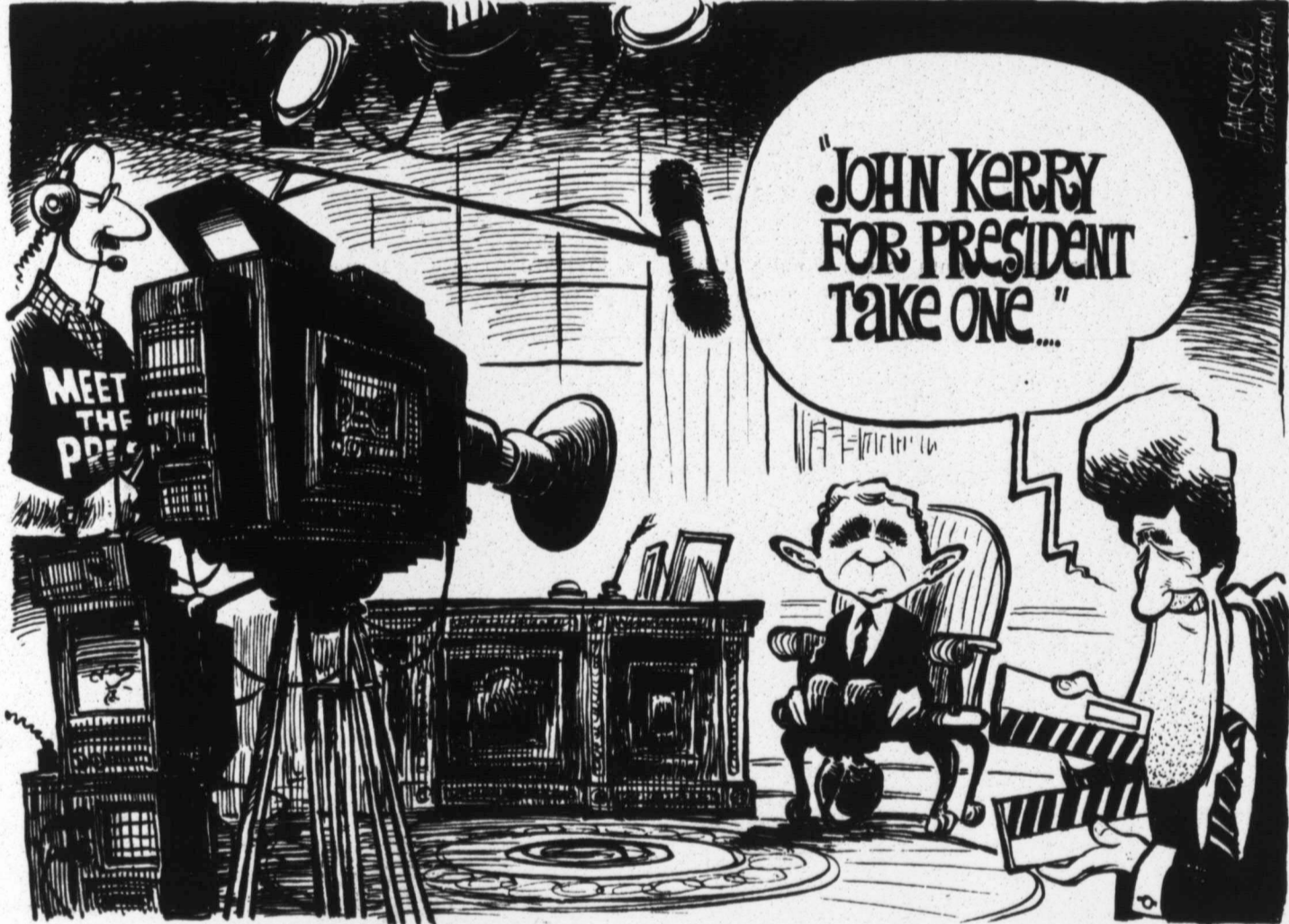
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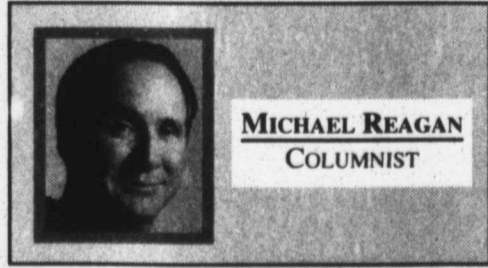
Loyalty should be a two-way street

Everybody is talking about the president's appearance on "Meet the Press" Sunday (Feb. 8), and most agree that it was not one of the great moments of his presidency. And it doesn't matter who you ask, whether it's George Will or Peggy Noonan or some other Bush supporter, you'll be told President Bush's performance was less than stellar.

No matter what other criticisms have been voiced, to my mind his unqualified defense of CIA Director George Tenet, was inexcusable. While his display of loyalty to a member of his administration is characteristic of the man, his judgment in the matter leaves a lot to be desired. Moreover, that same sense of loyalty was not displayed by Mr. Tenet.

People in government who have been appointed by the president, or even holdovers from the previous Clinton administration who have been allowed to keep their jobs, serve at the pleasure of the president. Part of their job is to protect the president from verbal assaults and attacks, especially those that are utterly unjustified by the facts.

George Bush is now under attack for something for which he should not be criticized - the tragedy of September 11, 2001 and the failure of intelligence about Iraq's WMDs. People forget that George W. Bush was sworn in on January 20, of 2001. He hadn't had time to even open his eyes before 9/11 happened and yet he is being blamed for it and the Democrats and their media allies are implying that he



MICHAEL REAGAN
COLUMNIST

knew something that he did not know about the attack when all the evidence proves the charges are simply hogwash. And as far as the WMD matter is concerned, President Clinton and every foreign intelligence service agreed that Saddam Hussein possessed them.

The biggest mistake he made last Sunday on "Meet The Press" was voicing confidence in George Tenet. If George Tenet were a real man and saw his President under attack and taking all the flak for the failure of the CIA and the all problems with the intelligence, he would willingly take the blame and offer his resignation - and the president would do well to accept it. He'd take the monkey off the President's back and put it on his own shoulders where it belongs.

As long as George Tenet simply hangs around and plays the cover-my-behind card instead of protecting the president, George Bush continues to get buried by a controversy which should be focused on the CIA director.

It's important to remember that Tenet is a Clinton holdover, which should be a warning to any president that it is very

unwise to allow people from previous administrations to stay on in key positions such as head of the CIA, especially if they were from the opposite party. You're just asking for trouble, especially when the previous administration was Bill Clinton's scandal ridden term of office.

The President needs to have somebody tell him he needs to get rid of George Tenet. Karl Rove needs to sit down and have lunch with George Tenet and tell him "George, it's time for you to turn in your resignation and we want it by dinnertime. And the President will accept it."

This is important because what's happening now is not good for the President and not good for America. What we have is a president who is running the war like Ronald Reagan and running his re-election campaign as if he were his father.

Remember, when the Republicans had a package on former President Bush's desk that would have cut spending without raising taxes to get the budget to that \$500 billion mark, the Democrats had a tax increase to get there. And the president who had pledged "read my lips, no new taxes," chose the Democrat's tax increase over his own party's spending cuts. And the rest is history.

The President has to start showing the kind of strength he displayed after 9/11 and the place to start is to have someone go to George Tenet and tell him to accept his responsibility to protect his president and resign.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pampa Retired Teachers Ass'n. Pampa Retired Teachers Association meets at 2 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Pampa Seniors Citizens Center. The association will meet until May of this year.

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

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

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

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

Shrine Club. Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 6:30 p.m. every second Monday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

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

Top O' Texas Rodeo Ass'n. Top O' Texas Rodeo Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the Nona S. Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.

MEDICAL SUPPORT GROUPS, ETC.

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

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

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

Area Agency on Aging. Area Agency on Aging of the

Panhandle needs volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Tanya Mock, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

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

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

Cancer Survivors Network. CSN, created by American Cancer Society, is a community/support network for cancer survivors and caregivers. The link to the network is located on ACS's web site at www.cancer.org. People may also call 1-877-333-4673 (HOPE). By logging onto the site, cancer survivors and caregivers can listen to, read or download pre-recorded personal stories and discussions among survivors and caregivers. They may also explore and contribute to the Expressions Gallery, a compilation of survivor's stories, poems and songs.

COAF Web Site. The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a

website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

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

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

Dialogue. The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:00 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

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

High Plains Epilepsy Ass'n. High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The

program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

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

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

HOSPICELINK. Hospice Education Institute, a non-profit organization, has established HOSPICELINK, a national toll-free telephone hotline for people seeking information and education regarding hospice care. The service offers referrals to hospices in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and is available to consumers free of charge. HOSPICELINK maintains a continually updated computer database of all hospices, national and internationally, so referrals are accurate and appropriate to each patient's needs. For more information about

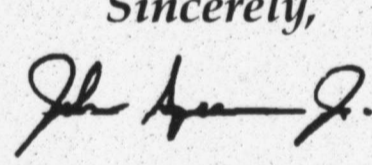
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Comedian, author to deliver Worth the Wait program

Author, comedian and educator Keith Deltano will bring his message of abstinence to Pampa on Monday, Feb. 16. Dubbed "the teaching comedian," Deltano combines humor, audience interaction, props and facts into an attention-grabbing, action-filled performance.

Deltano will discuss "The New Sexual Revolution" with Pampa middle and high school students as part of a unique assembly educating teens and pre-teens about the dangers of premarital sex and the folly of bowing to peer pressure. A highlight of the program will be "Making Virginity Possible," an evening workshop especially for parents, at 8 p.m. at Pampa High School Library. "Making Virginity Possible" is tailored for busy parents, providing them with strategies to guide their teens in a healthy direction.

Door prizes will be given away throughout the workshop, including two DVD/VCR players and Wal-Mart gift cards. Deltano has worked with youth as a military police officer, public school teacher, youth leader, private counselor, comedian and storyteller. He draws on this varied background and his own first-hand experiences to reach out and to educate his youthful audience.

Worth the Wait is a non-profit community based educational organization whose mission is to promote abstinence until marriage with a strong emphasis on the physical, emotional and social benefits derived from such a lifestyle. For more information on this or other Worth the Wait programs, call 669-6222.

