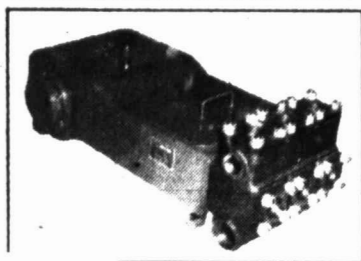


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Dispatchers provide help in emergencies

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

They are a small group of people whose voices are heard but whose faces are

rarely seen in the course of their work. They provide the link between people who need help and those who can provide help in emergencies. Their tools are telephones,

computers, radios, and their ability to stay calm and focused in a crisis.

They are Pampa's emergency services dispatchers, who were honored recently by Pampa Police Chief Treilyn Pitner and Lt. Stephanie Raymond, their supervisor, in conjunction with Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, observed during April.

The dispatchers take telephone calls for assistance and monitor and dispatch fire, police and other city services by radio as needed, in both emergency and non-emergency situations. Many of them have at least one story to tell about their work.

"One of the hardest calls I dealt with was the little boy that was struck by lightning. Calls about children are very hard to deal with," said Sherry Lang.

"You get the ones where you hear the (attempted) suicide on the other end has been completed. You hear the ones that turned out okay because an officer got there on time," said Joel Wilson.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Dispatchers who operate Pampa's 911 telecommunications system are, front row from left, Sherry Lang, Mike Ehrl and Debbie McDonald. Back row from left are Amber Srader, Joel Wilson, Louise Dills and Christine Griffin.

Highway 60 focus of 'cleanup'

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

A public meeting concerning cleanup of property along Highway 60 will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner.

City Manager Mitch Grant reported on the Highway 60 cleanup project at Thursday's city commission meeting. He said that the city had already contacted some Highway 60 property owners concerning

cleanup and improvement of the area. He also discussed the possibility of passing new ordinances and zoning regulations.

The Highway 60 project's goal is "to rid the Highway 60 corridor of visual aspects that give a false impression of our city," according to Grant. He showed a slide presentation which outlined the city's proposed steps to improve the Highway 60 area, and photos of existing situations along the highway inside city limits which he felt may need

cleanup, such as areas with tall weeds, dead trees or several parked vehicles.

The first steps in attempted cleanup include contact with property owners by mail or in person. Grant said Photographic documentation of the area's current appearance is also being done, he said.

Grant included a letter and survey dated April 22 in information provided to commissioners concerning the

(See CLEANUP, Page 2)

Commissioners to hear from task force

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Gray County commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday, May 3 in the second floor court room at Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell, to hear an update on the local ambulance task force committee.

The committee will report on efforts to find a new ambulance service for Pampa and Gray County. Rural/Metro Ambulance Service has announced it will leave Pampa on July 14.

Also on the agenda:

- Replacement of employee at Extension office
- Removing Julia Wood from sick leave pool committee and adding Karen Ellis to the committee.
- Regional Emergency Preparedness Program mutual aid agreement.
- Request of White Deer Land Foundation Advisory Board and Museum Foundation Board to have some cross memberships.

Amarillo ends support of cloudseeding program

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

WHITE DEER Amarillo is withdrawing its support for the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District's rain enhancement program.

Cliff Williams, PGWCD general manager, said his board of directors during its monthly meeting here Wednesday that Amarillo had passed a resolution withdrawing its support of the rainmaking program. That, however, will have little impact on the program.

In the past, the cities and counties have passed resolutions supporting the program.

"What those resolutions were intended to do," Williams said, "were to show support for the program. We

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Eric Cupp to speak at PHS graduation

Eric Cupp, a respected educator and speaker, will be guest speaker at the Pampa High School Class of 2004 Honors Banquet scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the Pampa Country Club.

Outstanding graduates to be recognized and honored at the banquet include Shawn Goodin, class valedictorian. Goodin also has received an appointment to the prestigious United States Military Academy at West Point.

Earning the place of salutatorian is Jake Hopkins. He will be honored as a superintendent scholar for scoring a 29 on the ACT exam, in addition to completing four advanced placement courses. Hopkins scored highest on the college entrance exam of all seniors in the graduating class.

Other honor graduates placing in the top 10 percent of the class, in order of their rankings after Goodin and Hopkins, include Ryan Barnes, Joshua "Jed" Martin, Shelley Smith, Tara Jordan, Natalie McVay, Briana Russell, Evelyn Jasso, Demetrio Martinez, Brianna Bailey, James "Mac" Smith, Kori Dunn, Stephanie Nelson, Eric Cox, Abbi Covalt, Cara Pryor, Tatum Brown, Hunter Craig, Michael Martinez, Cristina Elliott, Johnny Story and Krissy Holman.

"Dr. Cupp has addressed numerous professional organizations, teacher and student convocations including university/high school forums across the state. He is a professional speaker and trainer," said Barry Haensch, superintendent of Pampa Independent School District. "We are honored Dr. Cupp will be the keynote speaker for the honors banquet."

Born in Ballinger and raised in Corpus Christi,



(Courtesy photo)

Eric Cupp

Sweetwater and Taylor. Cupp's education includes five degrees, concluding with a doctorate from Abilene Christian University. He has keynoted for almost every professional educational organization in Texas. He offers seminars on such topics as stress management, time management, missions and goals, strategic planning, and discipline management. He also developed a program, "Cupps Kids," in which he works with students to improve academic performance.

He has produced videos and audio series in addition to a broad speaking experience in hundreds of Texas public schools. He has delivered lectures to the National Convention of School Administrators, Texas Association of Elementary and High School Principals, DARE, Police Officers State Convention, Association of Professional Educators, National Department of Energy, Texas Association of School Counselors, plus numerous regional educational clusters.

He is married to Melissa, a physician assistant, and has three children, Erica, Whitney and Parker.

Pampa News back on-line

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cleanup project. The survey asks the individual to mark the "three most obnoxious violations along Highway 60 in Pampa" and asks if there are other violations not listed and also whether the person agrees with efforts to improve the Highway 60 area.

The letter, also dated April 22 begins, "Dear Highway 60 Property owner." The letter

notifies the recipient of Tuesday's public meeting, and asks that the survey be completed and returned.

Grant told commissioners Thursday that new ordinances and zoning may need to be considered in order to give the city the authority to complete the proposed cleanup of the Highway 60 area.

"There are no ordinances

regarding dead trees. There are no rules for car lots to have all-weather surfaces," Grant told commissioners Thursday.

The all-weather surfaces would help prevent fires, he said, in case a vehicle leaked oil or gasoline which could then catch fire more easily if vegetation is beneath the vehicle.

Grant's list of suggestions

for commissioners to consider taking action on include:

- Paved, or all-weather surface, parking for car lots
- Fence appearance regulations
- Minimum standards for commercial buildings
- Screening for auto repair companies (such as solid fencing)
- No indoor furniture used outdoors.

"Most of the businesses do a pretty good job of taking care of their property," Grant told commissioners.

After passage of any ordinances and zoning regulations, the last phase of the cleanup project will be code enforcement, Grant said.

Ward 1 Commissioner Jeff McCormick expressed support of the proposals concerning new ordinances.

"Let's take care not to over-regulate," said Mayor Lonny Robbins. He suggested that Grant work on any proposed new ordinances and present them to commissioners at a future meeting for consideration.

Tuesday's meeting at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium is open to anyone interested in the proposed Highway 60 cleanup.

ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Friday, April 30

Brandon Smith, 20, 1301 Terrace, was arrested on three capias pro fines.

Lawrence Henderson, 21, 1036 S. Christy, was arrested on two capias pro fines for minor in possession.

Vikki Spear, 45, 1106 Charles, was arrested for driving while intoxicated-enhanced with a juvenile.

SHERIFF

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

Friday, April 30

Vickie Broadstreet, 44, 1205 E. Foster, was arrested for theft by check, seven counts of issuance of a bad check, and three capias pro fines for unpaid court costs and fees.

Kimberly M. Rose, 35, 511 Carr, turned herself in for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Aaron Childress, 20, 1929 Lynn, was arrested by Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated (minor), driving while license suspended and no insurance.

Saturday, May 1

Eric Lemons, 22, 1829 N. Banks, was arrested by the DPS for motion to revoke - evading and for possession of a controlled substance.

Tyson Beck, 30, 12035 E. Frederic, was arrested for violation of a protective order.

AMBULANCE

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

Friday, April 30

10:52 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Seneca and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 and Wilks. No transport.

2:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 and Wilks on a motor vehicle accident and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Saturday, May 1

1:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a call for medical assistance at White Deer. A patient(s) was taken to the airport in Panhandle for transport by LifeStar helicopter.

FIRE

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

Friday, April 30

10:52 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1100 block of Seneca on an unconscious/unresponsive. Upon arrival at the scene, firefighters found the patient conscious and alert.

1:49 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident at Highways 60 and 70. No injuries were reported or hazardous material spills found.

WEATHER FOCUS

The forecast today is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the lower 70s and west winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight should fall on mostly clear skies with lows in the mid 40s and north winds 5 to 10 mph, shifting to the east after midnight.

Monday should see mostly sunny skies. Highs around 80. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Monday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s.

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Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s.

Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s.

Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

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DISPATCHERS

"One time, a little boy was kidnapped out of a back yard. I had a hysterical grandmother on the phone. She was just screaming. The only calm person was a 9-year-old girl. She gave me directions and a description of the vehicle. The officers caught the guy in about 22 minutes, and the child was safe and sound," Wilson said.

"You get some really frustrating calls on 911, like, 'Where do I go vote?'" said Louise Dills. "One night, a lady called about seven times on 911 to ask us to go get her vet so he could put her cat to sleep. She'd called the vet but he hadn't showed up yet."

"I've had people ask, 'Could you look up a phone number for me?'" Wilson said.

One of the most difficult times during a dispatcher's workday is when they are uncertain of a law enforcement officer's safety.

"One of the worst things is when they call for radio silence, like when they're clearing a building," Dills said.

"If we're trying to check on an officer and he doesn't respond, our hearts immediately sink. We want to know that everything's okay," Lang said.

"It takes a special group of people to work as dispatchers. This group is just about the best I've ever worked with," said Raymond. "They're our lifeline. I'm proud of each and every one of them."

"You have to care about people" to be a dispatcher, Lang said.

"You've got to be somewhat of an adrenaline junkie as well," Wilson said.

Pampa dispatchers, in addition to Lang, Dills and Wilson, are Mike Ehrl, Debbie McDonald, Amber Srader and Christine Griffin.

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used those letters to go to the Legislature and try to get funding for it."

Williams said the resolution withdrawn by the City of Amarillo will have no legal bearing on the program.

This year's funding is already in place and the program has already begun for the year. The seasonal program normally begins in the spring and runs through the summer and early fall.

"We did get our permit renewed in March," Williams said. "It's good through 2008."

Williams said that efforts to increase funding for the district by the state this year were unsuccessful, but the district was able to extend the

funding they have had in the past.

When the district started its rain enhancement program, flying over approaching thunderstorms and seeding the clouds with silver iodide crystals, four years ago, the board had planned to test the program for five years. This is the fifth and final year of the plan.

In his report to the board on the program, Williams indicated that ranchers in the western part of Potter County had objected to the district's cloud seeding program.

John McKissack, who represents Potter County on the water district board, suggested moving the operating area of the flight program east

from the eastern edge of Oldham County to U.S. Highway 287 that bisects Potter County.

"Potter County graciously donates its silver iodide to our other counties," McKissack told his fellow board members.

Phillip Smith, who represents Carson County, worried that eliminating Potter County from the program would cut any seeding that might benefit Carson County.

Williams said that only once so far this season have clouds built up over Potter County that would have been suitable for seeding, but at that time, he said, the district's plane was busy seeding another area.

City Briefs

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Kindergarten enrollment set Tuesday, May 4

Kindergarten pre-enrollment for Pampa public schools for the 2004-2005 school year will be conducted on Tuesday, May 4, at Austin, Lamar and Wilson elementaries, school officials announced.

Austin's enrollment will be from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30

p.m. in the school's main hall, 1900 Duncan.

Wilson will have its enrollment from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the cafeteria, 801 E. Browning.

Lamar's enrollment will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school, 1234 S. Nelson.

School officials remind

parents to enroll their children in the attendance area closest to where they live. Parents who are unsure which school their child should attend, can call the school administration office at Carver Center, 669-4700.

Parents must bring a copy of the child's birth certificate (state issued, obtained from the courthouse), the child's shot record and the child's Social Security card.

If you have any questions, call Austin elementary at 669-4760, Lamar Elementary at 669-4880 or Wilson Elementary at 669-4930.

Travis Elementary has already conducted pre-enrollment. Parents who missed the pre-enrollment day can go to the main office during regular school hours.

All elementary campuses will be conducting pre-enrollment for all grades May 3-7. School officials encourage all parents to return their child's enrollment packet to the school so the child will be ready for next year.

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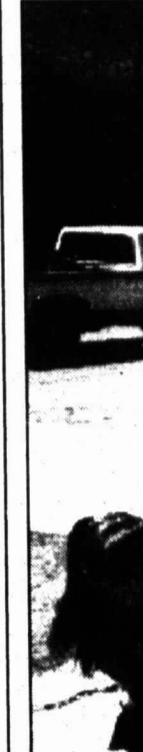
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Wilson's Teacher of the Year



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Susan Stucki, kindergarten teacher and "Teacher of the Year" at Woodrow Wilson Elementary, poses in front of a sign advertising this honor will students (back, left-right) Deedra, Ana, Kendra, Weston and Brak; (middle, l-r) Marissa, Cameron, Colton, Ashley, Taylor and Marcy; and (front, l-r) Jaycee, Casey, Johnathon, Jose, Austin and Layne.

Pampa High School's student newspaper garners special Bronze ILPC recognition

The Little Harvester, the newspaper at Pampa High School, was recently awarded a Bronze Star from the Interscholastic League Press Conference. This award places the newspaper in the top 10 percent of newspapers statewide.

The Little Harvester was one of 25 newspapers statewide to be recognized with a Star award from ILPC, which is an UIL affiliate, and is the nation's largest state high school association of student newspapers and yearbooks.

"Newspapers from throughout Texas were sent to us for critique and judging," ILPC Director Randy Vonderheid said. "From those, judges selected the top newspapers from all conferences and presented them with Star awards."

To be eligible for this type of recognition, the

newspaper was treated to two sets of judging.

"After a newspaper is critiqued, a judge can nominate that newspaper for a Star," Vonderheid said. "All the nominations are then sent to another set of judges for Star selection. Approximately 60 newspapers were nominated for Stars, and from that, 26 were selected to receive either a Gold, Silver or Bronze Star."

Texas newspapers normally do well in national competitions, Vonderheid said.

"Texas is known to have the strongest scholastic publications in the nation," he explained. "So when a newspaper receives a Star from Texas, it usually is one of the better student-produced newspapers in the nation."

The award was presented during the 77th annual ILPC state convention held recently at the University of Texas at Austin.

WT Alumni to hold banquet

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University Alumni Association will recognize three prominent alumni at the 41st annual Phoenix Banquet May 1 at the Alumni Banquet Facility on campus.

Distinguished Alumnus Awards will be presented to Tom Christian (Class of 1955), Dr. Flavius Killebrew (1971 and 1972) and Stanley Schaeffer (1955 and 1970).

"These gentlemen are the cream of the crop," M. Keith Brown, director of alumni relations, said. "You would be hard-pressed to find any other graduates who have done for West Texas A&M University what they have done. They are much of the reason our University is as successful today as it is."

Christian, a resident of Armstrong County, played football for the Buffs and became an educator and coach at Boys Ranch and later, in Canadian before returning to his family's Figure 3 Ranch. He served in the state legislature in 1969-70, as a member of the University's board of regents, as president of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society and president of the Armstrong County Medical Society. He is best known for his promotion of western heritage as the creator and founder of Cowboy Morning Breakfast, where he and his wife Anne have hosted literally thousands of individuals over the years.

Killebrew, a Canadian

product, is provost and vice president for academic affairs at WTAMU, having joined the faculty in 1976 after receiving his doctoral degree in biology from the University of Arkansas. In addition to his degrees, his service at the University includes stints as curator of the natural history collection and dean of the Graduate School. He has attracted more than \$1.2 million in grants, completed 65 major research reports and authored two books. He is well respected by his peers and has held offices in various professional organizations including president of the Council of Public University Chief Academic Officers and president of the Association of Texas Graduate Schools. Killebrew is married to Kathy Killebrew and has one daughter.

Schaeffer, a resident of Dimmitt, is managing partner of the law firm Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer, Myatt and Bradley. He also has controlling interest in First United Bank, B&S Cattle Company, Frontier Capital Group, Inc., and Backyard Adventures, Inc. In nominating Schaeffer for the award, Bob Robinson, WTAMU graduate and regional program director for Texas Cooperative Extension, wrote: "Stanley Schaeffer has given more time, talent, love and money to WTAMU than anyone I have known over the past 35 years. . . . I sincerely believe Stanley Schaeffer is the most deserving nominee

of the WTAMU Distinguished Alumni Award of anyone that I have known." Schaeffer's wife Geneva received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1997, making the Schaeffers the first husband/wife team to earn this recognition.

"The life of a university is driven by its students and faculty; the quality of life of a university is driven by its alumni," Dr. Russell C. Long, University president, said. "These three honorees have had significant impacts upon the quality of life at West Texas A&M University; we are a better institution because of them."

Long will make the keynote address at the Phoenix Banquet.

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CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

By Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

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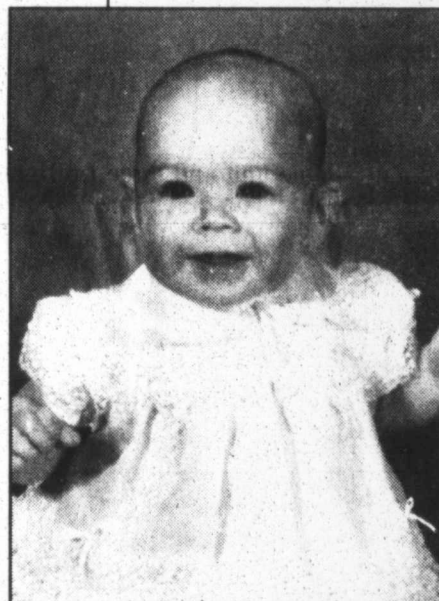
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Panhandle-Plains Historical Society Friends of Southwestern Art planning annual dinner

CANYON — Panhandle-Plains Historical Society Friends of Southwestern Art will host its eighth annual fund-raising dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8 in the auditorium of the Santa Fe Office Building in Amarillo. Barbara Buhler Lynes, Ph.D., Emily Fisher Landau, director of the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Research Center and curator, Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, Santa Fe, N.M., will be the guest speaker.

Dr. Lynes will speak on "Maria Chabot/Georgia O'Keeffe: Correspondence 1941-1949: The Story Behind the Story."

Because Maria Chabot believed that the more than 700 letters she exchanged with O'Keeffe between 1941 and 1949 were important historically, beginning in the early 1990s, she

began working to realize her dream of publishing them. Although Chabot worked assiduously on this project, turning to many colleagues and friends for help, it was far from finished when she died in 2001.

In this discussion, Lynes and Anne Paden, who edited the recently published "Maria Chabot/Georgia O'Keeffe: Correspondence, 1941-1949," will talk about how she and Paden came to know Chabot, the ways in which they were involved with this book project, both before and after Chabot's death, and how they resolved many surprising and fascinating problems that materialized during the process of completing the publication while fulfilling Chabot's dream.

