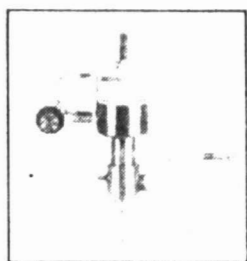


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Easter fun



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One-year-old Daniella Rosalez gets a little help from her mom, Rosalinda, during the Easter egg hunt held by Coronado Healthcare Center Thursday afternoon. Staff members provided treasure-filled plastic eggs, Easter bunny finger puppets holding lollipops, cupcakes and grab bags for the children.



(Pampa News photo by ReDonn Woods)

Kylie Pickering, left, and Josie Aler participate in an egg toss at St. Matthews Episcopal Day School recently.

Briefing included 3-month-old plot information, according to AP report

By JOHN SOLOMON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's August 2001 briefing on terror threats included information that federal agents were investigating reports three months earlier about a possible plot on U.S. soil.

And, it said, al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden's desire to strike inside America surfaced as long as four years before Bush took office, according to several people who have seen the memo.

The document has emerged as a key point of interest to the commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, airborne attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon.

Some of the most current information in the so-called presidential daily briefing, or PDB, delivered to Bush on Aug. 6, 2001, came from reports U.S. intelligence had

received in May 2001 about a possible plot for an explosives attack inside the United States, the sources told The Associated Press this week.

Also in August 2001, U.S. intelligence officials received two uncorroborated reports suggesting that terrorists might use airplanes, including one that suggested al-Qaida operatives were considering flying a plane into a U.S. embassy, current and former government officials said.

Those reports — among thousands of varied and uncorroborated threats received by the government each month — weren't deemed credible enough to tell Bush or his national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, the officials said.

None of the information in the president's briefing of the August reports involved the eventual Sept. 11 plot.

But former Indiana Rep. Timothy Roemer, a Democratic

member of the Sept. 11 commission, has said: "Something was going to happen very soon and be potentially catastrophic. I don't understand, given the big threat, why the big (national security) principals (officials) don't get together."

The sources who read the presidential memo would speak only on condition of anonymity because the White House has yet to declassify the highly sensitive document, titled "Bin Laden Determined to Strike Inside the United States."

That declassification process is expected to be completed soon, allowing the administration to make the document public in a historic disclosure of presidential intelligence briefing materials.

The sources said the memo included a series of items that brought Bush through a history of mostly uncorroborated intelligence that cited al-Qaida's interest in hijacking planes to

Tulia lawsuit on city agenda

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

A federal lawsuit naming the City of Pampa and Gray County, among other Texas Panhandle cities and counties, as defendants will be discussed in executive session during a special meeting of city commissioners at 3 p.m. Monday in the second-floor commission chambers at City Hall.

The lawsuit was brought against members of the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force by two sisters from Tulia after a drug bust in July 1999 in the town netted 46 arrests, including 39 Blacks.

The City of Pampa's proposed share of the settlement is \$5,000, according to City Manager Mitch Grant in an interview March 11. The city's insurance company, Texas Management Risk Pool, will pay \$40,000, and the city will be responsible for the remaining \$10,000, Grant said.

Gray County will pay only \$5,000, its deductible with its insurance company, Trident Insurance, Trident Insurance might be responsible for an additional sum, bringing the total to \$7,000 to \$9,000, according to County Judge Richard Peet in a telephone interview March 11.

"That was not a firm figure. It was an estimate given to us yesterday (March 10)," said Ray Duncan of Duncan Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency, Inc., the local agent for Trident, on March 11.

Castro County was named in the suit but will not have to pay anything in the settlement, Armstrong, Gray and Hemphill Counties are paying the next to smallest amount of any of the counties named in the suit, Charles S. Engene, a San Antonio lawyer representing

the three counties on behalf of Trident Insurance in the suit, told an Amarillo newspaper. Each of the three will be responsible for \$5,000.

Castro County did not have to pay any part of the settlement because there were not a member of the task force at the time of the July 1999 arrests.

The City of Amarillo was hit hardest in the proposed settlement, agreeing to pay \$5 million.

The lawsuit was filed Aug. 22, 2003, by two sisters, Kizzy White and Tonya White, who were among those arrested in the Tulia drug raid in 1999. The drug bust was conducted by the task force after former police officer Thomas Coleman, who is white, worked alone in an 18-month undercover operation involving the community.

Authorities found no drugs or money during the arrests, and Coleman had no audio or visual evidence to corroborate the busts, according to an Associated Press report.

Drug charges against the two sisters were dropped after they provided alibis. Kizzy White spent four years behind bars and was released last June. Governor Rick Perry pardoned 35 of the Tulia defendants on the same day the sisters filed their suit.

Coleman was later tried for aggravated perjury as a result of the Tulia cases. The Associated Press Friday reported that the state bar association has filed a disciplinary petition against the prosecutor in the case.

White and Gray counties and four other counties named in the civil lawsuit. The cities are Amarillo, Canyon, Pampa and Borger. Coleman and Borger will also be responsible for \$50,000 each in the settlement.

Former Pampam to appear at next Chamber banquet

Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 75th Annual Banquet and 2003 Citizen of the Year Award presentation on Tuesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Leatrice, singer of the Grammy award-winning crossover music act Leatrice and former Pampa resident, Pammy Wadley, a talented singer, pianist and improviser, will be the featured performer at the event.

See WHAT'S UP, Page 7

Lefors school board to meet Tuesday

Lefors Independent School District's school board will consider finance issues at their regular session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, in the high school library at 209 8th St.

Items on the agenda include current billing, tax collections, the cash position

of the district and budget amendments. Commissioners will also discuss the 2004-05 budget and the 2004-05 student report.

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EDITH RANKIN

Edith Rankin, 89, of Pampa, died Friday, April 9, 2004, at Amarillo. Graveside services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of McLean United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Rankin was born May 5, 1914, at Bonham, to Ernest and Clara Jo Stubbs. She held a bachelor's of arts degree in English from Texas Tech University. She came to Pampa in 1938 and married John L. Rankin on July 16, 1940, at Lubbock; he died Nov. 18, 2000.

Mrs. Rankin retired from teaching ninth grade English at Pampa High School after 36 years of service and had previously taught

school at Briscoe for two years. She belonged to First United Methodist Church, Pampa Retired Teachers Association, 20th Century Club, Top O' Texas Community Concert and Knife and Fork Club.

Survivors include a brother, Wright Stubbs of Lubbock, and several nieces and nephews.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Friday, April 9

Lois Marie Hash, 35, 710 N. Russell, was arrested for their over \$50 and under \$500.
Tawnie Cram, 22, 316 Anne, was arrested on *capias pro fines* for failure to display driver's license, displaying expired registration/times four, failure to maintain financial responsibility/times three, and expired motor vehicle inspection.

SHERIFF

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

Friday, April 9

George Reeves, 45, Canadian, was arrested by Department of Public Safety for violation of probation-driving while intoxicated enhanced, expired driver's license and no insurance.
Ryan Randel Hill, 21, Amarillo, was arrested for bond surrender on a charge of forgery.

AMBULANCE

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

Friday, April 9

1:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan prison unit.
4:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Kingsmill and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
5:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Seneca and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.
5:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to

Highway 70 and I-40 on a mutual aid call. A patient(s) was transported to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

9 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the rodeo grounds on a stand-by.
7 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the rodeo grounds on a stand-by.

Saturday, April 10

3:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Neel and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.
4:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Russell and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

FIRE

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

Friday, April 9

10:46 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to the 2500 block of Chestnut and found a malfunctioning alarm.
5:20 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters

responded to the 2100 block of Perryton Parkway on a minor vehicle collision and cleaned up an antifreeze spill at the scene.

Saturday, April 10

4:47 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 400 block of North Russell on a call for medical assistance.

WEATHER FOCUS

LOCAL FORECAST

The forecast today is calling for cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of rain, highs in the lower 40s and northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight's should fall on mostly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of rain and possibly snow after midnight, lows in the lower 30s and southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Monday should see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of rain. A slight chance of snow in the morning. Highs around 50. North winds

10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain and snow 20 percent. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the upper 60s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 40s.

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Damon Whaley

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REPORT

win the release of Islamic extremists who had been arrested in 1998 and 1999.

It also included the trips of suspected al-Qaida operatives, including some U.S. citizens, in and out of the United States. It suggested al-Qaida might have a support system in place on U.S. soil, the sources said.

The document also included FBI

analytical judgments that some al-Qaida activities were consistent with preparation for airline hijackings or other types of attacks, some members of the commission looking into the Sept. 11 attacks said this week.

The second-to-last item told Bush there were numerous — at least 70 — terror-related investigations underway by the FBI in 2001 involving matters of people on U.S. soil, the sources said.

And the final notation, they said, was based on a May 2001 intelligence report indicating al-Qaida operatives were trying to get inside the United States from Canada to carry out an attack with explosives. There were no specifics about the timing or target of the attack, but the memo said the FBI and other agencies were investigating.

A joint congressional inquiry report into Sept. 11 intelligence fail-

ures disclosed the May 2001 threat report last year but did not reveal it was included in Bush's briefing. The congressional inquiry described the intelligence this way:

"In May 2001, the intelligence community obtained information that supporters of Osama bin Laden were reportedly planning to infiltrate the United States via Canada in order to carry out a terrorist operation using high explosives."

In her testimony Thursday to the Sept. 11 commission, Rice described Bush's Aug. 6 daily briefing as including mostly "historical information" and said most threat information in the summer of 2001 involved overseas targets.

Rice also said she did not recall seeing any warnings before Sept. 11 that a plane might be used as a terrorist weapon, though it was possible others in the White House did.

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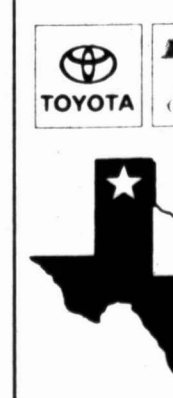
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Wall Street tech trading could turn on results, outlooks from bellwethers

By MEG RICHARDS
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — The Nasdaq composite index, already bruised from a month of rocky trading, may see more volatility after bellwethers including Intel, IBM, Apple Computer and Sun Microsystems release earnings reports in the coming week.

Investors want to see if the companies miss, match or power past Wall Street's expectations, but analysts say outlooks are what will really drive trading. With hiring up and profits rising across market sectors, technology companies are poised to benefit from a surge in capital spending as businesses expand.

"This is the quarter of no excuses," said Martin Reynolds, vice president of research firm Gartner Inc. "You really should be looking pretty good, because if you're not, there is something fundamentally wrong."

Earnings for companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 are forecast to rise between 17 percent and 20 percent on average, and with a few exceptions, most tech companies are expected to fare well. The first quarter is typically slow for chip stocks, but analysts predict most semiconductor companies will meet expectations.

Leading the group is Intel Corp., the world's largest maker of computer chips and one of only two Nasdaq stocks in the Dow Jones industrials. The other tech stock in the Dow, Microsoft Corp., will release earnings April 22.

Intel, which will announce results Tuesday, is expected to deliver profits of 27 cents per share on revenues of \$8.2 billion, according to a consensus estimate of analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

That's at the high end of Intel's own revenue estimate, which the company tightened last month, citing declining demand for its products. A buildup in notebook computer inventories could temporarily dent first-quarter returns, analysts said, but the company's 2004 outlook remains strong.

Intel is ramping up production of a new Pentium 4 chip and updating a server processor to better compete with a similar product from the No. 2 microprocessor provider, Advanced Micro Devices, which is to report results Wednesday. The consensus estimate for AMD is earnings of 3 cents per share on revenues of \$1.2 billion.

Though AMD is nowhere

Texas Instruments, whose chips power more than half the world's mobile phones, raised its profit and sales forecasts last month because of strong demand. But there are fears it could suffer setbacks following a recent sales warning from Nokia, the world's biggest cell phone maker.

near catching up with Intel, analysts have been impressed by its performance and some believe it could offer some upside surprise this quarter.

"Intel is the 800-pound gorilla and AMD is the scrappy competitor," said Rob Schafer, an analyst with technology researcher Meta Group. "But if you think of what AMD is doing, in challenging Intel with its server processor, it's quite impressive."

Soaring demand for Apple Computer's iPod and iPod mini digital music players has heightened anticipation for its results Wednesday. The company is expected to post earnings of 10 cents a share on sales of \$1.8 billion. Computers remain core to Apple's business, however, and analysts will be watching those sales figures closely.

Intel, AMD, Apple and other hardware companies such as IBM Corp., which reports profits Thursday, are benefiting from a favorable dollar-euro exchange rate as tech spending rises in Europe. IBM is expected to earn 93 cents per share on revenues of \$21.9 billion.

Texas Instruments, whose chips power more than half the world's mobile phones, raised its profit and sales forecasts last month because of strong demand. But there are fears it could suffer setbacks following a recent sales warning from Nokia, the world's biggest cell phone maker. TI's earnings, set for Wednesday, are expected to come in at 21 cents per share on revenues of \$3.2 billion.

There's a great deal of skepticism about the long-

term outlook for Sun Microsystems Inc., which is to announce results Thursday. Despite a recent agreement with Microsoft to increase the compatibility of their hardware and operating systems, uncertainty remains about the viability of Sun's Unix business, and several analysts recently downgraded the company.

The struggling computer and software maker says it expects to report a net loss between 23 and 25 cents a share on \$2.65 billion in revenue. Analysts had projected a loss of 7 cents per share on \$2.66 billion revenue.

Other tech companies reporting earnings in the coming week include storage technology company EMC Corp., semiconductor concerns PMC-Sierra Inc. and Linear Technology, business software maker Siebel Systems Inc., computer services company Unisys Corp., connector specialist Molex Inc.

The Dow Jones industrials ended the week down 28.56, or 0.3 percent, at 10,442.03. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 2.49, or 0.2 percent, to close at 1,139.32.

The Nasdaq dropped 4.29, or 0.2 percent, during the week, closing Thursday at 2,052.88.

The Russell 2000 index, which tracks smaller company stocks, closed the week down 5.57, or 0.9 percent, at 597.88.

The Wilshire 5000 Total Market Index, which tracks more than 5,000 U.S.-based companies, ended the week at 11,166.06, down 36.36 from the previous week. A year ago, the index was at 8,254.36.

Rodeo banners



(Courtesy photo)

(Left-right) Carla Norris, Shirlene Topper, Barb Hahn, Farrah McCuiston and Gina Greenhouse, all members of Top O' Texas Rodeo Association's Top Hands, hold a banner available for purchase by local businesses. The banners are sold each year by Top Hands as a fund-raiser for the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant. To purchase a banner, call the rodeo office at 669-0434.

Despite drought, producers in Kansas plant more crops possibly for insurance

By ROXANA HEGEMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — With severe drought still gripping much of the state, farmers are putting in far more acres of thirsty plants such as corn and soybean this spring with little hope of ever harvesting a crop.

A big reason: Crop insurance pays on the established base yields of each field — and many farmers in bone-dry areas such as northwest Kansas are picking their 2004 crops based on expected insurance payments.

"We are just planting for the insurance," said Brian Baalman, who both farms and heads the Kansas Corn Growers Association. "We are going to go for the highest yield established and go out and plant and hope. If it doesn't make, we have the insurance to back us up."

The number of acres dedicated to corn is up 3 percent from last year, to 3 million acres, Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service reported in its prospective plantings report. Soybeans will take up 2.7 million acres, a 4 percent increase.

Spring plantings of more

drought-hardy crops are down comparable numbers: Sunflower acres are at 190,000 acres, 2 percent less than last year. There will be 3.4 million acres of sorghum, a decrease of 4 percent.

Another reason for the shift is market price. Corn and soybean futures prices are good right now, Baalman said.

"My area is very, very dry and suffering from a severe drought," Baalman said. "A lot of guys don't know what to do. We have high corn prices and it feels like they are going higher."

But with little hope of any kind of harvest, many Kansas farmers are planting crops that

Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service reported that Kansas farmers expect to plant 19 million acres to the state's four major crops: wheat, corn, soybeans and sorghum. That is down 2 percent from a year ago.

did well in their fields during wetter seasons.

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VIEWPOINTS

The brave don't wobble

If you've seen the photos of U.S. Marines moving against the Iraqi thugs in Fallujah, you can see their courage and determination as they advance in the face of withering enemy fire — there isn't a wobbler among them.

We owe much to these Marines and their Army comrades — and what we owe most of all is the stamina and determination to remain firm in our support of their mission until it is successfully concluded, no matter how much the current unrest distresses us.

Their duty is to fight and prevail. Our duty is to follow the advice that former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher gave her people in a time of trial — that "now is not the time to go wobbly."

Americans have never been wobblers, but despite that fact, the Iraqi thugs and their terrorist allies are counting on us to throw up our hands and flee Iraq with the task we set for ourselves left undone. They think we lack the will to see a tough and often deadly struggle through to the end. They think we will go wobbly.

This we cannot do. It would be a betrayal of every member of our armed forces who have fought and died in the conflict. And it would be surrender by the world's greatest superpower to a mob of ruthless third-world thugs.

At the moment we are being inundated with media stories about the number of Americans being killed every day. The same media have for the most part been opposed to the war in Iraq from the very



MICHAEL REAGAN
EDITOR

beginning, and they are exploiting the deaths of Americans to prove that they were right in opposing the war and our presence in Iraq ever since.

The mainstream media, and many anti-Bush Democrats are aiding and abetting the fanatical Islamists in their efforts to cause America to cut and run as we did under similar pressures in Vietnam and Somalia.