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Study: For-profit insurers do not always skimp on surgical care

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

To researchers' surprise, a study has found that for-profit health insurers are just as likely as not-for-profit ones to pay for costly operations for the elderly such as heart bypasses and knee replacements.

The study of 1997 data on 12 operations and other procedures showed that for-profit plans were neither denying care nor holding down costs as much as commonly believed, the researchers said.

The study was led by Dr. Eric C. Schneider, assistant professor of health policy and management at the Harvard School of Public Health, and was published in a recent issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

"I think in some ways it's reassuring," said Dr. Robert Berenson, who oversaw Medicare managed care contracts from 1998 through 2000 and now is a senior fellow at the nonpartisan Urban Institute. "The public's concerned HMOs are denying services, and this shows they're not."

The study looked at patients in

Medicare's managed care program, in which hundreds of private-sector insurance companies contract with the government to provide people with coverage.

Patients in for-profit plans were actually more likely to undergo two operations: minimally invasive gallbladder removal and removal of a cancerous colon segment.

After adjusting statistically for differences among insurance plans and patients, the researchers found the rates were about the same for such procedures as hip and knee replacement,

prostate removal, cardiac catheterization, heart bypass, angioplasty and clearing out a clogged neck artery.

Some experts say the Medicare+Choice program has changed greatly since 1997 and the study's findings may not necessarily apply today. Many insurers that were losing money have quit the program since then. And public backlash led many managed care programs to back off on cost controls.

The study was based on government data on 3.7 million Medicare beneficiaries in 254 health plans.

Schneider said the study's "counter-intuitive" findings are probably due to some combination of factors. Among them: for-profit and not-for-profit plans may actually have similar incentives and cost-cutting approaches, and the for-profits are worrying more about lawsuits and bad publicity for denying care.

Dr. Hoangmai Pham, a researcher at the Center for Studying Health System Change, said the most likely explanation is that not-for-profit insurers are offering more preventive care, which reduces the need for surgery.

Device helps patients keep in touch

By JUANA LOZANO
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HOUSTON (AP) — For someone suddenly hospitalized at 4 a.m., Rita Wright was surprisingly upbeat.

A day after being admitted with a painful partial bowel obstruction, Wright was expecting a secluded stay in a sterile hospital room. But to her relief, she was greeted by a technological surprise at Memorial Hermann Memorial City Hospital: a computer screen above her bed allowing her to keep in touch with family, friends and work via the Internet.

"You can do a lot of stuff in the hospital while you're waiting. I just love it," Wright, a 58-year-old real estate agent, said recently while sitting up in her bed and perusing her company's Web site.

The hospital is among the few around the country using the Pyxis PatientStation, a personal computer with a virtual keyboard that allows patients to go online, check e-mail, watch television, listen to the radio and play games.

Hospital officials are hoping for even more uses for the PatientStation, excited by its potential to improve patient care through automated record keeping and to dispense medications.

The system consists of a 15-inch flat touch screen attached to a movable metallic arm mounted to the floor. Patients can touch the screen to tune into local TV channels, learn about the hospital or watch relaxation videos.

For \$9.95 per day, they also can access cable TV channels, high-speed Internet service, four radio stations and 20 games. That rate only applies in the first 10 days, so those services are not too costly for long-term patients, said hospital officials.

The PatientStation, made by San Diego-based Pyxis Corp., has a small digital camera mounted on top. The company is hoping to incorporate technology allowing people to instantly e-mail pictures of newborn babies and allow doctors to record video messages for patients.

Detroit Medical Center was the first to use the device, in late 2002. The Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital in Valencia, Calif., and the Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System in Morristown, Tenn., also have installed PatientStation. Twenty-four hospitals have signed up for the device and about 1,000 units are being used, company officials say.

At the Houston hospital, 121 beds have the PatientStation. The entire Memorial Hermann Hospital System is planning to use it within 18 months.

Wayne Voss, CEO at Memorial City, said one patient told him he was able to forget about his pain by playing some of the system's games.

"Instead of giving him a narcotic, give him some entertainment, get (his) mind off of it," he said. "It's a high-touch, high-tech way to bring the whole patient stay to a different level."

Stephen Spann, chairman of the department of family and community medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, said the PatientStation is a great innovation because technology has become an important part of people's lives.

"I was visiting with a patient who was getting chemotherapy. He was telling me how bored he was and getting online was difficult," he said. "Getting access to personal computer, the Web, e-mail will be a real plus."

Fran Davis, at nurse at Memorial City, said she's looking forward to what the device will mean to health care providers in the future.

Doctors and nurses may soon be able to access patient records in the room, saving time and paperwork. But Davis is even more excited the system could one day be incorporated with a secured small cabinet that can dispense medicine.

She said that would help patients quickly and save nurses time instead of "having to go out to the nurse's station and maybe wait in line with five other nurses to get medication."

Davis said the technology's potential will actually mean more human contact between patients and health care providers because more work will take place inside the room. She's also excited by its potential ability to educate patients.

"People can learn about their treatment options through videos to help them make a better decision," Spann said.

For patients, though, the PatientStation is all about staying in touch with the rest of the world.

Wright said she was once in a hospital for 11 days without access to the Internet.

"I was isolated from the things that are really so much a part of my life: my job and my family," she said. "When you get e-mails from people, it makes you feel better. It keeps your spirits up. I'm happy."

El Paso pharmacist still going strong at 77

By LEONARD MARTINEZ
EL PASO TIMES

EL PASO, Texas — Lee Sheram puts about 1,000 miles on his car every week. Sheram, 77, makes the 83-mile, hour-and-a-half commute to El Paso five days a week from his home in Hatch, N.M.

Not much will keep Sheram away from his job as a pharmacist at El Paso State Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

"It can snow, sleet or rain and he'll still show up for work," said chief pharmacist Debra De Santis.

New Mexico State Police closed the highway one time, keeping Sheram from coming to work. He once showed up for work one day after having hernia surgery.

He also worked the day after being in a car accident bad enough to leave the steering wheel's imprint on his chest.

Sheram will retire Dec. 31, when he turns 78, after 53 years as a pharmacist.

His departure underscores El Paso's chronic shortage of 250 to 300 pharmacists.

Those estimates were recently made by officials in the UTEP/UT Austin Cooperative Pharmacy Program, which is always recruiting young students to train for well-paying pharmacy jobs. The estimated

starting pay is \$80,000 to \$100,000.

De Santis said Sheram's replacement was hired this week. The job was posted for six months before a person applied about a month ago.

The problem: It is difficult to compete with retail stores, which can pay more.

Don't expect Sheram to sit around doing nothing.

"I hope to see this country," Sheram said. "I want to go to the Boston Pops July Fourth concert. I've never seen the Statue of Liberty."

Sheram has seen the pharmaceutical industry change from a time when medicine was dispensed on paper rolls instead of pills.

He keeps mementos such as wooden pill bottles and a tonic that he said promised to reinvigorate men — like Viagra.

Sheram has also seen vast improvements in the way diseases are treated.

"There's been an increase in medications for specific diseases from the increase in antibiotics to treatments for dermatology and anti-depressants," Sheram said, adding that medicine for epileptic seizures has been a godsend for many patients.

Before becoming a pharmacist, Sheram was a Navy pilot from 1943 to 1946. In a 1944 bombing run, his torpedo bomber ran out of fuel and went into the Pacific Ocean off the Philippines.

"I hate saltwater. I don't eat salt to this day because of that," Sheram said.

Florence, his wife of 47 years, has been asking him for years to retire, and doesn't like it when he mentions that he may do relief work now and then to keep up-to-date on new medications.

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Center to hold diabetes educator programs

AMARILLO — Nurses, pharmacists, dietitians, physician assistants, social workers and others interested in learning more about diabetes or becoming a Certified Diabetes Educator will have four opportunities to attend a Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center program designed to increase awareness about the disease.

The program, "Diabetes Education for Healthcare Professionals," will be presented Feb. 20-21 and 27-28; April 23-24 and 30; May 1; June 18-19 and 25-26; and Aug. 13-14 and 20-21 at the TTUHSC School of Medicine, 1400 S. Coulter, Amarillo.

Friday sessions will be held from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Saturday sessions will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Attendees will be given up-to-date information about diabetes, become familiar with CLAS standards and health literacy and learn to develop a business plan for establishing their own diabetes education program.

Nurses attending the program will receive credit for 24 contact hours; registered dietitians and pharmacists will

receive credit for 20 contact hours.

Registration begins the first day of each session at 4:30 p.m. Program cost is

\$350 and limited scholarships are available. For more information or to pre-register call Dr. Kathleen Snella at (806) 356-4000, ext. 313.

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

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- Women make up approximately 44 percent of the workforce, and 33 percent of those injured at work, yet they account for 64 percent of repetitive motion injuries that cause lost work time.
- Women experience 68 percent of the carpal tunnel syndrome injuries that result in lost work time.
- Over 60 percent of the lost-work time tendinitis injuries occur among women workers.
- In 2000, nearly 155,000 women workers suffered an injury due to overexertion that led to time away from work.
- Sprains/strains, carpal tunnel syndrome and tendinitis together account for more than half of all lost work time injuries and illnesses amount women.

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Rangers enter spring with A-Rod, lots of subplots

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Alex Rodriguez likened his offseason to a soap opera.

There were plenty of twists and turns in a drama that dragged out over many weeks. Then there was the somewhat surprising conclusion: Rodriguez, the AL MVP, stayed in Texas after extended trade talks between the Rangers and Boston Red Sox ended.

"It was just crazy for me," third baseman Hank Blalock said. "Usually, I like to watch that stuff. But it's kind of weird when it's a guy on your team and a friend of yours. One day they

would say it's super close to happening and the next, it's definitely not happening."

Figuring out the plot isn't always easy with this team, which has finished last in the AL West four straight seasons — the last three with Rodriguez.

After the trade talks died down, the seven-time All-Star shortstop emerged as the team's captain after a lengthy clear-the-air meeting with Rangers owner Tom Hicks, general manager John Hart and manager Buck Showalter.

But even with Rodriguez in the fold, many questions remain

as Texas prepares for the start of spring training next week in Surprise, Ariz.

