

Obituaries

Johnny H. Baldrige, 59

Johnny H. Baldrige, 59, of Pampa, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Baldrige was born on Nov. 2, 1946, in Brookland, Ark. He was a 1965 graduate of White Deer High School and came to Pampa in 1996 from White Deer.

He married Debbie Baker on May 17, 1993, in White Deer.

He was employed by Scarab Manufacturing in White Deer for the past several years and was a former employee of IRI and Cabot Corporation in Pampa for many years. He was a member of the White Deer Church of Christ for over 40 years.

Mr. Baldrige served in the Army National Guard.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie

Baldrige, of the home; one stepdaughter, Chrissy LaGrange of Amarillo; two stepsons, Jeremy Baker of Pampa and Brandon Benson of Amarillo; two brothers, Bill Baldrige and wife Linda of Pampa and Randy Baldrige and wife Paige of White Deer; one sister, Debbie Shaffer and husband Randy of Katy; and two stepgrandsons, Zachary Baker and Sean Baker, both of White Deer.



Baldrige

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Edrie Baldrige.

The family requests memorials be to High Plains Children's Home, 11461 S. Western, Amarillo, TX 79118.

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

Hay shortage sending prices up

GRANDVIEW, Texas (AP) — As the hay-filled pickup turns onto the gravel road by the parched pasture that hasn't been green since spring, the cows get up and start running behind the truck. They know it's dinner-time.

Rancher Jimmy Atlas tosses the hay into a large feed compartment and the cows gobble it up. There's

hardly any grass left in the field since the drought hit last summer, even drying up a couple of his ponds, so the animals used to grazing when hungry are about 50 to 100 pounds underweight.

Atlas, 54, usually grows wheat and oats to help feed his Hereford cattle and to sell for extra income, but the crops wilted in the heat. Like many other ranchers, he's

been forced to buy hay — spending about \$12,000 — but with a statewide shortage and high prices to match he's had to sell about a third of his herd of 150.

'It's economics 101: small supply, big demand. It's going to shoot prices up.'

— Beverly Boyd
TDA official

"This is the first time I can remember we didn't have grain growing," said Atlas, a second-generation farmer who has about 1,000 acres in Grandview, 35 miles southeast of Fort Worth. "This is the worst I've seen."

Texas agriculture has suffered an estimated \$1.5 billion in losses due to drought conditions since last year. There was no winter forage, and only half of the state's 2005 hay crop was harvested.

The average price for hay in Texas was \$91 per ton in December and \$97 per ton in January, up from \$74 and \$69 per ton for those months the previous years, respectively, said Beverly Boyd, a Texas Department of Agriculture spokeswoman.

"It's economics 101: small supply, big demand. It's going to shoot prices up," Boyd said. "These are producers that have held on, and some are having to reduce their herds. There are some tough decisions being made around kitchen tables."

Ranchers are so desperate to find hay that the ag department's hay hotline has been flooded with about 80-100 calls a week since early January.

The Family of Wayne "Curley" Mulanax

wishes to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness during our time of grief.

The clock of life is wound but once,

And no man has the power,

To tell just when the hands will stop,

On what day - or what hour.

Now is the only time you have,

So live it with a will,

Don't wait until tomorrow,

The hands may then be still.

Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Friday, Feb. 3

Andrew E. Tidwell, 19, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a bond forfeiture for telephone harassment.

Michael E. Horton, 44, of Pampa was arrested by Department of Public Safety on a blue warrant.

Leo Francis McMahon, 48, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Natacha Alvarez, 33, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on violation of probation for securing execution document by deception.

Joe Bob Davis, 41, of Alanreed was arrested by GCSO on a bond forfeiture for assault causing bodily injury.

Richard Randall Drake, 42, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for aggravated assault against a child and indecency with a child.

Daniel Wayne Simpson, 25, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for theft.

Mandy Dawn Baggett, 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft by check, bond surrender for unlawful carrying of a weapon, and bond surrender for possession of a controlled substance.

Tammy Michelle Whisenhunt, 29, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for speeding and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire

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

Friday, Feb. 3

7:06 p.m. — Three units and eight personnel responded to the 1100 block of Duncan on a possible structure fire. Firefighters found an electrical problem at the scene and shut off the electricity to the structure before a fire could result.

8:10 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on an odor investigation. A pilot light was out on a stove. The firefighters relit the pilot light for the occupant(s).

Saturday, Feb. 4

12:37 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1400 block of Russell on an odor investigation. No gas was detected at the location.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Feb. 3

7:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 56. Wind chill values between 26 and 31 early.

Windy, with a west-southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north-northwest between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low near 26. North-northwest wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could

gust as high as 35 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 48. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. West-northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 51. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around

24. East-southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 57. North-northwest wind around 5 mph becoming west-southwest.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 26.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45.

Army teaching troops how to pick a spouse

WASHINGTON (AP) — They are the Pentagon's new "rules of engagement" — the diamond ring kind.

U.S. Army chaplains are trying to teach troops how to pick the right spouse, through a program called "How To Avoid Marrying a Jerk."

The matchmaking advice comes as military family life is being stressed by two tough wars.

Defense Department records show more than 56,000 in the Army — active, National Guard and Reserve — have divorced since the campaign in Afghanistan started in 2001.

Officials partly blame long and repeated deployments which started after

the invasion of Iraq in 2003 and stretched the service thin.

Troops also are coming home with life-altering injuries.

Many come back better people, others worse-off — but either way, very changed from who they were when they wed.

"Being in the military certainly raises the stakes when you choose a mate," said Lt. Col. Peter Frederick, head of family issues in the Pentagon's chaplain office.

The "no jerks" program is also called "P.I.C.K. a Partner," for Premarital Interpersonal Choices and Knowledge.

It advises the marriage-bound to study a partner's

F.A.C.E.S. — family background, attitudes, compatibility, experiences in previous relationships and skills they'd bring to the union.

It teaches the lovestruck to pace themselves with a R.A.M. chart — the Relationship Attachment Model — which basically says don't let your sexual involvement exceed your level of commitment or level of knowledge about the other person.

Maj. John Kegley, a chaplain who teaches the program in Monterey, Calif., throws in the "no jerk salute" for fun. One hand at the heart, two-fingers at the brow mean use your heart and brain when choosing.

Though the acronyms and salute make it sound like something the Pentagon would come up with, the program was created by former minister John Van Epp of Ohio, who has a doctorate in psychology and a private counseling practice.

He teaches it to Army chaplains, who in turn teach it to troops.

It also is used by social service agencies, prisons, churches and other civilian groups.

Commanders once discouraged troops from starting a family while serving. Thus the old saying: "If the Army wanted you to have a wife, it would have issued you one."

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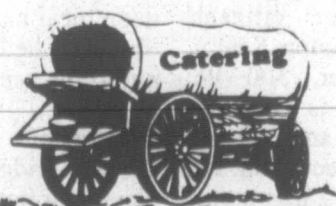
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Drought

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could be a problem," Satterwhite said. "The board has already made a decision for calendar year 2006, so we're going to hold steady to that."

"It is not outside the realm of employing the drought contingency plan for 2007," he said. CRMWA's drought plan and other information on the water authority may be found at its web site, www.crmwa.com.

Recreation Park Lake is also showing the effects of no rain. The area at the shallow end of the lake that is fed by the spillway from the main body of the lake is now dry, with only a trickle of water and a small puddle left.

The dry spell is creating a potential for increased numbers of grass fires.

"We are experiencing fire weather conditions," Garcia said. "Up until October, we were doing really well on moisture. All that green stuff is now dead and just waiting for ignition for a fire."

The danger of fire has prompted many Panhandle counties to issue a burn ban.

Gray County joined the list Jan. 3 when county commissioners approved a burn ban until further notice. The ban prohibits outdoor burning anywhere in the county with no exceptions.

At the time the ban was implemented, Hoover Volunteer Fire Department had responded to one and one-half times the normal number of grass fires the department usually fights.

"We've already made contingency plans for rural areas to include private companies' help if it's too big for us," said HVFD

Chief Joe Millican concerning possible grass fires in the department's area of coverage.

"The forestry service in Canyon has stationed two planes and a helicopter in Amarillo for our use. They can come in and do water drops," he said.

Grass fires Wednesday burned about 155 acres southeast of Celanese and another 20 acres near the intersection of the Bowers City and Lefors highways.

Two larger fires blazed up in the area over the New Year's Day weekend. HVFD assisted in a fire that burned more than 7,000 acres in Donley County and another in Wheeler County that resulted in some Shamrock residents being evicted from their homes for a time.

Other parts of the state were not so lucky. At Cross Plains, wind-driven grass fires were blamed for the deaths of four persons on Dec. 27. More than 100 buildings, including 78 homes, were destroyed by East Texas fires, along with thousands of acres of grassland, during the late-December blazes.

Vegetation that hasn't burned may still be damaged by the dry conditions, resulting in tough times for local farmers and ranchers.

"The majority of the crop right now is winter wheat," said Ray Boring, an insurance agent with Gray County Farm Bureau. "So much of this area depends on dry land wheat. They use the wheat to graze cattle during the winter months."

This winter's wheat crop is showing the effects of the lack of moisture, he said.

"I went down to Clarendon the other day, and the only wheat I saw was wheat that had been watered with sprinklers, and it's not as good as it should be," Boring said.

Cattle that don't have

winter wheat to graze on must be fed stored hay or food bought elsewhere, or sold, he said.

"Some of the farmers with cattle have enough to weather it, but some depend on that wheat crop. The deadline to plant winter wheat has already passed or is about to pass," Boring said.

A poor winter wheat crop results in a poor wheat harvest and increased cost of feeding cattle, but the effects go farther than that. Farmers who can't feed their cattle end up selling off the animals, which can drive down the price of the cattle.

Future crops are also impacted.

"This weather is so long-reaching that without moisture in the ground, these guys can't even go out and work their land to get ready for spring planting," Boring said.

Farmers who chose not to switch to cotton last year will suffer the worst," he said.

Respiratory woes can be triggered or worsened when the climate is dry, according to Dr. Malouf Abraham of Canadian.

"When mucous membranes dry out, people are more susceptible to illness. Dryness in wintertime is such a problem," he said.

Dry, windy conditions also expose people to irritants such as mold, pollen, plant material and particles from grain elevators, feedlots and cotton gins.

Nasal sprays of saline solutions and the use of humidifiers and vaporizers in the home may help ease the dryness problem, Abraham said.

Weather forecasts have a history of less than 100 percent accuracy. And Panhandle residents have waited far longer than the rumored five minutes for things to change.

Center

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A foursome of domino players also gave their reasons for going to the center.

"Camaraderie," said Stan Friend.

"The fun and the fellowship," said Senora Gores.

"There's a lot of wisdom around here. You learn a lot of stuff," said Pete Gores.

"You can't use it, but you learn it," said Harmon Crutcher.

"And a lot of it is second-hand," said Friend.

The Goreses go to the center three or four days a week. Pete enjoys playing pool in addition to the domino games.

A second domino foursome has been playing at the center for the past five years.

"It's just a place to gab and loaf," said Marion Wilson.

"We all come here and eat, too, sometimes," said Don Emmons.

Longevity is another common theme at the center. The current director, Nancy Looper, has been with the center for 15 years. Her assistant, Judy Ponce, has been working there for 27 years.

Wilson said he has been attending the center for 22 years. The Goreses have been going to the center for at least 10 years. Emmons and Washington are each 15-year members.

There are seven paid staff members: Looper, Ponce, a janitor and four kitchen workers. The center is funded by contributions from individuals, corporations, Gray County and the City of Pampa, along with occasional grant money, Looper said.

Each weekday, about 120 senior citizens are served a noon meal between 10:45 and 12:45 at the center. Shut-ins may call in their orders and have Panhandle Transit pick up and deliver the food, Looper said.

Other activities besides dominoes, billiards, bridge and lunch are offered. These include arts and crafts, china painting, oil painting, snooker, puzzles, exercise bicycles, and the Quiet Room, where members may read, visit or work at computers.

The center also serves as a meeting place for Altrusa Club of Pampa, the Red Hats, various bridge clubs and Everyman's and other Sunday School classes.

The center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Water

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"Now under non-participation, you would still have the 20-year option to go in and buy back your participation," Horst said.

The problem with that option, he said, is it would take a lump sum payment.

Kent Satterwhite, the general manager of CRMWA, indicated that he needs to know what each member city intends to do by March 1, so the project can move ahead. The first payment to CRMWA for the bond issue would be in October 2006.

That payment, if the city chooses to go that way, would translate into a rise in Pampa water fees of about \$1.60 per customer per month. That's less than the \$2.00 per customer that was originally estimated.

Horst will present the options to the Pampa City

Commission at their meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

"We have not decided what to do yet," he said.

Horst said there are three member cities, O'Donnell, Slaton and Tahoka, that have indicated that they won't participate in the bond issue. None of the three are expecting any growth over the next 20 years. They also don't use much water.

They would represent only about 2.2 percent of the whole project, Horst said.

Lubbock, Plainview and Amarillo appear to be the most aggressive in wanting more water rights.

"It's a tough call," Horst said. "There are a lot of things to consider. There are so many factors in that proposal."

If Pampa does not participate and the water level at Lake Meredith drops, he said, the city might have to pump its water wells here in

Gray County quite a bit.

"That's a possibility," Horst said.

The National Weather Service is predicting an extended drought across the southern United States.

"Lubbock has been over 90 days without any moisture," Horst said.

He said he worries that there may not be any inflow into the lake between now and April, when major water usage begins for the summer and evaporation becomes an issue at the lake.

Horst said he and Pampa Public Works Director Richard Morris have already talked about what action the city could take if the water allocation is cut because of a lack of water in Lake Meredith.

Presently, CRMWA member cities are allocated so much water from the lake and so much groundwater from the John Williams Well Field in Roberts County.

Crimestoppers Alert

Lt. Fred Courtney of Pampa Police Department asks that Crimestoppers Callers 3389 and 0150 call him at 662-1022 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays to claim their rewards.

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Pampa ISD Events For The Week Of February 6 - February 11
February 10 - End Of 4th 6 Weeks

Pampa High School
February 6 • Parent Support Meeting • 7:00-8:00PM
February 6 • All Night Party Meeting • Library 7:00PM
February 11 • ACT • Library 8:00AM-12:00NOON
February 11 • Valentine Dance • MPAC 8:00-11:00PM
February 11 • Choir Solo/Ensemble • WTAMU

Austin Elementary
February 10 • Valentine Parties • 2:00PM

Lamar Elementary
February 7 • Class Pictures
February 7 & 9 • Kid's Cafe • 5:30-6:30PM
February 7 & 9 • Family Literacy • 6:00-7:30PM
February 9 • Parent Make & Take • 10:00AM-2:00PM
February 10 • Valentine Parties • 2:00PM

Travis Elementary
February 7 • Class Pictures
February 10 • 3rd Grade Program • 1:30PM

Wilson Elementary
February 6 & 8 • Kids Cafe • 5:30-6:30PM
February 6 & 8 • Family Literacy Night • 6:00-7:30PM
February 8 • Parent Make & Take • 9:00AM-2:00PM
February 8 • ESL • 1:00-3:00PM

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

Viewpoints

Two divergent takes on America's 'Big Oil' issue

Here are two divergent views on the recent news that ExxonMobil snarfed up \$36.1 billion in profits in 2005, \$10.7 billion of it in the last quarter.

