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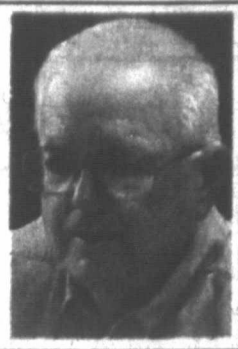
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BRIEF
BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Investigators searched the rubble of a car-bombed building in Beirut for clues to an attack Saturday that boosted fears of renewed bloodshed in Lebanon and complicated already troubled negotiations between rival political groups over the formation of a new government.
The attack wounded nine people and came amid the withdrawal of Syrian troops to eastern Lebanon and Syria after a 29-year presence in this former civil war-ravaged country. The redeployments followed intense international and local opposition to Syria's role in Lebanon since the Feb. 14 assassination of ex-premier Rafik Hariri in a massive bombing that killed 17 others.



Learning about Japanese culture

Machiko Taniguchi, right, is a foreign exchange student from Japan who is spending the school year with the Steve Smith family. Taniguchi is an 18-year-old Pampa High School senior. With her is a member of her American host family, Mackenzie Smith, a third-grader at Wilson Elementary School. Both are wearing traditional Japanese clothing. Taniguchi is active in track and choir. She recently spoke to third-grade classes at Wilson Elementary to tell them about Japanese culture. She presented a slide show and taught the students an origami project, in which paper is folded into shapes such as birds.

Smuggling case going to jury

HOUSTON (AP) — The driver of a tractor-trailer in the nation's deadliest smuggling attempt was an inexperienced pawn of a smuggling ring who didn't know 17 immigrants were dying in the airless truck, the defense said in closing arguments.
Tyronne Williams' lawyer said Friday that his client didn't speak Spanish and couldn't hear the immigrants banging on the walls to get out.
The immigrants died after succumbing to the heat in the sweltering trailer, which was packed with more than 70 people. Two others died later.
The case went to the jury Friday, but deliberations were to begin Monday. The defense rested quickly Friday after calling just one witness — a meteorologist

who briefly testified about the outside temperatures along the smuggling route.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Rodriguez said greed kept Williams from intervening to save the immigrants' lives. Williams was paid \$7,500 to drive the immigrants from Harlingen to Houston in May 2003, but abandoned the trailer about 100 miles from his destination.
Authorities said temperatures inside the trailer reached about 173 degrees during the trip.
"He knew if he opened those doors, those people could see him and that would make him culpable for his actions," Rodriguez said. "To him, these weren't people. They were merchandise."

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Garden club sets Easter Show

Mary Ann Bailey, left, of Pampa Garden Club, and Sue Abbott, owner of Pampa Custom Frame Shop, select frames and mats for religious pictures to be exhibited during the Easter Show, to be sponsored by the garden club from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, March 25 in the auditorium of Lovett Memorial Library. The Easter Show will celebrate the life of Christ from birth all the way to the Resurrection. Each piece in the show — to include cards, pictures, crosses, floral arrangements and a special butterfly exhibit — will be devoted to telling the Savior's story. Featured at the exhibit will be a collection of cards and pictures from the 1920s and 1930s saved by Mrs. V.N. Osborn. The show will be free and open to the public. President of the garden club is Ruth Barrett. Easter Show chair is Thelma Bray.

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Obituaries

Dick L. Hale, 75

Dick L. Hale, 75, of Pampa, died Friday, March 18, 2005, at Amarillo.

Memorial services are planned for a later date. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Sept. 6, 1929, on a farm near Marshall, Okla., Mr. Hale came to Pampa in 1974 and was manager of

the city's Recreational Park for a number of years.

Mr. Hale retired from Atlantic Richfield in the late 1970s. He attended Highland Baptist Church and was a 32nd Degree Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Joy F. Schulz-Hale, of the home; three daughters, Darla J. Terry of Enid, Tammy S. Meyers of

Lubbock and Teresa J. "Joni" Morris of Shelbyville; a son, Dick L. Hale, Jr., of Enid; two brothers, Joe Hale of Enid and Dick's twin brother, Bob Hale of Sand Springs, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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

Captain Raymond Ira McKinney, 65

BEAUMONT — Captain Raymond Ira McKinney, 65, died Thursday, March 17, 2005.

Graveside services were Saturday in Claybar Haven

of Rest Cemetery with the Rev. Ken Aufill officiating.

Mr. McKinney was a line-man for Puget Power in Olympia, Wash., for 14 years prior to working as an off shore boat captain for Gulf Trans Marine.

He was a member of the eagles club and an avid fisherman.

Mr. McKinney was preceded in death by his mother, Nadine McKinney.

Survivors include sons, John Henry Wright McKinney of Aberdeen, Wash., Daniel Ira Wright McKinney of Houston and Kevin Paul Wright McKinney of Olympia; a daughter, Angela E. Wright McKinney of Rochester, Wash.; his father, Guy McKinney of Waco; a sister, Mary Brown of Waco; and six grandchildren.

Services tomorrow

SWINDLE, Irene — Graveside services, 3:30 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Irene Swindle, 93

AMARILLO, Texas — Irene Swindle, 93, died Friday, March 18, 2005, at Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2005, at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Swindle was born March 10, 1912, in Fannin County, Texas, as the daughter of Mary Lou Della Abbott and Walter Simpson Patterson. She married Floy Monroe Swindle in Gainesville, Texas, on May 16, 1928. Her husband of 40 years died May 21, 1968.

She began her job as a custodian at the Combs-Worley Building in Pampa in 1968, where she worked

for 27 years until her health problems at age 83 prevented her from working any longer.

Her respected life of disciplined hard work was one of dedication to those she loved. She was held in high esteem and cherished by both friends and family.

She was a member of Central Baptist Church in Pampa.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Myrtle Johnston and Elsie Swindle; and a half-brother, Robert Martin.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews. Nephew Ted Swindle and his wife Marilyn of Amarillo provided care and assistance

in the last years of her life.

She was always thrilled by contacts and visits by her favorite niece, Charlene Wright and her husband Gerald of Pampa. Some of the other nephews and nieces are Jack Dempsey Swindle and his wife Idell of Bridgeport, Texas, Tommie Dene Swindle and wife Janie of Pampa, Clarence

Swindle of Pampa, Floy Graham of Arlington, Texas, and Nancy McDaniel and husband Ron of Ada, Okla. All loved their dear Aunt Irene.

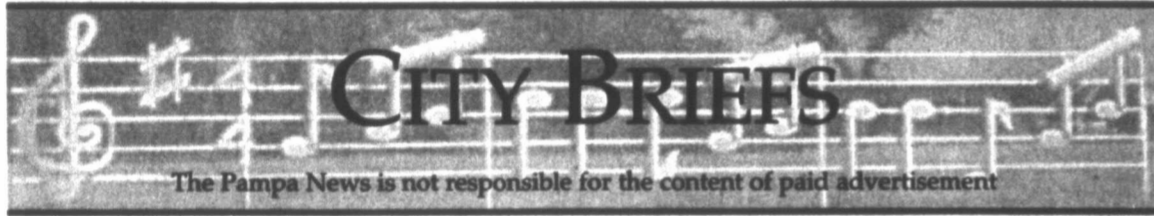
Family members will welcome visitors from 3 to 5 p.m. today, Sunday, March 20, 2005, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department on Saturday reported the following incidents and arrest.

Friday, March 18

Police officers responded to two business alarms in the 800 block of South Cuyler Street and in the 900 block of North Hobart St.; provided a funeral escort to Memory Gardens; rendered an EMS assist in the 500 block of North Cuyler St.; rendered law enforcement assists in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen St., and at 23rd and Price Road; served, or attempted to serve, two warrants; and performed four traffic stops.

Sexual assault was reported at One Medical Plaza.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 1800 block of Coffee St., in the 1200 block of South Nelson St., and in the 1300 block of Coffee St.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 2700 block of Seminole Drive.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart St.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of North Russell St.

Forgery was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Avenue.

Neffi Meza, 22, 940 E. Francis, was arrested for criminal mischief over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Phone harassment was reported in the 2300 block of Evergreen St.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1000 block of West Wilks St., and from the 300 block of Anne St.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of South Banks St., and in the 600 block of Lowry St.

Assault was reported in the 1100 block of South Banks St.

Assault by threat was reported in the 900 block of South Banks St.

Criminal trespass was reported at Tyng and Starkweather streets after two females allegedly kept walking in front of a train, forcing the train to stop.

A hit and run accident reportedly occurred in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Banks St.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave.

Found property was reported in the 1300 block of Garland St.

A possible driving while intoxicated was reported at Wilks and Hobart streets.

Traffic complaints were received in the 2200 block of North Hobart St., and in the 1000 block of Juniper Dr.

A prowler was reported in the 1300 block of Hamilton St.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1300

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USDA's Rural Development announces \$14.3 million in grants

TEMPLE — Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development state director, recently said the agency is accepting applications for the Value-Added Producer Grant Program. Funding in the amount of \$14.3 million is available to develop value-added agriculture business ventures and develop alternative sources of renewable energy which support President Bush's energy plan to develop alternative sources of renewable energy.

'This grant will help agricultural producers become more profitable through value-added agricultural business opportunities.'

— Bryan Daniel
State USDA official

The grant program provides competitive grant funds for one of the two following activities: 1) to support the planning activities needed to establish a viable value-added marketing opportunity for an agricultural product; or 2) to acquire working capital to operate a value-added business venture that

will allow producers to better compete in domestic and international markets.

"This grant will help agricultural producers become more profitable through value-added agricultural business opportunities," Daniel said.

"In addition, priority consideration will be given to those grant applications that have at least 51 percent of project costs dedicated to activities for a bio-energy project."

Grants are available to independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and

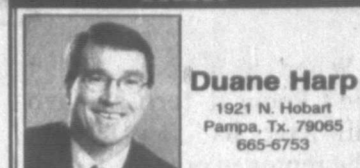
majority-controlled producer-based business ventures.

Eligible applicants applying under the renewable energy category must include energy projects generated through the use of agricultural commodities, wind, water or solar power. The maximum award for the planning grant is \$100,000 and the maximum award for the working capital grant is \$150,000.

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Jacy Padgett of Pampa is among Kappa Mu Epsilon officers at Southwestern Oklahoma State University for 2004-05. Padgett attends SWOSU's Weatherford campus. Above (from left): Padgett, treasurer; Krystal Sawatzky, Weatherford, president; Keith Peters, Corn, Okla., secretary; and Kayla Richter, Burkburnett, vice president. Kappa Mu Epsilon is an honor society for students interested in mathematics.

WTO ruling may effect on cotton industry

COLLEGE STATION — Changes to the U.S. cotton program could come as soon as July 1 after the World Trade Organization appeals panel upheld its ruling that subsidies create unfair trade.

Dr. Parr Rosson, Texas Cooperative Extension economist and director of the Center for North American Studies, said the recent decision raises "an even bigger question" about some provisions of the next Farm Bill.

"It leads us to ask, 'Who is going to make farm policy in the United States?'" he said. "It's a sovereignty question. That's one question Congress is going to have to wrestle with."

Last year, the WTO agreed with Brazil's claim that U.S. price supports for cotton led to lower world prices. The complaint suggested the price support system created "serious prejudice" to Brazilian farmers by depressing/suppressing world cotton prices.

The WTO appeals panel upheld most of the rulings of the earlier dispute settlement panel.

Rosson said changes could be made to the current Step 2 payment system and export credit guarantees as soon as

this summer.

The Step 2 provision is one of three cotton competitiveness provisions intended to keep U.S. cotton competitive in domestic and export markets. Step 2 calls for subsidies paid to U.S. cotton users and exporters, which promotes the marketing of U.S. cotton rather than foreign fiber.

The anticipated changes to the current cotton program will likely raise producer questions on how to best market cotton if prices become volatile.

Dr. John Robinson, Extension cotton marketing economist, said prices could "swing either way" depending on 2005 cotton production in the United States and China.

"Now more than ever, cotton growers should develop a marketing plan that provides some downside price protec-

tion while allowing for upside potential," he said.

Robinson suggested some conventional strategies:

—Purchasing put options on December 2005 futures, preferably for less than 3 cents per pound. The best time to do this is in the March to May time frame, Robinson said.

—Forward contracting and purchasing call options (March-May time frame)

—Selling in the cash market in the fall and purchasing July 2005 call options.

Looking ahead, Rosson said other U.S. support programs such as soybeans could also be challenged.

"Brazil has successfully challenged the cotton program," he said "And it remains to be seen if other countries, or Brazil, will challenge other U.S. farm programs."

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Events for Pampa ISD for the week of March 20 - March 26

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March 24 • 6:00 • School Board Meeting

March 25 • All Campuses • Holiday

Pampa High School

March 22 • 7:00 pm • Cheerleading Interest Parent Meeting • Library
March 24 • UIL Academics at WTAMU

For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, go to the school website at www.pampaisd.net. From the parent information drop-down menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar

This PISD Events Calendar courtesy of the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau Agents
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Viewpoints

Feeding tube decision: Matter of life or death

When you read this, I don't know if Terri Schiavo will have had her feeding tube removed or if it will still be in place.

In case you don't know, she is the young woman with severe brain damage who is at the center of a dispute between her parents and her husband.

Michael Schiavo, her husband, says she told him she did not want to be kept alive artificially. He has repeatedly sought to legally remove his wife's feeding tube so that she could die.

Numerous doctors have determined that Terri is in a "persistent vegetative state." This is not a coma, defined as a state of profound unconsciousness. To explain in

overly-simplified terms, a person in a persistent vegetative state is awake, but can't do anything for themselves.

Terri does not need a respirator. She does not need a heart/lung machine. She only needs a feeding tube for sustenance.

Her parents contend that she responds to them, smiles and follows their movements with her eyes. They believe that with the proper therapy she could regain at least some of her abilities. They were able to obtain one video of their daughter's interactions with them before her husband banned any cameras or videotaping equipment from Terri's room.

Years ago, I volunteered

to help take care of a young man who was in a "persistent vegetative state." He also suffered severe brain damage after he had been kicked in the head by a horse.

When I saw the video of Terri Schiavo interacting with her mother, I immediately thought of him. How Terri responded to her mother was exactly how I remember this young man interacting with us as we took him through his daily exercises.

He couldn't speak, but he was able to indicate 'yes' or 'no' by raising his thumb

slightly. One of his eyes was "blown," the pupil very large and not responding to light because of the brain damage. But his other eye followed us.

Through his facial movements he expressed anger, happiness, pain, and pleasure. At times, I felt like he was almost laughing. At times, I felt like he was playing tricks on us.

I could never have said he was a "vegetable." I don't believe Terri Schiavo is, either.

This battle between parents and husband has gone on since 1990 when Terri's

heart stopped because of a chemical imbalance and she suffered severe brain damage as a result. Since that time she has been cared for in a nursing home and now she is in a hospice.

Michael Schiavo lives with another woman and has two children with her. He doesn't seem to take his marriage vows seriously. Why is he adamant about fulfilling this wish of his wife not to be kept alive artificially that only he knows about?

I can't understand why he doesn't just divorce Terri and go on with his life, let her parents take care of her like they desperately want to do. It seems so simple to me.

Nothing's ever simple, however.

On Friday, a judge ruled that the tube be removed, then another judge issued a temporary delay blocking the removal. The first judge then refused to delay the removal and said that the tube must be removed.

When, or if, this tube is removed, Terri will starve to death. It will take a week, maybe two weeks for that to happen if she is deprived of food only. If it means no water or food, she could die in about three days.

Several years ago, the battle burst into the public arena. Florida Governor Jeb Bush has intervened in an effort to keep the feeding tube from being removed.

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Dee Dee Laramore
Editor



Today in History

Today in History

Today is Palm Sunday, March 20, the 79th day of 2005. There are 286 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 20, 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte entered Paris, beginning his "Hundred Days" rule.

On this date:

In 1413, England's King Henry IV died; he was succeeded by Henry V.

In 1727, physicist, mathematician and astronomer Sir Isaac Newton died in London.

In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's influential novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was first published.

In 1896, U.S. Marines landed in Nicaragua to protect U.S. citizens in the wake of a revolution.

In 1956, union workers ended a 156-day strike at Westinghouse Electric Corp.

In 1969, John Lennon married Yoko Ono in Gibraltar.

In 1976, kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was convicted of armed robbery for her part in a San Francisco bank holdup.

In 1985, Libby Riddles of Teller, Alaska, became the first woman to win the Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race.

In 1990, Namibia became an independent nation as the former colony marked the end of 75 years of South African rule.

In 1999, Bertrand Piccard of Switzerland and Brian Jones of Britain became the first aviators to fly a hot-air balloon around the world nonstop.