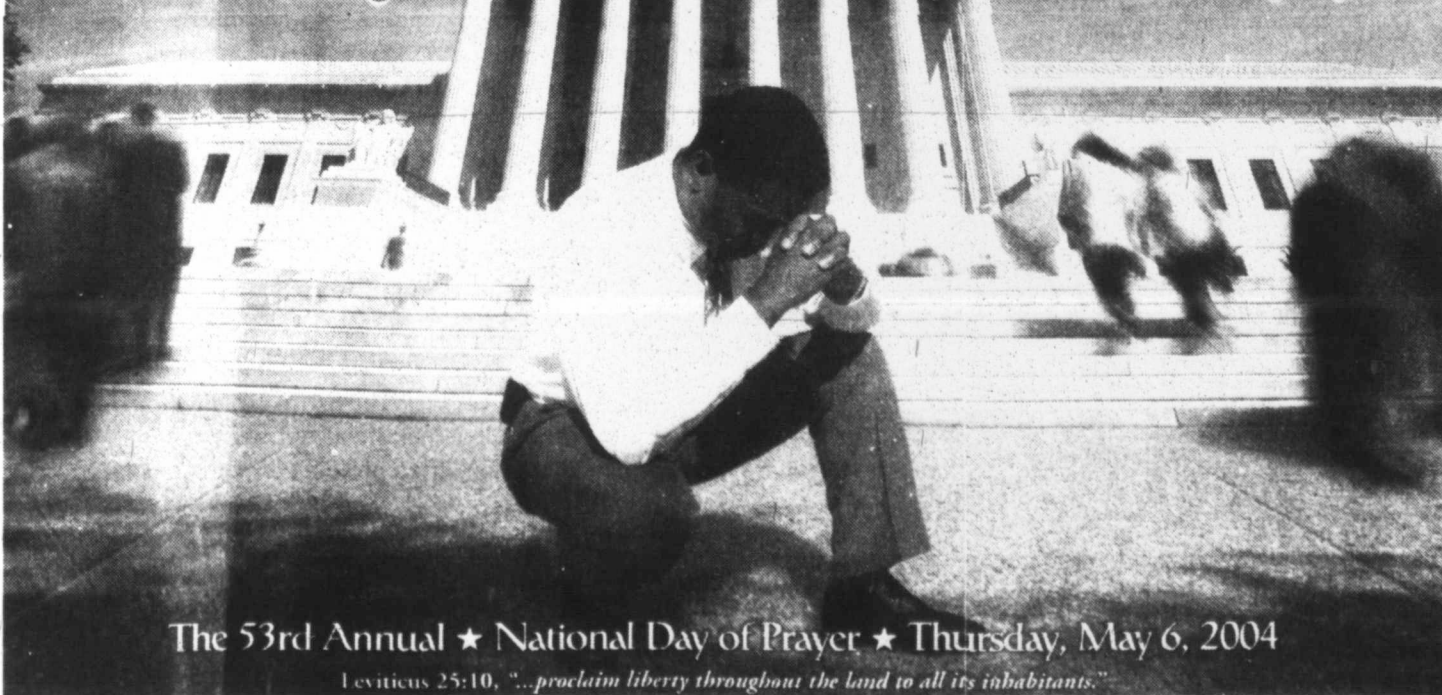
In keeping with the museum's focus on the Santa Fe Art Colony, Lynes will also explore

O'Keeffe's relationship with the artists of the colony.

Catering will be by The Liberty Bar of San Antonio. Tickets are \$35 per person for members and \$40 for non-members in advance. Reservations are by reply card or by calling (806) 651-2244. Tickets will be \$45 at the door. Proceeds will go toward Friends of Southwestern Art/Panhandle Plains Historical Society.

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Wonder of wonders, something possibly quite good for the environment has come out of the Bush administration! Maybe it was the hypnotic power of Earth Day in a presidential election year, but credit must be given where it is due. Last week, the Commission on Ocean Policy issued its preliminary findings. Its members, mostly Republicans, were appointed by President Bush, and they produced a surprisingly strong report. It supports the scientific consensus that the oceans, and U.S. coastal waters in particular, are in a state of crisis caused by pollution from cities, industries and offshore oil drilling and by overfishing, all of which have seriously damaged ocean fisheries and marine life in general.

The report cites the problem of increasing development near the nation's shores. It also recognizes that pollution pouring into the oceans originates in streams and rivers far inland, and it urges controls on that flow. And the commission calls for a shift in emphasis from the protection of individual species to the restoration and preservation of ecosystems — a focus that many scientists have long urged.

The commission urges that policies be based on "sound" science and argues that the strengthening of science should include more money for ocean research, where the United States seems to be lagging behind. The commissioners say we should at least double the \$650 million we currently spend — a paltry sum compared with the ocean-research budget of many smaller nations.

The report complains of a confusing and ineffective array of agencies — federal, state and local — responsible for



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aspects of ocean management, and it calls for the creation of a new cabinet-level National Ocean Council in the White House.

However, the report does not call for stringent controls, such as zoning critical areas and regulating some forms of fishing. Many of Bush's environmental initiatives have been similarly flawed whenever regulation might clash with the interests of affected industries. It remains to be seen how the White House will react to the ocean report. And, of course, Congress must pass on the commission's recommendations — another hurdle.

Additionally, the commission recommends Senate ratification of the U.N.-sponsored Law of the Sea treaty, under which (among other things) all states have basic obligations to protect the marine environment from all sources of pollution. For 22 years the United States has declined to sign the treaty. It has abided by its provisions but has been negotiating changes to one section regarding deep-sea mining and national-security issues. To its credit, the Bush administration has pronounced itself satisfied, and is recommending Senate ratification.

But that, folks, is as good as it gets. Among his Earth Day remarks, the president also took credit for "some of the most important anti-pollution policies in

a decade." Since 2001, he said, "the condition of America's land, air and water has improved."

Beg your pardon, but this is an administration that has vigorously sought to relax the Environmental Protection Agency's enforcement of Clean Air Act provisions, including those concerning the reduction of mercury pollution from coal-fired power plants. One result of this relaxation has been the resignation of a number of environmental officials in the EPA's enforcement office and elsewhere.

Little more than a week ago, the EPA issued a report showing that 474 counties, containing 150 million people, fail to meet clean-air standards. The agency has instructed officials in 31 states that they will have to develop new pollution controls. That hardly sounds like a great improvement in air quality, but it does show the EPA is on the job, doesn't it?

Well, actually no, it doesn't. The EPA actions were in response to a court order. The standards applied are in the Clean Air Act, which was passed during the Clinton administration, but they were tangled up in court challenges by affected industries and three major pollution-producing states: Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. The Supreme Court upheld those standards in early 2001, but the incoming Bush administration dragged its feet, failing to enforce them. However, environmental groups sued to force EPA compliance and won. As has happened in other cases, this administration had to be ordered to obey the law.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, May 2, the 123rd day of 2004. There are 243 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 2, 1863, Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Va.; he died eight days later.

On this date:

- In 1519, artist Leonardo da Vinci died at Cloux, France.
- In 1670, the Hudson Bay Company was chartered by England's King Charles II.
- In 1890, the Oklahoma Territory was organized.
- In 1932, Jack Benny's first radio show made its debut on the NBC Blue Network.
- In 1936, "Peter and the Wolf," a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow.
- In 1945, the Soviet Union announced the fall of Berlin, and the Allies announced the surrender of Nazi troops in Italy and parts of Austria.
- In 1957, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, the controversial Republican senator from Wisconsin, died at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.
- In 1960, convicted sex offender and best-selling author Caryl Chessman was executed at San Quentin Prison in California.
- In 1965, the Early Bird satellite was used to transmit television pictures across the Atlantic.
- In 1972, after serving 48 years as head of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover died in Washington at age 77.
- Ten years ago: Nelson Mandela claimed victory in the wake of South Africa's first democratic elections; President F.W. de Klerk acknowledged defeat.
- Five years ago: Yugoslav authorities handed over to the Rev. Jesse Jackson three American prisoners of war who'd been held for a month. Actor Oliver Reed died in Malta at age 61.
- One year ago: A federal court struck down most of the new campaign finance law's ban on the use of large corporate and union contributions by political parties. (However, the Supreme Court later ruled that rooting out corruption, or even the appearance of it, justified limitations on the free speech and free spending of contributors, candidates and political parties.)

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Living rooms are not sewer outlets

Years ago, a guy who ran a pornography shop came to see me. He had been busted by the cops. He wanted me to write a story defending his free-speech rights.

"If they can arrest me, they can arrest somebody for selling Shakespeare," he said, dragging out the old slippery-slope argument.

"Well, if you start selling Shakespeare and somebody arrests you for selling Shakespeare, come see me," I said. "In the meantime, get out of my office."

The First Amendment was not written, designed or intended to protect obscenity, vulgarity, pornography and indecency — or dancing nude and burning the flag, for that matter. Its purpose is to protect the free verbal expression of ideas, both political and religious. The fact that the political hacks appointed to the federal courts in recent decades have been especially muddle-headed has obscured that fact.

The Federal Communications Commission, after years of being in a moral coma, seems on the verge of cleaning up the airwaves. It should. Under our theory of government, the airwaves belong to the public, and those private corporations that rent the frequencies have an obligation to the public — an obligation they have woefully neglected in recent years.

Congress ought to pass a law that greatly increases the fines for indecency and allows the FCC to yank a license for



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a second offense. Congress ought also to include cable and satellite broadcasts under the FCC jurisdiction. They both use the public facilities — in one case, the public right of ways, and in the other, the airwaves. Cable is the entertainment cesspool, and it is the fear of losing audiences to cable that has caused the networks to dip their hands in the feces and smear a little bit on their shows.

Don't buy the argument that the fact that vulgarity, pornography and obscenity have an audience is justification for allowing them on the public airwaves. In a large country, there is always an audience for anything — murder, gladiatorial contests, watching people urinate, etc. There are, in our population, a number of low-class, low-IQ yahoos and boors, psychos and psychopaths whose taste in humor is infantile or cruel. Public policy should not be geared to the sludge at the bottom of society.

True humor requires keen observation, perception and intelligence, all of which are woefully lacking among most of the so-called shock jocks. They are a bunch of immature morons who haven't figured out that once people get past kinder-

garten, hearing naughty words is neither funny nor shocking. Nor is rudeness funny. There is a common malady in the radio industry — people who have diarrhea-of-the-mouth-and-constipation-of-the-brain.

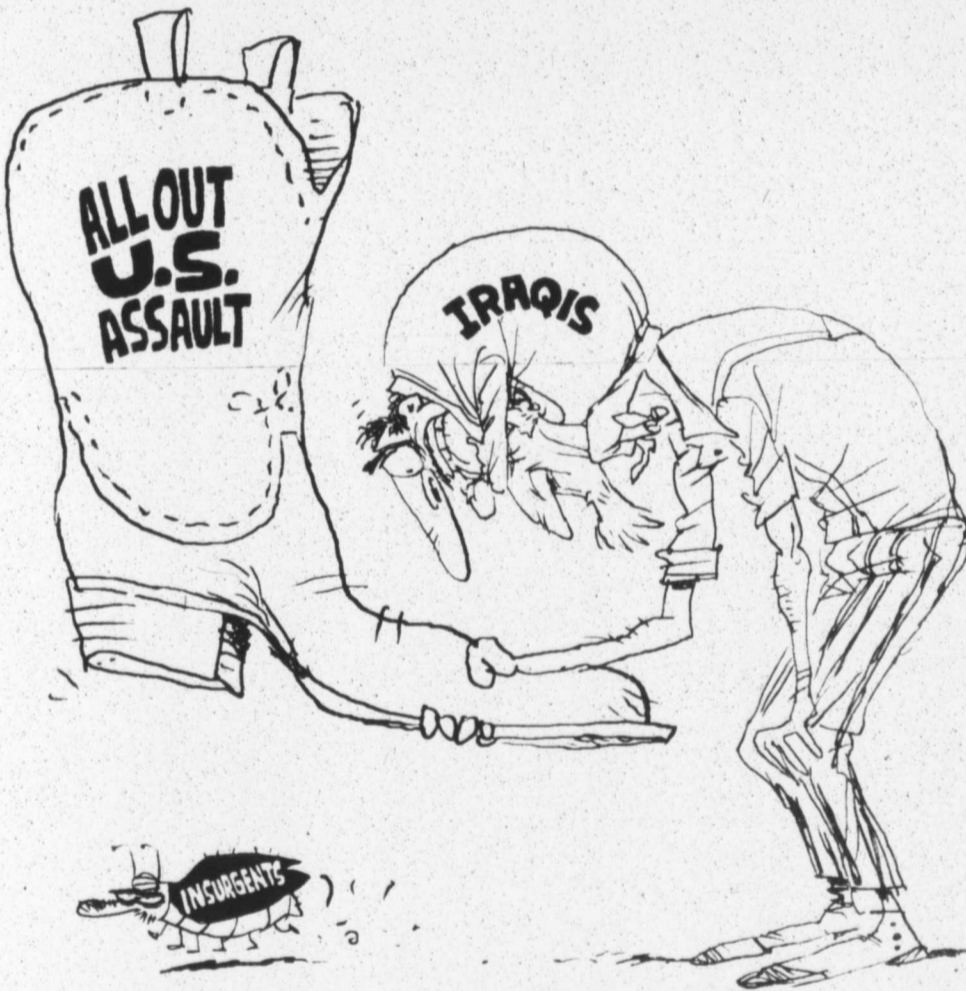
American culture is decadent and starting to stink of serious decay. We should, for the sake of our children, become actively intolerant of vulgarity, indecency and profanity and of those who produce and promote it.

Charlton Heston will always be a hero to me. He had the guts to gain the floor at a Time Warner stockholders meeting and read aloud the vile lyrics of some of the rap music Time Warner was producing and promoting. It was a risky thing for an actor to embarrass the moguls of such a giant in the entertainment industry, but he did it. Oh, yes, it's the suits at the top who are responsible for the sludge at the bottom.

Political equality is one thing, but to believe that one opinion or one taste or one judgment is just as good as another is wrong. Some people are decadent, stupid and ignorant, and their pitiful tastes should not be the standard by which any of the arts, even pop art, is judged.

So, while we take back America, to use a favorite political phrase, let's not forget the public airwaves and right of ways. Let's stop allowing others to use our living rooms as sewer outlets.

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The Anointed Light



(Courtesy photo)

The Anointed Light from Greater Love Temple will be ministering in mimes at Coronado Healthcare Center at 7 p.m. May 6. The public is invited to come and see God's anointing on the young girls.

Harley Party to benefit Family Support Services

AMARILLO — It's time once again for the annual Harley Party to benefit Family Support Services of Amarillo. Now in its 10th year, the Harley Party will take place Saturday, July 24, on Polk between 10th and 11th streets in Amarillo. The 10th Anniversary Tripp's Honorary Sponsor will be AMA TechTel. The block-style party will include a chance

to win a brand-new SXDL DYNA Low Rider and a Family Support Services special edition FLHRSI Road King. A chance to win the low rider costs \$75. Only 1,200 tickets will be sold. A chance to win the road king costs \$250. Only 150 tickets for this drawing will be sold. Concessions will be available to participants and AMA

TechTel will sponsor five \$100 cash drawings. Tickets go on sale at Tripp's Harley Davidson, Hoffbrau Steaks and Family Support Services on May 8.

The annual Harley Party is the agency's main fund-raising event and helps provide critical services for families in crisis as well as education and prevention programs in schools and Center City Child Care. For more information, call (806) 342-2508.

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ALUMNI

In addition to the Distinguished Alumnus Awards, student scholarships and the University Excellence Award also will be presented. The University Excellence Award is an accolade reserved for faculty, staff or administrative personnel who make significant contributions to higher education at WTAMU.

The 2004 recipient is Dr. Barry Duman, head of the Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance and interim head of the Department of Management, Marketing and General

Business. Duman joined the University faculty in 1969 and became head of the Department of Economics in 1973. Though the name of the department has changed a few times over the years, he has remained at its helm. And Duman continues to distinguish himself as a scholar. He recently has published papers in the *Midwestern Business and Economic Review* and in the *Southwestern Economic Review*.

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Despite backlash against lavish pay, CEO perks still popular

By BRUCE MEYERSON
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Never mind the millions of dollars in personal use of the corporate jet.

After all, a growing number of corporate boards insist their executives simply can't take regular flights, even in first class, due to security worries — a questionable assertion, and not a very flattering statement about everyone else who flies commercial.

But can it be that security concerns also demand that companies pick up the tab for personal income taxes, insurance premiums, membership dues, rent and mortgage payments for executives making millions of dollars, or merely hundreds of thousands?

It's hardly a new question, but that doesn't mean it's not worth asking when another proxy season rolls around with a fresh round of disclosures about corporate pay and perks.

Let's accept that top executives may deserve extra perks,

or at least deserve the option to take part of their pay in the form of perks. While such reasoning can lead down a slippery slope to \$6,000 shower curtains and \$2 million toga parties, the actual cost of executive perks generally amounts to far less than a rounding error to the corporate bottom line.

Still, those extra privileges can tell you a lot about the attitudes of top executives who use them and the corporate boards who grant them, generally with no spending cap to control how much perk an executive gets to enjoy.

Less telling, however, is the way perks are made public. Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, they can be disclosed separately from an executive's salary and bonus — as if it's not part of his or her salary and bonus — if they are disclosed at all.

And perversely, with all the outcry against excessive pay in the past few years, the SEC's rules also may entice executives to take as much

Last year at Verizon Communications, president and vice chairman Lawrence T. Babbio Jr. earned \$6.4 million, including \$626,500 in perks. That meant Verizon wasn't required to disclose any individual perk worth as much as \$150,000 for Babbio.

extra pay in the form of perquisites as possible.

The more extras there are, the less likely they'll be disclosed in embarrassing detail, and the more complicated reading it'll make in the annual proxy statement.

So, for example, when American Express recently reported that chairman and chief executive Kenneth I. Chenault earned \$1 million in salary and a \$3.5 million bonus in 2003, it would have been easy enough for an average shareholder not to have noticed in the rambling small type of the proxy document that he also received another \$4 million or so in additional compensation, including nearly \$250,000 in perquisites.

Of that quarter million in perks, the only item detailed was a vague \$94,367 in "personal travel expenses," leaving about \$150,000 with no explanation. That's because, according to SEC rules, a company need only disclose the nature and value of any perk that accounts for at least 25 percent of the total perks given that executive.

In Chenault's case, that meant American Express didn't need to bother with detailing any individual perk worth as much as \$60,000 — about one and a half times the annu-

al income of the average household.

This SEC rule also serves as an invitation for excess. For any executive who takes more than Chenault in perk pay, the threshold for non-disclosure of "little" perks increases.

Last year at Verizon Communications, president and vice chairman Lawrence T. Babbio Jr. earned \$6.4 million, including \$626,500 in perks. That meant Verizon wasn't required to disclose any individual perk worth as much as \$150,000 for Babbio. Because the two items which were disclosed accounted for most of Babbio's perk package

— personal use of a company apartment and related tax reimbursements — only about \$83,000 remained a mystery.

The end result is that the SEC rule may inadvertently motivate companies and executives to employ a wider array of perks, thereby making it less likely that any particular display of posh will merit disclosure.

Thankfully, some companies voluntarily disclose the nature and value of smaller perks, though such openness makes it clear why most are less forthcoming. After all, it's hard not to wonder why a divisional chief at Honeywell

International who made \$2.9 million in 2003 needs or wants his employer to pick up a \$1,200 tab for auto insurance and \$676 for taxes, or why the company agrees to do so.

But the most heartening gestures come from some unlikely sources.

General Electric, famously known for the lavish severance given to former CEO Jack Welch, seems to be alone among the nation's biggest companies in at least doing the math for investors, reporting a "total compensation" figure that tallies up all forms of pay and perks.

And despite the reputation for excess that came with the Internet bubble and all those stock options, the technology industry offers a refreshing alternative. Though they're clearly well paid in other ways, the top executives at Microsoft, Intel and Cisco Systems don't get perks.

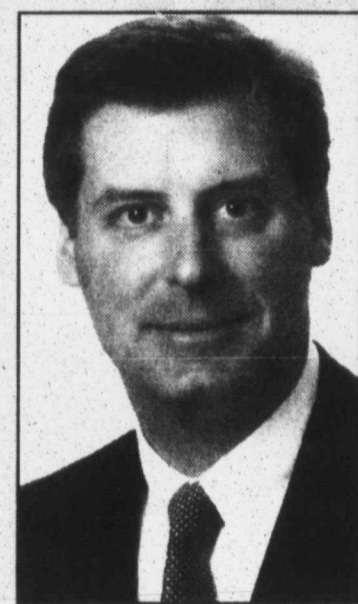
That may be the best way to avoid disclosure, at least from the average investor's point of view.

PPHN acquires new director

CANYON — Cliff Vanderpool has been chosen as the new director of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. Vanderpool will be the seventh director since the museum opened in 1933.

Vanderpool is from Crofton, Md., and attended college in Nashville, Tenn., and graduate school at Middle Tennessee State University (MA history) and the University of Alabama. He has taught history classes at the University of Alabama, Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M, Texarkana and Texarkana College.

Prior to becoming the director of PPHM, Vanderpool was executive director of the Texarkana Museums System from 1994-2004. Before his work in Texarkana, he was curator at the Dallas



Cliff Vanderpool

western heritage, petroleum, paleontology, transportation and art.

In 2001, the museum opened a new exhibit "People of the Plains: Experiments in Living" chronicling 14,000 years of human occupation. The exhibit explores how these early inhabitants met their need for food, water, clothing, shelter, trade and transportation.

In 2002, "Let the Good Times Roll" opened in the transportation wing. This exhibit celebrates significant events in automobile history and demonstrates how transportation has made many opportunities for recreation possible.

In May 2005, PPHM plans to host a major exhibit of western art. The PPHM will be the only venue west of the Mississippi for this international touring exhibition.

WOODROW WILSON HONOR ROLL

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

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Recio, Kasandra Resendiz, Alex Salazar, Sierra Sieber, Ashley Stark, McKinli Thomas, Travis Williams.