— Is Rodriguez really content and happy in Texas? And is the proposed trade really dead?

Rodriguez is saying all the right things. A-Rod insists he's happy to still be in Texas, even after his efforts to facilitate a trade. He said he got a lot off his chest during the five-hour meeting last month with the team's brass.

It's easy to be happy now. A new season puts Texas even again with everybody else.

Still, Rodriguez was less than

definitive when asked if he'd remain in Texas for the length of his record \$252 million, 10-year contract.

"I can't guarantee," he said. "If I had a crystal ball, I'd be in good shape. But I hope so. I think we take it one year at a time. I like our future. I like our young players and I like where we're going."

As for the proposed trade, Hicks insists A-Rod is staying put.

Red Sox GM Theo Epstein has said he doesn't expect a revival of talks before the season "barring something extremely

unforeseen."

A lot can change between now and July, if the Rangers falter again.

— Showalter vs. Rodriguez, truth or myth?

There was friction between the new manager and star player last season and into the offseason.

That's probably the main reason Hicks put together the face-to-face meeting.

"Once you talked about where our club was and some of the frustrations we had, the solutions were pretty obvious," Showalter said.

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FOOTBALL

AUSTIN (AP) — Bobby Kennedy has been named the new receivers coach at Texas, coach Mack Brown announced Friday. Kennedy, who held the same position at the University of Washington, replaces Darryl Drake, who took a job with the Chicago Bears on Feb. 6. The 14-year collegiate coaching veteran has worked at Arizona, Wake Forest, Penn State and Wyoming. Also on Friday, Brown announced the promotions of three assistant coaches. Mac McWhorter, who joined the staff in 2002, has been promoted to assistant head coach. He is also the Longhorns' offensive line coach.

GOLF

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Stewart Cink shot the best round of the tournament to take a two-stroke lead in the Buick Invitational, and hardly anyone noticed.

John Daly was back. Vijay Singh was gone.

Tiger Woods was lurking, just as he always seems to do at Torrey Pines.

Lost amid all this activity Friday was Cink, who had a 63 on the easier North course at Torrey Pines and was at 11-under 133, two shots clear of Daly and Steve Flesch.

Next up: Two days on the South course, which will host the 2008 U.S. Open and is already playing like a major test.

"Scores are going to come back over there," said Woods, who shot a 68 on the North and was six shots behind. "If you don't have your game solid and tuned on the South course, it can definitely bite you."

It bit Singh.

He was the hottest player in golf, with 12 consecutive finishes in the top 10 and allowed him to close the gap on Woods at No. 1 more than anyone in the last five years.

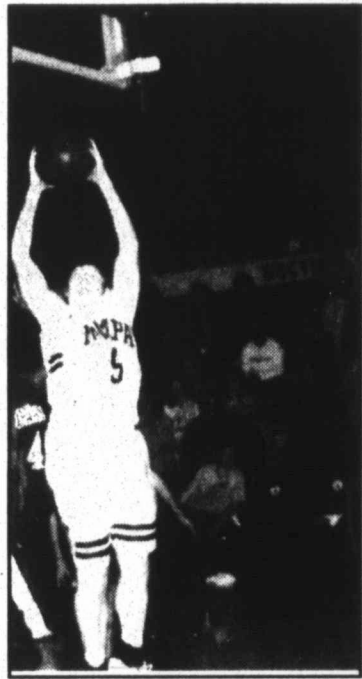
Singh was coming off a victory at Pebble Beach. There was loads of hype about a showdown with Woods.

But instead of heading to the practice range after his round, Singh drove to the airport.

An eagle on his 15th hole kept hopes alive, but he missed 15-foot birdie putts on the final three holes and shot 73 on the South, putting him at even-par 144 to miss the cut by one shot.

"I just made too many mistakes," Singh said.

Daly, meantime, tamed the tougher track at Torrey Pines with a bogey-free 66 on the South, which put him in the final group Saturday.



Collin Bowers contributed 6 points and 7 rebounds to the Pampa attack.

Pampa surges by Randall in second half

PAMPA — Pampa caught fire in the second half to breeze past Randall 79-61 Friday night in District 3-4A action at McNeely Fieldhouse.

There were eight lead changes and four ties in the first half with Randall ahead by one (36-35) at intermission. That situation changed dramatically in the third quarter as senior guard Jed Martin sparked a 12-0 run that put Pampa in front by 18 (62-44) going into the fourth quarter. Martin hit a

pair of three-pointers in the third quarter to add to his team-high 17 points.

Pampa is one of four teams still in the running for one of two playoff spots going into the regular-season finale Tuesday night at Plainview. Pampa, 11-17 for the season, is tied with Caprock for fourth place at 6-5 in district.

Randall is 2-9 in district and 6-21 for the season.

Martin had plenty of help from his teammates as three other players scored in dou-

ble figures against the Raiders. Chance Bowers finished with 15 points, Andy Rodgers 14 and Jarett Kotara 10 for the Harvesters.

Pampa's balanced offense off-set a 30-point performance from Randall guard Nathan Maxwell, a sophomore.

The Harvesters overwhelmed the visitors on the boards, owning a 35-17 rebounding advantage. Collin Bowers and Rodgers each had 7 rebounds.

Pampa 13 35 62 79
Randall 14 36 44 61

P - Jed Martin 17, Chance Bowers 15, Andy Rodgers 14, Jarett Kotara 10, Brittin East 8, Collin Bowers 6, Clayton Hall 6, Julian Salazar 3; Three-point goals: Martin 2, Rodgers 1, East 1.

Randall - Nathan Maxwell 30, Brad Fletcher 10, Will Movroydis 9, Blair Broadhurst 3, Cole Stephens 3, Josh Sims 2, Matt Malleck 2, Ian Welch 2; Three-point goals: Nathan Maxwell 2, Broadhurst 1.

All eyes on star-studded Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — With all these top-notch starters around, someone's got to be No. 1.

Will it be Roger Clemens, the Hall of Famer-in-waiting? Or Andy Pettitte, the other local kid who made good? And what about Roy Oswalt, the young phenom recovering from a lost season, and steady right-handed workhorse Wade Miller?

Each has started on opening day before, carrying the unofficial title of "staff ace." Now that they're all Houston Astros, only one will get the honor April 5 against the San Francisco Giants.

Whoever manager Jimmy Williams picks will throw the first pitch in one of the most anticipated seasons in the 42 World Series-less years of Astros history. The odyssey begins Feb. 22 when pitchers and catchers report to Kissimmee, Fla.

"Who's going to pitch the

opening game?" Williams asked, seeming to genuinely wonder. "I'd like to get all of our starters in the same ZIP code in Kissimmee, then I'll get them all together and we'll talk about it. I think that's the best way to do it, rather than having to make five phone calls."

Clemens is the obvious choice, but his buddy Pettitte's decision to spurn the Yankees for the Astros in December is the main reason he's here. Oswalt is the club's budding pitching star whose 2003 season was shortened by chronic groin problems.

Miller, a dark horse, has been the closest thing the Astros have had to a rotation stalwart. He has pitched at least 160 innings in each of the past three seasons.

Regardless of how it shakes out, Williams wants his rotation set before exhibition play starts March 5.

Seniors interviewed



KGRO Radio sports announcer Donny Hooper, "the Voice of the Harvesters," interviews Pampa seniors Jennie Waggoner (left) and Stacey Johnson after the Lady Harvesters defeated Caprock Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse. For Waggoner and Johnson, it was the final game of their high school career.

Warner-Horton slips by Holmes to take sole possession of first in Optimist League

PAMPA — Warner-Horton Supply Cavaliers edged Holmes Gift Shoppe & Sports Center 76ers 29-26 in a battle of unbeaten last week to take control of first place in the Optimist Boys' Basketball Fifth-Sixth Grade Divisions. Alex Clendening led all scorers with 22 points for Warner-Horton. Ryan Jimenez tossed in 18 for Holmes.

In other division games, the Pampa Office Supply Mavs defeated the National Bank of Commerce Spurs 20-16 behind 6 points by Joseph Mechelay. Braden Hunt had 8 points to lead

NBC.

In third and fourth grade action, the Culligan Water Conditioning Spurs went down to defeat for the first time this season, losing to Frank's True Value Hardware 76ers 15-9. Latigo Collins was high point man for the 76ers with 9 points. Cole Engle made 4 points for Culligan.

Culligan rebounded by edging the Celanese Lakers 14-12 behind 6 points by Engle. Brandon Cox contributed 4 points for Celanese.

Frank's continued its

winning ways with a 41-15 thrashing of the Quality Sales Trail Blazers. Shane Smith and Reid Miller with 12 points each were the high point men for their respective teams.

Liquid Recovery Systems blasted Pampa Office Supply Heat 41-9 with Tiler Malone scoring 19 for the winners, and Reid Bradley scoring 9 points to lead Pampa Office Supply.

The Quality Sales Trail Blazers with 16 points from Reid Miller prevailed over the Cabot Swoosh 26-11. Kyle Malone led Cabot with 6 points.

Wild day in warmup for Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A thrilling finish in the International Race of Champions. A crash-marred truck race. An Earnhardt-backed driver on the Busch pole.

And, hey, we haven't even gotten to the Daytona 500 yet.

On a busy day of preliminaries for Sunday's Great American Race, Ryan Newman edged Kurt Busch in the first IROC race of the year, Carl Edwards held on to win the NASCAR Craftsman Truck opener and Martin Truex won the pole for the Busch Series race.

Newman found a way to squeeze past Busch about 100 yards from the finish line Friday. Newman got two wheels under the yellow out-of-bounds line — generally considered an illegal

move — but IROC ruled the move was necessary to avoid a collision with his fellow Nextel Cup star.

"He tried to push me off and I was at the point of no return," Newman said. "I went below the yellow line instead of spinning him out."

It was the end of a sensational run for Newman, last in the 12-car field with nine laps to go.

He worked himself all the way to the front, though he couldn't celebrate right away.

Newman remained inside his car in Victory Lane for several minutes while IROC officials viewed tape of his pass.

"I'm very satisfied with the call they made," said Busch, the defending IROC champion. "It was a terrific race."