One is from Friends of the Earth who say these obscene profits are at the expense of Joe and Mary America, working people who struggle with high gasoline costs at the pump and even higher costs for heating their homes.

Friends of the Earth wants Congress to repeal the \$14 billion in tax cuts it has lavished on Big Oil.

And, in what is truly a double-dipping nightmare for consumers, is that Big Oil companies are gobbling up their billions of dollars from two sources: 1) increasing energy costs and, 2) the trough where the government dumped more than

\$4 billion in spending subsidies and tax incentives included in the energy bill Congress passed last summer.

Is that all? No. The oil companies were already in line to get an additional \$10 billion in tax cuts that were authorized prior to the energy bill passing.

"Lavishing billions on ExxonMobil and company tilts the playing field even farther toward Big Oil and away from efficiency, conservation and renewable energy — solutions that will help consumers today and reduce our dependence on oil in the future," Friends of the Earth said in a press release.

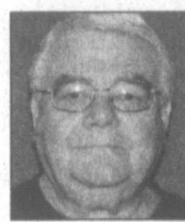
The divergent view is from Dr. Margo Thorning, senior vice president and chief economist — for the American Council for

Capital Formation.

Thorning says punishing the oil industry with higher taxes will not make prices fall because oil producing firms are "price-takers" and not "price-makers." OPEC is the price maker, and the price of a barrel of oil is set on international markets by traders making sales between buyers and sellers.

A windfall profits tax was in effect from 1980 to 1988, and a non-partisan Congressional research Service found that the windfall profits tax reduced domestic oil production by 3 to 6 percent and increased oil imports from 8 to 16 percent between 1980 and 1986. Thorning argues that histori-

cally, a windfall profits tax increased United States independence on foreign oil and would do so again if repeated.



Dennis Spies
Editor

The third part of Thorning's argument is that the Department of Energy data from

1986 to 2003 show that capital expenditures by the oil industry tend to correlate with the price of crude oil. Rising oil prices force companies to invest more in finding new reserves and increasing production from existing fields.

Therefore, a windfall profits tax would reduce capital available for investment in future energy production and lower government revenues.

So there you have it. Two sides to this issue.

I suppose if you are someone who must work every day and struggle to meet everyday expenses, you would favor the Friends of the Earth position, and if you are not missing any meals, you would side with Thorning's view.

Those of you who read the Viewpoints page may have noticed a new columnist that started Monday. He is Mike Cox, a member of the Texas Institute of Letters and the author of a dozen books on Texas-related topics.

Cox is no stranger to the Panhandle. He is the son of the late Bill Cox, a longtime newsman who worked at the Borger News-Herald, Amarillo Globe-News and other venues in various capacities. Mike Cox at one

time worked as public information officer for the Department of Public Safety in Austin.

His historical columns provide a unique look at the history of Texas and should give everyone a respite from the mostly political themes of other columnists.

Last week I was on a roll and took Wal Mart to task because when I looked in the telephone book I had, there was no listing for the main store number.

A caller gently reminded me that the store number is listed in the small Pampa telephone book. And it is. In large bold face numbers.

It is not, however, listed in the Feist High Plains Telephone Directory that I was looking at.

Dennis Spies is editor of The Pampa News.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2006. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 5, 1937, President Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of justices on the Supreme Court; critics accused Roosevelt of attempting to "pack" the high court.

On this date:

In 1881, Phoenix was incorporated.

In 1897, the Indiana House of Representatives passed, 67-0, a measure redefining the area of a circle, effectively declaring the value of pi to be 3.2. (The bill died in the Indiana Senate.)

In 1906, 100 years ago, actor John Carradine was born in New York City.

In 1917, Mexico's constitution was adopted.

In 1940, Glenn Miller and his orchestra recorded "Tuxedo Junction" for RCA Victor's "Bluebird" label.

In 1958, Gamel Abdel Nasser was formally nominated to become the first president of the new United Arab Republic.

In 1962, French President Charles De Gaulle called for Algeria's independence.

In 1973, services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for Army Lt. Col. William B. Nolde, the last American soldier killed before the Vietnam cease-fire.

In 1981, a military jury in North Carolina convicted Marine Pfc. Robert Garwood of collaborating with the enemy while a prisoner of war in Vietnam. (Garwood was dishonorably discharged.)

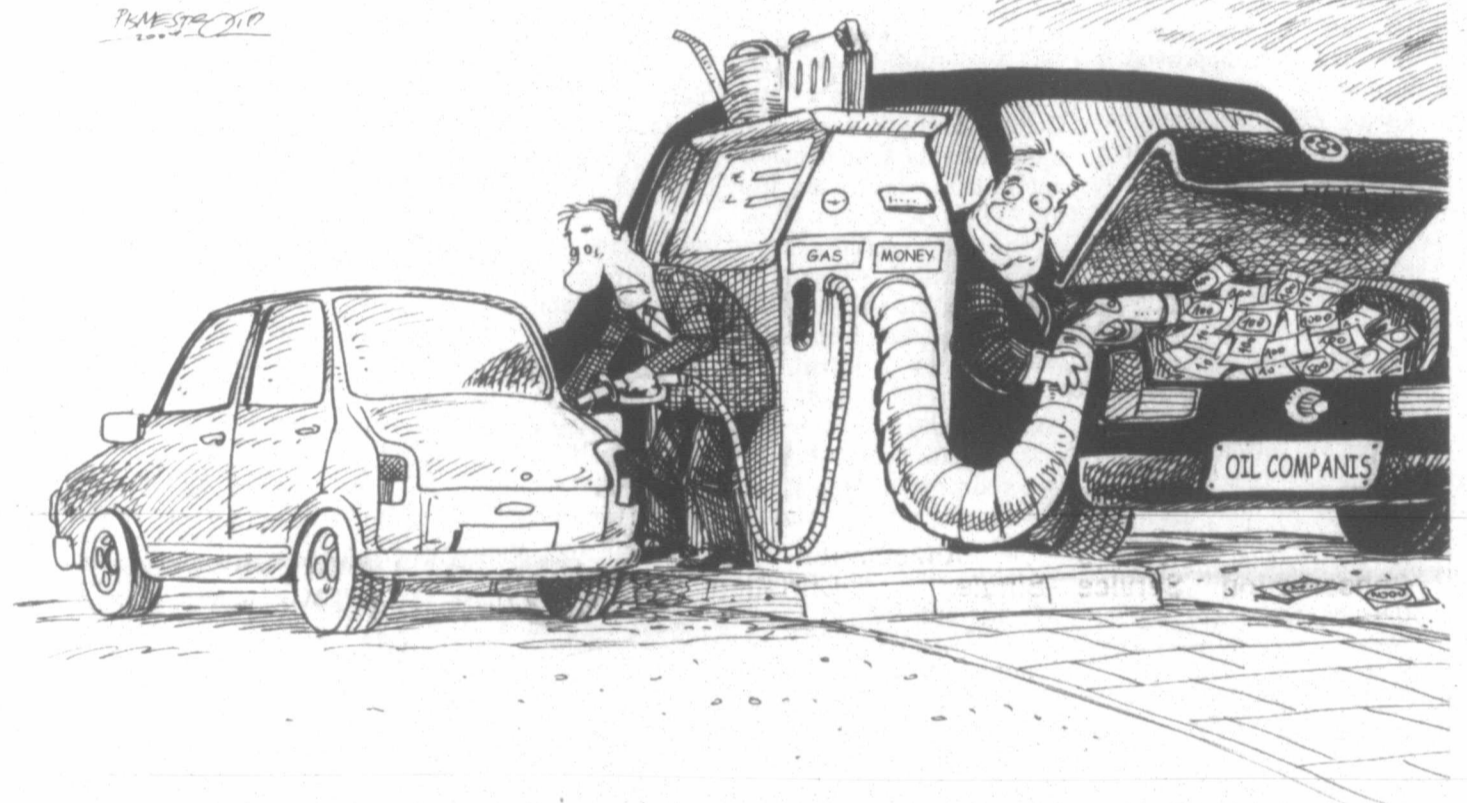
In 1994, white separatist Byron De La Beckwith was convicted in Jackson, Miss., of murdering civil rights leader Medgar Evers in 1963, and was immediately sentenced to life in prison. (Beckwith died Jan. 21, 2001, at age 80.)

Ten years ago: John C. Salvi III went on trial in Dedham, Mass., in the shooting deaths of two receptionists at abortion clinics. (Salvi was convicted and sentenced to two life terms; he was found dead in his cell in November 1996, an apparent suicide.) Actress Elizabeth Taylor filed for divorce from Larry Fortensky, her seventh husband.

Five years ago: Four disciples of Osama bin Laden went on trial in New York in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa. (The four were convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

'The greater the philosopher, the harder it is for him to answer the questions of common people.'

— Henryk Sienkiewicz
Polish author
(1846-1916)



Idle American: Fishing for the truth ...

Outlandish claims out of Indonesia might otherwise go unnoticed, but when backed up by London Natural History Museum authorities, they become take-to-the-bank facts. So ring one up for the Indonesians. They harbor the world's smallest fish there, and that's no fish story.

Museum officials claim that the fish, about a quarter-inch long, are .1 millimeter shorter than the species previously thought to be the smallest. The new record-holders — dubbed Paedocypris Progenetica — are members of the carp family. They have see-through bodies, and thrive in dark, tea-colored water at least 100 times more acidic than rainwater in peat swamps on the Indonesian island of Sumatra ...

The news is bound to turn the fishing world upside down. Now anglers who've

spent lifetimes trying to catch the biggest fish will switch gears in the race to see who can catch the smallest.

The tiniest of fishermen in the tiniest of boats may bait the tiniest of hooks, and moments later reel in a trophy, screaming that he caught a fish "this short." He'll have his index finger almost against his thumb, exaggerating the shortness of his catch.

But a game warden will come alongside, examine the catch and order him to throw it back for being too big. Final thought on the matter: If the smallest fish is actually transparent, how will they know if the taxidermist does a good job?...

Don Newbury
Columnist

Is it a fish story, or could it be true? The "riddle du jour" recently questioned what New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin and religious broadcaster Pat Robertson have in common.

"They both usually open their mouths just to change feet," the riddler said, adding that "in a contest about how to handle the press, this duo would bring up the rear, finishing tied in the dead-last position ..."

Companies with the big bucks to buy Super Bowl ads may wind up studying water pressure patterns across the country during the game. In the early years of the bowl, viewers made bathroom treks during halftime, careful to miss none of the game

action. If Super Bowl XL is no more exciting than the league championship games, there may be more viewers of ads premiering during the telecast than the game itself.

At \$2.5 million for a half-minute commercial, the price tag is up to 10-times higher than costs during ordinary programming. No wonder advertisers are counting on more flushes when the play clock is rolling than during ads ...

No one will be happier to get football out of the headlines than maligned Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning.

It seems that they were trying to do a re-make on the MasterCard TV commercial, the one where Peyton is gathering signatures from folks at the grocery store. And this time, the guy in

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **Jan. 29**
Houston Chronicle on Enron:

After becoming the subject of more than half a dozen books, a very good movie and an atrocious TV drama, the saga of Enron moves toward a climax. Today marks the start of the criminal trial of the company's two former CEOs, Ken Lay and Jeff Skilling. Having compiled a stack of guilty pleas from lesser defendants, federal prosecutors will try to pin criminal responsibility on the corporation's top managers.

The attention of the national press corps and a city full of people whose

lives were damaged by the scandal again will focus on the question: Why did Enron collapse, and who bears the blame for the massive business debacle?

While the latest production may feature some first-class acting, this time the cast members will portray themselves in an extravaganza expected to run for months. Instead of Denny Crane, the flamboyant lawyer William Shatner plays on the ABC series Boston Legal, the Enron proceeding features Lay's attorney, Mike Ramsey, a top Houston criminal defense lawyer with an equally colorful and pugnacious courtroom presence.

With his admission of guilt, former corporate chief financial officer Andy Fastow is already typecast as the suave

and soulless villain. His task as a government witness will be to persuade the jury that corporate wrongdoing was not limited to his fraudulent manipulations of so-called special purpose entities that diverted millions of dollars to himself and disguised Enron's debt.

If they take the stand, Lay and Skilling will likely reprise the scripts of their previous public appearances. Both claim to be unaware of Fastow's illegal activities and deny profiting from insider knowledge in the sale of their company stock.

They will have to offer a convincing explanation for how executives once touted as corporate geniuses could be so much in the dark about the illegal

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produce refuses to sign Manning's melon ...

Jokesters in Detroit say the odds are running 8/5 whether the game will be so

lousy, it will be recalled. They predict record lines, though — actually two of them. One will be for people going to the game, the other to the employment office for the thousands of folks laid off by Ford.

A 1943 ad that became a Ford slogan for several decades claimed "A Ford in

Your Future" for Americans. If the automaker doesn't make a substantial turnaround, the new one might be "A Ford in Your Past ..."

Users of a new gadget called "BlackBerry" are sweating out whether the government is going to shut it down.

In that one sentence, I've told you more than I know, having reached my limit for conquering new technological frontiers several years ago. I would sooner pick blackberries at their prickliest with hands soaked in boiling water than attempt to learn how to use a BlackBerry. Unless it would

help me program the TV remote control ...

Finally, this: The fourth grade teacher, trying to show students how to better communicate with their parents, urged them to join conversations in progress rather than start new ones.

At dinner that evening,

parent talk was all about Hussein — "Saddam this" and "Saddam that." During a half-pause, Junior injected, "If Saddam goes down, I guess the Gomorrah trial will be a no-brainer ..."

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and writer whose column appears weekly in 125 newspapers in six states.

National Cowboy Museum exhibit spotlights Native American artists

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum® in Oklahoma City offers a rich, colorful art exhibition titled Music and Dance in American Indian Painting through May 7. Developed from the museum's collection, the exhibit of more than 30 works is on display in the Arthur and Shifra Silberman Gallery of Native American Art. Included are Plains and Southwestern renderings of pow wow, social and ceremonial dances.

At the beginning of the 20th century, many Pueblo Indian artists began creating works of art on paper. The San Ildefonso School of watercolor artists appeared, and its painters produced pictorial graphics of Indian ceremonies and recorded the many dances that went on in the community.

The Oklahoma artists who became known as the Kiowa Five began to paint in about 1920. After several years of fine arts classes at the Kiowa

Agency, these individuals enrolled in special art classes at the University of Oklahoma. The head of the university's art department, Oscar Jacobson, encouraged the Kiowa Five to paint subjects that recalled their personal experiences and portrayed scenes from Kiowa oral tradition. This resulted in a preponderance of paintings with ceremonial or dance subjects.

