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Gramm may not be out in A&M president search

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm could still be in the running to become the 22nd president of Texas A&M University.

Two unnamed candidates are still being considered for the post, along with three candidates who were named by a search committee Tuesday.

**House candidate pulls out of race**

WACO (AP) — A Texas House candidate running on a "pro-family" platform has withdrawn from a Republican runoff, a little more than a week after choosing to remain in the race despite his wife's decision to file for divorce.

Walt Fair faxed his decision to the state and local party and to the McLennan County elections office Friday.

**DEATHS**

**Cindy Coberley, 46**, certified family nurse practitioner.

**Bunnie Hukill, 72**, employed in apparel business.

**Leona R. Smartt, 74**, nurse's aide.

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**Bond law barrier to small producers**

Law's aim is to keep wells from being left unplugged

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Some small oil and gas producers say they are having a hard time getting the performance bonds required to ensure that wells are properly plugged should they be abandoned.

State Rep. Warren Chisum, who carried the bill in the House, said the bond requirement is necessary in order to

keep a "significant number of people from abandoning the wells."

Chisum, chairman of the House Environmental Committee, said there are about 25,000 abandoned wells throughout Texas, including some in the Texas Panhandle.

For producers with 0 to 9 wells, a \$25,000 blanket performance bond or letter of credit is required, said Bobby Heith, director of public infor-

mation and assistance for the Texas Railroad Commission (TRCC). A \$50,000 bond is required of those with from 10 to 99 wells and a bond of \$250,000 is required for those with 100 or more wells.

Chisum said he's not surprised that some small producers are having difficulty coming up with the bond premiums or letters of credit required.

"I heard from a woman in Spearman just this morning," Chisum told *The Pampa News*. "She has just one well and it's on her property."

"I made a statement on the

"Some people may say this is a radical deal but the state is having to plug these abandoned wells that are causing damage to our environment."

— State Rep. Warren Chisum

House floor that this could be an end to most of the small producers," Chisum said. "Some people may say this is a radical deal but the state is having to plug these abandoned wells that are causing damage to our envi-

ronment."

Heith said 16 abandoned wells in RCC District 10, which includes Gray County, have been approved for plugging and others are in the review process.

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**PEDC meets Monday; to hear Lane's report**

A closed-door session to discuss hiring legal counsel will be held by the Pampa Economic Development Commission when the board meets at 5 p.m. Monday in the conference room at Pampa City Hall.

City attorney Don Lane, who has been representing the PEDC, will give a report on his meeting in Austin recently with Jeff Moore, assistant attorney general and Bob Bearden, local government assistance with the Texas Comptroller's office.

PEDC President Dalton Lewis said Lane will report to the board what he learned about dismantling the PEDC.

"He met with them to learn what we can do and what we can't do," said Lewis. Pampa's economic development corporation is the first 4A group in Texas to be dissolved by a vote of the people.

One item expected to be discussed will be the section of land Celanese donated to the PEDC for economic development use.

Representatives of the company requested recently that the property be turned over to the Pampa Industrial Foundation, a private group of local Pampa citizens.

Lewis said Lane will also report on the legalities involving the old U.S. Bus building.

He said Jennifer Boyer of the Rural Office of Community Affairs in Austin will be in Pampa to meet with the Pampa City Commission and will also meet with the PEDC while in town. She is scheduled to discuss the old U.S. Bus building with the PEDC Board.

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**Incumbent Andrews bids for re-election**

Jeff Andrews has announced he is seeking re-election as Pampa City Commissioner Ward 2. He has served on the commission since being elected in May 1994.

"I have enjoyed serving the citizens of Pampa for the last eight years," he said. "I will continue to talk to people and follow their suggestions in guiding Pampa's future."

Andrews, a certified public accountant, is the controller for Bourland & Leverich Companies in Pampa. He said he has used his financial background to provide insight into the city's financial position these last eight years.

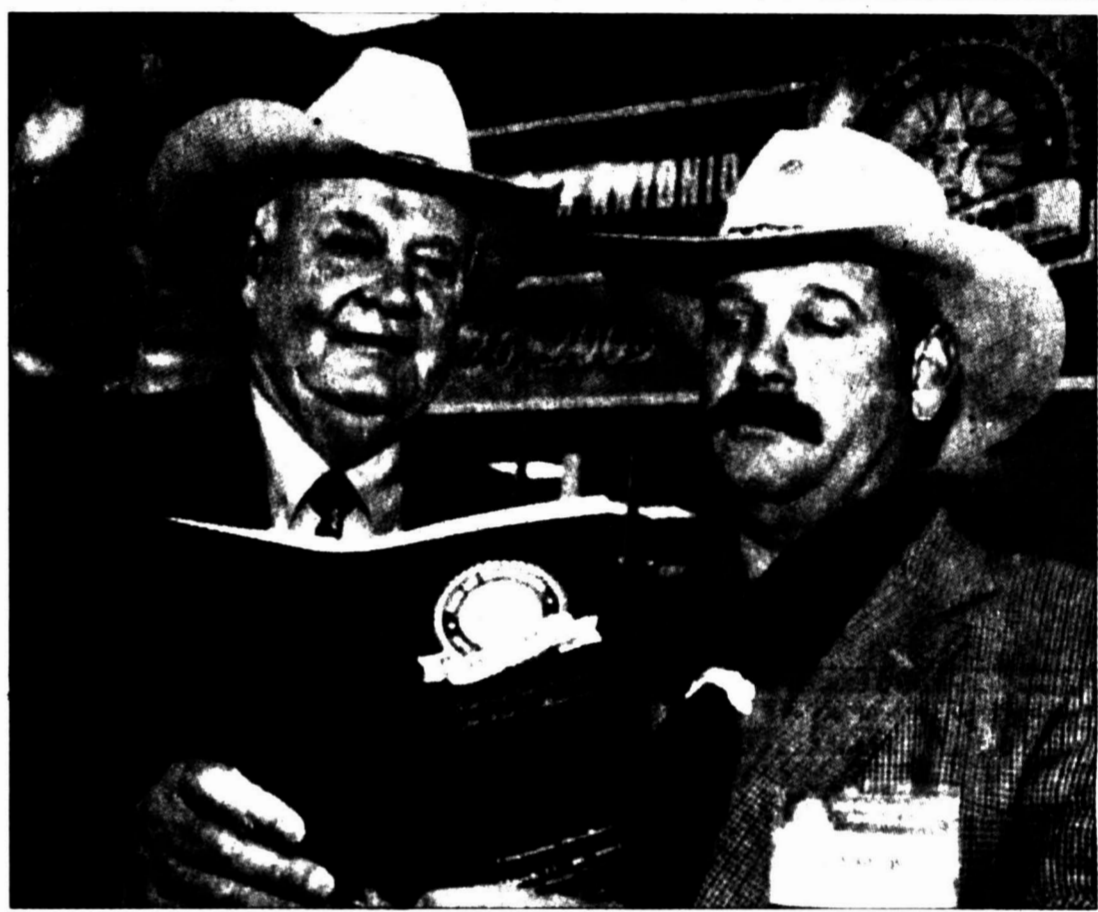
"Pampa has made many improvements in its financial position, but many tough decisions remain as we deal with



Jeff Andrews

the aging infrastructure and equipment," Andrews said. "New government mandates have cost the city several million dollars over the last few years. The new debt required to finance these mandates continues to strain the city budget."

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(Pampa News photos by David Bowser)

Bill and Buck Arrington check their schedules during the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Convention in Fort Worth last week. Below, Lillith Brainard, also attending the convention, peruses a copy of "Cattle Brands: Ironclad Signatures."

**Laney says lawmakers likely to eye tax structure**

By DAVID BOWSER  
STAFF WRITER

FORT WORTH — The state legislature will likely deal with the tax structure of the Lone Star State when it meets next January, according to the Speaker of the House.

Pete Laney, D-Hale Center and Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, told members of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association here last week, the whole tax structure is going to have to be reviewed.

He noted that the state constitution prohibits a state income tax. Any change in



that will have to go before the voters of the state.

The question, he said, is whether the legislature will be able to pull together and

solve some of the problems Texas is facing.

Laney, who faces tough challenges to retain his job as

(See LANEY, Page 3)

**The making of a star ... Hank the Cowdog**

By JADA BRAZELL  
ODESSA AMERICAN

ODESSA, Texas — Hank the Cowdog's job never ends. As head of ranch security, if he's not protecting his ranch from coyotes with his ferocious barking, he's battling fierce milk cows.

The inventor of this humorous security dog character, John Erickson, has written 39 books about Hank and his entourage of animals whose adventures mean serious business and mystery to them, but give their audiences a good laugh.

Before the Hank the Cowdog series became so widespread across the nation, popular with both children and adults, Hank was a mere character in a couple of humor columns Erickson had written for a magazine called *The Cattleman*.

In 1981, Erickson was a ranch hand earning only \$600 a month to support his wife and two children. He decided he needed to start writing columns for the magazine to try to make ends meet.

He said he had written in high school and college, and continued writing every day even when he became a

full-time cowboy at a ranch outside of his hometown of Perryton in 1967, when he got married.

He received rejection slip after rejection slip from publishers even though his humor columns, which were mostly based on his experiences at the ranch, were a hit with their audiences. He was not deterred, and persisted in ranching, writing and running his column, although the column was beginning to get mundane since they were all work-related, nonfiction stories.

"I kind of ran out of ideas and just

slipped from nonfiction to fiction," he said.

He slipped onto the idea of telling tales from Hank's point of view, and submitted a couple of those stories to *The Cattleman*. The two main canine characters, Hank and Drover, were dogs Erickson had known on ranches, he said.

"I thought they were funny in kind of a goofy way," he said.

Perryton citizens began to invite him to tell stories to the community. "I would go out and read some of these

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## OBITUARIES

### SERVICES TOMORROW

**COBERLEY, Cindy** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fife Cemetery, Fife, Texas.  
**SMARTT, Leona R.** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

#### BUNNIE HUKILL 1929-2002

DALLAS — Bonnie Hukill, 72, died Tuesday, March 19, 2002. A memorial service was held Saturday in Sparkman/Hillcrest Northwest Highway Chapel with the Rev. D. Jay Lusher officiating.

Mrs. Hukill was born March 31, 1929, and grew up in Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School. She married Max Hukill. She worked as a secretary and pursued a career

in the apparel business.

Survivors include her children, Hobie Hukill, Steve Hukill, Jill Rhodes, Karl Hukill and Ginger Hukill; her mother, Doyce Shelton; two brothers, James Shelton and George Shelton; and a sister, Jerry Clark.

The family requests memorials be to Stew Pot Community Ministries, 408 Park Ave., Dallas, TX 75201.

#### LEONA R. SMARTT 1927-2002

Leona R. Smartt, 74, of Pampa, died Friday, March 22, 2002, at Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m., Monday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jim Powell, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Director of Pampa.

Mrs. Smartt was born Dec. 4, 1927, in Blain County, Okla., to Elmer and Bertha Yearwood. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1933. She married Jessie Smartt on May 28, 1950, at Clovis, N.M. She worked as a nurse's aide at Highland General Hospital and Coronado Hospital for over 25 years.

She was a member of Hobart Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband, Jessie, of the home; three sisters, Wanda Potter, Jean Bush

and Dorothy Yearwood, all of Pampa; two brothers, Ferrell Yearwood of Pampa and Marvin Yearwood of Riverside, Calif.; three nephews, Gary Potter and wife Becky, and Billy Bush, all of Pampa, and Larry Yearwood of Greenville; seven nieces, Sheila Brewer and husband Robert, and Brenda O'Dell, all of Pampa, Carol Carroll of Amarillo, Kathy, Kelly, Lisa and Julie, all of Riverside, Calif.; seven great-nieces and great-nephews; many great-nephews and nieces; and a special friend, Brenda Heath of Greenville, Texas.

The family will be at 2312 Cherokee in Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, Pampa, TX 79065.

#### CINDY COBERLEY 1956-2002

MULESHOE — Cindy Coberley, 46, died Friday, March 22, 2002, at Amarillo, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Monday, March 25, 2002, at Fife Cemetery, Fife, Texas, with the Rev. Steve Claybrook, pastor of New Covenant Church of Muleshoe, officiating. Memorial services will be at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at New Covenant Church in Muleshoe. Arrangements are by Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon. Burial will be in Fife Cemetery, Fife, Texas.

Cindy Coberley was born on Jan. 15, 1956, in Houston, Texas, to William and Betty Jo Lohn Tedder. She grew up and attended public schools in Abilene, Texas, and graduated from Cooper High School in 1974. She attended Hardin-Simmons University, majoring in nursing, and graduated from Mary Meek School of Nursing in 1978.

She married Chancie Coberley at Clovis on Oct. 17, 1979. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from West Texas State University in 1988 and her Master of Science in Nursing from WTSU in 1993. She completed her family nurse practitioner preceptorship in 1994 and was certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

She began her nursing career at Hendrick Medical Center ER in Abilene in 1978 before moving to Amarillo in 1978 and worked in the ER at the old NWTU as a RN staff nurse and charge nurse.

She was later head nurse of the Surgical

Intensive Care Unit at the new NWTU. In the early 1980s, she worked part-time as a flight nurse for Life Watch and in the 1990s she worked part-time as a nursing instructor at Amarillo College. In 1990, she was employed by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Clements Unit.

She worked there as Director of Nursing and later as a nurse practitioner. In 1996, she went to work for the Muleshoe Area Medical Center as a nurse practitioner in the ER and was employed there until her illness prevented her from working in 2000.

She was a member of the American Nurses Association, Texas Nurses Association and Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society for professional nursing. She was also co-organizer of the Hope Chest of Muleshoe, a charitable organization for the needy of Muleshoe and Bailey County.

Survivors include her husband, Chancie Coberley of Muleshoe; two sons, Chris and wife Vera Coberley of Timbercreek Canyon and John Coberley of Williamsburg, Va.; a daughter, Lu and husband Shawn Stephens of Roundrock; her parents, Bill and Betty Tedder of Abilene; a brother, Charles and wife Stacey Tedder of Lubbock; her mother-in-law, Doris Coberley of Pampa; three grandchildren; and five nieces.

The family requests memorials be to The Hope Chest of Muleshoe, Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

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

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2:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Lowry and transported two to PRMC.

2:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Lefors and transported one to PRMC.

5:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

8:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Dogwood and transported one to PRMC.

#### SHERIFF

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

##### Friday, March 22

William Alexander Warren, 35, 345 Tignor, arrested on an Archer County warrant for criminal non-support.

Brandy Nicole Gordon, 20, Oklahoma City, violation of probation/possession of marijuana under two ounces.

##### Saturday, March 23

John Eric Allen, 33, 1016 Terry Road, arrested by the DPS for driving while intoxicated and open container of alcoholic beverage.

#### POLICE

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

##### Friday, March 22

Wayne Elliot Williams, 51, 1209 Duncan, arrested on a warrant for expired motor vehicle registration.

##### Saturday, March 23

Paul Wayne Pederson, 18, 1601 N. Somerville, No. 401, disorderly conduct.

Bobby Dewayne Lacher, 23, 1032 Sirroco, simple assault.

#### WEATHER

PAMPA — Today...Partly cloudy and becoming breezy. Highs around 69. Southwest to west winds 10 to 15 mph becoming north 15 to 25 mph. Tonight...Becoming mostly cloudy. A few flurries possible after midnight. Lows in the lower 30s.

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Tuesday...Becoming partly cloudy. Lows around 30.

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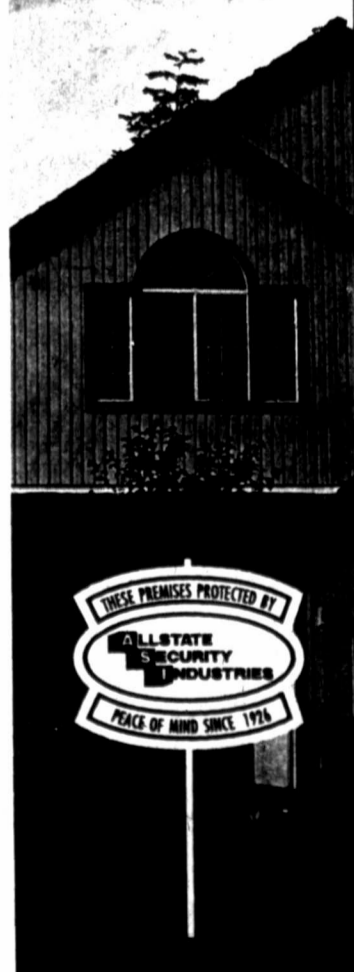
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stories," he said. "I noticed right away that the Hank stories got the best reception."

In 1982, he decided to write a book about Hank, but was, again, ignored by publishing companies. So, after 15 years of rejection, he started his own company, Maverick Books.

"I was getting really discouraged and decided, heck, I'll publish them myself," he said. "I always felt I'd be successful. I felt I had good stories that people needed. I intended to be a success. I never intended to be a failure."

He quit his job and devoted his time to publishing his first 10 Hank books and audiobooks. By that time it was clear that Hank was going to be a star, he said.

The Texas Monthly Press finally began publishing his books in the mid-80s. Later, the Gulf Publishing Company of Houston published the series, until the business began suffering. Erickson said at that point, five or six years ago, he contacted a New York publishing company, Penguin Putnam, and has been working with them since.

"We had grown out of Texas," he said. "We had sold 2.5 million books before we moved up to Penguin books."

But, surprisingly, it was children who adored the dog.

"I never set out to write a children's book," he said. "The original Hank books were intended for adults and people involved in agriculture. But kids started reading their parents books and taking them to school, and I got calls from teachers asking me to do programs for them. Before I knew it, those books were in the children's section."

Teachers whose students were enchanted by Hank asked him to read his stories at their schools. He obliged.

"They were meant to be read aloud," he said, adding that when he reads to audiences, he uses different voices to bring each character to life. He also plays the banjo, as he does on the audiotapes.

By 1990, he had earned enough from his

publications to put a down payment on his own 8,500-acre ranch, 40 miles outside of Perryton.

"I'd always wanted to own a ranch on my own," he said. "I'd worked on other people's ranches for years."

Now, each morning after he writes for almost five hours, he pours all his time into his ranch.

"It's something that I've always wanted, and it's something worth owning," he said. "I enjoy work."

"I find plenty of things to do," he said, like helping neighbors rope and brand cattle, and taking care of his own livestock.

He reads Hank stories to the public only three times a month now. His friend and performer Rooster Morris has taken over the touring job, performing at schools across the nation. Morris wife had worked as Erickson's public relations correspondent.

"Rooster is a very talented man, and he has played the fiddle all of his life, plays guitar, mandolin and sings," Erickson said. "I guess that he decided that doing Hank programs is something that he could do and something that he would enjoy doing."

He said Morris is getting to put down the farming tools and showcase his musical ability, while Erickson is getting to work on his land. He's also working on a new series of books, called "Moonshiners Gold," one of which has already been published.

The books are designed for readers who have already completed the Hank series and want to read more of Erickson's works.

"I decided to give them a good wholesome book with good, strong characters," he said.

Moonshiners Gold tells of the adventures of a widow and her two sons who live on ranch during 1920 during the prohibition.

"It's a typical John Erickson book," he said.

He said Morris recorded the voices for those audiobooks. Erickson said Morris may add a story from Moonshiners Gold during his presentations in Odessa.

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## LANEY

head of the House of Representatives, said state politics are becoming more partisan and more divisive.

Bipartisan cooperation in the next session is going to be more important than ever, Laney said.

For the past 10 years, economic growth in Texas has helped produce surplus budgets. Next year, the state comptroller projects a \$5 billion shortfall for current services.

"If the session breaks down into partisan bickering," Laney said, "the whole process will grind to a halt."

In addition to increased partisan bickering, Laney said redistricting hurt rural Texas.

"We've got members from New York City in the Texas Legislature," Laney said.

Laney said representation from rural Texas is diminishing in Austin.

"When I first came to the legislature 30 years ago," Laney said, "I had three counties in my district. I have 16 now."

There are more members from Harris County (Houston)

## Ratliff working on state property tax plan; Perry says option open

AUSTIN (AP) — Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff is drafting a school-funding formula that would include a statewide property tax, an idea that Republican Gov. Rick Perry said Friday he'd "take a look at."

Ratliff, the architect of the current school-funding system that relies heavily on local property taxes, is drafting the plan for the 2003 legislative session, when lawmakers are expected to consider whether to overhaul the entire system.

Through a spokeswoman, Ratliff declined to give any details of his plan, but confirmed it is in the works. Ratliff expects to present the plan at next month's meeting of the joint House-Senate select committee on school finance.

Asked whether he would support a statewide property tax, which would take a constitutional amendment approved on statewide referendum, Perry wouldn't rule it out.

in the Texas House of Representatives, Laney said, there are from rural Texas. Today, about two-thirds of the legislature comes from only eight counties.

"Politics is a way that people come together to solve their problems," Laney says, "and set a course for our future. I'm a little concerned that there's a growing trend in our state politics that's not productive and positive."

Laney said those being attacked had records of bipartisan cooperation. The Speaker of the House harkened back to the days when George W. Bush, a Republican, was governor; Bob Bullock, a Democrat, was lieutenant governor and head of the Senate, and Laney, also a Democrat, was Speaker of the House.

"Gov. Bush, Bob Bullock and I worked together for several years," Laney said. "It

was a great period of accomplishments in the legislature. Working together we reformed our juvenile justice system, completely rewrote our educational laws, passed tort reform laws, reformed the welfare system. With that bipartisan cooperation, we cut taxes, increased spending on education, raised teachers salaries and created a \$10 billion to pay for information technology for our schools in rural communities."

That occurred during a time, Laney said, when Washington was bogged down in partisan warfare.

"To most people, I think it's obvious that bipartisan cooperation is far better than partisan gridlock," Laney said. "To some folks, it's not about solving problems. To them it's not about serving people. It's not about finding solutions. To them it's just about power."

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## BOND

A \$10 million oil-plugging fund has been pumped up to \$20 million to close abandoned wells and clean up any related environmental damage, Chisum said. That money comes from funds paid by oil and gas companies operating in Texas.

"It could have to go to \$50 million," the lawmaker said of the fund while making reference to the number of sites and costs involved.