It's important for us to understand that the majority of those stirring up rebellion and killing Americans are those Iraqis who were empowered under Saddam and these people resent having to give up the privileged lives they lived under Ba'athist rule.

The last thing they want is a free and democratic Iraq because that means they will never again be in charge. And so they are doing everything they can to drive the coalition forces out of Iraq and wreck any chances that their country will be democratic and free. They are bitterly opposed to their countrymen having freedom of religion or assembly or any voice in how they are governed. They are trying to provoke a civil war where both sides will be angry at the U.S.

They remember Somalia, and we

would have to have blinders on not to recognize that what played out in Mogadishu — when the carnage and gruesome display of one of the U.S. soldiers being dragged through the streets of Mogadishu hastened America's retreat from Somalia — is what is playing out in Fallujah with the bodies of the civilian contractors being desecrated. The killers hope for a repeat performance.

These people don't see America winning World War II — they see America cutting and running in Vietnam and Somalia.

The whole world is now watching to see how America fights this war and what kind of determination we have to stick to our guns when the going gets rough, as it has now. There are a lot of areas around the world where the United States has sworn to protect their friends and allies. One of those places being Japan, another being Taiwan, and another being Israel.

If the world sees this big superpower go wobbly in Iraq, where we have sworn to remain until it is a stable, self-governing nation, what hope can these nations have that we will have the backbone to fulfill our pledge to protect them if push comes to shove?

That's what is at stake here — the credibility of the United States and the hope for a peaceful world. What matters here is not whether we ever should have gone into Iraq to begin with — what matters is recognizing that we are there and have a solemn obligation to see it through.

It is not the time to go wobbly.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Better things to pray for ...

To the editor,
I would like to address Mr. Dennis Palmitier's last letter to *The Pampa News*.

I think he must be a very lucky man since the only problem in his life seems to be the "trash in Pampa," and the fact that this is his prayer request really caught me off guard. I have prayed for a lot of things in my life, but never once have I prayed for God to take the trash out of a town.

It seems to me his time would be better spent seeing what he could do to help to rid Pampa of the trash problem, but not once have I seen his name on any adopt-a-park sign or heard of him volunteering for anything in our town.

I would not mind at all helping pick up trash in my community as I do quite often because I live by a drive up hamburger place and right behind an Allsup's. You should see the mess in my alley daily that we pick up.

I do not write the paper, and I do not pray to God to have the mess picked up. My husband and I pick it up because I have more things to pray for in my life than trash.

Sabra Stone
Pampa

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press
Today is Easter Sunday, April 11, the 102nd day of 2004. There are 264 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 11, 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the notorious Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in Germany.

On this date:
In 1689, William III and Mary II were crowned as joint sovereigns of Britain.

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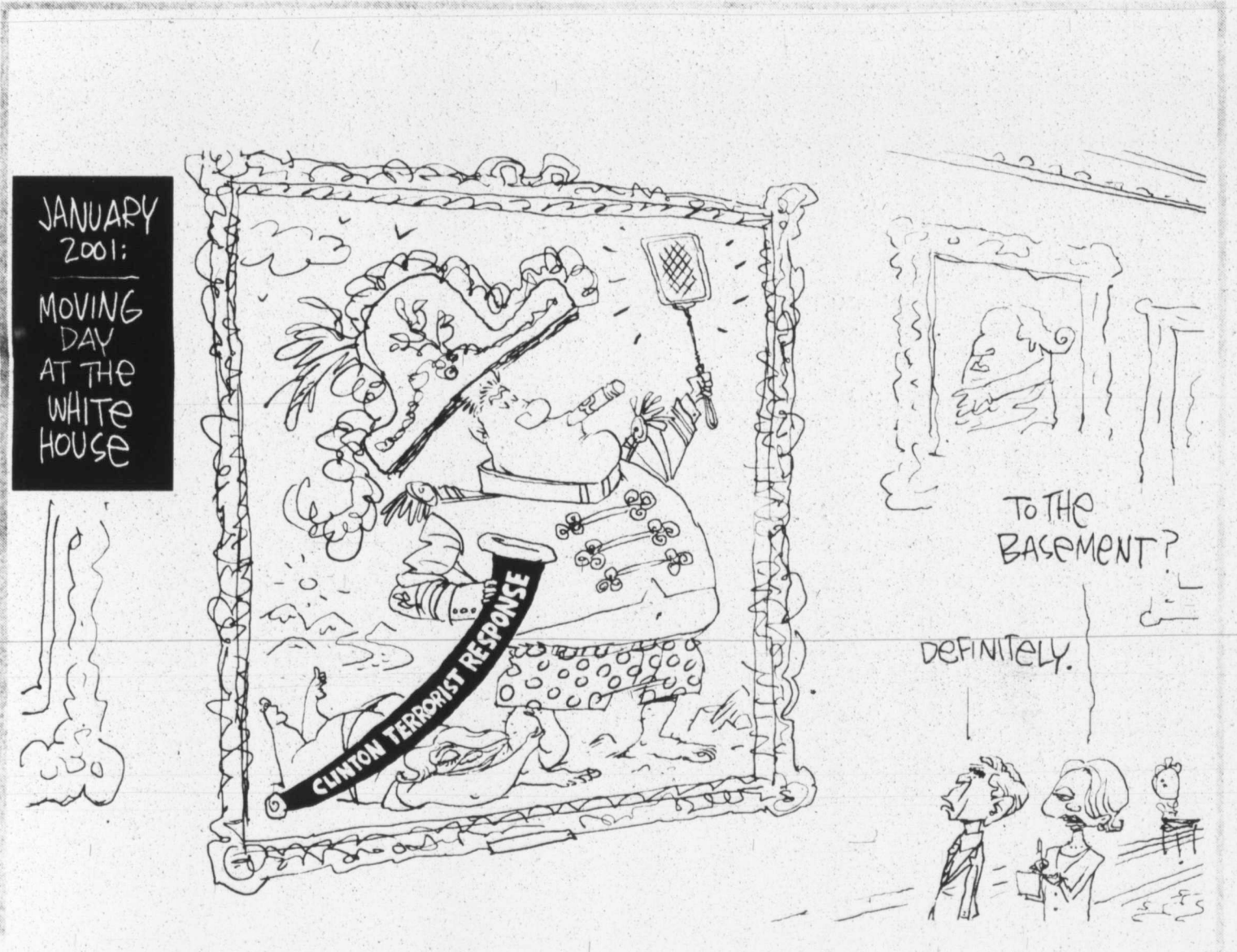
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Kerry's crash in the polls continues

The latest daily tracking polls by Scott Rasmussen show that President Bush has moved up six points in the past week to take a three-point lead over Sen. John Kerry. The Bush surge is catalyzed by his negative ads, which castigate the Democrat's record on taxes and terrorism, and by the Kerry camp's abysmal failure to answer the charges effectively in paid advertising.

For a while, the Kerry collapse was disguised by the national focus on Richard Clarke's accusations about Bush's policies before and after 9/11. The short-term impact of the Clarke hearings was to besmirch the Bush image, but once the headlines faded, the remorseless Bush attacks on Kerry began to take their toll in earnest.

The conventional wisdom has been that the contest between Bush and Kerry will be very close. But the evidence is mounting that it may not be. Consider what Bush has going for him:

* With gas prices at record heights, Kerry is on the spot because of his advocacy of a higher gas tax. Voters know that the president can't control oil prices, but they sure know he can raise or lower taxes.

* The recent economic-growth and job-creation data is pulling the rug out from under Kerry inch by inch. A few more months like March, and his entire campaign theme will be made moot.



DICK MORRIS
COLUMNIST

* More and more voters are becoming convinced that Kerry would raise their taxes. His promises to confine tax hikes to the rich are about as credible as an alcoholic's pledge only to drink at night. Once they start raising taxes, voters figure, they can't stop themselves.

* It is evident that Kerry has no effective answer for Bush's charge that he would undermine homeland security. With the national focus shifting more and more to terrorism and away from the fading recession, Bush's lead becomes ever more daunting.

* Kerry's own work habits are subject to question. His ski vacation and elective shoulder surgery put him on the sidelines when he most needed to defend himself against Bush's attacks.

On the other side of the ledger are the continuing casualties in Iraq. Bush can't sustain these losses week after week. He dare not go into the election with a daily body count topping each night's news.

While the news media will cover U.S. and Iraqi deaths with the same sensationalism, American voters care vast-

ly more about the safety of our own troops than the restoration of peace and order in Iraq. Bush needs to get over his nation-building fixation and cut our losses after the transfer of sovereignty.

He should keep our troops on bases and end the patrols into the towns and villages. That task is best handled by the Iraqi police and troops themselves. The U.S. soldiers should be standing by to stop the bad guys from coming back into power. Even if Iraq remains a powder keg with constant bombings and attacks, they will make no political difference in our election unless Americans are killed.

Without the economy to use as a hot button issue to attract voters, the Democratic Party is likely to begin to focus instead in Medicare and Social Security, raising alarms and fears about Bush's privatization alternatives and attacking the prescription-drug benefit. A nice countermove would be to focus on Kerry's support for higher taxes on Social Security recipients and the fact that he missed the vote on Bush's prescription-drug legislation.

The Democrats really have no issues and their candidate is way too far to the left. The hiring of John Sasso, competent as he may be, is indicative. Kerry seems destined to run the worst Democratic campaign since Mike Dukakis. Sasso's previous employer,

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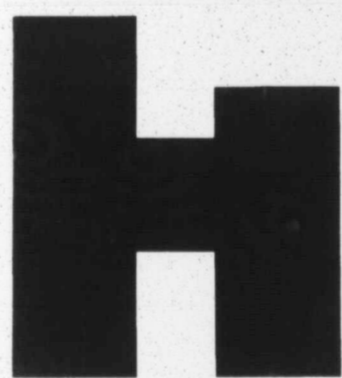
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Approximately 125 educators will staff the phones and computer terminals while they are attending NAESP's annual convention. Their purpose is to ease difficulties and to encourage constructive communication between schools and families.

Family members who are curious, troubled or simply need reassurance regarding their child's education may speak confidentially with a principal or get specialized advice from a school psychologist from the National Association of School Psychologists.

Call toll-free, 1-800-944-1601, or e-mail the hotline by going on-line to www.naesp.org during the following dates and times: 1-7 p.m. Sunday, April 18; 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday, April 19; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday, April 20.

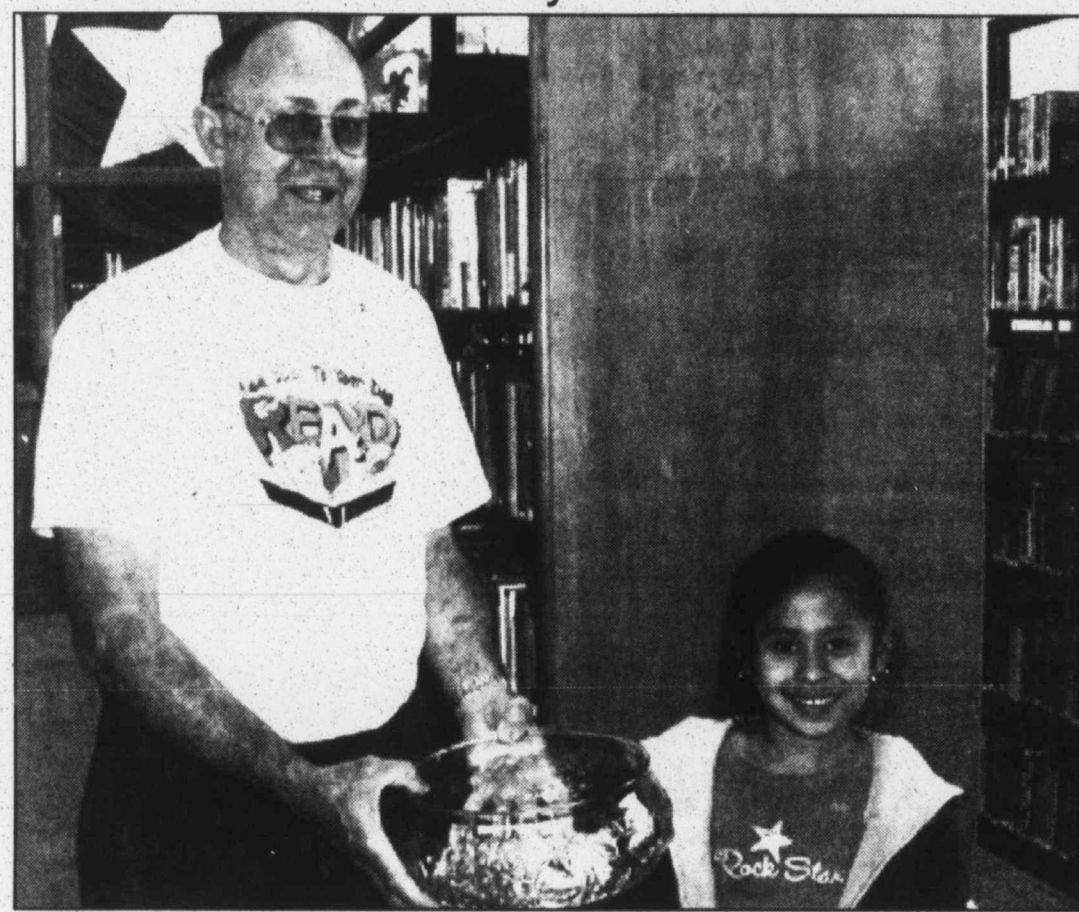
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TIAA-CREEF, "Family Circle" magazine and the National Association of School Psychologists, the Hotline averages more than 1,000 calls each year from the continental U.S., Hawaii, Alaska and Canada.

Callers ask about a variety of topics, including children's reading problems, school discipline, special education policies, testing, learning difficulties, kindergarten entrance and school safety. Calls on any subject are welcome.

The 2004 Hotline will originate from San Francisco, Calif., where approximately 5,000 K-8 principals will attend the NAESP annual convention. Educators volunteer in two-hour shifts. Callers may also request free copies of parent-friendly brochures discussing children's fears and characteristics of a high quality elementary school, produced by NAESP and TIAA-CREEF.

Friends of the Library fund-raiser



(Courtesy photo) Roy Morris assists Olga Garcia as she draws the winning ticket for the Friends of the Library drawing for "Rosemond," a limited edition musical doll by Gorchma Sterling in 1981. Sue Eads won the doll.

University's Storytelling Fest to feature Caribbean flavor

CANYON — West Texas A&M University will bring a taste of the Caribbean to the Texas panhandle with a "Caribbean Carnival" of stories during the Panhandle Storytelling Guild's annual festival Friday, April 16 on campus.

Featured teller for this year's festival is Kate Lutz of Denver, Colo. She is co-president of the Rocky Mountain Storytellers Guild and has stories featured in the book *Stories Trainers Tell*. Lutz will kick off the festival with a storytelling workshop from 3-5 p.m. in the Legends Club of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center on campus. The workshop, recommended for high school students and adults, will focus on humor.

A storytelling concert is set for 7 p.m. in the Intimate Theatre in the Fine Arts Building. Joining Lutz on stage for the concert will be five WTAMU communication graduate students. The five students, who will perform

and also served as producers of the festival, include Pam Stegall of Borger; Ryan Loyd of Andrews; Roger Wyrick of Kismet, Kans.; Lesley Ingham of Crosbyton; and Marcus Rulow of Trinidad Tobago.

The first half of the program will feature a group of Amarillo College (AC) students who work under the direction of Lynae Jacob, AC director/instructor of speech and theatre. AC students scheduled to perform include Delores Alanis, Liz Arnold, Justin Ashley, Jessica Burton, Jeannie Carter, Charlsie Cox, Allison Ducote, Kevin Fuller, Bo Kemp, Caleb Leslie, Michael Newman, Jackie Sorenson, Drew Valdez and Braden Witt.

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National Cowboy Museum to hold annual Prix de West Art Exhibit, Sale

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum® in Oklahoma City will host its annual Prix de West Invitational Art Exhibition and Sale, June 11-12. The event will feature approximately 325 works by more than 95 artists. The public is invited to attend art-related seminars by noted authorities and art demonstrations conducted by Prix de West artists.

The 2003 sales topped \$2 million. A crowd of more than 1,200 people included buyers of the finest contemporary Western art, both paintings and sculptures, which ranged in subject matter from landscape and wildlife to cowboy and Native American themes.

The 2004 show will include numerous works by artists such as previous Prix de West Purchase Award winners Martin Grelle, Bob Kuhn, Hollis Williford, Gerald Balciar, Richard V. Greeves and Morgan Weistling.

Participating for the first time are Brenda Murphy,

drawings, Arlington, Texas; Lorna Dillon, painter, Columbia, California; Bill Nebeker, sculptor, Prescott, Arizona; Ralph Oberg, sculptor, Montrose, Colorado; Dan Ostermiller, sculptor, Loveland, Colorado; Jason Rich, painter, Hyde Park, Utah; Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt, drawings, Hillsboro, New Mexico; and Craig Tennant, painter, Golden, Colorado.

Art seminars will be conducted in the Museum's Sam Noble Special Events Center on Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12. Painting and sculpture demonstrations will take place Saturday afternoon.

Each year special awards are bestowed on exhibiting artists. The coveted Prix de West Purchase Award is unveiled on stage in the Sam Noble Special Events Center during Saturday's luncheon. The winning painting or sculpture is selected for purchase by the Museum for its permanent art collection. A preview reception will be held

at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 11. The Saturday evening sale will begin with a cocktail reception at 5 p.m. Drawings for sale of art will take place at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., following the sale, an awards banquet will honor the participating artists. Oil and watercolor paintings, sculptures and works in stone by 10 Prix de West artists will be auctioned during the dinner.