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James, Anthony take over Rookie Challenge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was the LeBron and Carmelo show on the first night of NBA All-Star weekend.

LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony teamed up for four awe-inspiring alley-oop dunks that proved to be the best moments of the Rookie Challenge on Friday night.

With the sophomores well on their way to a record-setting 142-118 victory, the two heralded rookies decided to show off.

"After the game got out

of hand, I went up to the players and said, 'Let's give the fans what they want to see,'" James said.

James scored 33 points and created most of the moments that had a sellout crowd at Staples Center oohing and aahing. Anthony added 17 points.

"We saw Carmelo and LeBron do some amazing things," rookies coach Doug Collins said. "I hope the fans enjoyed it."

Typical of All-Star festivities, the players took the night off from playing defense.

Four men plead innocent in steroid case

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Victor Conte, nutritional guru for Barry Bonds and founder of the lab at the center of a steroids probe, jumped into a waiting sports car and sped away from the courthouse after pleading innocent.

But the pace of the case against Conte and three other men will be much slower. An attorney for Conte said it could be a half-year before a trial begins.

Conte and the others pleaded innocent Friday to distrib-

uting steroids to athletes and were ordered by federal Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James to post bond by Feb. 27 or face arrest.

One of Conte's attorneys, Robert Holley, said he expects it will be at least six months before the case comes to trial because attorneys must review tens of thousands of pages of documents.

Holley said he was unsure whether athletes would be called to testify at a trial.

Also charged are James Valente, vice president of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative that Conte founded; Greg Anderson, the personal trainer for Bonds; Remi Korchemny, the world-class track coach whose sprinters won gold medals but then flunked drug tests.

All four defendants refused comment Friday as they left the courthouse following a short hearing and two hours of processing by federal officials.

But their attorneys said it was outrageous that no athletes have been charged.

Dozens of athletes, ranging from Bonds to Olympic track star Marion Jones to boxer Shane Mosley, appeared before a federal grand jury in November and December. Though offered limited immunity in exchange for their testimony, athletes still could face perjury charges if prosecutors believe they lied about drug use to the grand jury.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004:

You might want to keep a notebook of your dreams, ideas or whatever comes into mind. You are unusually inspired this year, and you will want to remember some of the ideas that come up in the years ahead. Some might find you a bit airy-fairy, and as a result you might add a more creative person to your inner circle. You will want like souls around you. You will gain financially through others. If you are single, you will meet someone late 2004 or 2005, though you might be surprised by your choices. You are changing, and so will your taste in people. If you are attached, maintain a high level of communication between you and your sweetie; otherwise, you could grow in separate directions. **CAPRICORN** reads you cold.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You simply enjoy yourself wherever you are, though you might like being around your friends the most. Carefully investigate possibilities that surround a budding friendship. Might you like more here? Is this wise? Tonight: Visit with a parent or older relative.

This Week: Responsibilities of all sorts weigh on you. Not only do you manage them, but you also experience unusual success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Spending some time with a loved one or relative enjoying a favorite outdoor pastime might fit the bill, if it isn't too cold. Otherwise, opt for the movies or a lengthy lunch out. Spirits rise because of being there. Tonight: Take your bows.

This Week: Reach for new information behind the scenes. You will be ready to assume a position of leadership late Tuesday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Others feel as if they cannot do enough for you. As a result you feel deeply cared about. Schedule an outing: ice skating or perhaps walking around a favorite flea market or museum. Let your mind relax and roam. Tonight: Opt for

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 16, 2004:

You have what it takes this year to establish an important relationship, gain financially and, if you want, get a new home. Often you will need to slow down in order to think, as your mind works like a ticker tape. You need time to recharge. Investigate what might be happening behind the scenes, never taking anything for granted. Others respond to an innate charm that emerges this year. You might often need to stop for an extra nap here and there, as fatigue happens easily. Be sure to see a dentist, too. If single, you might find it difficult to stay that way. You will meet someone quite exotic. Before jumping into any relationship, make sure the person is emotionally available. If attached, take weekends together for just the two of you. This private time will restore and enhance your bond. **CAPRICORN** is your natural healer.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You're all business and responsibility wherever you are. Examine your financial expectations, and don't forget what your desires are. Can you make these two separate interests shake hands? With a little creativity and determination, you can. Tonight: A must show.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Make it your business not to get caught up in details and problems. Distance yourself, and you'll get results. Examine alternatives and think outside of the box. Use your dynamic energy to find solutions. Brainstorm with others. You'll come out on top as a result. Tonight: Relax your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

togetherness. This Week: Opt to work as a team, but count on your ability to get information and the "scoop" midweek. You know when to get an expert.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Whatever you do, bring in that special person to help you and encourage you. You will see life from his or her point of view, which could be quite magical. Let the child in you out. Strong bonds develop. Tonight: Out with friends for dinner.

This Week: Others lay out their cards midweek. Don't reveal what you think just now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ New beginnings come your way, if you let them. Understand what makes a loved one tick. Allow more loving to emanate from you, and you will like what occurs. Others come toward you; divide your time accordingly. Tonight: Try to make it an early night.

This Week: Surround yourself with work, and success becomes you. Fit in some socializing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Stay close to home and finish up an important project or two. Invite a child or loved one to join you in a favorite hobby or pastime. Express your support for someone you care about in a positive way. Tonight: Be a kid again.

This Week: Use your ingenuity to find solutions to your work or daily life. Someone might become challenging Tuesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Ask for more of what you want from a child or loved one. If you would like to share more with a new friend, child or loved one, the mood is conducive to doing just that. Understand this person better by sharing your dreams with each other. Tonight: Start thinking "work."

This Week: If you can, work from home Monday and Tuesday. Otherwise, make your workplace more comfortable. You become a source for solutions midweek.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Investigate a possible purchase more carefully. What seems out of whack very well could be. You come to a sure decision after a discussion with a family member. The more feedback you get, the better a project becomes.

★★★★★ Working as a duo sometimes can be difficult for you, as you have a tendency to get locked into personal freedom issues. Create boundaries where you need to, knowing that they will prevent problems rather than cause them. A loved one or family member cannot do enough for you. Tonight: Let someone else be dominant.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others push and pull to get what they want. Keep your eye on the big picture right now. Examine your communications, finding the most effective way to relate. You might even decide to schedule a class in the art of choosing the right words. Tonight: Say "I."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You dig into work, ready to go, even if you might be dragging a bit. Your fire and energy make a difference, especially with an authority figure. Take stronger control of your finances, and you'll like what happens. Tonight: Pace yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Be playful and true to yourself, even with a difficult friend, associate or situation. Have more faith in your innate creativity to get through a problem. You will dig and dig until you have the right solution. Brainstorm with an expert. Tonight: Play away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Be more direct in how you deal with others. Your ability to call a spade a spade might not be popular with a family member, but it helps establish boundaries. A partner or associate pushes hard for his or her terms. Tonight: Don't give in unless you want to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Reach out for someone at distance for either professional feedback or advice on a personal matter. Experts make a difference. A partner comes up

Tonight: Build a relationship on a solid base.

This Week: Return calls and ask questions. Meetings bring results. Let your mind float and meet others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your smile proves to be a sure winner and unstoppable. Others respond to your ideas and multiple ways. Listen carefully to news that heads your way. You might want to think before you leap. Tonight: Slow down gradually.

This Week: Making money hits No. 1 on your priority list. Later in the week, get busy with meetings, calls, etc.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Make it OK to be lazy for a day. You might want time to call those at a distance and daydream some. Plan a trip, if you can, in the near future. Know that you don't have to do anything at all. Allow your instincts to guide you. Tonight: You perk up.

This Week: You hit your power days Monday and Tuesday. Use them well. You could actually find a money tree.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your spontaneity allows others to open up. You decide to express more thoughts and ideas than you have in a long time. If artistic, express a new-found inspiration. The product will be of unusual quality. Tonight: Slow down.

This Week: You don't have to do anything or take any action until Wednesday. Others will listen then.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ In some way you might be stunned by a parent or superior and what he or she chooses to reveal. Your perspective of this person changes a lot as a result. You find him or her to be more human and more approachable. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

This Week: Use Monday and Tuesday to your advantage. You can find the right path to the winner's circle. Lie low Wednesday on.

BORN TODAY

Actress Jane Seymour (1951), songwriter Jane Child (1967), singer Melissa Manchester (1951)

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with many new ideas. Aim for more of what you want from a friendship. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Review news carefully and handle what could be a money problem before it becomes one. The issue might not be you. Go over all paperwork and financial agreements. You might need to put in some overtime or take a strong stand around work. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You are coming up roses, while others feel like wild weeds. You might want to pitch in and try to help others move past their problems. You have more power than you realize, especially if you don't get plugged into what is happening. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Slow down and take your time right now. You might be more tired than you realize, or possibly quite aggravated with yourself or someone close. Mistakes and accidents could happen in this manner. Slow down and take care of yourself. Tonight: Get some extra rest.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You have what you need in order to head into the winner's circle. Stress communication. Don't wait for calls to be returned; call again. You are unusually successful working with groups and in meetings. Others naturally work with you. Tonight: Where the gang is.

BORN TODAY

Actor LeVar Burton (1957), rapper, actor Ice-T (1958), politician, singer Sonny Bono (1935)

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SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 21
Pampa Girls at Midland Invitational
Pampa Boys at San Angelo Invitational

SOCCER
TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 17
Pampa Boys & Girls vs. Palo Duro • 7:30 pm at Pampa

SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 21
Pampa Boys vs. Borger • 2:00 pm at Borger
Pampa Girls vs. Borger • 12 noon at Borger

TENNIS
FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 20
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UPCOMING EVENTS

PCCA

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

TDHS VOLUNTEERS

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

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.

PASG

Pampa Area Cancer Support Group will meet from 7-8 p.m. Feb. 19 in the second floor classroom of the main building at Pampa Regional Medical Center. The program, "Cancer Incidence in the Texas Panhandle," will be presented by Joyce Ritter, director of Goldston Regional Cancer Registry. No advance reservation is necessary. For more information, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 235.

CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Several scholarship opportunities are currently available to area high school seniors through Top O' Texas CattleWomen. Applications for the \$500 Pat Grote Memorial Scholarship are being accepted by the local chapter until Feb. 20. For an application, log on to www.texascattlewomen.org on the Internet. Also awarded will be one \$500 scholarship and two \$250 scholarships. Applications for these scholarships are due April 23 and may be obtained through your high school counselor. All scholarship applications must be returned to Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. For more information, contact Christner at (806) 826-3572.

MASONIC LODGE MEETING

Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge AF&AM 1381 in Pampa will sponsor an informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at the lodge, located on West Kentucky across from Coronado Nursing Center. The public is invited to a free meal served by the lodge followed by a short presentation regarding the history and purpose of Masonry. The meeting will conclude with a question and answer session.

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Starting Feb. 24, BSA Hospice will offer a grief education and support group for adults experiencing the loss of a loved one from 7-8:30 p.m. each Tuesday for six consecutive weeks at First Presbyterian Church, 418 W. Coolidge, in Borger. The meetings are open to the public and are free of charge. Registration is requested. For more information, call (806) 274-9111 or 1-800-6588-6985.

HANDWEAVER'S GUILD

Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in Amarillo. The meeting is open to individuals interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts. For meeting location and more information, call (806) 358-2765.

THE REMEMBERER

Amarillo College Theatre School for Children will present the Texas premier of "The Rememberer" at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27-28 and at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 29 in Amarillo. Directed by Linda Dee Hughes, "The Rememberer" is an historical drama based on the life of Joyce Simmons Cheeka, a Squaxin Indian girl who was forced to attend Tulalip Training School, a boarding facility run by Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1914. For reservations call, (806) 371-5353 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

PAS DANCE

Pampa Area Singles Dance with Indian Summer will be from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed.

Snacks are welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.

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.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout this month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The 10 trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Autumn Classic Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 29. For more information, check out the foundation's web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

CINDERELLA PAGEANT

West Texas Cinderella Scholarship Pageant will be staged March 6 at the high school auditorium in Kress. The competition is open to children 0-2 years of age, boys 0-6 years of age and young ladies between 3-26 years of age. No swimsuit competition. Registration for toddlers and boys will begin at 9:30 a.m. Additional registration will start at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Sandra at (806)

684-2389 or visit www.texascinderellapageant.com on-line.

TREE ORDERS

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

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.



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NEWSMAKERS



Kristal Lee

BORGER — Frank Phillips College recently announced its President's and Dean's honor rolls for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the college. Students named to the list include **Sarah Deaver, Bob Jeffers, Eli Stark and Levi Trevathan**, all of Pampa; and **Lori Hannah** of White Deer.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.5-3.99 GPA while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the college. **Kristal Lee**, (pictured) daughter of Ronald and Linda Lee, was named to the Dean's list. Other students making the list include **Tawny Johnson, Kristal Lee, Kimberly Organ, Daniel Rivera and Christopher VanHouten**, all of Pampa; **William Johnson** of Miami; **Cesily Cadra** of Shamrock; **Benjamin Howard** of Wheeler; and **Stephen Kirby** of White Deer.



Ashley M. Morehart

LEVELLAND — **Ashley M. Morehart**, daughter of Chalenia Freeman of Pampa, was recently named to the President's Honor Roll at South Plains College for the 2003 fall semester.

Only students who maintain a 4.0 grade point average for the semester are placed on the list.

Morehart graduated from Pampa High School in 2001.

CANYON — An 11-year tradition was recently observed when West Texas A&M University Symphonic Band took to the stage during the Texas Music Educators Association convention in the Lila Cockrell Theatre at the Henry Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

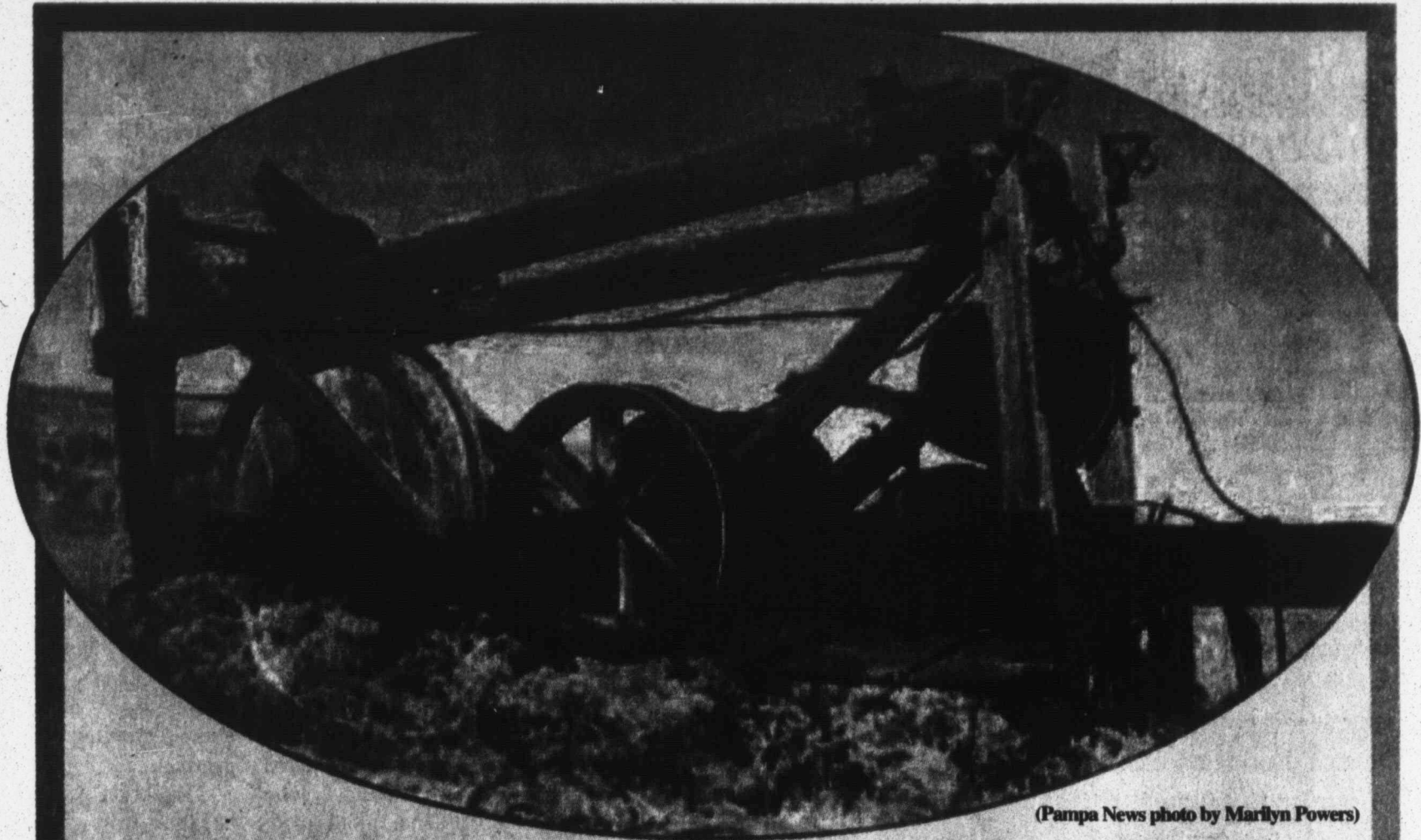
The band's performance — under the direction of Don Lefevre, associate professor of music at WT — marked its 11th appearance at the TMEA event, a number unrivaled by any other university band to date. The group included three musicians from Pampa — **Jordan Holmes, Nathanael Holmes and Sarah Teague**.

Performances at the TMEA convention are by invitation only and the WTAMU band is one of three university bands invited to play this year. Bands invited to perform are selected by concert recordings submitted by university directors across the state. Bands are eligible to perform once every four years.

"This is the biggest convention of its kind, and for us it's the best type of exposure," Lefevre said. "The exposure is national because people from all over the country come to this."

In addition to performing, the WTAMU faculty and students attended TMEA concerts, sessions, clinics and master classes.

The TMEA performance topped off a four-concert tour for the band which included stops at Robert Lee High School in Midland, Brady High School and Warren High School in San Antonio.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Coils of cable lay scattered about this wooden spudder, or cable tool, drilling rig northeast of Lefors. The cable would have been unwound from a large reel, and a drill bit attached to the end, to drill a well. A bailer could also be attached to the cable to let down into the well, to clear out debris from the drilling process or ground water that seeped into the hole.

Spudder rig piece of history

By **MARILYN POWERS**
STAFF WRITER

A piece of Panhandle petroleum history stands northeast of Lefors at the crest of a hill.