Heith said there is an option for small producers who can't come up with the bond or credit letters. And that's to appeal to the TRCC's general counsel by letter and ask for a hearing. The hearings are held in person in Austin or by teleconference and decisions are rendered within about two weeks.

Waivers may be granted if a producer can show he can't afford the bond and can demonstrate he has a good record when it comes to meeting regulations, Heith said. In those instances, producers can renew their P5 applications to do business for \$1,000.

Heith says he's "disturbed" to find that

bonding companies are turning producers down flat in some cases and in other instances require "100 percent collateral" in cash or property.

Rebecca Dunn of Manna Services in Pampa said she's heard from some "smaller, independent operators" who are complaining they are having a difficult time getting bonded.

Manna Services prepares oil and gas filings for producers and submits them to the TRCC.

Dunn said she knows of one company with bonds in Oklahoma for its wells there but their bonding firm won't cover their Texas operations.

She said Texas law requires bonding companies to resolve any differences within 30 days — a time frame she says the companies don't like.

Also, she said, the bonds in Texas never expire, another factor not in the bonding companies' favor.

"It looks like the bonding companies only want a limited liability," Dunn said. "To me, (the bond requirement law) is a kind of crush-the-little-guy sort of thing."

CONT. FROM PG. ONE

## ANDREWS

Andrews and his wife Sharron have chosen Pampa as the place to raise their family. They have two daughters, Rachel, 7, and Rebekah, 6 months. They are members of First Presbyterian Church in Pampa.

Andrews' community service include serving on the board of Pampa United Way and on the City of Pampa Planning and Zoning Commission.

"I would like the opportunity to continue to serve and provide a financially conservative voice in Pampa's government," he said. "We need to provide reliable equipment for the city workers to do their job, but we need to find a way to do this without incurring debt. I encourage all citizens of Pampa to vote in the upcoming May 4 general election."

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## PEDC

George Kilcrease will appear at the meeting to discuss property at 1723 S. Barnes.

At the last meeting the board agreed to accept \$1,000 a month payments on

the note he has with the PEDC.

The Guardian Corrosion Control contract will also be discussed at the meeting. Lewis said the building is for sale and the PEDC needs to discuss the contract in order to protect its interests.

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## VIEWPOINTS

# Keep radiation in perspective

Now that folks are trying to scare us with the so-called nuclear threat from terrorists, let's put this subject in perspective.

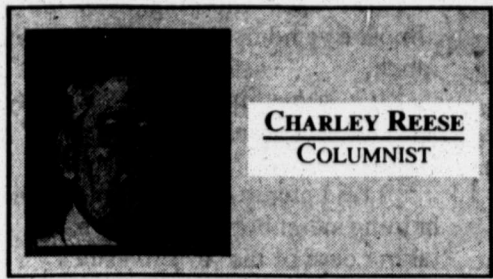
You can't make a nuclear warhead in a cave or a garage. You do not need to fear that some terrorist is going to show up one day with a homemade nuclear warhead. The terrorists would kill themselves trying to handle the radioactive material long before they could build a bomb.

So scratch that off your list of things to worry about.

It's true that they might buy a nuclear warhead, but that is extremely unlikely. The countries that have nukes keep them under tight security. Russia might be falling apart in some respects, but you'd play hell trying to steal one of its warheads. It's not that the Russians are that concerned about us, but they certainly don't want the Chechens to get their hands on one. Iraq, Iran and North Korea don't have any nuclear warheads. If left alone, they could make them, but I doubt they will try. Having one or two nukes is practically useless. They are, after all, mainly suicide weapons.

I'm not asking you to believe that the heads of these states have hearts of gold and benign outlooks. No, you can count on something far more certain than that: They are all sane, and they are all very much interested in their own selfish interests. And getting yourself and your country turned into molten glass is in nobody's self-interest.

The Arab countries have had a proposal on the table for more than a decade



CHARLEY REESE  
COLUMNIST

to make the Middle East a nuclear-free zone. The United States will not support it. That's because the only country in the Middle East that has nuclear weapons is Israel, and no American politician has the guts to even mention it, much less try to persuade Israel to get rid of them. It was Israel's nuclear weapons that caused Saddam Hussein to try to build one, but I believe he's given up on that idea.

The so-called dirty bomb — a conventional explosive wrapped with some kind of nuclear waste — would cause little damage beyond the conventional explosion. People have been encouraged to be scared of radiation, but the fact is, our planet is radioactive. Every time we go outside, we are exposed to radiation. Every time we fly, we get a dose of radiation. It is everywhere, and there is no evidence that low-level radiation causes any harm. The anti-nuke people claim it will, but there are some scientists who argue that low-level radiation might actually be helpful. Either way, we are exposed to it every day of our lives.

A professor of nuclear physics used to have a standing offer that he would appear on live television with any anti-nuclear person and eat one gram of plutonium, provided the anti-nuclear person

would eat one gram of caffeine. (Don't try it; the caffeine will kill you.)

Back in the days of atmospheric testing, we were all exposed to literally tons of plutonium released into the atmosphere. Nobody keeled over. High doses of radiation can certainly injure and kill, and that includes any terrorist who tries to handle highly radioactive material. The terrorists would use low-level material, and their aim would be mainly psychological.

Even if you believe the government and credit al-Qaida with the first and second attacks on the World Trade Center, the bombing of the USS Cole, the bombing of the barracks in Saudi Arabia and the bombing of two of our embassies in Africa, keep in mind that that's six attacks stretched out over 11 years. Not much of a war, in my view.

They got lucky with the World Trade Center. Terrorists sometimes do. The Irish Republican Army came within a hair of killing the entire British Cabinet in one blast, but Maggie Thatcher just dusted herself off and refrained from ordering the Royal Air Force to bomb Belfast.

Now that the president has declared war on terrorism, officials will have to keep you scared in order to keep you supporting it. Support it if that's your preference, but don't give yourself an ulcer worrying about a terrorist attack. You have a greater chance of winning a lottery than you do of being a victim of a terrorist attack. That's a fact.

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### FROM OUR FILES

#### 40 years ago

**SUNDAY, March 25, 1962.** Shown with this story is an artist's conception of the Council Service Center to be constructed by the Adobe Walls Boy Scout Council. This building will be located on the corner of Sumner and Boyd Streets in Pampa, which is next-door to the Cities Service Oil Company office and across the street from the Humble Oil Company office.

**MONDAY, March 26, 1992.** Ten soloists and a brass sextet from Pampa High School Band were awarded division I, superior, ratings at the University Interscholastic League band solo and ensemble contest held at Amarillo College Saturday.

**TUESDAY, March 27, 1962.** Dale Taylor, who has been in and out of golf shops for some 12 years, took over last week as assistant pro at the Pampa Country club golf course.

#### 25 years ago

**THURSDAY, March 24, 1977.** The Pampa Junior High School Band picked up a sweepstakes honor during University Interscholastic League competition Wednesday in Amarillo.

**SUNDAY, March 27, 1977.** A swearing-in for the new district judge in Gray County, Don Cain, will be held at 10 a.m., Friday in the district court room of the Gray County Courthouse.

**MONDAY, March 28, 1977.** BORGER — Pampa got into the top two in only three events but scored in all but three events to finish third in the boys division of the Bulldog (track) Invitational Saturday.

#### 10 years ago

**TUESDAY, March 24, 1992.** Pampa defeated Dumas, 16-11, in a junior varsity baseball game Monday.

**WEDNESDAY, March 25, 1992.** City commissioners named five citizens to the newly-formed Pampa Economic Development Corp. during action Tuesday night at City Hall.

**THURSDAY, March 26, 1992.** Odessa Ledbetter was named "1992 Woman of the Year" by Pampa Charter chapter of American Business Women's Association.

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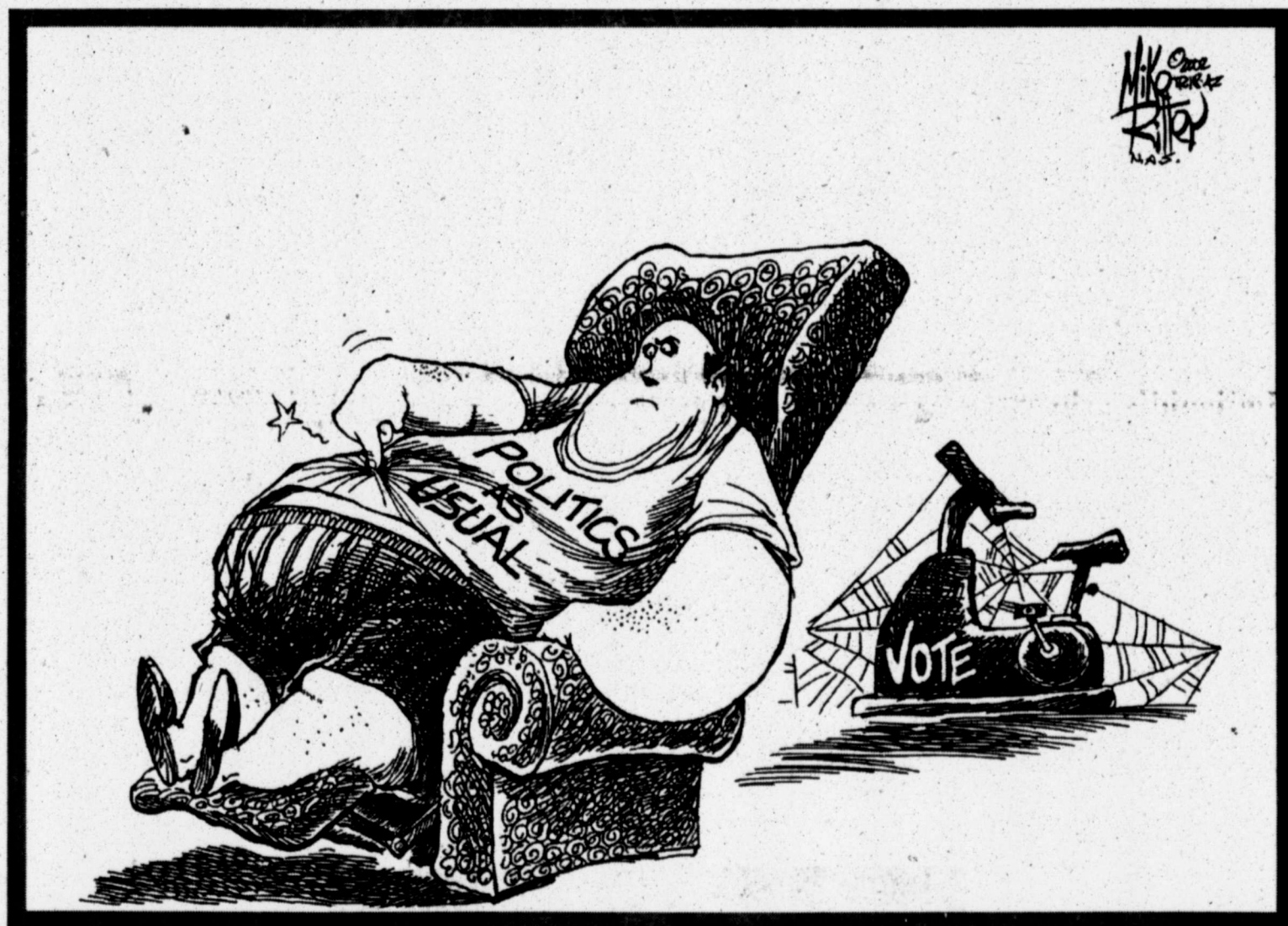
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### TEXAS EDITORIAL

## Some things never seem to change

From the *Odessa American* on Ethanol push will be costly:

Some things never seem to change.

In 1991, author James Bovard published "The Farm Fiasco." In the book, he detailed how federal agriculture policy squanders billions of taxpayers dollars a year while, at the same time, sacrificing the poor to the rich and giving politicians and bureaucrats vast arbitrary power over American citizens.

Well, the news out of Washington this past week is more of the same. Senate compromisers have come up with a plan to increase the amount of a corn derivative ethanol in gasoline.

Currently, ethanol from corn amounts to 1.7 million gallons a year. Now, Congress wants to triple that amount by the year 2012. Sen. Tom Daschle, majority leader in the Senate, is spearheading the plan to mandate energy legislation supposedly benefiting refiners and farmers in the corn states.

And, as it happens, Daschle's home state is South Dakota, a great corn-producing state and producer of ethanol. Of course, mega agribusiness farmers like Archer Daniels Midland will get huge subsidies at the expense of American taxpayers. According to James Bovard, "Every \$1 dollar of profits earned by ADM's corn sweetener operation costs consumers \$10, and every \$1 of profits earned by its ethanol operation costs taxpayers \$30."

Of immediate concern for states such as Texas and California (where traveling great distances by vehicle for business or

pleasure is not out of the norm) is the expected increase in fuel costs. California Sen. Dianne Feinstein has been quoted in an Associated Press story, "there's a big question about whether California can absorb this mandate without gasoline prices rising significantly."

Cornell Professor David Pimentel chaired a U.S. Department of Energy panel to investigate ethanol production. The panel found that 131,000 BTUs are needed to make one gallon of ethanol. One gallon of ethanol has an energy value of only 77,000 BTU. Thus, there is a net energy loss of 54,000 BTU (per gallon).

And Pimentel says that explains why fossil fuels are used to produce ethanol. Not only that, but because ethanol takes up less volume than the fuel additive MTBE, it means more gasoline will have to be refined, possibly causing shortages which will lead to higher prices for fuel.

However, despite all of the logical objections to the use of ethanol, typical political deals will be made so that corn farmers and ADM will receive the huge subsidies at the expense of the American taxpayer.

As Bovard wrote in his "The Farm Fiasco" introduction, "For 60 years, the U.S. government has devotedly repeated the same agricultural policy mistakes. ... Farm policy is the perfect example of politicians inability rationally to plan and control economic development." Unfortunately, it matters little who is in charge Republicans or Democrats.

Lets face it. The main concern of politicians is to stay in office and enjoy

all the perks of office. They can raise their own salaries and they do. They give themselves tremendous retirement benefits and pensions. They make rules for the common folk but exempt themselves from the rules.

It doesn't matter to the politicians if the price of gasoline goes up because they're on an expense account forced on the taxpayer. They give themselves first-class service at the airport and have a parking area reserved close to the terminal.

We should recall the words of Henry David Thoreau, who said, "Government never furthered any enterprise but by the alacrity with which it got out of the way."

Sen. Tom Daschle should do Americans a huge favor and get out of the way.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Palm Sunday, March 24, the 83rd day of 2002. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On March 24, 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

On this date:  
In 1882, German scientist Robert Koch announced in Berlin that he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis.

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**Time running out to sign up on do-not-call telemarket list**

AUSTIN (AP) — Time is running out for Texas telephone customers who want to be on the state's first "do-not-call" list, which blocks telemarketers from calling customers at home.

More than 270,000 customers have signed up since Jan. 1. Customers have until Wednesday get on the first list. Subsequent lists will be updated every three months.

"We have had a very strong response for these first three months," PUC Commissioner Brett Perlman said. "We encourage customers who want to sign up to do it as quickly as possible to get on the first list."

Telemarketers are required to purchase the PUC list and update their records within the first 60 days of the state publication.

Companies that do not follow the law are subject to penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation.

Charities, non-profit groups and debt collectors are excluded from the law, which lawmakers approved last year.

Companies with prior business relationships with customers also may continue to call. Plus, telemarketers who hold state licenses, such as insurance agents, real estate agents and stockbrokers, can call. But they must complete transactions with face-to-face meetings.

Residents pay \$2.25 to be placed on the list for three years.

People can sign up by calling 1-866-896-6225 or online at <http://www.texasnocall.com>. Customers also can sign up by printing a form from the no-call Web site and mailing a check or money order to: Texas No Call, P.O. Box 313, E. Walpole, MA. 02032.

**Answer sought to Medicaid's long-term care problem**

WASHINGTON (AP) — States already laden with ballooning Medicaid budgets are pushing Congress to step in with a plan to ease the costs of long-term care for the elderly, now often shifted into the Medicaid program.

"The demand for long-term care services under Medicaid will bankrupt state budgets unless another form of financing is found," said Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, who serves as vice chairman of the National Governors Association.

Medicaid was created to provide health care to people on welfare, and, unlike Medicare, the program for the elderly and disabled, it provides long-term care benefits. Medicare offers limited benefits for long-term care, which consist of nursing home care and other types of assistance.

About a third of Medicaid beneficiaries are the elderly and disabled, many of whom have used up their finances trying to pay costs of a nursing home. According to the General Accounting Office, a year in a nursing home typically costs \$50,000 or more. In 2000, Medicaid paid 45 percent, about \$62 billion, of total long-term care expenditures, the GAO said.

Medicaid "has become our country's de facto payer of long-term care for the elderly and disabled," said Sen. John Breaux, chairman of the Senate Aging Committee.

"This is an issue that just can't wait," Breaux, a Louisiana Democrat, said.

The committee's leading Republican, Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho, echoed Breaux's thoughts. "If the way we look at long-term care financing does not change, both state and federal governments may be unable to meet the needs of the many seniors who depend on these programs," Craig said.

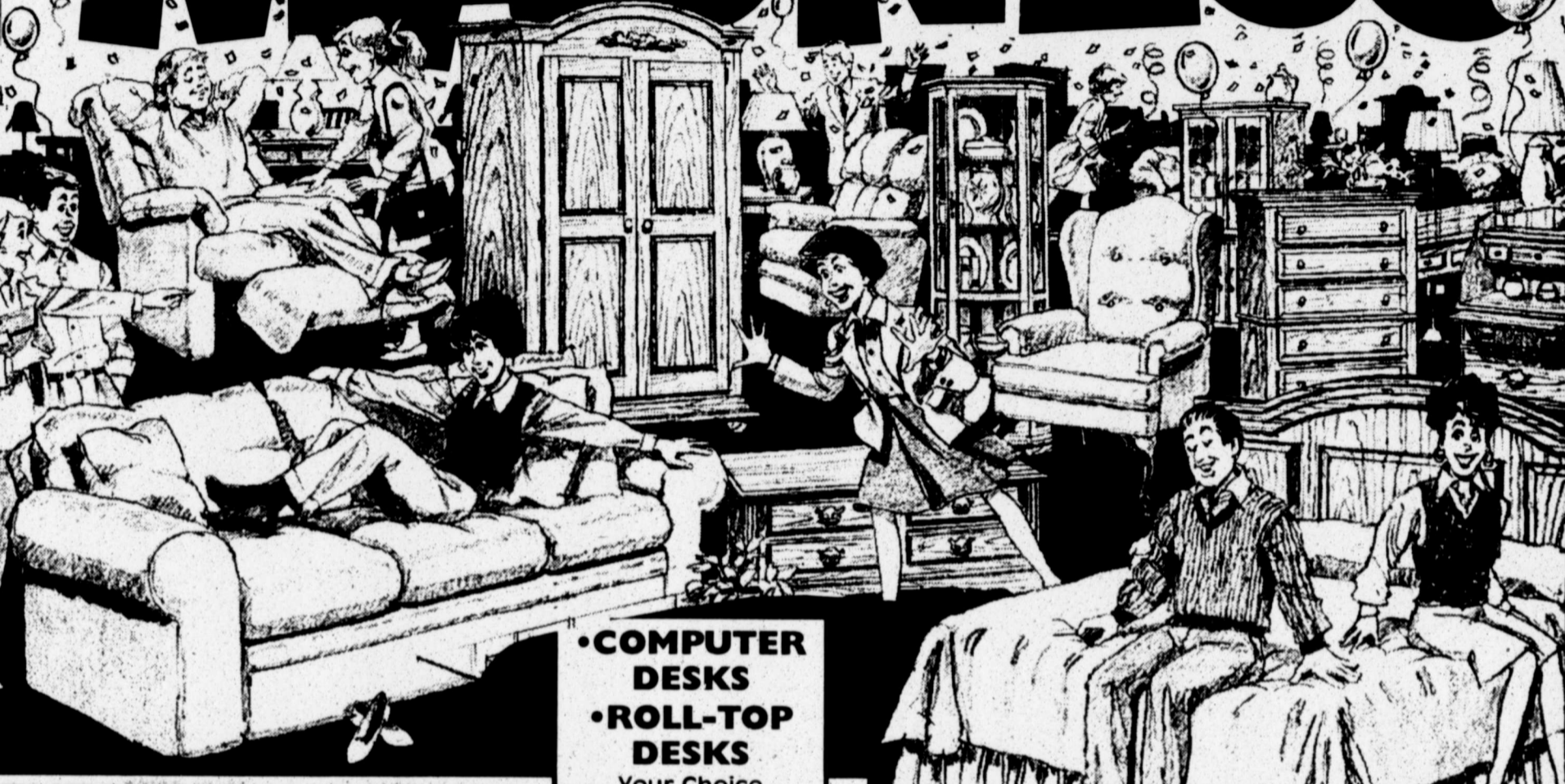
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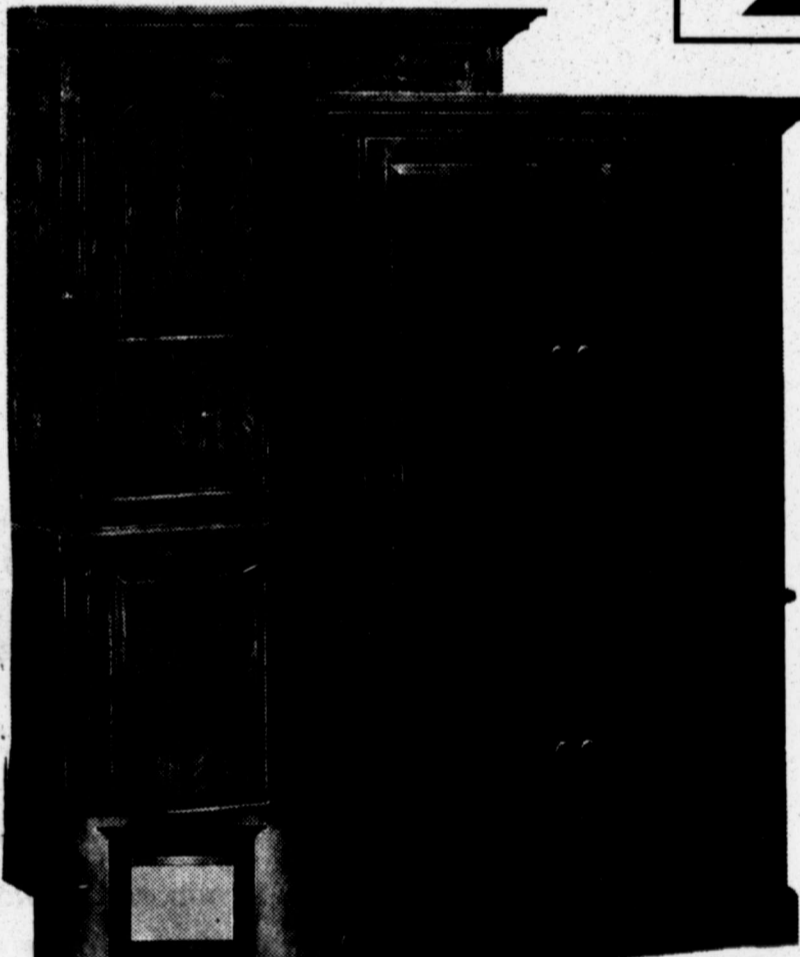
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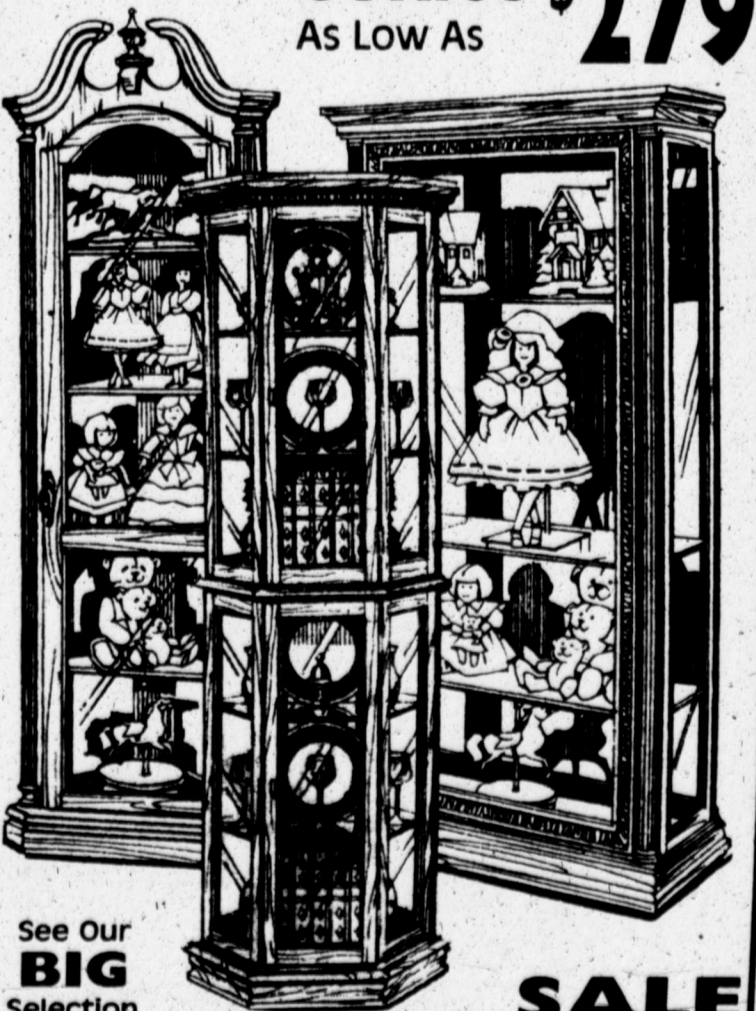
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## Report offers insight into undocumented immigrants