Ten years ago: In Tokyo, 12 people were killed, more than 5,500 others sickened when packages containing the poisonous gas sarin leaked on five separate subway trains. Commentator Pat Buchanan formally launched his presidential campaign in New Hampshire.

Five years ago: Pope John Paul II embarked on a strenuous and spiritual tour of the Holy Land, beginning with a stop in Jordan. President Clinton arrived in Bangladesh on the first such visit by an American president. Former Black Panther Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, once known as H. Rap Brown, was captured in Alabama; he was wanted in the fatal shooting of a sheriff's deputy. (Al-Amin was later convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

One year ago: Hundreds of thousands of people worldwide rallied against the U.S.-led war in Iraq on the first anniversary of the start of the conflict. The U.S. military charged six soldiers with abusing inmates at Abu Ghraib prison.

'I am I plus my circumstances.'

— Jose Ortega y Gasset
Spanish philosopher
(1883-1955)



Is Kolache capital in a fracas or what?

The issue hasn't risen to the level for congressional intervention or sunk low enough — yet — to be much more than muttering fodder for the state legislature. It won't make television or get much space beyond the weekly newspaper where the "brouhaha-in-the-making" originated — yet.

Jeannette Karlik, whose Thanks for Listening column appears in the West (Texas) News, didn't "rush right in where angels fear to tread." But, at mid-column recently, she ambled into an allegation that could elevate from a spark to four-alarm carnage in short order. Remember, just one lantern kicked by one cow started Chicago's biggest fire.

In but four column inches, she took on all five bakeries in town. Her beef is that they're using way too little meat in way too much dough in their kolaches. This "sausage gate" won't compare to Watergate, but criticizing all the bakers in a town dubbed by the legislature as the "Kolache Capital of Texas" seems like skating where ice is thinnest.

Though well short of heresy, such a bold charge — printed right after details of the Penelope Community's fried chicken dinner — could be viewed as a jab at the

pride of community and heritage. And it comes from a person born and raised in this tiny Czech community on I-35, two records and six radio commercials from Waco.



Don Newbury
Columnist

Before I say more than I know about kolaches, I'd best lift some quotes from the column. Herself from a family that makes sausage, she considered her mom to be a champion kolache-baker. She remembers biting into them and "getting a mouthful of sausage and bread right off the bat."

She added, "We have all

of these wonderful bakeries here in West and thanks to them we have become known as the kolache capital of Texas. But I do believe each and every one of them puts the smallest piece of sausage in the biggest piece of dough. The other day I ate one and it took me two bites of bread before I got to the sausage and then it was only a half of a portion of sausage. I am not alone in my complaint here. I hear this from quite a few people. My thinking is to reduce the bread and add more sausage."

What do I know? Some say "to-ma-to" and some say "to-mott-toe"; pizza lovers

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Rules change merely wreck tradition, little else

A threatened rules change by Republican leaders in the U.S. Senate that would bust the filibuster over President Bush's judicial nominees has Democrats in a dither.

As it stands now, a cloture vote to end debate takes a three-fifths vote of the Senate. But a simple majority could change the rule on cloture from a supermajority to 51 votes. The 60-vote rule has been a long-standing Senate tradition, and changing it is viewed with such alarm that Democrats refer to it as the "nuclear option."

But Democrats have disparaged the supermajority cloture rule in the past and have themselves threatened

to change the rules from time to time.

The change wasn't radioactive then, or when filibusters were bitterly condemned during the Clinton administration; it has always been a viable political tool.

Changing the rule on cloture is not as radical as Democrats allege, but there still isn't a compelling reason to do so. GOP leaders are frustrated that Democrats have blocked several high-profile judicial nominees, and even with 55 Republican

senators, they can't break a filibuster that requires 60 votes.

So what? Only 10 Bush nominees have been blocked

by filibuster, and 200 have been approved. During Clinton's

eight years, the GOP blocked 60 nominations. That's the way it works in Washington. Changing the rules in a fit of pique isn't wise governance.

Nor does moving to a simple majority to end debate guarantee the GOP a victory over opponents of Bush's

nominees. To defeat a filibuster would require near party unanimity, and a handful of Republican senators refusing to support a controversial nominee could be a real embarrassment for Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and the president.

Rather than change the cloture rule with all that implies for now and the future the Republican leadership should press for better judicial nominees. As the 200 approved appointments prove, there are many good judges out there who can pass muster in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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Decision

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U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison issued this statement on Friday afternoon:

"Terri Schiavo cannot defend her own life, so we must err on the side of compassion. Ms. Schiavo's parents, who know and love her, want to keep their daughter alive. Ms. Schiavo is not on life support — she is on a feeding tube. To starve a person to a slow death is inhumane." On Thursday, the Florida House of

Representatives passed a bill 78-37 to block withholding food and water from patients in persistent vegetative state who did not leave specific instructions regarding their care. On Friday, the U.S. senate and House committees issued subpoenas for Terri, her husband, and her caregivers to appear at

hearings on March 25 and March 28 in an effort to keep her alive, at least long enough, to appear at the hearings. Congress wants to see Terri Schiavo for themselves. It will be interesting to see if they'll get that chance.

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All the "nuclear option" talk is prelude. The judicial

candidates hung up by the filibuster so far have been appointments to the lower courts, and altering cloture for them would be unusual. However, Bush is likely to get several openings on the

U.S. Supreme Court, and a rules change could be vitally important to them. But even for high court appointments, changing rules threatens to wreck a Senate tradition, destroy

what respect and harmony there still is, and raise partisanship to new levels of bitterness. Republicans have to ask if the potential for victory is worth the price.

Kolache

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slug it out over thin vs. thick crust, and so it goes. Some questions are better unasked, and some arguments are better checked at the door.

In another town, a visitor — perhaps seeking only to make conversation — asked a local about the sign on the water tower. "Home of the Fighting Tigers," the big, bold letters screamed.

"Weren't your teams winless last year?" he asked.

"Listen up, buddy, and listen good," the hometown answered. "They're our teams, our town, our water tower and our mascots, and we'll call 'em fighting, if we want to."

Makes sense. Kolaches are like watermelons. Some are better than others, but I've rarely had a bad one. And the mere thought of getting off the super slab in West for a moment of diet-cheating is for immediate salivation to kick in.

Kolache-baking competition is fea-

tured at the three-day celebration of Czech heritage every Labor Day weekend. Begun in 1975 by forward-thinking progressives like Wendel Montgomery, "West Fest" attracts more than 40,000 visitors for food, art and music.

Montgomery was called the "godfather of kolaches." He introduced them to Texans with the state's first Czech bakery in 1952 (50 cents a dozen then, 85 cents each now). He promised the best fresh-baked kolaches for a half-century and even used a secret ingredient in the dough during hot summer months to maintain the quality.

So intent was he to continue a rich baking tradition begun by his mother-in-law, he took up baking himself. This was A-OK with his wife, Georgia, who at age 87, still owns the Village Bakery, but still without a hankering to bake.

With chemistry and pharmacology degrees from the University of Oklahoma, he was "Mr. West" — baker, pharmacist, "unofficial" veterinarian and community leader.

He died in 2003, the same year Georgia had a stroke. They were mar-

ried for 63 years — she in full harness with him — except for the baking. At age 87, she still drops in at the bakery, where she's sure Wendel's secret recipe is being followed to the letter.

If you visit "West Fest" this fall and see people wearing hog suits and carrying signs saying "Eat More Fruit Kolaches," you'll know they're trying to shift attention to less controversial varieties. If one of them has a pad in hand, it may be Mrs. Karlik!

We are told that nearly half of us are no less related than eighth cousins. In West, well over half of the 2,500 citizens are Czech folks who are related to each other.

Come "fest time," they are all kin-folks, pitching in to throw one of the state's best parties. Gentlemen (and Ladies): "Heat yo, ovens!"

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author. His column appears weekly in some 125 newspapers in several states.

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Record

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block of West Kentucky Ave.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office on Saturday reported the following arrest.

Friday, March 18

Bobby Ladell Dorsey, 42, 1041 Prairie, was arrested for violation of probation for delivering a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance on Saturday reported the following calls.

Thursday, March 17

7:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

9 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of East Browning and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1400 block of Somerville.

12:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1200 block of Williston.

1:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 12000 block of Highway 60 East.

2:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of Coffee and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Charles and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Huff Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

Friday, March 18

7:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of North Coffee and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Cuyler and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility. The call was canceled en route.

3:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

Rice

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Answering questions from the audience after a speech Saturday, Rice said she knows there is some international frustration with the slow pace of North Korean talks. But she said the six-party discussions remain the best option. She rejected a suggestion that the United States might make more progress if it dealt with North Korea one-on-one.

"We bring different incentives, different leverage to North Korea, each of us. ... I would be first to admit it is not easy to deal with North Korea," Rice said.

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 #18, 467' from North & West line of Sec.
 #24, 1600' from South & 2350' from West line of Sec.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALL Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp, PD 13500', for the following wells:
 #4105P Hefley, 1830' from North & 467' from West line, Sec. 41, M-1, H&GN.
 #5728P Holland 'C', 1900' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 57, M-1, H&GN.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & FELDMAN Upper Morrow) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1 Bertha E. Wilson Unit, 660' from South & 1980' from West line, Sec. 7, 43, H&TC, PD 11960'. Re-completion
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPILL Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., Hobart Ranch, Sec. 668, A-2, H&GN, PD 13000', for the following wells:
 #1268, 2290' from North & 1695' from East line of Sec.
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HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, Ltd. Partnership, Hobart Ranch '20', Sec. 20, A-1, H&GN, PD 13500', for the following wells:
 #14, 1200' from South & 467' from East line of Sec.
 #16, 2550' from North & 467' from East line of Sec.
 #24, 1300' from North & 467' from East line of Sec.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & SOUTH RED DEER CREEK Upper Morrow) Pablo Energy, Inc., #2010 Campbell Ranch '10', 822' from North & 1776' from East line, Sec. 10, 1, I&GN, PD 12600'.
HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT & SHIRE Simpson) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #1 Gladys Harvey 'A67', 10587' from South & 633' from East line, Sec. 37, 46, H&TC, PD 10635'.
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ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ALPAR-LIPS Douglas) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #16 Courson '158', 935' from South & 2300' from East line, Sec. 158, 13, T&NO, PD 5600'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & SOUTH LEDRICK RANCH Upper Morrow) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #1 Pickens 'A80', 660' from North & 2283' from West line, Sec. 1, B, H&GN, PD 8850'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ST. CLAIR Granite Wash) Crest Resources, Inc., #1 W.H. Martin, 1420' from South & 500' from East line, Sec. 83, C, G&M, PD 9850'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & MILLS RANCH Atoka Granite Wash) BP America Production Co., #1 Nectar, 1320' from South & West line, Sec. 52, A-7, H&GN, PD 19000'.
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Lions Club Sweetheart

The Pampa Lions Club February Sweetheart of the Month is Jenny Rogers, daughter of Stephen and Debby Rodgers. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include English I Award, varsity softball's Rookie of the Year award (freshman year), all district softball catcher (freshman year), varsity volleyball Fighting Heart Award (sophomore and junior years), sophomore varsity softball Most Valuable Player Award, and Amarillo Globe News Volleyball Super Team captain (junior year). Besides being a member of the PHS volleyball team, Rogers helped coach varsity volleyball defensive specialists this year. Her future plans are to attend college and become an occupational therapist, assisting newly disabled people in adapting to their surroundings.



Jenny Rogers

Integrated pest management a must for public schools

By Steve Byrns
Texas A&M News/Public Affairs

SAN ANGELO — Did you know that all Texas public school districts must have an integrated pest management policy and plan? And that each district must have a trained integrated pest management coordinator to oversee all pesticide and pest control operations? It's true, and to help school districts meet that requirement, Texas Cooperative Extension has scheduled the Southwest Technical Resource Center to conduct four training across the state in the coming months. The center is a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-funded program designed to help schools manage pests using integrated pest management.

Integrated pest management uses current knowledge and the latest technology to safely and economically manage pest problems. Janet Hurley, Extension assistant/school integrated pest management coordinator, said each school system's integrated pest management coordinator must attend the training

within 12 months of their initial appointment.

"What we have found is that those districts that support the integrated pest management coordinator send them back for more training so they can achieve a higher standard of pest control," said Hurley. "It's like riding a bike; the more you do it, the better you are."

The training schedule is as follows:
 —San Angelo ISD, April 21-22, Administration Building, 1621 University Dr., San Angelo;
 —Brenham ISD, June 16-17, Brenham Jr. High Snack Bar, 1200 Carlee Dr., Brenham;
 —Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD, Oct. 13-14, Maintenance and Operation Center, 1505 Randolph, second floor, Carrollton; and
 —San Antonio area, Nov. 17-18, location to be announced.

The classes will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at each site.

The first day's training is a mandatory introduction to Texas integrated pest management for schools. The class fulfills Texas state requirements for inte-

grated pest management coordinators. The course covers legal requirements, an introduction to integrated pest management, and how to conduct a school campus inspection.

The class offers three Structural Pest Control Board continuing education units or six hours of classroom integrated pest management training for technicians and apprentices.

The second day is an advanced training for both experienced and new school integrated pest management coordinators. The training covers effective pest management and how to do the job's paperwork.

Guest speakers will present sports turf weed-control strategies and cockroach treatments.

The second day's class provides four Structural Pest Control Board continuing education units or six hours of classroom training in integrated pest management for technicians and apprentices.

Individual registration at each site is \$200 for both days or \$125 for one day.

For more information, call toll-free (877) 747-6872.

Texas Department of Transportation will host an Informational Meeting on March 31, 2005 concerning the planning of future projects.

This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plans for the district.

The meeting will be Thursday, March 31, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. It will be located at the Perryton Chamber of Commerce, 200 S Main (US 83), Perryton, Texas.

The meeting will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as the criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently planned or any additional projects that might be proposed. Speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (PO Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114 - 7368. Comments must be received no later than April 10, 2005.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Desk & Derrick to hold meeting

The Desk & Derrick Club of Pampa will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, at Zion Lutheran Church.

March is "Desk & Derrick Awareness Month" and anyone interested in learning more about the organization is cordially invited to the upcoming meeting during which participants will be treated to a salad supper, a history of the Desk & Derrick and a selection of energy-related games.

According to a press release from the Association of Desk & Derrick Clubs, the organization offers the following: Educational programs presented by experienced speakers; networking for employment opportunities; energy related seminars

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Health

Counting on calcium when dairy lacking

By MIRIAM NELSON
Ph.D.

(NAPSA) — Make no bones about it, everyone needs calcium for strong bones and teeth, weight management and general good health.

Recent research suggests the appropriate amount of calcium varies with age and sex. Here are recommended daily amounts for:

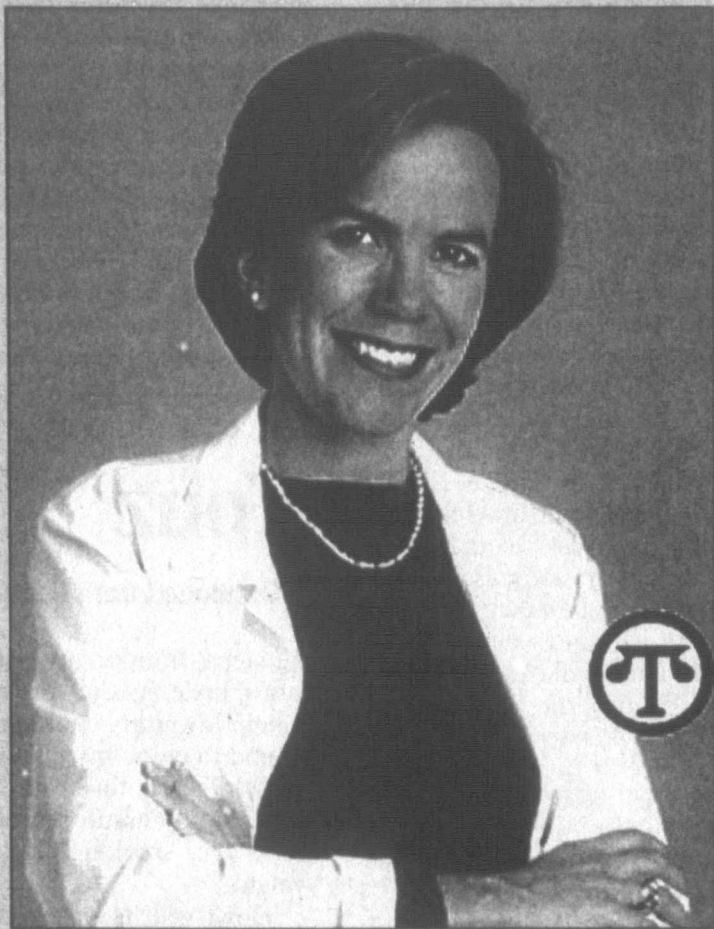
- Girls ages 11-24: 1,200-1,500 mg
- Pregnant or nursing teens: 1,600-1,900 mg
- Women ages 25-50: 1,000 mg
- Pregnant or nursing women: 1,200-1,500 mg
- Postmenopausal women on estrogen replacement therapy: 1,000 mg
- Postmenopausal women not on estrogen replacement therapy: 1,500 mg
- Women over age 65: 1,500 mg
- Men over age 25: 1,000 mg

Unfortunately, for some people, many of the best sources of calcium—milk, cheese and other dairy products—are “forbidden” foods.