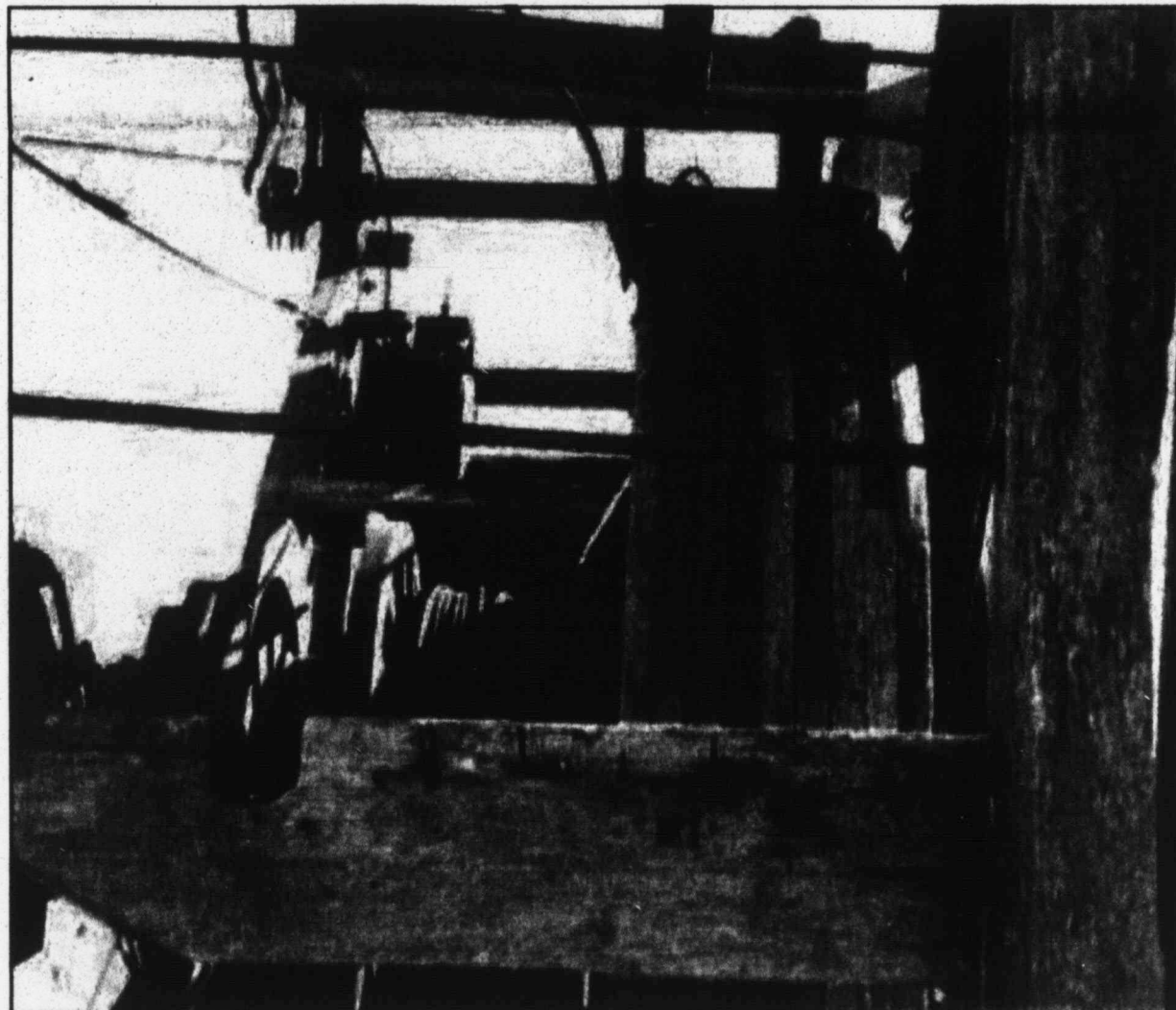
The wood-framed spudder, or cable tool, rig is "really rare. There are only a handful in the whole state now," said Ed Benz, director of

Petroleum Museum to showcase its collection of oil field-related items.

A prized feature of the Lefors rig was its portability, Phillips said. It could more easily be towed from one location to another. Depending on the rigging, the unit can drill anywhere from 700 to 4,000 feet deep, he said. Photos of workers running similar rigs 50 or more years ago

A large wheel on the Lefors unit is made up of nine layers of wood. A belt ran from the power supply, or engine, to the wheel, which acted like a crankshaft to turn the mechanism to raise and lower the wooden arms.

"This is a piece of Gray County history," Benz said.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

A large wooden wheel on the rig is made up of nine layers of wood that has been cut, shaped and fitted together. A belt ran from the rig's power source to the wheel to turn it, which caused the wooden arms to raise and lower.

Hutchinson County Museum in Borger.

Benz said rigs like the one near Lefors were made by two companies, and the rigs were known as either Wichita or Fort Worth rigs. Wichita rigs are more scarce than the Fort Worth variety.

The rigs were used from about 1910 through World War II. The first oil well drilled in the Panhandle was in Wheeler County in 1910, said Wes Phillips, registrar at the Borger museum.

The last time a rig like the one at Lefors was used to drill a well in Hutchinson County was in 1947, Benz said. Hutchinson County Museum has a similar rig in its collection, and plans to open a

show four to eight men operating one rig, Phillips said.

The rig has a string of cable that moves up and down, with a drill bit attached to the end. The drill bit impacts the earth and breaks up rock and soil to drill the well. A bailer can also be attached to the end of the cable and let down into the well to bail out ground water that has seeped into the hole, as well as debris from the drilling process, Phillips said.

(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

This spudder rig northeast of Lefors was used from 1910 to the end of World War II. It has many wooden components, including wooden arms and a large wooden wheel. Only a handful of these rigs are left anywhere in the state.



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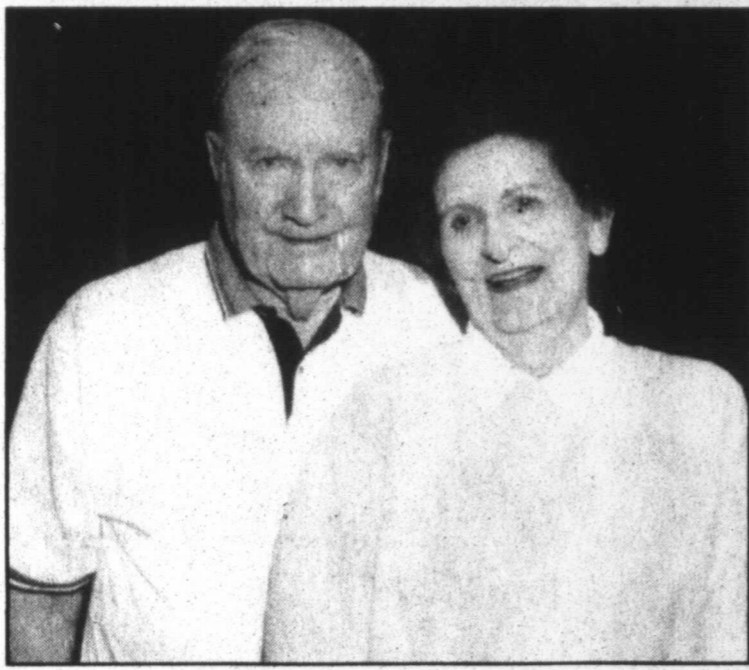
ANNIVERSARIES

Nolte anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Quenton Nolte of Lubbock, formerly of Pampa, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 31 with a family gathering.

Quenton Nolte and Elleta Bullard were married Jan. 27, 1944, at the Army Air Force Base in Pampa.

Children of the couple are Quenton Nolte of Houston, Dale Nolte of Tulsa, David Nolte, Marsha Luke and Tricia Vowels, all of Lubbock, Dwaine Nolte of Pampa, Gary Nolte of Frisco, Leigh Ann Watson of San Angelo and the



Mr. and Mrs. Quenton Nolte

late Dr. Alan Nolte. They have 18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

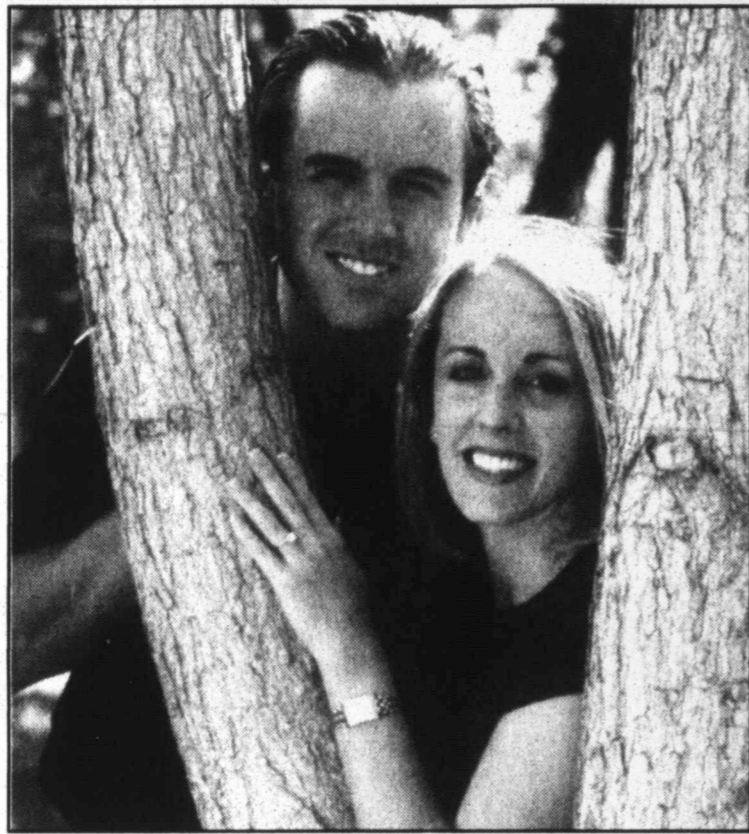
ENGAGEMENTS

Sparkman-Young

Kimberly Elizabeth Sparkman and John Joseph Young IV, both of Brownsville, plan to wed Saturday, June 5, in First Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John W. Sparkman of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and holds a bachelor of art degree from Texas A&M University at College Station (2000). While at the university, she was a member of Chi Omega Sorority. She is currently an account executive with KCI Corporation.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph Young III of Brownsville. He graduated from St. Joseph Academy in



John J. Young IV and Kimberly E. Sparkman

1995 and holds a bachelor of business administration degree from Baylor University in Waco (1999). He is currently an account executive with Valley Industrial Shipping Supplies in Brownsville.

CRADLE CALL



Jason J. Miears

Jason Miears

Jason James Miears was born at 5:32 p.m. Dec. 1, 2003, at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Jerry Miears and Amanda Parks of Pampa.

At birth, the infant weighed 6-pounds, 15.1-ounces and was 19-inches long.

Relatives of the infant include grandparents, Debbie Estep and Mark Parks, both of Pampa, James Miears of Big Springs and Tronda Parks of Washington State.



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WEDDINGS

Palmateer-White

Brenda Palmateer and James W. White Jr., both of Pampa, were wed Jan. 2 in Central Baptist Church of Pampa with the Rev. Rick Parnell, of the church, officiating.

The bridesmaids were Jeanie Palmateer of Amarillo and Jessica Palmateer of Pampa. The flower girl was Maranda Thurmond of Pampa.

The best man was James W. White Sr. of Pampa. The groomsmen were Joel Palmateer of Pampa.

The ushers were Steve Goldsmith of Pampa and Aaron Weller and John Holland, both of



James W. White Jr. and Brenda Palmateer

Dean McKee of Pampa and Bill and Dorothy McKee of Pampa. He is currently employed by National Oilwell.