Almost a quarter of people working in private households in the United States are illegal immigrants, as are about half the country's farmworkers and 9 percent of its restaurant employees, a report says.

The analysis by the nonpartisan Pew Hispanic Center offers a detailed look at the nation's illegal immigrants, estimated at almost 8 million people, and demonstrates how much certain industries rely on the country's approximately 5.3 million undocumented workers.

The report comes as President Bush was scheduled to travel to a U.N. development conference in Mexico on Thursday. He was also expected to meet with Mexican President Vicente Fox to discuss immigration, among other issues.

Immigration advocates hoped the leaders would resume negotiations on legalizing undocumented immigrants and expanding a temporary worker program that allows Mexicans to cross the border into the United States.

Federal prosecutors have accused at least one corporation of conspiring to smuggle illegal immigrants to work at the company's food processing plants in nine states, including Texas.

The report estimated Mexicans make up 58 percent of the undocumented population, while Central Americans account for about a fifth.

The estimates illustrate that "the idea of creating a program to legalize the unauthorized work force is an endeavor of enormous scope, and significantly larger than the last go-around," said Roberto Suro, director of the research group, referring to a 1986 amnesty that granted legal status to almost 3 million undocumented immigrants.

Suro said the economy's growth in the 1990s created high demand for unauthorized workers.

The report relies on such information as census figures, Immigration and Naturalization Service data, and employment estimates for various industries.

It estimated that 24 percent of private household workers, including maids and nannies, are undocumented.

Seventeen percent of those in the business services industry, which includes maintenance workers and employees in

mailing houses, advertising and credit reporting companies, are undocumented. The report also said 6 percent of those in construction and manufacturing are undocumented.

Agriculture relies most heavily on undocumented workers — 47 percent of the 2.5 million U.S. farmworkers are undocumented, according to the report.

Cecilia Munoz, a vice president at the National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic advocacy group, said the estimates could

help define discussions about legalization.

"This is the first time we've been able to quantify the estimates," she said. "Hopefully the more quantified, the more analytical the debate gets, we can get away from emotion and hyperbole."

On the Net: <http://www.pewhispanic.org>

## Government says new safety requirements for propane gas cylinders will prevent fires

WASHINGTON (AP) — This spring may be safer for outdoor chefs thanks to new rules aimed at keeping gas barbecues from exploding, the government said Thursday.

There are about 600 fires and explosions occur involving gas grills each year that injure about 30 people, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

But beginning April 1, a change to the national fire code requires propane gas tanks sold to consumers for grills to have "overflow prevention" devices, the agency said. The devices help prevent gas leaks by stopping the flow of gas to tanks when they are 80 percent full.

It also requires older tanks being brought in for refills to be replaced with tanks that have the devices, the agency said.

"As people trade in their old propane tanks for newer ones, we will see fewer fires," said Thomas Moore, the agency's acting chairman.

Propane cylinders manufactured after

Sept. 30, 1998 already have the safety devices, according to the fire protection association. The improved propane tanks have valve handles with three prongs while handles on older tanks are round or star-shaped with five prongs.

While some dealers are trading in old tanks for free, others may charge up to \$20, the government said.

The safety commission also offered these tips to prevent gas grill accidents:

— Check grill hoses for cracking, brit-

tleness, holes and leaks.

— Always keep propane gas containers upright.

— Never store spare gas containers under or near the grill, indoors or in a hot car.

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## Domestic oil and gas rig count down by three

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States last week decreased by three to 750.

Of the U.S. rigs running, 605 were exploring for gas, 144 were looking for oil and one was listed as miscellaneous, said Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc.

A year ago, the rig count was 1,163. Baker Hughes has kept track of the

count since 1944. The tally peaked at 4,530 on Dec. 28, 1981, during the height of the oil boom, but set several record lows in 1999, bottoming out at 488 on April 23, 1999.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Oklahoma gained three rigs, Wyoming two and Alaska one. The count was unchanged in California, Louisiana and New Mexico. Texas lost 10.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**'LEGACY'**

The M.K. Brown "Legacy" book is currently on sale at White Deer Land Museum, Hastings and the Chamber of Commerce.

**CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS**

Top O' Texas CattleWomen Scholarship application forms are now available at local high schools. One scholarship in the amount of \$500 and two in the amount of \$250 will be awarded. College-bound seniors from Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler Counties are eligible to apply. **The application deadline is April 26.** The forms must be mailed to: Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. For more information, call (806) 826-3572 or (806) 826-5719.

**ALTRUSA SCHOLARSHIP**

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa is currently accepting applications for its Geraldine Rampey Adult Vocational scholarship, in the amount of \$500, to be awarded this spring. The award may be used for educational, training or retraining purposes and may go towards tuition, books and like expenses. **The deadline to apply is May 1, 2002.** For more information or to obtain an application, contact Anne Stobbe at 669-5780.

**PCCA**

Pampa Community Concert Association's 2002-03 season membership campaign is currently under way through June 1. Membership subscriptions are \$30 for adults, \$15 for students and \$70 for families. For more information, call Ruth Riehart, president, at 665-0343.

**EASTER PRODUCTION**

The youth department at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa will present "The Mysterious Glories of Jesus" in silhouette at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 24 at the church. The production will be under the direction of Greg Bullard. The youth will perform behind a large screen. The shadow play will be accompanied by music from Dallas Holm's "His Last Days" soundtrack. The program is free and open to the public.

**PPHM MUSIC SERIES**

The Burson Family of Channing will perform selections from the group's new CD "Burson Family Ranch" at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 24 at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. The program is being presented as part of PPHM's "Music at the Museum" series.

**KAPPA ALPHA SEMINAR**

Kappa Alpha will host an O.P.I. seminar at 7 p.m., March 25 at the Sheriff's Office in Pampa. The seminar is open to all 2002 high school graduates and their parents. Admission is free.

**MOM MANIA**

Mom Mania, a support group for mothers with small children, will meet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 26 in the meeting room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Come for facts, food and fun. Nursery not included but infants and toddlers are welcome. For more information, call 665-3631.

**REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

Top O' Texas Republican Women will meet from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at Furr's Family Dining in Pampa. The guest speaker will be Gary Willoughby.

**ARC CLASS**

Gray County American Red Cross, 108 N. Russell, will conduct an "Adult/Infant/Child CPR" class from 6-10 p.m., March 28 at its location in Pampa. Cost of the class is \$35. For more information or to register, call 669-7121.

**PDHG**

Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m., March 28 in Amarillo. For meeting location or more information, call Becky Martin at (806) 358-2765.

**WDLM EXHIBIT**

"The County's History in Photographs" will be on exhibit April 1-31 at White Deer Land Museum in Pampa.

**BSA YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP**

Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospice will offer "Putting the Pieces Together," a grief support group for children and teens 6-18 years of age, for seven consecutive weeks beginning April 9 at St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Amarillo. Pre-registration is required and seating is limited. Childcare will be provided for children under 6. To pre-register or for more information, call (212) 8777 by April 2.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

BSA Hospice will offer a grief education and support group from 1-2:30 p.m., on Thursday, through April 4 at BSA Hospice in Pampa, 800 N. Sumner. For more information, call 665-6677.

**BOOK SALE**

The annual Friends of the Library book sale will be April 4-8 at Lovett Memorial Library. Hours will be 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 2-6 p.m., Sunday and 9 a.m. to whenever Monday.

**AMPHIBIOUS ASSOCIATION**

Texas Chapter LST/Amphibious Association is planning a reunion celebration April 4-6, 2002. For more information, contact Bob Garner, LST 461, HC 52, Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948 or e-mail Texas Lsts @ AOL.com

**CCS BANQUET**

Community Christian School of Pampa will host its annual

"Friend and Family Fund-Raiser Banquet" at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 11 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. The keynote speaker will be Marty Cohen of Dallas and Israel, founder of Messianic Messages. Cohen produces a radio program called "Messianic Messages Out of Zion," and is often featured on American Family Radio. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at CCS located at 220 N. Ballard or from any CCS student. For more information or to place an order, call (806) 665-3393.

**READER'S THEATER**

Reader's Theater Presentation will be staged April 11-14 at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center. Performances are scheduled at 7:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Thursday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m., Sunday.

**POWER TEAM**

Calvary Baptist Church will present "The Power Team" from April 10-14th.

**THC DEDICATION**

At 2 p.m., Sunday, April 14 a ceremony will be held at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center to dedicate a Texas Historical Commission plaque commemorating the old "Harris Drug Store" as a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark.

**STAMP CANCELLATION**

White Deer Land Museum will hold a stamp cancellation during regular museum hours on April 12 in honor of its birthday.

**STYLE SHOW**

Altrusa will stage its annual Style Show beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 13 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 a piece (\$8 is tax-deductible) and may be purchased from any Altrusa member. For more information, call 665-2826.

**2002 RATTLESNAKE HUNT**

The Waurika Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc., will host the 41st annual "Fang-Tastic" 2002 Rattlesnake Hunt April 12-14 at Waurika, Okla. Festivities will kick-off at 12 noon Friday and continue through Saturday and Sunday.

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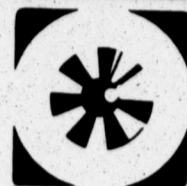
Pampa Community Concert Association will present Linda Wang in concert at 7:30 p.m., April 15 in M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information, call 665-0343.

**OLD SETTLERS REUNION**

The Cheyenne Arapaho Old Settlers Reunion will be held April 16-20 at Cheyenne, Okla. Activities will include: Gospel singing, variety shows, arts and crafts show, quilt show, free barbecue, PRCA rodeo and more.

**UNITED WAY**

Pampa United Way Budget Allocations Committee will meet with each United Way agency at designated times April 23 in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building.

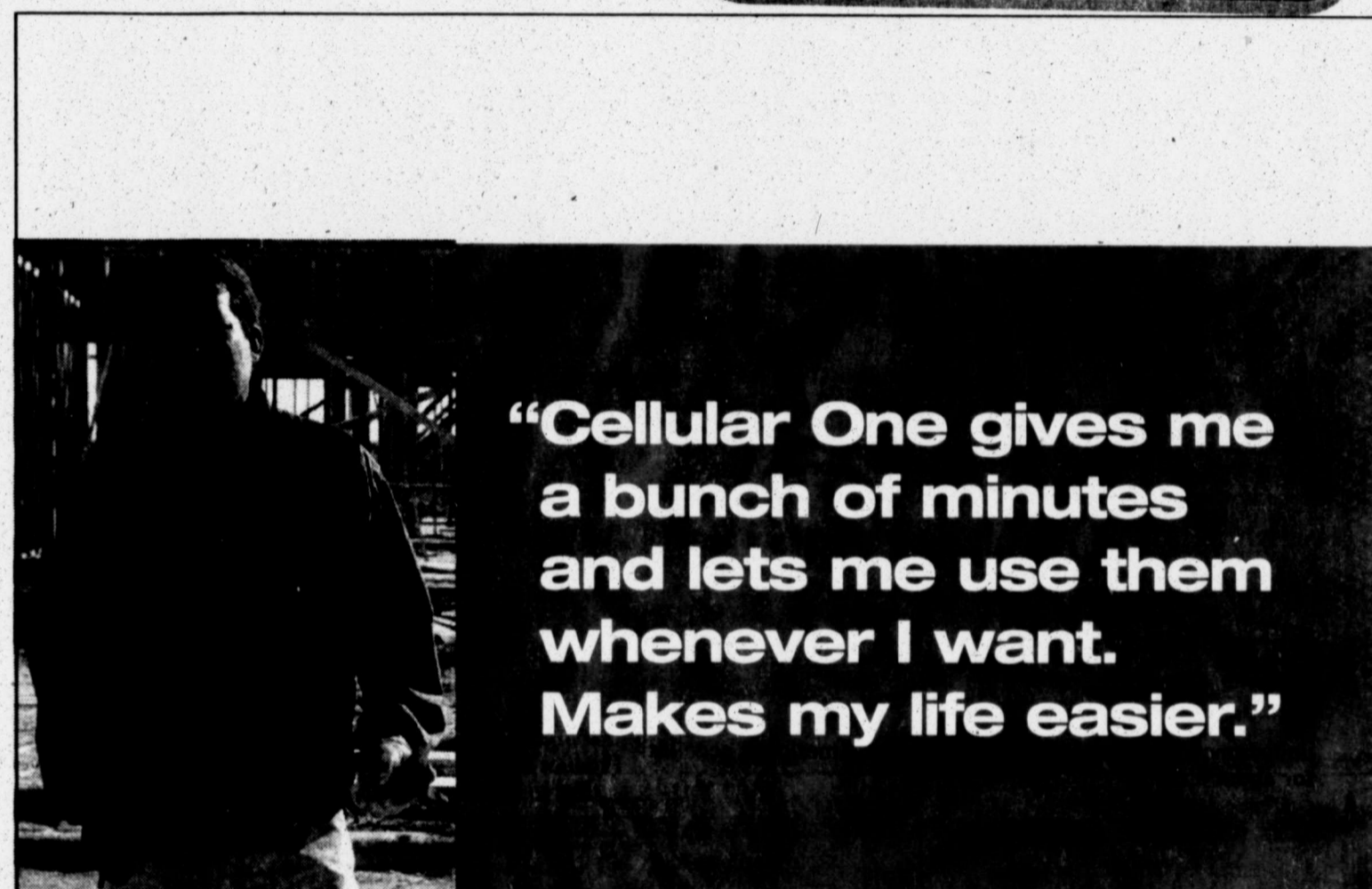


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# United States sets tariffs on Canadian softwood

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government issued duties Friday averaging 29 percent on a popular type of Canadian lumber to protect American jobs and retaliate for what it says are unfair trade practices.

Critics say the move could add \$1,500 to the price of a new U.S. home and devastate the Canadian lumber industry, which already has suffered mill closings and job losses from U.S. tariffs imposed last year.

The Commerce Department determined in its investigation that Canada subsidizes its industry by charging low fees to log public lands and allows its producers to sell their lumber in the United States at below-market prices, an illegal practice known as dumping.

"While the final duty rates do not fully offset the amount of injury to the U.S. lumber industry, this decision substantiates the U.S. lumber industry's claim that the Canadian government subsidizes Canadian lumber mills," said Rusty Wood, U.S. Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports Chairman.

The ruling involves softwood lumber, commonly used in home construction. The United States imported \$5.7 billion worth from Canada in 2001, about a third of the U.S. supply.

The Commerce Department set a 19.3 percent duty to punish Canada for the subsidies and a second tariff averaging 9.7 percent for dumping. The dumping duty varies by company and ranges from 15.8 for Weyerhaeuser to 2.3 percent for West Fraser. Lumber from Canada's Maritime provinces was excluded from both duties.

The duties can't be imposed until the U.S. International Trade Commission determines if American lumber interests have been harmed by the Canadians. But the commission already has issued a preliminary ruling against the Canadians. The final ruling is expected in May.

It's the second time in a month that the Bush administration has sought to impose tariffs to help a struggling U.S. industry. Earlier it imposed tariffs on steel imports.

The trade commission and Commerce Department have been investigating Canadian softwood trade for about a year. The department last year imposed two temporary duties averaging about 32 percent. One of the duties expired in December.

The lumber dispute is decades old. Canada and the United States have reached temporary truces in the past. The most recent agreement

expired a year ago and both sides have since been litigating their cases while they talked.

Negotiators worked long hours this week to try to reach agreement before the Commerce Department took action, but talks broke down late Thursday.

"American demands were quite unreasonable," Canadian International Trade Minister Pierre Pettigrew said.

U.S. producers say they're losing revenue and jobs because of Canada's trade practices. The Canadians argue their lumber is cheaper for a variety of reasons, including production efficiency. They say it can't be replaced by a prominent U.S. product, Southern yellow pine, because that wood warps too easily.

During negotiations, the United States asked Canada to adopt an export tax and gradually change how lumber producers buy wood from forests managed by Canada's 10 provinces. Neither side could agree on a fair tax or how those reforms would be implemented.

U.S. homebuilders supported the Canadians because they say a tariff will increase the cost of new homes, while environmentalists sided with the U.S. industry, hoping a trade agreement would lead to less logging.

# People in the news ...

LONDON (AP) — Kate Moss and her publisher boyfriend, Jefferson Hack, are expecting their first baby, Hack's family said Friday.

Hack's father, Douglas, said the couple told him "on Wednesday that the 28-year-old model is three months pregnant."

"It's great news and we are delighted," he said. "They told us that Kate is pregnant. They are very happy about it and they are very happy together."

A spokeswoman for Moss's modeling agency, Storm, confirmed the news.

Douglas Hack said he hadn't known that the couple, who've been together 18 months, were trying to have a child.

"They hadn't mentioned anything about wanting a baby and they have kept everything under wraps for the past three months," he said.

Moss and Hack, the 30-year-old publisher of style magazine Dazed & Confused, have no plans to marry, Douglas Hack said.

Moss, who grew up in south London, has been modeling since she was 14. In 1998, she checked into a London clinic, suffering from exhaustion. Her previous boyfriends include actor Johnny Depp and Antony Langdon, guitarist with the pop group Spacehog.

NEW YORK (AP) — Forget a million bucks. On Oscar night, Jules Asner will look like 5 million bucks.

Asner, star of E! Entertainment Television's "Revealed" and "E! News Live," will wear a diamond-studded, nude-colored gown with an estimated value of \$5 million. Designed by Anne Bowen, the dress features 5,000 quarter-carat Hearts on Fire diamonds, which are known for their precise cut.

The jewels cascade down the silk-and-cotton tulle gown with a silk iridescent chiffon overlay. It flares softly at the bottom with a slit on the center of the right leg.

"I've been a fan of Anne's designs and am honored to wear her latest creation," said Asner, who'll begin reporting from the red carpet Sunday starting at noon EST.

The gown then will be auctioned for charity, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Hollygrove, a center in Los Angeles that provides care

for abused and neglected children.

In a statement, Asner said the charitable aspect made the dress even more tempting. "Los Angeles is the home of the Oscars but it is also home to many underprivileged children."

Until Sunday, the gown is under 24-hour armed security.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kirk Kerkorian can't be the father of a 4-year-old girl because he is sterile, the billionaire's lawyers argued as his ex-wife sought \$320,000 a month in child support.

"This is a child support case in name only," attorney Dennis M. Wasser said Thursday, accusing Lisa Bonder Kerkorian of "using child support as a vehicle to enrich herself."

During the daylong hearing, Superior Court Judge Lee Smalley Edmon ruled that the woman's lawyers may examine Kerkorian's tax returns, but he delayed ruling on her request that Kerkorian pay more than \$500,000 in her legal expenses.

She left the courtroom in tears. "I can't afford this," she cried as she ran down the court hallway, clutching a stuffed Easter bunny wrapped in cellophane.