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Fourth Grade. Seth Almanza, Devin Ascenio, Nicole Devers, Junnis Garcia, Samantha Powell, Ernie Ramirez, Mario Rivera, Danielle Savoier, Pedro Castillo, Brienne Moyer, Caylee Steward, Joseph Vizcaino, Courtney Ward, Dustin Whinery, Meganne Fraser, Robert Tidwell.

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Concert association



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"Pampa Community Concert Association Presents 'Live On Stage' has announced an "outstanding" series of concerts for the 2004-05 season. The concert association's annual membership drive is currently under way. Among the line-up of CCA concerts is Southern Fried Jazz Band, above. An eight-member Dixieland band, Southern Fried Band offers up a slate of "Dixieland delight." The band includes three horns, four rhythm instruments and a female vocalist, all led by veteran trumpeter Don Edwards who has led some of Dixieland's greats such as Louis Armstrong and the World's Greatest Jazz Band. For more information about joining the concert association, contact Ronnie Holmes, president, at 665-2631.

Farm provides sanctuary for animals

NORTON, Mass. (AP) — Wilbur was savaged by a dog. Pety did not eat much because of his overbite. Noah had kidney stones. Chief was going to be stuffed.

As Debra White strolls through the wooded 10 acres of her Winslow Farm, she tells the stories of each of the animals that waddle, lumber and trot up to greet her, sniff her hands, and nibble at the drawstrings of her jacket.

"They're my children," she says, as she stands in a pen inhabited by horses, llamas, emus and other creatures she's rescued from neglect, or worse.

Winslow Farm is nestled among colonial and split-level ranch homes, on a side street where trucks roar past the parking lot. But stepping through the handmade gate, visitors enter a seemingly enchanted world among the oaks and pines.

On the other side of the fence, soothing music is piped through hidden speakers, and the smell of burning sage fills the air from a fire pit. Stone statues peek out from under bushes, and birdhouses await springtime visitors.

But the most startling element of Winslow Farm is its inhabitants.

Cats mill underfoot, scamper up fence posts and skulk across the rooftops of buildings. Emus pick through leaves. Sheep and pigs loll side-by-side. Peacocks rattle their tailfeathers. Goats and ponies wander up to sniff vis-

itors. The sound of crowing, clucking and honking animals fills the air.

"I've been blessed enough to be given this opportunity. I suppose I could have sold the land and had a good amount of money come in, and maybe traveled or something, but my mission is to do a good thing," White said.

White, 51, grew up on the property next to the farm. Her father was a mechanical engineer, but was so debilitated by Parkinson's disease that White says she served as his hands, learning how to build the things that he couldn't.

She inherited the 10 acres where she now lives from her grandparents, and planned since she was young to start a refuge for animals on the property. She worked three different jobs for 17 years to save enough to start the farm.

By about 1990, having saved enough to clear the land and build a post-and-beam house, she began capturing feral cats, spaying and neutering them, then setting them free again into wild colonies. In one year alone, she rescued 600 cats, she says.

About seven years ago, she began seeking other animals. The first was a peacock kept in a small cage at a Rehoboth farm. A goose followed, then a horse that had been left out to eat poison ivy.

"There are a lot of pets at auctions, pet donkeys and little horses and so forth," she says. "You'd be bidding against a meat man, and they could possibly go to slaugh-

ter, which I found horrendous."

There are about 235 animals in all, saved from slaughterhouses, auctions, abandonment and abuse. Two dozen volunteers help run the farm, which costs about \$90,000 a year to run.

She rattles off the stories of each one as she walks around the farm, a bantam rooster named Napoleon tucked into the crook of her arm.

When a tubby Nigerian dwarf goat named Pety wanders up to her, she describes how his owners planned to have him slaughtered because of his overbite. They took a wrong turn on their way to the slaughterhouse, drove up to the farm and asked Debbie if she wanted him, she said.

Then there's Noah, a pygmy Nubian goat, who faced euthanasia because of kidney stones. The vet, instead of putting the goat to sleep, operated and gave it to White.

She had to hunt to find Wilbur, a pot-bellied pig who couldn't be coaxed from his mattress in one of the three outbuildings he shelters in. Kept by an apartment dweller, he was badly wounded by a dog. He had more than 100 stitches when White got him.

"He's my boy," she said. "He was one my original rescues. He's a sweetheart."

Unemployed, bewildered, some Hong Kongers turn to art of fortunetelling

By MARGARET WONG
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong's biggest bank gave Alic Pang a choice: Take a buy-out to quit or face deep cuts in his benefits.

The 14-year employee decided to leave HSBC Holdings to pursue a new livelihood — the ancient practice of Chinese fortunetelling, guided by the placement art of feng shui, astrology and other factors such as the exact time of a client's birth.

Pang hasn't looked back. He says fortunetelling offers him an unbeatable combination of self-enlightenment, job security and a satisfaction he had long since lost in the drudgery of banking.

"It's a career about making money and helping others at the same time," he says.

He's just one of many.

Hong Kong has been suffering through high unemployment, which hit a record 8.7 percent last year due to the SARS outbreak. The joblessness has stirred a crisis of confidence in the once-booming economy that has many people looking for new careers.

Longtime feng shui masters fret that the rush into fortunetelling as a business will degrade the ancient art.

"If people are just doing this for the money, they will end up being frauds," says So Man-fung, a former hairdresser who after more than 20 years as a professional feng shui consultant is regarded as one of Hong Kong's masters. "If you just think about money, it just won't come to you."

Pang had been taking fortunetelling classes for a few months when HSBC offered him severance two years ago.

Now 46, he is still studying under his feng shui master, Au Chung-tak, and has a job helping to establish a fortunetelling training center. Pang hopes someday to teach full time, passing on knowledge to others suffering a career crisis.

"Many people in their 40s face the risk of being laid off," Pang says. "We hope to introduce to them the true concepts of this Chinese art and train them to become consultants."

Hong Kong has been in a prolonged downturn, draining away its old optimism over the past few years. Some people thrown out of white collar work have moved down in the job market — taxi drivers who can tell you about former management positions abundant in Hong Kong.

There are no official statistics on the number of fortunetellers in Hong Kong, although some veterans estimate a few thousand. Lee Shing-chak, a feng shui consultant, says their ranks have "multiplied by many times" with the influx of newcomers.

Anyone can set up shop as a fortuneteller or feng shui master since no operating license or certificate is required.

Some practitioners are adept marketers.

Aside from telling fortunes and offering feng shui advice, they publish books and cartoons, predict political developments and stock market fluctuations, or teach students in universities. They comment on celebrity relationships. Some appear on TV or act in movies.

Clients range from ordinary citizens to the rich and famous, making fortunetelling lucrative for some. Newcomers charge around \$26 for a life prediction based on the exact time of a client's birth, while some veterans can get 20 times more for the normally one-hour consultation.

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skill for survival," says Mak, a 38-year-old who began learning the fortunetelling arts when she was 15.

Chinese fortunetelling has its skeptics, of course. And Mak admits predictions aren't perfect, but says that is true of many professions.

"The weather observatory comes out with poor predictions from time to time even though it is well equipped with all kinds of scientific instruments," she notes. "How can we guarantee our predications to be absolutely correct? They're based on manual calculations according to the ancient principles."

So, the feng shui master, says an ethical consultant knows there are times to acknowledge they can't give advice.

"Some women come up to me, right before they get married, and ask who they should marry." So says. "How I can help them to decide in an hour of consultation? They are the ones who know the correct answer."

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MEDICAL

Health officials mystified over why Medicare eligible women pass up annual mammograms

By MELANIE S. WELTE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Two mammograms within 10 months in 1994 cleared Lorna Johns of breast cancer so she decided to skip the X-ray the following year.

"That was wrong," she said. "That was the one I shouldn't have skipped."

She was 68 when her doctor discovered a lump during a 1996 exam. A lumpectomy soon followed, then radiation therapy to help rid Johns of one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in women.

Six years after Medicare began paying for an annual mammogram for women over 40, only 51.8 percent of the eligible women over 50 had at least one mammogram in 2001 or 2002, according to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. That translates to about 7.6 million women nationwide.

The numbers suggest older women may be misjudging the value of regular breast cancer screenings.

"There's a perception, that's probably wrong, that breast cancer is a disease of young women (under 50). It's not, it's a disease of older women," said Dr. Stephen Taplin of the National Cancer Institute.

Thirty million mammograms are done each year in the United States. The breast X-ray has long been considered the best way to detect breast cancer, which strikes about 200,000 women a year and kills 40,000 of them.

In recent years scientists themselves may have sown doubt among women about whether an annual mammogram is any better than getting one every other year.

Taplin, however, said no study has compared the two intervals, and there is insufficient evidence to support annual over biennial mammography. "Every one or two years is not the issue. Women who are not being screened at all are the ones who are at risk of having poor outcomes," he said.

Mammography rates for Medicare-eligible women over 50 are inching up at a snail's pace, and in some states not moving at all,

according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which run the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Figures from the Iowa Foundation for Medical Care, which tracks Medicare claims in the state, show 52.7 percent of Medicare eligible women over 50 had a mammogram in 2001 or 2002. That rate has remained stagnant for the past five years.

Johns was part of a women's health study at the University of Iowa in 1994 and had two mammograms — one by the university, the other ordered by her doctor.

"I had two in a short time and I thought, 'I won't have one this year,'" she said.

Luckily, the cancer was found before it spread and became life-threatening. But the diagnosis meant that for five years after surgery she was on the drug tamoxifen, which slows or stops the growth of new breast cancer cells. She has remained cancer-free.

For 75-year-old Betty Grandquist, of Des Moines, a routine mammogram in 2002 found breast cancer.

"By getting it that early, it was not in the lymph nodes, so they could do a lumpectomy," she said.

The American Cancer Society recommends a yearly mammogram for women starting at age 40.

On average, mammograms find about 75 percent of cancers, said Debbie Saslow, the society's director of breast and gynecological cancer. Five-year survival rates for early detection, before the cancer spreads to the lymph nodes, are between 96 percent and 97 percent, she said.

Most breast cancer risk is tied to a woman's lifetime exposure to estrogen, Saslow said.

"The older you get, the more, of course, you've had," she said. "But after menopause, things change a lot and post-menopausal breast cancer is much more common than premenopausal breast cancer."

In Florida, from April 2001 to March 2003, 64 percent of Medicare-eligible women aged 50 to 67 received a mammogram, a rate unchanged since 1999.

"The numbers are not great, but the fact that we can't move those numbers, that's what has us worried and trying to figure out what we need to do," said Bonnie Mason of Florida Medical Quality Assurance in Tampa, which examines Medicare claims.

Mason said the group has worked with doctors, distributed mailings and articles, and held outreach programs, health fairs and exhibits at conferences.

"Aside from bribery, I don't know what we need to do," she said.

Health officials in New Mexico might have found an answer.

The New Mexico Medical Review Association combined an aggressive media campaign targeting older women with one involving doctors and radiologists, along with reminder phone calls.

One tool doctors use is a string of beads to help patients visualize the size of lumps. The smallest bead, about the size of a baby pea, represents a lump that can be detected by regular self-exams, a mammogram and a doctor's exam; the largest, at 1.5 inches in diameter, or about the size of a golf ball, is the size that a woman might discover by chance.

The success of the campaigns has driven up the state's mammography rates among women aged 52 to 69 in the last three years — from 55.7 percent to 60 percent.

The Iowa foundation plans to work with about 2,000 physicians to encourage their patients to get a mammogram.

Grandquist understands women's fear of learning the worst, especially women her age.

"If someone had breast cancer, it was a death sentence. So they don't want to deal with it," she said. "(But) you have to get over the fear factor. It's how early you get it, the better chances of survival."

Johns, who doesn't skip her annual mammograms any more, has launched her own campaign about the importance of regular screenings.

"I feel good. And my friends have all had their mammograms," she said.

Fighting irregular heartbeat

WASHINGTON (AP) — A calcium leak inside heart cells triggers a lethal type of irregular heartbeat and a drug that plugs the leak seems to prevent it, say scientists who hope the finding one day will help hundreds of thousands of people.

So far the experimental drug has been studied only in mice, but the Columbia University researchers hope to begin human testing next year.

Regardless of how that first attempt goes, the discovery is important because it provides a new target to treat irregular heartbeat, as well as the huge problem of congestive heart failure.

"That's the exciting part about this work," said Dr. David Lathrop, who heads research into irregular heartbeat at the National Institutes of Health. "It's definitely a step forward."

At issue are ventricular arrhythmias, racing irregular beats of the heart's lower chambers. If it worsens, the heart quits beating and instead quivers, a condition called ventricular fibrillation that can kill within minutes. It claims about 340,000 U.S. lives annually.

Heart failure, where the heart muscle weakens until it cannot pump blood, is a major cause of ventricular arrhythmias. Heart failure afflicts about 4.6 million Americans and by itself is a relentless killer, but half of patients suffer ventricular arrhythmias, too.

Some patients inherit a form of exercise-induced ventricular arrhythmia.

In both types, sufferers have a leak in a tiny channel that regulates calcium levels inside their heart cells — and that leak triggers the deadly irregular heartbeat, discovered Dr. Andrew Marks, director of Columbia's Center for Molecular Cardiology.

The experimental drug, code-named JTV519, can literally plug the leak and prevent the irregular heartbeat, he reports in a recent edition of the journal Science.

Marks' laboratory bred mice to have the same leaky defect and gave half the drug. Stressing them with exercise pushed all of the untreated mice into ventricular arrhythmias, and 89 percent died. But none of the mice given the drug could be stressed into the irregular heartbeat.

"There has to be some event at the molecular level that triggers the arrhythmia. We think we've discovered what that event is, and how to prevent it," Marks said.

The leak seems to worsen heart failure, too, so plugging it holds the promise to treat the overarching disease. In additional animal studies not yet published, Marks has found that fixing the leak improves overall heart function.

Study findings show Americans have low 'health' literacy

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly half of American adults face higher risks of health problems because of trouble understanding medical terms and directions, experts said recently in a report that calls for a national effort to improve health literacy.

Comprehending medicine's arcane jargon is difficult for even the most educated of laymen. It's almost impossible for millions who can't read well, aren't fluent in English, or have vision or cognitive problems caused by aging.

Now the prestigious Institute of Medicine has put a number on just how many people have "limited health literacy" — a

surprising 90 million adults.

They have problems following instructions on drug labels, interpreting hospital consent forms, even understanding a doctor's diagnosis and instructions.

It's a problem exacerbated by the increasing complexity of the nation's health care system — one contributing to health disparities among the poor and minorities — and it may be costing billions of dollars in avoidable costs, the report concludes.

"I hope this will be a call to action," said Dr. David Kindig of the University of Wisconsin, who chaired the institute's two-year probe.

"It's a public health problem, a societal problem," not just an individual patient's problem — one that requires work from doctors, educators

and regulators, he said. "Everybody has a piece of this."

Shame and stigma play a big role, the report found. Patients are embarrassed about reading difficulty or worried the doctor will think they're dumb if they ask questions.

But even the college-educated can have a hard time with medical information like this example the institute uncovered: "Patients should be monitored for extraocular CMV infections and reinitis in the opposite eye." That instruction wasn't written for doctors — it was on a treatment information sheet for patients.

Another example cited: The mother who poured an oral antibiotic into a 2-year-old's infected ear, because the prescription label didn't say to swallow the liquid.

In videotaped sessions with patients, the institute documented worrisome misunder-

standings: A mother who misread how much medicine to give her child. A woman who didn't realize she was signing a consent form for a hysterectomy. A man who thought his doctor considered him "hyper, can't sit still" because she diagnosed hypertension, the medical term for high blood pressure.

Health literacy isn't a new problem. Surgeon General Richard Carmona has made the issue his cornerstone; the American Medical Association has long sponsored efforts to improve doctors' communication; and pilot programs to help Medicaid patients or people in adult reading classes better understand health instructions are under way in several states.

But if doctors actually quizzed patients about what they understood after a visit, they'd be stunned, said Dr. Harvey Fineberg, president of the Institute of Medicine,

which advises the nation on ways to improve health.

"Health literacy — enabling patients to understand and to act in their own interest — remains a neglected final pathway to high-quality health care," he said.

Among the report's recommendations:

—The government should pay for research on ways to improve health literacy.

—Accrediting organizations should require that schools follow national health education standards, from elementary school through college.

—Health organizations and medical schools should teach health literacy and how to communicate with patients.

—Medicare, insurers and other health groups should develop creative ways to communicate clear health information, and use cultural and linguistic competency as an essential measure of care quality.

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Secrecy shrouds last known crop of star cactus

By LYNN BREZOSKY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

RIO GRANDE CITY, Texas (AP) — Lisa Williams is on edge as she drives down a remote stretch of South Texas state highway.

She half jokes that she should blindfold her passenger as she winds through the desolate terrain dotted by prickly pear and chaparral.

When her SUV rolls closer to the 400 acres where the rare star cactus grows, she insists the location remain a secret.

"It always makes me nervous to talk about it publicly," said Williams, a naturalist helping with a federal study on the endangered cactus. "Now that we have the research just starting this spring, it would be very devastat-

ing if someone came and poached it all out."

Here, in the nation's poorest county — where the illegal smuggling of people and drugs across the Mexican border is common — the world's supply of wild star cactus grows. There are only 2,000 or so of the pin cushion-like plants in the wild, nearly all in the county incidentally named Starr.

Although they grow readily in nurseries, cactophiles around the world will pay \$1,000 or more for the cachet of owning one that is grown in the wild, said Dan Bach, owner of the Bach Cactus Nursery in Tucson, Ariz.

"They're about the size of a golf ball and they sell for a buck," Bach said of his nursery-grown cactus. "It's very

difficult to have plants that are grown in the wild. I haven't seen any collected plants in maybe 35 years or more."

Poachers seek the plant but sometimes get duped because the star cactus resembles peyote, a native hallucinogen that is the same size, color and shape, but is unsectioned and has a yellow flower instead of pink or white.

Little is known about the star cactus, also known as the sand dollar cactus or *astrophytum asterias*, its scientific name. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is investing \$406,000 into the first extended study of the cactus, with the immediate goal of learning the basics: What soils do they like and why? How do they prop-

agate? How do they mature? How big do they get? What animals feed on them? Do they need a mosaic of chaparral, prickly pear, and palo verde to shade, protect, and "nurse" them?

Star cactuses are round, puffy, spineless, and tough-skinned. As babies, they are the size of pennies, hard to spot in the soil of loose rock and cracked dirt. As they grow older, they grow wider, perhaps as wide as a saucer.

They are distinguishable by the tufts that sprout from the center, creating eight triangular sections. With rain, they turn a bright green and sprout a brilliant yellow flower. With drought, they turn brown and shrivel into the surrounding soil.

It's believed they once

grew along a 350-mile stretch on the western edge of the Texas hill as well as on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande. But as ranchers came in and tamed the brush for cattle grasses, and immigrants settled into unplanned shack communities known as "colonias," the number of cactus diminished.

Arturo Longoria, a local author whose books about the region include "Adios to the Brushland," said the star cactus story is an example of how those who misunderstand the ecosystem as barren have allowed others to destroy it.

"People tend to look at it and think it's very one-dimensional, it's all got spines and stickers. But this is some of the most incredible melding of flora and fauna in the world," he said. "You have to experience it to understand it."

The Starr County plants were found about three years ago when an absentee rancher put some undeveloped land up for sale. A local resident knew the land "was a very special piece of proper-

ty," said Williams, who helps the Nature Conservancy identify land for preservation. The non-profit group, which is dedicated to protecting the natural habitat of animals and plants, bought 400 acres where the cactus grew.

As long as the star cactus site remains guarded, species recovery seems certain.

The goal is to establish ten new populations within ten years, whether on federal, state or private land. The Nature Conservancy will ask Mexico to join the preservation effort.

"Maybe people think this one species, if it goes, it wouldn't matter much in the scheme of things," Williams said. "but it's this species and another species and than another. Each piece of the ecology you take out, you're reducing the biodiversity. And nature depends on that biodiversity. It's the web of life."

On the Net:
<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/nature/ending/plants/star-cac.htm>

Investors worry about lawsuits used to quiet their views

By RACHEL BECK
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Annual meetings have long been considered an open forum where company shareholders could speak out and hope to be heard — and not worry about being sued for what they say. Until now.

Just as investors are trying to step up their influence over corporate dealings in the wake of all the scandals, a recent lawsuit is raising concerns that they could face litigation when they voice ideas that companies don't like.

The threat of that alone could curb shareholder activism.

The case, which some investor advocates say is the first of its kind, involves a lawsuit filed by Cintas Corp., a uniform supply company, against Timothy Smith, senior vice president at the investment firm Walden Asset Management. Cintas alleges he made defamatory remarks at its October annual meeting.

According to the suit, Smith linked the company to a "sweatshop" factory in Haiti.

Fall to herald all-online billing at WTA&MU

CANYON — Snail mail is out at West Texas A&M University, at least as far as billing is concerned.