Those who suffer from lactose intolerance often omit dairy products all together as the only way to avoid gas, bloating and discomfort.

I often suggest to people who can't eat dairy products that they make it a daily habit to take calcium supplements.

Doses should be taken two to three times a day, depending on your calci-



Dr. Miriam Nelson

um needs, in units of 500 mg or less, as that is all the calcium the body can absorb at one time.

Here are a few of the most frequent calcium-related questions I am asked.

Q. I have heard it's best to get calcium through natural foods such as milk and yogurt, but dairy products really upset my stomach. How can I be sure I am getting enough calcium through the other foods I eat?

A. People who lack the lactase enzyme to digest dairy products may have a hard time getting the appropriate amount of calcium through their

daily food intake.

While lots of foods fortified with calcium are available, most people still don't reach their recommended daily intake through fortified foods alone, especially if they're unable to eat dairy products.

Non-dairy calcium sources include sardines, salmon, oysters, scallops, broccoli, okra and kale. A calcium supplement is another resource to help meet your daily calcium requirement.

Q. I know there are different kinds of calcium supplements, what's the difference?

A. The majority of calci-

um supplements are made from calcium carbonate or calcium citrate.

Calcium carbonate is most effective when taken with food, and seems to have a greater tendency to cause gas and bloating.

Calcium citrate supplements such as Citracal(r) can be taken any time, with or without food, and usually do not cause gas or bloating.

Calcium citrate may also be a better choice for people with lower stomach acid and those who take antacids, H2 Blockers, or Proton Pump Inhibitors, as calcium citrate supplements have high absorption that does not require stomach acid.

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Adults consuming under 600 mg of calcium daily increase their risk of developing osteoporosis, a disease that leads to bone fractures.

Combining the appropriate calcium intake throughout adulthood with regular exercise will help build strong bones and can help prevent osteoporosis.

Be proactive about maintaining good bone health, your bones depend on it.

NOTE: Dr. Nelson is the author of the “Strong Women” book series. Citracal(r) is a product of the Mission Pharmacal Company.

Fonz advocates heart-to-hearts

(NAPSA) — Henry Winkler is best known as “The Fonz” on television’s “Happy Days” and, more recently, as a lawyer on the Emmy award-winning comedy “Arrested Development.”

Now Winkler is taking on another role that is very close to him personally. He is working with the American Heart Association on The Cholesterol Low Down to help dispel myths about heart disease and urge people to have heart-to-heart talks with their families and doctors about their personal risk factors for heart disease.

“I’ve always tried to stay healthy by watching what I eat and exercising when I can. I thought I was doing everything right,” Winkler said. “So I was surprised and worried when my doctor told me I had high cholesterol and that I could be at risk for heart disease.”

Winkler is proof that anyone can have high cholesterol and be at risk for heart disease: young or old, overweight or thin.

Winkler’s parents both suffered from heart disease. Family history of high cholesterol or heart disease can play a major role regardless of how much a person weighs or how they eat. In fact, the majority of cholesterol found in the blood is made by the body. Only a small amount comes from the foods we eat.

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Publication may offer some relief to arthritis sufferers

(NAPSA) — Bathing, getting dressed, making dinner and opening a door are all important aspects of everyday living.

Often taken for granted, these activities seem meaningless to some, but for many of the 2.1 million Americans affected by rheumatoid arthritis (RA), these simple tasks become daily obstacles.

RA is a chronic autoimmune disease that causes swelling and stiffening in the joints of the hands, feet and wrists, further complicating daily activities.

It strikes mostly women between the ages of 30 and 50 and can cause bone destruction, gradually disabling sufferers.

So whether you are at home making breakfast or at work typing an e-mail, the inflammation and pain of RA often take a toll on many aspects of a person's life.

However, those with RA and their caregivers now have easy access to tools that may offer some relief.

Abbott has introduced the first-of-its-kind compilation of adaptive tools selected specifically to make everyday living easier for those dealing with RA.

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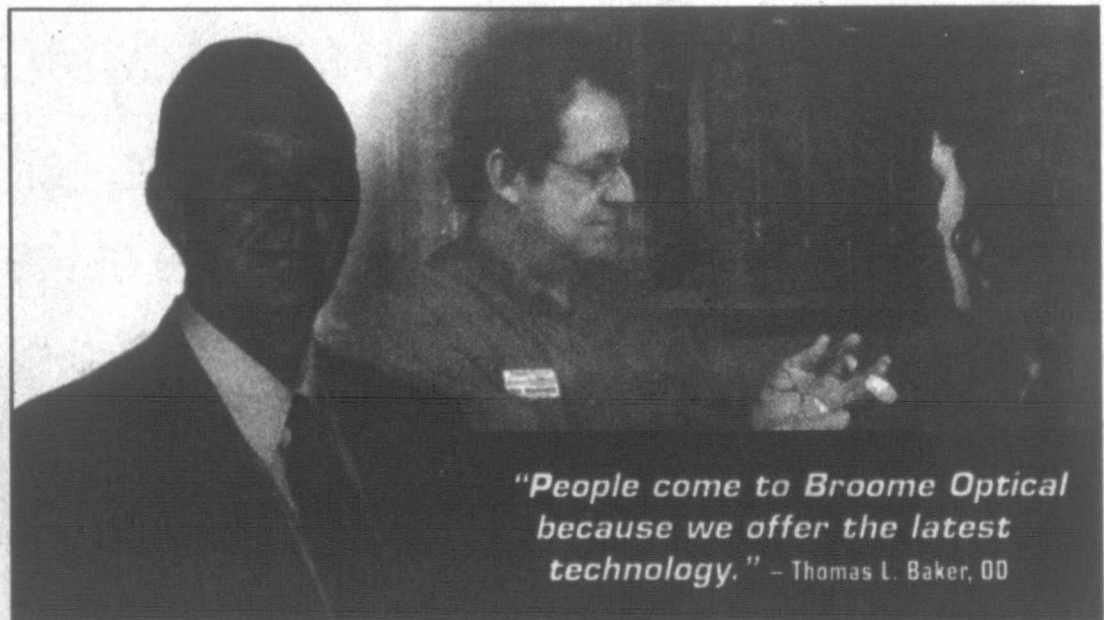
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Writers group to host all day seminar

AMARILLO — Amarillo Chapter of Inspirational Writers Alive!, a non-denominational, non-profit writers group, will present "Inspirational Writers' Seminar" between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at Kingswood United Methodist Church in Amarillo. The event speaker will be Cecil

"Cec" Murphey, author and co-author of over 90 books. Murphey has ghost-written autobiographies for a number of celebrities including singer BJ. Thomas, Franklin Graham, pianist Dino Karsanakas, Chick-fil-A founder S. Truett Cathy, ultra-marathon runner Stan Cottrell and Dr. Ben Carson of

Johns Hopkins Hospital. Besides his keynote address on "After the Conference — What?," Murphey will present two workshops on the topics "Six Professional Secrets" and "Make People Sound Real." Other workshops will be facilitated by Stan Cottrell and Dr. Ben Carson of Johns Hopkins Hospital. See SEMINAR, Page 9

Five generations



Five generations of the same family recently gathered for this picture. Above, clockwise from top, Burton Lyle Jones, Brenda Lee Scissons, Eula Fay Wheeler with Madox Jake Jones, and Margaret Jan Scissons. Each are the oldest members of their respective families.

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and field trips for hands-on experience; relationships with friends all over the United States and Canada; guidance and ideas for community service projects; and

an opportunity for self-development.

The clubs, the ADDC said, give members "the opportunity to learn about the many phases of the energy industry and an opportunity for self-development" while "educat(ing) our members and the public about the energy industry."

For more information, call Diane at 665-7662 or 669-3624.

Area naturalists chapter to host training course

AMARILLO — The Panhandle Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program will begin a new training course on April 11, according to a news release from Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center.

The course will consist of three weeks of classroom instruction and field trips to be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, along with field trips scheduled for Saturday mornings.

Locations of the classes will include Wildcat Bluff Nature Center in Amarillo and the West Texas A&M University campus. Field trips will be taken to several locations throughout the Panhandle.

To become a certified Texas Master Naturalist, trainees participate in classes and field trips related to the local natural environment, complete a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service, and receive a minimum of eight hours of advanced training in approved classes.

To maintain certification, Texas Master Naturalists must complete 40 hours of volunteer service and eight hours of training in approved classes. See COURSE, Page 9

Arthritis

of holding a heavy blow-dryer.

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RA.com was designed exclusively for RA patients and their caregivers as a result of Abbott's ongoing research into the needs of this patient community. In addition to the RA Catalog, RA.com provides visitors with tools to help answer questions about RA, current news on treatment options, and tips on managing their disease. For more information about the RA Catalog, please visit www.RA.com. The RA Catalog is also available free of charge, in a magazine format by calling 1-866-RA-CATALOG. The call center is staffed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

Fonz

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"I'm encouraging everyone to have a heart-to-heart with their families and doctors about their personal risk factors for heart disease. I did and now I'm taking steps to lower my risk for heart attack and stroke by eating better, exercising regularly and taking medication to help lower my cholesterol," said Winkler. "I want to be around to enjoy my children and their children."

Risk factors for heart disease include high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, family history of heart disease, age, smoking, lack of exercise and being overweight.

"Don't wait to take care of your heart," Winkler said. "Have your heart-to-heart today—for yourself and for your family."

Join The Cholesterol Low Down by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1 (1-800-242-8721) or by visiting www.americanheart.org/cld. When you join, you will receive free educational materials about cholesterol and heart disease.

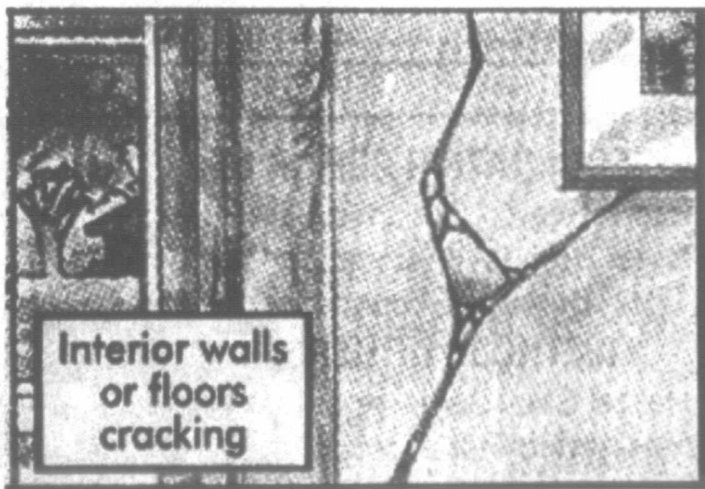
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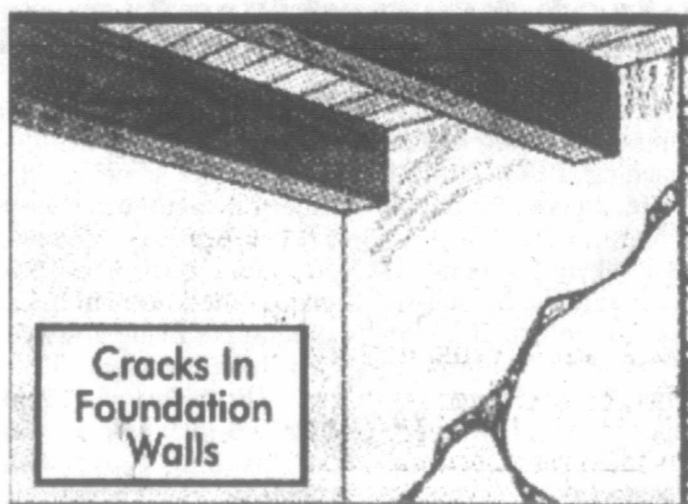


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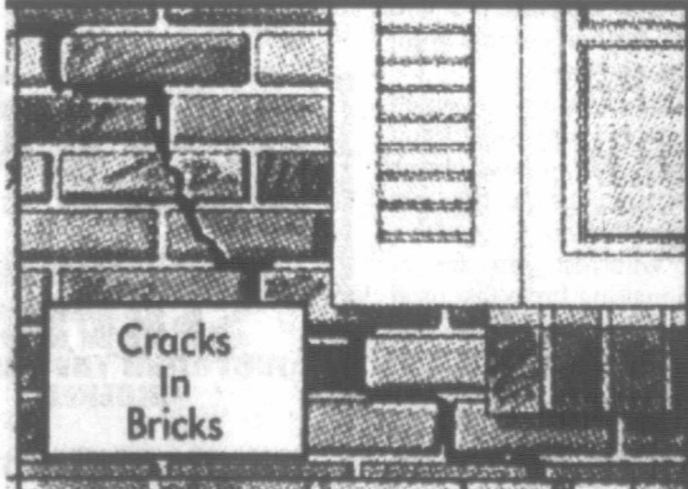
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Corrected Intention to Drill
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Oil Well Completions
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#2014 Mathers, Sec. 14, A-2, H&GN, spud 11-8-04, drlg. compl 12-14-04, tested 12-16-04, TD 14310', PBTD 4680' — Plug-Back
HEMPHILL (MATHERS RANCH Cleveland) Devon Louisiana Corp., #16 Mathers Ranch, Sec. 164, 41, H&TC, spud 9-7-04, drlg. compl 11-4-04, tested 11-7-04, TD 17349', PBTD 9490' — Plug-Back

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1469 Atherton, Sec. 59, A-7, H&GN, spud 9-18-04, drlg. compl 10-12-04, tested 12-2-04, potential

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WOW! McLean woman to celebrate International Women's Month by hosting special party

McLEAN — March is International Women's Month. This year 100 women from around the United States will host parties to raise funds to benefit marginalized women in developing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Jaylene Watkins of McLean will host one of the nearly 100 parties from 6-7 p.m. on Thursday, March 24 in the parlor of McLean United Methodist Church.

Individuals interested in attending this event are asked to RSVP by Monday, March 21, by calling 779-2307. Organizers hope the parties will collectively raise \$30,000. Guests will enjoy a sampling of ethnic food, music and stories of how women around the world are being empowered through an organization of women called WOW! (Work of Women).

Party sponsors are members of WOW!, a global membership organization within World Neighbors, a not-for-profit community development organization working in partnership with the rural poor in hundreds of villages in countries as geographically diverse as Kenya, Guatemala, Nepal, Burkina Faso, India and Indonesia. More than half of World Neighbors' beneficiaries are women.

WOW! membership fees and donations support and enhance World Neighbors' efforts to improve the lives of women and their families who are living in extreme poverty, through programs that include: literacy and numeracy education; food security; leadership training; income generation and savings and credit; reproductive and community health; and clean water and sanitation.

The parties are a first for WOW!, founded in 2000 by a dozen women from throughout the United States who were already associated with World Neighbors and who wanted to do more to make a positive difference in the lives of poor, rural women and their families in those countries in which World Neighbors works. Through membership fees, donations and proceeds from special events, WOW! has raised more than \$300,000 since its founding.

"The party concept provides our members, no matter where they live, with a tangible, hands-on way to get involved and make a difference in the lives of women in developing countries, who want the same things for themselves and their families as we in the United States seek," said Wariko Kabuga Waita, WOW! coordinator. "North American women are particularly eager to help their counterparts in regions of the world where daily life is so difficult. And with the South Asia tsunami and earthquake disaster on everyone's mind, there is a heightened sense of how much we need to help lift up others, particularly women and children."

World Neighbors, founded in 1951, currently operates 48 programs in 16 countries that reach more than 250,000 direct participants and more than 1.3 million beneficiaries who live in some of the poorest villages on the planet.

If you are interested in hosting a WOW! party or would like more information about WOW!, visit www.workofwomen.org or call 1-800-242-6387.