While he served as their mentor, Jacobson directed the sales and marketing of the Kiowa Five work. The artists were all accomplished singers and dancers, and Jacobson's sales package often included performances of Indian song and dance by the five young men.

Period observers reported that the Kiowa paintings had a marked resemblance to the earlier Pueblo watercolor works. They also impacted subsequent Indian painting activity in the Southwest.

As late as 1926, Bureau of Indian Affairs officials had argued that Indian

students should not be encouraged or permitted to draw pictures of Indian dances and customs. By the early 1930s, however, educational literature was encouraging the protection and preservation of traditional lifestyles and suggesting that cultural resources could be used to the benefit of Indian students.

Musicians, dancers and ceremonial activities have been common American Indian art subjects more than a century. Artists whose works make reference to traditional life continue to feature performing artists in their compositions.

Music and Dance in American Indian Painting is presented by A.J. "Jack" and Phoebe Cooke. Supporting Sponsor is Phillips McFall Mc Caffrey McVay and Murrah.

The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. For more information, call (405) 478-2250.

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activities and deceptive finances of their own company.

Whatever the verdict, it won't bring closure or compensation for those who lost investments and jobs in the downfall of an institution once considered a symbol of Houston's best and brightest entrepreneurs.

One can only hope that when the

trial concludes, the public will have answers to long-festering questions about the causes of the Enron disaster and insights into what more needs to be done to prevent it from happening again.

Events calendar

- **The deadline for the USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to accept applications for 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the EQIP Ground and Surface Water Conservation Program (EQIP-GSWC), and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) funding is Feb. 17.**

- **AARP Tax-Aide**, a free, volunteer run tax counseling and preparation service, is seeking volunteers to assist in tax preparation and to become leadership coordinators. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. Tax counselors receive free tax training and become IRS certified by passing the IRS exam. They assist customers one-on-one at tax sites or over the Internet and agree to a minimum commitment of four hours per week for a 10 week period. For more information, call (806) 883-6871.

- **Create-A-Beat community arts program** of Pampa has added jazzercise to its offerings. Classes, under the direction of Krista Rowe of Northwest Texas Jazzercise team, will begin Feb. 16. For more information, contact Create-A-Beat at 665-7474.

- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Feb. 1 and 15, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and 1-3 p.m., Feb. 21, McLean school, McLean.

- **Amarillo Museum of Art** will host its Spring Film Festival in 2006. The festival will include the following films: "Downtown 81," 7 p.m., Feb. 2; "I Shot Andy Warhol," 7 p.m., Feb. 9; and "The Life & Times of Andy Warhol," 7 p.m., Feb. 23. For more information, contact the

museum at (806) 371-5050.

- **Association for Single Christian Fellowship** has announced area single dancers are back in Amarillo. The first dance will be from 6-11 p.m. Feb. 4 at 2827 Mays in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 378-8328.

- **Entertainers with Southwest Cowboy Poets Association** will perform at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Gem Theatre in Claude. Ivan Cates, president of the association, will serve as MC. Other performers will include Charlie Bell, Bill Crenshaw, Charolyn Gouldy, Pat Henry and more.

- **Amarillo Children's Theatre Guild** will present "Elvis Acts Up!" with impersonator Manny Triana at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 in Ordway Hall on Amarillo College campus in Amarillo. Tickets go on sale in Ordway Hall at 1 p.m. Feb. 4. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. prior to the performance. Proceeds will benefit AC's Lamplight Youth Theatre Company. For more information, call (806) 371-5353.

- **Spring classes** at Amarillo Museum of Art begin Feb. 6. For a class schedule, log on to www.amarilloart.org on the Internet or call the museum at (806) 371-5050.

- **Charolyn Gouldy**, secretary-treasurer of Southwest Cowboy Poets Association, will headline the next Cowboy Poetry Breakfast Feb. 11 at Big Texan Steak House in Amarillo. The program will begin at 8 a.m. An open mike session will follow. For more information, call (806) 353-5617 or (806) 374-4354. Reservations can be made at (806) 372-7000. Also on the 11th, Hi-Plains Poetry Chapter of Amarillo will host the association during the chapter's bi-monthly meeting at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center on South Polk.

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LSB gearing up for auditions, master classes in Amarillo

AMARILLO — This is a busy season for Lone Star Ballet of Amarillo. LSB is currently gearing up for master classes with both Tulsa and Joffrey ballets. Classes with Tulsa Ballet will be Feb. 18-19 at the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts.

Instruction with Joffrey Ballet will not be until March 21 and 23.

LSB will conduct auditions for "Faquita" at an undisclosed time. The per-

formance date is April 7 at the Globe-News Center. Casting is for West Texas A&M University dance majors only. Dancers must have a strong classical ballet training and years of experience en pointe. For more information, call (806) 372-2463 and ask for Stephanie or Daniil.

An open audition for "Romeo and Juliet" will be held from 2-3:30 p.m.

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HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #13 Hobart '67', Sec. 67,A-2,H&GN, spud 9-2-05, drlg. compl 9-23-05, tested 11-28-05, TD 12840', PBTD 12749' —

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY TAXPAYERS

NOTICE TO FILE RENDITION STATEMENTS, PROPERTY REPORTS, APPLICATIONS FOR QUALIFIED OPEN-SPACE LAND VALUATION, APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS, AVAILABILITY OF FORMS AND PROCEDURE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE QUANTITY OF PROPERTY HELD IN INVENTORY.

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, 2006 AT 815 NORTH SUMNER, POST OFFICE BOX 836, PAMPA, TEXAS 79066-0836. ALL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SAID ADDRESS.

THE GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT HEREBY ESTABLISHES A PROCEDURE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE VALUE OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY ON JANUARY 1, 2006 AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 23.12 CHAPTER 23, TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE. THE VALUE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY SUCH AS INVENTORY, SUPPLIES, FURNITURE & FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, TOOLS AND OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DETERMINED BY RENDITION, OBSERVATION BY THE APPRAISERS, COMPARISON OF LIKE PROPERTIES, PERTINENT RECORDS OF THE BUSINESS AND ANY OTHER REASONABLE APPROACH THAT WILL ACCURATELY REFLECT THE MARKET VALUE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

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AN INDIVIDUAL IS ENTITLED TO DEFER COLLECTION OF TAXES OR ABATE A SUIT TO COLLECT A DELINQUENT TAX ASSESSED AGAINST HIS/HER RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD IF HE/SHE IS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND OWNS AND OCCUPIES THE RESIDENCE AS HIS HOMESTEAD. TO OBTAIN A DEFERRAL, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST FILE AN AFFIDAVIT WITH THE CHIEF APPRAISER STATING THE FACT THAT THE PERSON HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF 65 AND OWNS AND OCCUPIES THE PROPERTY AS HIS RESIDENCE.

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Cooper safety awards



Cooper Compression of Pampa recently presented a Carhart jacket to Jim Richerson, Sr., left, field service mechanic, one of two employees earning "Safe Employee of the Year" recognition. Presenting the jacket was David Stidham, area service manager for Cooper.



Another "Safe Employee of the Year," John Henderson, left, account manager for Cooper, also recently received a Carhart jacket from Stidham.

Medical

AMERICA'S HEROES

Aiding nation's wounded vets

(NAPSA) — American troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan are learning to overcome the trauma of war thanks to efforts by Departments of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Defense (DoD) to make their transition back to everyday life as smooth and seamless as possible.

"We want to ensure that every seriously injured or ill service member returning from combat receives priority consideration and world-class service," said John Brown, director of VA's Seamless Transition Office, created in January 2005 to ease the transition of service members from the military to civilian life.

Veterans of the war on terrorism seek VA help for a variety of needs. The most common is health care, provided free at VA medical centers and clinics for two years after a service member's discharge from the military. This includes National Guard and Reserve members coming off active duty after Nov. 11, 1998.

Spinal cord injuries are debilitating, but today, veterans with these injuries work toward achieving an active, independent lifestyle through VA's network of 23 spinal cord injury centers. Blind and low-vision veterans learn how to regain independence in VA's blind rehabilitation program, staffed by more than 300 blind rehabilitation specialists and support personnel.

Amputees receive physical therapy and prosthetic devices from VA, including computerized legs and myoelectric arms that respond to the body's nerve impulses.

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Many veterans rely on medical resources provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Overcoming heredity emphysema: One woman's struggle to breathe

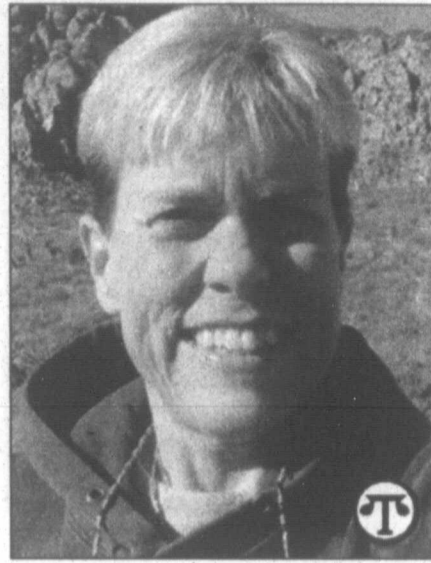
(NAPSA) — For years, Jan Jenkins thought her wheezing, difficulty breathing and exhaustion were due to asthma aggravated by 15 years of smoking when she was younger. Yet, despite having quit smoking many years earlier at the age of 35, her breathing problems grew worse, and she regretfully had to cut back on many of the things she loved, including hiking and mountain biking, and was forced to give up tennis.

After 10 years and consultations with several doctors, she finally saw a physician who tested her for Alpha-1-Antitrypsin (AAT) deficiency—also known as hereditary emphysema and Alpha-1—one of the most common genetically linked disorders.

Jan found out she was one of the 100,000 people in the United States with AAT deficiency, a progressive disease caused by a reduction or lack of the blood protein AAT in the lungs. Fewer than one in 10 with the condition have been diagnosed.

Jan's AAT deficiency is now augmented by a weekly infusion of alpha-1-proteinase inhibitor (A1PI). Although there is no cure for AAT deficiency and Jan will never recover normal lung function, she has been able to stay active and continue working as a special education teacher. She eats healthy, does light yoga, walks on a treadmill daily and enjoys hiking.

"Once we finally had the correct diagnosis, my doctor was able to recommend lifestyle changes and treatments to help reduce further lung damage," said Jan, 51, who lives in Las Vegas. "I was even able to enjoy



a white-water rafting trip this summer."

People with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), certain types of emphysema and several other conditions are encouraged to ask their doctors about being tested for AAT deficiency. Baxter Healthcare Corporation offers complimentary AAT deficiency test kits to physicians to screen their patients for the condition. Baxter has also launched a screening and prevalence study to identify people at risk for AAT deficiency. To date, the company has helped test more than 5,000 individuals for AAT deficiency.

"Early detection of AAT deficiency is crucial since the condition can be accelerated by lifestyle factors, including smoking, and cannot be reversed once it causes deterioration in the lungs," said Dr. John Butler, a physician at Rockford Pulmonology in Rockford, Ill. "Increased screening and detection of AAT deficiency

not only helps individuals who have the disease, it also helps to increase public awareness of this hereditary condition."

According to the American Thoracic Society and the European Respiratory Society, the following symptoms and conditions are signs that may indicate risk for Alpha-1-Antitrypsin (AAT) deficiency, which may lead to hereditary emphysema:

- Early onset of emphysema (age 45 years or less)
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)-emphysema, chronic bronchitis or bronchiectasis
- Family history of any of the following: emphysema/COPD, liver disease, or panniculitis
- Asthma with minimal response to medication, inhalers
- Shortness of breath with routine activity
- Cough with or without mucous
- Wheezing
- Liver disease with unknown cause
- Emphysema prominent in lower lobes of lungs

Before Jan received the correct diagnosis, one doctor told her she had asthma and she was shocked to learn she had AAT deficiency.

"People who have chronic breathing problems really should be tested for AAT deficiency," said Jan. "One simple blood test can either rule it out or determine if you might have the condition."

For more information about AAT deficiency or to order an educational brochure about the disorder, call 1-866-ARALAST or visit www.baxter.com.

Stimulating paralyzed muscles with electricity offers hope for injured

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

Vibrating tingles of electricity worm into the thin legs of paralyzed children, pulling at their muscles to pump up and down on a special bicycle.

It's called electrical stimulation exercise therapy, and small but tantalizing studies suggest that this intense rehab just might help restore some function to people with spinal cord injuries, even if they were paralyzed long ago.

Desperate patients have sought this therapy since it was credited with helping the late Christopher Reeve regain the ability to feel human touch and move just a little, more than five years after a riding accident completely paralyzed the "Superman" star. Now scientists are putting the approach to a rigorous test — in a study with children that may begin to answer whether this sweat equity truly fuels recovery.

Patients "will do anything

for a glimmer of hope," cautions Dr. Randal Betz of Philadelphia's Shriners Hospital for Children, which has a waiting list of 5- to 13-year-olds hoping to enter the

those nerves and cause certain patterns of motion may teach them to carry signals locally, maybe even route new connections around the injury.

cles wither and fat accumulates.

"We have to maintain the nervous system," contends Dr. John W. McDonald of Baltimore's Kennedy Krieger Institute, Reeve's former doctor and the exercise therapy's leading proponent. "Adding activity can optimize regeneration. What's good activity? We don't know yet."

But he's sending patients home, 200 so far, with special exercise bicycles hooked up to functional electrical stimulation, or FES, systems — sticky pads that deliver little electrical jolts to muscles through the skin, stimulating their legs to push the pedals. He's persuading insurance companies to pay for the \$15,000 bikes by arguing that, if nothing else, this aerobic-style, muscle-resistant exercise should lower medical bills by keeping the paralyzed generally healthier.

McDonald compared 48 paralyzed adults, half who pedaled an FES bike for at least three hours a week and half who had no special care.

The exercise patients increased muscle strength, melted fat, and cut a complication called spasticity, uncontrollable jerks that limit the recovery of those with some movement, he told a neurology meeting last fall.

"These benefits are so big that if that was all they got, it was good enough to do this," McDonald says.

But 40 percent of the exercise group also regained some motor function over three years compared with 4 percent of the "control" patients. It was modest but important improvement: some regained bladder control; some regained useful hand function; some moved from "prewalking," moving

their legs while being held up, to taking a few steps.

While McDonald says about 70 rehabilitation centers have adopted FES cycling therapy since a medical journal published his report on Reeve in 2002, other specialists warn that individual successes don't prove recovery is due to a therapy instead of the body's slow healing over time.

"What we have at the moment is an incomplete story that is based upon ... very little data," cautions Dr. Mark S. Nash of the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis.

Hence the Shriners study. Although small, with 30 patients, it is the first strin-

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The idea: Remaining nerves in the spine may be dormant, partially recovered after the injury but essentially asleep as the brain can no longer send "get moving" messages down to them.

study. "What's appealing about the cycling is it's not surgery, it's not hurtful. ... Everybody is hopeful that it will also show improvement in neurologic function."