Wasser told the judge that the woman is worth about \$12 million and doesn't need help paying her legal bills.

Kerkorian, 84, is worth an estimated \$6.5 billion. He is the majority shareholder in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer movie studio and MGM Mirage Inc., which owns several Las Vegas Strip hotels.

He and Lisa Kerkorian, who were married for a month in 1999, had a 10-year romantic relationship that ended when she allegedly saw him with another woman in August 2000.

In January, Lisa Kerkorian filed for \$320,000 a month in child support for her daughter, Kira. Among the expenses she cited were \$144,000 for travel, \$14,000 for parties and play dates, and \$4,300 for food.

Kerkorian has said DNA tests show he's not Kira's father but he has pledged to support her. He has asked the court to award support that doesn't exceed the \$50,000 a month he already pays.

Lisa Kerkorian, a 37-year-old former tennis pro, recently admitted that she lied about

the paternity. Court papers say she faked a DNA paternity test by using saliva obtained by a nurse from Kerkorian's adult daughter.

In a deposition, however, Lisa Kerkorian contended that her husband approved of the lie.

He wanted people to think he had fathered the girl because "it fraudulently raised his 'stock' in the male world, fraudulently established him as a virile, sexually active octogenarian and gave him some 'kinder, gentler' publicity," according to her deposition.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A disgruntled client who believes defense lawyer Johnnie Cochran Jr. cheated him out of money must stop his 10-year protest campaign, a judge said.

The Superior Court judge ruled Thursday against Ulysses Tory in a two-year-old defamation and invasion of privacy lawsuit. He ordered Tory to stop the demonstrations, said Jonathan Cole, who represented Cochran.

Cochran is best known for successfully defending O.J. Simpson against double murder charges.

Cole said the attorney represented Tory in legal actions against Los Angeles County in 1983, but Cochran asked to be relieved as counsel two years later.

Tory then began demonstrating against Cochran outside the attorney's office and the downtown courthouse, alleging that Cochran owed him money and was unfit to practice law.

Tory, who served as his own lawyer in the lawsuit, claimed he was protected from defamation claims because Cochran was a public figure.

But Judge Ronald Sohigian ruled that Tory made false statements maliciously, "with reckless disregard for the truth" and "solely with the intent to extort money from Cochran," Cole said.

Tory declined to say whether he would appeal, but in a telephone interview commented: "There's more than one way to skin a cat."

"I'm the one that's laughing right now. I feel good about myself," he said.

Cole said Cochran could seek monetary damages but does not plan to do so.

"All we wanted to do was stop this man," Cole said.

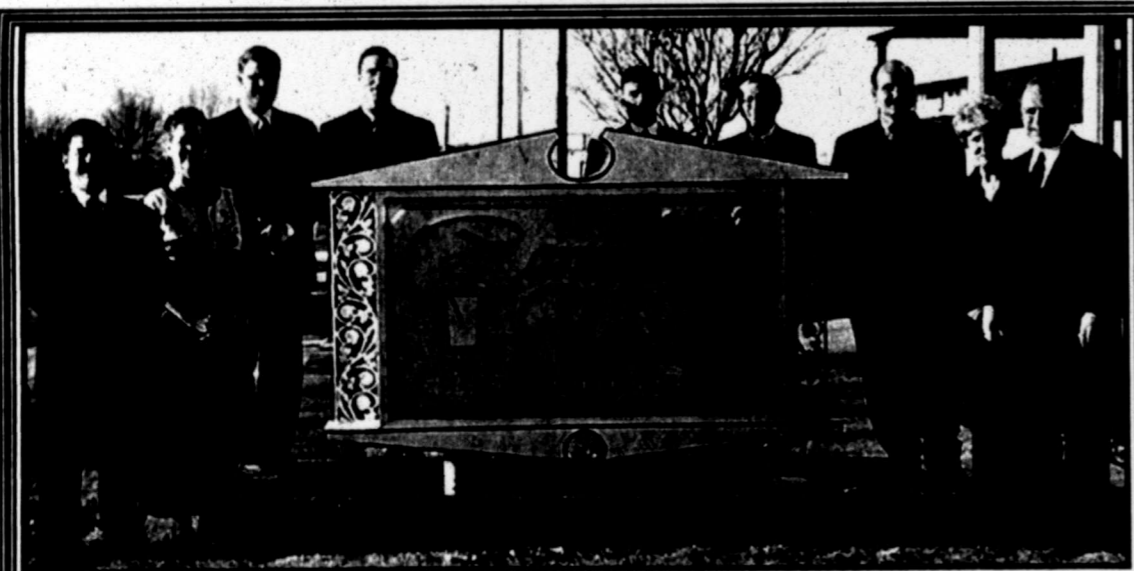
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# Hunting for antlers hobby to some, crime for others

By BECKY BOHRER  
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GARDINER, Mont. (AP) — For John Clawson, finding an elk antler in the woods after a long, difficult hike is exhilarating. "I look at it like Easter egg hunting, finding a nice surprise," the miner from this tiny southern Montana town says.

The mix of mountain air and nature awakening help draw antler hunters like Clawson to lands near Yellowstone National Park each spring, when elk begin the natural process of shedding their antlers.

For most antler hunters, it is a leisure activity conducted lawfully, usually in the region's national forests. Families make it a favorite spring pastime, and Boy Scout troops sometimes gather antlers as a fund-raiser.

"Ninety percent, I think, do it because they like the freedom and fresh air," said Clawson, who likes to take his children hunting with him.

But for some, antler hunting has become a highly competitive and potentially lucrative. Shed horns are sold for use overseas as health or food supplements. Some in Asia consider powdered antler to be an aphrodisiac. In the United States, craftsmen turn antler racks into knives, chandeliers and furniture than can sell for thousands of dollars.

The demand worries law enforcement officers at Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks. Antler collecting is forbidden within the parks; park resources are meant to be viewed and enjoyed — not taken or disturbed.

But the temptation can prove too great for some, who will take the risk that park rangers will be too busy with other duties to try to track them through the vast ranges.

"I think people are getting away with a lot of stuff here," said

Dan Kirschner, a special agent with Yellowstone. "There is no way for us to physically monitor the entire boundary."

"In places like this, you could make several hundreds dollars in a few hours if you know where to look," said Brian Helms, a backcountry supervisor at Yellowstone.

In Wyoming, state game officials are considering designating a gathering season on certain lands to help control the competition for elk antlers and prevent animals from being harassed.

At Wyoming's National Elk Refuge, shady hunters monitor the antler shedding as closely as game management officials. Officials try to pick up antlers as quickly as they are shed to deter poaching, but admit they are not always quick enough.

And some poachers sneak into areas set aside as winter range for the elk and closed to people on the Bridger-Teton National Forest, near Jackson, Wyo. They stash antlers to be collected later in the spring, when the winter range reopens to legal access and the antlers can be retrieved without raising suspicion.

"They will spend the night laying out under the bushes, just like somebody fighting a war," said Shane Wasem, a law enforcement officer with the U.S. Forest Service.

Park law enforcement officials cannot say how widespread the problem is.

"It's a crime but not against a person. So who's going to report it?" he said. "It is hard to detect (the crime) and apprehend the criminal, and the payoff is big."

Helms said plenty of folks are willing to risk getting caught in the park where, in one day, they could find the same number of antlers it might take two or three weeks to legally gather outside Yellowstone.

Prices for antlers are about half of what they were even a few years ago, which antler hunters blame on a weaker Asian market. But even at \$4 to \$5 a pound, with a large antler weighing

up to 10 pounds, walking the woods isn't too bad a day's work.

The trade consists of a widespread network of hunters, sellers and buyers. An auction of antlers gathered at the elk refuge near Jackson each year attracts people from around the world to the Western town.

Antlers still are sent overseas for use as food supplements, said Don Schaufler, whose Montana business is a major buyer of antlers in North America. And the market among craftsmen remains strong as well.

"They're still worth something," said Schaufler, who calls it a "sin" that the Park Service lets the antlers lie on the ground.

Antlers shed on the park floors by migrating elk are considered part of the natural ecosystem. Rodents gnaw on them for nutrients and tourists who happen across shed antlers glimpse part of nature's cycle, said Steve Cain, a senior wildlife biologist at Grand Teton.

Colin Campbell, chief ranger at Grand Teton, says detection devices or certain markings can be placed on antlers to help officials track them. Tips from the public, he says, are invaluable.

Some unscrupulous antler hunters go to extremes to get what they want. Jason Anderson, a spokesman with Bridger-Teton, says there have been reports of elk being chased among trees where piano wire has been strung to knock off antlers, and attempts to shoot antlers free.

On the Net:

Grand Teton National Park: <http://www.nps.gov/grte/>

Yellowstone National Park: <http://www.nps.gov/yell/>

## Ford delays shipment of 4x4 SUVs because of faulty part

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. says it has delayed shipments of several lines of four-wheel drive sport utility vehicles because of a faulty part produced by a supplier.

The problem is in an electric motor attached to the transfer case, the mechanism that moves the vehicle from 2-wheel to 4-wheel drive and back again. The vehicles involved are Ford Explorer, Explorer Sport Trac, Expedition, some F-150s and Lincoln Navigator, spokeswoman Della DiPietro

said.

DiPietro said the problem was detected "earlier this winter." She wouldn't say how many vehicles were affected or how many had already been shipped, though she said a recall should not be necessary.

"Given the situation, Ford is handling it appropriately," said Jeff Schuster, director of North American forecasting for J.D. Power and Associates, a research firm in Agoura Hills, Calif. "They've caught it and

dealt with it."

In last May's J.D. Power and Associates initial quality study, Ford had an average of 162 problems per 100 vehicles, the highest among the domestic automakers. General Motors Corp. had 146 per 100 vehicles, and DaimlerChrysler AG vehicles had an average of 154.

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# SPORTS

## NOTEBOOK

### VOLLEYBALL

**PAMPA** — There's a strong chance that Pampa's first-ever Optimist Volleyball League for 5th and 6th grade girls is here to stay.

"The volleyball league was a big success. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and learned some volleyball skills. Thanks to everyone who participated, coached, or was a fan," said Deanna Polasek, who coaches at the middle school.

The season, which lasted for six weeks, ended right before spring break. The Blue team, coached by Eugene Polasek and Keenan Henderson, won the league championship with a 22-2 record. Players were Krishna Henderson, Stephanie Polasek, Logan McDonald, Sara Foster, Kailee Intemann, Alex Hutto, Keisha Crowell, Hillary Thomas, Brenna Albracht, and Diana Mechelay.

The Red team was second with an 18-6 record and the Purple team was third with an 14-10 record.

An end of season tournament was held with the Red team taking first, the Yellow team second and the Blue team third.

Other teams entered in the league were the Maroon, Green, Orange and Yellow teams.

### BASKETBALL

**SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)** — Juan Dixon smiled at the thought: Maryland is the only team with a chance at a repeat appearance in the Final Four.

And the Terrapins are now just one victory away.

"That says a lot about us, how much we've grown since last year," the All-American guard said. "Guys remember what it takes to get back there. Hopefully, we can do it again."

He doesn't need to do it alone, apparently.

With Dixon held to just four points in the final 14 minutes Friday night, top-seeded Maryland still had enough talent to beat Kentucky 78-68 in the East Regional semifinals.

## Pampa wins 3-4A opener

**AMARILLO** — Pampa lefthander Adam Jones threw a 1-hit shutout and the Harvester hitters went on a 13-hit attack in a 13-0 win over Palo Duro in a District 3-4A opener Friday.

For the season, the Harvesters improved to 7-10 while the Dons are 3-10.

Leading 3-0, Pampa broke the game open in the fourth inning with six hits that produced eight runs.

Catcher Michael Galloway and second baseman Wes Martin led the Pampa attack with three hits each. They each knocked in two runs.

Jones, 2-2 for the season, struck out 7 and walked 2. The only hit he gave up was an infield single by Aaron Acosta in the third inning.

Seven Harvesters delivered hits on the day. Evan Miller had two hits and two runs-batted-in while Tyson Moree also had a pair of hits and an RBI. Kyle Francis had one hit and three RBI while Randy Tice had a two-run hit. Jones also had a hit.

The Dons used three pitchers with starter Steven Taylor taking the loss.

The Harvesters played Hereford in more district action Saturday.

## Mickelson one back of leader

**PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP)** — One week after a questionable shot down the stretch cost him a chance at victory, Phil Mickelson jumped back into contention in The Players Championship with flair, a few flops and a game plan for which he makes no apologies.

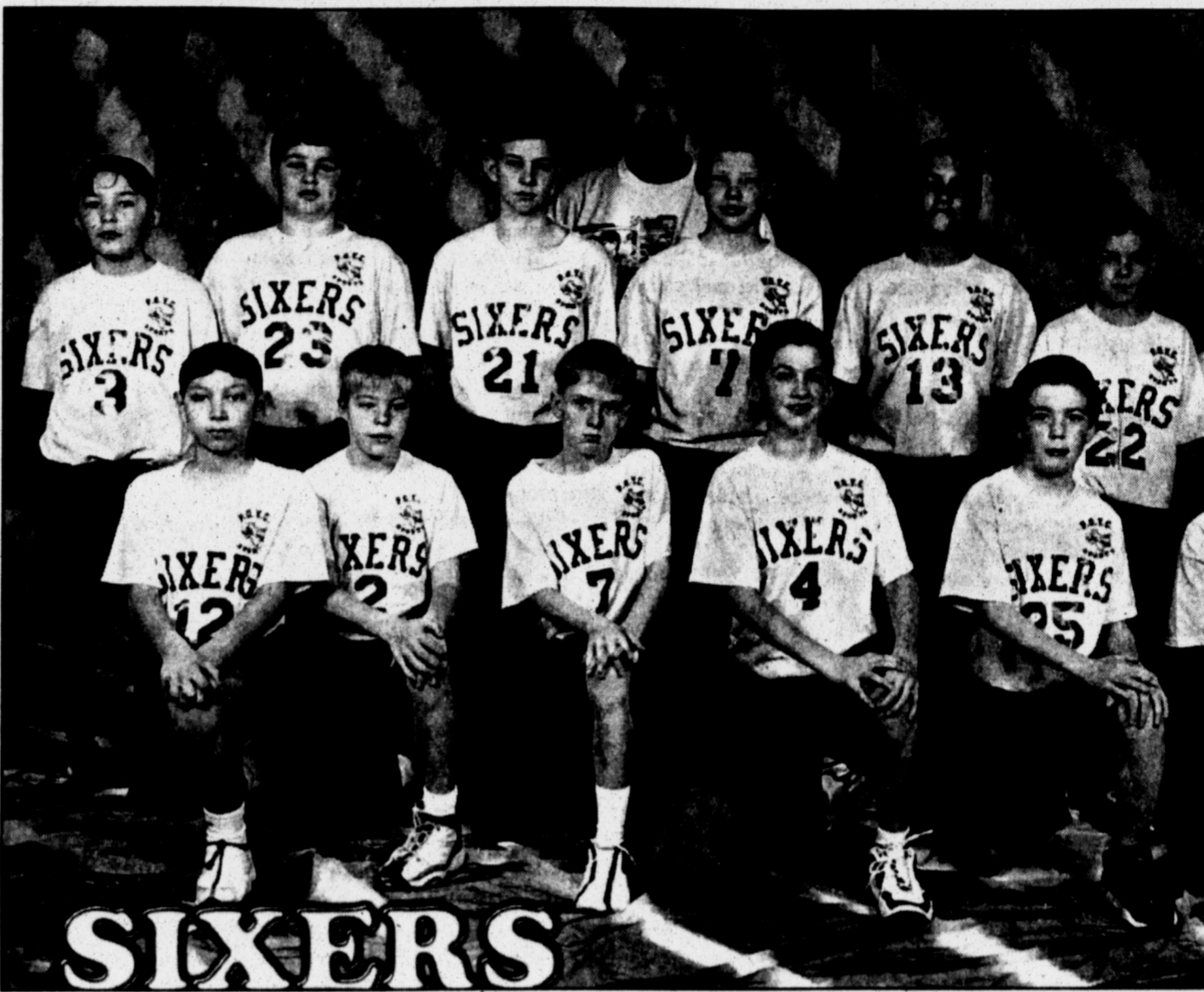
Mickelson completed a first-round 64 and shot a 75 in the second to finish at the same number he started — 5-under par for a 139 total, leaving him one stroke behind clubhouse leader Carl Paulson when the second round was suspended by darkness.

Paulson had his second straight 69 and was at 138.

Craig Perks had a 68 and was at 139.

Jeff Sluman also was at 5 under with two holes remaining when he returns Saturday.

## Basketball champs



(Courtesy photo)

The Pampa Sixers 6th grade team had a 10-2 record to win the Optimist Basketball League championship. They placed second in the league tournament. The Sixers placed third in the 5th grade division with a 6-6 record. They were third in the tournament. Sixth grade team members are (standing, from left) Jeremy Martinez, Colden Fortenberry, Tyler Dodson, Dane Howard, Richard Oeader, Kevin Frels and Adam Estrada. Fifth grade team members are (front, from left) A.J. Rodrigez, Cody Bowers, Dustin Mathis, Dylan Cain, Casey Trimble and Chris Jackson. Also pictured is coach Ben Martinez.

## Three Harvesters named first-team, all-district

**PAMPA** — Senior midfielder Ryan Nash, junior forward Chance Crain and junior defender Tristan Brown have been named to the All-District 2-4A Boys Soccer Team.

All three players from Pampa's first-ever district championship team in boys soccer were first-team picks.

Nash was also a first-team pick last season.

The Harvesters, coached by John True, finished with a 14-10 record for the season. They were 9-2 in district.

### All-District 2-4A Team First Team

**Ryan Nash, senior, Pampa**  
**Chance Crain, junior, Pampa**  
**Tristan Brown, junior, Pampa**  
**Mark Milner, junior, Borger**  
**Caleb Sanchez, freshman, Palo Duro**  
**Brandon Sisneros, junior, Borger**  
**Daniel Velasco, junior, Caprock**  
**Chris Pacheco, sophomore, Canyon**  
**Coly Wheeler, junior, Borger**  
**Jose Diaz, senior, Caprock**

### Second Team

**Jose Baca, junior, Caprock**

**Frank Tijerina, junior, Randall**  
**Milton Hook, senior, Borger**  
**David McCawley, senior, Borger**  
**Eric Richard, senior, Canyon**  
**Jan Dworatzek, junior, Caprock**  
**Steven Harper, sophomore, Borger**  
**Devlin Liles, junior, Caprock**  
**Michael Davidson, Caprock**  
**Eddie Zion, senior, Palo Duro**  
**Josh Harvin, junior, Borger**

**Most Valuable Player:** Armando Loya, senior, Palo Duro.

**Coach of the Year:** Ruben Ortega, Borger.

## Softball signups are under way

**AMARILLO** — The High Plains Girls Fast Pitch Softball Association, in conjunction with the City of Amarillo, is announcing open league registration for all girls between the ages of 7 and 18.

Registration forms are available at the City of Amarillo Parks and Recreation Department or Amarillo Central Library, located at 413 E. 4th Ave., Room AB. Interested girls can call 378-9301 if more information is needed.

## Volleyball champions



(Courtesy photo)

The Blue team won the championship in this year's Pampa Optimist 5th-6th grade Volleyball League. Team members are (front, from left) Alex Autto, Keisha Crowell, Hillary Thomas, Brenna Albracht and Diana Mechelay; (back row, from left) coach Eugene Polasek, Krishna Henderson, Stephanie Polasek, Logan McDonald, Sara Foster, Kailee Intemann and assistant coach Keenan Henderson.

The Pampa High School class of 1972 is searching for classmates for its 30<sup>th</sup> reunion to be held June 28-29, 2002. If you know of any names please contact: (telephone) 806-669-4800 or (mail) Class of '72 Reunion P.O. Box 144 Pampa, Texas 79065 or (e-mail) melg@centramedia.net or (alumni page) www.pampaisd.net

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**Gordon sets record**

**BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP)** — Jeff Gordon took the top qualifying spot, setting a track record by running a lap at 127.216 mph at Bristol Motor Speedway. It was the 40th pole of his career, first since August, and showed he could be back to his old form.

Gordon, who gave car owner Rick Hendrick his first pole at Bristol since 1986, knocked Robby Gordon off of the top spot for today's Food City 500.

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By BEN W/ AP Baseball

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# Bonds still looking for that elusive World Series ring

By BEN WALKER  
AP Baseball Writer

His future spot in the Hall of Fame is secure — four MVPs, 10 All-Star picks and 73 home runs guarantee him a plaque in Cooperstown.

Only one thing is missing for Barry Bonds. The biggest thing there is for a ballplayer.

"All I want now is a World Series ring," he said.

He's certainly had his chances.

Five trips to the playoffs, five times his team hasn't won a series. His postseason stats? A .196 average, one homer and six RBIs in 97 at-bats.

At 37, his time to win a championship — and silence the anti-Barry sentiment — is starting to run out.

Fortunately for Bonds, he might get another opportunity this year. The San Francisco Giants are poised to make one more run.

To reach the playoffs, manager Dusty Baker's team will need to get past the Arizona Diamondbacks in the NL West. The World Series champions did not do much in the offseason, perhaps allowing the improved Giants and age catch up to them.

"We had time off to enjoy the spectacular season we had last year," Arizona first baseman Mark Grace said. "Now it's up to us and the veteran guys to make sure it's just that — last year. We have targets on our backs, but it's a good feeling to be the team to beat, and I think we are."

The Atlanta Braves remain the team to beat in the East, in line for their 11th straight division title. The St. Louis Cardinals, minus Mark McGwire, should hold off Houston in the NL Central, and the revamped New York Mets are in position to win the wild card.

A look at the NL in predicted order of finish:

## EAST

### Atlanta Braves

One of these days, Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine will break down and the Braves will not finish in first place. No one is ready to bet that it'll happen this year, though.

Certainly not after Atlanta pulled off a steal in the offseason, getting Gary Sheffield (.311, 36 HRs, 100 RBIs for Los Angeles) from Los Angeles for Brian Jordan, Odalis Perez and a prospect.

Sheffield will fit into a slugging outfield that includes converted 3B Chipper Jones (.330, 38, 102) and Andruw Jones (.34 HRs, 104 RBIs).