Seminar

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by Donna Goodrich and Sandra Soli.

Goodrich — a free-lance writer, editor and proof reader of Mesa, Ariz. — has authored 20 books and more than 700 short stories and articles. She has taught at numerous conferences across the United States and pioneered the Arizona Christian Seminar in 1981. Her workshops will cover "How to Sell What You Write" and "Writing Your Personal Experiences."

Soli will give workshops on "Entering the Forest with Confidence" and "Three

families, Three Audiences." Soli has published fiction for adults and children, essays and articles as well as writing and teaching poetry, her specialty. Her poems have appeared widely in major literary journals and her chapbook "Silvering the Flute," a finalist for the Oklahoma Book Award, sold out of two printings.

Since 1998, Soli has been a columnist and editor for ByLine, a national trade publication for writers.

The seminar fee, to include a luncheon, will be \$70 for IWA members and \$75 for non-members.

For more information or to receive a brochure, contact Helen Luecke at (806) 376-9671 or Jerry McClenagan at (806) 355-7117.

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advanced training annually.

The Texas Master Naturalist Program is a collaborative effort of Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The mission of the program is to develop a corps of well-educated volunteers to provide education, outreach and service dedicated toward the beneficial management of natural resources within local communities.

The cost to enroll in the program is \$75, which includes a print version of the Texas Master Naturalist curriculum textbook. Applications are due by March 31, and class size is limited. To receive more information about the program or to obtain an application, contact Ginger Rawlins at 355-7023.

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Cheating part of the game in NASCAR

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — There's an old saying in NASCAR: If a team ain't cheating, it ain't trying. With a murky rule book open to various interpretations, drivers and crews constantly push the limits to see what they can get past inspectors.

"Being creative is my job," crew chief Chad Knaus said when he earned his first major penalty in 2002. "If I am going to get fined and penalized for being creative, then that's just part of it."

"Besides, the other guys are cheating more than we are."

Maybe so, but Knaus and his peers may start thinking about following the rules to the letter of the law from now on: Knaus and two other crew chiefs were suspended this week as NASCAR cracked down on its culture of cheating.

All three crew chiefs will be allowed to compete in Atlanta this weekend while the National Stock Car Racing Commission prepares to hear their appeals next week.

Knaus was suspended for two weeks and fined \$35,000 after race-winner Jimmie Johnson's car was found to be too low following a victory in Las Vegas. Johnson was docked 25 points, which cost him his spot

atop the Nextel Cup standings.

Make no mistake about it, Johnson should consider himself fortunate he was allowed to keep the win.

NASCAR has a long-standing tradition of not changing the race winner after an event. The argument is that it is confusing to the fan, who just cheered his driver on to victory, only to go home and read in the next day's paper that his guy actually didn't win the race.

But in NASCAR's push to stop cheating — the sanctioning body first relied on monetary fines, then upped the stakes to docking points in 2002 before issuing Tuesday's suspensions of Knaus and the crew chiefs for Kevin Harvick (one month) and Kyle Busch (two weeks) — taking victories just might be the next step.

"It is not fair to the fans or to the cars that are legal for a victory to be tainted," said NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter. "We've tried money and we've tried points and nothing works. Hopefully the light will go by some crew chiefs taking a vacation and we won't have to do anything else."

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Pampa AD seeks summer help

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School Athletic Department is hiring. Applicants must enjoy the outdoors and the smell of freshly cut grass. School Spirit a definite plus. Apply within.

Catch? It depends on how you look at it.

The Pampa High School Athletic Department is hiring three teachers and three students to assist with the care and maintenance of the school grounds on which the Harvester ball fields and the AD office sit.

Said Athletic Director Dick Dunham, "We are looking for folks to help us during the months of June

and July, preparing the football field as well as mowing the grounds and general upkeep."

Dunham added, "What we are doing is providing relief for the regular crews that, because of their work loads, cannot spend the kind of time we think we need in bringing this part of the school's campus up to par."

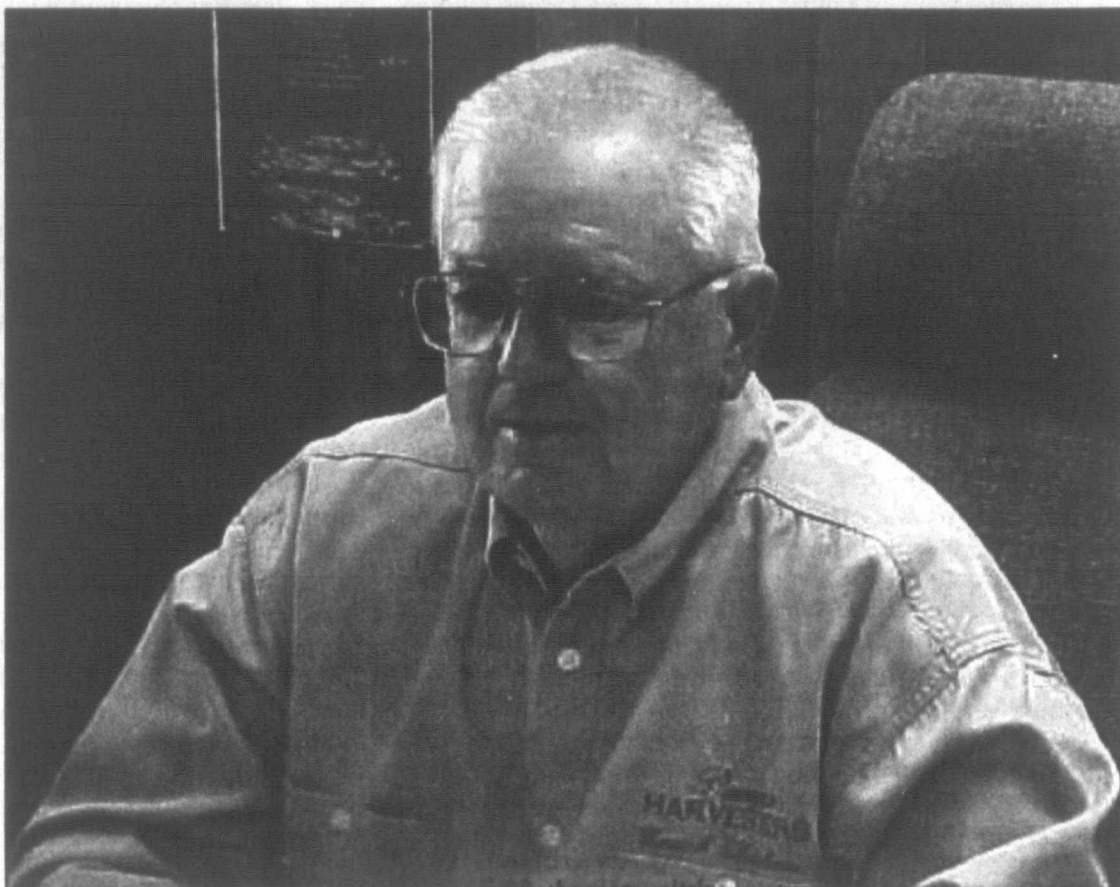
Dunham said those who are hired will assist with general landscaping chores, including aerating, seeding, mowing and trimming.

Dunham says the football field will be getting

some much needed attention as well.

In addition to the manpower, the PHS Athletic Department is looking for equipment that will allow the Mean Green-Thumbs to do their job as efficiently as possible. "We are seeking loaners or donations," said Dunham. "We could use mowers, riding or otherwise, as well as weed-eaters, blowers — any equipment that will help us do the job, we would be grateful for."

Interested? Then call the athletic department at 669-4830. And so you know, these are paid positions.



Pampa High School Athletic Director Dick Dunham is looking to hire temporary manpower to help bring grounds on which the ball fields and the athletic department sit up to par. He is also seeking equipment, either loaned or donated.

LJS manager corrects coupon faux pas

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

His name? Nathan Hocker. Why should you know it? Because he is involved in local business. And if you have a student attending Pampa High School, he or she has probably seen him a time or two. Perhaps you have too.

Hocker is the manager of the local Long John Silver's located at 1055 North Hobart. He transferred here from the Borger store just a

couple months ago. Spend a few minutes with him and you will soon come to realize, Hocker is something like the Patrick Swayze character in "Road House," in that his job is to bring his store back into line, top to bottom.

Seems the Pampa store had been suffering for some time from poor bookkeeping and other management issues, including profit and

loss. One of the first things Hocker did to help bring the store's P&L ledger under control was to stop all discounts. Unfortunately, some of his employees — even some local residents — thought that meant "all" discounts. So, they were canceled.

Unbeknownst to Hocker, among the discounts soon being refused were those available to PHS Varsity Gold Card holders, including a number of student athletes. Cards were sold at the beginning of the school year to help raise funds, and feature discounts from a number of local businesses on goods and services.

Well, some folks became a little unhappy. They thought for sure this guy was anti-Harvester and not very Pampa-friendly. But as is often the case, public perception does not paint an accurate portrait in this case.

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Pampa Special Olympians
want to give a special thank you to Joann West and all of the staff of the Harvester Lanes. We also want to thank the many wonderful volunteers and bowlers who worked so hard to raise funds on our behalf during the Ralph West Memorial Bowling Tournament.

Texas slugger's talents noticed even without the All-Star tag

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Mark Teixeira is the only member of the young Texas Rangers infield who hasn't been an All-Star.

While perhaps as deserving as the rest of that group last season, Teixeira was on a lake fishing during the midsummer break instead of being with infield mates Michael Young, Hank Blalock and Alfonso Soriano at the All-Star game.

But such a label isn't needed to notice the talent of the switch-hitting slugger.

The former No. 1 pick and successor to 500-home run hitter Rafael Palmeiro already is one of the American League's top power hitters after just two seasons. He hit for the cycle last year, homered in five straight games, had four extra-base hits in a game and walked five times in another.

Add his clean-cut image and unassuming attitude to that smooth, powerful swing, and the 24-year-old first baseman has the chance to be one of the game's next superstars.

"He's a normal guy who, if you didn't know that he played baseball, you would think he was a big guy who was probably captain of the debate team or running for congressman, or something like that," said teammate David Dellucci.

"He's an incredibly talented player, he's a great teammate and the best is yet to come," shortstop Young said. "He's only getting better. ... It's pretty scary."

After a solid rookie season (.259 with 26 home runs and 84 RBIs) in which he made the transition to first base and ensured the Rangers they would be all right without Palmeiro, Teixeira hit .281 last year.

He was among the AL leaders in home runs (38), RBIs (112) and extra-base hits (74 of his 153 hits) and won a Silver Slugger award.

"He was a tough out when he came up. He's become even a tougher out with experience," Los Angeles Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "The way he swings the bat from both sides of the plate, it's a tough combination to defend."

Especially when Teixeira is in the middle of a lineup with Young, third baseman Hank Blalock and second baseman Alfonso Soriano — all All-Stars still in their 20s.

"How far he goes and what he becomes is still to be determined," general manager John Hart said. "He's beginning to establish himself as one of the bright young stars of the game."

And one of the really expensive ones if he puts up more big numbers on the field this season.

Teixeira is in the final year of the \$9.5 million contract he got after being the No. 5 overall pick in 2001. Texas has his rights three more seasons after that, but he will be eligible for arbitration.

"What's going to happen in the future is partly out of my hands because all I can do is go and play," Teixeira said. "Then the business side of it takes care of itself. My job is to play the best I can play."

His agent is Scott Boras, who brokered the \$252 million, 10-year contract Alex Rodriguez got from the Rangers, plus the \$65 million, five-year deal for pitcher Chan Ho Park.

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Helping Find Monica



Pampa officer Donny Brown (left) accepts a check from MAYO board member Connie Woods. The donation, part of the proceeds gathered during the recently concluded 2005 MAYO Benefit Basketball Tournament in Miami, is to further the efforts of the Find Monica Foundation.

NASCAR

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"But if we have to consider further action, we will."

NASCAR might have to because, as word spread through the Nextel Cup circuit about the suspensions, some considered the penalties a slap on the wrist.

"I've got three drivers who would trade \$25,000, 25 points and a suspension for a win," said Chip Ganassi, car owner for Sterling Marlin, Jamie McMurray and Casey Mears.

"You want to stop cheating? Take the wins away."

The problem is, NASCAR never will be able to 100 percent police cheating — because what it deems illegal, a crew chief might view as a loophole in the rules.

The late Smokey Yunick was the master of massaging the rule book, maintaining that if something was not specifically outlawed, it was assumed to be legal. It led to a decades-long feud between Yunick and NASCAR's ruling France family, and inspectors spent

hours each week picking over Yunick's race entries. In one of the most notorious Yunick stories, NASCAR questioned the fuel mileage of one of his cars after rivals accused him of having an oversized fuel tank. NASCAR removed the fuel tank, and after a heated argument, Yunick climbed into his car and drove it away without a fuel tank.

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West Texas, Panhandle Fishing Report

PANHANDLE

BAYLOR: Water lightly stained; 55 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on minnows. Catfish are slow.

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 52 degrees; 24' low. Black bass are good on shad-colored crankbaits and red Rat-L-Traps along main lake points. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live bait and chrome jerkbaits or Rat-L-Traps worked along the dam. Smallmouth bass to 4 pounds are fair on crankbaits and jerkbaits.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 49 degrees; 66 low. Black bass are fair on jigs and crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait and crankbaits. Walleye are fair on live bait and jerkbaits. Catfish are fair on minnows and chicken liver.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained; 50 degrees; 22.6' low. Black bass are fair on crankbaits off main lake points and humps.

Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on jigs tipped with minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on jerkbaits and slabs tipped with minnows. Walleye are good on jerkbaits along main lake points and humps. Channel catfish are fair.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 47 degrees; 43.2' low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait. Walleye are fair. Catfish are good on prepared baits.

WEST ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; .02 low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored spinnerbaits, crankbaits and dark jigs suspended in trees. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water muddy in upper end; 54 degrees; 3.6 low. Black bass are slow around rocky areas on shallow running crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs suspended 14-16 feet near the derricks. White bass are fair on mud flats on shad-imitation crankbaits and larger jigs with inline spinners. Blue catfish are good on cut shad

and prepared baits just off the river channel in the mid-lake area and above.

BUFFALO SPRINGS: Water lightly stained; Clarity about 5'; 53 degrees; .5 low. Black bass are fair on crankbaits suspended 8 feet. Crappie are good on minnows near Crappie House. Hybrid strippers good on Rat-L-Traps below the dam. Channel catfish are good near dam on hooks baited with minnows.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 55 degrees; .5' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 54 degrees; .2' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live bait. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 56 degrees; 11.2 low. Black bass are fair on crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps along points and main lake humps. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striper are fair on minnows and crankbaits. Catfish are fair on chicken liver and shad.

NASWORTHY: Water

lightly stained; 50 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on chicken liver and minnows.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 51 degrees; 24.1 low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on live bait. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 22.1' low. Black bass are fair on live bait and Carolina-rigged watermelon lizards fished along humps and creek channels. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live bait and crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are fair on live baits and crankbaits. Channel catfish are fair on chicken liver and minnows.

WICHITA: Water clearing; 55 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair. White bass and hybrid striped bass are fair on white twister-tails and Rat-L-Traps along the dam. Channel catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shrimp, punchbait or shad.

Faux Pas

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Hocker transferred here to take on the challenge of turning this store around. He did the same for the store in Borger, which was once slated for closure. There is great benefit in being able to take a corporate albatross and turn it into a swan. Such is Hocker's challenge. The reward for doing so though can be great.

One of the dangers of discounting is not being able to justify the redemption. In short, if you simply walk in and flash a card or coupon - or say you are associated with a club, function or business - and receive the discount, the business has no way to justify the loss at the end of the day. The proprietor must have something he or she can place in the register or attach to a receipt so as to protect themselves when the accountant comes calling. For Hocker, it is a corporate accountant.

The Varsity Gold Card does have small, coupon-like tabs, that can be detached and left for redemption. The problem? Like any good employee should, Hocker's employees listened and did as he instructed.

However, take heart Varsity Gold Card holders, the problem has been rectified. It, as well as any unexpired, authorized Long John Silver's coupon turned-in for redemption, will be honored.

So the next time you're in Long John Silver's, take a moment to introduce yourself to Nathan Hocker, and welcome him to Pampa. He's good people.

Basketball banquet tickets still on sale

The Pampa High School Boys' Basketball Booster Club reminds you - Spring Break is almost over. Time to once again think school thoughts, including the sale of the club's banquet tickets.

The banquet will be held at 7 p.m. next Tuesday night, March 29, at the First Baptist Church in Pampa. Tickets are only \$10. Please RSVP by calling Sandy Clark and the PHS Athletic Office, 669-4830.