The idea: Remaining nerves in the spine may be dormant, partially recovered after the injury but essentially asleep as the brain can no longer send "get moving" messages down to them. Using electricity to stimulate

It's controversial. Doctors have long thought that if the body repairs itself after a spinal cord injury — which does sometimes happen — any improvement will occur in the first six months, and that there's no hope for further recovery beyond about 18 months. The paralysis sparks a slide into declining health from inactivity: infections, thinning and breaking bones, heart disease as mus-

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Sports Day

Lady Harvesters clinch playoff berth; boys improve to 21-5, 6-1 in district

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

On a night dedicated to Pampa's basketball seniors — including the coronation of Aaron Anguiano as king and Jackie Gerber as queen — it was the Harvesters fans that were honored with a performance from both varsity teams befitting a night that was rightfully theirs.

Harvesters

Three Harvesters were in double-digits Friday night, and one was but a bucket away as Pampa dropped Caprock, 66-52 for the team's 21st win of the season (21-5, 6-1).

Jarett Kotara played much of the final period with 4 fouls, but still led all scorers with 23 points. Sharod Young scored 22 and Tyler Hall finished with 12. Braydon Barker closed the night with eight points.

The game started as most thought it might with both teams swapping baskets, staying within reach of one another throughout the first half.

Tied 23-23 at the break, Pampa once again showed its second half strength, stepping up the defense while the offense worked the ball around for the open shot.

The Harvesters outscored Caprock

17-8 in the third quarter, 26-21 in the fourth to win going away.

However, the night was not complete.

With only seconds left and Pampa with the ball, the student body rose and gave a loud standing ovation as senior Aaron Anguiano checked in.



Aaron Anguiano and Jackie Gerber.

Anguiano would get the ball for the final shot that just missed its mark.

The win gives Pampa sole possession of second place in District 3-4A, just one game back of leader Palo Duro.

Lady Harvesters

Caprock scored the first two points of the game Friday night. That would be the only time the Lady 'Horns would lead.

The Lady Harvesters then sprinted to a dominating 74-48 victory, sewing up a post-season appearance in the process — the team's second in as many seasons.

Pampa's defense pressed Caprock out of the gate, holding the Lady 'Horns to just five points in the opening period.

The Lady Harvester's offense was sound throughout the night with points coming from all points on the floor.

Pampa was effective from the foul line as well, shooting well over 80 percent from the charity stripe.

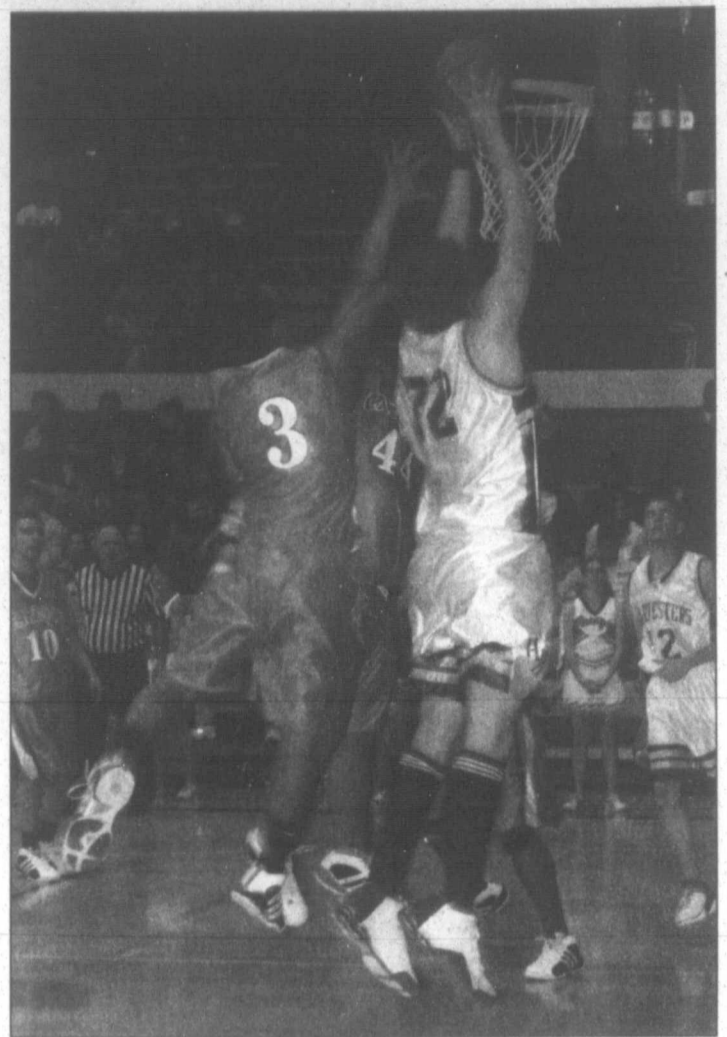
Emotions ran high as the game drew to a close and the Pampa seniors stepped off the floor of McNeely Field House for the final time.

Britteni Rice had a game high 24 points. Teammate Callie Cobb was in-the-zone Friday, adding 21 points of her own.

Jackie Gerber finished the night with 10 points.

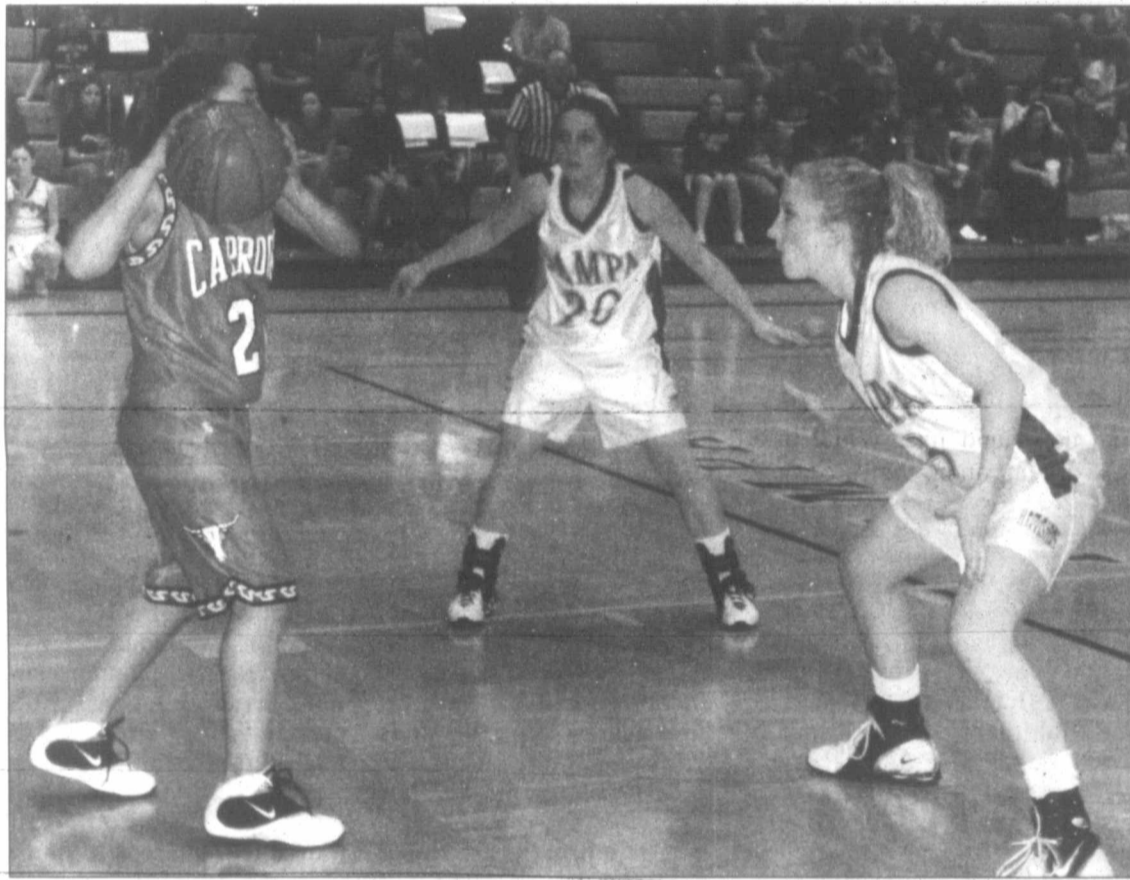
The win improves the Lady Harvesters record to 14-15 overall, 6-3 in District 3-4A with just one regular season game left.

Both Harvesters varsity teams will travel to Dumas Tuesday night.



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Jarett Kotara nails a slam-dunk against Caprock's Ryan Ballin Friday night. Kotara ended the night with 23 points as Pampa defeated the Longhorns, 66-52.



← Lady Harvesters Callie Cobb (middle) and Krissie Alexander (right) trap Lady 'Horn Mercedes Ibaraa early in Friday night's game between Pampa and Caprock. The Lady Harvesters dominated Caprock en route to a 74-48 win, clinching a post-season playoff berth. → Kevin Schepp (left) and Tim Dudley join their Pampa Band members in song during a timeout.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Other scores of interest

District 3-4A

Boys

Pampa 66, Caprock 52
Randall 71, Dumas 52
PD 73, Hereford 49

Junior Varsity

Pampa 63, Caprock 41

Girls

Pampa 74, Caprock 48
Randall 55, Dumas 30
PD 85, Hereford 31

Junior Varsity

Pampa 44, Caprock 32

Others

Boys

Monterey 74, Tascosa 69
Coronado 55, AHS 54
Canyon 59, Borger 58
Dalhart 59, Perryton 52
Sprmn. 60, S-Fritch 53
Canadian 68, Phndle. 58

Stratford 44, Sunray 44

Gruver 50, W. Deer 37
Claude 69, Welling. 43
Follett 79, Miami 47
Ft. Elliott 49, Lefors 37
Wheeler 76, Higgins 34
Valley 55, Groom 51
McLean 55, Hedley 51

Girls

Coronado 62, AHS 58
Tascosa 51, Monterey 37
Canyon 78, Borger 28
Dalhart 59, Perryton 58
Sprmn. 74, S-Fritch 40
Stratford 42, Sunray 23
White Deer 83, Gruv. 41
Follett 62, Miami 32
Ft. Elliott 38, Lefors 30
Wheeler 74, Higgins 11
Valley 65, Groom 17
Hedley 51, McLean 35

Texans name four coaches

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans added four coaches to new coach Gary Kubiak's staff on Thursday.

Richard Smith was named defensive coordinator, Brian Pariani was hired as tight ends coach, Mike McDaniel offensive quality control coach and Robert Saleh defensive quality control coach.

Smith was Miami's defensive coordinator last season under Nick Saban. The Dolphins ranked 18th in the NFL in total defense last season and finished the season with 49 sacks, second in the league.

Pariani returns to the NFL following a year as offensive coordinator at Syracuse. Prior to his college stint, Pariani spent 15 seasons coaching in the NFL. From 1995-04, Pariani coached alongside Kubiak as the tight ends coach in Denver. Pariani was an offensive assistant with the San Francisco 49ers from 1991-94.

McDaniel was an offensive coaching intern for Denver last season. Saleh was an intern with the Texans last season, working closely with the defense.

Life comes into focus for Seahawks coach after two strokes

DETROIT (AP) — For once, Ray Rhodes is being forced to think about things other than football.

Little things, the kind of things people take for granted.

Like being able to see, being able to walk. Like being around for his wife and four daughters.

Football coaches usually don't think of those kind of things. They're usually too immersed in 16-hour days looking at film and trying to come up with schemes to think about their own mortality.

Rhodes wasn't any different. His only thought when the season began was trying to keep opponents from scoring against the Seattle Seahawks.

He ends it Sunday at the Super Bowl with a different perspective on both the game and his life.

Suffering two strokes will do that to you.

"At one time, you think you're invincible," Rhodes said. "This just can't happen to you but, when it happens, the reality sets in that you either change or you die. You realize you've got only one life."

That realization began dawning on Rhodes one morning last September when he woke to a world that had suddenly gone blurry. He couldn't focus his eyes, couldn't get his balance.

"I tried to get out of bed and I fell down," Rhodes

said.

Not to worry. Rhodes was a tough-as-nails football player once himself, and the kind of coach who brooked no nonsense and expected players to overcome any obstacles before them.

He wasn't going to wake his wife and bother her. He would solve this himself.

On his knees, Rhodes crawled out of the bedroom and down the stairs. He sat in the family room, fumbled for the remote control and turned the television on.

Bad move. Staring back at him from the TV were six or seven heads.

His wife, Carmen, eventually came down and wondered why he was sitting in the dark. Resting, Rhodes replied, trying to buy time until things got better.

Things didn't get better, though. He finally broke down and told his wife:

"Something is wrong."

Something was terribly wrong. At the age of 55, Rhodes had suffered a stroke, something he still tried to deny as his wife got him to the hospital and he tried to "John Wayne it" by refusing a wheelchair.

When he couldn't get out of the SUV, though, he finally relented.

"That was hard because you lose your manhood," he said. "You're helpless."

Rhodes spent two days in the hospital, where doctors tested him and then counseled him about changing his ways. The stroke was

stress-related, they said, and warned the former head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles and Green Bay Packers that he had to back off his obsession with his job and the game.

It worked for a few weeks, but old habits die hard. Rhodes went back to work as defensive coordinator until one day at work in early November he began feeling tired. The symptoms returned and he went to the hospital again.

This time, he realized another stroke might be even worse.

"Without your health you have nothing," Rhodes said. "It made me do some soul searching."

It wasn't easy. His life had revolved around football for 40 years, and

Rhodes found it tough to back away.

He had no choice, though, and went home to rest.

He came back again at the end of the season, but on a limited basis. John Marshall had taken over his duties, and Rhodes stood at practice in the corner of an end zone simply observing.

He was back in the game. But things were different.

"I had a stroke and that affects your brain — you're going to change," he said. "You start thinking about everything that you should be doing right and make sure you put that foremost first. You say to yourself, 'This is what I have to change about my life.'"