Beginning with the 2004 fall semester, students at West Texas A&M no longer will receive bills in the mail. Instead, all billing information will be available to students online.

"This is a way that we can keep costs down, costs that we might otherwise have to pass on to our students," Leonida Cleveland, controller in the Office of Accounting and Business, said. "And when they access their bills online, students also will be accessing information about methods of payment, emergency loan applications, payment plan forms and how to pay by credit card."

"The idea is to both save money and make things easier for students."

All students will receive postcard notification about the switch to all-online billing, Cleveland said. Students will be able to access their bills at the same Web site used to register for classes, Buff Advisor, <https://sis.wtamu.edu>, where financial aid information also is available.

"The postcards we send out will let everyone know how to find what they need," Cleveland said.

For more information about how to pay bills at WTAMU, contact the Office of Accounting and Business at 806-651-2080.

He was urging passage of a shareholder resolution calling on Cintas to assess the effectiveness of its vendor code of conduct and the compliance of its factories and suppliers.

Smith declined to comment on the case, but Amy Domini of Domini Social Investments, which sponsored the resolution with Walden, said that Cintas had ignored numerous attempts to discuss this issue before the meeting.

Cintas is asking for damages of at least \$75,000, plus unspecified punitive damages. It also wants Walden barred from repeating his sweatshop comparisons, at least when talking about Cintas.

"If you are going to make allegations as a fact, those can be very damaging to a company in today's environment," said Cintas spokesman Wade Gates. He contended that the legal action wasn't intended to stifle debate, noting that many other issues were discussed at the meeting and no one else was sued.

Still, the case has been generating lots of talk among shareholder groups since it was filed in late January in U.S. District Court in Cincinnati. The buzz has only intensified in recent weeks as the spring annual meeting season got under way.

The concern is that, whether or not Cintas wins its

case, the suit could make investors afraid to fully express their views and temper their efforts to get involved in corporate decisions.

"We have the right to question management and this is a bullying tactic to quiet that," said Joanne Dowdell, director of corporate responsibility at the Citizen Advisers, a socially responsible investment firm based in Portsmouth, N.H. "This could create a different atmosphere at meetings by restricting the free flow of shareholder comments."

The Council of Institutional Investors, which represents corporate, public and union pension funds, was worried enough about the effect of this suit to write Cintas CEO Richard Farmer and ask for more information on the case. The Washington-based group said companies have a right to sue shareholders — but wondered whether these were the proper circumstances for it.

"Since shareholders are only given the opportunity once a year to raise their concerns in person with managers and directors, the use of litigation to frighten shareholders into passivity during annual meetings is particularly worrisome," CII's executive director Sarah Teslik said in the letter.

Companies aren't supposed to use lawsuits as a tactic to muzzle investors, and could face trouble if they try it. As Christopher Wolf, a partner in the Washington office of the law firm Proskauer Rose, points out, "Companies could be liable for filing frivolous cases."

Yet the Cintas case still serves as a warning sign to outspoken investors that not watching their every word could have consequences.

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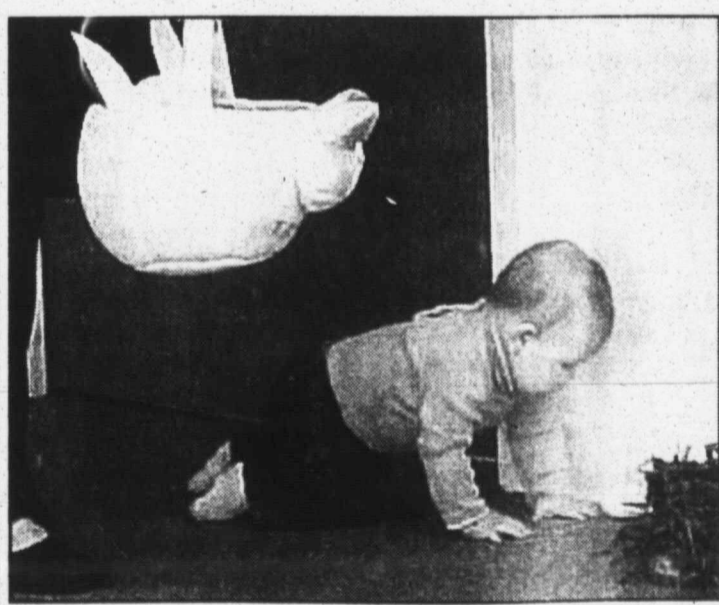
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CALENDAR ITEMS

MEDICAL, SUPPORT GROUPS, ETC.

Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #173-A. in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

Power Wheelchairs. Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and self-propel a manual wheelchair at their home or independent living quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit www.durablemedical.com on the World Wide Web.

Prescription Drug Booklet. The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published a 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet # PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at www.institute-dc.org.

Princess Warriors. Princess Warriors, a support group for women with gynecologic cancer, meets at 5:30 p.m., the first Tuesday of each month in the Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheater in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673 or (806) 934-2364.

Quit Club. The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer the "Quit Club" for smokers from 6-7 p.m., the third Monday of each month at various intervals at the center's Quality of Life Center. For more information or to register for the next session, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 214.

Rx Program. Rx Program makes available breathing medications and Nebulizers to patients who may have asthma, emphysema or COPD at no cost to qualifying recipients. For more information, call Dennis Karnes toll-free at 1-800-344-5764.

Senior Wheels USA. Senior Wheels USA Program makes available power wheelchairs - at no cost - to senior citizens (65 years and up) and to the permanently disabled. For more information, call toll-free 1-800-246-6010.

SKY Teens. Crown of Texas Hospice is offering SKY Teens, a monthly bereavement series for teens grades 9-12 who are grieving the death of a loved one, from 5:30-7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at its office at 1000 S. Jefferson in Amarillo. There is no charge for the series. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

Texcare. Texcare Partnership is the New Children's Health Insurance campaign developed especially for Texas families with uninsured children, birth through age 18. The following health insurance programs are available: Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and Texas Healthy Kids Corp. For more information, call 1-800-647-6558 or 1-888-892-2273.

T.O.P.S. #41. Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

T.O.P.S. #149. Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

Tralee Crisis Center. Women's Support Group for victims of domestic violence offers peer counseling, group support and education on issues resulting from family violence and/or sexual assault from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 669-1131.

West Texas Parent Education Network. WTPEN, a program serving West Texas children with disabilities and their parents, is headquartered in Lubbock. Information, technical assistance and training for parents of infants, children and youth with disabilities are available at no charge. A goal of the project is to reach rural and minority parents who have not had access to such services in the past. For more information, call (806) 762-1434 or toll-free at 1-877-762-1435 or write West Texas PEN, 1001 Main St., #804, Lubbock, TX 79401.

YMCA Diabetes Class. Amarillo YMCA is offering new water exercise classes specially-designed for diabetics. Schedule of classes are as follows: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays; 6 p.m. Tuesdays; 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesdays; 6 p.m. Thursdays; and 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$4 per class for non-members and \$3 per class with a 10-class punch pass. Y members get in free. For more information, call Cindy Gibson, fitness director, or Junior Garcia, aquatics director, at (806) 374-4651.

EDUCATION, PSAs

ACT. ACT, Inc., education and career planning organization has announced the following do-it-yourself college planning resources on the Internet: www.act.org/fane, www.e3apply.org, www.collegenet.com, www.finaid.org, www.ed.gov/finaid.html and www.fafsa.ed.gov (financial aid sites), and www.bls.gov/ocohome.htm (career planning).

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.aise.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@arn.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 "Caring and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses." The book offers insight and practical suggestions for those assisting family caregivers 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 #NEC0924, 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.

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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.

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.

AMERICAN RED CROSS
Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a community CPR class from 6-10 p.m., May 3; a community first aid class from 6-10 p.m., May 10 and 1-4 p.m., May 13; and a baby-sitting class from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., May 8 and 22 (students are required to come for both sessions). The baby-sitting class is open to students 11 years of age and older. They will be trained in CPR and first aid. For more information or to register for any of these classes, call 669-7121 or stop by the ARC office at 108 N. Russell.

CONCERT OF PRAYER
Moms In Touch International, local chapter, will host a "Concert of Prayer" from 1-2 p.m., Thursday, May 6 in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The event is being held in conjunction with National Day of Prayer. All mothers, grandmothers, aunts and friends are invited to come pray for the nation, the state, the county, our city, our schools and our military forces.

ACTS PRODUCTION
Amarillo College Theatre School and Dr. Neil and Lisa Veggeberg High Plains Rehabilitation Association will present the Tony Award-winning musical "Annie," based on the "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip, at 7:30 p.m., May 6-8 and at 2:30 p.m., May 9. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. For more information, call (806) 371-5353.

ROGER MILLER STORY
The Roger Miller Museum Board will present "Dang Me - The Roger Miller Story" at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 28

and at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 30, in the newly renovated grade school auditorium in Erick, Okla. The play will highlight the life of hometown boy, Roger Miller, and will be held in conjunction with Erick's alumni reunion Memorial Day weekend. Tickets are currently available for purchase for \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. For more information, call (580) 526-3332.

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., May 5 and 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; from 12:30-4 p.m., May 10, City Hall, Canadian; and from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., May 12, Wheeler School, Wheeler.

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, Shephard'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.

LECTURE SERIES
Harrington House Cornoisseur Lecture Series will begin Tuesday, June 1 at Harrington House in Amarillo. "Couture Designers Mrs. Harrington's Collection" will be showcased. Two identical lectures will be offered at 10 a.m. and

11 a.m. with each limited to 10 people. The series will be offered the first Tuesday of each month June through October. Regular hours of the house will not be scheduled on this day. For more information or for reservations (required), call (806) 374-5490.

ACT
The next ACT Assessment test will be administered nationwide Saturday, June 12. College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions exam by May 4, the postmark deadline. The late postmark deadline is May 21 and includes an extra fee. For more information, contact your high school counselor or go on-line to www.act.org.

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 LONG BEACH
USS Long Beach CGN-9 Association, Inc., is planning a reunion Sept. 13-19 at Hilton San Antonio Airport, 611 NW Loop 410, San Antonio. For more information, contact Don Shade, 299 Kiantone Rd., Jamestown, NY 14701-9370, 1-866-352-2469, LBCGN9@aol.com or www.usslongbeach-assoc.org.

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

California farmers wrestling with new regulations regarding runoff pollution

BY JULIANA BARBASSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Thousands of confused California growers have failed to comply with new state regulations monitoring water pollution from farms. Regulators, however, are unsure of how to enforce the rules, which environmentalists consider too lax and are challenging them in court. Between 25,000 and 80,000 growers who have irrigation water or stormwater running off their lands had until April 1 to report what they grow, what pesticides or fertilizers they use and how they will test canals and creeks that eventually empty into the Central Valley's rivers.

Until this year, farms enjoyed a blanket exemption from California's water quality law, which requires businesses and cities to apply for permits to discharge runoff and submit plans to reduce pollution. The State Water Resources Control Board made the exemption conditional under pressure from environmental groups.

Now, to continue getting the waiver, growers have to test water runoff at key periods — during irrigation and after storms — and report findings to their regional water board.

"This is an overwhelming task," regional water official Bill Croyle said of the state's first attempt at monitoring the impact of agriculture — a \$27.5 billion dollar industry statewide — on rivers. "But we're committed to getting things up and running."

Local agricultural commissioners, commodity groups

and industry leaders have tried to help spread the word to farmers.

Many farmers still don't know about the new regulations. Those who do are either hesitant to sign up for a plan with uncertain costs or think the rules don't apply to them.

"Water is very expensive for us," said Danny Andrews, who farms 2,000 acres of cotton, fruits and vegetables near Bakersfield with his father, Robert Andrews.

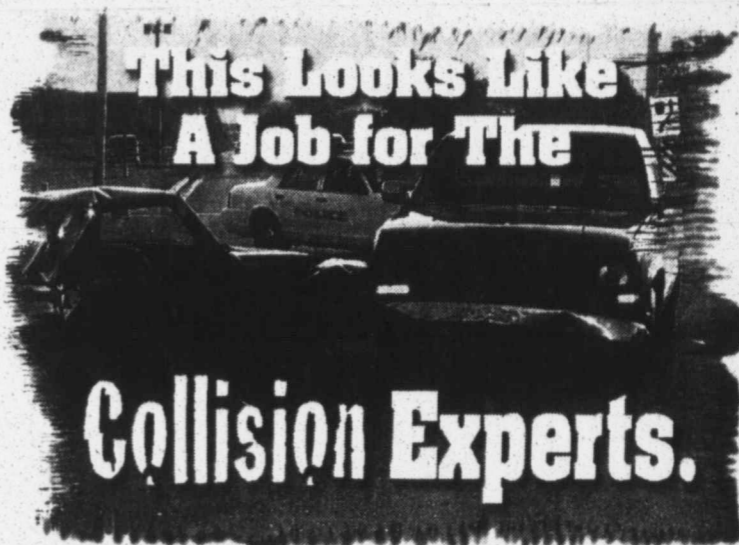
The Andrewses don't think the new rules apply to them since they see as little as 5 or 6 inches of rain a year and do their

best not to have any runoff.

There are no clearly defined penalties for failing to submit the required plans and data, and no one expects growers to be fined, though the water board will try to reach farmers who have not complied.

"The regional water board has to send notices telling farmers of deadlines," said Tony Francois, director water resources for the California Farm Bureau Federation. "There can be penalties if you refuse, but the regional board has not even sent out those notices."

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SPORTS

Lady Harvesters advance with 7-0 win

LUBBOCK — Pampa advanced to the next round of the softball playoffs with a 7-0 victory over San Angelo Lakeview in bi-district play Friday at Lady Westerner Field.

The Lady Harvesters did all their damage in the first four innings while pitcher Nicole Clark held Lakeview to just one hit while striking out three and walking five.

Stacey Johnson led Pampa's 10-hit attack with a triple, two singles and three

runs-batted in. Her two-run three-bagger in the third inning gave the Lady Harvesters a 5-0 lead.

Pampa's defense gave Clark a big lift throughout the contest.

Second baseman Amy Youree started a second-inning double play on a groundball that retired the side. Johnson at shortstop turned a grounder into a double play in the sixth inning with runners on first and second. Center fielder Abbi



Nicole Clark

Covalt made a nice running catch on a flyball hit by lead-off batter Judy Tarango in the third inning. Right fielder Youree, Garner and Winkleman hit groundballs that scored runs.

Clark, just a freshman, didn't give up a hit until the sixth inning when Allie Hill singled up the middle. She improved her mound record to 14-6.

The Lady Harvesters (18-6-1) meet El Paso Ysleta at 5 p.m. Friday at Odessa's Ratliff Complex.

and Covalt each had a double, while Clark and Teryn Garner each had base hits. Youree, Garner and Winkleman hit groundballs that scored runs.

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NOTEBOOK

GOLF

PAMPA — The Pampa Partnership will be held May 15-16 with the first round at Hidden Hills and the second round at Pampa Country Club.

Entry fee is \$65 per player plus carts each day. The Partnership will have a two-man lowball format.

A free meal will be provided Saturday night at the Pampa Country Club. There will be a \$10 charge for a practice round at either course. Carts are extra.

Entries are limited to the first 72 paid teams. Eight flights will be made up from four zones after Saturday's round.

Call David at Hidden Hills (669-5866) or Mark at PCC (665-8431) to enter.

There is \$1,000 per flight in gift certificates planned.

Tea times will start at 8 a.m. each day.

FISHING

FRITCH — The Small Fry Fishing Tournament held on April 10 was a great success with 83 children participating, even though the weather was less than perfect, says Win Bishop, Small Fry Fishing Association president.

Prize winners in the 6-8 age category included Caitlin Sam of Bedford, first place; Mariah Robinson, Sanford, second place, and David Killough, Borger, third place. Winners in the 9-11 age category included Candice Howell, Borger, first place; Kirsten Worsley, Borger, second place, and Amber Williams, Dumas, third place. Winners in the 12-14 age category included Billy Mitchell, Borger, first place; Austin Garipey, Fritch, second place, and Dain Garipey, Fritch, third place.

Clemens struggles, but still gets win No. 315

HOUSTON (AP) — With the bases loaded and boos already coming from the sell-out crowd, Roger Clemens had to get things turned around in a hurry.

No surprise: The Rocket found a way to win.

Clemens recovered from a rough start in the first inning to move past Gaylord Perry for 15th place on the career wins list and Lance Berkman homered and drove in two runs to lead the Houston Astros past the Cincinnati Reds 6-1 Friday night.

"It's amazing how a man his age still throws 94 or 95 (mph)," said Cincinnati's Jacob Cruz, who struck out three times against the 41-year-old Clemens. "I'm upset that he didn't retire. We all are."

Clemens won the 315th game of his career — his ninth victory in a row. Next up for The Rocket is Phil Niekro with 318.

Clemens (5-0) also became the first Astros' pitcher to win five games in April, making the first start of his 21-year career against Cincinnati a memorable one.

But it looked like The Rocket might be grounded before he could get started. Clemens walked four of the first seven batters he faced, loading the bases and eventually walking in D'Angelo Jimenez for the Reds' first run of the game. The crowd began booing

loudly after almost every ball Clemens threw.

He was struggling so badly, home plate umpire Jerry Layne decided to offer a little advice.

"He told me if I don't get it together," Clemens said, "it's going to be a short night for one of us."

Clemens eventually worked himself out of the jam by striking out Cruz, leaving three men on base.

From there, Clemens only got stronger.

He retired the Reds in order for two innings before giving up his first hit of the game to Adam Dunn in the fourth. His final pitch of the night — a 93 mph fastball that had Cruz swinging wildly — brought the sellout crowd of 41,430 to its feet.

That strikeout was the 4,131th of Clemens' career, meaning he needs only five more to pass Steve Carlton for second place.

In six innings, Clemens allowed one run and five hits with six strikeouts.

"He threw lights out after that first inning," Houston's Craig Biggio said. "He was awesome. He knows exactly what he wants to do and he never really gives in."

The Rocket needed a lift from his offense to get this win, though.

Berkman's RBI single in the fourth tied it at 1, and Morgan Ensberg later drove Berkman in with a single for the Astros' go-ahead run.

Clifton captures Optimist opener

PAMPA — Clifton Supply defeated NBC Bank 15-3 in the Optimist season opener for both teams in the Pitching Machine League.

The score was tied at 3-3 after two innings after NBC had scored all its runs in the first inning.

In the bottom of the third, Clifton bats came alive with a 12-run outburst. Twelve of the 13 batters had at least one hit in the game.

Third baseman Austen Snapp, shortstop Cyler Clifton, second baseman Sebastian Escalante and pitcher Thomas Haley all caught ground ball and threw to Ethan Hunt at first base for outs.

The Pampa Optimist Club is a United Way Agency.

Local baseball team picks up a win in youth tourney

MOORE, Okla. — The Pampa Rangers began their season by traveling to Moore, Okla. this past weekend to compete in a 12 and under USSSA Baseball Tournament.

The Rangers are a group of boys ages 9-12 who have been brought together to further advance their baseball skills.

The Rangers ended the tournament with a 1-2 record. In the first game, the Rangers had excellent pitching and defense, but only managed two hits and dropped a tough game by a 2-1 score.

Pampa had runners in scoring position in three of

the innings, but only managed to get one run in.

In the next game, Pampa came out strong and would lead by as many as five runs. But at the end of regulation they found themselves tied 10-10. In the end, Pampa lost an 11-10 heartbreaker.

On Sunday, Pampa finally put a complete game together with excellent pitching, strong defense and some timely hitting. The Rangers fell behind 2-0 in the top of the first. But Pampa was too much and ended up winning 11-2.

The Rangers plan on playing in tournaments throughout the summer in

Oklahoma, Amarillo and Lubbock.

The players sold candles to help pay for uniforms, equipment and to pay for entry fees to tournaments.

Ten-year-old team members include Collin Killgo, Cole Engle and Reed Miller. Eleven-year-old team members include Brent Green, Zach Murray, Channar Clendennen and Joseph Mechelay. Twelve-year-old team members include Braden Hunt, Mitchell Killgo, Kelby Rucker, Alex Clendinning and Sam Newman.

Coaches are Mike Killgo, Huey Green and Kevin Hunt.



Pampa Rangers: Front row, l-r: Collin Killgo, Brent Green, bat boy Ethan Hunt, Channar Clendennen, Zach Murray, Cole Engle and Joseph Mechelay; Middle row, l-r: Kelby Rucker, Mitchell Killgo, Alex Clendening, Braden Hunt, Sam Newman and Reid Miller; Back row, l-r: Coaches Mike Killgo, Kevin Hunt and Huey Green.

Racetracks say slots vital to their future

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — Racetrack operators know slot machine gambling in Texas is a long shot, but they're betting on it to revivify their business.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry and a House education committee have proposed allowing "video lottery terminals" at Texas horse and dog tracks as a tax revenue source to help fund schools.