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Farm Scene: Group says researchers unlocking corn code

By JIM SUHR
AP Business Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A trade group overseeing an effort to unlock corn's genetic code says more than 120 researchers have already used a Web database created to speed up development of biotech crops.

The National Corn Growers Association said this week that the researchers, representing 35 academic institutions, accessed maize gene sequences catalogued in the

database. "There are only little pieces of gene sequences available in the public domain," said Jo Messing, a professor of molecular biology at Rutgers University, who has used the database. "The private collection offers a lot of those missing pieces."

The 8-month-old Web site pools research done on the corn genome by Monsanto Co., DuPont subsidiary Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. and Monsanto research partner

Ceres Inc. By offering up their data to researchers at nonprofit institutions for noncommercial use, the companies hope to develop hybrid and genetically modified plants that are more drought-resistant or can produce more nutritious corn or fibers.

The companies hope to sequence the corn genome by 2007, perhaps several years ahead of when it otherwise would be completed without the initiative.

Messing said the database now has roughly 1.8 million

available gene sequences — more than four times what was previously available publicly.

Land-grant universities including the University of Illinois and Oregon State University have accessed the site, as have overseas institutions including Oxford University, the Chinese Academy of Agriculture Sciences and Germany's University of Hamburg.

The Web site is developed and managed by the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, a nonprofit research

site near Monsanto's headquarters.

Scientists who want to use the database must register through the corn growers association and certify that they are conducting non-commercial work. They also must agree to provide license options for Monsanto, Pioneer and Ceres.

The companies will benefit from completion of the genome sequence at no additional cost. Government agencies and academic institutions are expected to foot

the researchers' bills. Researchers will publish their findings in scientific journals after the companies review the work and consider options for non-exclusive licensing deals. Each company likely would develop different products with various competitive advantages.

On the Net:
National Corn Growers Association,
<http://www.ncga.com>
Corn-sequencing Web site,
<http://www.maizeseq.org>

AHA award



Veronica Kirkwood, president of Tri-County American Heart Association, and fellow board members Suzanne Courtney and Rahna Abernathy recently presented association volunteer Jackie Davis with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of her help with this year's fund-raising gala.

Storytelling event on tap

CANYON — The Voices of the Earth Storytelling Festival, produced by West Texas A&M University's Panhandle Storytelling Guild, is scheduled, a press release said, for 7 p.m. Friday, April 15 in the Intimate Theatre located in the Fine Arts Building on the university campus. Tim Tingle, featured storyteller, will join WT students on stage for an evening of entertainment.

Tingle, of Canyon Lake, is a 10-year veteran of the Texas Folklife Festival and has performed for 12 years at Six Flags Over Texas. He brings the lore of his native Choctaw Nation to life in lively historical, personal and traditional stories, the press release said.

Tingle was selected by Wordcraft Circle of Native American Writers and Storytellers as "Contemporary Storyteller of the Year for 2001" and was featured at the 2002 National Storytelling Festival.

He will present an afternoon storytelling workshop from 3-4:30 p.m. on the 15th in the Music Lounge of the Fine Arts Building.

Tingle plays the native flute and performs vocal chants/hymns in Choctaw language during his performances.

Students performing in the evening concert will include Allyson Kirby, an undergraduate speech education major from Amarillo; Rod Littau, an undergraduate speech performance major from Amarillo; Mandy Rhea Manning, a communications graduate student from Spokane, Wash.; Luanne Brown, a communications graduate student from Canyon; Carol Hicks, a graduate student in reading education; and Michelle Orcutt, a communication graduate student from Amarillo and more.

To reserve a place for the workshop, call (806) 651-2800 or e-mail uanson@mail.wtamu.edu.

Since seating is limited, reservations are recommended for the evening festival. Admission to the concert is free. For more information, call (806) 651-2800 or (806) 651-2799.

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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. This changes to 12 noon Tuesday on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Meeting the deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

DAR

Author Ellen Jayne Wheeler reviewed her book "Cherokee Outlet Cowboy" at the monthly meeting recently of Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held at the home of Betty White.

Dr. Wheeler told of the life of her great-grandfather — a cowboy on the Cherokee Outlet from 1870 to 1892 who was in the Arapaho land run. She researched family records and quoted the cowboy language that she took from her grandfather's records.

The cow puncher furnished his own clothes, rope and saddle. In winter, he wore airtight boots, heavy cowhide leggings, heavy socks, woolen pants and shirt and carried blankets. One of the entertaining times was at spring roundup, when they collected the cattle that had strayed in the winter storms.

Dr. Wheeler, who studied at the Academy of Music in Vienna, Austria, has a Ph.D. in musical arts and vocal performance from Oklahoma University. She is currently teaching vocal music in Oklahoma City and recently returned from participating in a seminar in Singapore, China, on comparisons of the arts in the world — visual, performing and architectural.

Dr. Wheeler closed her program by singing some cowboy songs that were sung to the tune of Irish melodies in that area of Oklahoma.

Willie Mae Mangold was delegate to the Texas State Conference of DAR earlier this month in Dallas. The next meeting will feature "Teddy Roosevelt" by Frances Gross and will be held in the home of Louisa Britton.

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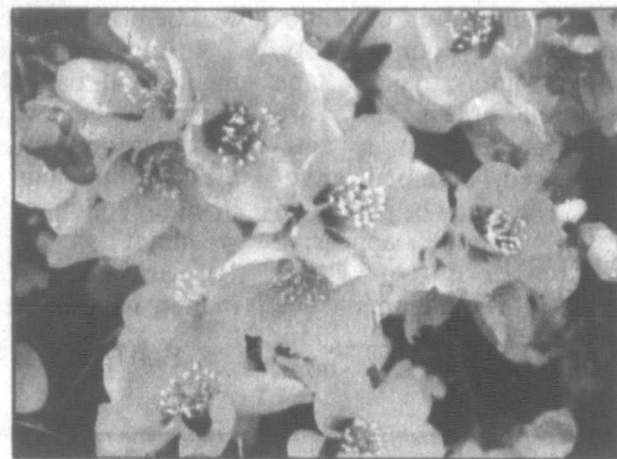
Preceptor Theta Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met March 14 at the home of Pat Kindle.

During the meeting, Nancy Brodgin, scholarship chair, announced that forms are in the counselor's office for the 2005 Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship. Kindle delivered the program on "Everyday Activities" that can help keep a body fit and in shape.

The next meeting is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. March 28 in the parlor of First Christian Church with hostess Carolyn Smith.



Spring is here



Today is the first day of spring. It is also Palm Sunday.

The vernal (which means "spring") equinox occurred at 6:34 a.m. Central Standard Time today. This is one of two times each year in which the sun is directly over the equator, and day and night are of equal length all over the world. The word "equinox," translated literally, means "equal night."

The second equinox this year will be at 5:23 p.m. Central Daylight Time on Sept. 22 and will mark the beginning of autumn.

The vernal equinox has been recognized by people for thousands of years. The early Egyptians built the Great Sphinx so that it points directly toward the rising sun on the day of

the vernal equinox.

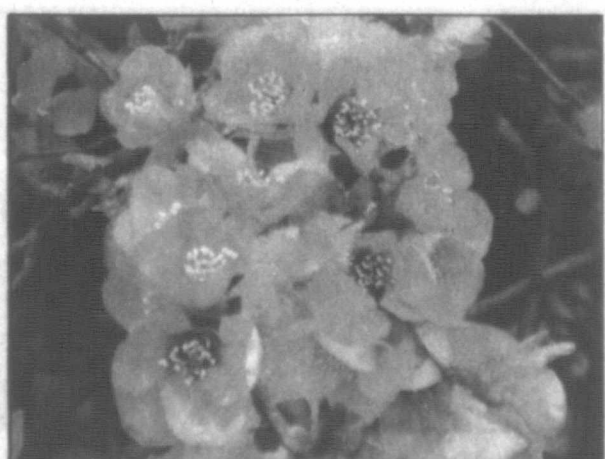
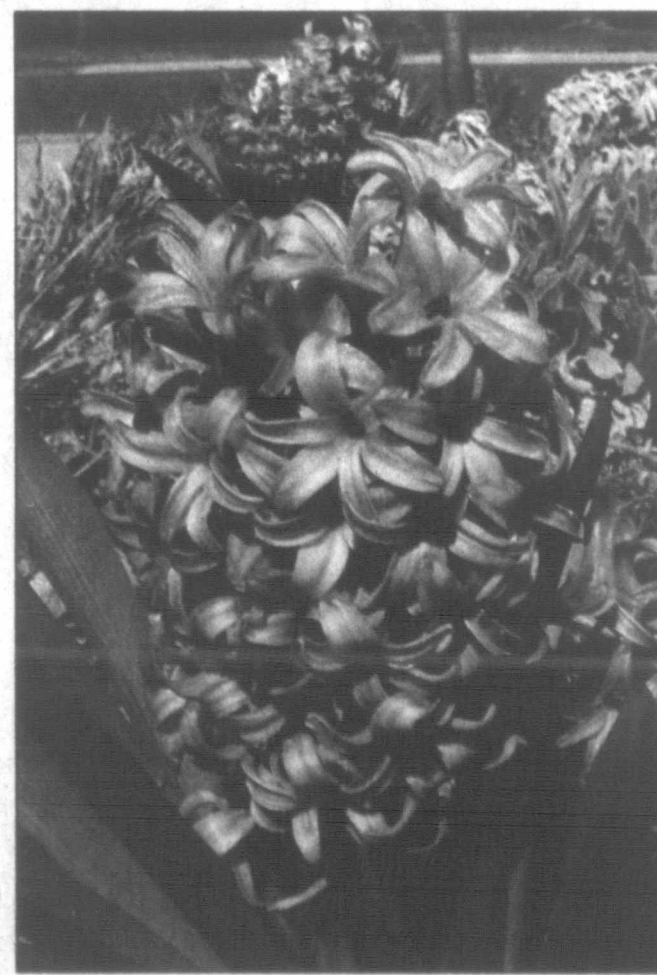
The Persian New Year begins on the vernal equinox. The Iranians celebrate the festival of Norouz on this day. In Japan, today is an official national holiday, and is spent visiting family graves and holding family reunions.



Earth Day has been celebrated on the vernal equinox since the first Earth Day on March 21, 1970.

Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon to occur after the vernal equinox. If spring is here, Easter isn't far away.

On this page are photographs of some of the signs of spring in Pampa, including the robin and some of the first blossoms and green foliage to appear at winter's end.



Story and photos by
Marilyn Powers



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Lifestyles Policy

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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.

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Lefors couple married 60 years

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Kempf of Lefors will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. March 26 at Pampa Community Building (the Chamber building) in Pampa. Children of the couple will host the reception.

Wilbur Kempf and Betty Koons were married March 30, 1945, at Ringwood, Okla. They have lived in Lefors for 17 years, where they are members of Lefors United Methodist Church and Lefors Senior Citizens.

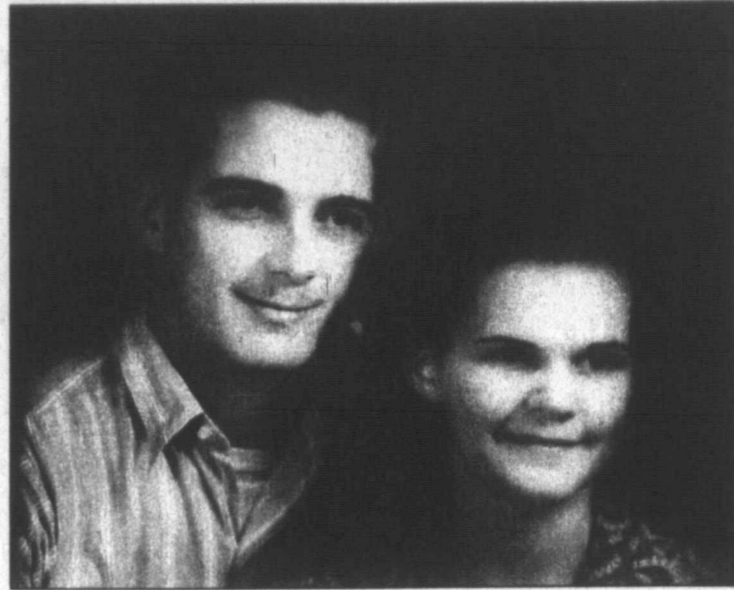
Mr. Kempf farms and is retired from Moody Farms, where he worked for 25

years prior to retiring in 1995.

He now serves on Lefors Credit Union Board of Directors.

Mrs. Kempf worked for Lad and Lassie for 10 years before retiring in 1995.

Children of the couple are Sharyl and Merv Darnall of Oscoda, Mich., RJ and Honey Kempf of Groom, Janeen and Carl Baumgardner and Monte and Marie Kempf, all of Amarillo, and Doug and Cindy Kempf of Pampa. They have 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Kempf

Bedford site of Smith, Rodriguez nuptials

Andrea Rodriguez of Fort Worth and Woody Smith of Menlo Park, Calif., exchanged wedding vows Jan. 29 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Bedford with Deacon Lonnie Weaver officiating.

Angela Rodriguez, sister of the bride of Lubbock, was maid of honor. Cross bearer was Valerie Johnson, cousin of the bride of Houston. The flower girls were Alexis Johnson, cousin of the bride of Lubbock, and Anjana Kumar of Arlington.

Standing up as best man was Robert Duffy of Folsom, Calif. Garrett Ely, cousin of the bride of Pampa, was ring bearer. The ushers were Johnny Haynes and Zachariah Haynes, both cousins of the bride, and Danny

Hajmassy, all of Levelland.

A reception, dinner and dance at Texas Star Golf Course in Eules immediately followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Domingo and Peggy Rodriguez of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Correne Nichols of Pampa and Josefina Rodriguez of Levelland. She is currently employed at American Airlines Credit Union.

The groom is the son of Frank Smith and Pearl Jean Fine of Menlo Park. He currently owns Peninsula Thai Kickboxing in San Carlos, Calif.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Seattle, Wash., and intend to make their home in San Carlos.



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Menus

Week of March 21-25

Pampa Schools MONDAY

Breakfast: Donuts, sausage.
Lunch: Fish strips or pizza dippers, potato rounds, English peas, fruit, rolls.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Cheese omelets, toast.
Lunch: Beef enchilada or chicken strips, Western beans, salad, fruit, Spanish rice.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits, sausage gravy.
Lunch: Popcorn chicken or macaroni cheese, mashed potatoes, green beans, peach cups, rolls.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls.
Lunch: Chef salad or beef/cheese nachos, pinto beans, pineapple, gelatin.

FRIDAY

No school.

Lefors Schools MONDAY

Breakfast: Oatmeal, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Ravioli or pigs-in-a-blanket, peas, fried okra, applesauce, salad bar.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Meatloaf or macaroni cheese, green beans, jello salad, tropical fruit, salad bar.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Pancake-on-a-stick, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza or chicken nuggets, corn, oranges, salad bar.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Sack lunch.

FRIDAY

No school.

Kid's Cafe-Wilson MONDAY

Corndogs, potato wedges, pork and beans, dessert.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Oatmeal, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Ravioli or pigs-in-a-blanket, peas, fried okra, applesauce, salad bar.

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THURSDAY

Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Sack lunch.

FRIDAY

No school.

Kid's Cafe-Lamar TUESDAY

Barbecue smoked sausage, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, peach crisps.

THURSDAY

Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pudding cups, rolls.

Senior Citizens MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or stir fry chicken/rice, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, peaches and cream cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Baked cod fish/garden rice or Salisbury steak, potato wedges, Italian green beans, corn cobettes, beans, tomato spice cake or blueberry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, winter blend, carrots, beans, chocolate pistachio cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or liver and onions, cheese potatoes, turnip greens, macaroni tomatoes, beans, marble cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Closed for Good Friday.

Meals On Wheels MONDAY

Sloppy Joes, tater tots, pork and beans, pineapple.

TUESDAY

Eggs and bacon casserole, hashbrowns, biscuits, gravy, peaches.

WEDNESDAY

Chicken pot pie, pickled beets, corn, cake.

THURSDAY

Corndogs, macaroni cheese, peas/carrots, applesauce.