Other special awards include the Frederic Remington Award for Exceptional Artistic Merit; the Robert Loughheed Memorial Award, chosen by exhibiting artists for a display of three or more works; the James Earle Fraser Sculpture Award for artistic merit; the Major General and Mrs. Don D. Pittman Wildlife Art Award for artistic merit; the Nona Jean Hulsey Rumsey Buyers' Choice Award, chosen by the opening night art patrons for the most popular work of art in the exhibit and Express Ranches The Great American Cowboy Award for best portrayal of the American cowboy in painting or sculpture.

A per person package price of \$320, a \$45 savings, includes the Friday evening cocktail reception, two days of seminars, a Saturday morning continental breakfast, two luncheon buffets, a bolo medallion created by Prix de West sculptor Tony Angell, the exhibition catalog and the Saturday evening sale and banquet. Tickets for individual events may be purchased separately. The elegant award-winning Prix de West catalog, which features bios on the exhibiting artists and their entries will be available for purchase through the Museum Store for \$60 plus tax, shipping and handling.

The Prix de West Exhibition will remain on display through Monday, Sept. 6, and unsold works of art may be purchased through the closing date. For reservations and further information, call (405) 478-2250, ext. 219. For catalogs, ext. 268.

Accredited by the American Association of Museums, the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum is located in the heart of central Oklahoma's

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DAR awards



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Fran Gross, delegate to the state Daughters of the American Revolution conference in Houston, sits with the 20 awards garnered by the local Las Pampas DAR chapter in front of her. She is holding a Johnny Stennis bear, a fund-raising project of the national DAR organization to raise money for the USS Stennis families. The bear is to be present at all special DAR functions as a goodwill ambassador for men in service.

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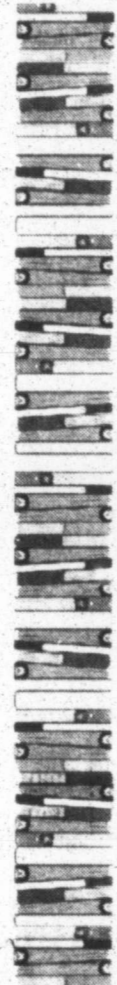
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CPC to host Government Procurement Workshop at Amarillo Civic Center

AMARILLO — The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's Contract Procurement Center will host an all day Government Procurement Workshop Thursday, April 22, at Amarillo Civic Center.

Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. with the workshop itself to get under way at 8:30 a.m.

The purpose of the all-day event is to allow businesses to meet with federal, state and local government agencies. Participants will learn how to do business with government and what types of opportunities are available.

The workshop will include informational presentations designed to assist businesses

on "how to sell to the government" and a variety of topics covering information relating to business firms engaged in construction, the service industry and the wholesale/retail sector will be discussed.

The workshop will end at 4 p.m.

The registration fee is \$25 per person or \$75 for booth space and admission for two. Both admissions include lunch.

Booth space is limited, so reservations will be on a first-come basis. Deadline for registration is Monday, April 19. For more information or to obtain a registration form, contact the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission at (806) 372-3381.

Program sponsors include U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, BWXT Pantex, Bell Helicopter - Textron, West Texas A&M University, VA Office of Small Disadvantaged Business Utilization-Washington, D.C./VA Medical Center, WTAMU Small Business Development Center and Northwest Texas Procurement Assistance Center, Lubbock and more.

Broadway director to lead 'Texas Legacies' production

CANYON — The Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation welcomes a new personality to the "TEXAS LEGACIES" company for its 39th season of productions. Bruce Lumpkin now becomes the sixth director to put his mark on the shows staged in Palo Duro Canyon, near Amarillo. Designated show director for 2004, Lumpkin joins Texas Legacies in the second year of its first chapter, "An Adventure of a Lifetime."

The outdoor epic shares tales of the Texas Panhandle as never before. Introduced through a world premiere in 2003, Texas Legacies, written by Lynn Hart, brings to life such historical characters as Quannah Parker, the last great Comanche Chief; Col. Ranald "Bad Hand" Mackenzie, Civil War hero and many others.

Interwoven with the production's fictional cast of characters, Legacies showcases the stunning backdrop of the Canyon, the American Quarter Horse, and the dra-

matic fireworks finale. nights have never been better in the world of outdoor drama.

Lumpkin made his directing debut as resident director for Theatre Under the Stars, Humphrey School of Music, and soon caught the attention of director/choreographer Tommy Tune. Tune, the winner of nine Tony Awards, took Lumpkin under his wing. As a collaborator, Bruce worked on Tune's productions of "My One and Only," "Nine" and "Grand Hotel."


Lumpkin also worked as co-director of the acclaimed West End production of "Grand Hotel," and many other productions in various theatres. His personal favorites? A revisionist look at "Cabaret," for which he won the Barrymore Award for best director and best musical, the world premieres of "Dodsworth" and "Grossinggersm," the Off Broadway production "Summer of '69," and the US premiere of "La Vie En Bleu."

Not having worked with the foundation's earlier production "TEXAS" or the new script Texas Legacies before, Lumpkin's fresh interpretation will bring a new spirit to the stage. Texas Legacies, "The Adventure of a Lifetime," will be performed nightly except Sundays, June 3 through Aug. 21, and July 4th. Texas Legacies is sponsored in part by Southwest Airlines and American Quarter Horse Association.

On Sundays, June 13-August 22, excluding July 4th, visitors can see "Heavenly Country," the newest presentation at the theatre in Canyon. "Heavenly Country" is a light-hearted story of a New York Arts Critic who, after his unexpected demise, ends up in Country Music Heaven, or, in his eyes, hell. Written by Phil Price, and produced by Don Caldwell, this show is fun and entertaining, and features the live music and popular songs of Hank Williams, Lefty Frizzell, Patsy Cline, Kitty Wells, Tammy Wynette, and many more.

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Mysteries of sleep: Can we trick a drowsy brain into staying awake?

By MALCOLM RITTER
AP SCIENCE WRITER

Frank Knower knew something was wrong when he kept having conversations with co-workers and later couldn't remember a thing that was said. He couldn't even remember what he'd said.

Later, after he retired, he discovered another problem: He got irresistibly drowsy during long drives.

None of the usual stay-awake tricks like turning up the radio or rolling down the window could keep him awake. He had to pull over for naps.

These days, his wife handles a lot of the driving. And while the 74-year-old Knower can still nod off during the day at his home in Tappan, N.Y., treatment for his sleep-disrupting condition, apnea, and a daytime alertness pill help keep his problems in check.

For Knower, it's a story with a happy ending. For scientists, though, it's a story full of mystery.

Why would a sleep-deprived brain fail to absorb conversations? Just how does it produce drowsiness while a person is driving? Indeed, how does it know it needs more sleep in the first place?

These aren't just esoteric ponderings. The answers to these and related mysteries about the sleepy brain could lead to improved drugs to help people fall asleep or stay awake. They

could help drowsy people find the most effective time to drink coffee or take a nap.

Scientists may even find safe and reliable ways to skip slumber entirely for days without the usual mental glitches.

"You could have soldiers who could fight a war 24 hours a day and maybe not sleep, at least for a few days," said Dr. Clifford Saper of Harvard Medical School. "If you knew what was making the brain sleepy, you could get at it at a fundamental level ... I think once we learn how the system operates we'll be able to successfully manipulate it."

Of course, in an economy with such potentially perilous round-the-clock workplaces as trucks, airplanes, nuclear power plants and supertankers, even helping people sleep and function well one day at a time would be a benefit.

An estimated 70 million people in the United States suffer from sleep problems, either because of disorders such as apnea and insomnia or just a lack of time devoted to slumber, the federal government says. At least 100,000 auto crashes and 1,550 traffic deaths a year are caused by falling asleep at the wheel.

And sleep deprivation leads to reduced productivity, poor performance in school or the workplace, and possibly medical problems like high blood pressure, heart disease, depression and reduced resistance to viruses.

"Sleep is as important to our overall health

as exercise and a healthy diet," says Dr. Carl Hunt, director of the government's National Center on Sleep Disorders Research.

So how much sleep is enough? The typical recommendation is at least eight hours a night for adults. But in the February issue of the journal *Sleep*, an expert called on doctors to abandon that blanket prescription.

"It appears seven hours or even five or six is safe for people who aren't sleepy during the day," said Dr. Daniel Kripke of the School of Medicine of the University of California, San Diego.

Kripke cited large studies that tracked death rates in people who habitually slept different lengths of time. But "if someone is sleepy during the day with less than eight hours, as I am myself, then I think it might be wise to get eight hours sleep," he said.

Hunt said sleep studies overall indicate that adults generally need seven to eight hours a night to be well-rested. "As you ratchet down from seven hours to six or five or four, there's a progressively greater price" in illness, accidents and mental malfunctioning, Hunt said.

Studies show people can sleep too little and still feel fine during the day, but that's because people stop realizing they're impaired if they sleep too little night after night, Hunt said. So while there probably are some people who truly function well on six hours a night, they can't just rely on how they feel, he said. Teenagers need around 8.5 hours of sleep a

night, and younger children should aim for about nine hours, he said.

When the brain runs on too little sleep, it malfunctions in a wide variety of areas:

—Your reaction time slows and you have trouble paying sustained attention. Driving is "the worst kind of thing," especially in bumper-to-bumper situations or lonely roads, said Edward Stepanki of the Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. "You're forced to sit still, so you can't move around and do things people ordinarily do to keep awake, and you're staring at the road."

—You have trouble keeping tabs on multiple sources of information. So you ignore some of them to focus on a few, and "you fail to notice that you're running out of gas," said David Dinges at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

—Creativity suffers. You get stuck on bad solutions and can't think of better ones.

—You can't remember as much, and "a sleepy brain is just not very good at learning new information," Stepanki said.

—Your brain just can't do some critical things in a hurry.

If given the luxury of time, it actually does pretty well with tasks like making decisions and solving complicated problems, says Hans Van Dongen at the University of Pennsylvania. That's because the brain has "an almost stunning ability to find tricks" to get

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Report: Sickle cell patients living longer, dying less

DALLAS — Children with sickle cell disease — an inherited red blood cell disorder — are living longer, dying less often from their disease and contracting fewer fatal infections than ever before, researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas report.

Their study, which will appear in the June edition of the scientific journal *Blood*, is the first to evaluate survival rates of children receiving the most modern treatments for sickle cell disease. It's also one of the largest published sickle cell studies to date. Researchers followed more than 700 Dallas-area children with the disease over two decades.

Thirty years ago, only half of the children with sickle cell anemia, the severest and most common form of the disease, had a survival rate of 97.4 percent at 18. Also, 11.5 percent of patients with sickle cell anemia had a stroke by 18 years old. Although this rate remains constant, fewer children are dying as a result of the stroke, researchers say.

"There weren't any modern or contemporary survival data for children with sickle cell until now," said Dr. Charles Quinn, assistant professor of pediatrics and the study's lead author. "Previous survival

studies began in the 1970s, and there have been significant advancements made in the medical care of these children since then."

People with sickle cell disease have a genetic error in their hemoglobin, a component of red blood cells. Instead of being soft and round, the red blood cells of a sickle cell patient are inflexible and sickle-shaped, causing blockages in the blood vessels and preventing body tissues from receiving oxygen.

It is estimated that between 60,000 and 70,000 Americans suffer from the disease. The disease is most common among people of African descent. In the United States, it is estimated that 9 percent of African-Americans have the sickle cell trait, and 1 in 6,000 has sickle cell anemia.

UT Southwestern researchers attribute the improved prognosis to widespread newborn screening that allows physicians to identify the disease early and begin treatment sooner; prophylactic penicillin used to prevent fatal infections; effective, conjugated vaccines for the pneumococcus bacteria, which is responsible for blood infections, pneumonia, meningitis and Hemophilus influenzae type b; and the increased use

of disease-modifying therapies such as bone marrow transplants, long-term blood transfusions and the medicine hydroxyurea.

"Research developments during the past several decades have improved the lives of many persons with sickle cell disease," said Dr. George Buchanan, the study's senior author and director of the National Institutes of Health-funded Southwestern Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center. "Yet, the true impact of these investigations on survival of children and adolescents with sickle cell disease has not been clear until now."

"This work gives us contemporary and accurate data confirming the success of our research. It was only a half-century ago that very few persons with sickle cell anemia and related conditions survived beyond 21 years of age," Buchanan said.

Experts still have no way of knowing who will have severe, moderate or mild forms of the disease until complications occur, Quinn said. Discovering risk factors can help a physician develop the best treatment and match the risk of treatments to the risk of the disease.

"The next step is trying to capture and measure long-

term survival as these children transition into adulthood," Quinn said. "We also hope to one day identify risk factors that can help doctors and patients know what to expect from the disease."

All study participants were diagnosed through newborn screening and were all born in Texas on or after Nov. 1, 1983, when the state's screening program went into effect. The patients were observed through Aug. 1, 2002.

Of the 711 patients, 15 deaths were attributed at least partly to sickle cell disease. The average age of death was 5.6 years old, and all those who died from sickle cell disease had sickle cell anemia, the most severe form. The overall incidence of death among patients with sickle cell anemia was 0.59 per 100 patients-years, compared with 1.1 per 100 patient-years in a 1994 study sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

The proportion of deaths from infection was 20 percent compared with 50 percent in the NIH-sponsored study. The most common age of death was 4 to 6 years compared with 1 to 3 years in the NIH-sponsored study.

Dr. Zora Rogers, associate professor of pediatrics, also worked on the study.

Study: Aspirin may lower risk of Hodgkin's disease

WASHINGTON (AP) — Regular use of aspirin might lower the risk of Hodgkin's disease, scientists report recently.

More research is needed to prove whether the link is real.

Even if it is, Hodgkin's disease is too rare a cancer to ever recommend aspirin as a preventive, scientists caution. After all, the pills have side effects. Instead, the research may point toward better understanding of how this cancer forms, which then might lead to better treatment.

Millions of Americans already take low-dose aspirin to help prevent heart attacks, and studies suggest it also may modestly lower the risk of a few cancers, most notably colon cancer.

Scientists at the Harvard School of Public Health uncovered aspirin's possible connection with Hodgkin's — a lymph system cancer diagnosed in 7,600 Americans each year — while studying what role a certain virus plays in the malignancy.

To hunt risk factors, they matched 565 Hodgkin's patients with people of similar age and demographics who didn't have the cancer.

Those who regularly used aspirin — the equivalent of two or more regular-strength tablets a week for five years — had a 40 percent lower risk of Hodgkin's, researchers reported Tuesday in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*.

Hodgkin's disease is linked to inflammation. Aspirin not only calms inflammation, but it is thought to inactivate a protein, called a transcription factor, which is important for Hodgkin's cells to survive, said epidemiologist Ellen Chang, the study's lead author. Other painkillers don't

affect that protein, and the study found no benefit from other anti-inflammatory painkillers, such as ibuprofen.

However, acetaminophen is a different type of painkiller, and the study found risk of Hodgkin's was actually 70 percent higher among regular acetaminophen users.



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

APRIL IS NATIONAL BACKPACK SAFETY MONTH

The Congress of Chiropractic State Associations (COCSA) designates April as National Backpack Safety Month. This event is designed to help educate parents, children and school officials about the potential dangers of heavy backpacks and the solutions to this problem.

The prevalence of nonspecific back pain increases dramatically during adolescence from less than 10 percent in the pre-teenage years up to fifty percent in 15- to 16-year-olds. There is widespread concern that heavy backpacks carried by adolescents contribute to the development of this pain.

In a recent study about this issue, 1,122 children, ages 12 to 18 years, completed a questionnaire about their health, activities, and backpack use. Seventy-four percent of the backpack users were classified as having back problems. Adolescents reporting back pain carried significantly heavier packs, which represented a significantly greater percentage of their body weights, as compared with adolescents who had no back pain. Contact your Doctor of Chiropractic about additional information concerning this problem.

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American Cancer Society launches 'Virtual Daffodil' program

AUSTIN — Each year, daffodils serve as a bright symbol of hope for a world free from cancer. Celebrate spring or let someone know you care by sending an American Cancer Society daffodil to anyone with an e-mail address.

Through a "Virtual Daffodil Days" on-line donation, you can memorialize

someone who has lost their battle to cancer or you can recognize others diagnosed with the disease.

Brighten the day of a friend or loved one by visiting ACS's web site (www.cancer.org/daffodils) and select from the various daffodils offered there. Add a message and share the gift of hope while supporting the

work of ACS, an organization dedicated to helping individuals touched by cancer.

"With spring comes many giving opportunities such as Secretaries Day, Mother's Day or Father's Day. A Virtual Daffodil gift is a great way to let someone know you were thinking about them," said Myles

Beeching, chair of the Income Development Committee, ACS, Texas Division.

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ANIMALPRINTS.COM. AnimalPrints.com has dedicated \$1 from each sale of a newly released series of artist's prints to benefit animals in need. For more information or to view the prints, go to AnimalPrints.com on the Internet.

AIYSE. American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking American high school students, ages 15-19, to participate in its foreign exchange program. Students will spend a semester or year with an European family or participate in a 4- to 6-week family stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIYSEP school counselors and educators in local schools. To qualify, students must have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575 or visit www.aiyse.com on the World Wide Web.