The plan must outrun opposition by religious groups and gambling interests in neighboring states intent on squelching competition, not to mention legislative and voter approval.

Still, to gamblers like Stacy

Devorak and Chris Rice, the plan makes sense. The two air traffic controllers were asked what they thought about racetrack slots in Texas as they tried their luck this week at Lone Star Park.

"Our friends all go over to Shreveport to play the slots," said Devorak, who lives in nearby Euless. "I think they're losing a lot of money to Oklahoma and now Louisiana."

"I wouldn't come for the slots, but it would attract different kinds of gamblers," said Rice of Lewisville.

Track operators say slot machines would allow them to host races with bigger purses, finance expansions to include

shops and hotels, and make Texas a horse gambling destination on par with Kentucky and Southern California.

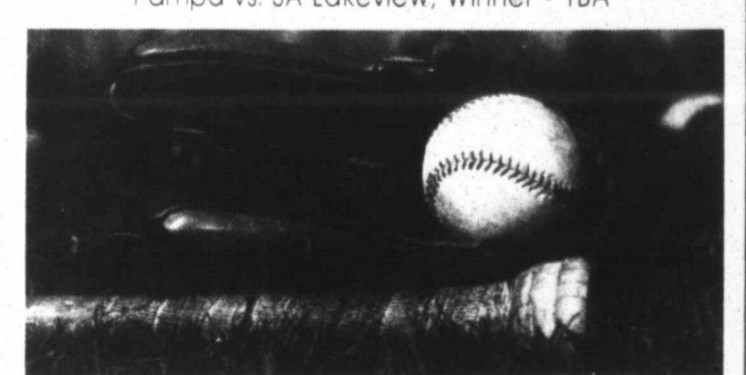
Without slots, they say, their tracks will continue to suffer.

Texas racing has never lived up to its potential — or at least the promises of promoters who won legalization of pari-mutuel betting in 1987.

The late Bob Bullock, who was comptroller at the time, forecast that the state would reap \$110 million in annual taxes on horse and greyhound betting. However, tax revenues peaked at \$9.4 million in 1998 and have since dropped to \$4.8 million last year, according to the Texas Racing Commission.

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The Pampa Middle School swim team competed in the state meet for the first time in school history.

Pampa Middle School swimmers make historic trip to San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO — Pampa Middle School swimmers competed in the Middle School State Swim Meet for the first time in school history, finishing an impressive 12th in the 55-team field.

"As you looked up on the starting block, you knew you were looking at the heirs to Texas swimming. They are the best from all over the state, and in some cases, the nation. It was a great feeling to know that are swimmers from Pampa have a place waiting for them in Texas High School swimming history," said coach Gregory Miller.

Pampa swimmers all did an outstanding job and managed to have some of their best times of the year, according to coach Miller.

Seventh-grade swimmers took most of the honors at the meet. Nicki Cole placed

fourth in the 50-yard freestyle and fourth in the 50-yard backstroke. Stephanie Stephens placed seventh in the 50-yard freestyle and ninth in the 100-yard freestyle.

"The rest of the team had great swims and personal best swims," Miller said. "The athletes need to go to meets like this to enable them to understand what it takes to be the best, and so that they will be prepared to compete at the highest level possible in high school."

Miller said the Pampa swimmers are a proud group who have set a goal.

"Their mission is to take the Pampa swimming program to state and to become the power in West Texas and the Panhandle area," he pointed out.

Team members represent-

ing Pampa were Eric Schepp, Monica Schepp, Lydia West and Heather Dalrymple, girls 8th grade; Amber Bradford, Tylor O'Neal, Stephanie Stephens and Nicki Cole, girls 7th grade; Brody Russell, Chris Boren and Dustin Neef, 8th grade boys.

"All but two of the students finished their races in no less than 16th place. When you know that there were more than 430 swimmers, it gives you a very special feeling to know we really do belong. If you see any of these swimmers give them a 'way to go.' Well, this is the end of all the school district swimming for the year. It has been a great one and we are looking for better things in the year to come. The teams and I would like to think our school district and you our friends and supporters for a great year," Miller said.

Pampa Bowling Roundup

HARVESTER LANES League Standings Wednesday Night Mixed League (Week 23)			Judy Anderson 508; High handicap game: Judy Anderson 236; High handicap series: Tonya Winborne 636	
Team	Won	Lost	Generation Gap	
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Beta Tex	15	9	High scratch game: Shayley Morris 152; High scratch series: Shayley Morris 498; High handicap game: Shayley Morris 235; High handicap series: Shayley Morris 647.	
Bob's Bandits	14	10	Boys	
Chez Tanz	14	10	High scratch game: Michael Adams 223; High scratch series: Michael Adams 598; High handicap game: Sage Neffendorf 256; High handicap series: Sage Neffendorf 706.	
The Woodpecker Shop	12	12	Women	
Team Three	12	12	High scratch game: Wanda Adams 141; High scratch series: Judy Morris 386; High handicap game: Beth Rice 225; High handicap series: Beth Rice 595.	
Gutter Busters	11	13	Men	
Harvester Lanes	7	17	High scratch game: Morris Long 255; High scratch series: Morris Long 643; High handicap game: Morris Long 273; High handicap series: Morris Long 697.	

Parcells has first look at new Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — With Drew Henson taking snaps at quarterback and running back Julius Jones serving as his new waterboy, coach Bill Parcells got his first look Friday at the next generation of Dallas Cowboys prospects.

And, no, not necessarily the 2005 version. Parcells shrugged off the notion that the team was more interested in building for the future than trying to win now, a theory rooted in the Cowboys trading their first-round pick for Buffalo's next year instead of trying to fill a gaping hole at running back with anyone on the board.

"I'm just trying to take the best course of action we can," Parcells said. "I'm not disappointed in our offseason."

After watching draft picks and rookie free agents go through their first practice, Parcells spoke for more than 45 minutes about everything that has — and hasn't — happened since he last discussed

the team with reporters, back in early January.

Highlights included Parcells saying he told offensive lineman Larry Allen not to take part in the offseason conditioning program, but that he expects the eight-time Pro Bowler to be ready for minicamp in about a month — or else.

"I am not issuing ultimatums here. I am just telling you things need to be

addressed," Parcells said. "Hopefully this offseason has given him time to do that. I am only telling you from my point of view what has to happen."

Parcells also said he's not interested in signing quarterback Kerry Collins, but could still be after another veteran. That probably means Vinny Testaverde, who is expected to be released by the Jets on June 1.

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Philadelphia	10	11	.476	4	New York	12	11	.522	4
New York	9	14	.391	6	Tampa Bay	7	14	.333	8
Montreal	5	19	.208	10 1/2	Toronto	7	15	.318	8 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	13	9	.591	—	Minnesota	15	8	.652	—
Houston	13	9	.591	—	Chicago	13	8	.619	1 1/2
Cincinnati	12	10	.545	1	Detroit	12	11	.522	3 1/2
Milwaukee	12	11	.522	1 1/2	Cleveland	9	13	.409	6
St. Louis	12	11	.522	1 1/2	Kansas City	7	14	.333	7 1/2
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Friday's Games	Philadelphia 4, Arizona 0	Seattle 3, Detroit 1, 10 innings							
Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 1	Cleveland 11, Baltimore 2								
Pittsburgh 4, Milwaukee 2	N.Y. Yankees 5, Kansas City 2								
St. Louis 4, Chicago Cubs 3	Oakland 4, Tampa Bay 2								
Atlanta at Colorado, ppd., snow	Boston at Texas, ppd., rain								
San Diego 7, N.Y. Mets 6	Toronto at Chicago White Sox, ppd., rain								
Los Angeles 13, Montreal 4	Minnesota 6, Anaheim 3								

Tillman awarded the Silver Star

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Arizona Cardinals safety Pat Tillman was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for leading his Army Rangers unit to the rescue of comrades caught in an ambush.

Tillman was shot and killed in Afghanistan while fighting "without regard for his personal safety," the Army said in announcing the award.

The Silver Star, awarded for gallantry on the battlefield, is one of the most distinguished military honors. On Thursday the Army promoted Tillman from specialist to corporal. He was assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, based in Fort Lewis, Wash.

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Perry's home district struggling with declining enrollment

By BETSY BLANEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PAINT CREEK, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry often praises the education he received from Paint Creek, a kindergarten-through-12th grade school that sits along a winding, desolate West Texas road.

But the school has hit hard times, causing it to join more than 200 school districts, both wealthy and poor, in suing the state over its share-the-wealth school finance system.

The district's annual budget this school year is \$1.13 million, down from \$1.24 million last year. Coping with the financial shortfall has meant hard choices for Paint Creek, where all the district's 96 students — down from 146 in 2002 — attend class in the same two-story building and the motto is "No dream too tall for a school so small."

Last fall, the school let three of its 19 teachers go and asked two others to double up classes and teach two grades. With fewer students and declining property values, the Paint Creek school district faces a crisis.

As legislators meet in Austin to wrestle with school finance, Paint Creek educators and parents hope Perry won't forget the small ranching and farming district of about 600 people where he grew up. "Because the school district is the community, once the school

district is gone, it's time and again been proven, the community dries up," Paint Creek teacher Keith Medford said.

Perry wants to replace the so-called Robin Hood system, which has funded Texas' schools since 1993, because it relies heavily on property taxes. He called a special session this month and asked lawmakers to find a new way to fund schools.

Perry proposed a plan that included creating or raising several taxes, but the Legislature can reject all or part of it as they devise their own plan. Under Perry's proposal, Paint Creek would receive \$777 more per student, Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said. Currently, the state contributes \$5,977 per student to Paint Creek.

"He understands what rural schools need," she said. "And his plan not only maintains equity, it improves equity in the system."

Emily Medford, the mother of two Paint Creek students, doesn't like Perry's plan because she said it could hurt rural districts with small tax bases. More worrisome, however, is that Perry seems to have forgotten his roots, she said.

"We don't feel he's looking out for the rural population as much as he is big cities' interests," said Emily Medford, a distant cousin of the Paint Creek teacher. "Any changes are scary because of the unknown. It's very, very important to us that Paint Creek stays open."

In December, Paint Creek got some financial help, but not from

the state. On its second attempt, the rural district won a \$170,000 grant to help younger students read. They will receive that amount in each of the next four years.

Principal Bill Fowler said his superintendent told him that without the grant, Paint Creek "might not be open too many more years."

"We still could have survived but it would have been harder. It was a huge relief," said Fowler, who is also the district's athletic director and when needed, one of its bus drivers.

Still, it was enough money to help the school fill three vacant teacher positions in January and to give each grade its own teacher again.

Keeping small, rural schools open isn't just a Paint Creek problem. Similar districts are struggling also, Paint Creek Superintendent Don Ballard said.

"We ought to be concentrating more on 'what programs can we provide for students?' instead of concentrating on 'what do we have to cut to survive?'" Ballard said.

In 2002, Texas has 419 rural districts and 122 urban districts. Texas Education Agency spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe said. The urban number takes in nine major cities, their suburbs and districts in smaller cities.

Rural districts face extension because of a dwindling population, which influences property taxes and enrollment. Complicating matters, the size of the state makes mergers between school districts a challenge because it may mean students have to travel long distances to attend school.

The Paint Creek community is a collection of modest homes. The population is aging and fewer children are being born in the district's 235 square miles. There are only a handful of businesses.

A couple of years ago, a power plant on Lake Stamford closed and families moved away to seek other jobs. That led to a \$10 million drop in taxes and state funding for the school district.

Despite dwindling enrollment and fewer dollars, the school provides a solid education, Fowler said. The smaller numbers provoke students to participate in extracurricular activities and teachers can give more attention. The student-teacher ratio is about 10 to 1.

"We're not financially well off but we're able to make ends meet and provide for our students," Fowler said.

School board president Gina Bueger said she believes education mandates from the state should be funded by the state. And the size or property wealth of a district shouldn't be part of the school finance equation.

"We have poor kids from poor families but they deserve the same education a rich child does," she said. "As long as every child in the state is treated equally, that's my only concern."

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REGS

Farmers can either come up with the monitoring plan themselves, at an estimated cost of at least \$2,000 per year after startup costs of up to \$10,000, or join a coalition of farmers to share the burden.

Parry Klassen, a Selma farmer on the board of the East San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition, has been answering growers' questions for months. Still, his group has signed up only 1,300 of the estimated 6,000 growers in Merced, Stanislaus, Mariposa and Tuolumne counties.

"Those of us who were organizing the coalitions knew this was coming, but some growers have never heard of the plan," said Klassen, who

grows peaches and watermelons.

Environmentalists hail the idea of monitoring farms but say the regulations fall short.

"One can't deny that this is a historic step, possibly the most significant step in the nation toward regulating agriculture," said Bill Jennings, of Deltakeeper, a Stockton-based group focused on water quality. "But the failure to grapple with accountability and setting a goal that has to be complied with are the seeds of the plan's own failure."

Deltakeeper sued the water board, along with the California Sportfishing Alliance,

Environment California, Natural Resources Defense Council and Ocean Conservancy, alleging the new rules need a compliance goal "with interim milestones and standards."

The program's vague objectives also concern some farmers. No particular chemical or nutrient is targeted, and no specific bodies of water have been identified as a problem.

Only after the first year of monitoring, when pollutants are identified, will the program have

a clear target, said Francois.

"This is a very complicated first step down the path of doing water quality regulation for farm operations, and it remains to be seen how well it will work," he said.

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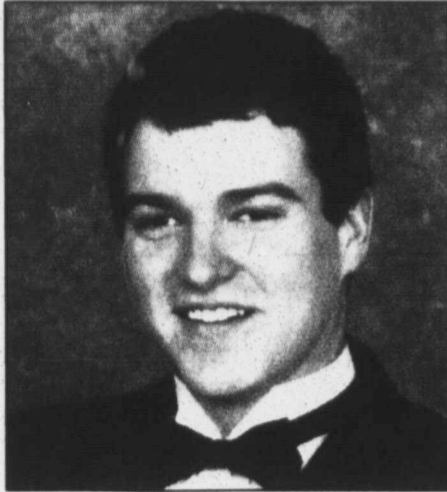
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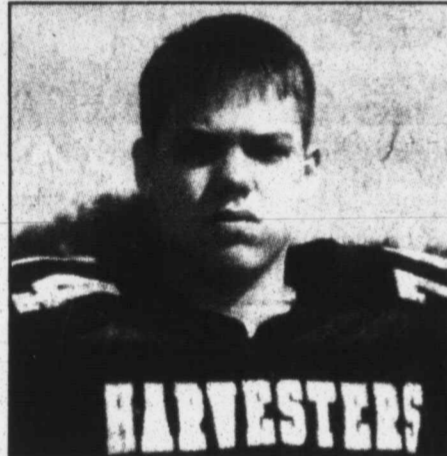
The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Pampa High School student **Jake Hopkins** was named an All-American Scholar.

USAA established the All-American Scholar program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines.

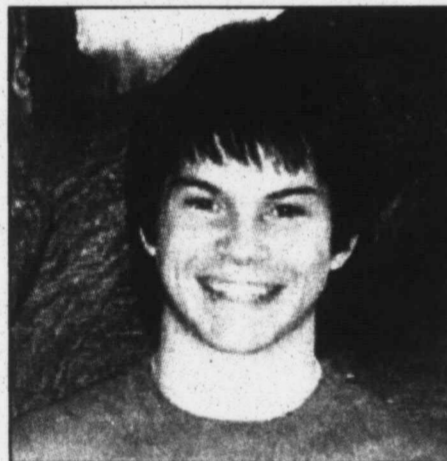
To be eligible for the honor, students must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. USAA All-American Scholars are named in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published nationally.

The student was nominated for the designation by Starla Kindle, a counselor at PHS.

Hopkins is the son of Marshall and Kim Hopkins of Pampa and is the grandson of Sherilan Ketchersid and of Jerry Sims and Joan Mabry, all of Pampa.



Chadd Malone



Jareth Fortenberry

Meredith Coutts, Chadd Malone, Ruth Avila, Maggie Hopkins and Jareth Fortenberry were all recently named United States Achievement Academy National Award Winners in Honor Roll.

The Academy bestows USAA awards upon fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. The PHS students were nominated for the awards 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.

Coutts is the daughter of Joe and Cheryl Coutts of Pampa and is the granddaughter of B.J. and Martha Green and Caroline and the late Eddie Coutts, all of Pampa.

Malone is the son of Johnny and Cheryl Malone of Pampa and is the grandson of Harold and Neva Malone and Larry and Linda Starnes, all of Pampa.

Avila is the daughter of Martin and Cristina Avila of Pampa. She is the granddaughter of Raquel and Berna of Petersburg and Eulalia and Salvador of Zaragoza, Mexico.

(See NEWSMAKERS, Page 17)

Hatching a 'bright' idea

Welcome spring's bright, warm garden colors into the kitchen with recipes to bring joy and sunshine to your table. Keeping it fresh and simple will allow the imagination to create sweet treats for spring gatherings that will shower your family and friends with affection.

Be sure to stock up on the seasonal pastel color candies since these recipes can be made throughout the summer for showers and garden parties. The jellybeans are available year-round and will offer unlimited opportunities to decorate cakes and cupcakes that even the youngest child can help decorate.

For more spring recipes, decorating, gift ideas and family fun activities go to www.marsbrightideas.com

BEEHIVE

CUPCAKES

- Ingredients:**
 1 (13-ounce) bag Snickers Miniatures for Easter, chopped
 24 cupcake paper liners
 1 (18-ounce) box favorite cake mix
 2 (16-ounce) cans classic vanilla frosting
 Yellow food coloring
 1 (14-ounce) bag Starburst Jellybeans
 Original Fruits
 1/4 cup sliced almonds
 1 tube chocolate decorating frosting, with plain tip
 2 resealable plastic bags

Directions:
 Step 1. Unwrap and chop

all miniatures, set aside.
 Step 2. Line 24 muffin cups with paper liners. Prepare cake mix, fold in chopped miniatures and bake according to package directions.

Step 3. Let cupcakes come to room temperature.

Step 4. In the meantime, tint frosting with yellow food coloring to desired shade. Frost top of each cupcake to cover.

Step 5. Spoon remaining frosting into resealable plastic bag. Cut off 1/4-inch from tip. To create a "hive" on each cupcake, pipe on frosting in spiral fashion, starting with bottom of hive and working up to top.

Step 6. Separate orange jellybeans from package. Arrange 3 to 4 jellybeans on each frosting hive. Gently squeeze chocolate frosting through tip in

zigzag pattern over jellybeans.

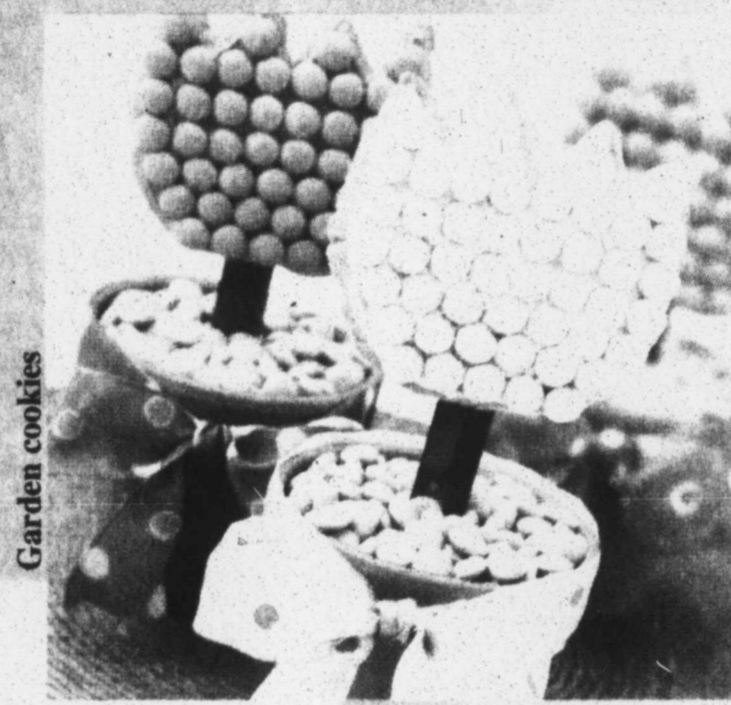
Step 7. Angle an almond slice on each side of jellybeans as bee wings.

Makes 24 servings

GARDEN

COOKIES

- Ingredients:**
 1 (18-ounce) roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
 6 large green craft sticks
 1 (16-ounce) can prepared vanilla frosting
 Assorted food coloring
 2 (14-ounce) bags M&M'S Brand Milk Chocolate Candies for Easter
 6 6-inch flowerpots or containers
 6 Styrofoam squares or floral oasis



Garden cookies

Directions:
 Step 1. Preheat oven to 350F. Knead cookie dough and flour together until smooth.

Step 2. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut out 6 tulip shapes (approximately 4 inches high and 3 inches wide) from dough, and transfer to cookie sheet. Gather up dough scraps and re-roll, if necessary.