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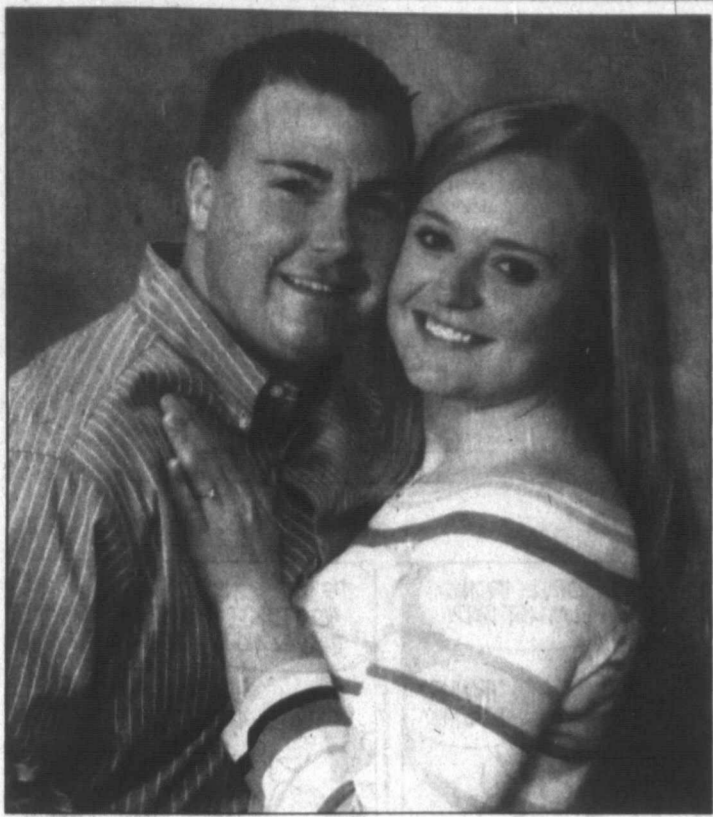
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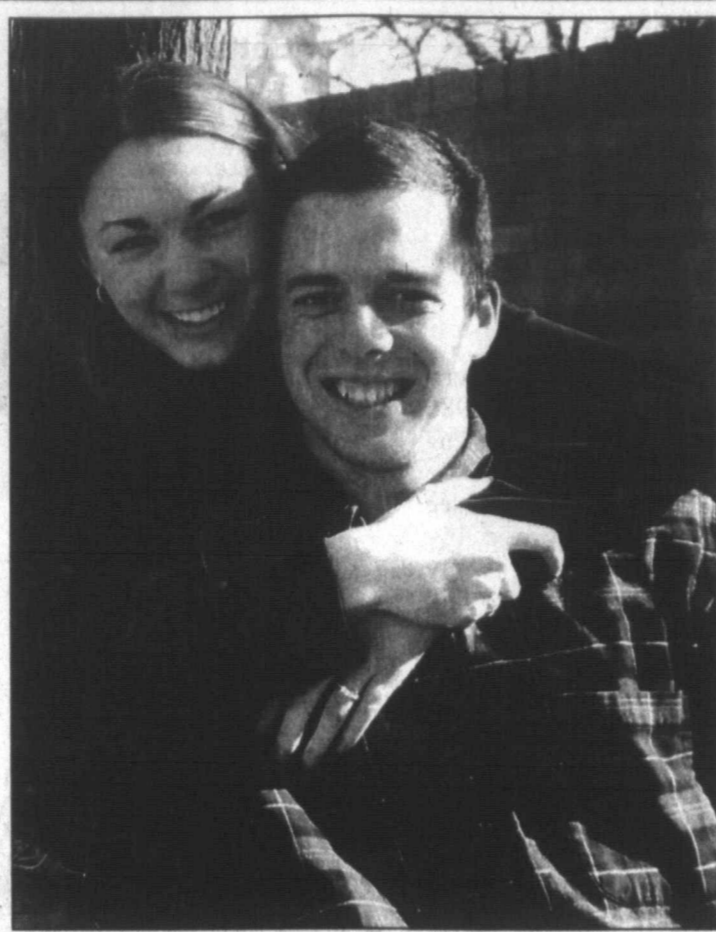
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Waters/Laurence

Emily Diane Waters and Michael Steven Laurence plan to wed Saturday, June 11, at First Baptist Church of Pampa. The bride-elect, presently of Fort Worth, is the daughter of Leland W. and Diane Waters of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2000 and from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth in the fall of 2003, earning a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology. While attending TCU, she belonged to Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, Gamma Sigma Alpha, a Greek honor society, and Kappa Delta Pi, an education honor society. She lettered in tennis at TCU for three years and is currently a science teacher and head tennis coach at Azle High School in Azle. The future groom is the son of Fred E. and Carol Laurence of Taylor. He graduated from Taylor High School in 1996 and received a bachelor of arts degree in general studies from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor at Belton in the spring of 2003. While at university, he played tennis and football. Besides working as a history teacher and coach at Azle Junior High School, he is currently a youth minister at Lufkin, Taylor, Thrall and Clifton.



Raber/Jackson

Kendra Raber and Nathan Jackson plan to wed Saturday, June 4, at First United Methodist Church in Pampa. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Craig and Ronna Raber of Pampa. She is currently pursuing a degree in biochemistry at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan. The future groom is the son of Dwight and Marilyn Jackson of Siloam Springs, Ark. He holds a degree in construction management from John Brown University. He is currently employed at New Life Ranch and is an adjunct professor at JBU.

County genealogical society to host speaker

Genealogy has become, a news release from Gray County Genealogy Society says, the number one hobby in the United States primarily due to the easy access given by the computer explosion.

Coin and stamp collecting and gardening have fallen behind. Over 40 million Americans now are actively involved in the search for their ancestors. Some reluctant people say they might find a thief in the family records, the genealogist thinks this is what makes the search interesting and colorful.

Gray County Genealogical Society is helping those interested to become active in finding their family histories. If you are lucky, you might tap into an existing family surname document with perhaps hundreds of ancestors already listed and located.

Eric Spellmann, a computer expert who owns his own company is coming to Pampa to give a program on "Tips and Tricks for Searching the Internet." The meeting will be an overview of genealogy on the Internet and will tell how to narrow the focus to your needs.

Spellmann specializes in a "ground zero" approach so that everyone can benefit from his educational programs. His programs have been on TV and he publishes a syndicated weekly column for 10 newspapers including the Amarillo Globe News.

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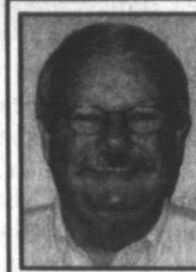
hold the Monday, March 28th meeting at Lovett Memorial Library. The meeting is free and open to the public. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the library auditorium and will include a question and answer session in the field of genealogy research.

Newsmakers

AMARILLO — Twenty-two students recently graduated from Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy Basic Peace Officer Academy Certification program, a news release from Amarillo College said. Keynote speaker was Richard Martindale, an assistant district attorney for Potter County.

Awards were presented to Darell Luster of White Deer, who was class valedictorian. Luster earned the John Stanton

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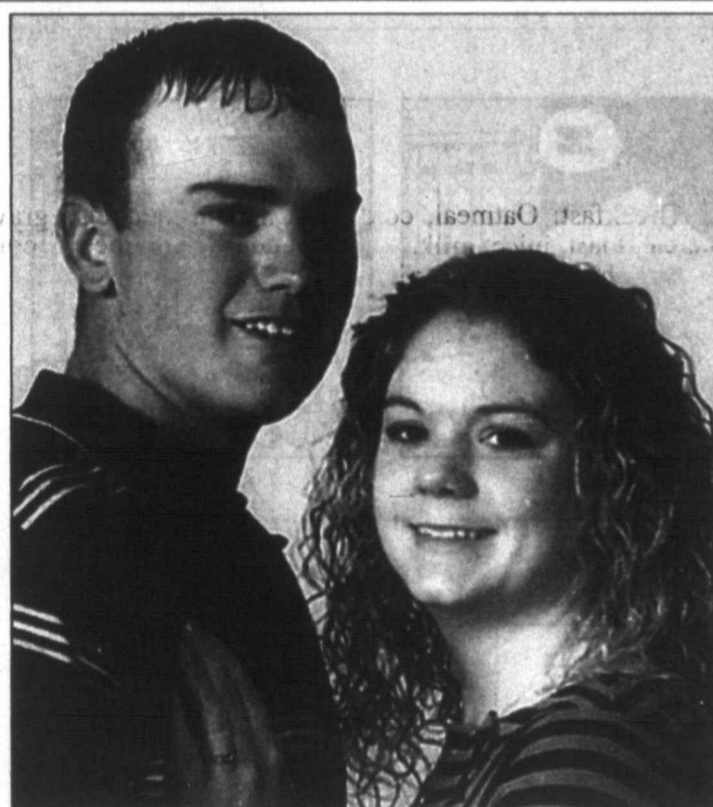
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Meadows/Goen

Cassie Leigh Meadows and Travis Jesse Goen, both of Canyon, plan to wed Saturday, June 4, at University Church of Christ in Canyon. The bride-elect is the daughter of Dale and Shonda Meadows of Pampa. She is scheduled to graduate from West Texas A&M University in Canyon this spring with a bachelor's degree in communications disorders. She plans to begin her graduate studies in the fall and is currently employed at High Plains Children's Home in Amarillo. The future groom is the son of Brady and Jenny Goen of Shallowater. He is currently pursuing a degree in composite science at WTAMU, where he is employed as supervisor of Intramural Sports. He works for Lee Lewis Construction as well. His future plans are to teach science and coach sports. Both are members of University Church of Christ in Canyon.

Policy

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in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

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

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

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

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My mother is 80 and still lives by herself. She has had three strokes in the last two years, and her memory is very bad. She is also very stubborn and belligerent. She really belongs in an assisted-living facility; however, she refuses to go to one. She says she'll kill herself first.

I manage Mama's finances. I also make her doctor's appointments, transport her there, take her to the pharmacy, the grocery store, etc. I do all Mama's driving because she can't leave the block she lives on without getting lost.

Mother depends on me for everything, and she hates my husband of 18 years, who treats us both like gold. She would never admit it, but she hates him because he's physically disabled and it keeps me from giving her all my time and attention.

Mama tries to make me feel guilty by acting like she's completely helpless. There are a lot of things she could do for herself, but she refuses. I'm always stressed out over her, on top of the load I'm carrying with my husband and daughter. Have you any suggestions? -- STRESSED TO THE MAX IN TULSA

DEAR STRESSED: You are a conscientious, dutiful daughter. However, people can spread themselves only so thin without it beginning to affect their health.

If your mother's reasoning had not been already affected by strokes and dementia, she would realize that fact. The time has come to call her doctor and discuss what alternatives might be available in caring for her. Assisted living would be ideal, but only if she could adjust to it. If it would be too traumatic, perhaps a part-time caregiver could be hired through senior services in your community.

DEAR ABBY: I was in a serious car accident back in 1986 and have been living with the facial scars ever since. I hate the way I look and would like to see if a doctor can improve my appearance. The problem is, my husband doesn't want me to talk to a doctor.

Yes, I had the scars when I met my husband 15 years ago. I have lived with the deformities for a very long time. But not a day goes by that I don't think about how I could look if I had surgery to improve my appearance.

I don't know if my insurance would cover the costs of surgery, but when it comes to my husband "needing" a boat, Jeep or snowmobile or whatever suits his fancy at the time -- money is never a problem.

I have money from the car accident, and if there were any costs for the surgery, it wouldn't have to come out of my husband's paycheck. I cannot express to you how bad I feel about myself, but my husband does know. Do you think I should see a doctor to find out if surgery is an option for me, or should I just accept the way I am and not think about improving my appearance? -- SCARRED AND CONFUSED IN PHILADELPHIA

DEAR SCARRED: By all means consult a plastic surgeon. You deserve to be the best that you can be. However, when you do, please understand that it could change the dynamics of your relationship with your husband. It appears that he has a vested interest in keeping you just as you are, and the reason may be that he is afraid he will lose you if you look different. Some sessions with a marriage counselor might put his fears to rest. Much depends upon his own level of self-esteem.

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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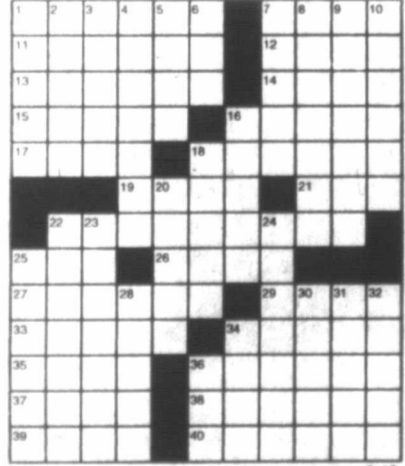
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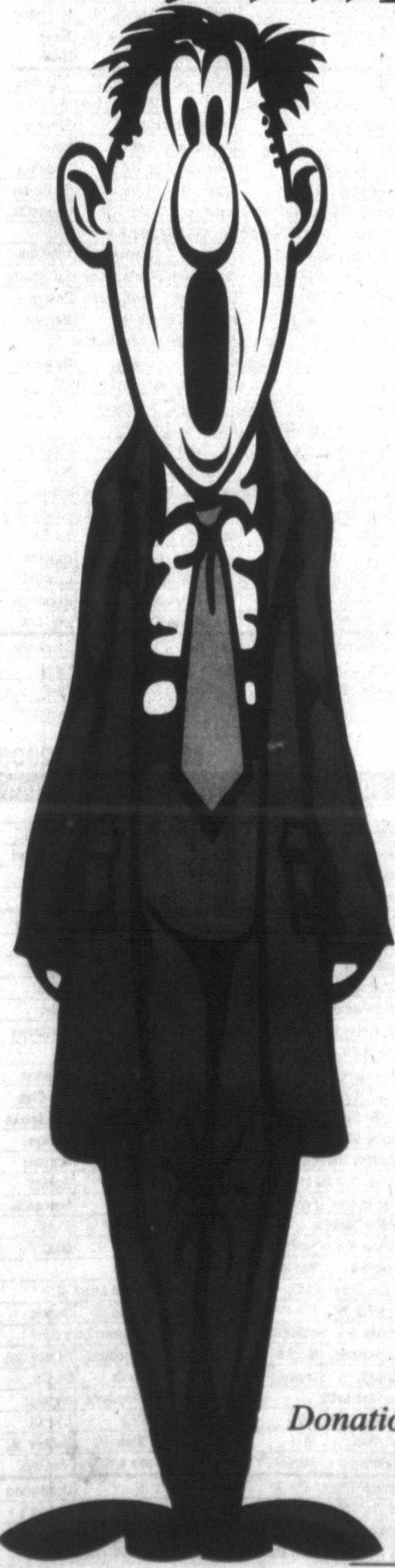
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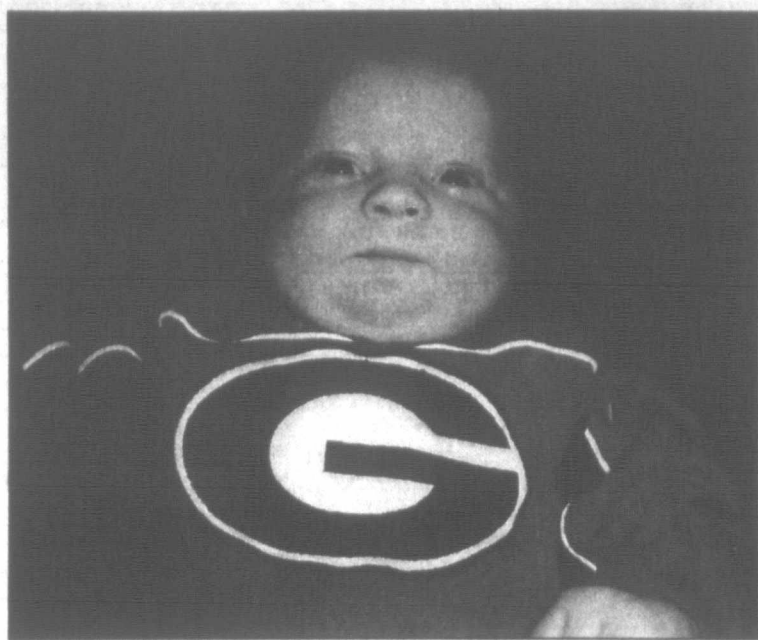
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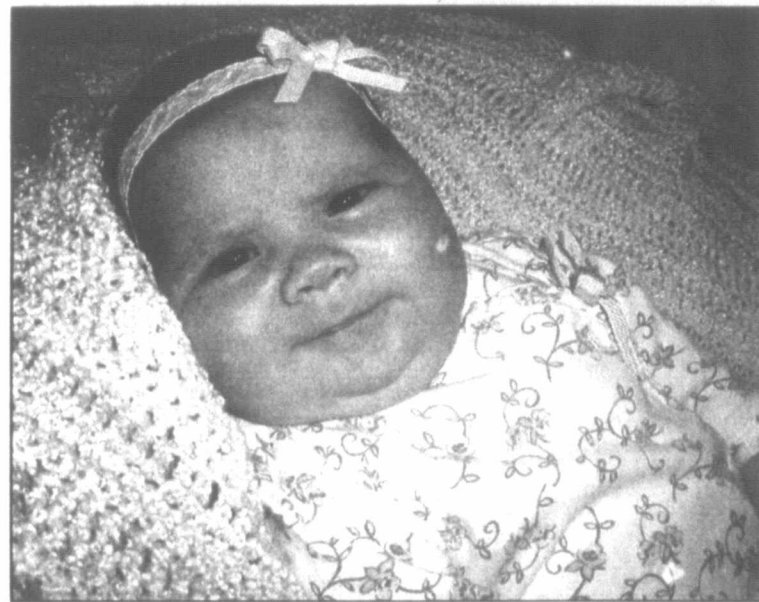
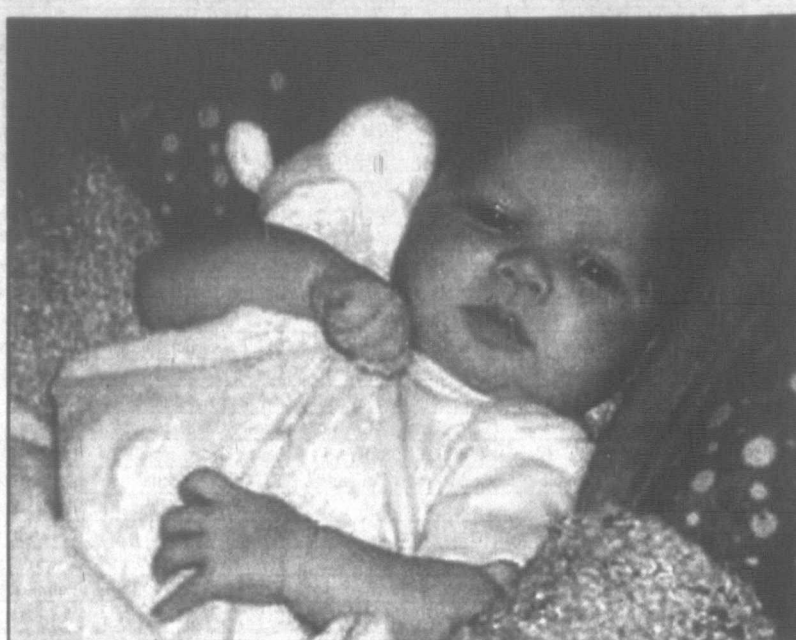
▼ **Korbin Jay Preston**