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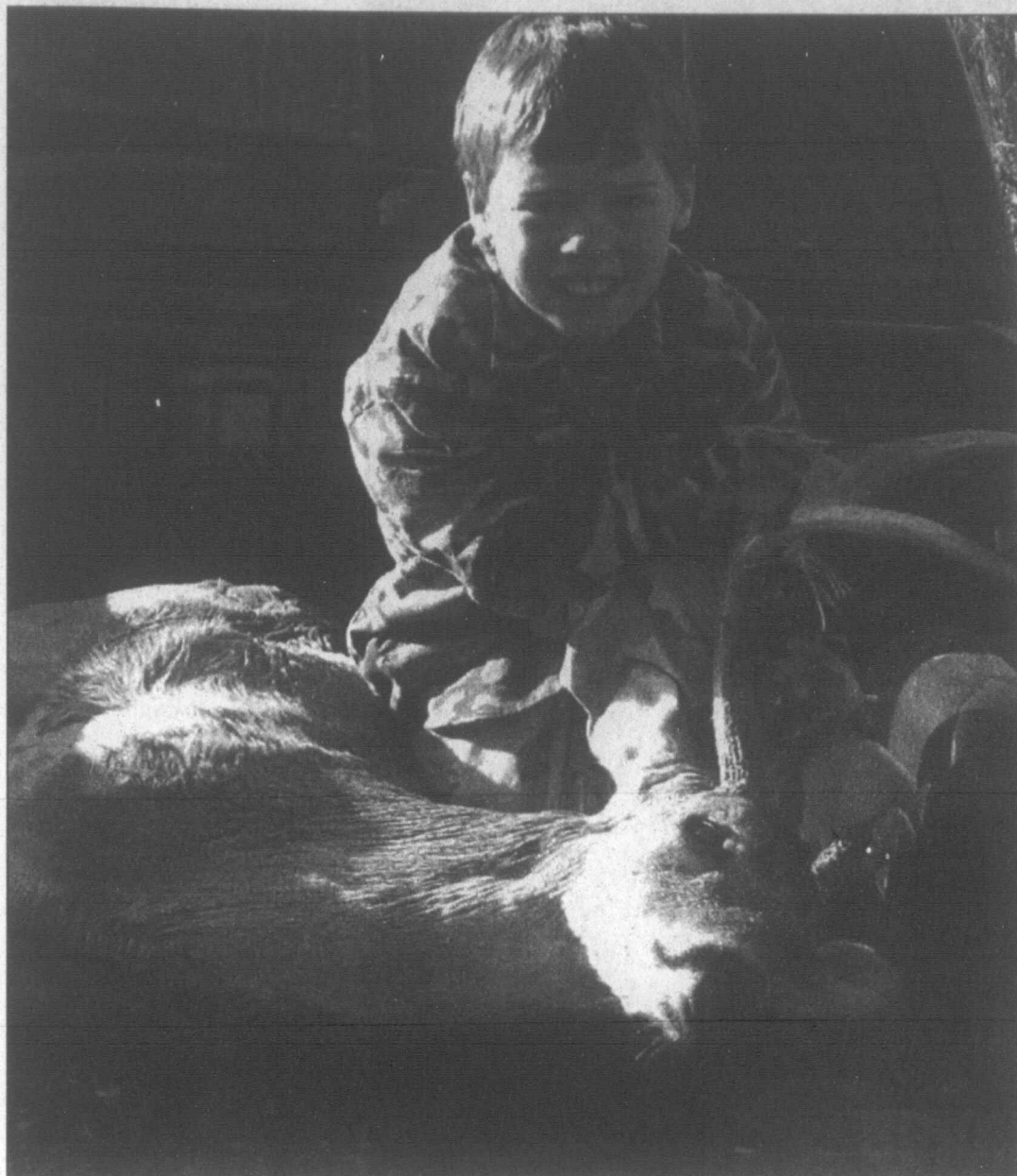
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Trophy shot



Courtesy photo

Eleven-year-old Brady Dunn of White Deer poses with the buck he took Jan. 28 on a ranch near Mobeetie. Dunn took part in his first hunt during the "Youth Only" season, Jan. 21-22. Dunn used a .243 caliber rifle to take his trophy.

TPWD unveils proposed changes

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is recommending changes to next year's hunting and fishing regulations, expanding upon the success of several resource management initiatives.

Proposals being considered include: an expansion of special whitetail buck harvest regulations into 40 more counties, broadening of the popular Managed Lands Permit Program to include provisions for upland game birds and elimination of the trophy tarpon tagging requirements.

The department will be seeking comment on these and other proposed changes to the state's hunting and fishing regulations during an upcoming series of public hearings.

Each year, TPWD considers changes in hunting and fishing regulations to achieve resource management objectives and maximize outdoor recreation opportunities consistent with good stewardship. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission will make a final decision on the proposals during its April 5 public hearing.

Expand special buck harvest regulations in 40 counties: Among the most ambitious proposals considered is an expansion of special antler restrictions on white-

tail deer. Antler restriction regulations currently in effect in 21 counties in the Oak Prairie ecoregion have been effective in improving the age structure of the buck herd, increasing hunter opportunity, and encouraging landowners and hunters to become more actively involved in better habitat management.



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Pampa Harvester Sports Schedule

BASKETBALL

TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 7

Lady Harvesters vs Dumas • 6:00pm at Dumas
Harvesters JV vs Dumas • 6:00pm at Dumas
Lady Harvesters JV vs Dumas • 7:00pm at Dumas
Harvesters vs Dumas • 7:00pm at Dumas

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 10

Harvesters JV vs Palo Duro • 6:00pm at Palo Duro
Harvesters vs Palo Duro • 7:00pm at Palo Duro

SOCCER

TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 7

Lady Harvesters vs Borger • 4:15pm at Pampa
Harvesters vs Borger • 4:15pm at Pampa

SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 11

Lady Harvesters vs Palo Duro • 12:00noon at Palo Duro
Harvesters vs Palo Duro • 12:00noon at Palo Duro

BASEBALL

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SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 11

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Panhandle, West Texas Fishing Report

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Feb. 1. (Report also available on Web as www.txifishing.com.)

PANHANDLE

BAYLOR: Water lightly stained; 49 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow.

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 42 degrees; 21.45 low. Black bass are fair on dark jigs and Carolina-rigged pumpkin/chartreuse soft plastics along main lake points.

Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on live bait and slabs. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait and chrome/black back jerkbaits.

Walleye are fair on live bait and jerkbaits. Catfish are fair on cut shad and minnows.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 40 degrees; 67.55 low. Black bass are fair on live bait.

Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are good on live bait.

Smallmouth bass are fair. Walleye are good on minnows and bottom bouncers. Catfish are fair on cut shad and chicken liver.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained; 43 degrees; 25.22 low. Black bass are slow on Carolina-rigged green pumpkin soft plastics.

Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs suspended 15 feet. White bass are fair on jigs and slabs tipped with minnows near rocky points. Smallmouth bass are fair on

jerkbaits and live bait. Walleye are fair on bottom bouncers and live bait. Channel catfish are fair on live bait and cut shad.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 39 degrees; 42.85 low. Black bass are slow.

Crappie are fair on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair. Walleye are fair on minnows. Channel catfish are slow on prepared baits.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 44 degrees. Black bass are fair on dark jigs fished tight to cover. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water lightly stained; 50 degrees; 2.1 low. Black bass are slow on spinnerbaits in back of coves and creeks.

Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs near derricks about 17 feet. White bass are fair on shad-imitation baits east of State Park — New Lake record of 2.88 pounds caught Jan. 14. Blue catfish are good on shad, prepared baits and juglines near cormorant roost sites.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 57 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Redfish are slow. Catfish are fair.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 56 degrees; 4.65 low. Black bass are slow.

Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 9.5 low. Black bass are slow on crankbaits and dark jigs.

Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass and hybrid striped are fair on live bait and cut shad. Catfish are fair on live bait and chicken liver.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 53 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live bait. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are good on shad. Catfish are fair on live bait and punch bait.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 53 degrees; 18.7 low. Black bass are slow.

Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on cut shad and chicken liver.

No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 16.75 low. Black bass are fair on live bait.

Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait. Channel catfish are fair on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 52 degrees; 3.7 low. Black bass are fair in Rock Creek area.

White bass are good in Bluff Creek and Neelys Slough. Striped bass are fair near piers in Willow Beach area.

Blue and channel catfish are fair on trotlines and juglines in the upper part of reservoir.

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Norman Goad, from left, of Amarillo Civic Chorus; Rick Crosswhite, talent coordinator; Sandy Crosswhite, assistant to producers; Mary Jane Johnson, guest artist and Globe News Center for the Performing Arts board member; Janet Whitsell, performance associate; Lynn Hart, creative director/composer; and James Carter, master flyman; with Elliott Forrest, "Odyssey" host and A&E special correspondent at the opening of the Performing Arts Center in Amarillo.

Concert association prepares for Egan concert

The next concert by Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage" will be Feb. 18 with Broadway vocalist Susan Egan.

Egan, called the "Belle of Broadway," performs the music of Cole Porter, the Gershwins, and Rodgers and Hammerstein as well as contemporary new writers.

Egan will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Other scheduled concerts this season include The Saint

Petersburg Classic Ballet at 7:30 p.m. March 4 and the vocal band The Coats at 2:30 p.m. April 30, both at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The Saint Petersburg Classic Ballet was winner of the Gold Medal at 1999's Amber Necklace Competition at Kaliningrad, Russia.

The ballet will appear as part of a joint concert with the Borger concert association.

Memberships and tickets will be available at the door of each upcoming performance.

Members are also entitled to attend concerts put on by the Plainview and Borger associations including Nathan Granner's and Lisa Williamson's "Enchanting Music" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at Plainview's Harrall Memorial Auditorium and The Newstead Trio at 7:30 p.m. April 1 at the Borger High School auditorium.

For more information, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631.



Susan Egan

Vets

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VA provides other benefits to meet the needs of returning service members, ranging from college tuition assistance to home loan guarantees. Job training and vocational rehabilitation services help disabled veterans get back into the work force. Severely disabled veterans can get an adaptive housing grant from VA to make their homes accessible.

A combat veteran's psychological adjustment to civilian life can be difficult. Veterans who experience such difficulties receive confidential counseling at VA's 207 Vet Centers throughout the country and can be evaluated and treated for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Family members of returning troops can also get counseling at Vet Centers and Vet Centers offer grief counseling for the families of soldiers who die in combat zones.

For the Vet Center nearest you, call 1-877-222-8387 or visit

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March 19 at Lone Star Dance Academy, 3218 Hobbs. The

Electric

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gent comparison of FES cycling with passive exercise — someone moving their limbs — or electrical stimulation alone. Early results are expected in a year.

McDonald notes that children in general recover from neural injuries better than adults, and points to remarkable progress by one of his own patients, 15-year-old Loretta McRae.

Paralyzed from the shoulders down after a diving accident in Australia a year ago, Loretta since November has exercised five days a week on the FES bike and with a similar electrical stimulator strapped to her wrists. She now can walk several wobbly feet with a cane, and last week took a

production will be staged March 22-23 at the Amarillo Civic Center. The audition fee will be \$10. Costumes will be provided for all who are cast. Requirements are as follows:

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LUBBOCK — Colby Stowers Brazile recently graduated magna cum laude from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in architecture. Commencement was held at the conclusion of the 2005 fall semester at Tech's United Spirit Arena.

Brazile was named to the President's List from 2002 through 2005. He belonged to Dr. Bernard Harris Pre-Medical Society, serving as its treasurer in 2002, and Texas Tech Chapter of the American Chemical Society, serving as its vice president also in 2002.

Brazile is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Golden Key Honor Society and Phi Sigma Theta Honor Society. He is the son of Kim and Jeff Skinner and is the grandson of Bobbie and Charles Brazile and Betty and Vernon Stowers.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Marine Corps Pvt. Timothy W. Norton, Jr., son of Suzanne R. Clayton of Pampa, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Norton and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Norton spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training. Norton and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Norton and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating with the presentation of the Marine Corps Emblem.

MONROE, La. — Haylee Brienne Murry of Pampa was recently named to the Honor Roll for the 2005 fall semester at the University of Louisiana in Monroe.

To qualify for the list, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university.

SAN ANGELO — Mary Danielle Martinez was recently named to the Dean's List at Angelo State University for the 2005 fall semester.

To be eligible for the honor, a student must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university.

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Brazile

Researchers seek tools to refine dual-purpose wheat selection

By **TIM W. McALAVY**
Texas A&M News

VERNON — Wheat is an important grain and forage crop for Texas farmers and livestock producers. Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists regularly evaluate new lines of this crop, seeking ways to improve its yield potential and adaptability to different growing conditions.

What if scientists could assess forage or grain potential by examining the structure and form of plants, by simply looking at unique physiological traits?

"If we can identify morphological and physiological traits that correlate with better grain or forage production, we could streamline the wheat breeding and selection process," said Dr. Dariusz Malinowski, Experiment Station assistant professor-forages here.

"That is the idea behind a research project we started here in 2002," he said. "We are looking for traits that are good indicators of grain and forage yield potential."

Malinowski is conducting this research with Dr. Jackie Rudd, Experiment Station wheat breeder at Amarillo, and Dr. William E. Pinchak, Experiment Station ruminant nutritionist here. They began by examining 80 wheats in the Texas elite wheat and the Texas uniform variety collections. Wheats in both collections are evaluated for adaptability to the wide range of growing conditions that exist in Texas and the Southwest.

"We categorized them into groups, such as high-and-low grain or forage yield, disease resistance,



(Texas Cooperative Extension photo by Tim W. McAlavy)

Dr. Dariusz Malinowski, Experiment Station assistant professor-forages at Vernon, examines a plot of wheat plants. He and other scientists are evaluating physiological and morphological traits that may be good indicators of better grain and forage production. Identifying such traits could help breeders streamline the breeding and selection process for dual-purpose wheats.

and tillering," Malinowski said. "We narrowed the list of wheats with 'good' and 'bad' traits down to 28. Then we planted these in large irrigated and dryland plots for two years to evaluate their performance under grazing and artificial defoliation, or clipping."

The plots were planted around Sept. 15 in 2003 and 2004. Drought delayed grazing trials in 2003, but above-average rainfall in 2004 boosted stand establishment and enabled the grazing trials to begin in November.

"We saw some interesting differences among these wheats in our dryland and irrigated trials in both 2003 and 2004," Malinowski said. "Early forage production was positively correlated with tiller number, leaf length and leaf area."

"The positive correla-

tions based on leaf characteristics were most evident in our dryland plots. We also saw a negative correlation between specific leaf weight and early forage production in both years, in dryland and irrigated trials."

In other words, the best forage yields in their trials came from wheats that produced longer, thinner leaves and more tillers. These wheats also produced leaves with a lower specific weight — they grew lighter, longer, thinner leaves, and more of them.

"When growing conditions are favorable, this is just what you would expect of fast-growing grasses," Malinowski said. "These traits may be useful to breeders because they are easily distinguishable in the field."

The scientists also learned that weather may

affect the chemistry of growing wheat plants and the health of grazing cattle.

"We think that phenolic compounds in the plant may play a role in reducing bloat in cattle grazing wheat," Malinowski said. "Phenolic compounds protect plants from a range of oxidants, including ultraviolet rays. They are, in effect, a natural sunscreen produced by the plant in the presence of abundant sunshine."

"They also buffer digestion and have antimicrobial properties in the stomach of cattle. They may allow the animal to digest the forage without producing excess gas that leads to bloat."

Because bloat often occurs when the weather is cloudy and cold, the scientists theorize that breeding wheats that maintain high phenol content under these conditions could help reduce bloat and its often-fatal impact on grazing cattle.