Step 3. Slide a craft stick underneath each cookie, and press it into dough. Bake until golden brown, about 12 to 15 minutes. Transfer cookie sheet to wire rack.

Step 4. While cookies are cooling, divide vanilla frosting

among 4 bowls. Using food coloring, tint to pink, light blue, yellow and pale purple. Spread frosting over each cookie, and arrange chocolate candies on top. Let dry, about 30 minutes.

Step 5. Fill flowerpots with Styrofoam.

Step 6. Press craft sticks into Styrofoam. Arrange green candies around craft sticks. Makes 6 large cookies

SPECKLED EGG

PRETZEL NEST

- Ingredients:**
 1 (11-ounce) bag Dove Milk Chocolate Eggs
 1 generous cup pretzel sticks
 M&M'S Speckled Eggs

Directions:
 Step 1. Place 10 to 12 chocolate eggs in metal bowl.

Step 2. Place bowl over simmering water and stir until chocolate melts. Remove bowl from saucepan and slightly cool chocolate by adding 2 to 3 more chocolate eggs and stirring until smooth.

Step 3. Add pretzel sticks to melted chocolate and stir carefully until completely coated.

Step 4. Form small nest with pretzels and use extra chocolate to drizzle over top of nest.

Step 5. Refrigerate approximately one hour; fill with speckled eggs.

Makes 1 nest

SPRINGTIME

STRAWBERRY

CAKE

- Ingredients:**
 1 (18-ounce) box favorite cake mix
 1 cup strawberry jam
 2 (12-ounce) containers whipped vanilla frosting
 Red food coloring, paste or gel
 1 (14-ounce) bag Starburst Jellybeans
 1 (16-ounce) bag Starburst Tropical Fruit Chews

Directions:
 Step 1. Prepare cake according to package directions. Bake in two 8-inch round cake pans.

Step 2. Let cakes come to room temperature. Cut both into matching strawberry shapes. Layer with strawberry jam sandwiched between.

Step 3. Tint frosting with red food coloring to desired shade, then frost entire cake.

Step 4. Separate yellow jellybeans from bag and arrange on cake, following photograph as a guide, to appear as strawberry seeds.

Step 5. Select and unwrap 14 green fruit chews. Warm in microwave 3 to 4 seconds, just to soften. Using fingers, press all fruit chews into one piece and slightly flatten. Using a rolling pin, roll out chews until wafer thin. Cut out two leaves. Gather up remainder and form stem. Place stem and leaves at top of cake.

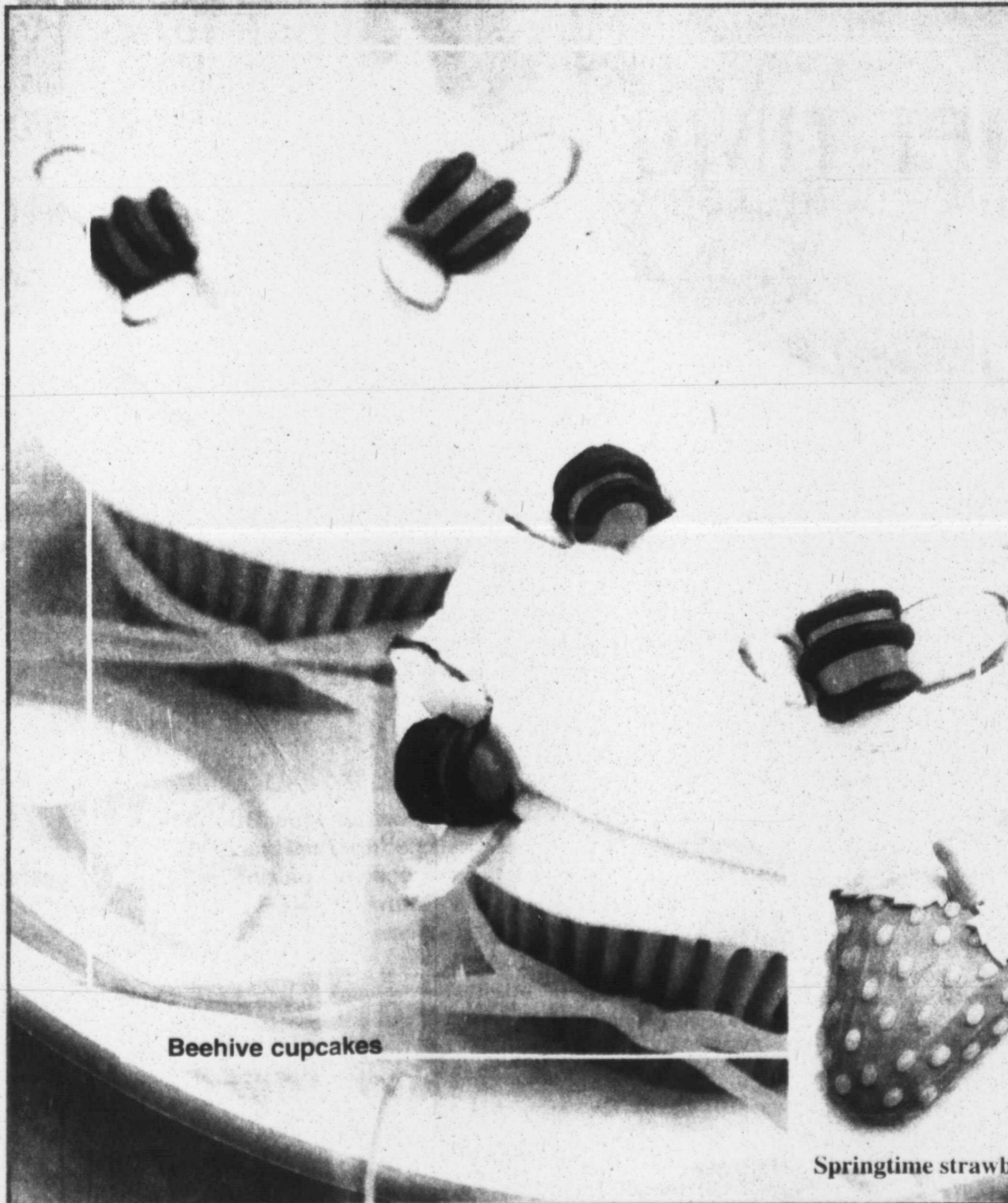
Note: Can also be baked in 8-inch heart-shaped cake pans.

Makes 12 servings
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Speckled egg pretzel nest

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Beehive cupcakes

Springtime strawberry cake

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ENGAGEMENTS

Meece-Hagins

Lee Ann Meece of Aspermont and Jay Don Hagins of Spur plan to wed at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at First Baptist Church in Spur.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Clifford and Fran Meece of Sallisaw, Okla. She holds a degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and currently owns Aspermont Pharmacy in Aspermont. She formerly managed Wal-Mart Pharmacy in Pampa.

The prospective groom is the son of Don and Kay Hagins of Spur. He graduated from Spur High School and is currently employed in telecommunications at Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative.



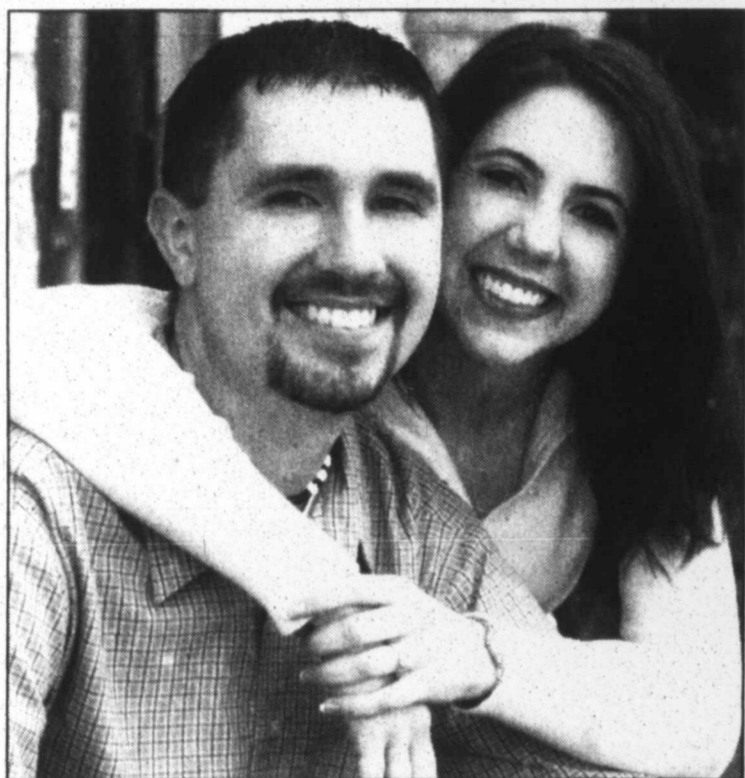
Jay Don Hagins and Lee Ann Meece

Reeder-Kirkpatrick

Naomi Reeder and Matthew Kirkpatrick plan to wed July 10 at Texas First Baptist Church in Round Rock.

The bride-to-be, currently of Abilene, is the daughter of Philip and Janis Reeder of Round Rock. A registered nurse, she is presently employed at Hendrick Trauma Center in Abilene.

The prospective groom is the son of Reed and Chris Kirkpatrick of Pampa. A graduate student seeking a master's of arts degree in history, Kirkpatrick is scheduled to graduate with his MA in May.



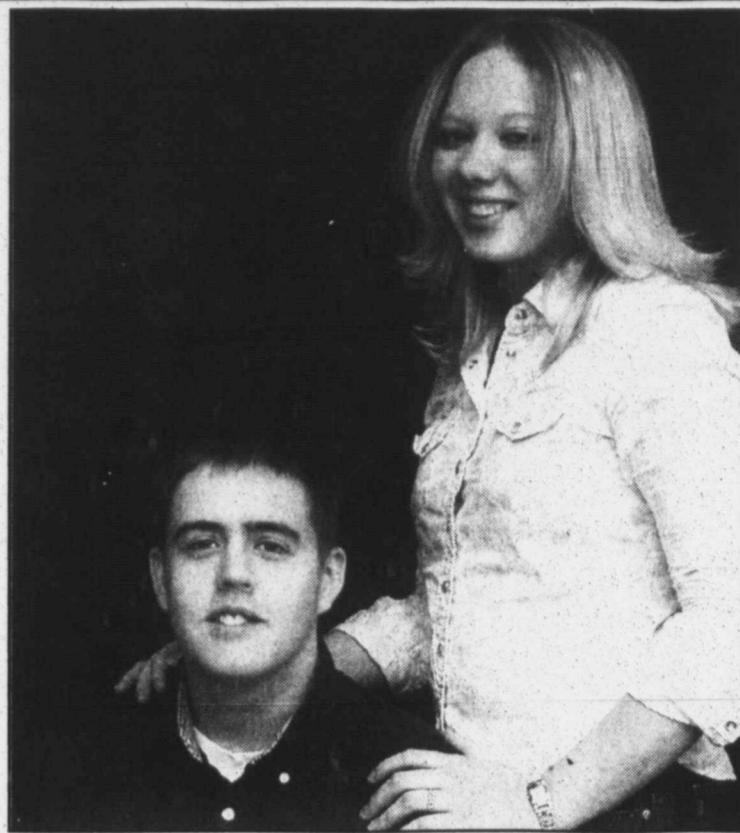
Matthew Kirkpatrick and Naomi Reeder

McGill-Wells

Meagan McGill and Tommy Wells plan to wed June 4 at First Baptist Church in Wellington.

The bride-to-be, of Wellington, is the daughter of Randy and Lynda McGill. She is the granddaughter of Hubert and Vonna Brooks of Wellington and the late Glin and Lorene McGill.

The prospective groom is the son of Lori Ann and Beth Wells of Jacksonville, Fla. He is the grandson of Melba Marcum of Wellington, Tommy and Johnnie Wells of Dallas, Billie Hupp of Pampa and the late Fred Hupp.



Tommy Wells and Meagan McGill

Howard-Gunter

Shelley Marie Howard of Laketon and Kenneth "Slim" Joe Gunter of Nolan plan to wed May 15 at Red Deer Creek Ranch in Miami with Elmer McLaughlin officiating.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Marolyn OQuin of Laketon and the late Robert "Bob" Howard. She is a Miami High School graduate and holds a bachelor of science degree in animal science from West Texas A&M University (1998). She is currently employed with Texas Cooperative Extension in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is



Kenneth Joe Gunter and Shelley Marie Howard

the son of Rick Gunter of Amarillo and Debbie Bates of Merkel. He graduated from Merkel High School

and is pursuing a BS in kinesiology. He is currently employed with the G Ranch in Merkel.

Bridal Selection

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- Michelle Bailey & Danny Kirkpatrick
- Naomi Reeder & Matthew Kirkpatrick
- Kim Jones & Josh Ellis

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Lynch meets with lawyer

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — Former Iraq prisoner of war Jessica Lynch has met the lawyer who provided information that led to her rescue last year.

The meeting with Mohammed Odeh al-Rehaief took place on April 7 in Washington, where Lynch was speaking at a seminar. Al-Rehaief's wife, Iman, and daughter accompanied him to the meeting, which lasted about an hour, Lynch's lawyer, Stephen Goodwin, said Friday.

"It went very well. As Jessi has always indicated, she wanted it to be a private meeting," he said.

Al-Rehaief visited Wirt County last October, but Lynch said her schedule prevented her from meeting with him then.

"I think everybody was finally glad it took place," Goodwin said.

Lynch was captured March 23, 2003, after her 507th Maintenance Company convoy was ambushed in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah. The Army supply clerk was rescued nine days later after al-Rehaief alerted U.S. forces and mapped out the hospital where she was being held. A bomb blast as he fled left him blind in his left eye.

The videotaped rescue made Lynch one of the most recognizable personalities of the war.

"It was a wonderful meeting and I can never control my emotion," al-Rehaief told the Herald-Dispatch of Huntington in Friday's edition. He was in Huntington for a Saturday book signing.

"She tell me 'thank you,' and she say, 'Thank you very much for what you have done,'" he said. "We feel like it will be a very nice friendship between us in the future. We hope to meet again."



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Alexis Ni

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Alexis was born at 8:15 p.m. at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to the late D. Parks of Pampa. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Relatives include Angel Parks, Andrew Parks, Margie Parks, the late D. Jean Parks, and Ken Parks.



Braidyn T.

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Braidyn was born at 10:15 a.m. at Northwest Medical Center in Amarillo to Corey Pasla and Debbie Pasla.

At birth, she weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces. Relatives include her parents, Marjorie and Ken Pasla, and the late D. Pampa and M. Pampa.



Chaston D.

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Chaston was born Feb. 24, 2003, at the Medical Center in Pampa to Kim and Keith Moushey.

At birth, she weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces. Relatives include her parents, Dan and Carol Moushey, and his sister, Carol Preston.

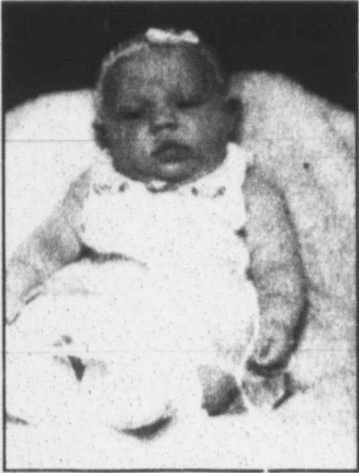
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Alexis Nicole Parks

Alexis Parks

Alexis Nicole Parks was born at 8:15 p.m., Feb. 16, at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Dawn and Tim Parks of Pampa.

At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 6.8-ounces.

Relatives include a sister, Angel Parks; a brother, Andrew Parks; and grandparents, Margaret Stevens and the late David Stevens and Jean Parks and the late Frank Parks.



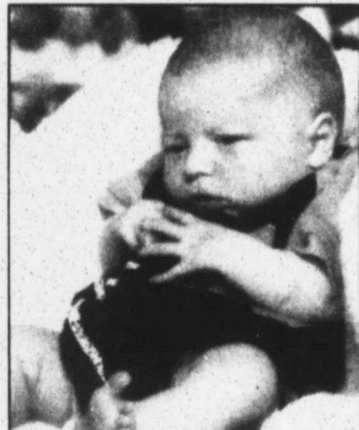
Braidyn T. Paslay

Braidyn Paslay

Braidyn Thomas Paslay was born at 4:42 p.m., April 9, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, to Meesha and Corey Paslay of Pampa.

At birth, the infant weighed 9-pounds, 6.4-ounces.

Relatives include his grandparents, Margaret Stevens and the late David Stevens of Pampa and Myra Paslay and the late Ken Paslay of White Deer.



Chaston D. Mouser

Chaston Mouser

Chaston David Mouser was born Feb. 24 at Pampa Regional Medical Center in Pampa to Kim and Keith Mouser.

At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds and was 20-inches long.

Relatives include his brother, Braxton Mouser, 2; his grandparents, Dana and Brent Davis of Pampa and Carylton and Austin Mouser of Liberal, Kan.; and his great-grandmother, Carol Preston of Pampa.

NEWSMAKERS

Hopkins is the daughter of Marshall and Kim Hopkins of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Sherilan Ketchersid and Jerry Sims and Joan Mabry, all of Pampa.

Fortenberry is the son of Rodney and Sherri Fortenberry of Pampa and is the grandson of George and Carol Eggleston of Pampa and B.E. and Hilda Fortenberry of Columbia, Miss.

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced that **Kimberly Duke** of Canyon has been named a United States National Collegiate Award-winner in nursing.

Such USAA Collegiate Awards are bestowed upon fewer than 10 percent of all American college students.

Duke, a student at West Texas A&M University, was nominated for the award by Flo Jemes, a professor at the college.

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.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met April 22 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center with President Gayle Wilson presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Wilson discussed various committees that will be needed for the Nov. 6-7 quilt show.

—The May meeting will be a rummage sale for members. Books, material, sewing items and related quilt items will be sold.

—Mary Seeding distributed spring block patterns. The blocks will be due and exchanged in June.

—A "Shop Hop" is planned for July 29-Aug. 1. A bus from Amarillo will take quilters to area quilt shops on July 30-31. Sands Fabrics in Pampa is one of the participating shops.

—Finished pieces of the mystery quilt through lesson four were show by members.

—Janice Sackett delivered a program on color, using a color wheel to demonstrate the various color combinations.

—Judith Lisman furnished cookies for the group, and door prizes were won by Jane Jacobs, Thelma Matthews and Doris Jean Foster.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. May 27 at the senior citizens center. Visitors are welcome.

Altrusa

Altrusa International Inc., (See CLUB, Page 26)

Duke will appear in the USAA Official Collegiate Yearbook, published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, USAA executive director. "Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

The academy selects winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of professors, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon its own Standards of Selection.

Winners are chosen based upon academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit.

Duke is the daughter of Jimmie and Carol Clark of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Billy and Bobbie Waggoner of Pampa.

GREAT LAKES, Ill. — Navy Seaman Apprentice **Lance E. DeFever**, son of Lance E. DeFever of Pampa and Cincy A. Bledsoe of McKinney, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes.

During the eight-weeks of boot camp, in which an emphasis is placed on physical fitness, recruits completed

a variety of training including classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

Recruits also participated in "Battle Stations," an exercise designed to hone teamwork, endurance and other skills.

DeFever graduated from Pampa High School in 2001.

SAN ANTONIO — Trinity University will hold two commencement exercises on Saturday, May 15. Graduating senior **Helen Orr** of Pampa will speak at the undergraduate ceremony.

Orr is majoring in religion with a minor in psychology.

At Trinity, she is president of the Blue Key honor fraternity, has been a resident assistant with the campus residential life staff during her junior and senior years, and was co-creator of a date rape education project for first-year orientation.

In addition, Ms. Orr has been a peer leader for a study of body image among sorority members and served as a peer tutor and teaching assistant in the religion department.

This spring, she received the Presidential Award of Excellence from John R. Brazil, president of Trinity, in recognition of her willingness to "give unselfishly of her time to the University to make it a better place to live."

Orr, daughter of Dawson

and Carol Orr, is a graduate of Pampa High School.

PLAINVIEW — Several students from Pampa were recently recognized during Wayland Baptist University's awards chapel for academic achievements and student leadership.

Shanna Buck, Maegan Dyer, Tandi Morton Laos and **Kevin Schaub** were all named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Dyer also received the Outstanding Student in Elementary Education Award.

Zack Greer received the Owen Leech Award and cash prize, honoring students who demonstrate a calling and commitment to discipleship and evangelism.

MOSCOW, Idaho

Thirty-four University of Idaho graduating students May 15 will not wear traditional caps and gowns, but formal military dress uniforms as they are commissioned as second lieutenants or ensigns after completing Reserve Officers' Training Corps requirements.