Korbin Jay Preston was born at 9:22 p.m. Feb. 13 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, to DeeJ and Kayla Preston of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 10 1/2-ounces and was 20 3/4-inches long. Relatives include grandparents, Carol Preston of Lefors, Ron and Janis Ebel of Pampa and Tim and Sheril Conner of Cumming, Ga.; great-grandparents, Layne and Mae Conner of Pampa, Orval and Janell Farrar of Prescott, Ariz., Dale and Mary Ebel of Dumas, Bay and Bobbie Baldrige of Dimmitt and RosaLee Atwood of Wheeler; and great-great-grandparent, A.M. Dennis of Pampa.



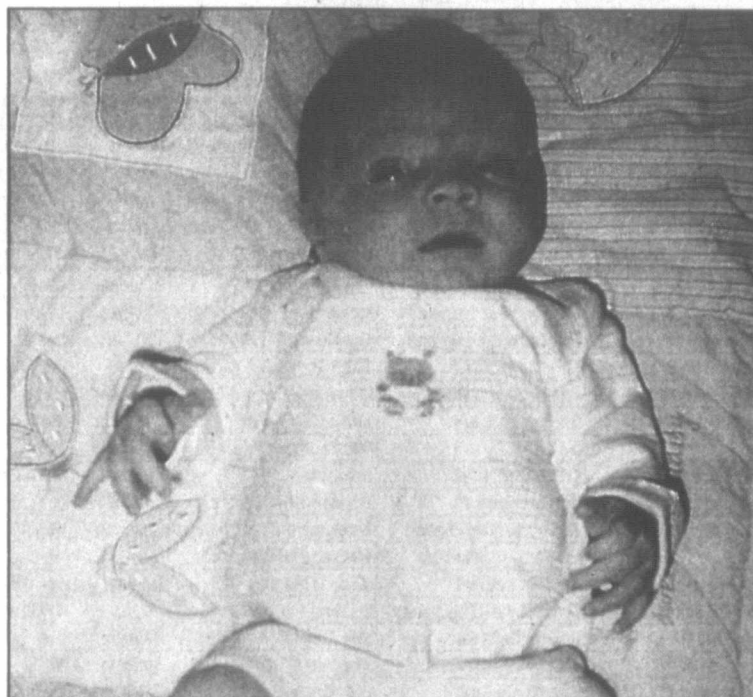
▼ **Aden Roy Wright**

Aden Roy Wright was born at 7:14 p.m. Feb. 8 at Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital in 29 Palms, Calif., to Tami and Roy "Trae" Wright of 29 Palms. At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds, 6-ounces and was 19.8-inches long. Relatives include a brother, Tristen Wright; and grandparents, Carl and Cindy Graves, Melvin and Sue Clark, all of Pampa, Dolores and John Jennings of Duncan, Okla., Leon and Betty Wright of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Roy and Joyce Wright of Bethany, Okla.



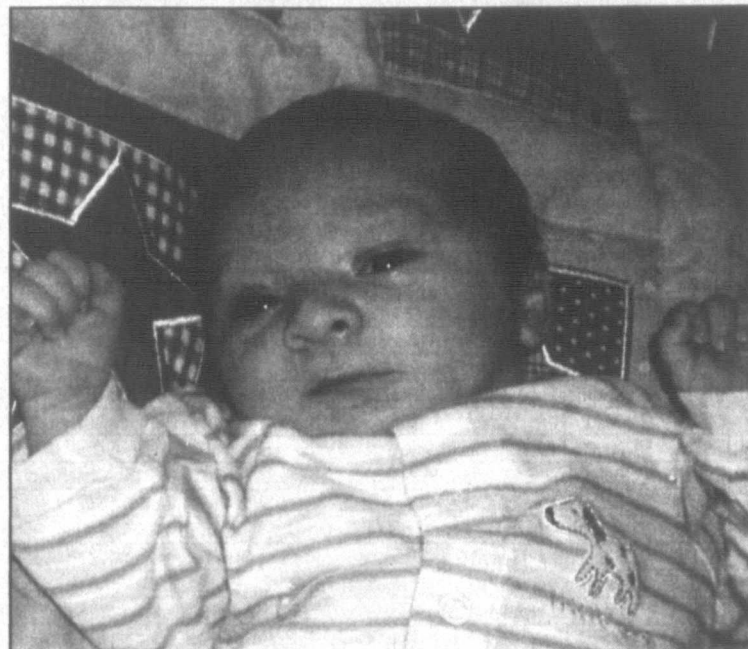
Kendyll Brooke Roberson

Kendyll Brooke Roberson was born at 8:47 a.m. January 19 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, to Keith and Susan Roberson of Lefors. At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds, 5-ounces and was 19 1/4-inches long. Relatives include brothers, Trent Roberson and Brent Roberson, both of Lefors; a sister, Kaitlyn Roberson of Lefors; and grandparents, Carl and Cindy Graves of Pampa, Nell Roberson of Lefors, and Melvin and Sue Clark of Pampa.



Kaydence Patricia Roark

Kaydence Patricia Roark was born at 1:06 p.m. Feb. 8 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, to Jason and Kelleen Roark of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 6 1/4-ounces and was 19 1/4-inches long. Relatives include grandparents, Denny and Donna Roark and Ron and Janis Ebel, all of Pampa.



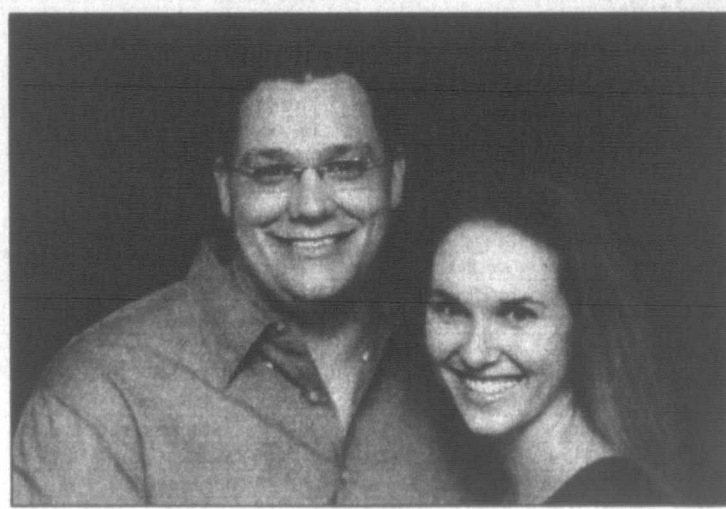
Taylor Scott Harrison

Taylor Scott Harrison was born on Jan. 19, at Corpus Christi, to Christopher and Melissa Harrison, who recently moved back to Pampa. Relatives include grandparents, Bob and Liza Harrison of Pampa and Jack and Cindy Gindorf of Austin; and great-grandparents, Glendora Gindorf of Austin, Art and Toni Martinez and Doug and BJ Harrison, all of Santa Rosa, N.M.

Bradley/Ladd

Amy Wyn Bradley and Aaron Kent Ladd plan to wed Saturday, June 18, at First Christian Church in Pampa. The bride-to-be is the daughter of James and Gaylene Bradley of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and the University of Oklahoma in 2000, where she earned a degree in business marketing. In 2003, she received a degree in elementary education from Southern Methodist University and is currently a kindergarten teacher employed with Dallas

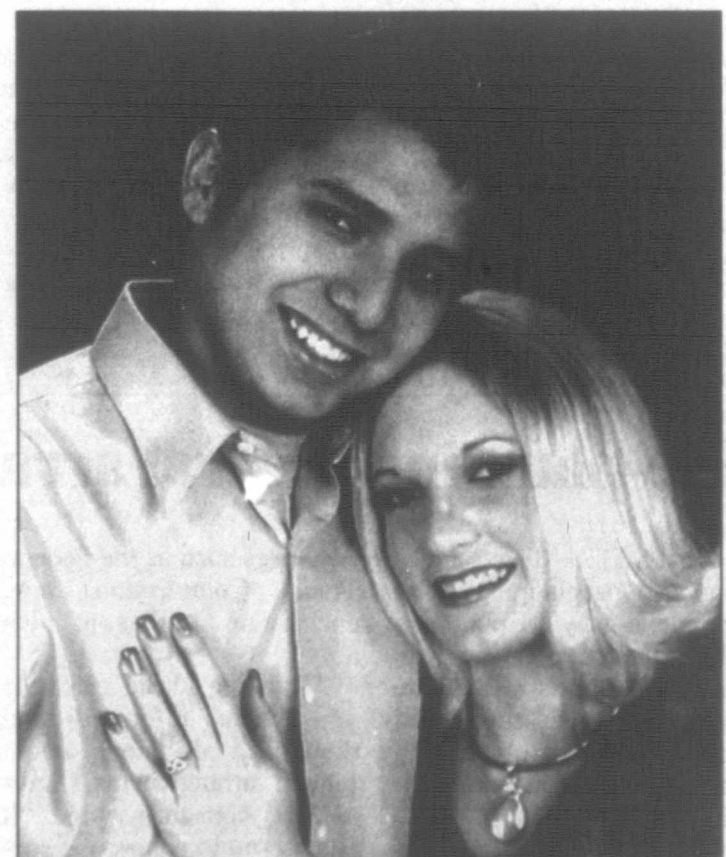
Independent School District. She lives in Southlake. The future groom is the son of Kent and Cathie Ladd of Bedford. He graduated from Trinity High School in 1996 and earned a degree in public affairs and corporate communications from SMU in 2001. He is currently employed with Imperium Staffing in Bedford.



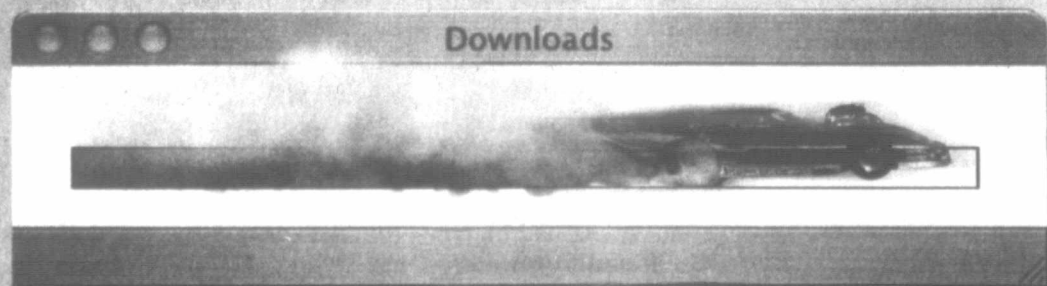
Skinner/Salazar

Jera Nikolle Skinner and Josue Salazar plan to wed Saturday, July 16 at Briarwood Church in Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Shannon Beck and Jerry Skinner, both of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2004 and is currently attending Clarendon College. She is a teller at FirstBank Southwest and a waitress at Texas Rose Steakhouse. The future groom is the son of Leticia Salazar and Magda Blanco, both of Pampa. He graduated from PHS in 2003 and attended ATI where he received a degree in brakes and suspension. He is currently

enrolled at Clarendon mechanic at JR's College and is a Alignment.



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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Perk up and enjoy yourself. You do everything perfectly. You flow with unusual ease. Pay attention to others. Listen and observe. Your solution-finding and creative skills flourish; let your gifts flow. Tonight: Whooping it up. Friends surround you. This Week: Venus moves into your sign Tuesday. Others go along with your ideas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Slow down and enjoy your home life more. A parent needs and demands your attention. Schedule time to visit with family, leaving some special time to yourself. Remember, you cannot be everywhere at one time. Tonight: Slow down, please. This Week: You start Monday slowly, only to rev up to high gear. Observe a tendency to be overly sensitive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Make an extra effort to connect with those you care about. Consider making weekly calls a habit. Plan for a movie or late lunch with friends. You could hear some very interesting news from someone at a distance. A trip could be involved. Tonight: Socialize all you want!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 21, 2005:

This year, you might not be sure whether to follow your instincts or your intellect. You sift through confusion, especially when your friends put their 2 cents in. In some ways, you are best off using proven, independent sources. Look at problems as challenges. This positive attitude will result in unusual success. Domestic matters evolve at a slow pace. Purchases involving real estate are slow to come to fruition. If you are single, you'll have your pick of potential suitors. You also might decide to date rather than commit. If you are attached, you feel the heat associated with a new relationship between the two of you. You will feel like new lovers again. Children play a significant role in your year. LEO makes you laugh.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You easily feel inspired by others, and they by you. Could you have caught a hefty case of spring fever? A family member will become a little less difficult, and/or a matter involving your home will develop but is resolvable. Tonight: Brainstorm away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ You might not have been able to find the right words to express your feelings. You have said nothing because of the seriousness of the emotions involved. Try talking. A boss or a community matter demands your attention. Tonight: Head home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You finally clear the decks

This Week: Take an active path. You hit the bull's-eye.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Investigate the costs before you make a major purchase. Don't decide to tell a partner what you have done after the fact; share the process with him or her. You could discover that this person has strong feelings about what you are doing. Tonight: Revise your budget.

This Week: Your possessive side comes out. Let your feelings flow. Others like what they see.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ The Moon in your sign energizes the Lion and emphasizes your natural characteristics. A friend or loved one might be unusually reactive and strong-willed. Count on this attitude kicking in for several weeks. Tonight: What would make you happy?

This Week: You are on a roll Monday. Make it a point to walk in others' shoes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ You might want to pull back and get some extra downtime. Many times you deal with a partner or associate better on a more intimate level. A one-on-one conversation helps you reconnect on a more profound level. Tonight: Get extra R and R.

This Week: Regroup Monday and Tuesday. You are a force to be dealt with the rest of the week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Friends help you relax and enjoy. A partnership or key relationship plays into your plans. Interactions with a child or new friend could be more intense than you counted on. Flow rather than buck trends. Tonight: Let it all happen.