"We placed cages in our wheat plots and shaded the plants under the cages to regulate the amount of sunlight the plants received," Malinowski said. "We found that the shaded plants had lower levels of phenolic compounds, especially when the temperature was cooler or cold."

The scientists plan to continue the research and add new wheats to their trials. Their future work will also seek to confirm the theory that wheat's natural sunscreen helps grazing cattle remain healthy when the weather turns cloudy and cool.

Their three-year study was funded by contributions from the Texas Wheat Producers Board.

Gardening to be topic of series

AMARILLO — The Potter/Randall Master Gardeners will hold a series of lectures designed for beginning gardeners Feb. 23 through April 6 at the Amarillo Public Library Southwest Branch, 6801 S.W. 45th Ave.

"Gardening with the Masters" will cover everything from soil preparation to plant selection.

The lectures by local members of the Master Gardener program will run from 7-8 p.m. each Thursday. Classes are free to the public and no registration is required.

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The programs are sponsored by Potter/Randall Counties Master Gardener Association and Texas Cooperative Extension in Potter County.

The following is a schedule of the classes and presenters:

- Feb. 23, Vegetable Gardening, Cheryl Ray;
- March 2, Landscape Design, Barbara Harrington;
- March 9, Soil Preparation and Shrubs, Doris Rogers;
- March 16, Trees, Kelly Sims, certified arborist;
- March 23, Roses, Don Glenn;
- March 30, Drought Tolerant Plants, Stacie Lloyd; and
- April 6, Perennials, Annuals and Containers, Barbara Harrington.

New heritage center under construction in Canadian

CANADIAN — To all the new projects underway in Canadian, you may now add the Canadian Texas Heritage Center.

Although it has yet to find a home, the Heritage Center is already planning exhibits and projects that will help make Canadian a major cultural tourism destination. Once it lands in a permanent location, the Heritage Center will offer cutting edge exhibits as well as history, art, and other cultural programming.

The Heritage Center will also eventually serve as a records repository where scholars and the general public can research topics relating to Canadian and the surrounding area.

The idea for a Heritage Center is the brainchild of Salem Abraham of Abraham Companies, Canadian Record editor Laurie Brown, Economic Development Council Director Remelle Farrar, artist Doug Ricketts, and former Metcalfe Museum Director David Cunningham. Cunningham has since moved to Canadian in order to serve as the Center's director.

Cunningham is already developing plans for a comprehensive oral history collection program, which should begin by early February. He is also developing an itinerary for tour

buses. Cunningham plans to eventually draw in tourists from major markets, including Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Dallas, Amarillo, Wichita,

2004 from Southwest Missouri where he earned a master's in history from Missouri State University. "Canadian has everything —

here everyday! Most importantly, people here have vision and a great pride in their town. Hopefully, we can do our part to help them

become another historical museum. According to Cunningham, Canadian already has a fine museum with a great staff that com-



CANADIAN RECORD photo

David Cunningham, director of the new Canadian Texas Heritage Center, is shown at the construction site of the new Visitors' Center with the facade-in-progress across the highway at the River Valley Pioneer Museum. Although the heritage Center itself does not have a base yet, plans are in the works to enhance Canadian's emerging image as a cultural tourism attraction.

and Kansas City. "I want Canadian to be known as 'Texas' Classy Getaway," states Cunningham, who came to the Metcalfe Museum in

classy restaurants, great architecture, a charming theater, a terrific museum, and the historic wagon bridge — something new and exciting seems to pop up

re-invent themselves as an important cultural tourism destination."

Cunningham makes it very clear that the Heritage Center does not aim to

pletely fulfills its mission. Instead, the Heritage Center will focus on offering educational program-

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Craig anniversary

Robert and Bettie Craig of Pampa will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with a come-and-go reception from 2-4 p.m. Feb. 12 at Hobart Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Pampa.

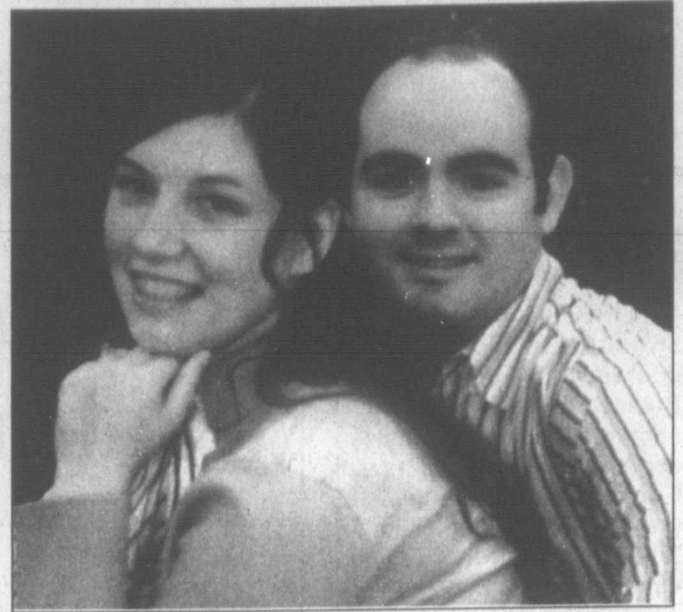
Robert Craig married the former Bettie Willson on Feb. 10, 1956, at Pampa. Both are lifelong residents of Pampa and belong to Hobart Baptist Church.

Mr. Craig is retired from the Texas State Railroad Commission, and Mrs. Craig is retired from Texas Pipe & Metal Co.

The couple have four children, Randall Craig of Beavercreek, Ohio, and Carol Knutson, Michael Craig and Mark Craig, all of Pampa. They have 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig



Cellan/Stucker

Barbara Cellan and Bradley Stucker plan to wed March 11 at Apostolic Church in Stillwater, Okla. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Claudia and George Cellan of Stillwater. She graduated from Stillwater High School in 2000 and completed her training as a massage therapist at Meridian Career and Technology school in 2005. The future bridegroom is the son of Larry and Pat Stucker of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 2002 and is a senior at Oklahoma State University. He will complete his degree requirements in the fall and is currently employed at Wal-Mart.



Amber Maxwell and Cole Giles

Maxwell, Giles wedding

Amber Maxwell and Cole Giles, both of Pampa, exchanged wedding vows in a Las Vegas, Nev., ceremony Jan. 13.

The bride, daughter of Steven and Debra Maxwell of Holbrook, Ariz., graduated from Snowflake High School in Arizona. She is a den leader for Pampa Cub Scouts and is a child care giver for Mother's Day Out at First United Methodist Church.

The groom, son of Steve and Janet Giles, graduated from Pampa High School. He is vice president of Pampa Soccer Association, is a RF technician for Alltell Wireless and co-owns Giles Custom Homes.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Las Vegas and plan to make their home in Pampa.

Menus

Week of February 6-10

Pampa Schools	
MONDAY	peaches and cream cake or blueberry pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
Breakfast: Blueberry pancake and sausage on a stick.	TUESDAY
Lunch: Pigs in a blanket or steak fingers, baked beans, au gratin potatoes, peaches.	Oven-fried chicken or ham salad, potato salad, fried okra, cream corn, pinto beans, pineapple upsidedown cake or butterscotch pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Toast.	Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, California blend, beans, lemon pound cake or cherry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
Lunch: Chicken and noodles or pizza, corn, broccoli, fruit, rolls, pudding cups.	THURSDAY
WEDNESDAY	Chicken strips or Salisbury steak, curly fries, cabbage, carrots, beans, banana nut bundt cake or butterscotch icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.	FRIDAY
Lunch: Barbecue on a bun or chicken nuggets, fries, English peas, fruit.	Catfish/hushpuppies or tamales/chili/cheese, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, devilsfood cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.
THURSDAY	Meals On Wheels
Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits.	MONDAY
Lunch: Chicken teriyaki or beef/cheese nachos, green beans, rice pilaf, pineapple, rolls.	Barbecue chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, peach cobbler.
FRIDAY	TUESDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.	Polish sausage, cheese grits, mixed greens, cake.
Lunch: Crispy tacos or hot dogs, pinto beans, lettuce/tomatoes, applesauce, cornbread muffins.	WEDNESDAY
Lefors Schools	Tater tot casserole, cabbage, blackeyed peas, pumpkin bars.
MONDAY-FRIDAY	THURSDAY
Not available at press time.	Ham, breaded okra, pinto beans, cornbread, pudding.
Kid's Cafe-Wilson	FRIDAY
MONDAY	Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, bread sticks, salad, peaches.
Barbecued Polish sausage, fries, baked beans, dessert.	
WEDNESDAY	
Mexican casserole, beans, rice, salad, dessert.	
Kid's Cafe-Lamar	
TUESDAY	
Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, dessert.	
THURSDAY	
Hot dogs/chili, fries, pork beans, dessert.	
Senior Citizens	
MONDAY	
Chicken fried steak or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, beets, blackeyed peas,	

Center

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ming to kids and adults that may include topics such as collecting oral histories and preserving family photographs. The Heritage Center also plans to host art- and other culture-related workshops, in addition to history seminars and other events.

"The Heritage Center might even take groups on expeditions to locate historic trails or to set historic markers," says Cunningham. "We're open to suggestions."

Cunningham asserts that he and the Heritage Center Board intend to work closely with the City, the Chamber, and organizations such as the Economic Development Council, the Historical Commission, and the Arts Alliance to make Canadian's revitalization program even more of a success.

"We're fortunate that everyone seems to be behind us 100 percent," he said.

The Heritage Center has already filed the paperwork for nonprofit status, but its board of directors and Cunningham are not waiting around. Exhibits are already planned for early 2006 and programs are currently

being developed. Until the Center finds a location of its own, exhibits and programming will be scheduled at various venues around Canadian.

"With its fine dining, art galleries, great homes, scenery, and cultural attractions," says Cunningham, "I don't see why Canadian can't soon become known throughout the U.S. as the 'Classiest Little Town in Texas.'"

For more information about the Canadian Texas Heritage Center, call (417) 425-2317 or e-mail canadiantexasheritage@att.net.

—Story courtesy of the Canadian Record.

'Gypsy' takes BIT stage this month

CANYON — An overbearing stage mother's quest for fame is the story behind the West Texas A&M University production of Gypsy at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15-18 and Feb. 22-25 in the Branding Iron Theatre on campus.

Gypsy, written by Arthur

Laurents, Jule Styne and Stephen Sondheim, tells the story of Gypsy Rose Lee, a famous burlesque stripper whose career was shaped and manipulated by her overbearing mother, Rose.

"We are very excited about this production," Perry Crafton, assistant professor and director of the production, said. "I think the community will appreciate the range of talent and what these students can do with material of this caliber."

The production features a full cast of students and community members as well as a collaboration between the University's theatre, dance and music programs. Many of the students are taking on multiple roles.

"It's the first time in a while that we have collaborated in this manner with

student representation from each program," Crafton said. "That is what is making this truly special."

Musical direction for the production is by Dr. Bob Hansen, professor of voice, and Edward Truitt, assistant professor of dance, is directing the choreography. John Landon, professor of theatre, is in charge of scenic design.

Cast members will include Savanna Shipp, freshman theatre major of Wheeler. She will play the part of Tessie.

Tickets for the BIT productions are priced at \$10 each for general admission and \$7 each for senior citizens and children 12 and under.

Group rates are available.

For more information, call the BIT box office at 806-651-2798.

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My soul has bled for my mistakes, my tears still constantly pour down my face. I know my last thread is close. The truth is my destiny, as you are. To my dearest in-laws, I have let you down when in time of your needs I was not there. I beg of thee to let me be he that swept your daughter off her feet and to be he that has pleased you. Forgive me my wife, forgive me papa. My love is still yours.

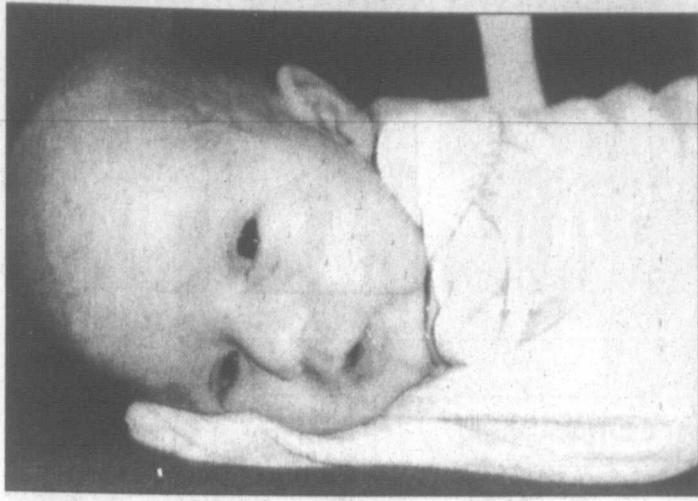
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Lindsay Langford & Jared Spearman
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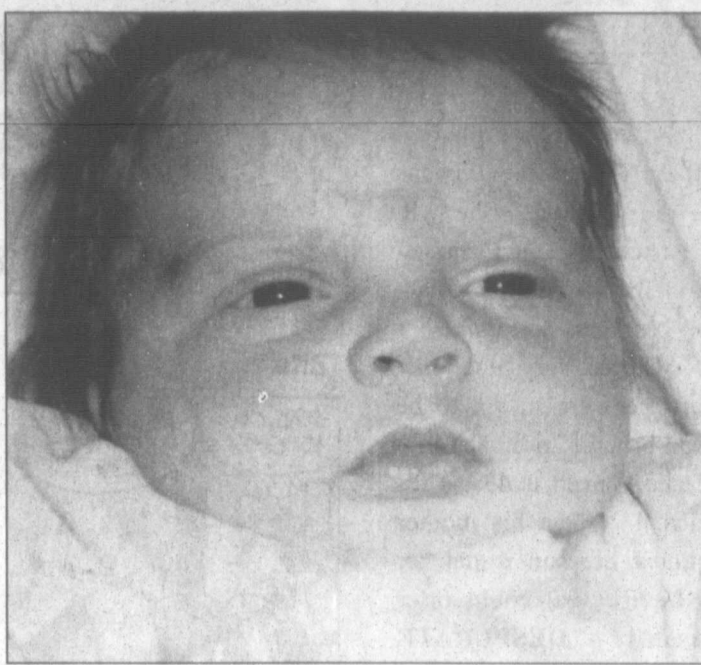
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Cradle call



Riley David Whitson

Riley David Whitson was born at 5:14 a.m. Jan. 9 at BSA Hospital in Amarillo, to David and Donna Whitson of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 4-ounces and was 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inches long. Relatives include a sister, Allison; and grandparents, Ray and Mary Denham of Pampa, Mary Kneisley of Pampa and Dee Whitson of Chico.



Jose Luis Arreola

Jose Luis Arreola was born at 8:40 a.m. Dec. 23, 2005, at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Mayla and Ricky Arreola of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds, 13-ounces and was 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inches long. Relatives include his brother, Jesse Conner of Pampa; and his grandparents, Layne and Mae Conner and Pedro and Lynda Arreola, all of Pampa.