Joshua Cliff Grimsley of Miami has successfully com-

pleted ROTC at UI and will become a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

SAN ANGELO

Michael Martinez of Pampa, a pre-med major at Angelo State University, was recently accepted to participate in the State's Joint Admission Medical Program and was awarded a summer internship with Baylor College of Medicine.

To qualify during the fall semester, a JAMP applicant must complete 15 semester credit hours including freshman biology and chemistry and earn a 3.25 or higher grade point average. Applicants must also be certified by the Financial Aid Office as eligible for a federal Pell Grant.

JAMP was established by the 77th Texas Legislature to encourage and help highly qualified but economically disadvantaged students pursue a medical education.

Successful applicants not only receive an undergraduate scholarship at a participating university, but are also guaranteed admission and a scholarship to a participating Texas medical school.

MENU FOR KIDS CAFE

- Tuesday, May 4**
Spaghetti/meat sauce, green beans, salad, rolls, pudding cups.
- Thursday, May 6**
Hamburgers, lettuce/tomatoes, pickles, chips, peaches, cookies.
- Tuesday, May 11**
Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, biscuits, pineapple.
- Thursday, May 13**
Frito pie, pinto beans, salad, cake.

LIFESTYLES POLICY

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.
2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.
3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.
4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.
5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.
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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).

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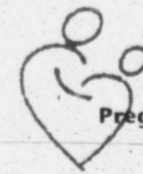
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BILLBOARD MUSIC CHARTS

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of *Billboard* magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

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. "I Don't Wanna Know," Mario Winans (feat. Enya & P. Diddy). Bad Boy.
 3. "Burn," Usher. Arista.
 4. "Naughty Girl," Beyonce. Columbia.
 5. "Topsy," J-Kwon. So So Def.
 6. "This Love," Maroon 5. Octone.
 7. "My Band," D12. Shady.
 8. "If I Ain't Got You," Alicia Keys. J.
 9. "Overnight Celebrity," Twista. Atlantic.
 10. "All Falls Down," Kanye West (feat. Syleena Johnson). Roc-A-Fella.
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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

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

1. "Confessions," Usher. LaFace. (Platinum)
2. "Hurt No More," Mario Winans. Bad Boy.
3. "Musicology," Prince. NPG.
4. "Now 15," Various Artists. EMI/Universal/Sony Music/Zomba/Capitol.
5. "The Reason," Hoobastank. Island. (Gold)
6. "The Pretty Toney Album," Ghostface. Def Jam.
7. "In This Skin," Jessica Simpson. Columbia. (Platinum)
8. "Greatest Hits," Guns N' Roses. Geffen.
9. "Fallen," Evanescence. Wind-up. (Platinum)
10. "The College Dropout," Kanye West. Roc-A-Fella. (Platinum)

Hot Adult Contemporary

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

1. "100 Years," Five For Fighting. Aware.
2. "The First Cut Is The Deepest," Sheryl Crow. A&M.
3. "You Raise Me Up," Josh Groban. 143.
4. "White Flag," Dido. Arista.
5. "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," Michael McDonald. Motown.

6. "Calling All Angels," Train. Columbia.
7. "This One's For The Girls," Martina McBride. RCA Nashville.
8. "Unwell," matchbox twenty. Atlantic.
9. "Drift Away," Uncle Kracker (feat. Dobie Gray). Lava.
10. "Forever And For Always," Shania Twain. Mercury.

Top Gospel Albums

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

1. "WOW Gospel 2004," Various Artists. Word. (Gold)
2. Soundtrack: "The Fighting Temptations." Various Artists.
3. "Food For The Spirit," Smokey Robinson. Robso.
4. "Throne Room," CeCe Winans. PureSprings.
5. "I Need You Now," Smokie Norful. EMI Gospel. (Gold)
6. "Gotta Have Gospel!" Various artists. Integrity Gospel/Gospo Centric/Epic/Sony Music.
7. "Byron Cage," Byron Cage. Gospo Centric.
8. "Bringing It All Together," Vickie Winans. Verity.
9. "RiZen," RiZen. Chez Musique.
10. "The Best Is Yet To Come," Martha Munizzi. Martha Munizzi.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

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

1. "Cold Hard Bitch," Jet. Elektra.
2. "Lying From You," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
3. "45," Shinedown. Atlantic.
4. "The Outsider," A Perfect Circle. Virgin.
5. "Figured You Out," Nickelback. Roadrunner/DJMG.
6. "Heel Over Head," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
7. "Running Blind," Godsmack. Republic.
8. "Megalomaniac," Incubus. Immortal.
9. "Slither," Velvet Revolver. RCA.
10. "Baby, Please Don't Go," Aerosmith. Columbia.

Modern Rock Tracks

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

1. "Cold Hard Bitch," Jet. Elektra.
2. "Lying From You," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
3. "The Reason," Hoobastank. Island.
4. "Love Song," 311. Maverick.
5. "Last Train Home," Lostprophets. Columbia.

6. "The Outsider," A Perfect Circle. Virgin.
7. "(Can't Get My) Head Around You," The Offspring. Columbia.
8. "Megalomaniac," Incubus. Immortal.
9. "I Miss You," Blink-182. Geffen.
10. "Maps," Yeah Yeah Yeahs. Interscope.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

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

1. "You'll Think Of Me," Keith Urban. Capitol.
 2. "When The Sun Goes Down," Kenny Chesney & Uncle Kracker. BNA.
 3. "Mayberry," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
 4. "Letters From Home," John Michael Montgomery. Warner Bros.
 5. "Redneck Woman," Gretchen Wilson. Epic.
 6. "Paint Me A Birmingham," Tracy Lawrence. DreamWorks.
 7. "Desperately," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
 8. "Sweet Southern Comfort," Buddy Jewell. Columbia.
 9. "Let's Be Us Again," Lonestar. BNA.
 10. "If You Ever Stop Loving Me," Montgomery Gentry. Columbia.
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Top Country Albums

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

1. "When The Sun Goes Down," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
 2. "Golden Road," Keith Urban. Capitol. (Platinum)
 3. "Letters From Home," John Michael Montgomery. Warner Bros.
 4. "Shock'n Y'all," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
 5. "Strong," Tracy Lawrence. DreamWorks.
 6. "Greatest Hits Volume II," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
 7. "Long Black Train," Josh Turner. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
 8. "Melt," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street. (Platinum)
 9. "Red Dirt Road," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
 10. "Up," Shania Twain. Mercury. (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. "If I Ain't Got You," Alicia Keys. J.

2. "I Don't Wanna Know," Mario Winans (feat. Enya & P. Diddy). Bad Boy.
3. "Yeah!" Usher (feat. Lil Jon & Ludacris). Arista.
4. "Burn," Usher. LaFace.
5. "All Falls Down," Kanye West (feat. Syleena Johnson). Roc-A-Fella.
6. "Overnight Celebrity," Twista. Atlantic.
7. "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
8. "Freek-A-Leek," Petey Pablo. Jive.
9. "Game Over (Flip)," Lil' Flip. Sucka Free.
10. "Naughty Girl," Beyonce. Columbia.

Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

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

1. "Hurt No More," Mario Winans. Bad Boy.
 2. "Confessions," Usher. LaFace. (Platinum)
 3. "Musicology," Prince. NPG.
 4. "The Pretty Toney Album," Ghostface. Def Jam.
 5. "U Gotta Feel Me," Lil' Flip. Sucka Free.
 6. "Damita Jo," Janet Jackson. Virgin.
 7. "The College Dropout," Kanye West. Roc-A-Fella. (Platinum)
 8. "Kamikaze," Twista. Atlantic. (Platinum)
 9. "The Diary of Alicia Keys," Alicia Keys. J. (Platinum)
 10. "Hood Hop," J-Kwon. So So Def.
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Hot Rap Tracks

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

1. "Overnight Celebrity," Twista. Atlantic.
 2. "All Falls Down," Kanye West (feat. Syleena Johnson). Roc-A-Fella.
 3. "Freek-A-Leek," Petey Pablo. Jive.
 4. "Topsy," J-Kwon. So So Def.
 5. "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
 6. "Game Over (Flip)," Lil' Flip. Sucka Free.
 7. "My Band," D12. Shady.
 8. "Splash Waterfalls," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace.
 9. "One Call Away," Chingy (feat. J. Weav). Disturbing Tha Peace.
 10. "Wanna Get To Know You," G-Unit (feat. Joe). G-Unit.
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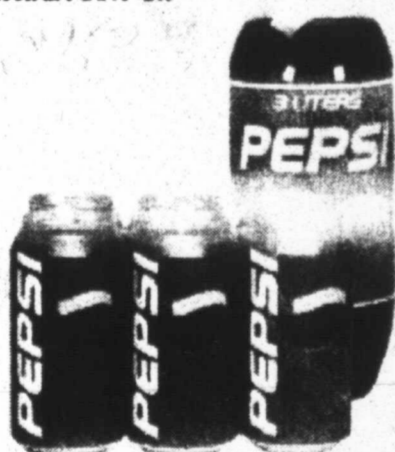
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Pampa High School Honor Graduates Class of 2004



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The Pampa News Comics

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Mom's Bad Health Makes Girl Reluctant to Enjoy Her Youth

DEAR ABBY: My name is "Sunny," but I don't feel very sunny. I'm 13 and have many problems. I'm afraid I'm on a wrong track and won't be able to do what I know I should with my life. My grades aren't good, and I keep getting myself into hot water. My mother has a lot of health problems, so she doesn't need my problems on top of hers. I keep asking myself why this is happening to us.

Mother told me she wants me to live a life that will make me happy, and not let her poor health ruin my teen years. Is it wrong for me to enjoy these years and plan what I want to do with my future even though my mother is very sick? What can I do to get my life back on the right track? -- SUNNY IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SUNNY: The most important thing you can do is stop feeling guilty for enjoying yourself. I can think of nothing that would make your mother happier than to know you are living your life to the fullest and exercising your potential.

Talk to a counselor at school about how to get your grade level back where it should be. If you are in with the wrong crowd, involve yourself in activities where you will make constructive and rewarding friendships. And most of all, share your victories with your mother. Share your concerns with her as well. It will make her -- and you -- feel better. Trust me on that.

DEAR ABBY: My 15-year-old daughter was hired to baby-sit our friend's 1-year-old infant. When she arrived, she was told she would also be watching the next-door neighbor's two small children, both under 3 years of age. The parents were going out together, and the babies next door were put to bed, the house was locked, and my daughter was given a baby monitor so she could hear if there was a problem.

When I heard this, I was furious that they'd put a 15-year-old in that position and leave small children locked in a

house alone. I said as much. Now my daughter, husband and our friends are all mad at me for making them uncomfortable about their "arrangement." Apparently, they do it all the time -- both couples hire one sitter and leave one house unattended. These people are young, educated, drive expensive cars and can afford a sitter.

I told them I would call Social Services if they continue to leave the babies unattended.

My family thinks I owe them an apology. Do I? -- FURIOUS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR FURIOUS: No, you do not. What these "friends" are doing is illegal, as well as unconscionable. If something should go wrong -- like a fire -- your daughter could be left with lifelong guilt and trauma. Please continue to look out for your daughter's interests. Being a conscientious parent means not always being popular.

DEAR ABBY: My mother wants me to go by my stepfather's name. My birth father also wants me to use his name. I want to use his name, not my stepfather's, but Mother disagrees. How do I tell her how I feel about this? -- DOE OR DALEY

DEAR DOE OR DALEY: Tell your mother again how you feel about the name change. You are your father's child, and it is wrong for your mother to try to obscure that fact. Since you are a minor, the decision may be hers, but perhaps she would compromise and allow you to hyphenate your father's name with your stepfather's. It's worth a try.

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

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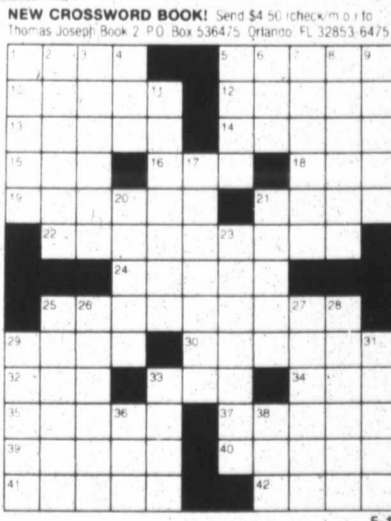


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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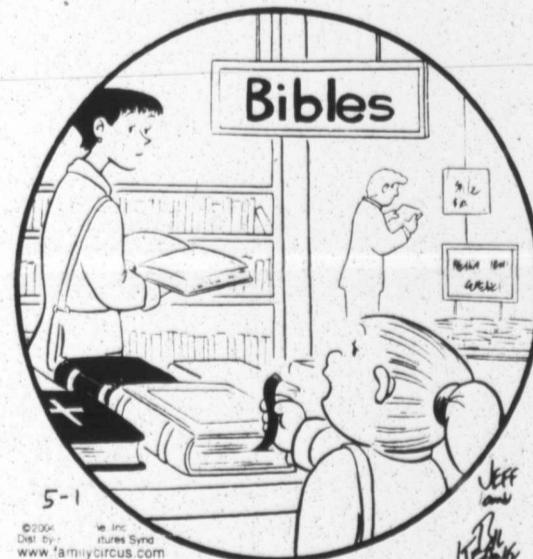


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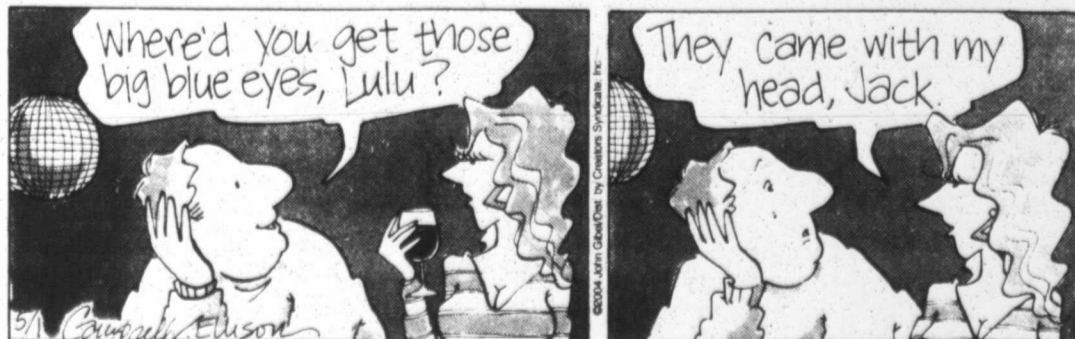
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A year later, mission in Iraq ongoing

By TOM RAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's "mission accomplished" is looking more like mission impossible.

Aboard an aircraft carrier one year ago, the commander in chief declared that major combat in Iraq had ended. Today, Bush and his advisers are struggling with a tangled occupation that is anything but free of combat.

None of the next-step options shows much hope of working, nor is there a clear strategy to end the U.S. occupation.

"We will not cut and run," Bush promises.

A plan to get tougher and use more firepower against insurgents risks more civilian casualties, could stir more uprisings and fan hatred of Americans throughout the Arab world. Bringing in additional U.S. troops could further strain the already hard-pressed volunteer military and reserve units and bring more hardships to military families.

Pulling back from confrontation could signal weakness. A quick withdrawal of U.S. troops could plunge the country into civil war.

With Bush campaigning for reelection on the strength of his record as a wartime president, chances seem

to be fading fast for a stable Iraq before the November election, despite plans for a June 30 transfer of sovereignty to a new interim government in Baghdad.

Images of fierce fighting in Fallujah and elsewhere in Iraq showed the resistance was not weakening. Some coalition countries are leaving; others are pulling back resources. Violence is escalating against both U.S. troops and civilians.

Faced with this deteriorating situation, Bush recently shifted course and agreed to give the United Nations a larger role in bringing self-rule to Iraq.

That should help "take the face off the American occupation of Iraq," said the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind.

It also has contributed to new tensions.

The U.N. envoy entrusted by the administration to bring order out of chaos is critical of the United States for firing on a Fallujah mosque. Lakhdar Brahimi also denounced Bush's support for Israeli's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, as an obstacle to his efforts to negotiate among Shiites, Sunnis, Kurds and other Iraqi groups.

Brahimi has proposed that the caretaker government — which will

serve until a successor is elected next year — be chosen at the end of May, rather than a month later, in order to give it time to define its authority.

Brahimi wants those holding top posts barred from being candidates in national elections next year. That would appear to eliminate several Iraqis now in the U.S.-picked Governing Council from serving in the interim government, including Ahmad Chalabi, a Pentagon ally.

Chalabi has denounced Brahimi's plan — which Bush has praised — as unworkable and unlikely to be accepted by most Iraqis.

Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., an author of the 1998 law that made "regime change" in Iraq a U.S. policy goal, suggested the Iraqi leaders be allowed to "bring back a lot more of the people that were in the government of Saddam Hussein."

"I know that's a tough thing to do," he said. "You have to be a shrewd judge of people and hearts." But he noted that such a process seemed to work well in helping some former Soviet bloc countries transform from communism to democracy.

Paul Bremer, the U.S. administrator in Iraq, has taken steps to offer jobs to some former members of Saddam's Baathist Party. He also has implied that it was probably a mistake to disband the Iraqi army.

Robot may save day for Hubble; NASA and National Academy of Sciences exploring options

By MARCIA DUNN
AP AEROSPACE WRITER

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Think Edward Scissorhands, but with bolt drivers and pliers for hands and a giraffelike neck topped with a pair of cameras resembling black cratered eyes instead of the handsome head of Johnny Depp.

Could this strange robot take the place of astronauts in fixing the Hubble Space Telescope? NASA is yearning to find out.

With astronauts banned from Hubble because of space shuttle safety concerns, the University of Maryland's Ranger robot could conceivably save the day by installing fresh batteries and other life-sustaining parts on the observatory.

Or if not Ranger, then Robonaut, NASA's very own humanoid robot, or the Canadian Space Agency's Dextre, a two-armed robot intended for the international space station, or any number of other robots under development that could blast off aboard an unmanned rocket in three or four years.

While astronomers and astronauts may wince and scoff at the prospect of a machine working on their beloved Hubble, the robot crowd can barely hide its glee over NASA's search for a mechanical deliverer.

First stop: Hubble.
Next stop: moon, Mars and beyond.

The technology is here and the time is now, says David Akin, director of the University of Maryland's space systems laboratory and leader of the team that created Ranger. He estimates the technology exists to do 90 percent to 95 percent of whatever NASA wants at Hubble or the space station.

"If NASA waits until robots become servants in your house, they're way far behind the power curve," Akin says. Both Hubble and the space station will be long gone, "and it's going to be 2050 and we're still going to be talking about how nice it would be to go back to the moon."

NASA's associate administrator for space science, Ed Weiler, is becoming more and more a believer that a robot could extend Hubble's life. He's even considering making the next-generation James Webb Space Telescope modular so robots could replace parts; the telescope will be launched in 2011 to a point 1 million miles from Earth, well beyond human reach.

"I have new respect for robots, especially after the miracle of landing two robots on Mars and actually fixing one of them 100 million miles away," says Weiler. "So I've got to believe robots have a role, just as I believe humans have a role."

Akin prefers a pair-up, too. His research has found that together, a spacewalking astronaut and robot would be much more efficient than individually.

Ranger, in fact, was conceived as an astronaut's assistant, to serve as a third and fourth hand for Hubble spacewalkers and thereby reduce the time for humans outside. With astronauts out of the space telescope picture, Ranger ought to take a solo swing at it, Akin says.

NASA estimates Hubble will likely stop observing the cosmos by 2007 or 2008 unless someone or something gets there before the batteries die.

For Akin, more than Hubble is at stake. "I would like to think somebody at NASA realizes that to do humans on the moon and Mars, you're going to need robotics to set up lunar bases, to build transfer vehicles. To relieve the crew of having to do the grunt work of toting and carrying and so forth, you need dexterous robotics," he says.

"Everybody's willing on kind of a high-level conceptual basis to say, 'Yeah, that's absolutely true.'"

While NASA has commissioned all sorts of computer graphics showing astronauts and robots working together, Akin notes, "they haven't been willing to put a penny into actually making it come true."

That may be about to change because of Columbia's demise and the countdown to Hubble's doom.

The Feb. 1, 2003, catastrophe is forcing NASA to find ways for shuttle astronauts to patch potential holes in their orbiting ships once flights resume next year. NASA's backup plan, failing successful repairs, is for a shuttle crew to seek refuge at the space station.

Astronauts at Hubble could not get to the station if something went wrong, and so NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe in January killed the last telescope servicing mission on the shuttle books and decreed that the spaceships fly solely to the station.

Taken aback by the public outcry over abandoning Hubble, NASA put out the call for robots in March and 26 ideas were submitted. The space agency also sought the advice of the National Academy of Sciences, at the urging of members of Congress.