Rafael Furcal, the 2000 NL Rookie of the Year, comes back after missing half of last season with a shoulder injury. The Braves found out he's 23 instead of 21, and laughed it off.

## NL Preview

Maddux (17-11, 3.05 ERA) and Glavine (16-7, 3.57) will both be 36 by mid-April. John Smoltz (10 saves) turned down a chance to join the Yankees and will try to become the full-time closer.

### New York Mets

GM Steve Phillips vowed to revitalize the majors' worst offense, and did it in stunning fashion.

Newcomers Roberto Alomar (.336, 100 RBIs, 30 SBs), Jeremy Burnitz (34 HRs, 100 RBIs), Roger Cedeno (55 SBs) and slugger Mo Vaughn (injured last year) join a new-look New York lineup that already includes Mike Piazza (.300, 36, 94).

Phillips also acquired Shawn Estes and Pedro Astacio to replace Kevin Appier and Glendon Rusch in the rotation. Overall, hard-to-please Mets fans liked the deals, and are eager to get going after a disappointing 82-80 finish.

### Florida Marlins

The best young rotation in the NL may pitch Florida into the playoffs — in a few years, that is.

A change in ownership moved manager Jeff Torborg from the Expos to the Marlins right before spring training, along with most of the front office. The few fans left in Montreal can vent their feelings when Florida opens the season at Olympic Stadium.

Brad Penny (10-10, 3.69), Ryan Dempster (15-12, 4.94), A.J. Burnett (11-12, 4.05) and rookie Josh Beckett (2-2, 1.50) lead a staff full of power arms.

### Philadelphia Phillies

After seeing the Braves and Mets make big deals this winter, Philadelphia fans were disappointed GM Ed Wade's major move was getting pitcher Terry Adams. If Scott Rolen stays in town, all might be forgiven.

Rolen (289, 25, 107) turned down a whopping offer and seems intent on becoming a free agent. His contract status is sure to be a sore point all year.

Manager Larry Bowa spurred the surprising Phillies in his first season, keeping them in contention until the final week. He'll be hard-pressed to do it again, especially if he and Rolen remain at odds.

### Montreal Expos

A few early wins could turn the poor, little orphaned Canadian club that no one wanted into America's team. Yet despite the best efforts of new manager Frank Robinson and GM Omar Minaya, the franchise owned by major league baseball — how weird is that? — is a little too short.

Vladimir Guerrero (.307, 34, 108) is destined to win an MVP award. It may not be this year, almost certainly the Expos' last one in Montreal.

Javier Vazquez (16-11, 3.42) is sure to

attract trade offers by July 31, but it's impossible to predict whether Minaya will be free to make big deals.

## CENTRAL

### St. Louis Cardinals

It probably sounds sacrilegious to say in St. Louis, but it's true: Minus Big Mac, the Cardinals may be even better than they were last season.

Tino Martinez (34 HRs, 113 RBIs) did a great job of succeeding Don Mattingly with the New York Yankees, and his steady play will fill Mark McGwire's spot.

Jason Istringhausen (34 saves) gives Tony La Russa the stopper he's been looking for. There are plenty of starters, led by Matt Morris (22-8, 3.16) and Darryl Kile (16-11, 3.09). Even if Rick Ankiel cannot make it back to the majors, the Cards can throw no-hit rookie Bud Smith.

NL Rookie of the Year Albert Pujols (.329, 37, 130) and J.D. Drew (.323, 27, 73) provide plenty of pop.

### Houston Astros

They've changed managers — Jimmy Williams for Larry Dierker — and the name of the ballpark — Astros Field instead of Enron Field. Yet the challenge remains the same in Houston: getting past the first round of the playoffs.

Jeff Bagwell (39 HRs, 130 RBIs) and Craig Biggio (20 HRs) got a nice boost from Lance Berkman (.331, 34, 126). The Killer Bs will miss Moises Alou, however.

Wade Miller (16-8, 3.40) and Roy Oswalt (14-3, 2.73) are among the best young pitchers in baseball.

Dierker guided the Astros to four division titles in five years. But they never reached the NLCS, and he was fired after the Braves swept Houston in October.

### Chicago Cubs

Sammy Sosa, Alou and Fred McGriff form a mean-looking middle of the order. Even so, the Cubs need someone to get on base to start games, along with a closer to finish them.

Alou (.331, 27, 108) signed with Chicago, lured by the lobbying of Sosa (.328, 64, 160). By the middle of spring training, Slammin' Sammy also was talking to Bonds, having patched up their funny little feud.

Jon Lieber (20-6, 3.80) and Kerry Wood (12-6, 3.36) lead a rotation that will soon include can't-miss prospect Mark Prior. But there's a big hole in the bullpen, with Tom Gordon (27 saves) out for the foreseeable future because of a shoulder injury and setup men Kyle Farnsworth and Jeff Fassero trying to take his place.

### Milwaukee Brewers

The Brewers added leadoff man Eric Young and starter Glendon Rusch, though

their biggest acquisitions might've been coaches.

Gary Matthews was brought in as the hitting instructor to help a team that became the first club in major league history to finish a year with more strikeouts than hits. He spent spring training preaching patience at the plate, and hopes Richie Sexson (45 HRs, 125 RBIs, 178 Ks) and Jose Hernandez (25 HRs, 185 Ks) will listen.

New pitching coach Dave Stewart can teach his big-game stare, but can he transform a staff that had no one win a dozen times?

### Pittsburgh Pirates

Their last winning season came way back in 1992 with Bonds. Now, the Pirates and Brewers are both trying to avoid becoming the first NL team with 10 straight below-.500 finishes since expansion Montreal from 1969-78.

Coming off a league-leading 100 losses, the outlook is bleak beyond Brian Giles (37 HRs) and Aramis Ramirez (.300, 34, 112).

Kris Benson is still recovering from elbow problems that sidelined him last year and OF Derek Bell (.173) threatened to go into "Operation Shutdown" unless he was given a starting job.

### Cincinnati Reds

Somehow, this is not what Ken Griffey Jr. envisioned when he took a trade to his hometown team.

Griffey (.286, 22, 65) was hobbled by a torn hamstring last year and saw Cincinnati lose 96 games. This spring, Junior heard ex-Reds talk about how he wasn't a good teammate. Plus, his dad quit as a coach.

Adam Dunn (19 HRs in 244 ABs) was a rookie sensation. Yet with little pitching, prospects are poor in Cincinnati's final season at Cinergy Field.

## WEST

### San Francisco Giants

The decision by Bonds to sign a \$90 million, five-year deal and stay by the Bay attracted all the offseason attention. The Giants' drive to improve their defense might mean the most once the games begin.

3B David Bell (15 HRs for Seattle) and CF Tsuyoshi Shinjo (56 RBIs for the Mets) will significantly improve a team that had trouble catching the ball.

Reggie Sanders (33 HRs for Arizona) joins a lineup that has no trouble scoring. Rich Aurilia (.324, 37, 97) and Jeff Kent (106 RBIs) both make it easier for Bonds.

Even without Estes, the rotation is fully capable, provided Jason Schmidt (7-1, 3.39 after being acquired from Pittsburgh) is healthy. Ramon Ortiz (17-9, 3.29) is the ace, and the bullpen is extremely deep with Robb Nen (45 saves) and Felix Rodriguez (9-1, 1.68).

### Arizona Diamondbacks

Randy Johnson, Curt Schilling and Co. provided a thrilling finish to the 2001 season, beating the Yankees in the bottom of the ninth inning in Game 7. Chances are, manager Bob Brenly and the Diamondbacks will not be able to overcome age this year.

Grace (37), Steve Finley (37) and injured Matt Williams (36) are slowing down. Todd Stottlemyre's comeback bid is dicey, closer Matt Mantei is still hurt, and there's no telling how Byung-Hyun Kim will pitch after last year's late meltdown.

World Series co-MVPs Johnson (21-6, 2.49, major league-leading 372 Ks) and Schilling (22-6, 2.98) were overwhelming in the postseason. Rick Helling (12-11, 5.17 for Texas) joins a rotation that could be shaky past the big two.

Luis Gonzalez (.325, 57, 142) won the Series with a blooper. Still, his broken bat ended up at the Hall of Fame.

### Los Angeles Dodgers

Chan Ho Park and Sheffield are gone, and the Dodgers' chances of winning their first postseason game since 1988 may have left with them.

New GM Dan Evans was active, getting Jordan (.295, 25, 97) and pitchers Kazuhisa Ishii, Hideo Nomo, Omar Daal and Paul Quantrill.

Yet it's uncertain whether ace Kevin Brown and Andy Ashby can stay healthy all year, and Darren Dreifort's future is in doubt after his second major elbow operation.

### San Diego Padres

With Tony Gwynn gone, Padres fans can look forward to watching a new crop of promising prospects.

Sean Burroughs, last seen hitting long drives in the Little League World Series, takes over at 3B. Ramon Vazquez will soon be ready at SS, and the pitching staff is young.

Phil Nevin (.306, 41, 126) and Ryan Klesko (30 HRs, 113 RBIs) are the big hitters.

They proved that in a pair of spring-training brawls with Anaheim, and both were penalized by new baseball disciplinarian Bob Watson.

### Colorado Rockies

The Rockies kept reshuffling their roster, adding the likes of Todd Zeile and Benny Agbayani while losing Jeff Cirillo. Then again, it did no good last winter as Mike Hampton and Denny Neagle became the latest pitchers to get clocked at Coors Field.

Hampton, who signed for \$121 million didn't help — he went 5-11 with a 7.37 ERA in his last 19 starts. Larry Walker (.350, 38, 123) and Todd Helton (.336, 49, 146) again excelled at altitude.

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## Over 500 sign up to play Optimist baseball, softball

PAMPA — Pampa Optimist baseball and softball signups soared past the 500 mark Thursday, according to Kevin Davis, Baseball-Softball coordinator.

"We have 342 boys and 169 girls who have registered for a total of 511 so far," Davis said. "Additional registration will be permitted during tryouts, which will be held April 2-4 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Optimist Club.

Little League Softball Commissioner Sheri Tice said 74 girls have signed up for the Girls 10-12 program.

"We have had to add a team in this league. Our

other leagues are filling up too," she said.

Leading the way with 81 players in each league are the Cal Ripken 9-10 Baseball League and the 7-8 Pitching Machine League.

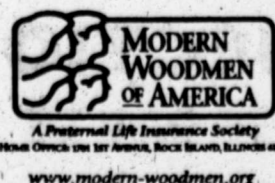
"We will have a lot of players who have not signed up," said Davis. "We have three teams coming from Lefors, one from Miami, and probably at least one more team will combine kids from both towns. Several of the returning players in their respective leagues just have not made it down yet."

Practice in most leagues begin April 8.

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## Jones lifts Oregon past Texas, 72-70

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Texas held Oregon's Freddie Jones in check until the game was on the line.

Jones' layup with 2.8 seconds left Friday — just his second basket of the night — lifted the second-seeded Ducks to a 72-70 victory over the Longhorns, who had trailed by as many as 13.

The senior guard, a key component of Oregon's three-pronged offense, had just two points on 1-of-5 shooting until the final seconds. But dribbling the ball just inside half-court as time wound down, he waited until there was space in the lane before driving for the winning shot to put Oregon in the Midwest Regional final.

Texas freshman guard T.J. Ford's running jumper bounced off the rim at the buzzer as time expired.

The Ducks (26-8), who hadn't won twice

in the same NCAA tournament since capturing the 1939 title, will next meet the winner of the game between Illinois and Kansas.

Sixth-seeded Texas (22-12) was down 41-28 at halftime.

But the Longhorns used a 13-0 run — highlighted by Brian Boddicker's three 3-pointers — to pull even at 51 with a little more than 12 minutes to play.

That sent the game into a back-and-forth struggle that lasted until the final seconds.

Still, for every Texas run, the Lukes — as in Luke Jackson and Luke Ridnour — seemed to have an answer.

Jackson led the Ducks with 25 points, and Ridnour added 20, carrying the team for stretches while Jones, who had been averaging 18.6 points, struggled.

James Thomas led Texas with 15 points, including an inside basket that tied the game

at 70 with 23.2 seconds left. Boddicker scored 13.

Ford, playing with series of injuries that include an ankle sprain and a tender groin, had just four points and five assists. He was averaging a nation-leading 8.4 assists.

Texas opened the game 0-for-6 from the field and committed 12 first-half turnovers.

Yet every time Oregon started to pull away, the Longhorns were able to scrape back into the game.

Until the end of the first half, that is.

Texas cut the lead to 33-28 with about 2 minutes left before the Ducks went on an 8-0 run to end the half. It began with Ridnour's 3-pointer and ended with Jackson's 3-pointer just before the buzzer for that 13-point advantage.

Jones missed the only shot he took in the first half.

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# CALENDAR ITEMS

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Pampa Citizens Patrol Association meets at 8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at 1224 E. Francis.

## PAMPA PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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

## PPQG

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

## GARDEN CLUB

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

## WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

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

## FREEDOM MUSEUM

Freedom Museum, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to

## MIRACLE EAR

Miracle-Ear Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization, works in cooperation with Miracle-Ear Centers nationwide to provide free hearing aids and services to children 16 and under whose families do not qualify for public assistance, yet cannot afford the expense of hearing aids for their children. For more information, contact the local Miracle-Ear Center at (806) 795-0188 or 1-800-808-0188.

## HPEA

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

## TEXCARE

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

## DIABETICS CLASS

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

## PATHWAYS

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

## DIALOGUE

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

## MUSIC THERAPY

Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center's Quality of Life Project/Palliative Care Services offers free Music Therapy Sessions at 10:30 a.m. weekly on Wednesdays at the Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room. Patient and adult family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 291.

## BEGINNINGS

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

## BREAST CANCER 101

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center offers "Breast Cancer 101," an intensive education and supportive introduction to breast cancer, from 4:30-6 p.m., the second Monday of each month in the Quiet Room of Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo. For more information call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

## QUIT CLUB

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

## HARRINGTON HOUSE

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

## NIH GUIDE

National Institute on Aging is offering "Talking with Your Doctor: A Guide for Older People." The 30-page booklet is available in single or bulk copies. For more information, call the NIA Information Center weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., toll-free at 1-800-222-2225 or TTY at 1-800-222-4225.

## GREEN THUMB

Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest provider of training and employment for mature workers, now offers consumers Geezer.com, an online service featuring the handi-

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## HFA PUBLICATION

Hospice Foundation of America has published "Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses." The book offers insight and practical suggestions for those assisting family caregivers as they respond to the challenges of caregiving, make critical end-of-life decisions, and cope with grief. For more information, call 1-800-854-3402 or visit [www.hospicefoundation.org](http://www.hospicefoundation.org) on the World Wide Web. HFA also offers the following pamphlets: "Supporting Your Friend Through Illness & Loss," and "Caring for Someone Who is Dying."

## BUTTERFLY CLUB

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

## TG WEBSITE

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

## AGENCY ON AGING

Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, vol-

unteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Tanya Mock, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

## TEXAS PACKAGES

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## SCHOOL-TO-CAREER

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

## INSTITUTE ON AGING

National Institute on Aging and National Institutes of Health recently published a 36-page booklet "Who? What? When? Resources for Women's Health and Aging" to help women as they age. To order a free copy, contact the National Institute on Aging Information Center at 1-800-222-2225.

## FIT

Foundation for Intercultural Travel is seeking host families

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

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## SENIOR WHEELS

Senior Wheels USA Program makes available power wheelchairs — at no cost — to senior

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## NARCONON

Narconon, active in the field of drug rehabilitation and education since 1966, provides free professional counseling, evaluation and referral services to internationally recognized alternative and traditional facilities via its hotline and website, 1-800-468-6933 or [www.stopaddiction.com](http://www.stopaddiction.com). Narconon means "No Drugs."

## COFFEE MEMORIAL BLOOD CENTER

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

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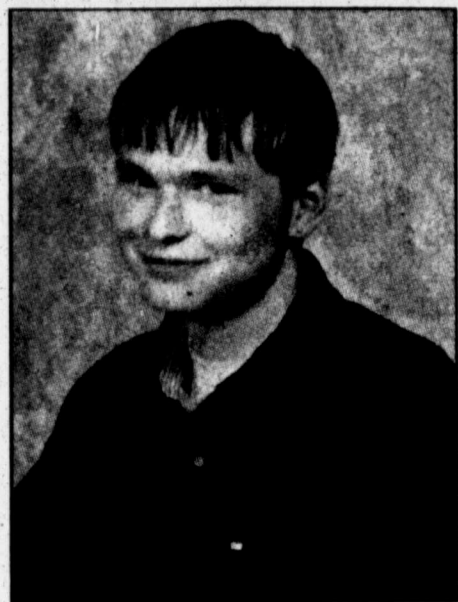
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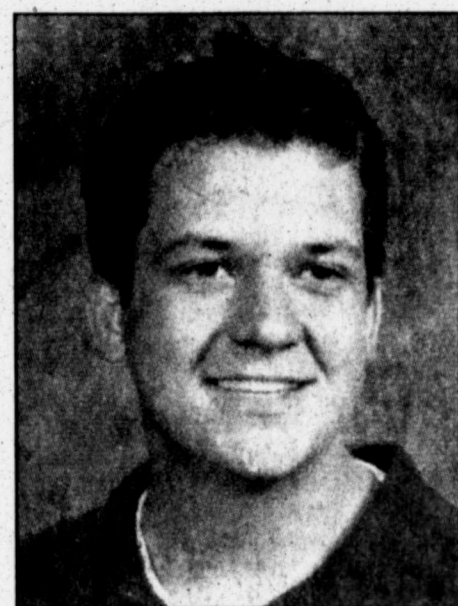


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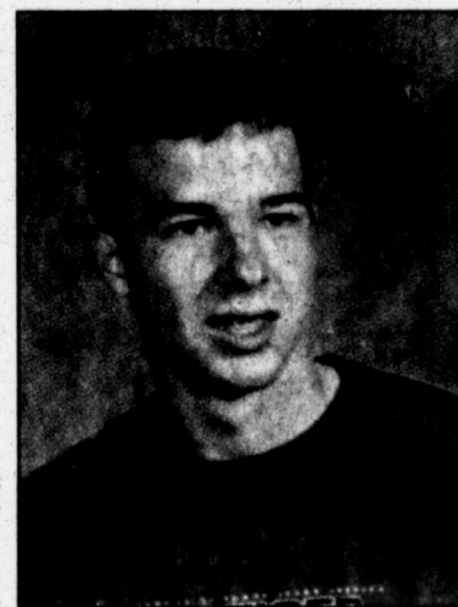
DENVER, Colo. — **Jonathon Wade**, son of Kevin and Ann Wade of Pampa, recently graduated from Westwood College of Technology at Denver.

Wade received an associate of applied science degree in computer network technology. He has since re-enrolled at Westwood to pursue a bachelor of science degree in computer network management and plans to graduate next spring.

He is the grandson of Johnnie and Shirley Wade and Linda Duncan of Quanah.



Joshua Miller



Brian Marsh

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced **Joshua Miller** and **Brian Marsh**, both Pampa High School students, were named United States National Honor Roll Award Winners.

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

Both were nominated for the award by Starla Kindle, a counselor at PHS.

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

Miller is the son of Johnny and Jeanna Miller of Pampa and is the grandson of Gordon and Velda Miller and Hood and Ikey Earp, all of Pampa.

Marsh is the son of David and Toni Blackburn and of Rick Marsh, all of Pampa, and is the grandson of Carroll and Louise Jones of Las Vegas, Nev., Norene Marsh and Darrell and Mary Marsh, all of Pampa, and Icyphene Blackburn of Crowell, Texas.

DENTON — **Kellen Elaine Waters** was recently named to the University of North Texas College of Arts and Sciences "Dean's Honor Roll of Scholars."

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours.

Waters is the daughter of Judge Lee and Mrs. Diane Waters and is the granddaughter of R.H. and Betty Dyson, Bill Waters, and the late Elaine Waters.



(Pampa News photo by Skyla Bryant)

**Frankie Bransford provides an added dimension to Genesis House with both her work and life experiences. One of her many duties at Genesis House is answering the phone.**

## Experience counts

BY SKYLA BRYANT  
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

"Experience Works" (EW), formerly known as Green Thumb before a recent name change, makes the most of America's seniors — their abilities and their experience — by placing older citizens in the nation's workforce through special training programs and other services.

Local EW worker Frankie Bransford currently serves on the staff of Genesis House in Pampa, a 30-plus-year-old non-profit residential treatment program for youth 13-17 years of age who suffer from a substance abuse problem.

This young-at-heart 77-year-old first migrated to the Texas Panhandle from New Mexico with her husband in 1955. A longtime legal secretary at Cabot Corporation, she quit the company just shy of retirement in 1978 to return with her husband to New Mexico following his retirement from an insurance company in the area.

Before embarking on her career as a legal secretary, she enrolled in several courses at St. Michael's College in Santa Fe and had once worked for the New Mexico State Highway Department and for the National Parks Service, both in

from different agencies, but when it first started it was just completely on donations.

"They (Genesis House) finally bought a house over on Starkweather — and that was just a girls home — and then they bought this property here."

"(Now) we have two homes," she boasted with quiet pride. "One of the homes is for girls, and the other home is for boys. And, of course, we have the administration office, and we also have a recreational building."

In addition to these facilities, Genesis House comes complete with tennis courts and a computer lab which is housed inside the recreation building.

Each home has a capacity of eight for a total of 16.

The program has four phases the teens must complete. If an individual youth fails to complete one phase of the program, he or she drops back to the beginning. The program, Frankie said, usually lasts between four- to six-months, depending upon the individual.

"We work on the phase system," Frankie explained, "and they must complete all four phases of the program before they are successfully discharged."

The teens leave the facility to attend public school, but otherwise reside at Genesis House and are never without supervision, Frankie said.

Frankie is very proud to be a part of Genesis House. She calls it her "G-family." She believes in the program, and more importantly, in the youth the facility serves.

She recalls a young man enrolled in the program who was having trouble with his typing. "He was the nicest young man," she said.

She offered to help him in his spare time. He showed his appreciation in the most endearing and generous way. He welded her a plaque with her name on it in shop class.

The plaque is prominently displayed on her desk at Genesis House.