Arbor Day Foundation. The National Arbor Day Foundation offers a "Tree Planting Resource Kit for Volunteers." The kit is available for \$29.95 plus shipping and handling and includes a leadership guide, a Celebrate Arbor Day guidebook, and a video to help motivate volunteers. For more information, call (402) 474-5655, go on-line to www.arborday.org, or write: The National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

AYA. Academic Year in America program is seeking host families for international exchange students between the ages of 15-18 1/2. For more information, call Danielle Carpino at 1-800-322-4678 ext. 5146.

BBB RESOURCE GUIDE. The Better Business Bureau is offering "The Spring BBB Membership Directory and Resource Guide." The publication is available free of charge and includes a listing of BBB member companies as well as businesses who qualify as members and who uphold BBB's standards of ethical practices. The guide also provides tips on how to be better shoppers along with information on current scams. For more information or to obtain the guide, call (806) 379-7133.

CASE. Hosting a high school exchange student is like bringing the world to your doorstep. U.S. Government sanctioned, CSJET

listed non-profit educational organization is seeking families of all types: retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples. Students will be arriving from various counties, ALL of whom speak English. You can choose a male or female between the age of 15 and 18. You will have the support of a LOCAL Area Representative with you throughout the exchange. Students arrive sometime in August (depending on when school starts). Your new son or daughter will attend your local high school for either 5 or 10 months. All students have their own medical insurance. As a host family, you agree to provide room and board and to include your student as a member of your family. For information, contact Joyce toll-free at 877-846-5848.

Croatian Philatelic-Numismatic Society. The Croatian Philatelic-Numismatic Society is offering a sample copy of its quarterly stamp and coin journal. The Trumpeter. Collectors should send 45 in U.S. currency, mint U.S. postage stamps or five international reply coupons to: The Trumpeter, P.O. box 696, Fritch-at-Lake Meredith, TX 79036-0696. For more information, e-mail ou812@am.net.

EMF. Educational Merit Foundation, a non-profit, Texas-based, student exchange organization, is seeking host families for high school students from Europe. For more information, call (972) 495-3868 or 1-800-467-8363.

FAN Booklet. The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C., is offering the following booklets, "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" and "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills." The first booklet includes information on how and where to get free and low-cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program. The second booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills. Consumers can obtain a copy of "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Free & Low Cost Medical Care Booklet, Dept. MCB-0725, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. To get a copy of "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills" send \$5 to: Financial Assistance Network - Government Help for Energy Bills, Dept. GHEB-1219, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. The information is also available at www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

Fear Not Foundation. The Fear Not Foundation offers free to the public Lee Crull's "Ten

Golden Rules for Safety," a "kidnap-proof" set of guidelines to help children protect themselves from would-be predators. Crull is an elite ex-commando, former undercover agent, and professional bodyguard. For more information, send a business size SASE to: The Fear Not Foundation, P.O. Box 403, Syracuse, NY 13215; or go on-line to www.GoodForYouAmerica.com and click on The Fear Not Foundation to link to the "Ten Golden Rules."

FEI Booklet. The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., is offering the booklets "The 100 Most Popular Government Giveaway Programs" and "Directory of Micro Loan Sources." Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, 100 Government Giveaways - Dept. 100GG-0110 or Micro Loan Sources - Dept. DMLS-0313, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, DC 20090-6071; by calling (202) 595-1031; or by visiting www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the World Wide Web.

FHRC Booklet. Family Health Research Council offers the booklets "Overcoming Depression and Anxiety" and "Getting the Sleep You Need." The booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs to treat depression and anxiety. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Fulfillment Center East, Overcoming Depression and Anxiety, P.O. Box 3176, Elmira, NY 14905-3176; or Regional Fulfillment Center, Sleep Booklet #143, P.O. Box 692634, Boston MA 02269-2634. For additional information, visit the Council's website at www.FamilyHealthResearch.org.

Fit. Foundation for Intercultural Travel is seeking host families for exchange students. Students bring their own spending money for clothes, entertainment and other expenses and provide their own medical insurance as well. Host families agree to room and board and to include the exchange student in the family. For more information, call (877) 439-7862.

FSA. USDA's Farm Service Agency has launched a redesigned website located at www.fsa.usda.gov on the Internet. The redesign includes user-friendly features and easily accessible on-line FSA forms.

HFA Publication. Hospice Foundation of America has published "Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses." The book offers insight and practical suggestions for those assisting family care-

givers as they respond to the challenges of caregiving, make critical end-of-life decisions and cope with grief. For more information, call 1-800-854-3402 or visit www.hospicefoundation.org on the World Wide Web. HFA also offers the following pamphlets: "Supporting Your Friend Through Illness & Loss," and "Caring for Someone Who is Dying."

International Library of Photography. ILP holds several free photography contests throughout the year for amateur photographers. For more information or to stay abreast of upcoming shows, visit www.picture.com on the World Wide Web.

National Academic Scholarship Source Guide. This annual guide, made available through the National Academic Funding Advisory, provides information on financial aid processes, scholarship tips, "10 Essential Steps to Scholarship Success," key resources and web sites for additional funding information and ways to identify relevant scholarship sources. To receive the NAFA College Financial Aid publication including a listing of important academic funding programs, send a #10 SASE, along with \$2 to cover handling, to NAFA, 188 Summer St., Dept. F03, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

National Arbor Day Foundation. The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering "What Tree is That?," a 72-page tree identification guide book. The book is free of charge and may be obtained by sending your name and address to: "What Tree is That?," The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410. Also available is a "Conservation Trees" booklet with colorful photos and illustrations and easy-to-understand descriptions to help people plant and care for trees. To obtain a booklet, send name and address to: Conservation Trees, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

NESRI. A booklet, "Nuclear, Biologic and Chemical Attack — Survival Resource Guide," is being offered through New Era Survival Research Institute. To receive the free booklet, consumers must send five first-class stamps for postage/handling to: New Era Survival Research Institute, NBC Survival Booklet Offer #NBC0924, P.O. Box 60944, Washington, DC 20039-0944. Additional information is available by calling (202) 882-9000 or via the Internet at www.NewEraSurvival.org.

NFFF SCHOLARSHIPS. Scholarships are available through National Fallen Firefighters Foundation for children of firefighters who have died in the line of duty. For more

information, visit www.firehero.org and look up scholarships. To receive a free information packet, call 1-877-453-FIRE.

NIA Guides. National Institute on Aging is offering "Talking with Your Doctor: A Guide for Older People." The 30-page booklet is available in single or bulk copies. Also available through NIA is the 36-page booklet, "Who? What? When? Resources for Women's Health and Aging" to help women as they age. For more information, call the NIA Information Center weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., toll-free at 1-800-222-2225 or TTY at 1-800-222-4225.

PETFINDER.COM. Petfinder.com, the Internet's largest and oldest virtual animal shelter, is available to those seeking to adopt a pet. The Internet service includes a multitude of shelters in Texas and nationwide. The website allows users to search by kind of animal, breed, gender, size and age. Results of the search are ranked in proximity to the user's zip code.

PIE. Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families for foreign exchange students. The students, age 15-18, have spending money and carry accident and health insurance. PIE reps match students with host families through an informal in-home meeting. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-631-1818.

PRS. Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services conducts a monthly informational meeting for individuals interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at its office (6200 I-40 West) in Amarillo. Contact Darla Ingram at (806) 354-6230 for more details.

School-to-Career Program. Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs, contact the local Texas Workforce Commission or call (512) 470-0918.

SHARE. SHARE! High School Exchange Program, sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust, is seeking host families for foreign exchange students for a semester or for a year. The hosts must provide housing and meals. The students are covered by medical insurance and have their own spending money for personal expenses. For more information, call Yvette Coffman at the Southwest Regional Office, 1-800-941-3738.

Stuttering Foundation. Stuttering Foundation of America is offering a free copy of its brochure "The Child Who Stutters at School: Notes to the Teacher." For more information, contact the non-profit foundation by mail: Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111; or phone 1-800-992-9392. The brochure is also available at www.stutteringhelp.org on the World Wide Web.

TCA Web site. A list of "10 Hot Summer Cultural Events" can be accessed via the Texas

Commission on the Arts website at www.artonart.com — the most comprehensive arts calendar on the Internet in Texas. Visitors to the site can search the database by city, region, date, topic or organization name as well as access a travel planner section that allows visitors to hyperlink to vendors to rent a car, make airline reservations or book hotel rooms.

TG Web Site. Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. (TG) has revamped its "Adventures in Education" website located at <http://www.adventuresineducation.org> or <http://www.aie.org> on the Internet. Although the site is targeted to middle school, high school and college students as well as high school counselors, each section can assist parents in helping their children prepare for college. TG is a public nonprofit corporation that helps create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Its mission is to provide information to help families and students realize their educational and career dreams.

Tuition Assistance. U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance - College Bound is an organization with a listing of over 700 different private scholarship sources for college students. Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; other can be applied towards tuition, living expenses and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools. For more information, send a SASE (business size, #10) to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

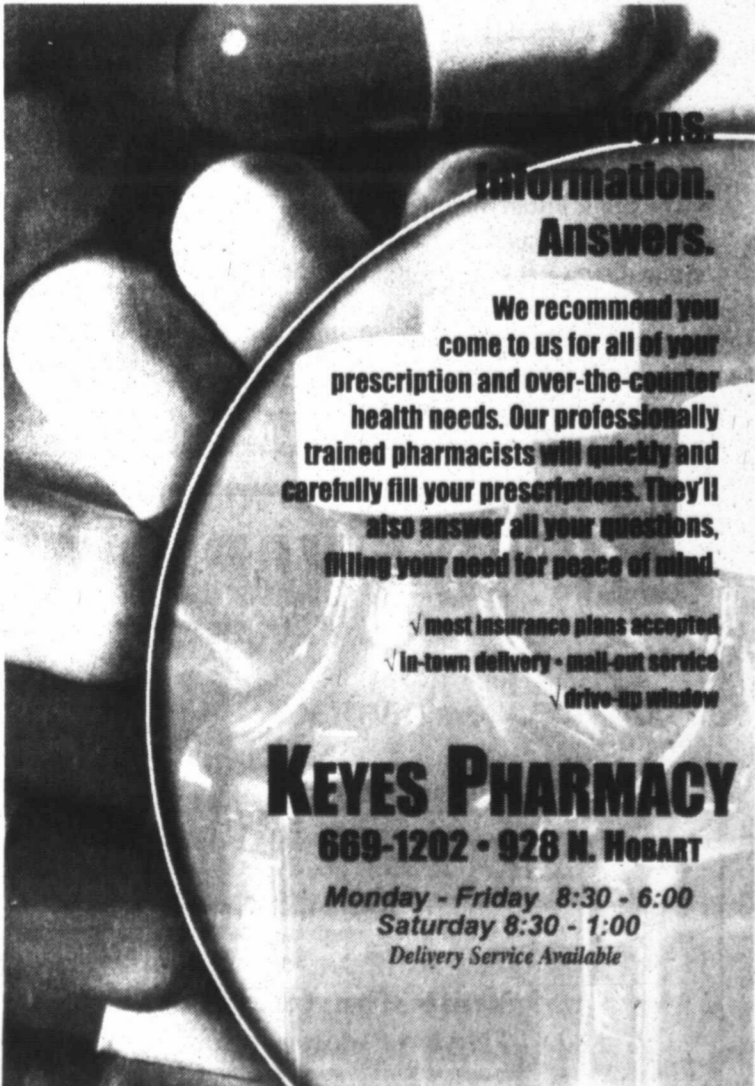
World Heritage. World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is currently seeking a local community representative to provide high school exchange students with program support. For more information, call Ande Bloom at 1-800-888-9040 or visit www.world-heritage.org on the World Wide Web.

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

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

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

The Old Guard. Current and former members of the U.S. Army's oldest Infantry Regiment, the 3d U.S. Infantry or "The Old Guard Association" (also known as TOGA) are being sought for membership in the association. For more information, write to: Membership Committee, The Old Guard Association, 1000 Winchell Rd., Drawer 22, Aurora, OH 44202; or visit www.oldguard.org on the Internet.



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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

PCCA

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

BABY'S COMING SHOP

The Moms and Babies Coming Shop in Pampa is looking for volunteers to help man the shop. For more information, call 664-2459.

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.

CAPROCK CANYONS

Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway will host the following events in April: 8 a.m., April 3, Volunteer Day; 7:30 p.m., April 17, "Butterflies & Moths of Caprock Canyons State Park." For more information on any of these programs, call (806) 455-1492.

RUSH MEETING

Amarillo Panhellenic will host a Rush Information Meeting at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18 in the Social Hall of Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo. All interested high school senior women are encouraged to attend the meeting to receive their Rush packets and deadlines. For more information, call (806) 374-1401.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Starting April 20, BSA Hospice will offer a grief education and support group from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday for six consecutive weeks at 800 N. Sumner for individuals suffering the death of a loved one. The program is free to residents of Pampa and the surrounding area. Hospice officials recommend participants wait three months after the death of a loved one before joining such a group. For more information, call 665-6677 or 1-800-658-6985.

CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Several scholarship opportunities are currently available to area high school seniors through Top O' Texas CattleWomen. Awarded will be one \$500 scholarship and two \$250 scholar-

ships. 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.

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., April 7, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., April 12, City Hall, Canadian.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: April 27, Shepherd's Crook Nursing Agency, Pampa; April 6, Family Care Clinic, Shamrock; April 7 and 21, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; and April 30, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

Ten free shade 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 in April and May 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 Ten Free Shade Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30. For more information, check out the foundation's web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

VFW ANNIVERSARY

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the local post on April 3. The celebration will

include a parade, tours of Freedom Museum USA, an open house and a banquet. Members of the 17 posts that comprise the area's District 9 as well as the state commander will be invited. Donations are welcome. Donations may be sent to Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., Pampa Post #1657, P.O. Box 2684, Pampa, TX 79066.

DEVIL'S ROPE MUSEUM

The Devil's Rope Museum in McLean will host its annual Barb Wire Show April 1 and 2 in the Western Heritage Room of the museum, located at 100 Kingsley. The show will feature various types of barbed wire and fencing tools plus a multitude of other items. The event is free and open to the public.

CINDERELLA PAGEANT

The North Texas Cinderella Pageant will be staged April 18 at Childress. The pageant is open to girls between 0 and 2 years of age and 3 and 26 years of age and boys between 0-6 years of age. For more information, call (806) 684-2389.

COLGATE YOUTH SERVICE CONTEST

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

THEATRE SCHOOL

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

WINE & CLAY FESTIVAL

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

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The postmark deadline for entries in the International Library of Photography's free "International Open Amateur Photography Contest" is July 31. To enter, send one color or one black-and-white photo (unmounted, 8" x 10" or smaller, to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2619, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Categories are People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture or Other. For more information, visit www.picture.com on the World Wide Web.

USS SPERRY

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

Communities to receive matching funds from TDA program

AUSTIN — The cities of Miami and White Deer and the county of Hemphill recently benefited from Texas Department of Agriculture's STARS tourism program. Indeed stargazing, fine arts festivals, cook-offs, sheppdog trials and cow calling were just a few of the unique rural tourism events approved for matching reimbursement funds from the new TDA program designed to help rural communities leverage their tourism marketing dollars.

TDA has announced 15 rural Texas communities have been approved to receive a total of \$127,963 in matching reimbursements in the first round of funding for TDA's new Hometown STARS program.

Miami is getting the matching reimbursement funds to promote its annual Cow Calling Festival, held since 1949. Promotional materials will include advertising, printed items and a temporary web site.

White Deer will receive the funds to help pay for banners and brochures promoting the city's annual rodeo, held the last weekend in July, while Hemphill County is set to use the funds to draw attention to its "Break Away from the Ordinary," a tri-county effort designed to spotlight Hemphill, Lipscomb and Roberts counties.

Promotional materials will encourage visitors to discover the art, music and history of the region, located near the Canadian River adjacent to the Texas High Plains. Materials will highlight such attractions as Canadian's Texas Prairie Rivers Musical and Lipscomb County's Naturally Yours Dance Platform.

Hometown STARS (Supporting Tourism and Rural Success) was launched with TDA's Texas Yes! program in late 2003. Texas Yes! is a broad-based membership program open to rural communities, businesses and organizations. The goal of the Texas Yes! program is to spotlight and promote rural Texas. Funding for the Hometown STARS program is provided through a grant from Gov. Rick Perry in support of TDA's rural tourism promotional efforts.

"Tourism is an important way for rural communities to bring in new dollars and share the diversity and beauty of our great state," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "The Hometown STARS program offers a hand to rural communities as they create fresh ideas and new opportunities through their tourism efforts. The range of projects approved for funding provides a wonderful example of the take-charge attitude alive in rural Texas today."

Hometown STARS is a competitive dollar-for-dollar matching reimbursement program open to Texas Yes! community members. Eligible communities apply for the funds by submitting a tourism event promotion proposal to TDA. Proposals are reviewed and scored by the Hometown STARS Review Team, an independent panel with expertise in marketing, media, tourism and rural communities. TDA makes the final award decision based on this input.

Of the 15 proposals submitted for the first round of Hometown STARS funding, all were approved for either full or partial funding. Following is a list of recipients and the events that will be promoted.

Education majors to explore career opportunities at EXPO

CANYON — West Texas A&M University students who plan to enter the teaching field are invited to attend the Educator's EXPO from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at the WTAMU Event Center.

The Educator's EXPO is free and all WTAMU education students are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 806-651-2345 or visit the Career and Counseling Services Web site at <http://wtcareer.wtamu.edu>.

The EXPO is an annual job fair sponsored by Career and Counseling Services. Representatives from approximately 110 school districts, many from the region as well as throughout Texas, will be on campus to discuss career options and full-time job opportunities. A complete list of schools registered is available on the Career Services Web site.