In mid-April, the academy established a committee to assess all the options for extending Hubble's life, including a shuttle mission. Among the 20 committee members: three former astronauts, including a spacewalker who worked on Hubble in 1997 and a pilot who helped deliver it to orbit in 1990; two Nobel physicists; a retired shuttle and station program manager; a Columbia accident investigator; and an artificial intelligence expert.

The committee will convene in late May

and, hopefully, issue recommendations by late August — no later than November, says Joseph Alexander, director of the academy's space studies board. Typically, an academy study takes a year or more, but there's no time to waste in this case, he says.

NASA wants to settle on a course of action before fall.

"The worst possible scenario, if you really want to be a negative thinker, is that we fight and fight with various entities for the next year on shuttle versus robots, we make a decision to do the robot and because we started late, it's scheduled in 2008 and then the batteries fail in 2007," Weiler says.

Carnegie Mellon University's Red Whittaker, whose robots have cleaned nuclear power stations, worked as museum tour guides, trekked the Chilean desert and hunted for meteorites in Antarctica, considers a Hubble servicing mission just as feasible.

"One of the wonderful things about this era in robotics is that a lot of these great ideas are going from the laboratory and into the world, or in this case, to worlds beyond," Whittaker says.

Skyworker is nowhere near ready for space prime time. Yet the thought of speeding development to help Hubble entices Whittaker.

Flying to Hubble's rescue also captivates the Robonaut team at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Robonaut, supported in part by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency for possible battlefield use, resembles a spacesuited human from the waist up and can even do some tasks on its own with its five-fingered hands. It can also plug in a phone jack and has shaken congressmen's hands.

A space-qualified unit would need to be built, fast. The two existing Robonauts are intended for ground use.

While Ranger lacks Robonaut's human-like hands it is further along in terms of flight readiness.

And even closer to completion is Canada's Dextre. It's supposed to be launched to the space station around 2007 to supplement the Canadian robotic arm already there, providing greater dexterity for outside maintenance work.

Dextre would need to be revamped to tackle Hubble, the Canadian Space Agency says.

Seventy percent of a space-certified Ranger already exists, albeit in pieces, at the University of Maryland, just a few miles from Goddard Space Flight Center, which is reviewing Hubble's robotic options. After NASA pulled its funding in 2002 in a round of budget cuts, the robot was dismantled and stored in cabinets.

A test replica occupies center stage at Akin's space systems lab. The 8-foot aluminum, stainless-steel and titanium robot is anchored on a simulated shuttle cargo bay carrier. It comes to life, with a nudge of a joy stick.

Before choosing the best robot for the job, NASA must decide what to attempt. The canceled servicing mission by astronauts was ambitious and "even Robonaut would struggle with elements," says Chris Culbert, deputy chief of Johnson's automation, robotics and simulation division.

Besides popping in new batteries, the robotic repairman probably would be directed by ground controllers to install motion-control gyroscopes. It would be easier to slap new ones on Hubble's exterior, rather than open the doors and replace the old ones.

Depending on how aggressive NASA wants to be, the robot also could try to install a \$176 million pair of cameras. But one camera would require opening one of Hubble's dreaded doors, which might be warped and cantankerous from their years in space.

"If you supply power and you supply gyros, wouldn't it be idiotic if you opened the doors, put in a new instrument and can't close the doors and you've got scattered light all over the place?" Weiler says.

Hubble spacewalker Jeffrey Hoffman had a tough time shutting a misaligned telescope door a decade ago. He believes "something with the sophistication of Robonaut" could succeed as long as the doors are not warped and behave properly.

Now a Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor, Hoffman just hopes NASA does not underestimate the risk to the mission since the robotic systems have never flown in space.

Weiler figures a bare-bones robotic mission would cost at least \$300 million; the more attempted, the higher the tab.

Doing nothing, though, is not an option. At the very least, Weiler says, NASA needs to launch and dock an engine and propulsion module to steer the 25,000-pound telescope into a Pacific grave a decade from now.

"The Number 1 priority is find a way to make sure that Hubble doesn't land in Miami or Calcutta or Mexico City," says Weiler.

Weiler expects holdouts for a manned servicing mission, no matter what.

"The beauty of this robotic option, if we can show it's viable, is it takes the safety issue off the plate," he says. "I'm sure there will be debates until the end of the universe. But that's the point. The batteries won't last that long."

MENUS

WEEK OF MAY 3-7

Pampa Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: French toast sticks.
Lunch: Popcorn chicken or macaroni/cheese, mashed potatoes, English peas, mixed fruit, rolls.
TUESDAY
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, flour tortillas.
Lunch: Ravioli or chicken nuggets, green beans, salad, pears, bread sticks.
WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy.
Lunch: Soft beef tacos or pizza, pinto beans, Spanish rice, apple slices.
THURSDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast.
Lunch: Barbecued weaners or beef/cheese nachos, baked beans, salad, fresh fruit, Texas toast.
FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Egg rolls or hotdogs, corn, broccoli/cheese, pineapple, lemon pudding.
Lefors Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, cheese sticks, peas, pears, salad bar, milk.
TUESDAY
Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Teriyaki chicken, egg rolls, rice, broccoli, tropical fruit, salad bar, milk.
WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, beef stroganoff, green beans, tater tots, apples, salad bar, milk.
THURSDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce, corn, salad, garlic bread, peaches, salad bar, milk.
FRIDAY
Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cold cereal, toast, juice.

milk.
Lunch: Hamburgers, cheese, all the fixens, French fries, oranges, milk.
Senior Citizens
MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or stir fry chicken/rice, mashed potatoes, fried okra, beets, beans, German chocolate cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
TUESDAY
Pork cutlets or chicken leg quarters/dressing, boiled potatoes, corn, spring blend, beans, black forest cake or egg custard pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, English peas, beans, ugly duckling cake or cherry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
THURSDAY
Chicken strips or sauerkraut and sausages, scalloped potatoes, Italian green beans, fried squash, beans, rainbow cake or butterscotch ice-box pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
FRIDAY
Catfish/hushpuppies or moch filet mignon, potato wedges, cheese grits, beans, brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.
Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
Turkey, macaroni/cheese, Harvard beets, pears.
TUESDAY
Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, plum cobbler.
WEDNESDAY
Meatloaf, peas, carrots, pudding.
THURSDAY
Chicken noodles soup, sugarless cake.
FRIDAY
Beef tips/rice, cream corn, baked apples, cookies.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, May 3, 2004:
This year you express unusual abilities and talents that help you create a better work and day-to-day life. Others admire your originality and willingness to take risks. Your creativity speaks for itself. Money well-spent will bring back yet more funds. You could develop into quite the high roller. Taking risks happens naturally, stemming from your confidence and innate abilities. If you are single, you might have good-bye to that status and greet much more happiness and emotional well-being. This person could prove to be significant in your life history. If you are attached, the two of you will want to add to your ménage or perhaps develop a more romantic and creative bond. Playfulness appears on tap. SCORPIO can be challenging, but only means to inspire you.
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)
★★★★ Others run with the ball. Go with the trends rather than reject what is going on. Defer, defer and then defer again. A talk late in the afternoon could clue you in to another's thought process. You make points through active talks. Tonight: Mellow out.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ By focusing on work, you gain a sense of ease and relaxation. You might not be able to achieve everything you want, but you certainly succeed in most areas. Be sure of the funds you are spending. Don't spend what you cannot afford. Tonight: Others run with the ball.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Your high energy allows greater creativity and playfulness. Pace your-

self with ease. Make appropriate professional choices. Dig into work later in the day. You'll accomplish a lot in very little time. Tonight: Hang in at work as late as you need to.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Home in on a personal matter that might be preoccupying you. You need facts, and only facts. Avoid revengeful behavior or expressing yourself harshly. You might be likely to say the wrong thing at the wrong time. Tonight: Let go of work. Get into a past-time you enjoy.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You build a stronger friendship or work-related tie. Think about what you want from the here and now, as opposed to long-term goals and desires. You might want to let others run with the ball rather than argue your "rightness." Tonight: Center at home.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Your finances need a strong review. A boss might take an inordinately strong stand, which could force your hand. Recognize when you need to pull yourself and your energy together. Discussions in the p.m. prove to be more successful than in the recent past. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Resist revealing everything you know before you're ready. Intellectualizing might be nice but not particularly beneficial. Taking the high road to success doesn't mean detaching completely. Listen and share more moneymaking tips. Tonight: Gather your bills together.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Hold back and don't put your cards on the table until you feel like it. Pressure from another source could take you to new turf. Laugh and enjoy yourself in the late afternoon, even if

you are working. Work and play are not mutually exclusive. Tonight: As you like it, for a change.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Emphasize the daylight hours, when others seek you out. Apparently, you'll find common ground. Meetings, a congenial workplace and conversations draw the kind of interactions you want. Still, you might want and/or need some time alone. Tonight: Vanish if you can.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your ability to oil the cogs in the office machinery allows greater energy and enthusiasm. You have what it takes to lead others. Emphasize success and working as a team. A meeting could run late. Tonight: Take talks out of the office and into a favorite restaurant.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Sit down and return calls first thing this morning. What appears to be a problem might not be with some review and questioning. You opt to take a stand and express your creative and dynamic ideas. Tonight: Others finally listen.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Deal with an associate on a one-on-one level before you make a major decision. Others share a lot of information, which you might need to digest. Home and personal matters come forward. Detach a bit in order to find answers. Tonight: Think and respond, but don't react.
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2526 Mary Ellen	\$60,000	3/1 75/1 - 1423 SF GCAD
708 Mora	\$62,600	3/2/2 - 1425 SF GCAD
2228 N. Russell	\$50,000	3/1/None - 1834 SF GCAD
2121 Chestnut	\$49,900	3/2/1 - 1332 SF GCAD
1010 Charles	\$49,750	3/1 75/1 - 1213 SF GCAD
1712 Chestnut	\$49,500	3/1 75/1 CP - 1305 SF GCAD
618 N. Somerville	\$48,800	3/2/2 det - 2032 SF GCAD
1919 N. Russell	\$47,500	2/1/1 - 1143 SF GCAD
2725 Seminole	\$45,500	3/1 75/2 - 1253 SF GCAD
1115 Charles	\$45,000	3/1 75/1 cp - 1008 SF + 1008 SF Basmt
2126 N. Russell	\$38,000	2/2/None - 1485 SF GCAD
1516 Mary Ellen	\$39,500	2/1/1 - 1030 SF GCAD
2247 Mary Ellen	\$35,000	3/1/1 - 1078 SF GCAD
1533 Wilston	\$35,000	2/1/1 cp - 1677 SF GCAD
1712 Beech	\$34,000	3/1/1 - 1170 SF GCAD
2374 Mary Ellen	\$32,500	3/1/1 - 1148 SF GCAD
2025 Hamilton	\$29,900	2/1 - 1089 SF GCAD
1013 Mary Ellen	\$29,500	2/1/1 - 1280 SF GCAD
2610 Seminole	\$28,500	2/1/None - 1020 SF GCAD
1232 N. Russell	\$15,000	2/1/1 Det - 750 SF GCAD

LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT

		South West
310 N. West	\$57,500	4/1 75/2 - 1917 SF GCAD
310 N. Faulkner	\$12,000	2/1/None - 966 SF GCAD
1285 Faulkner	\$9,000	2/1/1 Det - 780 SF GCAD

TRAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT

		West and North West
1601 N. Sumner	\$110,000	4/2/2 - 2076 SF GCAD
852 N. Wells	\$60,000	3/1 75/1 - 1649 SF GCAD
1417 N. Zimmers	\$59,900	3/2/2 - 1368 SF GCAD
931 Lindarella	\$55,500	3/1 75/2 - 1198 SF GCAD
924 Jerry	\$60,000	3/2/2 - 1702 SF GCAD
1133 Willow	\$62,900	4/1 75/1 - 1570 SF GCAD
605 E. 17th	\$49,900	4/1 5/2 - 1290 SF GCAD
2131 N. Nielson	\$39,900	3 or 4/1/2 - 1725 SF GCAD
1924 N. Dwight	\$39,900	3/1 5/2 - 1383 SF GCAD
1806 N. Nielson	\$38,000	3/1/1 - 1130 SF GCAD
2124 N. Christy	\$37,900	3/1 75/2 - 1232 SF GCAD
2275 N. Dwight	\$33,000	3/1/1 - 1102 SF GCAD
809 N. Dwight	\$31,000	3/2/1 - 1269 SF GCAD
817 N. Wells	\$30,000	3/2/1 - 1116 SF GCAD
1802 Faulkner	\$29,900	2/1/1 - 1405 SF GCAD
704 N. Wells	\$27,500	3/1 75/1 - 1100 SF GCAD
2174 Faulkner	\$26,200	3/1/1 - 1020 SF GCAD
221 N. Sumner	\$26,000	3/1/1 - 1064 SF GCAD

WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

		South East
106 S. Cuyler	\$99,000	3/2/2 - 3500 SF GCAD
427 Jupiter	\$46,500	3/1 5/1 - 1170 SF GCAD
1224 Carby	\$38,000	3/1/1 - 877 SF GCAD
500 Jovy	\$36,000	3/1/1 - 1153 SF GCAD
1324 Terrace	\$29,500	2/1 75/1 cp - 1392 SF GCAD
625 Powell	\$24,900	2/1/1 - 972 SF GCAD
1325 E. Kingsmill	\$23,750	2/1/1 cp - 1084 SF GCAD
1205 S. Finley	\$21,000	2 or 3/1/1 - 875 SF GCAD
506 Magnolia	\$20,000	3/1/None - 1208 SF GCAD
523 S. Ballard	\$15,000	2/1/None - 960 SF GCAD
922 S. Frederic	\$15,000	2/1/1 - 1068 SF GCAD

OTHER AREA

		Outside City Limits
312 W. Hwy on 152	\$210,000	4/2/2 - 2557 SF GCAD
417 Jody Stinnett	\$99,900	4/2/None - 3753 SF GCAD
410 Jody White Deer	\$75,000	4/2/None - 1828 SF GCAD
9143 Houston, Shamrock	\$71,000	3/2/2 - 1787 SF GCAD
14043 Miami	\$65,000	3/1 75/2 CP - 2968 SF RCAD
483-484th Miami	\$53,000	4/2/2 - 1176 SF GCAD
410 Onchundro, White Deer	\$45,000	2/1/2 - 833 SF GCAD
333 S. 5th Lefors	\$47,250	5/3/None - 2128 SF GCAD
539 Winston, White Deer	\$34,500	3/1/2 - 1257 SF GCAD
6112 Moore, Borger	\$25,000	2/1/1 det - 824 SF GCAD
702 34th White Deer	\$23,000	4 or 5/1 - 992 SF & 832 Basement
323 Papham, White Deer	\$23,000	2/1/None - 750 SF GCAD
426 W. 5th White Deer	\$19,000	3/2/None - 1412 SF GCAD

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LEA - Open floor arrangement. Three bedrooms, large living room, central heat and air, woodburning fireplace. Handicapped accessible bathroom. Double garage. MLS 6398

MAGNOLIA - Lots of room in this three bedroom home. Has 2 living areas, dining room, breakfast area in kitchen. Lots of storage and cabinets. 20' x 24' drive through garage shop in back. Utility room, vinyl siding. MLS 6350

PURVIANCE - Three bedroom home closed to downtown area. Large living room, 1-3/4 baths, dining room. Needs some updating. Would make a great rental. MLS6368

RUSSELL - Two bedroom home closed 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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Closing out 10 seasons on 'ER', Noah Wyle looks ahead to his 11th

NEW YORK (AP) — "ER" star Noah Wyle has watched every other member of the original cast make an exit from the 10-year-old medical drama.

But for Wyle, there's nothing wrong with steady work on a hit series, even as you say goodbye to old friends.

Saying goodbye to "Friends" felt odder. "That left me not just the last man standing on the set, but the last man standing on the lot," he explains, speaking of Warner Bros. studios in Burbank, Calif., where both series were filmed.

"Those two shows came on the air at the same time (fall 1994)," says Wyle. "We sold them together. We promoted them together." He even guest-started on a "Friends" episode.

"The day the cast filmed their last episode, I saw them in the

commissary. It was heavy. Here they were, closing a defining chapter in each of their lives, and all I could do was think: 'The end of that chapter's coming, for me.'"

Don't quake, NBC! Sure, you'll be losing your biggest comedy in just a week. But your biggest drama, "ER," another staple of your "must-see" Thursday lineup, will close out its season with new episodes the next three weeks, then stay put in its 10 p.m. EDT berth for its return next fall.

And Dr. John Carter — Wyle's character — will remain as attending physician at Chicago's County General Hospital.

Why is simple. Unlike George Clooney, Anthony Edwards, Eriq La Salle, Julianna Margulies or Sherry Stringfield (who left "ER" in 1996 then returned to the fold in 2001), Wyle hasn't found a compelling reason to make the break from a series he still loves.

"I find the job extremely gratifying," he says during a recent visit to Manhattan, "and the story lines are still exciting and in keeping with the character's continuity, which I've worked so hard to maintain all these years."

Carter in recent seasons has suffered a near-fatal knife wound from a deranged patient and battled substance abuse, and now he's about to face a crisis endangering the child he is expecting with his girlfriend, whom he met on a medical-relief trip to Africa.

The current "ER" troupe includes Laura Innes, Mekhi Phifer,

Alex Kingston, Goran Visnjic, Maura Tierney, Ming-Na, Sharif Atkins, Parminder Nagra and Linda Cardellini, along with Wyle, who steadily rose to his leadership position — not unlike Carter.

Certainly Carter has come a long way since "ER" began. He was a third-year medical student, wide-eyed at the turmoil around him and often overwhelmed by it.

And from week one, Carter proved to be a juicy role for Wyle, then a 22-year-old Hollywood native (and son of an orthopedic nurse), who, after studying drama at Northwestern University, had scored only one prior success: a small part in the film "A Few Good Men."

"As Carter was getting comfortable in the environment of a hospital, I was getting comfortable on a film set," Wyle recalls.

"To a certain degree, we had the same fear of failure, the same driving motivations." He chuckles. "Carter's craving for the approbation and approval of his co-workers was equal to mine. You know?"

These days, Wyle echoes the hard-won maturity of the character he plays. He is happily married to Tracy, a former makeup artist; as the father of 18-month-old Owen, he embraces parenthood: "I've never smiled wider, felt happier, and — when I imagine what could take those feelings away — never felt so vulnerable."

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CLUB

of Pampa met April 27 at Pampa Country Club with President Billie Sue Evans presiding. The Borger Altrusa Club was present for the annual Bi-City meeting to celebrate Altrusa International's 86th birthday.

Lisa Crossman of Pampa attended as a guest. Dorla McAndrew, Sue Baker, Cindy Aler, and Kelli Jo Eakin served as greeters.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The Accent was delivered by Rochelle Lacy on the ASTRA Club.

—Amy Hernandez, Borger Altrusa President, gave a report on the various projects that the Borger club sponsors.

Evans followed with a similar report on the Pampa Altrusa Club.

—The deadline for applications for the Geraldine Rampy Vocational Award was April 30.

—The program-planning meeting will be at 7 p.m. May 4 at the County Extension office conference room. The programs for next year will be assigned. This meeting will also count as a make-up meeting.

—Spring Ever Day make-up meeting will be May 18.

—Pampa High School Show Choir entertained with various musical selections.

The next meeting will be at 12 noon May 11 at Pampa Country Club.



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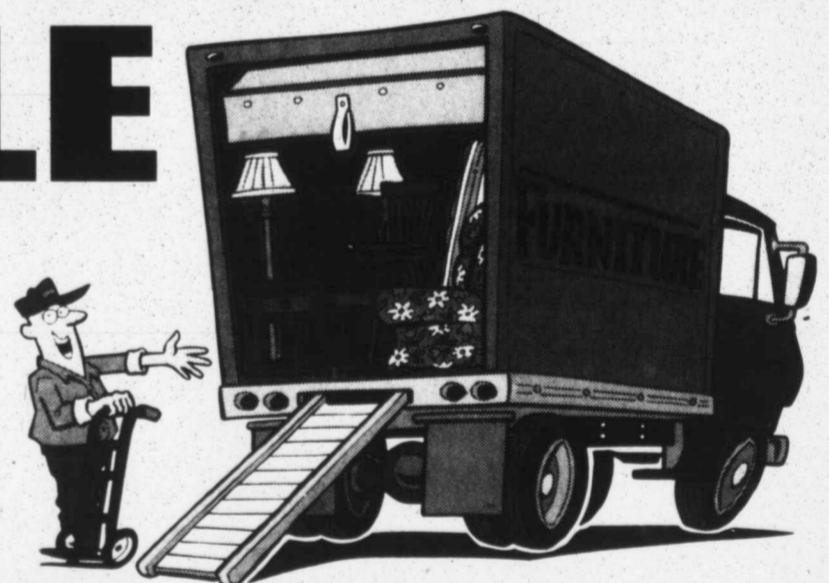
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