William Wyatt Davis

William Wyatt Davis was born Nov. 1, 2005, at BSA Hospital in Amarillo, to Shea and Jodie Davis of Amarillo. At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds and was 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inches long. Relatives include his grandparents, Buddy and Kay Waters of Pampa, the late Louis Davis of Shamrock, and Nancy Brown of Mount Park, Okla.; and his great-grandparents, Nellie and the late Dan Graves of Pampa, Rosalee and the late Sox Atwood of Wheeler, and the late G.W. and Rudene Davis of Shamrock and the late Roy and Willene Waters of Briscoe.

Medicare Rx subject of broadcast

On Feb. 14, the local three Edward Jones investment representatives will host a free broadcast on the Medicare Rx Plan.

With the May 15 deadline approaching for choosing a Medicare prescription drug plan, Edward Jones will invite outside experts to discuss Medicare Part D, drug coverage options and strategies to help protect one's retirement income against rising health care costs.

This interactive event is being presented at select Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private video network.

To reserve a seat for "The Medicare Rx Plan: What It is and How It Works," call one of the following offices: Duane Harp, 665-6753; Tom Reynolds, 665-7137; or Ben Watson, 665-3359.

Additional viewing opportunities will be available for those unable to attend on the 14th.

Names

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Army Pvt. Ashley L. Francis has graduated from the Light-wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Advanced Individual Training (AIT) course at Fort Jackson, Columbia.

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The course is designed to train soldiers to perform maintenance, troubleshoot, and repair wheeled vehicles and related mechanical components, which include internal combustion engines and power trains, spark-and compression-ignition engines, wheel-hub assemblies, hydraulic-power brakes, suspension and steering systems, and learned to operate a wheeled vehicle crane, hoist, and winch assembly.

Francis is the daughter of Robbie L. and Terry B. Dougherty of Pampa.

The private is a 2004 graduate of Pampa High School.

NORMAN, Okla. — Mitchell Lewis Crow and Cameron Alexander Seger, both of Pampa, were named to the President's Honor Roll at the University of Oklahoma's Norman campus for the 2005 fall semester.

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HHS seeking organizations for summer food program

AUSTIN — Millions of low-income children have nutritious meals during the school year through the federal school breakfast and lunch program. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is looking for organizations to help make sure those children don't go hungry once school lets out.

"We serve more and more kids every summer," said Texas Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Albert Hawkins. "Local organizations provide the resources that make the program work."

Last summer, 355 sponsors served more than 12 million meals to children across the state, an increase of more than 875,000 meals over 2004.

HHSC's Summer Food Services Program reimburses approved sponsors for serving up to two healthy meals to low-income children through age 18 when school is not in session.

Meal service sites can be located in a variety of settings including schools, recreation centers, playgrounds, parks, churches, community centers, day camps, housing projects and migrant centers.

Sponsors can prepare meals in a central

kitchen or obtain them from any number of sources, including government agencies, school districts or commercial food-service companies.

"The need for nutritious meals doesn't end when school lets out and the cafeteria closes," said Hawkins. "Our summer program helps these children continue to get healthy meals throughout the summer so they are better able to continue learning when they return to school."

The program is offered statewide in areas or at sites where more than 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program.

Organizations eligible to sponsor the program include schools, non-profit residential summer camps, government agencies and tax-exempt organizations.

Potential sponsors are required to take training courses offered in several Texas cities before participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Training begins in February for early applicants. For more information, call (512) 420-2449.

Lifestyles Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I adopted a beautiful baby girl in an open adoption 14 years ago. "Sara's" birth mother, "Chris," was trapped in an abusive relationship. We promised to exchange letters and pictures when Sara was able to communicate, and have done so since Sara turned 10. Sara and her birth mother talk on the phone four times a year. Although the "open" agreement is not legally binding, we have kept our word. However, over the past year we have become concerned about the effect this is having on our daughter. Sara is sad and moody after contacts with Chris. Chris also sends poetry about the adoption, which upsets Sara. It's pretty heavy stuff for a 14-year-old. Chris has rebuilt her life, obtained higher education, married and has two toddlers. Despite this, it seems she's still mourning the loss of her firstborn. We understand this, but feel it's unfair to unload this burden on Sara. Sara cried when she saw photos of Chris' two small sons. Should we limit or sever the contact? — **NO NAMES PLEASE IN THE NORTHWEST**

DEAR NO NAMES: From my perspective, the letters, photographs and the quarterly phone calls are excessive. And for the birth mother to send "heavy" poetry in an effort to offload her guilt and pain at placing her child for adoption is selfish. Because the contact with her birth mother is depressing your daughter instead of being uplifting, it's time to ask Sara what she thinks -- and take your cue from her.

DEAR ABBY: After 20 years of marriage to an abusive man, I finally divorced him. One night I was feeling depressed, so I contacted "Garrett," an old high school sweetheart. We ended up really clicking. Garrett has been married twice. Both his ex-wives were unfaithful and treated him shamefully, so he's afraid of marrying again.

Garrett says he loves me and we plan on moving in together. The problem is his mother, who is very religious. She will have a hard time accepting our arrangement. I asked him if he wanted me to talk to her, and he said yes. How do I make her understand? I love Garrett very much and know in my heart we were meant to be together. I feel God brought him back into my life. I am 42 and Garrett is 43, so it's not like we're kids. I respect his mother very much and know her son wants her acceptance. Any advice you could offer would be appreciated. — **DESPERATE TO BE HAPPY IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR DESPERATE: Say to Garrett's mother: "I love your son and feel in my heart that we were meant to be together. I want and need to be with him. He has struck out twice at marriage and is afraid to try again -- and at least for now, I'm prepared to accept this. I like and respect you very much. We plan to live together, and if you would like to be part of our lives, we would like that, too." Then shut your mouth and hear what the woman has to say. She may pleasantly surprise you.

DEAR ABBY: Do you think it is inappropriate to leave a family gathering if another family member brings a child -- or himself -- to the gathering with a highly contagious sickness? This is causing a rift between me and my husband's family. — **DEBBIE IN HAMILTON, OHIO**

DEAR DEBBIE: Let me answer you in this way: For someone with a contagious illness to put others at risk of catching it is selfish and inconsiderate. You have every right to protect yourself by leaving the gathering. In fact, I recommend it.

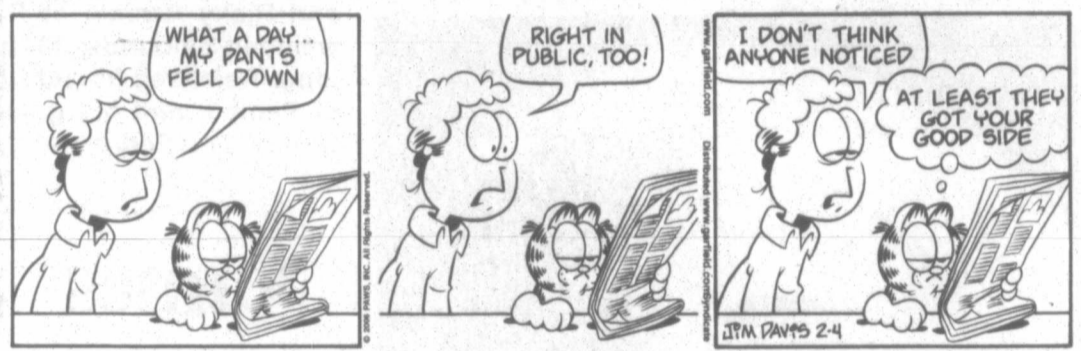
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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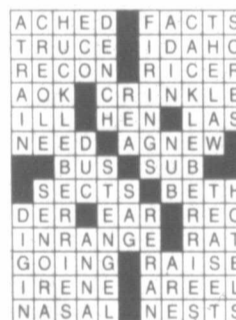
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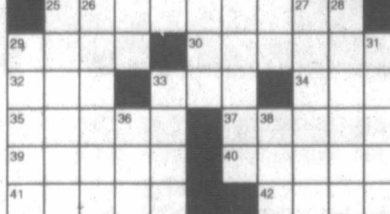
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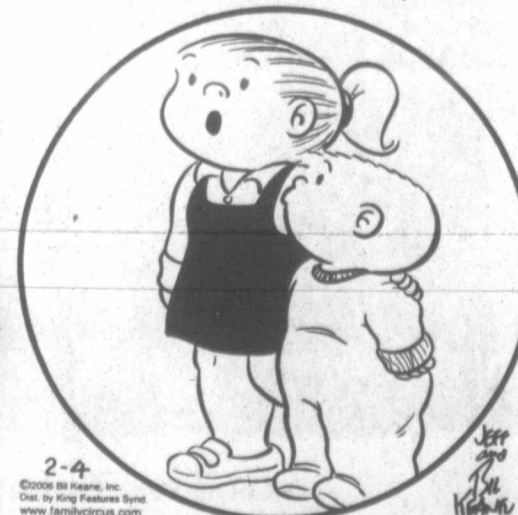


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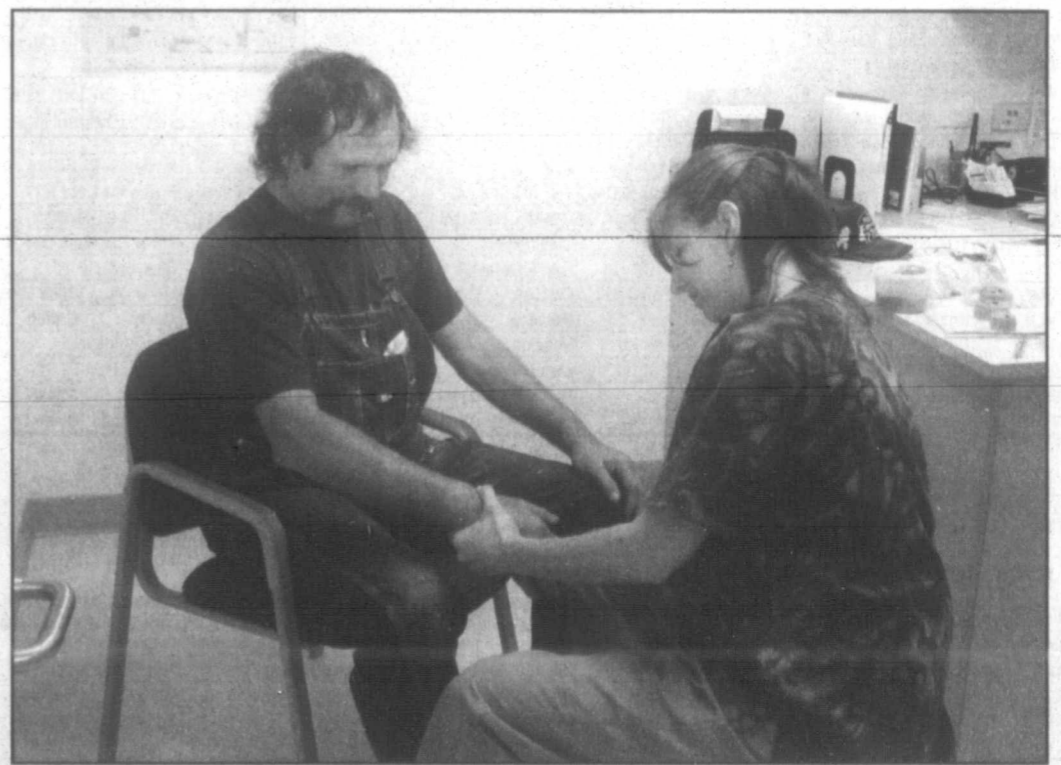
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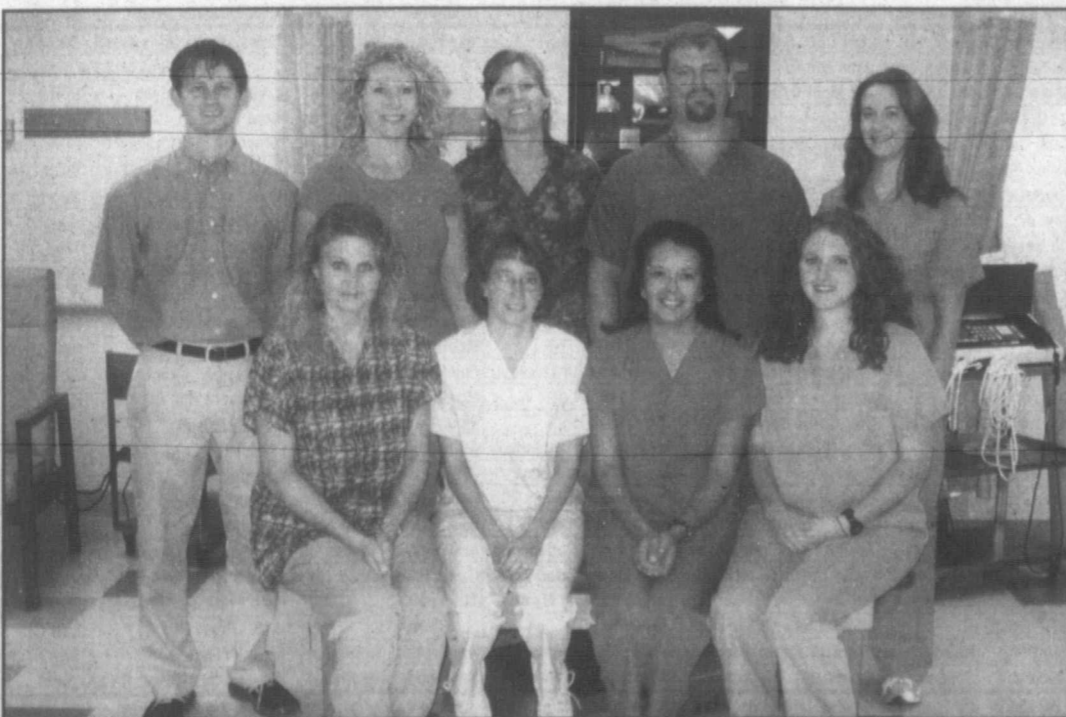
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Mike Albus works with Kim Peet, OTR for therapy

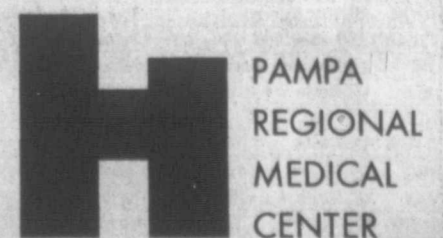


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FEBRUARY 9, 2006

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FEBRUARY 10, 2006

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

FEBRUARY 11, 2006

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ENTERTAINMENT

DISH introduces 'DishFAMILY' programming tier

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — EchoStar Communications Corp. recently announced that its DISH Network satellite TV service will offer "DishFAMILY," a new family-friendly programming package with approximately 40 channels.

DishFAMILY offers channel choices for everyone in the family such as sports, news, children's programming, lifestyle, hobbies, shopping and public interest. With DishFAMILY, customers receive family-sensitive content for \$19.99 per month (\$24.99 with local channels) — approximately, DISH says, \$12 savings over average cable company family tiers.