"It is a great opportunity for all education majors to talk to different school districts and to see what qualities they look for in a candidate," Kim Storey, assistant director of Career and Counseling Services, said. "There will be a lot of real job opportunities for students who are graduating."

Some districts will conduct on-site interviews, according to Storey, and some students may leave with a job offer.

"Students should be prepared for that, dress professionally and bring résumés if they are seeking employment," Storey said.

Maps identifying each represented school district's location at the Event Center will be provided, according to Storey.

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SPORTS

The King takes one last stroll in Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Justin Rose is the youngest pro in the field. Alex Cejka made a harrowing escape from Communism. K.J. Choi set a Masters record.

And don't forget Charles Howell, who grew up five minutes from Augusta National. Or Phil Mickelson, again chasing that elusive major championship.

All great stories. But it wasn't their day. This one belonged to the King.

Arnold Palmer took one final stroll through the azaleas, retraced the steps of Bobby Jones one last time, and called it a Masters career.

There wasn't a dry eye in the place Friday — and that includes Palmer, who couldn't contain his emotions after his 50th and final tournament at Augusta National.

"I'm sort of a sentimental slob," Palmer said, breaking down in tears. "It's not fun sometimes to know it's over."

Rose is having plenty of fun. The 23-year-old Englishman played a steady hand under an increasing spotlight and maintained the two-stroke lead he had after the first round.

He signed for a 1-under 71 after a superb save from the bunker at No. 18 — not only keeping his cushion over Cejka

and Jose Maria Olazabal, but effectively knocking out 13 other players who would have made the cut if he stumbled.

Anyone within 10 shots of the lead got to play on the weekend.

"I knew there were plenty of guys wishing me not to make up-and-down on 18," Rose said.

Among those sent home: Mike Weir, the first defending champion in four years who didn't make it to the weekend.

The Canadian lefty bounced back from an opening-round 79-

cut streak to 121. "You have to take baby steps. I got back to even, and that's viable."

For one day, at least, Woods wasn't the center of attention at the major championship. This one belonged to a 74-year-old man who missed a 4-foot putt on the final hole for his second straight 84.

Everyone celebrated, from Jack Nicklaus — who hinted this may be his final Masters, as well — to Fred Couples, who hung around the scoring hut to watch

guy who missed his first 21 cuts after turning pro. Rose finished fourth at the 1999 British Open as a 17-year-old amateur, but took a while to earn his first paycheck.

"Playing under pressure for the right reasons is fun," Rose said. "Playing under pressure for the wrong reasons, that's awful. This is much, much better."

On a wild day of charges and collapses, Rose rarely got into trouble and finished at 6-under 138.

threw his fist into the air with a 40-foot birdie putt on the 16th for a 69 that put him back in contention.

There's a few guys between Woods and the lead.

Cejka shot his second straight 70 with some brilliant putting, then recounted his flight from Communist Czechoslovakia at age 9, tagging along with his father.

"If I would stay in the Czech Republic, who knows?" Cejka said. "I may end up working in a factory like everybody for \$200 a month."

Choi, of South Korea, tied a Masters record with a 30 on the front nine, only to follow that with a 40.

Still, he was at 3-under 141 with Mickelson.

Howell, an Augusta native, had a second straight 71 and was in a large group at 142 that included Ernie Els (72), Fred Couples (69) and Davis Love III, who charged into contention with a 67, matching Steve Flesch for the best round of the week.

But the day belonged to Palmer.

The gallery was 10-deep before he even arrived on the 18th tee, and it seemed as though everyone — players, caddies and dozens of Augusta National members in green jackets — was

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— Arnold Palmer

when he dunked a couple of balls in the water, to shoot 70. But he missed a 5-foot putt to save par on the final hole, leaving him with nothing to do on the weekend except hand out the green jacket to his successor on Sunday.

Tiger Woods managed to hang around, shooting a 69 that left him six strokes behind Rose. One good round from being a legitimate threat.

"I'm still here," Woods said, a subtle dig at those who suggested he might not extend his record

Palmer make his final walk up 18.

While Palmer won't be back as a player, he'll definitely return to Augusta. Maybe he'll serve as the honorary starter. Maybe he'll just take a seat on the verandah, watching all the kids trying to fill his shoes.

"I don't think I could ever separate myself from this club and this golf tournament," Palmer said. "I may not be here, but I'll still be a part of what happens here."

For now, the lead belongs to a

Olazabal, a two-time Masters champion, renewed his hopes with an eagle-birdie-birdie stretch on the back nine and a 3-under 69. He and Cejka (70) each bogeyed the 18th hole and were at 140.

Mickelson got into the mix for his first major, getting a huge break on the par-5 13th when his ball stopped short of going into Rae's Creek. He turned a bogey into a birdie and shot 69, three shots off the lead.

And don't count out Woods. Instead of throwing his clubs, he

Four Lady Harvesters make all-district

PAMPA — Even though the Pampa Lady Harvesters didn't make the playoffs this season, they were well-represented on the All-District 3-4A Soccer Team.

The best offense is a great defense and that's what the soccer team had this year.

Senior defensive player Katlin Passini's speed and aggressiveness earned her a spot on the

all-district first team. This is her second year for that honor.

Two players were named to the all-district second team: Senior mid-fielder Kori Dunn was an asset on offense and defense. She was instrumental in assisting and scoring several goals. She scored one goal from the 40-yard line. This was Dunn's second time to be named second-team, all-district. She

was also honorable mention in the past.

Sophomore defensive player Adeena Dallas, who was also named to the second team, supplied powerful and domineering play. She assisted and scored several points throughout the year.

Representing Pampa on the honorable mention list was junior goal-keeper Chera Chavado.

Chavado stepped into the goal-keeping position this year, and gave a fearless and aggressive performance in stopping many of the opponents' goal attempts.

The Lady Harvesters will be honored at the annual soccer awards banquet at 7 p.m. April 29 at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

— Photos courtesy of Hot Shots Photography



Katlin Passini



Kori Dunn



Adeena Dallas



Chera Chavado

Blue Jays spoil Red Sox home opener

By The Associated Press

Red Sox fans were disappointed when they returned to Fenway Park.

In Boston's first home game since losing the AL championship series to the New York Yankees, the Red Sox wasted an eight-inning lead Friday in a 10-5 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays.

Boston had little sleep before its opener, arriving at Fenway Park at 7:24 a.m. after its flight from Baltimore-Washington International Airport was delayed by mechanical problems.

"We expect to win every day regardless of how tired we are," said Boston's Johnny Damon, who was asked if pain from his injured knee would keep him from sleeping.

"I sure hope not," he said. Reed Johnson and Kevin Cash each drove in three runs for Toronto, which was swept in an opening three-game series at Detroit.

"We've got a lot of young guys and a couple of new guys," Toronto's Vernon Wells said. "We may have taken Detroit a little too lightly."

In other games it was

Chicago 9, New York 3; Texas 12, Anaheim 4; Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 3 in 10 innings; Kansas City 3, Cleveland 1; and Oakland 8, Seattle 6.

At Boston, Mike Timlin (0-1) gave up three runs in the eighth inning. Justin Speier (1-0) got the win for the Blue Jays.

"I didn't make quality pitches," Timlin said. "Sure, I was tired, but everybody else was, too. Our hitters were tired, but they went out and hit the ball."

White Sox 9, Yankees 3

Magglio Ordonez homered and drove in five runs, while Jon Garland worked around bouts of wildness.

Joe Crede also homered for the visiting White Sox and made a key play at third base. After he nipped Derek Jeter with the bases loaded to end the fourth inning, the White Sox scored nine runs in the next two innings.

Earlier Friday, Yankees manager Joe Torre reached agreement on a three-year contract extension through the 2007 season.

Garland (1-0) won despite issuing a career-high seven walks, including four in the fourth inning. Backed by sever-

al fine defensive plays, he held down the Yankees on one run and four hits for eight innings.

Jose Contreras (0-1) allowed five runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings. He walked three and struck out five.

Rangers 12, Angels 4

Michael Young, who moved from second base to shortstop when Alex Rodriguez was traded just before spring training, drove in three runs and scored twice. The visiting Angels were trying for their first 4-0 start since 1970.

Laynce Nix, Kevin Mench and Hank Blalock, who snapped an 0-for-13 stretch with three hits, all homered for the Rangers.

R.A. Dickey (1-0) pitched seven solid innings. The only three runs he allowed were unearned after throwing errors by Young on consecutive plays.

Ramon Ortiz (0-1) gave up seven runs and nine hits in 2 2-3 innings.

Devil Rays 4, Orioles 3, 10 innings

Pinch-hitter Eduardo Perez singled home the winning run in the 10th after Jose Cruz Jr.'s leadoff walk off John Parrish (0-1), Damian Rolis' sacrifice and Rocco Baldelli's intention-

al walk.

Tampa Bay tied it at 3 in the ninth when Robert Fick had his first career pinch-hit homer, a drive off Jorge Julio.

Danys Baez (1-0) pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings, working out of a bases-loaded jam to get the final two outs in the ninth.

Javy Lopez hit a two-run homer for visiting Baltimore.

Athletics 8, Mariners 6

At Oakland, Calif., Scott Hatteberg doubled in the go-ahead run and Arthur Rhodes earned the save against his old team in Oakland's victory over winless Seattle.

At 0-4, the Mariners are the only team in the majors without a win.

Chris Hammond (1-0) struck out three in 1 1-3 inning for his first win for the A's, while Rafael Soriano (0-1) got just two outs.

The A's had eight doubles to tie a franchise record set Aug. 29, 1998, at Cleveland.

Royals 3, Indians 1

At Kansas City, Mo., Jimmy Gobble made history for Kansas City by just taking the mound, and Aaron Guiel's two-run double broke a scoreless tie in the seventh to lift the Royals past Cleveland.

Return to the playoffs

HOUSTON (AP) — Getting back to the playoffs is just another step along the way for the Houston Rockets.

Although they clinched a playoff berth for the first time in five years Friday night, they don't want that to be the high point of their season.

The Rockets beat the Denver Nuggets 106-103 behind a season-high 33 points from Steve Francis, who is headed to the playoffs for the first time in his five-year career. Cuttino Mobley added 22 points.

Although confetti dropped from the rafters at the end of the game, the Rockets weren't in much of a festive mood in the locker room afterward.

"Since my rookie year, all I've wanted to do was be in the playoffs," Francis said. "But it's like Coach said, we don't want to be complacent. We want to move up. We have games to play and we don't want to just show up."

Yao Ming, who had 12 points and six rebounds, knows making the playoffs is important to the veterans.

"You can tell more from the other players because they've been here longer," Yao said. "They have more of a feeling for it. It's like New Year's to me."

Marcus Camby scored 23 points and Carmelo Anthony had 20 as the Nuggets lost for the sixth straight time in Houston. Denver dropped into a three-way tie with Utah and Portland for eighth place in the Western Conference.

"The third quarter was the difference," Andre Miller said. "They started hitting open shots. The shots they missed in the first half, they made."

Francis hit four free throws and Mobley made a 3-pointer in a span of 1:35 to give Houston its biggest lead, 99-92 with 2:29 to play. Nene hit a follow shot with 18 seconds left to pull the Nuggets to 104-103, and Jim Jackson's two free throws with 17 seconds to go made it 106-103.



BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Harvester Basketball Booster Club will meet at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday in the Ready Room at the PHS athletic fieldhouse.

Boosters plan to sponsor a MAYB Tournament for both boys and girls ages 9-18 this summer. Tournament dates are July 16-18.

Sign up on the MAYB website www.mayb.com

PAMPA — High school girls interested in playing summer basketball are urged to meet at 7:30 Monday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Call Dwayne at 665-5681 or Kenney at 669-3523 if more information is needed.

BASEBALL

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers didn't exactly catch a break by not having to face Roger Clemens or Andy Pettitte this weekend.

Right-hander Wade Miller befuddled them anew in Milwaukee's home opener, pitching six solid innings in the Houston Astros' 13-7 win Friday.

Miller allowed two earned runs and four hits in improving to 11-1 against Milwaukee.

"It was fun obviously with the run (support). You can't ask for anything more than that," Miller said. "I didn't feel that great today, but I threw the ball where I wanted to for the most part. I feel I had decent stuff."

Miller always looks on top of his game at Miller Park, where he is 6-0 with a 1.08 ERA.

"I didn't have a real good fastball, but I was able to spot it where I wanted to. And I had a good breaking ball, so that helped," Miller said.

Miller has no explanation for his success against Milwaukee. He tries not to think about that, especially because the Brewers revamped their lineup this season.

His teammates can't decipher his dominance, either. They just know for some reason he's unbeatable in Brew Town.

"I'm glad that for his first start it was going to be here," Jeff Bagwell said.

Bagwell went 4-for-5 with five RBIs, including his sixth career grand slam, and scored three times. He had a chance at another grand slam when he came up in the ninth inning but he struck out looking on a pitch he thought was ball four.

Richard Hidalgo added four RBIs for the Astros, who scored nine times in the sixth inning in a game that began with a little more buzz than usual after the Brewers had won three of four in St. Louis to start the season.

"That doesn't happen very often, a nine-run inning. That was nice," said Bagwell, who started the big inning with a leadoff double and scored on Hidalgo's two-run double just over third baseman Wes Helms' outstretched glove.

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East Division					East Division				
Florida	W	L	Pct	GB	Tampa Bay	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	3	1	.750	—	New York	3	3	.500	1/2
New York	2	2	.500	1	Baltimore	2	3	.400	1
Montreal	1	3	.250	2	Boston	2	3	.400	1
Philadelphia	1	3	.250	2	Toronto	1	3	.250	1/2
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Cincinnati	W	L	Pct	GB	Detroit	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	3	1	.750	—	Chicago	2	2	.500	2
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Los Angeles	3	1	.750	—	Oakland	3	1	.750	—
Arizona	2	2	.500	1	Texas	2	2	.500	1
San Diego	2	2	.500	1	Seattle	0	4	.000	3
San Francisco	2	2	.500	1					
Colorado	1	3	.250	2					

Thursday's Games

Cincinnati 5, Chicago Cubs 3
 Milwaukee 11, St. Louis 5
 Florida 3, Montreal 0
 Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 2
 Atlanta 10, N.Y. Mets 8
 Arizona 6, Colorado 5, 11 innings
 San Diego 4, San Francisco 3, 10 innings

Friday's Games

Houston 13, Milwaukee 7
 N.Y. Mets 3, Montreal 2, 11 innings
 Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 1
 Chicago Cubs 2, Atlanta 1, 15 innings
 Florida 4, Philadelphia 3
 St. Louis 13, Arizona 6
 Los Angeles 5, Colorado 1

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh (Wells 1-0) at Cincinnati (Lidle 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
 Houston (Redding 0-0) at Milwaukee (Sheets 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Myers 0-0) at Florida (Oliver 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Leiter 0-0) vs. Montreal (Patterson 0-0) at San Juan, 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Mitre 0-0) at Atlanta (Wright 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
 San Francisco (Rueter 0-0) at San Diego (Lawrence 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
 St. Louis (Morris 0-1) at Arizona (Sparks 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
 Colorado (Stark 0-0) at Los Angeles (Nomo 0-1), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. Montreal at San Juan, 1:35 p.m.
 Houston at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 3, Chicago White Sox 1
 Detroit 10, Minnesota 6
 Cleveland 6, Kansas City 1
 Anaheim 5, Seattle 1
 Baltimore 3, Boston 2, 13 innings

Friday's Games

Texas 12, Anaheim 4
 Toronto 10, Boston 5
 Chicago White Sox 9, N.Y. Yankees 3
 Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 3, 10 innings
 Kansas City 3, Cleveland 1
 Oakland 8, Seattle 6

Saturday's Games

Minnesota (Radke 0-0) at Detroit (Johnson 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (De Paula 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (Sabathia 0-0) at Kansas City (B. Anderson 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
 Seattle (Meche 0-0) at Oakland (Hudson 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
 Baltimore (Bedard 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 0-1), 6:15 p.m.
 Toronto (Halladay 0-1) at Boston (P. Martinez 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
 Anaheim (Lackey 0-0) at Texas (Rogers 0-0), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Minnesota at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
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 Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 1:15 p.m.
 Toronto at Boston, 2:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.
 Anaheim at Texas, 4:05 p.m.
 Seattle at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.

Avalanche takes 2-0 lead over Stars

DENVER (AP) — With offensive stars Peter Forsberg, Joe Sakic and Alex Tanguay, it was only a matter of time before Colorado's power play came around.

It clicked at the perfect time. Sakic, Tanguay and Steve Konowalchuk each had power-play goals Friday night, lifting the Avalanche to a 5-2 victory and a 2-0 lead over the Dallas Stars in the best-of-seven, first-round series.

"When you can put those players on the ice in power-play situations, you know they are going to score big goals," Avalanche coach Tony Granato said.

And they finally did. Colorado had one of the league's best power-play units early in the season, but the Avalanche went 1-for-23 in their final seven games and 0-for-12 their last four at home.

The Avalanche were 0-for-4 against the Stars in Game 1 on Wednesday, but there were signs that things were starting to come around. Colorado moved the puck well and set up some good scoring chances, but just couldn't get the puck past Stars goalie Marty Turco.

They sure did in Game 2.

Colorado scored two goals in the first period on power plays, and Konowalchuk added another early in the third to put the game out of reach. The Avalanche weren't bad on the penalty kill, either, holding the Stars to 1-for-7 and scoring a short-handed goal.