This Week: You say "yes" while others debate the pros and cons. Do your thing, especially after Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ Lead others rather than allow a project or event to fall apart. You know what you need to do; just do it. A family member pushes hard to have his or her way. You could discover that this person will be on the warpath for quite a while. Tonight:

financially. As a result, you feel much better than you have in a while. You aren't getting all the facts in a key situation. Know that another person could be very confused. Tonight: Catch up on phone calls.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Lately you have felt restrained or held back. Although you don't lose your serious attitude, you do see more possibilities. You can be sure someone doesn't grasp a key financial situation. If it is your accountant, do schedule another appointment! Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You smile, and others cannot do enough for you. One person you might have put on a pedestal could be confused at best or deceptive at worst. Keep communication flowing. A sense of heaviness or restriction will soon leave you. Tonight: Do what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Know when to pull back. Someone will express his or her feelings more clearly as a result. A meeting or conversation could clear the air -- if not today, then in the near future. Follow your intuition with a money matter; i.e., buy that lottery ticket if you feel lucky! Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Eye the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, and don't get distracted by everything that happens around you. Your focus can make or break you. A community or professional endeavor becomes clearer. Accept responsibility. Someone you look up to could change his or her views. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You do an outstanding job of figuring out what might be asked. Your

Count on being up late.

This Week: Aim high. Take a leadership role. Work with groups from Wednesday on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your creativity surges. Get down to basics before brainstorming. Your ability to see life opens others up. Make long-distance calls. Let your fiery nature emerge when dealing with others. The impulsiveness spells success. Tonight: Understand another person better.

This Week: Make inquiries. Study different approaches. On Wednesday, your creativity pushes you into the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Family and close relationships take high priorities. A purchase for your home might be a bit more than you'd anticipated. You find a partner's feedback to be important. Work as a team, not as an isolated individual. Tonight: Let someone else decide.

This Week: Deal with money matters head-on. Pull back and gain a perspective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Mars enters your sign, adding to your verve and energy. You might be far more passionate than usual, and others could react to that. Let someone you trust initiate conversations and design plans. Tonight: Defer for the moment.

This Week: Others run with the ball. Right now, you cannot take charge or control. Roll with the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Schedule more downtime than usual. Think about a purchase before you actually go off and make it. You might want to think through a decision first. Don't sit on your anger. Talk. Tonight: Easy does it.

This Week: Handle what you must early in the week. You could be overwhelmed after Tuesday.

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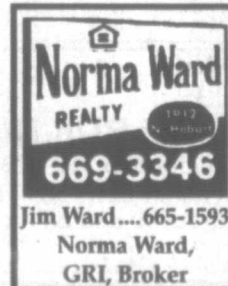
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Any banking corporation, association or individual banker of Gray County, Texas, desiring to be selected at such depository may obtain a copy of the proposal specification by contacting the County Judge's office at 205 N. Russell, Pampa or at 669-8007.

Richard Peet
Gray County Judge
B-84 Mar. 13, 20, 27, 2005

1 Public Notice

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Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

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District Engineer
5715 Canyon Dr.
Amarillo, Texas
79105-2708
Phone: 806-356-3283

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B-87 Mar. 18, 20, 2005

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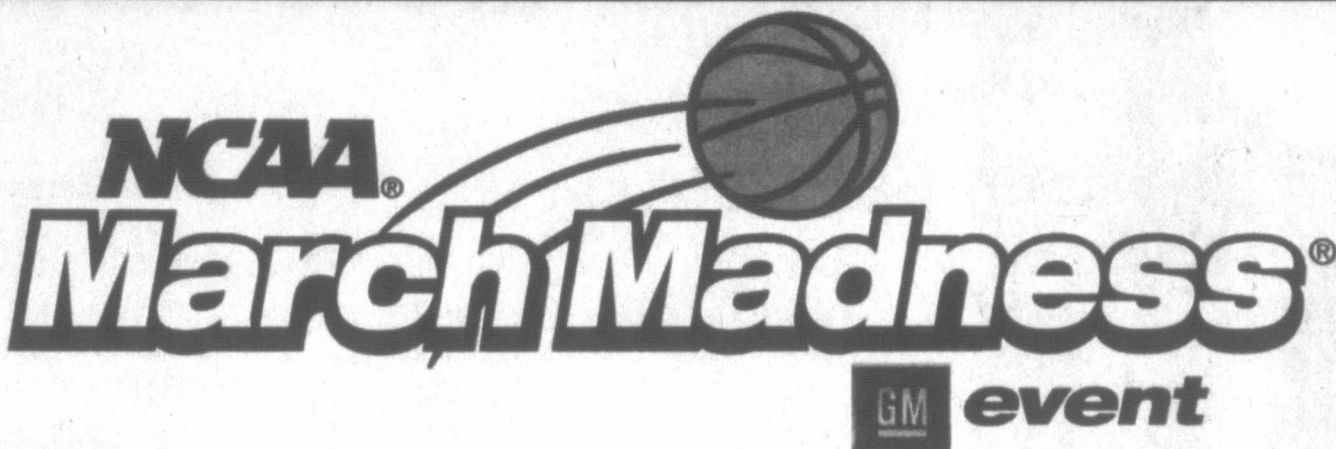
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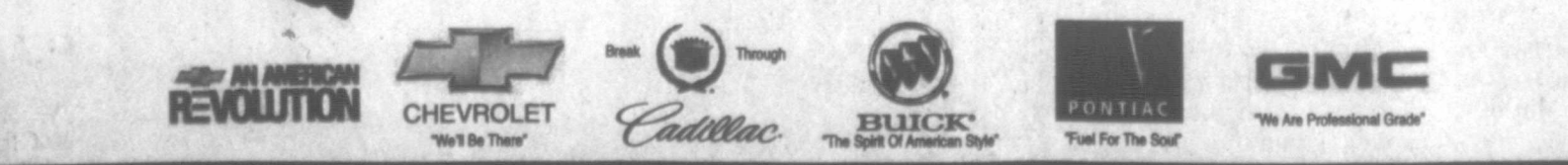
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NEW LISTING - TERRY - Three bedroom home with lots of ceramic tile. Central heat and air, 1-3/4 baths. New interior paint. Large living room. MLS 6665

NEW LISTING - JACKSON, WHITE DEER - Large home with huge master. 2 living areas, fireplace in den. Three bedrooms, one bath. Large lot with many trees. Overized double garage. MLS 6655

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Ag Week

Cattle Women announce Ag Family of the Year

Each year Top O' Texas CattleWomen honors a farming/ranching family during Ag Week, a news release from the organization said. A week is set aside as Ag Week each year to call attention to the contributions of family farmers and ranchers to the national economy and to the national (and world) food supply.

"We rely on agriculture for the necessities of life," the CattleWomen press release said. "From beef and pork to cotton and corn, agriculture is working harder than ever to meet the needs of Americans and others around the world. American agriculture is doing it better and more effectively."

"One family who is doing this," the release continued, "and has for a long time is the John Spearman family of Pampa, Texas."

The press release describes the family and its agriculture operations in the following way:

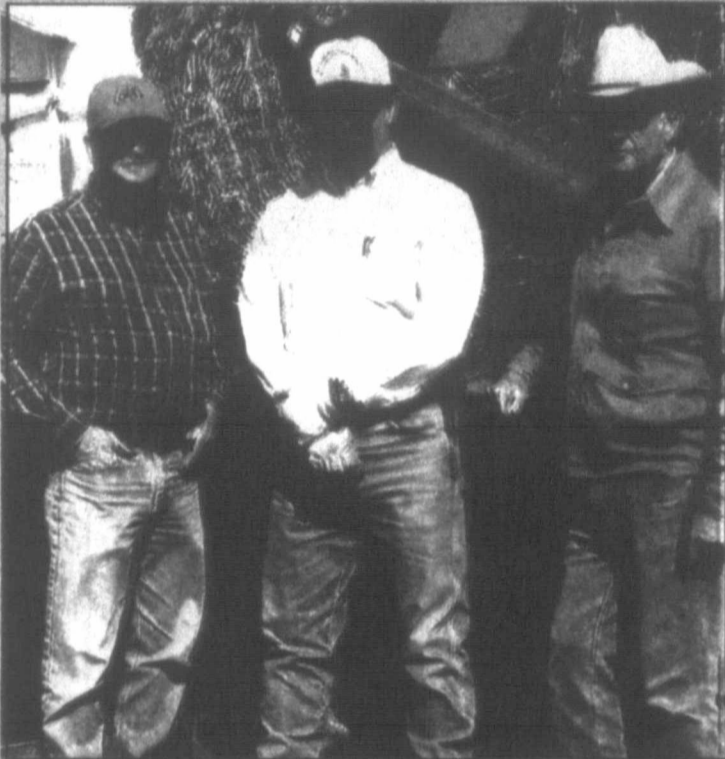
"The Spearman family ranching operation began in 1911 by John R. Spearman III. That year, he came to Gray County to work the wheat harvest and stayed. He began renting land to farm for himself until he purchased the original home place in 1928. He raised Hereford Cattle and farmed wheat and red top cane.

"John Spearman IV began operating the farm and ranch after his father's death in 1944. John married Angela Duncan in 1952. Angela is from another long-time Gray County family. Her grandfather, J.N. Duncan, was the first mayor of Pampa. John and Angela have four children: John R., Margaret, Melinda, and Jay. John and all of his children are graduates of Texas Tech University. All of the children and their families live in Pampa/Miami area except Margaret who lives in Wyoming with husband Steve Horne.

"At present, John, John R., and Jay are involved in the family business. The businesses involved are: Spearman Ranch, Spearman Cattle Co., and J.&J. Farms. Their operation has grown through the years and they have continued to purchase



Ryan Spearman and Jaclyn Spearman.



(Left-right) John R. Spearman, Jay Spearman and John Spearman.

and lease land. They operate land in Gray and Roberts counties. The original home place is approximately halfway between Pampa and Miami and the center of the family's operation.

"They run a diversified operation with cow/calf, stocker cattle, as well as feedlot cattle. They also grow wheat, milo, soybeans, cotton, and hay. They are involved in no till farming practices, crop rotation, and pasture rotation. Some pastures are not grazed during the summer to improve the grass. In the cow/calf operation, the calves are weaned and wintered on wheat and moved to grass for the summer. They retain ownership of raised cattle fed in commercial feedlots for about 120 days. They purchase 450 to 500 pound steers and summer them in commercial feedlots. These days they use 4-wheelers as often as they do their horses to gather the cattle. They have two registered brands. One is a 3 which has been used on the ranch since 1945. The other is a -S.

"Everyone participates in this farming/ranching operation. John R. and Jay each have two sons and one daughter. The sons are vital in helping work the land and cattle and were driving tractors long before they had driver's licenses.

"The Spearman family is active in water conservation. John Sr., served on the board of directors of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District for 28 years, serving as president many of those years. John R. is currently serving on the board of directors. John drilled his first irrigation well in 1956. Currently all their irrigation is through center pivot systems.

"They have belonged to the Texas Southwest Cattle Raisers Association since 1949. They are also members of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association. John's mother, Ruth Spearman, was a charter member of the Top O' Texas Cowbelles (which later became Top O' Texas CattleWomen). Angela, daughter Melinda, and daughters-in-law Janis and Lisa are also members of Top O' Texas CattleWomen.

"In 1995, John, John R., and Jay were honored at the Fort Worth Stock Show by the Fort Worth Star Telegram as 'Texas Best in Corn and Other Feed Grains.'

"All of John and Angela's nine grandchildren are close in age and the best of friends. They all grew up in either Pampa or Miami. John R. and his wife Lisa live on the ranch at Hoover. They have three children: Amy, Reid, and Ryan. Amy is teaching at Highland Park in Amarillo. Reid is a student at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, and Ryan is a freshman at Miami High School.

"Melinda lives in Pampa and has three daughters: Mindee, Celeste, and Kristen. Mindee lives in Pampa with her husband Joel Ferland and daughter Tyler. Celeste lives in Lubbock with husband, Grady Locknane, and Kristen is a student at the Art Institute of Dallas.

"Jay and his wife Janis live in Pampa also and have three children: Jared, Jordan, and Jaclyn. Jared and Jordan are both students at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and Jaclyn is a senior at Pampa High School.

"The cousins always have a great time when they are together at the ranch. They call it 'Camp Spearman.' They continually plan get-togethers with each other. They still enjoy branding days, as well as fun times such as picnics, cousin slumber parties, sledding, swimming, and jumping into Hoover Dam. They also enjoy the wildlife as well as hunting and fishing on the ranch."

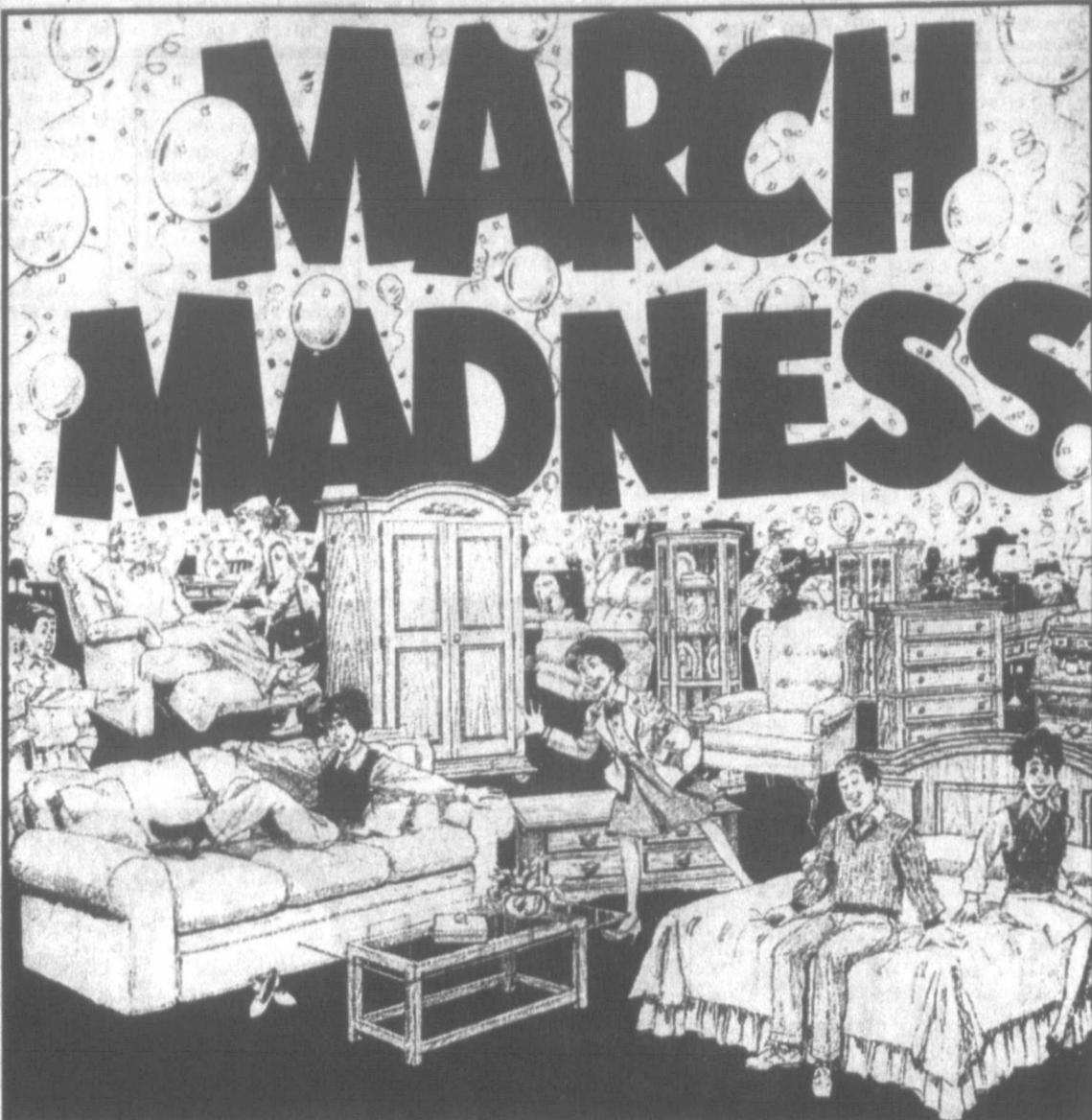
Ag Week

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 20 to 26 is National Agriculture Week in Texas — a time to celebrate the state's farmers and ranchers and acknowledge this far-reaching industry that adds some \$73 billion to the Texas economy.

"Agriculture's roots reach back hundreds of years, and the people who persevered are true pioneers who should be celebrated," Combs said.

From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is the most agriculturally diverse state. Agriculture is the state's second-largest industry and is an economic powerhouse, producing food, horticulture and fiber for consumers across the world.

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