Established in 1971, Genesis House was the first facility of its kind in the State of Texas. Its day-to-day operations are currently under the direction of executive director Sharon Braddock.

"We have a marvelous staff here," Frankie stated. "I am so thankful that I can still work even part-time because there's always something to learn, there's always somebody to help — and they help me," she added, chuckling, "more than I help them!"

Frankie's official title at Genesis House is office assistant. Her numerous duties include typing, filing, drafting letters and filling in as receptionist when needed. EW provided her with some

computer training as her computer skills were a bit rusty upon joining the Genesis House staff.

Frankie first heard of Experience Works through a relative by marriage who referred her to Fern Ritter, local field operations assistant with the EW organization. Frankie expressed an interest in Genesis House and the rest is history.

"Green Thumb" dates back to 1965. The name is derived from retired farmers who put their "green thumbs" into action to assist with the nation's parks and highways, a campaign begun by first lady at the time, Lady Bird Johnson, through her "Beautify America" program.

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(Pampa News photo by Skyla Bryant)

**Local Experience Works worker Frankie Bransford, right, converses with Executive Director of Genesis House Sharon Braddock.**

that same city.

After returning to New Mexico, she took a job as paralegal counselor for the District Attorney's Office in Albuquerque where she remained until moving back to Pampa.

Frankie volunteered at Genesis House for approximately 22 years prior to her placement there as an EW employee and has lived in Pampa, all total, between 25- and 30-years.

She has seen Genesis House grow from its inception.

"The whole city of Pampa has been so great and supportive, especially in the early days. Now we do have funding

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**WEDDINGS**

**Vanderburg-Prichard**

Kalei Rebekah Vanderburg of Odessa and Corey Alton Prichard were wed Feb. 16, 2002, at First Christian Church in Odessa with John Kidd of Odessa officiating.

The maid of honor was Nealei Anne Vanderburg, sister of the bride of Odessa. The bridesmaids were Shannon Vanderburg, sister-in-law of the bride, and Brooke Echols, both of Lubbock, Krista Vanderburg, sister-in-law of the bride of Midland, and Jennifer Nease of Odessa.

The flower girls were Madison Vanderburg, niece of the bride of Lubbock, and Tracy Rice and Megan Rice, both cousins of the bride of Midland.

The best man was Carl Anthon Prichard, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Chris Roberson and Jeff Sterling, both of Austin, and Brian Loving and Joe Dee Thompson, both of Fort Worth. The ring bearer was Aaron Vanderburg, nephew of the bride of Midland.

The ushers were Scott Vanderburg, brother of the bride, and Josh Jones, cousin of the bride, both of Midland, Vance Vanderburg, brother of the bride of Lubbock, and Chris Snapp cousin of the groom of Odessa.

The candlelighters were Casey King, cousin of the groom of Odessa, Dalton Vanderburg, nephew of the bride of Lubbock, Rachel Rice and Elizabeth Rice, both cousins of the bride of Midland.

Music was provided by pianist Denise Leake and organist Terri Everett, both of Odessa, and vocalist Ashley Thompson of Fort Worth.

A reception was held following the service in The Club at Mission Dorado in Odessa.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Vanderburg Jr. of Odessa and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Jones of Pampa, Mrs. Fred Vanderburg Sr. of Odessa and the late Fred Vanderburg and Darlene Vanderburg.

She graduated from Permian High School in Odessa in



*Kalei Rebekah Vanderburg and Corey Alton Prichard*

1999 and is currently pursuing a degree in child and family studies at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Prichard of Odessa and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Prichard of Ruidoso, N.M. He graduated from Richland High School in North Richland Hills in 1994 and from Texas Tech University in 2000, receiving a business degree. He is presently employed by Meek Refrigeration.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Lake Tahoe, Calif., and intend to make their home in Odessa.

**CRADLE CALL**



*Payton L. Brookshire*

**Payton Lyn Brookshire**

Payton Lyn Brookshire was born Jan. 18, 2002, at North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo, to Casey and Vicki Brookshire of Canyon.

Payton weighed eight-pounds 7 1/2-ounces at birth and was 21 1/2-inches long.

She is the granddaughter of Victor and Patti Williams and Terry and Laine Brookshire.

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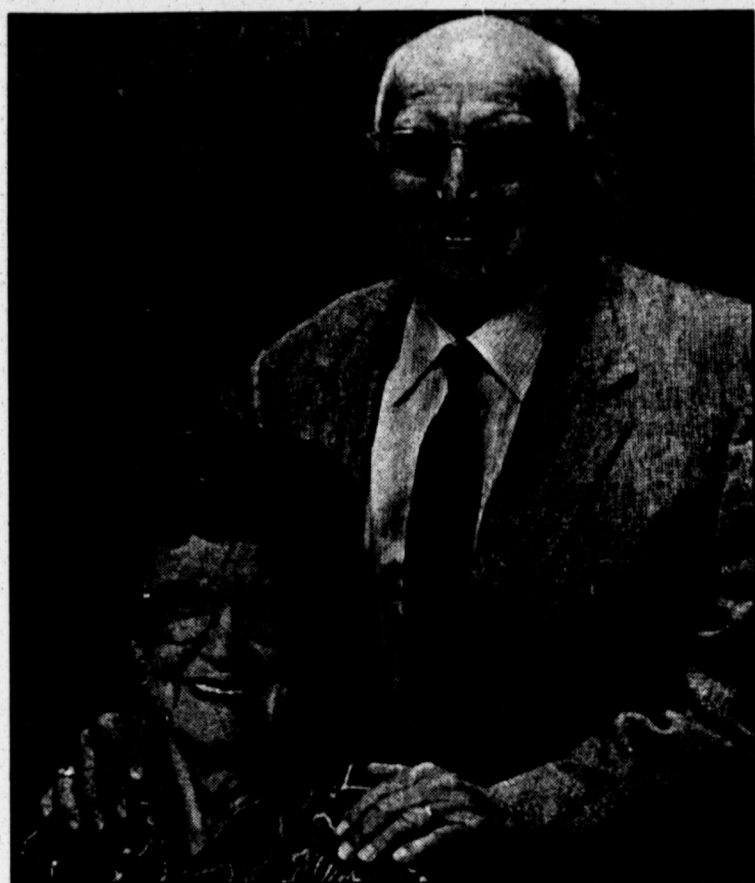
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Soukup will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at 7 p.m., at Marty's in Amarillo. Children of the couple will host the event.

Alvin Soukup and Peggy Heckard were married March 28, 1952, in First United Methodist Church at Canton, Kan. They have been Pampa residents for the past 48 years and belong to First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Soukup retired from Phillips Petroleum Company on Aug. 1, 1985, after 38 years of service.

Mrs. Soukup is a homemaker.

Children of the couple are Mike and Lawine Soukup of Pampa, Jerry and Joyce Soukup of Amarillo and Pam and Danny Brown of Portland,



Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Soukup

Texas. They have seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**Bruton-Bruce**

Tracy Yvette Bruton of Nashville, Tenn., and Jerry Ryan Bruce of Fort Campbell, Ky., plan to wed July 6, 2002, at Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Brenda and Dan Tucker and Jim and Linda Bruton, all of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School and holds a degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. While at HSU, she belonged to Simmons Classic Ensemble, Concert Choir and Epsilon Pi Alpha. She is currently employed by Springhill Music Production in Nashville.

The prospective groom is the son of Lynda Bruce and the late Vance Bruce of Pampa. He graduated from



Tracy Yvette Bruton and Jerry Ryan Bruce

Pampa High School and is currently a sergeant in the United States Army, stationed at Fort Campbell.

**MENUS**

**WEEK OF MARCH 25-29**

**Pampa Schools MONDAY**  
Breakfast: Mini pancakes.  
Lunch: Ravioli or pizza, green beans, pineapple, rolls.  
**TUESDAY**  
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuits.  
Lunch: Pigs in a blanket or macaroni/cheese, English peas, salad, peaches.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast: French toast sticks.  
Lunch: Chicken fajitas or steak fingers, pinto beans, onions/bell peppers, Spanish rice, fresh fruit.  
**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage.  
Lunch: Hamburger or chef salad, French fries, burger salad, vegetarian beans, apricot blooming cake.  
**FRIDAY**  
Holiday.

**Lefors Schools MONDAY**  
Breakfast: Pancake-on-a-stick, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Nachos, burritos, beans, rice, fruit, milk.  
**TUESDAY**  
Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Chicken strips, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, fruit, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast: Hot cereal, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Sausage wraps, chicken fajitas, beans, corn, rice, fruit, milk.  
**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: Muffins, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Sandwiches, chips, vegetables, fruit, milk.  
**FRIDAY**  
Holiday.

**Senior Citizens MONDAY**  
Chicken fried steak or chicken Louisiana, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, northern beans, carrot cake or chocolate pie slaw; tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.  
**TUESDAY**  
Pork roast/stuffing or chili rellenos, cheese grits, Scandinavian blend, breaded tomatoes, beans, lemon pound cake or cherry icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, English peas, baby carrots, butter beans, German chocolate cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.  
**THURSDAY**  
Impossible pie, pickled beets, green beans, bananas.  
**FRIDAY**  
Holiday.

**THURSDAY**  
Chicken strips or hamburger steak/mushroom gravy, potato wedges, cream corn, winter blend, blackeyed peas, strawberry cake or butterscotch pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.  
**FRIDAY**  
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**Meals on Wheels MONDAY**  
Barbecue wieners, macaroni/cheese, cabbage, cookies.  
**TUESDAY**  
Roast, okra/tomatoes, corn, cake.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Impossible pie, pickled beets, green beans, bananas.  
**THURSDAY**  
Salisbury steak, peas, carrots, vanilla wafers.  
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**CLUB NEWS**

**Magic Plains ABWA**  
Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association met Feb. 12 at Lovett Memorial Library. The local ABWA held its annual Boss Appreciation Banquet recently. Kit Grice was honored as Boss of the Year and Eltha Hensley as Woman of the Year.

**Progressive TEEA Club**  
Progressive Texas Extension Education Association Club met March 14 with President June Rowan presiding. Ruth Barrett served as hostess. The following business was conducted and announcements made:  
—Helen Baumgardner, secretary, called roll and read minutes from the previous meeting. Roll was taken with

the question, "The Most Useful Thing I Carry in My Purse is ..."  
—Mary Ann Bailey reviewed the treasury report.  
—Rowan distributed a Council activities sheet.  
—A craft workshop will be held March 20 at the Gray County Annex for all TEEA members.  
—A District meeting is scheduled April 9 in Perryton.  
—Perryton will also be the site of the Council's annual Spring Fling April 30.  
—Council Cultural Arts Contest will be May 20 at the Annex. The event will kick-off at 10 a.m., lunch will be "Dutch treat" followed by a Council meeting at 1:30 p.m.  
—Joan Gray presented the program "Toxic Mold."  
—Fifty-year members

were reviewed.  
—Leny Howard won the door prize.  
The next meeting will be April 9 at Perryton. Progressive TEEA members plan to leave Pampa at 8:30 a.m. Contact Rowan for more details. For more information about joining one of the local TEEA clubs, contact Gray at 669-8033.

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# MEDICAL

## TDH: Understanding meningitis can help keep it from spreading

AUSTIN — Meningococcal meningitis is a rare disease in the United States, usually occurring as isolated cases. And while it is contagious, it is not as contagious as the common cold or the flu according to Dr. Kate Hendricks, director of the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "People cannot get it just by being in the same room for a few hours with someone who has it."

Reports of even isolated cases of meningitis can create public concern. But understanding the illness, its symptoms and method of transmission can help ease worries and help prevent infections, Hendricks said.

Anywhere from 100 to 250 people a year in Texas will get meningococcal meningitis, with the highest number of cases occurring in late winter and early spring. In 2000, 146 cases were reported in the state, with nine deaths. Preliminary figures from TDH show 173 cases in 2001 with 16 deaths.

The illness, an infection of the layers of tissue covering the brain and spinal cord, is caused by the bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis*. The infection is spread through sneezing or coughing directly in someone's face, kissing, sharing eating or drinking utensils or in other ways that allow saliva or respiratory droplets from an infected person to get

into the mouth or nose of another person.

Meningococcal meningitis is neither an airborne nor a foodborne illness.

According to Hendricks, to reduce the risk of getting or spreading the illness cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, wash your hands frequently and do not share eating or drinking utensils.

Early symptoms of the bacterial illness include:

- Sudden onset of fever;
- Intense headache;
- Stiff neck;
- Nausea often accompanied by vomiting; and
- A skin rash that looks like small, purplish red spots.

"Anyone with these symptoms should see a doctor immediately," Hendricks said. "It can be lifesaving. Also, an infant with a fever of 101 degrees or higher and who is not easily wakened should be seen by a doctor."

People with meningococcal meningitis also may be confused or drowsy and sometimes may go into a coma from which they cannot be awakened. Those with the illness must be hospitalized and treated with antibiotics.

"Family members or close contacts will usually be advised to take antibiotics to reduce their risk of getting meningitis," Hendricks said.

About 10 percent to 20 percent of infected people die, many within hours of the first symptoms. Others may suffer complications such as brain damage, blindness, loss of hearing, kidney failure or amputations. With proper treatment, however, many people recover fully.

The bacteria lives in the noses and throats of humans, usually without making people sick. The incubation period, or time between exposure and development of symptoms, ranges from two to 10 days but is typically three to four days.

TDH and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevent do not recommend restricting travel, school or group gatherings such as at sporting or cultural events when meningitis occurs in the community. "The risk is very small in those settings because transmission of the bacteria requires very close exposure," Hendricks said.

A vaccine that protects against four strains of meningococcal meningitis is available for people over age 2 but is not routinely given in the United States. It is not helpful for treating close contacts of cases because it takes at least two weeks for the protection to begin. In addition, the vaccine's protection lasts only a few years; and if a person ever needs to be vaccinated again, the immune system may not respond as well the second time.

## HEALTH BRIEFS

### Children should brake for a healthy breakfast

DALLAS — A balanced breakfast for children is often forgotten or replaced with sugary snacks during the hustle and bustle of a busy morning. But children who skip breakfast are often less attentive and have problems recalling information while at school, says Cindy Cunningham, an instructor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"Breakfast is the time that children 'break the fast' from the previous evening, and children are especially sensitive to the fast. The body needs some fuel after it has gone 10 to 12 hours without food," says Cunningham. "Hungry children are easily distracted, irritable and tired."

Some healthy breakfast meals include a bowl of cereal with low-fat milk, yogurt with fruit or cheese melted on toast. Cunningham adds that breakfast does not always have to consist of the "traditional" foods.

"Sandwiches, soups or leftovers from another meal are also good alternatives. And if time is an issue, prepare portable meals like bagels with peanut butter or low-fat granola bars.

### Dental health takes more than toothpaste and floss

DALLAS — Using your teeth to tear off clothes tags or crunch on ice or hard candy can wear down the surface of your enamel.

**E**namel protects the subsequent layers of the tooth from pressure, bacteria and attrition. Even though enamel is the hardest substance in your body, it can still incur damage.

Over time these habits can actually chip the enamel or break the tooth at the gum line, said Dr. David McFadden, an associate professor of oral and maxillo-facial surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Enamel protects the subsequent layers of the tooth from pressure, bacteria and attrition. Even though enamel is the hardest substance in your body, it can still incur damage.

"When you chew food, pressure is equally distributed over the entire surface area of your mouth," said McFadden. "But the force drastically increases when the focal point is concentrated on a small surface area, as is the case when you eat hard candy."

So to preserve your teeth from undue pressure, McFadden suggests chomping sensibly.

### Saw Palmetto may not be a good alternative

DALLAS — One out of four men will develop an enlarged prostate in his lifetime. Symptoms include frequent urination, a weak or slow urinary system and incomplete emptying of the bladder, says Dr. Claus Roehrborn, chairman of urology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Despite over-the-counter herbal products, like saw palmetto, that are touted as treatments for enlarged prostate symptoms, Roehrborn says men experiencing symptoms should see their physician.

"There is not enough scientific evidence to recommend things like saw palmetto for now," Roehrborn said. "Men should not take any over-the-counter remedy before seeing their doctors. The symptoms of an enlarged prostate can be the same as for more serious problems such as prostate cancer or kidney disease."

### Surgical option may offer better aid to hearing-loss patients

DALLAS — New implantable hearing aids may provide an attractive alternative for patients with moderate to severe hearing loss, says Dr. Peter Roland, chairman of otolaryngology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

With an implantable hearing aid, a rare-earth magnet is attached to the middle-ear bones. An external component passes along signals that vibrate the magnet. That, in turn, vibrates the bones. Those vibrations are translated by the cochlea into electrical signals and sent to the auditory nerve.

The result, says Roland, is improved hearing. "An implantable hearing aid is a wonderful new option for people who do not like the sound quality of conventional hearing aids," says Roland. "Every recipient we have implanted at UT Southwestern has been satisfied with their implantable hearing aid. They prefer it to their old conventional hearing aid and wear it regularly."

## Study: Children getting fat at alarming rate

CHICAGO (AP) — American children are getting fatter at an alarming rate, with the percentage of significantly overweight black and Hispanic youngsters more than doubling over 12 years and climbing 60 percent among whites, a study shows.

By 1998, nearly 22 percent of black children ages 4 to 12 were overweight, as were 22 percent of Hispanic

youngsters and 12 percent of whites, according to researchers who analyzed data from a national survey.

In 1986, the same survey showed that about 8 percent of black children, 10 percent of Hispanic youngsters and 8 percent of whites were significantly overweight.

"Prior studies show it took 30 years for the overweight prevalence to double in American children,"

said Dr. Richard Strauss, a pediatrician at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. This study should be "a call to action," said Strauss, who conducted the research with Harold Pollack of the University of Michigan.

Among the reasons given for the increase: Children are spending much more time watching television, using computers and playing video games, and busy parents are relying more on fast food to feed their families.

Also, black and Hispanic youngsters are more likely to live in poor neighborhoods where outdoor exercise may be unsafe and where the quickest, easiest foods may not be the most nutritious, Strauss said.

The study was based on data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, which followed a nationally representative sample of 8,270 youngsters from 1986 to 1998. The findings appear in a recent issue of the

Journal of the American Medical Association.

Overweight was defined as having a body-mass index higher than 95 percent of youngsters of the same age and sex, based on growth charts from the 1960s to 1980s. By some criteria, that would be considered obese. Body-mass index is a measurement of weight relative to height.

Disturbing trends also were seen in the number of children who had a body-mass index higher than 85 percent of their peers. In 1986, about 20 percent of blacks, Hispanics and whites alike were in that category. By 1998, those figures had risen to about 38 percent of blacks and Hispanics alike and nearly 29 percent of whites.

"These trends carry enormous public health implications, because of the known effects of excess body weight on the risk for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and other complications," said Dr. David Ludwig, director of the obesity program at Children's Hospital in Boston.

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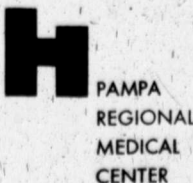


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# Blood test could be key in predicting Alzheimer's

By LINDA A. JOHNSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Offering the possibility of a simple blood test that could help predict Alzheimer's, a study found that elderly people with high levels of the amino acid homocysteine have nearly twice the risk of developing the disease.

Currently there is no good way now to predict a person's risk of developing the brain-destroying disease.

That might eventually become possible by testing for homocysteine and a bad gene that doubles the risk of Alzheimer's, plus reviewing a patient's family history of longevity and Alzheimer's, said Dr. Sudah Seshadri, a Boston University neurologist who led the study.

Previous studies have shown people with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia have higher levels of homocysteine in their blood than other people. The new study is the first to document high levels in people years before they developed Alzheimer's.

Homocysteine levels can be lowered by getting more folic acid and related B vitamins. Scientists said more research is needed to show whether lowering homocysteine levels can, in fact, ward off Alzheimer's.

Researchers already know that elevated

homocysteine levels can raise the risk of heart disease and stroke, and stroke can increase the risk of dementia.

"So it was sort of the next step to look at whether elevated homocysteine leads to an increased risk of dementia," Seshadri said.

The study was reported in a recent New England Journal of Medicine.

The researchers studied 1,092 elderly people who have been part of the Framingham Heart Study since its inception in 1948. That highly regarded study, like the new research, is funded by the National Institutes of Health.

The Framingham study has uncovered key risk factors for heart disease by following several thousand people in the Massachusetts community with check-ups and surveys about their diet, exercise, smoking and other habits.

Seshadri and colleagues examined data from checkups on the 1,092 people in the late 1980s and eight years before, including their homocysteine levels and neurological exams showing they did not have Alzheimer's. The patients, now 76 on average, were followed through 2000.

By then, 83 had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and 28 others had other forms of dementia.

The 25 percent with the highest homocysteine levels were 1.9 times more likely to have

developed some form of dementia than the others.

"The higher your homocysteine is, the greater the risk is," Seshadri said.

The Alzheimer's Association estimates up to 4 million Americans have Alzheimer's and roughly 2 million have other forms of dementia.

Dr. Bill Thies, the association's vice president for medical and scientific affairs, said the "impeccable" study makes it clear homocysteine level is an important risk factor for Alzheimer's.

"What it doesn't tell us is whether it's a modifiable risk factor," he said.

Homocysteine levels in Americans' blood have been dropping since 1990, when the government required cereal and bread makers to fortify their products with folic acid to prevent a serious brain malformation in fetuses.

Dr. Artiss Powell, associate professor of neurology at University of Medicine and

Dentistry of New Jersey in New Brunswick, said it is unclear whether the findings apply to the entire U.S. population because the Framingham study participants are mostly white.

Powell also said several factors besides homocysteine and genes are believed to affect the risk of Alzheimer's, including levels of mentally stimulating activity and gender. Alzheimer's is about three times more common in women.

Thies warned people against taking vitamin supplements to lower their homocysteine without consulting a doctor. Seshadri said people would be better off eating more green, leafy vegetables and fruits, which contain folic acid.

"In addition to reducing your risk of heart attack and stroke, it's probably going to reduce your risk of Alzheimer's," she said.

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## BP drug may ward off diabetes

CHICAGO (AP) — A widely used blood pressure drug may prevent diabetes in people at high risk for the disease, a study suggests.

The preliminary research found that patients taking an ACE inhibitor called ramipril and sold as Altace reduced their risk of diabetes by more than 30 percent.