"I think Game 1, with four power plays, we moved the puck around pretty well," said Sakic, who has scored in four straight playoff games. "I think tonight it was working again and we capitalized. Obviously, that was huge for us."

And disappointing for the Stars.

Dallas took its first lead of the series on Mike Modano's power-play goal 8 1/2 minutes into the game, but Sakic answered on a power play just 1:03 later.

The Stars also were called for having too many men on the ice at the end of a power play late in the first period, leading to Tanguay's goal with 2.8 seconds left.

"Walking into the locker room after being up 1-0 and with that goal with a couple seconds

left, you never want to let that happen," said Turco, who has allowed eight goals in the series.

Forsberg scored 6:48 in on a centering pass that caromed past Turco off the skate of Dallas defenseman Richard Matvichuk.

The next goal, a short-hander by Dan Hinote, came six minutes later after Andrei Nikolishin whiffed on a shot and Turco swiped it back toward his net.

McLean's Dennis wins two events at district track meet

SILVERTON — McLean senior Rio Dennis won two events at the District 3-1A Track Meet.

Dennis won both the pole vault and 110 hurdles for the Tigers, who placed fourth in the team standings.

The top four in each event qualified for the Area meet April 16 in Frenship.

District 3-1A Track Meet

Boys Division
Team totals: 1. Valley 126; 2. Nazareth 121; 3. Silverton 75; 4. McLean 73 1/2; 5. (tie) Groom and Amherst 63; 7. Happy 46 1/2; 8. Samnorwood 16; 9. Hedley 13; 10.

Spade 8; 11. Lazbuddie 7; 12. Cotton Center 4.

Pampa Area Results
 High jump: 2. Ratterree, Groom, 5-6; 3. Dennis, McLean, 5-2.

Pole vault: 1. Dennis, McLean, 9-6.

Discus: 2. Schaffer, Groom, 116-10; 4. Eeven, Groom, 112-10.

Shot put: 4. Schaffer, Groom, 40-2 3/4.

3200: 2. Ruiz, McLean, 12:08.0.

110 hurdles: 1. Dennis, McLean, 17:53.

100: 3. Alexander, McLean, 11:46.

800 relay: 4. McLean, 1:40:32.

400: 1. Ratterree, Groom, 4:59.28.

54.30; 2. Schaffer, Groom, 54.31.

300 hurdles: 3. Dennis, McLean, 48.37.

1600: 2. Groom, 3:48.94.

Girls Division
Team totals: 1. Nazareth 153; 2. Happy 136; 3. Amherst 84; 4. Lazbuddie 59; 5. McLean, 40; 6. Valley 35; 7. Silverton 24; 8. Hedley 20; 9. Samnorwood 18; 10. Cotton Center 16; 11. Groom 10; 12. Spade 0.

Pole vault: 2. Seymour, McLean, 6-6.

Shot put: 1. Jenkins, Groom, 100; hurdles: 3. Seymour, McLean, 20.05.

100: 4. Loya, McLean, 13.92.

1600 relay: 2. McLean, 4:59.28.

Brenham advances to 4A soccer final

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — Kyle Kmiec scored four goals and added two assists as Brenham beat Longview Pine Tree 7-1 in the UIL Class 4A boys state soccer semifinals and advanced to the state finals against Brownsville Lopez.

Lopez was a 3-2 winner over El Paso Del Valle. The finals are Saturday evening.

Kmiec scored on a pass from Douglas Killebrew with 19:49 left in the first half and notched his second on a direct free kick. Alex Morales scored on a pass from Kmiec, who added his third goal moments later on a

header. Kmiec notched another assist on a cross to Casey Hibbs for a 5-0 lead.

Moments later, Kmiec had his fourth goal for the Cubs (33-1-0).

Jesse Reynolds scored for Pine Tree (24-7-0) with 29:02 left. Brenham added a goal by Killebrew with 12:39 left.

Victor Cavazos had a goal and an assist as Brownsville Lopez (24-3-2) beat El Paso Del Valle (23-6-0).

Lopez trailed 2-0 at the half as Del Valle's Rodrigo Morin

scored on a penalty kick with 16:04 left in the first half. Morin assisted on the second Del Valle goal by passing to Javier Ruvalcaba for a goal with 5:29 left in the first half.

Lopez rallied as Victor Cavazos tapped in a loose ball early into the second half.

Ivan Morales tied the match with a penalty kick with 26:53 left.

Cavazos headed the ball to Rodolfo Noriega who drilled the winning Lopez goal with 7:01 left in the match.

Jarrett optimistic despite slow start

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — This was supposed to be a big rebound year for Dale Jarrett.

Coming off a 26th-place finish last season that resembled his early years more than his championship form of seven straight top-10 finishes, Jarrett brought a new crew chief and a revamped racing team into 2004.

So far, at least in the standings, it's not looking like the good old days for the 1999 NASCAR champ.

Jarrett goes into next week's race at Martinsville ranked 20th in the NASCAR Nextel Cup standings, 311 points behind leader Kurt Busch. He has just two top-10 finishes, no wins and no poles after finishing 18th in Texas.

But Jarrett and team owner Robert Yates say they're miles ahead of last year's troubled season. They blame the slow start on bad luck and the painful process of overhauling the once-proud operation that won 26 races from 1996-02.


"If you look at the points, you might not see any difference," Jarrett said. "But we could have very easily finished in the top 10 in every race."

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Track
Wednesday • April 14
 Pampa • District meet at Plainview

Softball
Tuesday • April 13
 Pampa vs. Palo Duro • 4:30 home


Tennis
Saturday • April 17
 Pampa vs. Dumas • 1:00 pm home

Baseball
Thursday • April 15
 Pampa • District Meet

Baseball
Tuesday • April 13
 Pampa vs. Randall • 4:30 pm away

Friday • April 16
 Pampa vs. Plainview • 4:30 pm home

Saturday • April 17
 Pampa vs. Hereford • 1:00 pm away



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Jaclyn Spearman

Jaclyn Spearman of Pampa was recently named a United States Achievement Academy (USAA) National Award Winner in Honor Roll, Leadership & Service and Student Council.

The Academy bestows USAA awards upon fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. The PHS student was nominated for the award by Starla Kindle, a counselor at PHS.

All USAA award-winners will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Other criteria includes academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Jaclyn is the daughter of Jay and Janis Spearman of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Evelyn Johnson and John and Angela Spearman, all of Pampa.

CANYON — Five Pampa students have received \$1,000 scholarships through West Texas A&M University's Top Quarter Scholarship Guarantee.

The scholarship is awarded students at WTAMU who graduate in the top 25 percent of their high school class.

The five scholarship recipients are Nathaniel Holmes and Karissa Intemann, both sophomore music majors; Jonathon Kilhoffer, a sophomore pre-engineering major; Andrew Swope, a sophomore mass communications/broadcasting major; and Lauren Walters, a sophomore pre-medicine major.

Part or all of the scholarship package may be renewed if a student maintains a high grade point average.

Cup of Comfort series features former Pampan

Former Pampa teacher, Emmarie Lehnick, has two true short stories appearing in the "Cup of Comfort" series. According to information provided by Lehnick in a press release, the former educator taught in Pampa schools from 1967 to 1983.

One of the stories about her grandson, Scott Talley of Deer Park, is now in bookstores in "A Cup of Comfort for Courage," a collection of stories that celebrate every day heroism, strength and triumph. Lehnick's story is entitled "The Power of Words."

"My 16-year-old grandson is autistic," Lehnick explained. "I wrote this story to inspire the handicapped, the caregivers of the handicapped, and anyone who has ever known a handicapped person. This is truly Scott's story and relates his struggles to cope with autism. Many of Scott's writings are included in my story. After reading about his battle with autism and his great courage in coping with not being able to speak plus having long, countless seizures, perhaps someone can gain strength from Scott's story."

Offering uplifting stories from every day folks, "A Cup of Comfort for Courage" is the seventh volume in the series.

Lehnick's second short story appears in "A Cup of Comfort for Teachers" and is entitled "Ant Bites." "A Cup of Comfort for Teachers" is out in bookstores this month. The stories in this collection are stories of people who mentor, motivate and inspire.

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anniversary celebration

VFW Post 1654 holds Diamond Jubilee Parade

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 has announced the winning entries in its Diamond Jubilee parade.

The parade was held at 1 p.m. April 3 as part of the post's 75th anniversary celebration. A banquet that evening featured music by the Pampa High School Show Choir and speeches by 223rd District Judge Lee Waters, keynote speaker; Pampa post commander Danny Martin; District 9 commander, Gary Branch; state commander, Ron Hornsby; and Chris Karson, who recently returned from Kuwait, where he was stationed at seaports manned by the U.S. Navy.

The Pampa VFW post was organized on April 4, 1929, with 25 members. Veterans of World War II, the Korean and Viet Nam conflicts, and Desert Storm attended Saturday's events.

The "Commander's Choice" winner in Saturday's parade was the Davis family float.

Winners in each entry category are as follows:

Classic Cars and Trucks

1. Raymond Swaney, 1955 Chevrolet
2. Raymond Swaney, 1929 Model A Ford
3. Raymond Douglas, 1940 Ford coupe

Business

1. Utility Oil
2. Lentz Conoco

Individual Floats

1. Davis Family
2. Top O' Texas Republican Women
3. Karli Douglas, Miss Top O' Texas Teen Rodeo

Riding Clubs

1. Sand and Sage, Lefors
2. Amarillo Muleskinners
3. Denver Bruner

Clubs

1. Freedom Museum
2. Hoover Volunteer Fire Department
3. World War II Re-enactment Group

Antique Tractor and Truck

1. Bill Davidson
2. Dean Elliott



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

▲ State Commander Ron Hornsby, right, presents a certificate to Post 1657 Commander Danny Martin in recognition of the Pampa post's 75th anniversary. VFW Post 1657 is the sixth oldest post in the state.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

▲ Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, known as the Hoover Hellfighters, placed second in the Clubs division of the VFW parade.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

▲ Driving a Model A Ford truck in the VFW parade is John Chaney, while Dennis Boyd, dressed in desert camouflage, and Doris Robbins ride in back. Randy Norris of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, left background, watches the parade.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

▲ Bill Davidson and his 8N Ford tractor took first place in the Antique Tractor and Truck division of the Pampa VFW parade.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

▲ Lee Waters, 225th District judge, was keynote speaker at Pampa VFW's Diamond Jubilee banquet.

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Moreland anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Moreland of Skellytown celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 10 at First Baptist Church of Skellytown. Children of the couple hosted the reception.

W.F. "Bill" Moreland and Donna Shair were married April 11, 1954, at Clayton, N.M. They have lived in Skellytown for 37 years and are members of First Baptist Church.

Mr. Moreland retired from Skelly, Getty and Texaco in 1989. From 1989 until 1995, he worked for Damson and Parker and Parsley, retiring in 1995. He is currently president of S-G-T Pampa Chapter of ChevronTexaco Retiree Club.



Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Moreland

Mrs. Moreland worked many years as a hairdresser in Pampa and Skellytown before retiring in 1997.

Children of the couple are

Terri Boren of Borger, Cindy and Dale Francis of Pampa and Ronda and Tim Simpson of Thomas, Okla. They have seven grandchildren.

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SERIES

"This is a personal story," Lehnick said, "of when I was a child in Hereford's grade school and how a precious teacher, Miss Womble, felt compassion

for me. A story this teacher concocted helped save my pride. This childhood incident influenced my passionate dedication to being a teacher for many years in Pampa and Amarillo."

"I feel it was a blessing to have both of our children, Debbie and Mark, go through the Pampa school system which gave them an abundance of opportunities. Since the people of Pampa helped shape my children's lives and my life as a teacher, I want them to be able to share in my writing experience. The grandson in my story is the son of Debbie and Barry Talley."

Lehnick and her husband, Edward, spent their careers teaching. Mrs. Lehnick holds a bachelor's of science degree and a master's of art degree from West Texas State University. She and her husband, both retired, live in Amarillo.

Lehnick has been published in "Good Old Days," is an award-winning Toastmaster, and is a member of Paramount Terrace Christian Church and "Inspirational Writers Alive!"

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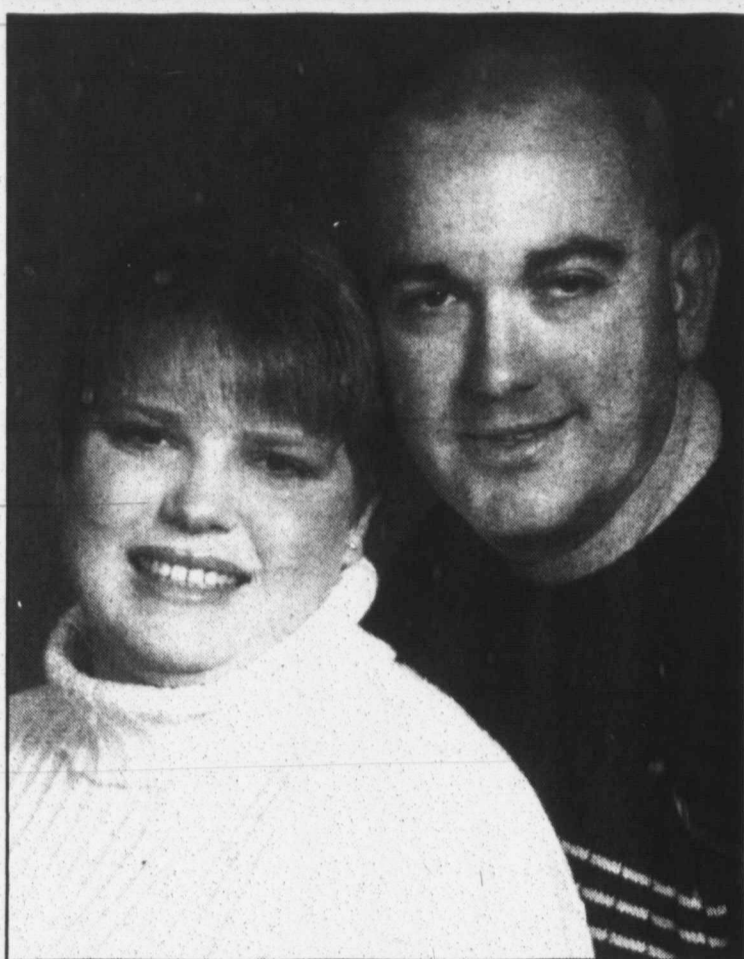
ENGAGEMENTS

Spencer-McKee

Belinda Gregory Spencer and Jeff McKee, both of Canyon, plan to wed Saturday, June 12, in First Baptist Church of Canyon.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Bobby and Frances Gregory of Clinton, Okla. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1992 and is currently a senior elementary education major at West Texas A&M University.

The prospective groom is the son of Dwayne and Mary Lou McKee of Childress. He graduated from Childress High School in 1987 and holds a bachelor's degree in math and computer science (1993). He is currently employed at Anderson Merchandizers in Amarillo.



Belinda Gregory Spencer and Jeff McKee

MENUS

WEEK OF APRIL 12-16

Pampa Schools

MONDAY
Holiday.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon taste.

Lunch: Cheeseburger pocket or chicken nuggets, green beans, corn, apricots.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast.

Lunch: Polish sausage on a bun or pizza, baked beans, corn, fruit.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Donuts, sausage.

Lunch: Chicken strips or beef/cheese nachos, whipped potatoes, salad, applesauce, rolls, cookies.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.

Lunch: Toasted cheese sandwiches/tomato soup or hamburger, French fries, spinach, mixed fruit.

Lefors Schools
MONDAY
Holiday.

TUESDAY

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

Lunch: Barbecue sandwiches or chicken patties, corn, chips, salad bar, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Beef stroganoff or mini corn dogs, whipped potatoes, green beans, salad bar, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY

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

Lunch: Macaroni/cheese and pigs and a blanket, peas, salad bar, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY

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

Lunch: Hot dogs, chili, beans, French fries, salad, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or Chop Suey/rice, whipped potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, German

chocolate cake or blueberry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Oven-fried chicken/gravy or ham salad, whipped potatoes, yams, Italian green beans, beans, French vanilla cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, whipped potatoes, peas, carrots, butter beans, marble cake or cherry cheesecake, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or hamburger steak/onion gravy, curly fries, turnip greens, cream corn, beans, lemon pound cake or apple pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

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

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Barbecue, potato salad, baked beans, pudding.

TUESDAY

Hamloaf, hominy casserole, mixed vegetables, pineapples.

WEDNESDAY

Chicken, dressing, gravy, English peas, cranberry, cookies.

THURSDAY

Sausage patties, hashbrowns, green beans, apricots.

FRIDAY

Chicken nuggets, baked potato, pea/carrots, peaches.

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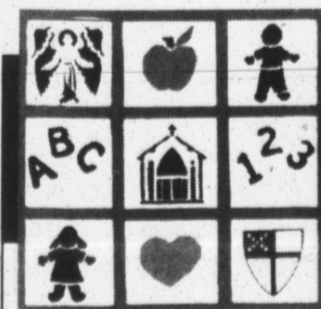
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'The Alamo' touches raw nerve in Mexico

By MARK STEVENSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican audiences are bracing for "The Alamo," which depicts this country's most reviled traitor, one of its most humiliating defeats and events that ultimately cost Mexico half its territory.

There is scant comfort in the fact that Mexican forces won the 1836 battle of the Alamo. The movie closes with the Battle of San Jacinto one month later, which Mexico lost — along with Texas. Within a dozen years, Mexico went on to lose most of what later became California, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada and Arizona.