The newlyweds intend to make their home in Pampa.

Allen-Wood

Shannon Allen and Mark Wood, both of Austin, were wed Jan. 17 at Green Pastures restaurant, a landmark and historic home in Austin, with Dr. Jim Rose, retired minister, officiating.

The matron of honor was Meg Bergquist. The bridesmaid was Mrs. Dana Macik, sister of the groom of Eagle, Colo.

The flower girls were Caroline and Sarah Zagorin, cousins of the groom of Austin.

The best man was Ryan Teague of Austin. The groomsmen were Trent Woodward of Austin.

The ushers were Brad Loesch of Springtown, Michael Wayne Reynolds, cousin of the bride of Midway, and Chris Hite of Dallas.

Registering the guests was Miss Lacye



Shannon Allen and Mark Wood

School in 1990 and holds a bachelor of business administration degree in business analysis from Texas A&M University. He is currently employed

with S1 Corporation in Austin. The newlyweds honeymooned at Qamea Island in Fiji and intend to make their home in Austin.

LIFESTYLES POLICIES

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

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

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

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

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

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Birth announcements will

only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to *The Pampa News*, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

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

Number of Pampa artists exhibiting in Amarillo show

More than 20 local artists currently have work on exhibit through the end of the month at Panhandle Art Center, 3701 Plains Blvd., Amarillo. The Pampa exhibit contains over 60 paintings and a variety of other media including pottery, stained glass, basketry and sculpture.

Among local artists involved in the exhibit are Sue Abbott, Chris Alexander, Polly Benton, Dona Cornutt, Kay Crouch, Betty Fletcher, Kathy Gist, Margie Holland, Linda Howell, Pat Kindle, Theresa Maness, Betty McCracken, Billy Collinsworth, Suzie Wilkinson, Pat Youngblood, Darlene Birkes, Grant Johnson, Janice Sackett, Mimi Gross, Gerald Sanders, Evelyn Epps, Lois Minnick, Karon Bonnell.

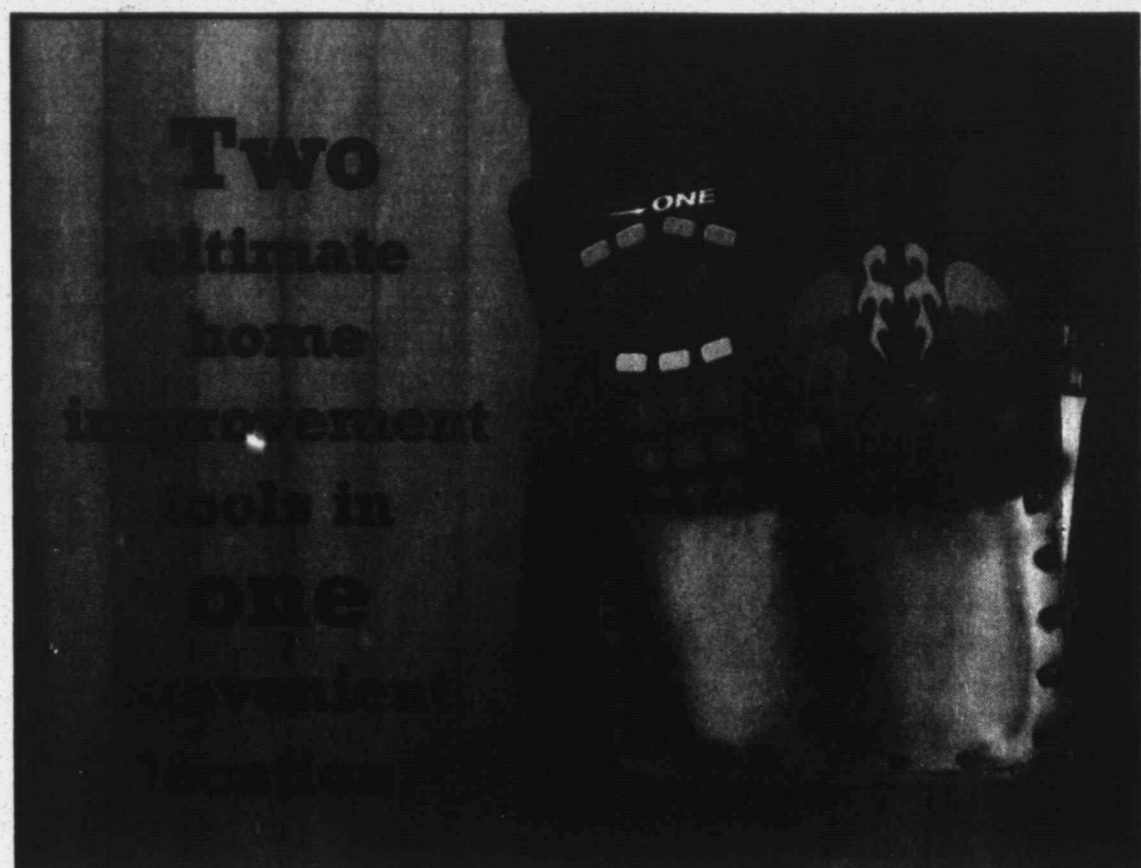
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SUNDAY • February 15, 2004

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Teen Should Take Long Look Before Leaping Out of Closet

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 years old and have been dating "Nora" for about six months. I love her, but I can't continue dating her because I recently realized I am more attracted to guys. We've been having sex for a little while, and I know Nora will be brokenhearted if I break up with her. But I am living a lie. How do I tell her?

LIVING A LIE

DEAR LIVING: Before making any announcements, I urge you to think carefully about the implications. If you tell Nora, there is a strong possibility that she will tell others. How do your parents feel about gays? How do your friends at school regard homosexuality?

As much as you may care for Nora, unless you are ready to be completely "out," it might be safer for you to allow the relationship to taper off. If she insists on a reason, tell her you are not ready for a serious commitment. It would be kinder than letting her think she doesn't measure up.

DEAR ABBY: I've done something I'm ashamed of, and I have no way to apologize other than to hope the person I offended may see this.

On Christmas Eve, I was stuck in traffic and a woman with a carload of kids pushed into the intersection so far that I had no choice but to let her pass. She waved and I made a vulgar gesture.

I am over 50, well-educated, have good common sense and should know better. The look of horror and hurt on that woman's face was devastating. My grown daughter was in the car with me! I let her down, and I let myself down.

I apologized to my daughter, but she will never forget that stupid act. I wish there were some way to change what I did. If the woman who was in that car reads this, I

hope she knows that I am sorry I ruined her Christmas spirit. It is all I have been able to think about since that night. Please forgive me.

ASHAMED
IN MIDLOTHIAN, VA.

DEAR ASHAMED: I'm printing your letter for all to see. Sad to say, I'm sure many people will think the letter is intended for them.

P.S. Contrition is a first step toward growth. Forgive yourself for your silly burst of temper and promise to behave better in the future.

DEAR ABBY: Last March I had emergency surgery and was in the hospital for almost a month. It took me five months to fully recover. My family was wonderful. They sent gifts, called frequently and visited me. Their support helped to speed my recovery, and I returned to work and school sooner than expected.

The anniversary of my surgery is coming up, and I am planning a celebration to thank everyone for their generosity. I want to make sure no one brings a gift and they know the party is for them. What would be the appropriate wording for the invitation?

CELEBRATING IN OHIO

DEAR CELEBRATING: When you extend the invitation, make no reference to the fact that it is for anything other than "a dinner party." When your guests have assembled, break out the champagne, make a toast in their honor — before you all get toasted — and tell them the party is for them.

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.

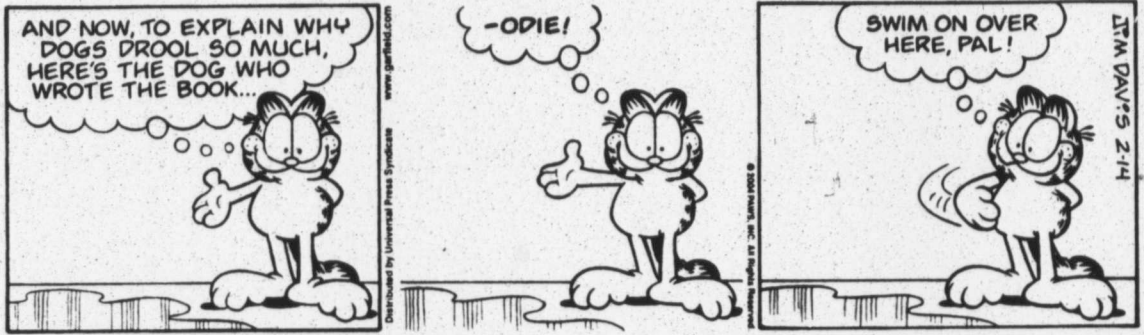
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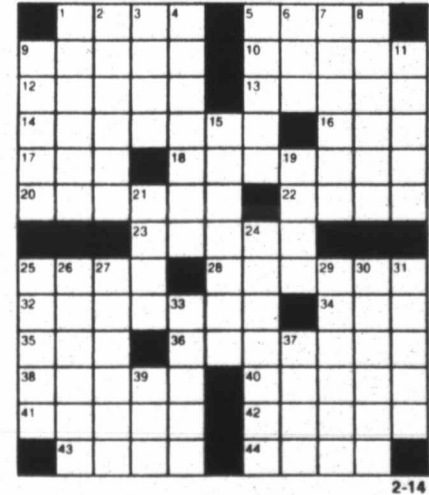
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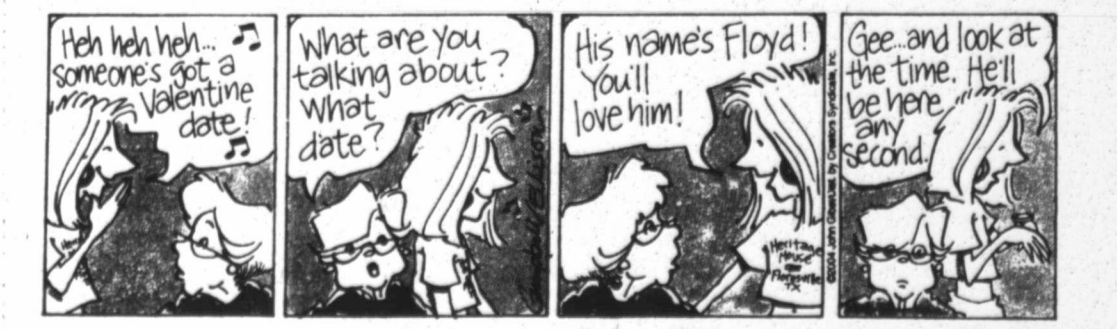
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Place: Pampa Chamber of Commerce
Time: 2:00 p.m. (presentation and public comment)
Purpose: To provide the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes of the Trans-Texas Corridor.
Project Description: A new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer, keep hazardous material out of populated areas, and improve air quality.
 For more information on the public hearing contact: Tonya Detten, Public Information Officer at (806)356-3256.
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1 Public Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 The Pampa Independent School District will receive sealed bids in the Business Office at 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065, until 2:00 p.m., February 26, 2004, for Football, Volleyball, Cross Country Supplies and Equipment. For specifications or additional information please call Betty Meadows, Purchasing Director at (806)669-4700.
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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.