The tantalizing result was first observed by the same researchers in a previously published study showing that ramipril could reduce deaths, heart attacks and other complications in diabetics and people at high risk for the disease.

The new study, published in a recent Journal of the American Medical Association, expands on the finding.

The researchers and other doctors expressed caution because the results came in a study that was not designed to determine if the drug could prevent diabetes.

The results "require confirmation because of the enormous clinical and public health potential of these findings," said the researchers, led by Dr. Salim Yusuf of McMaster University in Canada.

Dr. Christopher Saudek, president of the American Diabetes Association, agreed that more study is needed but said it is a potentially important and scientifically plausible theory.

ACE — angiotensin converting enzyme — inhibitors block formation of angiotensin, an enzyme involved in regulating blood pressure. The enzyme can cause blood vessels and arteries to constrict, but the drug relaxes them, keeping blood pressure down.

The researchers said the drug's effects on blood vessels may improve functioning of the pancreas and reduce insulin resistance. Diabetes occurs when the body cannot produce or properly use insulin, a hormone produced in the pancreas that regulates blood sugar.

The study involved 5,720 patients 55 and older with vascular disease or other diabetes risk factors. They randomly received either a placebo or ramipril for an average of about 4 1/2 years.

Diabetes developed during

the study in 102 people in the ramipril group, 3.6 percent, compared with 155, or 5.4 percent, of patients on placebos.

The patients reported that they had been diagnosed with diabetes; the study did not attempt to confirm that they had the disease.

Funding for the study came in part from the Medical Research Council of Canada, the Stroke Foundation of Ontario and several drug companies, including Altace manufacturer Aventis Pharmaceuticals.

## Scientists eyeball gene linked to hair loss

NEW YORK (AP) — In a finding that may someday help scientists understand and treat ordinary baldness, researchers say they've identified a normal role for a gene that causes two rare hair-loss disorders when it's disabled.

So far, even with the new work, there's no evidence of a direct link between the "hairless" gene and typical baldness. In fact, the new work doesn't even explain why the gene causes the rare hair-loss disorders when it malfunctions.

But many types of hair loss probably share a similar biological mechanism, and understanding the hairless gene's function will help scientists figure that mechanism out, said researcher Catherine C. Thompson.

Thompson, from the Kennedy Krieger Research Institute and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, and colleagues report their study of the hairless gene in a recent issue of the journal Genes and Development.

Previous work has shown that people who inherit a malfunctioning version of hairless can get an extreme form of a condition called alopecia universalis, in which eyebrows, eyelashes and body hair fail to develop. Babies are born with scalp hair,

but it fails to regrow after being shaved, as is the custom in the Pakistani family in which the gene was identified.

Other work has shown that a malfunctioning hairless gene can cause another hair-loss disorder, called papular atrichia.

Thompson's work investigated the function of the protein that cells normally make with instructions from the hairless gene.

Results suggest that it helps regulate genes that are activated by thyroid hormone. The hairless protein acts to shut those genes down when thyroid hormone is absent, researchers concluded.

Thompson said the hairless gene itself is activated by thyroid hormone, so it may influence its own activity as well as that of other genes targeted by the hormone. It may be a key factor in the hormone's effects in both brain and skin, she said.

Angela Christiano, who studies the biology of inherited hair disorders at Columbia University, praised Thompson's work and agreed it's not obvious what the results mean for hair loss.

Christiano is also studying the hairless gene. She said she's optimistic about finding a natural target of the hairless protein in the skin, which could be a step closer to discovering a link to hair loss.

## Study: Men, women differ in reactions to stress

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A study has found young women are better able to cope with stress than young men, leading researchers to suggest there may be such a thing as a female "anti-stress" hormone.

German researchers have said they found differences in the way men and women fared on a memory test given to a small group of college students after they experienced stress.

Men with higher levels of cortisol, a hormone produced during stress, recalled fewer words than males with lower levels. No such correlation was found in women.

The study was presented at the Society for Neuroscience's annual meeting in San Diego.

In an earlier experiment, the study's lead author, Dr. Oliver Wolf of the University of Dusseldorf, found the reverse was true among the elderly: Older men handled stress better

than older, postmenopausal women.

Wolf said the results suggest the importance of estradiol, the principal estrogen produced by a woman's ovaries. During menopause, the menstrual cycle stops and the production of estrogen drops dramatically.

Both studies "point toward

a potential role of the female sex hormone estradiol as an anti-stress hormone," he said.

The studies also imply that estrogen replacement therapy might safeguard women from stress.

Experts said the latest study draws attention to a field scientists are just beginning to explore.

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TO ALL PERSONS OWNING OR CONTROLLING, AS AGENTS OR OTHERWISE, ANY PERSONAL OR REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO APPRAISAL BY THE GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, I, W. PAT BAGLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER FOR THE SAID GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 11.44 CHAPTER 11, SECTION 22.21 CHAPTER 22, SECTION 23.43, AND SECTION 23.54 CHAPTER 23, TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE ON BEHALF OF GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, WHOSE PROPERTIES ARE APPRAISED BY THE CHIEF APPRAISER FOR THE GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, TO SAID OWNERS AND AGENTS TO FILE ALL RENDITION STATEMENTS, PROPERTY REPORTS, APPLICATION FOR QUALIFIED OPEN-SPACE LAND VALUATIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS WITH THE SAID CHIEF APPRAISER ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15, 2002 AT 815 NORTH SUMNER, POST OFFICE BOX 836, PAMPA, TEXAS 79066-0836. ALL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SAID ADDRESS.

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## BILLBOARD MUSIC CHARTS

### By The Associated Press

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

### Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

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

1. "Ain't It Funny," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.
2. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
3. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
4. "Always On Time," Ja Rule (feat. Ashanti). Murder Inc.
5. "What's Luv?" Fat Joe Featuring Ashanti. Terror Squad/Atlantic.
6. "Girlfriend," 'N Sync. Jive.

7. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
8. "Wherever You Will Go," The Calling. RCA.
9. "Foolish," Ashanti. Murder Inc.
10. "Can't Get You Out Of My Head," Kylie Minogue. Capitol.

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### The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

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

1. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
2. "B2K," B2K. Epic.
3. "Drive," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
4. "Under Rug Swept," Alanis Morissette. Maverick.
5. "Full Moon," Brandy. Atlantic.
6. "(Hybrid Theory)," Linkin Park. Warner Bros. (Platinum)

7. "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace. (Platinum)
8. "Wherever You Will Go," The Calling. RCA.
9. "Foolish," Ashanti. Murder Inc.
10. "Can't Get You Out Of My Head," Kylie Minogue. Capitol.

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### Hot Adult Contemporary

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

1. "A New Day Has Come," Celine Dion. Epic.
2. "Hero," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
3. "Superman (It's Not Easy)," Five For Fighting. Aware.
4. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA.
5. "Only Time," Enya. Warner Sunset.
6. "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty. Lava.
7. "I Hope You Dance," Lee

8. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.
9. "There You'll Be," Faith Hill. Hollywood.
10. "This Train Don't Stop There Anymore," Elton John. Rocket.

### Top Gospel Albums

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

1. "The Rebirth Of Kirk Franklin," Kirk Franklin. Gospo Centric.
2. "WOW Gospel 2002: The Year's 30 Top Gospel Artists And Songs," Various Artists. EMI/World/Verity/Zomba. (Gold)
3. "Believe," Yolanda Adams. Elektra.
4. "Live In London And More...," Donnie McClurkin. Verity. (Platinum)
5. "Woman Thru Art Loosed: Worship 2002 — Run To The Water... The River Within," Bishop T.D.

6. "Live And Up Close," BeBe. Motown.
7. "Thankful," Mary Mary. C2/Columbia. (Platinum)
8. "Awesome Wonder," Kurt Carr & The Kurt Carr Singers. Gospo Centric.
9. "Be Glad," The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. M2.0 Communications.
10. "CeCe Winans," CeCe Winans. Wellspring Gospel.

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### Mainstream Rock Tracks

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

1. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
2. "Wasting My Time," Default. TVT.
3. "Too Bad," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
4. "For You," Staind. Flip. Park. Warner Bros.
5. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
6. "I Stand Alone," Gosmack. Republic.
7. "Youth Of The Nation," P.O.D. Atlantic.
8. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
9. "Nice To Know You," Incubus. Immortal.
10. "Crawling In The Dark," Hoobastank.

### Modern Rock Tracks

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

1. "Youth Of The Nation," P.O.D. Atlantic.
2. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
3. "The Middle," Jimmy Eat World. DreamWorks.
4. "Crawling In The Dark," Hoobastank. Island.
5. "Wasting My Time," Default. TVT.
6. "For You," Staind. Flip. Park. Warner Bros.
7. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
8. "Too Bad," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
9. "First Date," Blink-182. MCA.
10. "Friends & Family," Trik Turner. RCA.

### Hot Country Singles and Tracks

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

1. "Blessed," Martina McBride. RCA.
2. "The Cowboy In Me," Tim McGraw. Curb.
3. "The Long Goodbye," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
4. "I Breathe In, I Breathe Out," Chris Cagle. Capitol.
5. "Yqung," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
6. "My List," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
7. "I'm Movin' On," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
8. "Bring On The Rain," Jo Dee Messina With Tim McGraw. Curb.
9. "Some Days You Gotta Dance," Dixie Chicks. Monument.

10. "What If She's An Angel," Tommy Shane Steiner. RCA.

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### Top Country Albums

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

1. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
2. "Drive," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
3. "Totally Country: 17 New Chart-Topping Hits," Various Artists. BNA.
4. "Rascal Flatts," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street. (Gold)
5. "Pull My Chain," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
6. "Set This Circus Down," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
7. "Scarecrow," Garth Brooks. Capitol Nashville. (Platinum)
8. Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly," Curb. (Platinum)
9. "Blue Moon," Steve Holy. Curb.
10. "Greatest Hits," Martina McBride. RCA. (Gold)

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### Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

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

1. "Foolish," Ashanti. Murder Inc.
2. "Oops (Oh My)," Tweet. The Gold Mind.
3. "U Don't Have To Call," Usher. Arista.
4. "I Love You," Faith Evans. Bad Boy.
5. "What's Luv?" Fat Joe (feat. Ashanti). Terror Squad.
6. "Lights, Camera, Action," Mr. Cheeks. Universal.
7. "More Than A Woman," Aaliyah. Blackground.
8. "Nothing In This World," Keke Wyatt (feat. Avant). MCA.
9. "Ain't It Funny," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.
10. "Pass The Courvoisier II," Busta Rhymes (feat. P. Diddy & Pharrell). J.

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### Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

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

1. "B2K," B2K. Epic.
2. "Full Moon," Brandy. Atlantic.
3. "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace. (Platinum)
4. "(Ghetto Love)," Jaheim. Divine Mill. (Platinum)
5. "No More Drama (2002)," Mary J. Blige. MCA. (Platinum)
6. "The Rebirth Of Kirk Franklin," Kirk Franklin. Gospo Centric/Zomba.
7. "Watermelon, Chicken & Griz," Nappy Roots. Atlantic.
8. "Stillmatic," Nas. Ill Will. (Platinum)
9. "Wu-Tang Productions Present: Killa Beez — The Sting," Killa Beez. Wu-Tang.
10. "8701," Usher. Arista/Arista. (Platinum)

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### HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "2nd Chance" by James Patterson with Andrew Gross (Little, Brown)
2. "The Summons" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
3. "The Stone Monkey" by Jeffery Deaver (Simon & Schuster)
4. "The Cottage" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
5. "The Nanny Diaries" by Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus (St. Martin's)
6. "Atonement" by Ian McEwan (Doubleday)
7. "The English Assassin" by Daniel Silva (Putnam)
8. "Up Country" by Nelson

### NONFICTION, GENERAL

1. "The Wisdom of Menopause" by Christiane Northrup (Bantam)
2. "Self Matters: Creating Your Life from the Inside Out" by Phillip C. McGraw (Simon & Schuster)
3. "Stupid White Men: And Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation!" by

### MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "We Were Soldiers Once...and Young" by Harold G. Moore, Joseph L. Galloway (HarperTorch)
2. "A Painted House" by John Grisham (Dell)
3. "Reunion in Death" by J.D. Robb (Berkley)
4. "Ist to Die" by James Patterson (Warner Vision)
5. "Final Target" by Iris Johansen
6. "Scarlet Feather" by Maeve Binchy (Signet)
7. "Tell No One" by Harlan Coben (Dell)
8. "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins (Avon)
9. "Heart of a Warrior" by Johanna Lindsey (Avon)
10. "A Walk to Remember" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)

### TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "A Beautiful Mind" by Sylvia Nasar (S&S/Touchstone)
2. "The Wrinkle Cure" by Nicholas Perricone, M.D. (Warner)
3. "Fall on Your Knees" by Ann-Marie MacDonald (Scribner)
4. "The Last Time They Met" by Anita Shreve (Little, Brown/Back Bay)
5. "Rich Dad Poor Dad" by Robert T. Kiyosaki (Warner)
6. "A Child Called It" by Dave Pelzer (Health Communications, Inc.)
7. "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant (Picador)
8. "Founding Brothers" by Joseph J. Ellis (Vintage)
9. "Fast Food Nation" by Eric Schlosser (Houghton Mifflin)
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Clark-Duke

Kimberly Ann Clark and J.R. Duke, both of Canyon, plan to wed June 8, 2002, in First Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jimmie and Carol Clark of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Billy and Bobbie Waggoner and the late Carlton and Hazel Clark, all of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1999 and is currently a junior at West Texas A&M University, pursuing a degree in nursing. She is a member of Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi and Gamma Beta Phi Honor Societies and is presently employed at Catholic Family Service in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the son of Johnny Duke of Borger. He graduated from



J.R. Duke and Kimberly Ann Clark

Borger High School in 1999 and is a sophomore at West Texas A&M University, pursuing a degree in computer information systems. He is currently employed at Cinemark, Hollywood 16 in Amarillo.

Harrison-Reed

Amy Harrison and Lynn Reed, both of Pampa, plan to wed April 20, 2002, in First Christian Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Don and Terry Harrison. She graduated from Pampa High School and is currently employed with Billy M. Smith, CPA.

The prospective groom is the son of Christa Reed and the late Jerrell Reed of Amarillo. He holds a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University and is currently employed with Ecosyl Products, Inc.



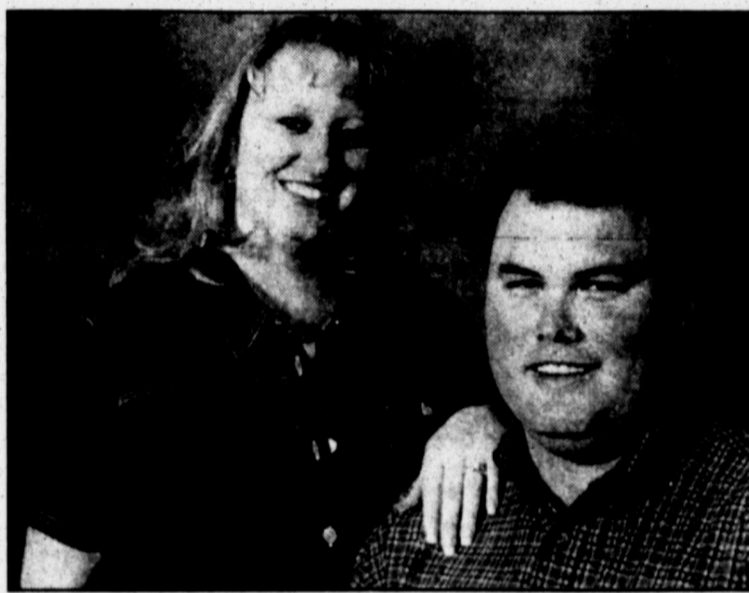
Lynn Reed and Amy Harrison

Stribling-Hamilton

Brandee Marie Stribling and Craig Lee Hamilton plan to wed June 15, 2002, at Ceta Canyon Methodist Church Camp.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Tom and Debbie Stribling of Dumas and is the granddaughter of Clinton and Maurita Stribling of Mobeetie and Helen May and the late Melvin May of Pampa. She is currently teaching secondary children with special needs in Olton.

The prospective groom is the son of Oran and Margaret



Brandee Marie Stribling and Craig Lee Hamilton

Hamilton of Abernathy. He is currently teaching and coaching in Springlake Earth School District.

Better Living for Texas Program assistant



Melissa Roberson

Texas Cooperative Extension Service in Gray County recently announced the appointment of Melissa Roberson as Better Living for Texans Program assistant.

Roberson will be assisting Joan Gray, County Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences, with the Better Living for Texans program.

Better Living for Texans is the Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program in Texas which is funded by USDA through the Southwest region Food and Nutrition Service and administered by Department of Human Services (DHS) as a reimbursable contract with Texas Cooperative Extension.

The program's mission is to empower individuals and families receiving food stamps with knowledge of the link between diet and health, and the nutrition education to make healthful food choices.

The objectives for Better Living for Texans (BLT) are:

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—**Food Safety.** Limited income individuals select and prepare food to maximize safety and nutrition.

—**Food Resource Management.** Limited income individuals adopt shopping practices to extend food dollars until the end of the month.

Roberson earned a bachelor's of science degree in restaurant, hotel and institutional management from Texas Tech University College of Home Economics.

She has worked for Texas DHS and the City of Amarillo-WIC Nutrition Program.

"We are pleased that Missi Roberson will be a member of the BLT team in Gray County," said Gray. "Missi's skills and expertise will enable her to provide strong programming for the Better Living for Texans program in Gray County," she concluded.

**Thank You**

Thank you to all our friends for the visits, cards, calls, food, thoughts and prayers during Jerry's long illness and at the time of our loss. Our sincere appreciation goes out to each of you for your many acts of kindness and concern.

The family of Geraldine "Jerry" Davis:  
Joe Davis  
Kathy McEntyre and family  
Ruth Ann Noe and family

What kind of name is henbit, anyway?

My forsythia bushes are very confused. Warmed and kissed by the early spring sun, the beautiful yellow blooms pop open. Then suddenly they are slapped bloomless by the bitter cold. I think this last cold snap finished them off. This is the bad news.

Just as the daffodils and crocus bloomed, a little purple-flowered weed made its debut also. With any luck, this last icy blast also killed this noxious plant's blooms and seeds. This is the good news.

I wish I knew who gave that noxious weed such a name as henbit. What was he thinking? I would like to tell him what I think of his word. Henbit is a strange word. And, no one remembers it or pronounces it properly.

Today a lady asked me how to get rid of "that chicken plant" in her yard. I am sure my face was plastered with a stupid, pondering look. Well... after a little detective work, I ascertained that it was henbit. She said she knew it had something to do with chickens.

There are several options to rid lawns of henbit. The best solution is to treat the problem in the fall. In the spring when henbit blooms, gardeners panic. Post-emergent solutions depend upon many vari-



By KATHY DAVIS  
GARDEN WISE

ables. Sprays, whether chemical or organic, usually work well. But, knowing what type lawn grass and reading the instructions are imperative.

In the past two weeks, the winds of change whipped through my world. Anxious hours in a hospital waiting room melted away by the miracles of modern medicine and a wizard

of a doctor. Mother improves daily. Thank you for all your prayers and good wishes!

Last Monday, I jumped out of my car and opened the large doors of a building under construction. Greeted with laughter and hugs and handed a can of stain, I began work once again at the greenhouse.

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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

## Bride's Cruel Remark Causes Angry Bridesmaid To Bow Out

**DEAR ABBY:** I work in a local government office as a comptroller and have many longtime friends in the office. I am disabled, Abby. I was born club-footed and with a short leg, which requires me to wear a specially molded shoe and walk with a cane. One gentleman, who is soon to marry a co-worker, asked that I be in the bridal party.

The problem: I overheard the bride-to-be talking to the office receptionist about my participation in the wedding. She said she would be embarrassed to have me "clump down the aisle, dragging that horrible shoe!" Those were her exact words. Needless to say, I am heartbroken that a fellow worker, who always seemed nice to my face, would say something so cruel behind my back. Yes, I am fully aware that I must wear this "horrible" thing to walk, but I never thought I would be talked about in such an unkind manner.

I have decided to beg off, but don't want to start a flap over this. How can I bow out gracefully? I feel I should say something in defense of disabled people everywhere, but discretion tells me to keep my hurt and anger to myself. Please advise.

CONFUSED IN KINGSTON, N.Y.

**DEAR CONFUSED:** You would be doing your longtime co-worker a favor by leveling with him about overhearing his fiancée object to your participation in the wedding because of

your disability. Tell him that, under the circumstances, you must decline his gracious invitation. Knowing the truth could cause him to change his mind about marrying someone so self-centered and with so little compassion. If not, at least he'd be warned in advance.

**DEAR ABBY:** We will be sending wedding invitations soon. Do you send a mother who has moved in with her daughter a separate invitation, or do you include her as "and family"? I always thought "and family" referred to minor children only. What's the proper etiquette?

CONFUSED IN KENTUCKY

**DEAR CONFUSED:** Adult members of the household — a parent or a grown child — should receive a separate invitation.

**DEAR ABBY:** The letters about children's reactions to how babies are made reminded me of my son's reaction when he was 4. I was a single mother in college at the time. He enjoyed looking at my biology books while I studied. One day he saw a picture of fertilization, so upon his request I explained how babies get started using the pictures in the biology book.

He looked me right in the eye and asked how the daddy cell got in the momma in the first place. Cool as a cucumber, I asked him how he thought it got there. He thought for a moment, then told me his version that so touched my heart that I became misty: Babies get started in the daddy's heart. The daddy looks at the mommy with a special kind of love. He takes her hand, and the sperm leaves the daddy's heart, goes through his wedding ring while he is holding his wife's hand, to her heart, where it stays to soak up their love a little while, then travels to her uterus, where it starts to grow. And this is how babies are made! I thought it was one of the sweetest things I have ever heard.

ALY IN EDMONDS, WASH.

**DEAR ABBY:** I agree. And if you think about the symbolism — he wasn't really so far wrong. (On the other hand, it makes one realize how important a thorough sex education is for young people.)

Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Jeanne Phillips, share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. To order "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

### Crossword Puzzle

#### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Lenin's successor

7 Word in an octagon

11 Diplomatic

12 Melt base

13 Immediately

14 Hill crawlers

15 Judi of "Chocolat"

16 Roeper's cohort

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18 Poughkeepsie school

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21 Far from cordial

22 Liner access

25 Bit of paint

26 Branch office?

27 Best Picture of 1968

29 Nourish

33 Frasier's brother

34 Piglet's creator

35 Pub pints

36 Buccaneer

37 Spring period

38 Shoe part

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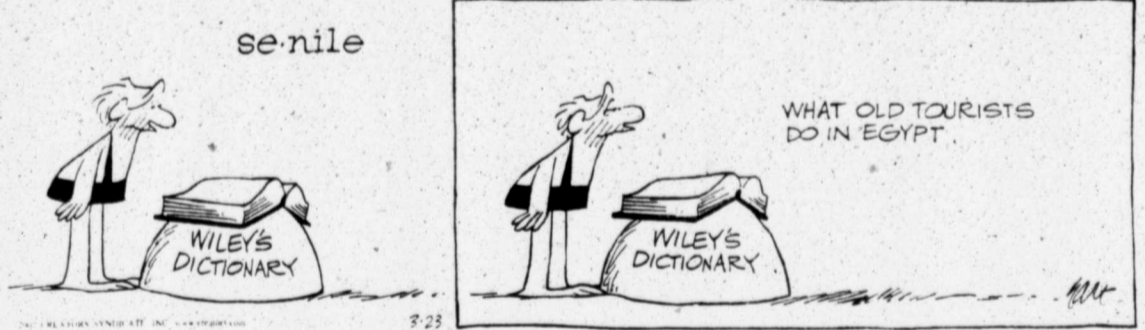
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# AGRICULTURE

## Texas cattle likely to lose tuberculosis-free label

### USDA downgrade to mean widespread testing and tagging

DALLAS (AP) — Federal officials plan to strip the Texas cattle industry of its tuberculosis-free status, a move that livestock producers fear could add millions of dollars to their costs and make it harder to sell their animals.

As part of the downgrade, the U.S. Agriculture Department is expected to require widespread testing and tagging of Texas cattle sold across state lines beginning this spring.

Excluding a few dairy herds around El Paso, Texas cattle have been declared tuberculosis-free since November 2000. That USDA designation is valuable to producers because it allows them to ship cattle out of state quickly and with less red tape.

But in the past year, high levels of tuberculosis infection were found in dairies and beef cattle in West Texas and a beef herd in East

Texas. Both herds, in Pecos and Fayette counties, were killed.

Richard Ferris, the USDA's veterinarian in charge for Texas, said that within 60 days the agency will publish an interim rule requiring the TB testing of breeding cattle being shipped out of state.

The rule will be expanded in January to other Texas cattle shipped out of state, he said — a move seen as a concession to Texas' powerful cattle industry.

About 10 percent of Texas' 14 million head of cattle are shipped out of state each year, state officials say. Texas is the nation's largest cattle-producing state.

"We know the impact is going to be huge," said Ross Wilson, vice president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association in Amarillo. "We're at the point of discussing, how do we minimize this?"

In October 2000, USDA estimated that a TB downgrade could cost Texas cattle producers \$260 million to \$788 million over five to 10 years in extra costs and lost value of their herds.

Even some in the livestock industry con-

sider those figures unreliable, but few doubt that the USDA's move will hit hard. Texas would join Michigan as the only states whose herds aren't considered free of the often deadly disease.

"Producers in other states would be less likely to buy Texas cattle even if they had tested negative for TB," said Dan Baca, an epidemiologist for the state Animal Health Commission.

Baca added that inspecting more cattle will increase the risk that additional infected herds will be found.

Tuberculosis can be spread to humans, but public health officials say this is rare in the United States because of milk pasteurization and inspection of carcasses of animals slaughtered for meat. Tuberculosis in humans is easily cured but can be fatal if not treated.

Some veterinary experts believe the current system for finding TB — inspecting for lesion in the lungs and other tissue of slaughtered animals — is woefully inadequate, and they urge more testing of live cattle.

"We want to increase surveillance in Texas. We want to know if there is more TB

out there, where it is, and do something that will increase our likelihood of finding it," said Ferris, the USDA veterinarian.

Texas cattle industry officials say they support more testing, but they say the federal government should help cover veterinary and other costs of the testing program.

"Obviously, many of these folks had nothing to do with the situation" in the infected herds, said Wilson, the cattle feeders official. The industry has also lined up support from Gov. Rick Perry's office and members of Texas' congressional delegation.

Industry officials believe much of Texas' problem with TB in cattle can be traced to animals imported from Mexico, a view widely shared by government agriculture officials.

Dairy herds in El Paso and Hudspeth counties have had chronic TB problems, but federal officials agreed in 2000 to exclude those areas when determining the state's TB designation. The federal government has agreed to buy out those dairy operations and slaughter the animals. Those dairymen are expected to relocate.

## Ranchers start neighborhood watch against cattle rustlers

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The days of cattle rustling didn't go out with the Wild West.

A recent rash of cattle thefts in Nebraska's ranch country has prompted some ranchers to form their own neighborhood watch, covering 2,000 square miles.

"I continue to have the people make the comment 'Do you mean rustling still exists?' Indeed it does. It's just in a little different fashion," said Steve Stanec, executive director of the Nebraska Brand Committee.

Stanec and three other Brand Committee inspectors monitor the cattle market in the western two-thirds of Nebraska, where most of the state's ranch land is located. The committee gets 900 to 1,000 reports of possible animal thefts each year.

When Hyannis rancher Al Davis noticed that several calves were missing from his herd, he started talking to some neighbors.

He organized a meeting last month and of the 60 or so ranchers who attended, about half reported having animals stolen from their herds.

"I think what happens a lot of times is people kind of suffer in isolation," Davis said. "I was astounded at the number of problems."

The ranchers formed a large-scale neighborhood watch. When somebody spots anything suspicious like an unfamiliar vehicle in a pasture, they call Davis' wife, who fires off a warning e-mail

to about 50 ranchers in the four-county area.

Stanec said it's impossible to tell how many cattle are stolen because in some cases an animal just wanders off or is eaten by coyotes.

However, many cases are clearly theft. A truck will stop by a remote pasture late at night, snatch a few animals and get out quickly without being spotted. The most common targets are calves, which are small enough to be taken quickly and are not yet branded, making them a lot easier to sell.

"Nobody goes and steals all the animals that somebody has. They pick four or five," Davis said. "I think there's more of it today because the animals are worth more."

Calves are worth \$250 to \$325 in Nebraska, Stanec said. Slaughter heifers and steers are worth substantially more.

Nebraska Brand Committee investigations last year led to six felony cases, including a pending case against two people accused of stealing 114 cattle worth about \$75,000 from Howard, Buffalo and Holt counties.

With a slumping agricultural market, just a few calves taken from a large herd can hurt, Stanec said.

"That could be your profit for the year — if any," he said.

On The Net  
Nebraska Brand  
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### Producer group recovers livestock, property

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Stolen livestock and ranch equipment worth more than \$4.3 million were recovered or accounted for by a Fort Worth-based producer group last year.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association reported this week that its 31 inspectors — all certified peace officers — investigated nearly 1,300 cases in Texas and Oklahoma that primarily involved stray or stolen livestock.

Inspectors, with the help of local, state and federal law-enforcement officers, recovered or accounted for 5,086 head of cattle, 66 horses, 19 trailers, 124 saddles and miscellaneous ranch property.

The total market value of the property is \$4,361,592, the cattle raisers executive vice president, Matt Brockman, said during an annual report given during the group's convention.

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### MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)

Neighbors of a large-scale egg operation in Vermont urged the state to deny an application by the farm to more than double its size, saying it would create more manure problems.

Vermont Egg Farms Inc. wants to add a 135,000-hen barn in Highgate, but neighbors claim it would only worsen a fly problem that they say has driven some people away and hurt area dairy production.

Fran Bessette, who farms along with her husband Don near the egg farm, said the flies nearly put her dairy operation out of business because they pestered her dairy cows so much that milk production was affected.

## Save the family farm

By ED STANLEY

It's a common occurrence in our times for farmers and ranchers, husband and wife teams, to work their entire lives building an estate, with the intention of passing it on to the next generation.

In the process of building this legacy, they overlook the need to provide retirement income for themselves. Additionally, many members of what Tom Brokaw calls "the Greatest Generation" find that their children do not share their vision of taking over the family farm, instead, looking for careers that are less taxing on the body and soul.

So, what do you do when caught in this dilemma? An increasing number of farmers are discovering a conservative, proven estate-planning strategy, which has allowed them to protect more assets than ever, providing for their own futures, and for the legacy, that they wish to leave for their children.

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### Cattle Raisers elect officers for 2002-03 at convention in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH — Members of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association elected officers for 2002-03 during the final session of their 125th annual convention in Fort Worth.

John E. Dudley from Comanche was re-elected as president; Bob McCan, Victoria, first vice president;

Dr. C. R. "Dick" Sherron, Beaumont, second vice president and secretary; and Matt Brockman, Granbury, executive vice president.

Hal Hillman of Houston was elected an Honorary Vice President. Elevated to Honorary Director status were Norbert J. Felderhoff, Gainesville; Albert E. Gates,

Catarina; Lawrence Harmel, Seymour; Stan Horwood, Sterling City; J. Lamar Lessor Jr., Smiley; Walter B. Scott, Goliad; and King Terry Jr., Alpine.

New directors are Swasey Brainard, Pampa; William

Christopher Bush, Refugio; Crawford Edwards, Fort Worth; John Z. Kimberlin Jr., Dallas; Scot Philipp, Houston; Arthur Uhl, San Antonio; and Delbert W. Van Cleve, Houston.

Thank you for your support in the March 12<sup>th</sup> Primary Election. I have enjoyed being your County Clerk these past three years and look forward to serving Gray County another four years.

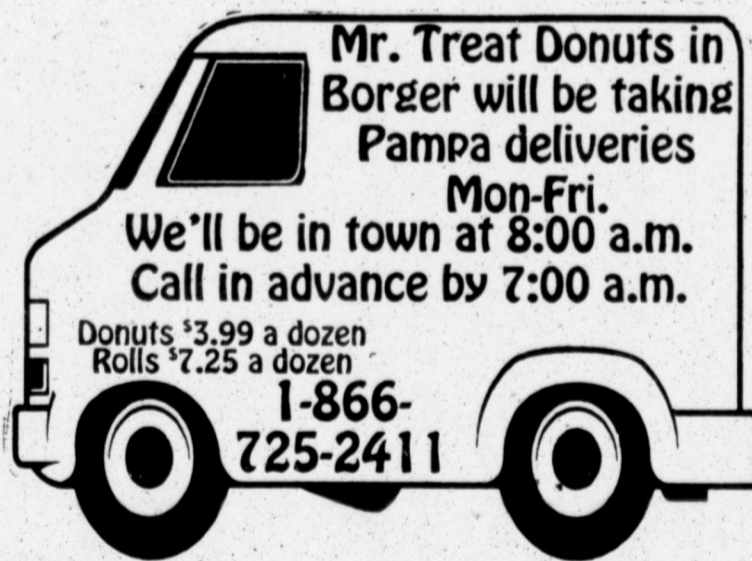
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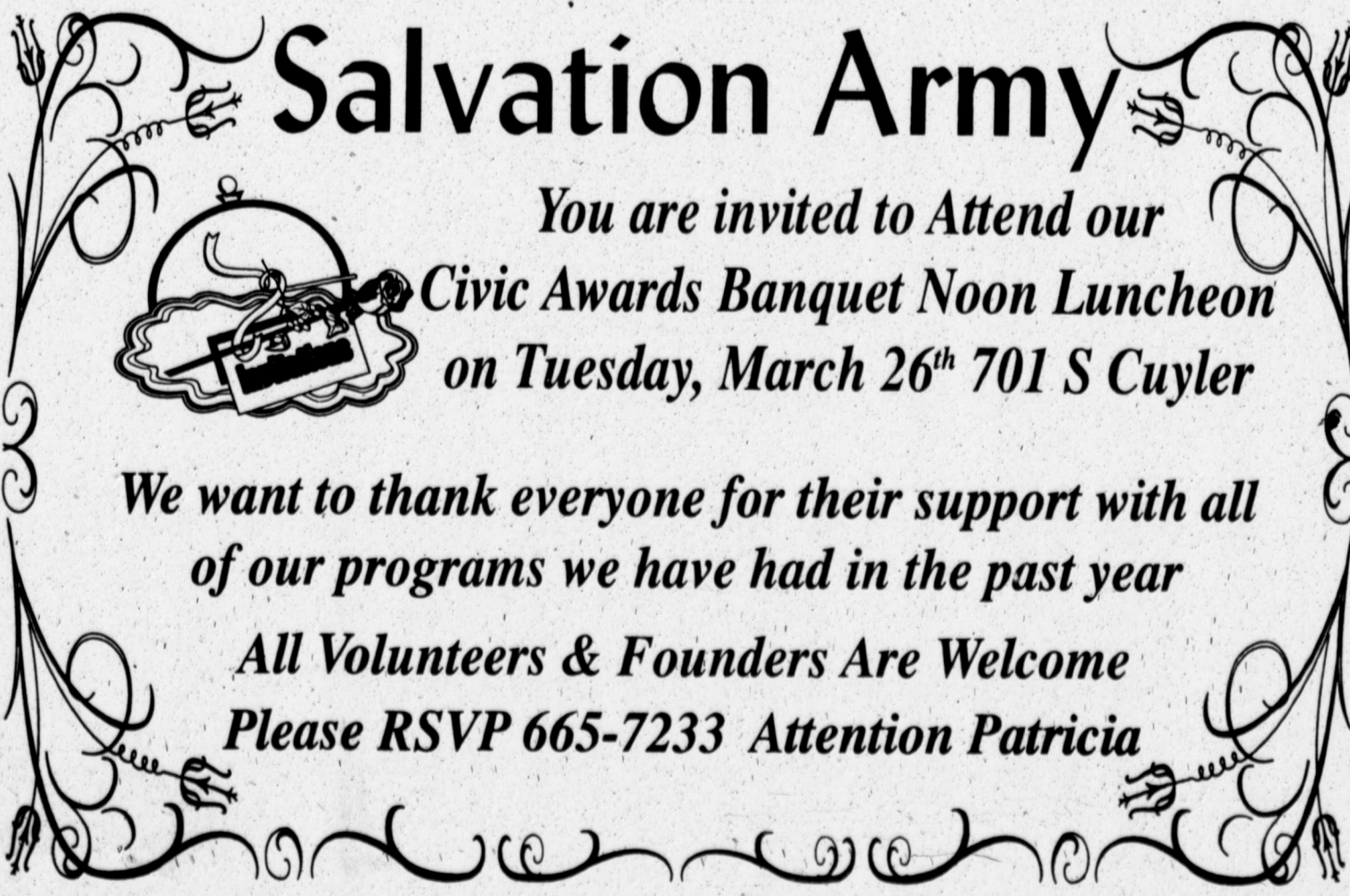


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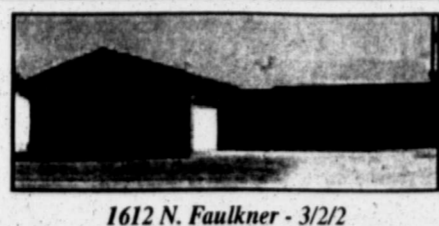
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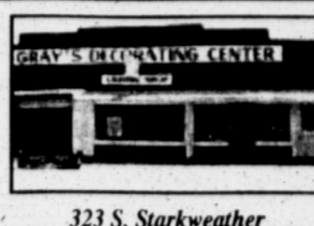
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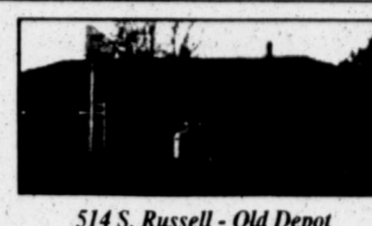
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**Horoscope**

**MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2002**  
 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR  
 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)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Allow your imagination to help you solve a problem. Count on your abilities to research and brainstorm. You find solutions because you want to. Someone close to you might do the inverse, as he or she appears to specialize in uproar. Tonight: Go with the unexpected.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Anchor with the basics. Deal with someone on a one-on-one level. Finances take you in a new direction. Unexpected developments surround work, impacting your personal life. Stay even with those around you, if possible. Tonight: Mosey on home.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Clear out messages and return calls. You might feel as if another will do whatever he or she wants in order to get the results he or she desires. Information opens your eyes wide. Do check out what is happening here. Refuse to play into gossip. Tonight: Stop and visit with a friend.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Your finances could cause some stress. Try not to twist and turn the facts so that they work; instead, take a hard look at what goes on with a partner or someone who wants some form of finan-

cial recompense. Deal with this person with kid gloves. Tonight: Restructure your budget.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Put your best foot forward. Don't settle for speculation. Ask for the facts. As a result, you'll develop a stronger sense of what is gossip and what is reality. Carefully discuss a travel opportunity. Listen to another's perspective, but don't buy into it. Tonight: Do your thing.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* A partner makes suggestions that take you in a different direction than you intended. Your family takes precedence in a personal matter. A partner or associate feeds you important information. Curb a tendency to be nervous. Tonight: Rest up. It's a big week.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Where your friends are takes you in a new direction. Listen to feedback from your friends, especially involving another who could be a strong personality in your life. Speak your mind in a way that can make a difference. Use your Libran verbal skills. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Listen to another more carefully. How you see a situation developing could make a difference if you take charge, but you know that already. Be more of a friend to a loved one. Extend stress. Nurture someone who could use a pat on the back. Tonight: Work late.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Reach out for someone at a

distance. Your ability to see another helps you to be much more yourself. Your helpful and happy personality allows you to open new doors. Work with the unexpected, making the most of the moment. Tonight: Answer your e-mail.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You might not be sure how to handle a powerful associate or someone who holds the key to a money matter. You might reverse your opinions on a powerful matter. Your family anchors you with a sense of well-being. Check out an investment. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Use care with someone who means a lot to you. How you verbalize your feelings could make a big difference in its reception. Your softer side emerges. Try not to be so provocative with your decisions, actions and ideas. Tonight: Let another make the call.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* An even temperament could take you in a new direction. Your boss could be dominant in his or her decisions. Take your lunch break out of the office or away from others. Browse for cards or find a gift for a dear friend. The change in pace proves helpful. Tonight: Go for easy.  
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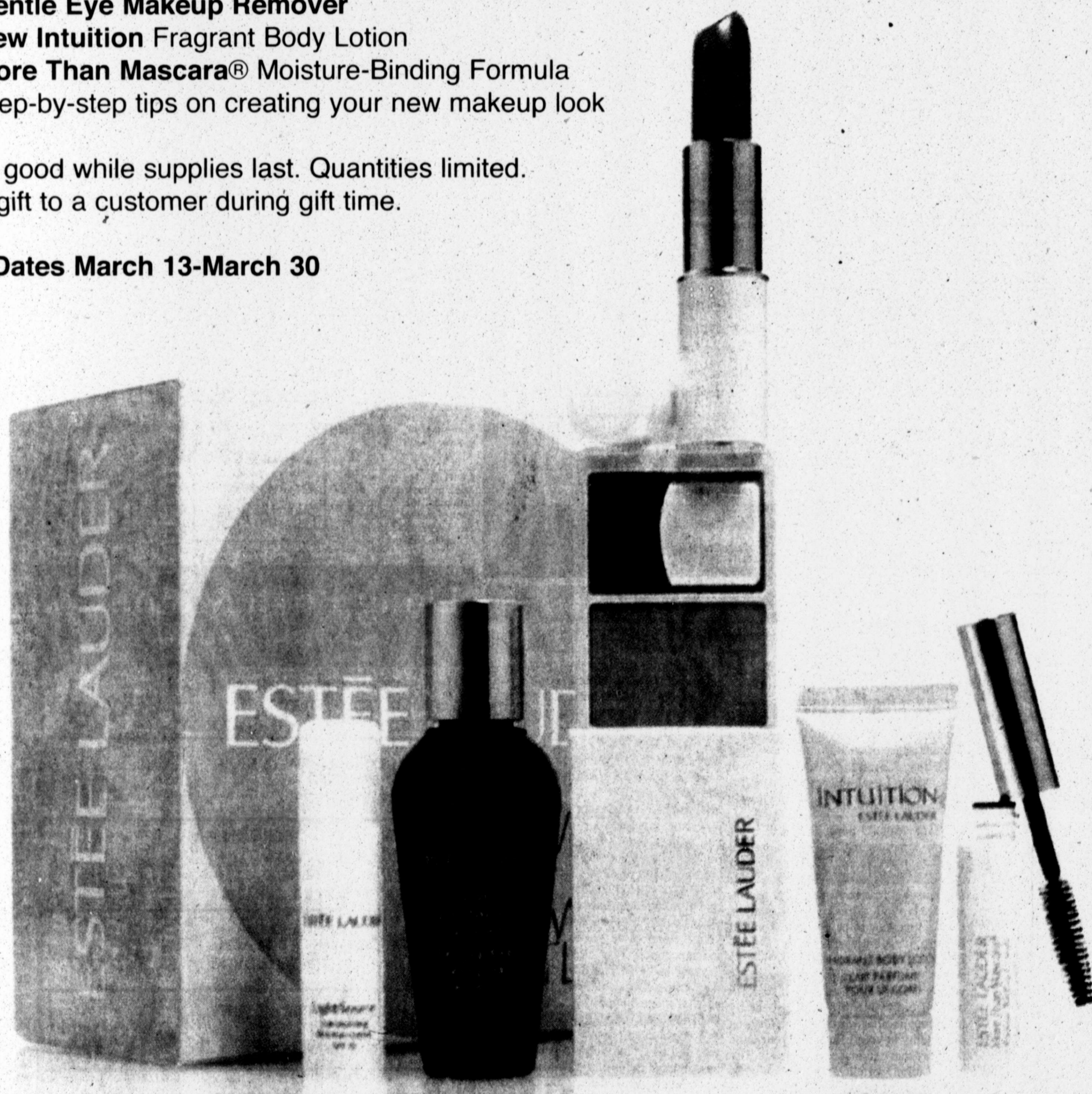
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