An audience at the Mexico City premiere Wednesday gasped at the final scenes of the Mexican army defeat at the hands of Texans — "in 18 minutes," according to the film.

"It was very much filmed from an American point of view. It didn't have very much good to say about the Mexican side," said Felix Boucham, 63, a Mexico City retiree and history buff. "I frankly expected the audience to boo some scenes."

Nor was it much comfort that part of the movie was in Spanish, with English subtitles, something director John Lee Hancock says he did for the sake of realism.

"This movie will without doubt cause polemics for

Mexican audiences," the newspaper Reforma wrote in a review.

Mexican actor Emilio Echevarria — who plays the unappetizing role of Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, who led Mexican forces at the Alamo but later surrendered Texas — hopes the film will make Mexicans reflect.

"This chapter of history still hurts us very much, but if we don't turn back and try to understand it, we won't understand what's happening today," said Echevarria.

"Part of the weaknesses we see in Mexico at that time are still present," said Echevarria. "We were a weakened and fragmented society back then, and that prevented us from defending ourselves. Unfortunately, I see a lot of the same thing today."

The role of Santa Anna — a wily political schemer and Mexico's equivalent of Benedict Arnold — wasn't easy for a Mexican actor.

"We Mexicans have always condemned him, classified him as a traitor and nothing more," said Echevarria. "But if that was all he was, then how could he have been president of Mexico 11 times?"

On a personal level, "Santa Anna is a very attractive role for an actor," Echevarria said. "He has so many angles." Indeed, after losing Texas, Santa Anna actually sold part of Mexico to

the United States — what later came to be known as the Gadsden Purchase — and kept coming back like the undead from exile or retirement until his death in 1876.

At least the current "The Alamo" movie is kinder to Mexico than John Wayne's super patriotic 1960 version, in which "the Mexican point of view wasn't even presented," said Hancock.

Hancock intentionally presented two heroic Mexican figures, one a Mexican army officer and one a rebel Tejano, as the long-standing Hispanic residents of Texas were known.

"This is a Mexican movie, Texas was part of Mexico," Hancock said. "A lot of Americans don't know that."

Unfortunately, after Texas won independence, a lot of Tejanos were discriminated against no matter which side they fought on, Hancock noted. In one scene, independence hero Sam Houston warns a Tejano comrade to stay away from the fighting — for fear the Anglo rebels would shoot anyone who looked Mexican.

The biggest question Hancock had to answer is why he didn't end the movie with the fall of the Alamo, but instead

went on to depict the rebels' victory at San Jacinto, where Santa

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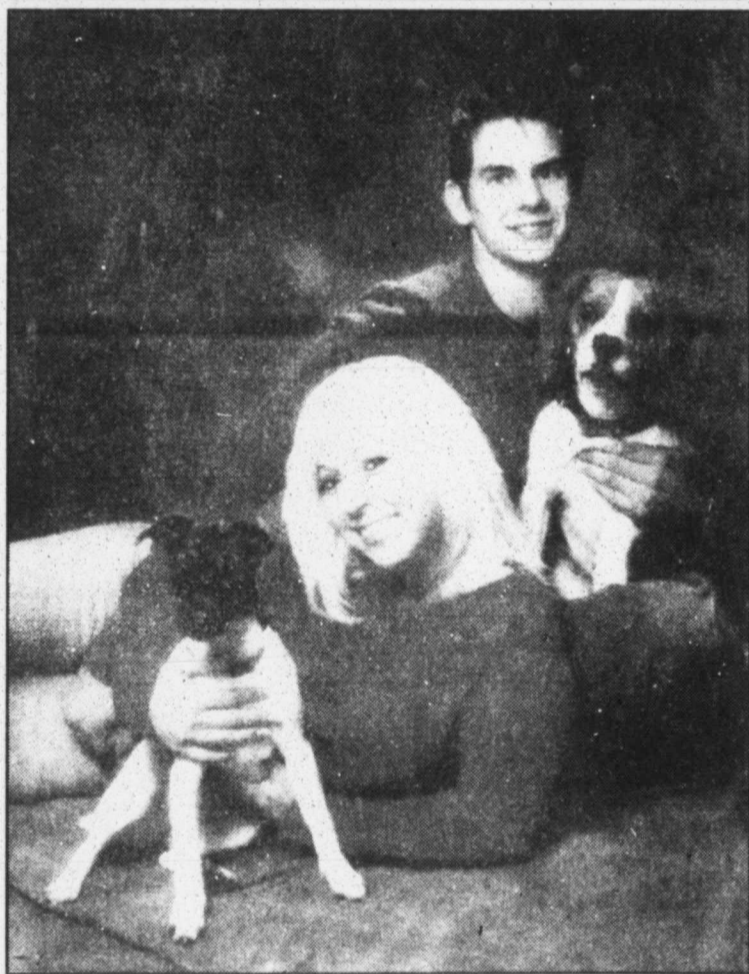
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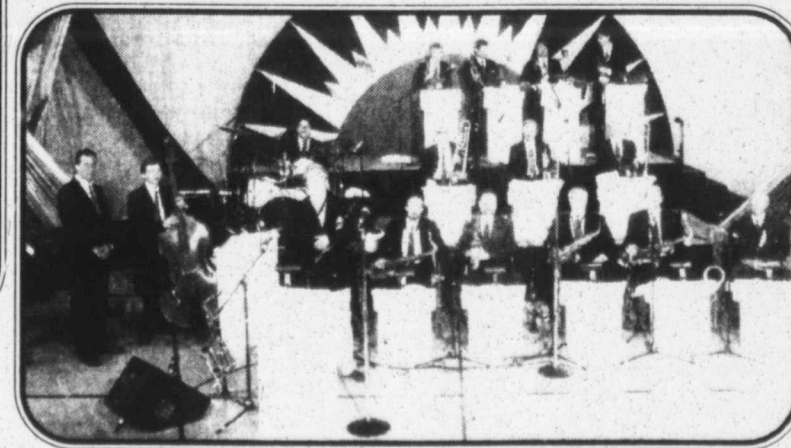
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Richard Glazier is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Music and the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he received a Doctor of Musical Arts in piano performance and more recently, is the recipient of a grant from the Indiana Arts Commission in recognition of his artistic achievements. Other accolades include the Pro Musicis International Award, The National Federation of Music Clubs Young Artist Competition Grand Prize and the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) grant, the highest academic honor. In 1998, Glazier was chosen to record an all-Gershwin project in honor of the Gershwin Centennial for the Piano Disco company's Artist Series.

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HOT COUNTRY SINGLES AND TRACKS

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

1. "When the Sun Goes Down," Kenny Chesney & Uncle Kracker. BNA.
2. "You'll Think of Me," Keith Urban. Capitol.
3. "Sweet Southern Comfort," Buddy Jewell. Columbia.
4. "Perfect," Sara Evans. RCA.
5. "Mayberry," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
6. "Letters From Home," John Michael Montgomery. Warner Bros.
7. "American Soldier," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
8. "Paint Me a Birmingham," Tracy Lawrence. DreamWorks.
9. "Desperately," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
10. "Watch the Wind Blow By," Tim McGraw. Curb.

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TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS

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1. "When the Sun Goes Down," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
2. "Strong," Tracy Lawrence. DreamWorks.
3. "Golden Road," Keith Urban. Capitol. (Platinum)
4. "Shock'n Y'all," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
5. "Long Black Train," Josh Turner. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
6. "Greatest Hits Volume II,"

- Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
7. "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
 8. "See If I Care," Gary Allan. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
 9. "Melt," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street. (Platinum)
 10. "Martina," Martina McBride. RCA. (Nashville). (Platinum)

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HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLES AND TRACKS

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

1. "Yeah!" Usher (feat. Lil Jon & Ludacris). Arista.
2. "If I Ain't Got You," Alicia Keys. J.
3. "I Don't Wanna Know," Mario Winans (feat. Enya & P. Diddy). Bad Boy.
4. "Topsy," J-Kwon. So So Def.
5. "Burn," Usher. LaFace.
6. "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," Jay-Z. Roc-a-Fella. ColliPark.
7. "All Falls Down," Kanye West (feat. Syleena Johnson). Roc-a-Fella.
8. "Splash Waterfalls," Ludacris. Disturbing tha Peace.
9. "Freak-a-Leek," Petey Pablo. Jive.
10. "One Call Away," Chingy (feat. R. Kelly). Full Surface.

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1. "Confessions," Usher. LaFace.
2. "Damito Jo," Janet Jackson. Virgin.
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4. "Hood Hop," J-Kwon. So So Def.
5. "Let's Talk About It," Carl

- Thomas. Bad Boy.
6. "The College Dropout," Kanye West. Roc-a-Fella. (Platinum)
 7. "Kamikaze," Twista. Atlantic. (Platinum)
 8. "Fly or Die," NERD. Star Trak.
 9. "Good Side Bad Side," Master P. New No Limit.
 10. "The Streetsweeper Vol. 2: The Pain From the Game," DJ Kayslay. Columbia.
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1. "Topsy," J-Kwon. So So Def.
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 7. "Wanna Get to Know You," G-Unit (feat. Joe). G-Unit.
 8. "Overnight Celebrity," Twista. Atlantic.
 9. "Game Over (Flip)," Lil' Flip. Sucka Free.
 10. "Hotel," Cassidy (feat. R. Kelly). Full Surface.
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HOT DANCE MUSIC, CLUB PLAY

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "Save My Soul," Kristine W. Tommy Boy Silver Label.
2. "Truly," Delerium (feat. Nerina Pallot). Nettwerk.
3. "Amazing (Full Intention Mixes)," George Michael. Sony Music.
4. "Not in Love (D. Aude,

- Minge Binge, & R.H. Vission Mixes)," Enrique Iglesias (feat. Kelis). Interscope.
5. "Love Profusion (R. Rosario, Craig J., Passengerz & Blow-Up Mixes)," Madonna. Maverick.
 6. "Hole in the Head (Full Intention & Gravitas Mixes)," Sugababes. Island.
 7. "Free (S.A.F. & Nemo Mixes)," Sarah Brightman. Nemo Studio.
 8. "Never Let Me Down," Richard "Humpty" Vission. System.
 9. "Toxic (Remixes)," Britney Spears. Jive.
 10. "Friday Marshmallow," Samba La Casa. Vinyl Soul.
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HOT LATIN TRACKS

(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)

1. "Tengo Ganas," Victor Manuelle. Sony Discos.
 2. "Te Quise Tanto," Paulina Rubio. Universal Latino.
 3. "Mas Que Tu Amigo," Marco Antonio Solis. Fonovisa.
 4. "Cuidarte el Alma," Chayanne. Sony Discos.
 5. "Aunque No Te Pueda Ver," Alex Ubago.
 6. "Y Todo Queda En Nada," Ricky Martin. Sony Discos.
 7. "Baraja de Oro," Palomo. Disa.
 8. "Creo En el Amor," Rey Ruiz. Sony Discos.
 9. "Hazme Olvidarla," Conjunto Primavera. Fonovisa.
 10. "Tu Fotografia," Gloria Estefan. Epic.
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TOP CONTEMPORARY JAZZ ALBUMS

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1. "Come Away With Me," Norah Jones. Blue Note. (Platinum)
2. "Emotions," Will Downing. GRP.
3. "Confidential," Peter White. Columbia.
4. "Ultimate Kenny G," Kenny G. BMG Heritage.
5. "Livin' Large," Euge Groove. Narada Jazz.
6. "This Girl's Got to Play," Joyce Cooling. Narada Jazz.
7. "Saxophonic," Dave Koz. Capitol.
8. "A Thousand Kisses Deep," Chris Botti. Columbia.
9. "Wildflower," Keiko Matsui. Narada Jazz.
10. "Up Front," Paul Brown. GRP.

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TOP CLASSICAL ALBUMS

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1. "Vivaldi's Cello," Yo-Yo Ma With the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra & Ton Koopman. Sony Classical.
 2. "American Angels," Anonymous 4. Harmonia Mundi.
 3. "Romance of the Violin," Joshua Bell. Sony Classical.
 4. "Mahler: Symphony No. 4," San Francisco Symphony (Thomas). Delos.
 5. "Live at Carnegie Hall," Lang Lang. DG.
 6. "Beautiful America," Tim Janis. Tim Janis Ensemble.
 7. "Live in Dublin," Andre Rieu. Denon.
 8. "Classic Meets Cuba," Klazz Brothers & Cuba Percussion. Sony Classical.
 9. "Hallelujah: 35 Great Sacred Choruses," Various Artists. Sparrow.
 10. Soundtrack: "Master and Commander." Decca.
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BILLBOARD HOT 100: TOP 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Yeah!" Usher (feat. Ludacris & Lil' Jon). Arista.
 2. "Topsy," J-Kwon. So So Def.
 3. "I Don't Wanna Know," Mario Winans (feat. Enya & P. Diddy). Bad Boy.
 4. "One Call Away," Chingy (feat. J. Weav). Disturbing tha Peace.
 5. "Burn," Usher. Arista.
 6. "This Love," Maroon5. Octone.
 7. "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," Jay-Z. Roc-a-Fella.
 8. "My Immortal," Evanescence. Wind-up.
 9. "Naughty Girl," Beyonce. Columbia.
 10. "Toxic," Britney Spears. Jive.
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200 TOP ALBUMS: TOP 10

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

1. "Confessions," Usher. LaFace.

2. "Damito Jo," Janet Jackson. Virgin.
 3. "Now 15," Various Artists. EMI/Universal/Sony Music/Zomba/Capitol.
 4. "U Gotta Feel Me," Lil' Flip. Sucka Free.
 5. "Honkin' on Bobo," Aerosmith. Columbia.
 6. "Me and Mr. Johnson," Eric Clapton. Duck.
 7. "Hood Hop," J-Kwon. So So Def.
 8. "Feels Like Home," Norah Jones. Blue Note.
 9. "Greatest Hits," Guns N' Roses. Geffen.
 10. "The College Dropout," Kanye West. Roc-a-Fella. (Platinum)
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HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY

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1. "You Raise Me Up," Josh Groban. 143.
2. "The First Cut is the Deepest," Sheryl Crow. A&M.
3. "White Flag," Dido. Arista.
4. "100 Years," Five for Fighting. Aware.
5. "Forever and For Always," Shania Twain. Mercury.
6. "Calling All Angels," Train. Columbia.
7. "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," Michael McDonald. Motown.
8. "Unwell," matchbox twenty. Atlantic.
9. "Drift Away," Uncle Kracker (feat. Dobie Gray). Lava.
10. "This One's for the Girls," Martina McBride. RCA Nashville.

TOP CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ALBUMS

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

1. Soundtrack: "The Passion of the Christ." Integrity. (Gold)
2. "The Beautiful Letdown," Switchfoot. Sparrow. (Gold)
3. "Casting Crowns," Casting Crowns. Beach Street.
4. "WOW Worship (Red)," Various Artists. EMICMG.
5. "Carried Me: The Worship Project," Jeremy Camp. BEC. EMI Special Markets.
6. "WOW Hits 2004," Various Artists. Provident. (Platinum)
7. "Worship Together: I Could Sing of Your Love Forever," Various Artists. EMI Special Markets.
8. "The Creed," Avalon. Sparrow.
9. "Passion: Hymns Ancient and Modern," Passion Worship Band. Sparrow.
10. "Elvis: Ultimate Gospel," Elvis Presley. RCA.

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Anna was captured and his army wiped out.

"Some people suggested I tacked it on at the end so the good guys could win," Hancock said. "That wasn't it. I wanted it to be the completion ... and most importantly, it is parallel blood-lust."

One thing about the movie rings true with present-day Texas: it is sprinkled with Spanish — something movie studios seem to have fewer problems with today.

"When I came on board," Hancock recalled, "one of the first things I talked to Disney about was, 'If I'm gonna do this, I want Spanish and subtitles. I felt it added to the realism. They had no problem with that.'"

Still, Mexicans said it could have been more realistic.

"It would have been closer to the truth," Boucham noted, "if they had mentioned in the movie the United States at that time was just seeking to expand, and take as much territory as they could."

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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).

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.

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met March 25 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—A work day is scheduled from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Sands Fabrics, and a sew day is planned April 24 at Cabot.

—Plans for the November quilt show were discussed and chairpersons appointed.

—A new quilt block pattern will be distributed at the June meeting.

—Wanda Mitchell was recognized as a new member.

—Doris Jean Foster delivered the program on English paper piecing.

—Door prizes were given away and the winner of the Fat Quarter drawing announced.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. April 29 at Pampa Senior Citizens. Visitors are welcome.

Las Pampas Chapter of DAR

Las Pampas Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution met recently at the home of Sudie Reeder.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The nuclear depository at Yucca Mountain, Nev., was the subject of a research paper delivered by Willie Mae Mangold. The depository is to be located 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

Mangold reviewed research done to find a depository which included several possibilities — disposing of nuclear waste deep in the ocean, in holes six miles underground, in space, and more.

Construction on the depository in volcanic ash at Yucca Mountain is set to begin in 2008. Mangold presented each member with a portfolio on the depository.

—Darlene Birkes summarized the President General's message and the DAR American Spirit magazine features.

—Mangold, Nancy Coffee and Betty White will represent the chapter at the Panhandle Area Regents Council meeting and preservation program at 1 p.m. May 1 at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

—Fran Gross, delegate to the 105th TSDAR State Conference in Houston, reported the chapter earned 20 awards including an award for excellence in commemorative events, magazine subscription increase, American heritage and history, Veteran projects, yearbook, conservation, Constitution Week, American Indians; second place in Good Citizen program, press book, President General's project, DAR schools contributions, superior registrar's report; and third for division I photos and chapter achievement.