N. ZIMMERS - Neat and clean three bedroom with neutral carpeting.

One bath, central heat and air, large storage building, single garage. MLS 6321.

WARREN, WHITE DEER - Small town living.

Has three bedrooms in this home. Large den with another living area. One bath, single garage. MLS 6255.

W. 19TH AVE. - Located on corner lot.

Three bedrooms, 2 living areas, nice rock fireplace, open kitchen den area. Large pantry, isolated master, glassed in porch off double garage. MLS 6253.

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Preliminary data back on 2002 ag census

AUSTIN — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) announced that preliminary demographic data from the 2002 Census of Agriculture - the Nation's largest agricultural information-gathering project - are now available at the state and national level.

The 2002 Census of Agriculture counted 228,827 farms and ranches in Texas, up slightly from 1997. Land in farms and ranches decreased 3

percent and the average size of farm was 569 acres, down from 587 acres in 1997. The official definition of a farm or ranch includes all places where \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year.

Demographic data contained in the report include sex of operator, residence on or off the farm, days worked off farm, years present on farm, age group categories, race, and number of persons living in each household. For example,

preliminary results show:

—Seventy-one percent of all Texas farms and ranches sold less than \$10,000 worth of agricultural products, compared to 70 percent in 1997 and 61 percent in 1992.

—Fifty-four percent of Texas operators considered farming their primary occupation, up from 40 percent in 1997.

—The average operator age was 57 years old, up 1 year from 56 years old in 1997.

—Twenty-nine percent of

agricultural producers were women in 2002; the number of women who were principal operators increased 7 percent from 1997.

—The number of black principal operators increased by 7 percent and American-Indian principal operators increased by 40 percent from 1997 to 2002.

—Ninety-two percent of Texas' agricultural operations are still run by individuals or families.

Final 2002 Census of Agriculture data at the national, state and county levels will be released on June 3, 2004. That report will, for the first time, provide facts about organic crop acreage and sales, production contracts, farm computer and Internet use, in addition to the full range of traditional Census data such as land use and ownership; acres irrigated; crop acreage and production; livestock and poultry inventories; value of products sold; participation in Federal farm programs; and market value of land and buildings. The Census of Agriculture is conducted every 5 years; the first was in conjunction with the 1840 population census.

The 2002 Census of Agriculture introduced new methodology to account for all farms and ranches in the United States. Incompleteness in the Census mail list has been measured by matching list names against all qualifying operations found by canvassing sample land areas throughout the nation.

All results published for the 2002 Census of Agriculture have been adjusted for farms missing from the Census mail list. To assist data users in the transition to the new, more complete Census basis, 1997 Census of Agriculture results are provided two ways, as originally published and then adjusted for under coverage to be comparable to the 2002 Census of Agriculture results.

All reports from the 2002 Census of Agriculture will be available free through the NASS web site at www.usda.gov/nass/. For additional information regarding the Census, call the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service at 800-626-3142.

WTAMU planning Parents' Weekend

CANYON — Parents from near and far are invited to take part in West Texas A&M University's annual Parents' Weekend scheduled for Feb. 20-22. Among highlights of the event-filled weekend will be the announcement of the 2004 Parents of the Year.

Parents' Weekend is sponsored by WTAMU and the WTAMU Mom and Dad's Association and gives parents an opportunity to visit the campus and experience college life as a family.

"We believe that parents are important partners in helping students achieve the most from their experiences at West Texas A&M University," M. Keith Brown, committee chair and director of alumni relations, said. "Because of that, we have expanded the schedule and are placing a greater emphasis on Parents' Weekend in hopes that with the students, parents and the University working together, we can more effectively provide a positive and enriching experience for our students."

The weekend's activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb.

20 with the Branding Iron Theatre's production of "Schoolhouse Rock Live!" Registration begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Quiet Lounge. Dr. Russell C. Long, WTAMU president, will offer a welcome, followed by recognition of the nominees for the 2004 Parents of the Year. The annual meeting of the WTAMU Mom and Dad's Association will begin at 10 a.m.

After the meeting, parents will then get a chance to see the campus with a progressive lunch that begins at 11 a.m. with appetizers in the Cousins Hall Ballroom. The main course will be served in various academic buildings on campus where parents and students can visit with faculty members from their student's college. The progressive lunch will close out with dessert served at Old Main, First Level, where representatives from admissions, financial aid, the registrar and accounting and business offices will be available to answer questions.

During the afternoon, par-

ents and students can shop, enjoy free admission to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum or participate in various activities like swimming and bowling at the Virgil Henson Activities Center on campus. Parents' Weekend activities will pick up again at 5 p.m. with a Mom and Dad's Association Mexican pile-on dinner in the Activities Center Ballroom. The dinner benefits the Association's scholarship fund.

Basketball action tips off at 6 p.m. when the Lady Buffs face the Javelinas of Texas A&M-Kingsville in the Event Center. The Buffs game follows with the long awaited announcement of the 2004 Parents of the Year between games.

Sunday activities include worship at WTAMU's Hill Chapel beginning at 11 a.m. And for those who missed the Friday night BIT production of "Schoolhouse Rock Live!," a matinee showing is scheduled for 3 p.m.

For more information about Parents' Weekend 2004, call 806-651-2311.

CLUB NEWS

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

Preceptor Theta Iota

Preceptor Theta Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Feb. 9 in the parlor of First Christian Church in Pampa with Monica Leonard presiding and Ann Franklin serving as hostess.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Topics discussed during the meeting included the state cookbook contest, the convention cruise and various state projects.

—Chapter sweethearts Pat Kindle and Franklin were recently honored during a reception at Pampa Country Club.

—The program was delivered by Franklin who shared several funny facts about Lubbock and who read a men's "don't" list for women that included "don't talk during football games."

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28 in Leonard's home.

Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met Feb. 10 at Pampa Country Club with President Billie Sue

Evans presiding. Guests in attendance were Sandra McKinney, Kim Price and DiDi Houghton. Several members reported personal or family illnesses.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

—Terry Gamblin presented the treasurer's report.

—Teri Williams read correspondence received or sent.

—Mary McDaniel delivered the Accent.

—Brenda Tucker presented the reinstatement of Leona Willis as a member. Leona has previously served as president of the local chapter as well as a representative at the district and international level.

—Maxine Watson presented board recommendations and actions.

—Gamblin presented the 2004-05 slate of officers.

—Delegates elected to represent Pampa at District Conference are Evans, Kadda Schale and Billie Dixon. Alternate delegates are DeLynn Gordzelik, Penni Pflitzner and Cindy Aler.

—Committee reports were presented by Gordzelik on the Style Show and by Williams on ASTRA Club.

—Birthday wishes went to Glyndene Shelton Seitz, Sue Baker, Georgia Johnson and Janet Bilyeu.

Deadline nearing to apply for AAF scholarship funds

AMARILLO — The deadline to apply for college scholarships through the Amarillo Area Foundation is 5 p.m. Monday, March 1. General scholarship application forms are available at area high schools within the 26 county northernmost region of the Texas Panhandle.

Application forms may also be obtained on-line at www.aaf-hf.org. To access information regarding funds available in each county, click on "Scholarship Funds" then choose the appropriate county.

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TUESDAY	TUESDAY
Breakfast: Cheese omelet. Lunch: Enchiladas or chicken nuggets, pinto beans, Spanish rice, apple slices.	Corned beef/cabbage or leg quarters/rice, onion potatoes, broccoli spears/cheese, squash, blackeyed peas, chocolate pistachio cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy. Lunch: Stew/toasted cheese sandwich or pizza, English peas, salad, applesauce.	Roast beef brisket/gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, butter beans, strawberry bundt cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
THURSDAY	THURSDAY
Breakfast: Kolache. Lunch: Chef salad or beef/cheese nachos, corn, carrot sticks, peaches, bread sticks.	Chicken strips or ham salad, curly fries, turnip greens, macaroni/cheese, beans, black forest cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
FRIDAY	FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage. Lunch: Pizza or hamburgers, French fries, green beans, pineapple.	Catfish/hushpuppies or barbecued sausages/onion rings, potato wedges, winter blend, beans, brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.
Lefors Schools MONDAY	Meals On Wheels MONDAY
No school.	Barbecue, potato salad, baked beans, pudding.
TUESDAY	TUESDAY
Breakfast: Muffins, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Baked potatoes, burritos, broccoli, chili, oranges, salad bar, milk.	Hamloaf, hominy casserole, mixed vegetables, applesauce.
WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast bar, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Stew, grilled cheese sandwiches, spinach, salad bar, apples, milk.	Chicken, dressing, gravy, English peas, cranberry, cookies.
THURSDAY	THURSDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Teriyaki chicken, egg rolls, stir fry vegetables, rice, salad bar, pineapple, milk.	Sausage patties, hash-browns, green beans, apricots.
FRIDAY	FRIDAY
Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, cheese sticks, corn, salad, tropical fruit, milk.	Chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, green beans, peaches.

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