—Donna Burger will help with curtains for Pioneer Cottage.

—Reeder presented the flag fact and Mary Cantrell the conservation report.

—Pennies for Indian Schools were collected.

—Members are to complete a careers survey for the May luncheon meeting at the home of Coffee.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met April 6 in the home of Francis Hall. During the meeting, the following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Final additions were added to the mailing list for the annual guest tea and art exhibit slated from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. May 4 at Lovett Memorial Library. Members will address and stamp the invitations at the next meeting. The event will be open to the public. Members will gather the day before the exhibit to set up the display.

—The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for 2004-05. The slate was unanimously approved.

—For its annual May field trip, the club will visit Northfork Antiques and Devil's Rope Museum in McLean. Lunch will be at Red River Steakhouse.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. April 20 at the home of Kay Crouch.

Myth vs. reality of declining voter turnout

By JERRY SCHWARTZ
AP NATIONAL WRITER

HOW WE CHOOSE

In the crowning rite of democracy, more than 100 million Americans will join together to make history this November — to elect a president.

But a lot more won't. Some are under 18, and can't vote. But many others just don't.

When the world's democracies are ranked according to their voting records, America is at the bottom, with Switzerland.

Books with titles like "The Vanishing Voter" and "Where Have All the Voters Gone?" give voice to an increasing unease that something fundamental is amiss — that Americans are caught in some sort of electoral death spiral. That democracy itself may be at risk.

There is some dispute about the extent of the decline, but in the last two elections, only about 24 percent of the adult population cast their votes for George W. Bush and Bill Clinton. A democracy whose leaders are the choice of less than a quarter of the adult population faces some hard questions:

Can a government that is of and by only a fraction of the people truly work for all the people? And is there any way that a nation of distracted denizens of the 21st century can be transformed into a nation of voters?

After the 2000 election, amid all the controversy about hanging chads and butterfly ballots, little attention was paid to reports that 51.2 percent of Americans of voting age had voted, up from 49.8 percent four years before.

This was not considered cause for celebration. As recently as 1960, 62.8 percent of Americans of voting age had turned out to elect John F. Kennedy over Richard M. Nixon in a nailbiter. Through the 1960s, turnout hovered in the 60s, but in 1972 it plunged to 55.2 percent. With some exceptions the decline has continued since.

"We are in the midst of the biggest progressive and generational decline in participation in our history," declares Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, a Washington voting

advocacy group.

Political scientists Michael P. McDonald and Samuel L. Popkin don't see it that way. Traditionally, turnout has been calculated simply, as a ratio between the number of people who voted and the number of Americans of voting age. But McDonald and Popkin say that includes people who actually CAN'T vote — non-citizens and felons. Since 1972, both groups have grown.

Excluding those groups, they say, voter turnout for the last eight elections has averaged about 56 percent, bobbing up and down with no real downward trend.

But there has been no upward trend, either. Thomas Patterson, director of the Vanishing Voter project at Harvard University, says experts long assumed that voter turnout would increase when education and income rose.

They have — and it hasn't.

Curtis Gans has made voter turnout his life's work. He offers a long list of reasons why so many Americans don't vote.

The decline of the family farm and small-town America. Stressful lives, longer commutes. Declines in newspaper reading, civic education and party allegiance. Too many television channels — and too much television, period, except when it comes to meaningful political coverage, when there is too little. Long, tedious and nasty campaigns in which candidates seek to energize their own followers instead of trying to engage others. An erosion of faith that government cares about or can solve our problems.

But not everybody agrees that alienated Americans are necessarily nonvoters.

Two University of Nebraska political scientists, Elizabeth Theiss-Morse and John R. Hibbing, looked at surveys and material from focus groups and found that Americans' distrust of politicians often results in more voting, not less — that they vote to keep a short leash on government.

The fact is, the line between voters and nonvoters is not necessarily a sharp one.

As Mark N. Franklin, a political scientist at Trinity College in Connecticut, points out,

turnout varies from election to election. And a lot of people who vote in presidential elections do not vote in primaries or local or midterm elections, when the turnout is usually far, far lower.

"Presumably, it is not something about those citizens that makes them more likely to vote in certain elections than in others," Franklin writes.

Experts have prescribed all sorts of changes in the system of American elections. We could move elections to weekends or holidays, or extend voting hours. We could allow voters to register on Election Day, as they do in Minnesota and five other states.

None of these proposals address a central concern: Many races have been drained of competition; parties use computers to redistrict in such a way that the outcome is inevitable, and voters sometimes see no reason to vote.

"In the state of California, there are 53 districts," says Thomas Patterson of the Vanishing Voter Project. "How do you carve up the whole state so none of them is competitive? That to me is pure cynicism. But that's what they did."

The parties do work to register voters — but voters of their own ilk. The Republicans want to register 3 million voters this year, and they've deployed an 18-wheeler full of computers and video games and plasma TVs to do it.

"Reggie the Registration Rig rolls across America to 'bring new people into the party,'" says Republican chairman Ed Gillespie, "especially young people."

The Republicans see young nonvoters as a source of party growth; nonpartisan groups see them as a hole in the fabric of democracy.

While 70 percent of Americans 25 and older voted in 2000, according to the Pew Charitable Trusts, only 42 percent of younger Americans went to the polls; other estimates are even lower.

The fear is that today's young nonvoters will never develop the voting habit, dooming the United States to generations of low turnout.

Rock the Vote uses celebra-

ties like the Dixie Chicks and Kid Rock to convince the young that "voting is cool," says political director Hans Riemer — that if they vote, their voices will be heard on issues ranging from the job market to education.

The young are not the only ones who do not vote; fewer than a third of Hispanics and Asians cast ballots in most elections. That has consequences, especially in local elections, says Zoltan L. Hajnal, a political scientist at the University of California, San Diego.

In an as-yet unpublished study, Hajnal finds that higher minority turnout one year means more municipal spending in line with minority interests the next year — spending on things like health care and education.

Too often, that turnout doesn't materialize. But maybe it doesn't have to be that way.

In Boston, a city that had never elected a Hispanic to city-wide office, registration and get-out-the-vote efforts had been sporadic and often self-serving — one group or another trying to boost its chances.

A nonpartisan group, Boston VOTE, had a different idea. In 2000, it began to enlist nonprofit organizations in a voting advocacy network that would focus on black, Hispanic and Asian neighborhoods and work relentlessly, in election years and every year.

Eventually, 140 groups signed on, and with Boston VOTE's help, each began to promote voting. A patient at a health clinic might receive registration forms upon departure; an immigrant trying to learn English might also be taught the mechanics of voting; a resident might find a card hooked to his doorknob, offering nonpartisan information about the candidates.

Last Nov. 5, the work paid off. Turnout in Hispanic, black and Asian precincts rose by more than 75 percent, and Felix D. Arroyo — Puerto Rican-born, the first member of his family to earn a college degree — was elected to an at-large seat on the Boston City Council.

There was celebration, sure. But the next day, Boston VOTE went back to work.

"This is democracy," says program coordinator Atiya Dangleben. "365 days a year."

Tragic Wichita Falls twister led to safety measures

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Walking through tornado-ravaged neighborhoods after a deadly storm 25 years ago, architect Charles F. Harper saw something strange: small closets or bathrooms that seemed to be rising from piles of debris.

In many cases, the center room of a house or business — even a bank vault — was the only thing standing after a tornado up to a mile-and-a-half wide churned through town, hitting 5,000 houses and several apartments. Some 20,000 people — nearly one-fourth of the city's population — were homeless, while 42 were killed and 1,700 injured.

Harper, who had developed disaster response plans for nearly 10 years for the American Institute of Architects, started studying his town's damage with researchers at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

What they learned from Wichita Falls sped up the development of "safe rooms" — center rooms with reinforced walls designed to protect people during storms. Building plans and information about safe rooms are now included in brochures distributed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"That event was unequivocal proof that you could build an aboveground structure that could withstand tornado winds," said Chad Morris, associate director of what is now the Wind Science and Engineering Research Center at Texas Tech.

The April 10, 1979, tornado that hit Wichita Falls is the state's fifth-deadliest and one of the largest in U.S. history.

On that spring day, three large supercell storms developed, each producing a series of tornadoes that moved quickly across the northern Texas and southern

Oklahoma plains.

Some of those twisters killed 11 people in nearby Vernon, one in Harrold and three in Lawton, Okla.

The Wichita Falls tornado stayed on the ground an hour and traveled 47 miles as it wiped out a fifth of the city and damaged even more areas before dissipating in Oklahoma. It is rated an F4, with winds from 207-260 mph.

"I don't know if any tornado in Texas has affected so many people," said Alan Moller, a Fort Worth-based National Weather Service meteorologist who spent a week in Wichita Falls after the tornado. "And we really learned a lot in terms of safety."

Tornado sirens sounded in Wichita Falls about 30 minutes before the storm, and television and radio stations aired warnings until power went out just as the twister moved through town about 6 p.m. Thousands of people crouched in storm cellars or basements; some bank employees huddled in a vault.

Although the mall was heavily damaged, no shoppers died inside. Several who ran to their cars were killed or severely injured.

More than half of those killed, including the girlfriend of Harper's son and her sister, were in cars trying to flee. — believing that buildings were more dangerous — or were passing through town and had not heard the warnings.

"The big lesson learned was that if you're in a reinforced structure, you need to stay there when a tornado's approaching," Moller said. "Automobiles are a steel death trap in a tornado."

Many people at that time had only seen

narrow, funnel-shaped clouds and didn't recognize that the approaching wide, wedge-shaped mass was a tornado, Moller said.

In assessing damage, researchers realized that they had been giving the wrong advice in telling people to open windows as a tornado approached, Harper said. They realized that what blew the roofs off houses was wind getting inside — and that homes with storm doors and windows or shutters fared better.

"We rewrote the book on what happens in a tornado and how to mitigate damage," said Harper, 74.

The town slowly rebuilt, with the help of the Goals for Wichita Falls committee that developed plans to improve all aspects of the city, including economic development, schools and parks.

Just two years later, Wichita Falls was named an All-America City by what is now the National League of Cities.

Since the tornado, some builders say the demand has increased for safe rooms — with walls made of concrete blocks or plywood with reinforced steel beams. Buchanan Construction Co. builds safe rooms with 6-inch-thick concrete walls, and only builds concrete houses to meet customers' demands for tornado safety in addition to energy savings, said owner Jay Buchanan.

"I hear more about safe rooms now than I did 20 years ago," Buchanan said.

Today, the town has few reminders of the storm. Near downtown, a memorial park features large sculptures representing crape myrtle trees that bloomed after the storm and became a symbol of the town's resolve.

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Public Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids addressed to the City of Pampa, Texas 79066-2499, until 2:00 P.M. May 4, 2004, for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for the Pampa Landfill, Permit No. 2238-CHL-3 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NO. 04-05-G, and show the date and time of bid opening. Facsimile bids will not be accepted. The City Commission will award the Cell 3 Construction project during the May 11, 2004 Commission meeting. Bidders shall submit their bids on the form attached to the Specifications and must submit therewith a Cashier's or Certified check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bid Bond payable without recourse to the order of the City of Pampa, in an amount not less than 5% of the bid submitted on the project as a guaranty that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds on the form provided within 10 days after notice of award of contract.

The successful bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds on the forms attached to the Specifications, in the amount of 100% of the total contract price from a Surety Company approved by the Owner holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety or other Surety acceptable to the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any formalities or technicalities. In case of ambiguity or lack of clarity in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done. A pre-bid conference for this project will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2004 at the City of Pampa, City Hall. If you plan to bid this project, a representative of your firm is requested to attend the con-

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Phyllis Letters City Secretary 1-27-Apr-11-2004

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This Week: Aim high, with the full expectation of achieving. The end of the week could become annoying, as you have to play the waiting game.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are bound for a new experience, even if a partner might have a somewhat difficult time going along. Surprisingly enough, he or she will get into your idea, perhaps even more than you. Hop in the car and visit family this Easter Sunday. Tonight: Don't worry about tomorrow.

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NEW LISTING - ASPEN - Tastefully decorated and well kept home. Wood floors in hall, dining room and 1 bedroom. Crown molding, large master with tub, shower, and 2 lavatories. Good storage. Pantry. Nice back yard with large storage building and pond. Double garage. MLS 6390

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

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

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

PRICE REDUCED - POWELL - Nice brick home with two bedrooms. Has steel trim for low maintenance. Storage building, large walk-in closets, central heat and air. Washer/dryer, stove and refrigerator stay. Single garage. MLS 6327

PURVIANCE - Three bedroom home close to downtown area. Large living room, 1 3/4 baths, dining room. Needs some updating. Would make a great rental. MLS 6368

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

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

ROSEWOOD - One owner home. Three bedrooms, large dining room, utility room, central heat and air, 1 3/4 baths, carport + double garage. MLS 6336

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E. 27th - Large den with woodburning fireplace and bookcases. Both baths have redone. New plumbing under house. New replacement windows. Three bedrooms, 2 living areas, utility room, double garage. MLS 6340

PRICE REDUCED - 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 12, 2004:
At times you find it difficult to get the attention of others -- yes, you, Aries, the one known as the Ram. In a sense this is OK, as it will help you bone up on your ability to communicate. You will learn new ways to express your ideas and feelings so they make sense to more people. You will manifest an unusually bright side and become especially good at networking and in meetings. You achieve your goals this year, both professionally and personally. Make it clear in your mind what your priorities are. If you are single, you will meet someone very special. In fact, you might meet two or more people. A friendship will be involved. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from doing more as a group. AQUARIUS is true blue.

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 are still working under the haze of confusion and are not exactly sure what will work. The good news is that late today, Mercury, the thinking planet, moves into your sign. You will get new ideas, solutions and communication. Tonight, With friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You take a stand because you see a situation differently. Be prepared to prove your facts and figures, even if you are in charge. Not everything goes as you would like it to. Laugh away and be more open. Tonight: Quit worrying so much.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A discussion with a partner or associate first thing this morning

might not be satisfying, but it is important. You will gain tremendous insight and know which way to go. Aim for more of what you want, and you will get it sooner than you think. Tonight: Be the mental twin.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Carefully investigate other possibilities that involve finances and an important relationship. Others seek you out for answers and leadership, which you might not be in a position to give. Beg off nicely. Tonight: A heart-to-heart talk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others hold the cards. Keep your opinions to yourself; don't even shake your head at what someone else says. Detachment will work, and with it you will get answers. Timing is everything right now. Follow your instincts. Tonight: Be where the crowds are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You actually enjoy work, as long as you can escape some of the innate confusion. Still, double-check facts and figures, because mistakes that could be costly might be made. Take time to check your insurance policies and other such documents. Tonight: Please relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might be in the mood to take a flying leap or risk. If you can hold back, do so. At least make sure that you can afford to lose what you invest. Be a little sensible, please. A flirtation could be building. Check this person out. Tonight: Be as mischievous as you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Understanding what is going on could be of no help right now, as others can't or don't want to listen. Let go of an immediate problem, and understand that you can only do so much. Pace

yourself. Tonight: Happy at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ People surround you at work and at home. Others tap into your creativity, which grows as the days get older. Be willing to ask frank questions, and you will get strong answers -- though they might not be 100 percent accurate. Tonight: Out at a favorite spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Deal with finances, and others will give you many solutions. Be sensitive to a family member who might not be as together as you think. Be good-natured and indulge this special person in a meaningful way. Tonight: Pay bills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You are sunny, though possibly a victim or participant in a misunderstanding. Do your best to clear up the problem with a question. Communication flourishes later in the day. In fact, you might be laughing at what just went down. Tonight: Check in on a neighbor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Listen and don't talk. You will gain some strong opinions about what is really going on. Others are not as clear as they could be. Confirm all meetings and appointments, please. Discuss a money matter later in the day. Tonight: Vanish.

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Singer, actor David Cassidy (1950); singer Vince Gill (1957); actor Andy Garcia (1956)

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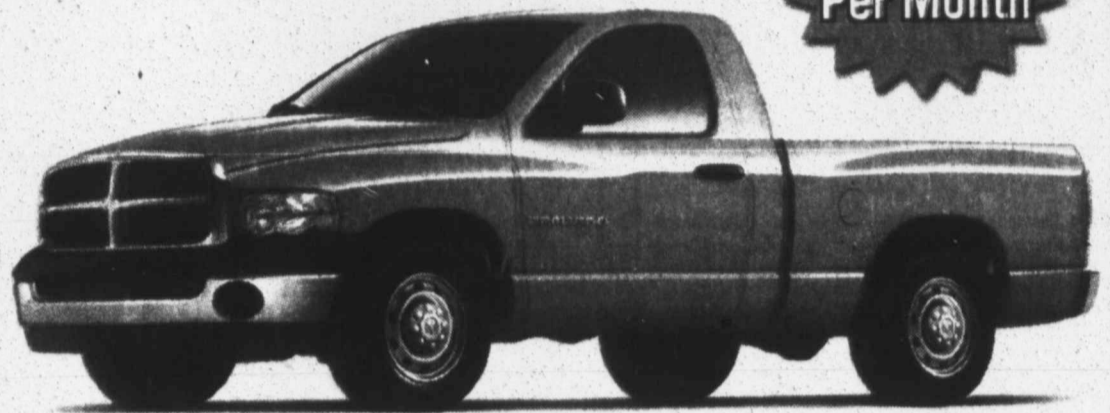


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