Other pay-TV providers, DISH says, have introduced the same type of packages with fewer channels and with a requirement customers must purchase the package in addition to a basic cable package that is, perhaps, not so family-friendly.

DISH offers DishFAMILY as a stand

'DishFAMILY is a package our customers have requested, and we are pleased that congressional hearings and the FCC have played a key role in encouraging programmers to agree to give DISH Network the rights to offer a family pack.'

— Eric Sahl Senior VP of programming

alone package and is available with a free satellite TV receiver and free professional

installation for up to four rooms.

"With the introduction of DishFAMILY, DISH Network becomes the pay-TV provider of choice among parents who want the most parental control and the largest package of family-specific TV channels, all at the lowest cost," said Eric Sahl, senior vice president of programming for DISH.

DishFAMILY includes the following channels: Animal Planet, The Biography Channel, Bloomberg TV, Boomerang, BYUTV, C-SPAN, C-Span 2, CSTV, Discovery Kids, Discovery Times, Do It Yourself Network, EWTN, Food Network, Fox News Channel, Great American Country, CNN Headline News, HSN,

NASA, Nickelodeon East and West, Nick Games & Sports, NickToons, Outdoor Channel, RFDTV, Shop at Home, ShopNBC, The Science Channel, The Weather Channel, TBN, TV Land, and QVC.

DISH Network, an advocate of family values, has developed extensive parental controls such as password protection, lock-by-ratings and extended ratings, system and channel locks, and DISH's own Adult Guard and Hide Adult Programming features which when activated remove adult content and channel descriptions from that specific customer's program guide.

For customers who subscribe to DishFAMILY, adult channels and their content descriptions will be unavailable on the program guide.

Customers can contact DISH at 1-800-333-3474 or their local retailer for more information. To learn more about DISH, visit www.dishnetwork.com.

Conservation Security Program includes Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork Red watershed

TEMPLE — Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced that the 2006 Conservation Security Program (CSP) sign-up will be held Feb. 13, 2006 to March 31, 2006.

USDA announced preliminary selection of 110 watersheds for fiscal year 2006 based on the President's budget request. The preliminary selection included 12 watersheds in Texas. Based on available funding, CSP will be offered in 60 watersheds across all 50 states, the Caribbean and Guam.

In Texas, CSP will be offered in five watersheds, the East Fork Trinity, the Wichita, the South Wichita, the Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork Red, and the Upper Beaver which will be shared with Oklahoma. The sign-up will only include those producers who do not have an existing CSP contract.

"The selection of these watersheds encompasses over 5 million acres and represents a balance of resource needs, historic stewardship, potential producer eligibility, and the technology and adequate staff needed to successfully implement the program," said NRCS State Conservationist Dr. Larry D. Butler. "Nationally, the selected watersheds reflect a cross-section of land uses, crop regions and landscapes. A sign-up announcement will be published that will detail the specific program requirements within the watersheds."

The contracts will be determined in a national selection process that will be described in the sign-up notice.

Producers begin the application process by filling out a self-assessment to determine if they meet the basic qualifications for CSP. Self-assessment workbooks are available in hard copy at

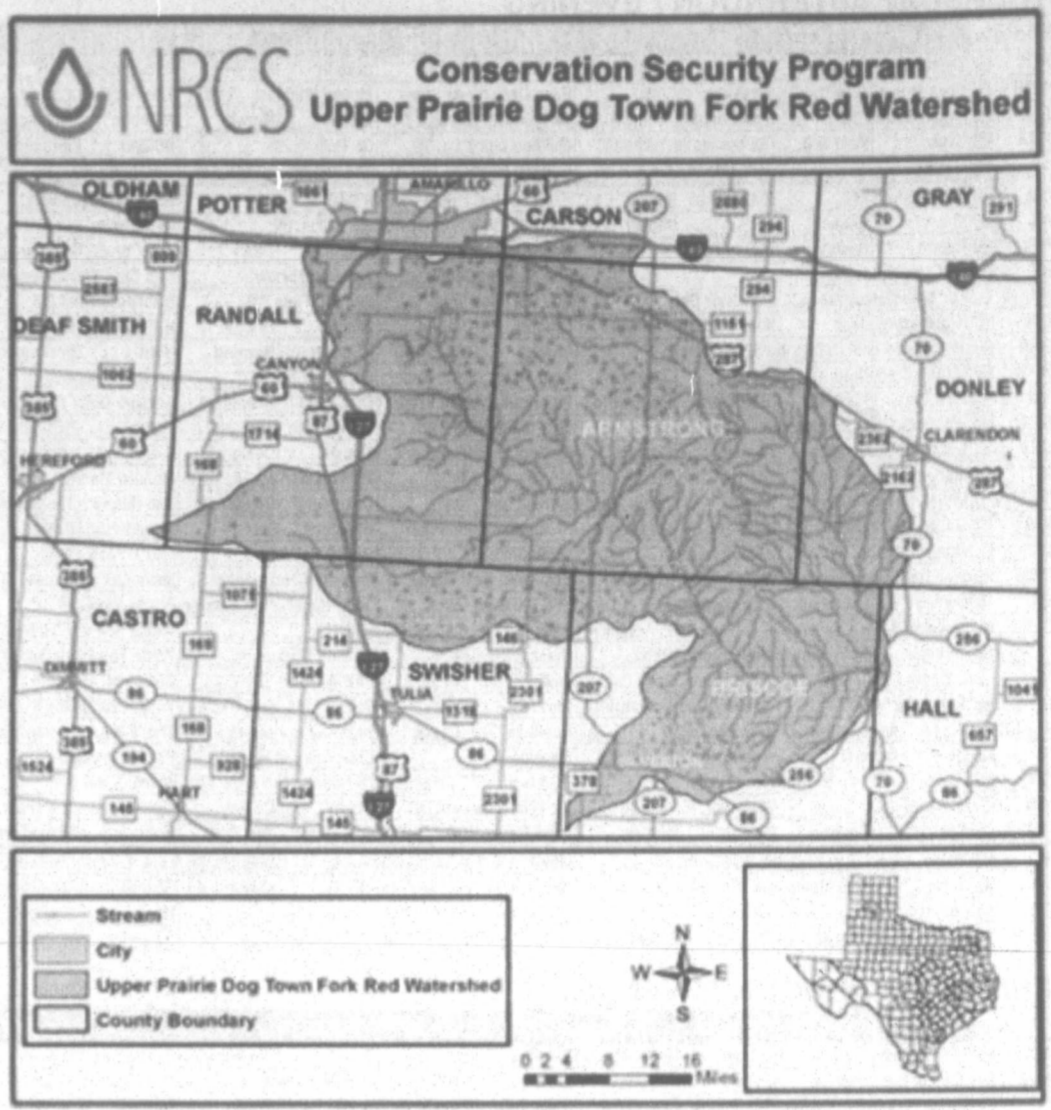
USDA Service Centers within the watersheds, and electronically at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/>.

After completing the self-assessment producers should schedule an appointment to discuss their application with the NRCS local staff to determine if they meet specific CSP eligibility requirements.

According to Butler all CSP applications that meet the sign-up criteria will be placed in an enrollment category and considered regardless of available funding.

"Agricultural producers in these watersheds have been protecting our soil and water resources for years," he said. "Now they can be rewarded for that stewardship" Butler said.

CSP is a voluntary program that supports ongoing conservation stewardship of agricultural working lands



and enhances the condition of America's natural resources. Additional information on CSP and a map showing the location of selected watersheds is on the NRCS Texas Web Site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp>.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006:

You might achieve much more through diplomacy than by pushing this year. Yes, you have many good ideas. You might make a major move or change in your domestic life. On other levels, you transform your life and personality. In the last few months, before your next birthday, you will start seeing the results. If you are single, opt for a long courtship rather than a live-in situation. Get to know this person well before making any commitments. If you are attached, your relationship might need some changing of roles. TAURUS can be stubborn.

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)

★★★ Your temper could come out when you least expect it. Be careful when dealing with someone you think might have a fragile mind-set. You could run over this person like a Mack truck without intending to. Tonight: Treat yourself to a special dessert.

This Week: Talk is good; action is better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might aggravate others without meaning to. Plans could radically change because of another's contrariness or reaction. How much do you think your attitude contributed to this problem? Make peace, please. Tonight: Work on being easygoing.

This Week: Maintain your budget, even on Wednesday and Thursday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You could be more irritated than happy if you decide to socialize. Perhaps your nerves are fried and you need some downtime. Understand that even as buoyant a sign as Gemini is, you need personal time. Tonight: Curl up and watch a favorite movie.

This Week: Blaze a trail into the week. Be sensible at the same time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Someone could be disruptive

and ruin your day — if you let him or her. Focus on enjoying yourself with your friends and not permitting others to upset you. You cannot be everywhere all at once. Don't count on a loved one. Tonight: Be with favorite people.

This Week: Lie back until Wednesday, when you come out of your shell.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ You might be hard-pressed to read between the lines. Someone makes demands, and you or a partner could become irate. Try to lower the local tension level by being more open to receiving others' feelings and opinions. Tonight: Do only what you must.

This Week: Act like a veritable tiger, oops, Lion on Monday and Tuesday. You become the recluse Wednesday on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ People and events will press you to look beyond the obvious to understand what is going on. Your insight could be greatly appreciated. Please notice what isn't being said by someone. This observation could be important. Tonight: Play a game. Let your mind relax.

This Week: Expect to be a major force, and one with a smile at the end of the week!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might want to listen to an associate — be it a friend or family member — because he or she needs you to listen. Rather than be affected by another's ire, just listen to what ails this person. By far, this is the smart way to go. Tonight: Make plenty of time for a loved one.

This Week: Take the high road, even if it means more work for you!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others run with the moment. You discover that getting a word in could take more than talent. Perhaps your best bet is to spruce up on your listening skills. You find that others appreciate your benign and hang-loose attitude. Tonight: Say yes.

This Week: An associate demands your attention. Give it to him or her.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might push way too hard to

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 6, 2006:

You have the ability to realize your dreams this year. It's as if magic drops in your path. Understand that you might not always please friends and loved ones. You need to make yourself happy first.

No one else will make you No. 1. Friendships will change as you develop. Learn to verbalize your opinions in a way that doesn't create dissent. You come off as quite fiery at times. Take time to yourself to understand, center and think. If you are single, romance will touch your life. Don't formalize this tie this year, as you could sour a budding relationship. Wait. If you are attached, you need to add more magic to your bond. GEMINI adores you.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Chat all you want. Express your dreams. Yes, others will hear you and will respond. Formalize your ideas. Cement plans. You will get somewhere quickly once you design your direction. A sudden insight marks your interactions. Tonight: Express yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ What you are hearing from a supervisor might be much different from what is actually being said. You might need to listen to someone who can be very hard on you. Friends act up in an unexpected manner. Evaluate another's effort openly. Tonight: Gather your bills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You are on top of the world. As a result, you do things very different-

ly. Note the results you get. You have reason to smile. Do just that with others. Still, you might need to make a strong statement to someone. Make that OK.

Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Use as much time as you need to make a decision with an eye to solutions. Take a strong look at what is going on financially. You can change your direction if you are open and willing. You have what it takes. Trust yourself. Tonight: Schedule some time for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You could be overly serious and demanding. Relax some, and you will end up just fine. Know what you want and where you are going. Creativity mixed with brainstorming draws answers. Trust your abilities. Tonight: Do exactly what you want to do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Take charge, and you'll find answers. You might want to make a decision, but feel weighed down by others. Relax and flow. Trust your leadership abilities. You know what you are doing. Tonight: In the limelight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might want to have a discussion, but at the same time shy away. You could be overly worried about someone's reaction. Trust yourself. You will be able to transform the situation, empowering yourself as well as another. Tonight: Relax your mind to music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Work with another person, and you'll discover the power of teamwork. An authority figure might be a bit tough or difficult. Revamp your financial

get a project completed or have others join in. Arguments and disagreements could ensue if you are not careful. Listen to what others are saying. Respond accordingly. Tonight: Easy does it.

This Week: Others are in control. Watch what they do!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your playful manner and personality take you in a new direction. Others appreciate your ability to make a difference. Use your creative resources to come up with a good idea while others squabble. Tonight: Keep your budget in mind.

This Week: Jump into your projects Monday. Network Wednesday on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Sometimes you might mean well, but right now, whichever direction you turn, an argument ensues. Try to be more sensitive to a loved one. This family member or friend might be very frustrated. Listen more. Tonight: Happy at home.

This Week: Your mind is full of ideas. Funnel them into your daily life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Sometimes you could be overwhelmed by what you hear. Today might be a classic example. Think before you say something and live to regret it. Others are a bit hot under the collar. Indulge and understand. Tonight: Be diplomatic.

This Week: You move into the week like a tortoise, but you wind up in first place by Thursday.

BORN TODAY

Actress Barbara Hershey (1948), actor, comedian Red Buttons (1919), author, priest, sociologist Andrew Greeley (1928)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

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TDCJ recruiters tout benefits, pay, security

AMARILLO — It's probably safe to say that everyone likes the idea of a career with great benefits, good pay, a secure future, and long weekends. Recruiters from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) believe they have just that kind of package and would like to tell you about it at a special hiring seminar to be held at the Texas Workforce Center, 1206 W. 7th Ave., at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9.

"We offer individuals an opportunity to play an important role in the criminal justice system as a Correctional Officer," said TDCJ Employment Manager Jan Thornton. "They can enjoy employment stability while building a secure future in a career field of growing importance."

Texas has the second largest criminal justice system in the United States, Thornton said, and "we are often held up as an outstanding role model for other systems the world over."

"Shift schedules that provide 'extended weekends' are in place at most Panhandle area units," said Scott Williams, TDCJ's Recruiting Administrator. "This work format is helpful for individuals who would like the benefits of a full-time income... and still have time for other interests, education plans or family needs. Some units offer four-day-

on/four-day-off schedules with extended hours, while others provide conventional 8-hour shifts and six-day-on/three-day-off schedules."

As of Sept. 1, Correctional Officer pay now starts at \$1,816 per month, with another increase scheduled for September 2006. Flexible retirement program features provide retirement annuity options even for those who do not join TDCJ until their 40s, 50s and 60s.

Another new benefit for TDCJ Correctional Officers is the availability of a program to help with home ownership. The program currently provides five percent down payment grants and 30-year fixed rate mortgages at 5.94 percent to qualified first-time home buyers, on a first-come, first-served basis.

A recruiter will be on hand to explain the current pay plan, outline the employee benefits and retirement program, explain the duties and requirements of a Correctional Officer and answer questions.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old and possess a high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent.

For more information, call (936) 437-4098 or access the TDCJ Internet web site at www.tdcj.state.tx.us

Essay contest announced

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Guard Bureau has announced a unique opportunity for the young people of America. Students who will be high school juniors or seniors by August 2006 are eligible to participate in the National Guard's Youth

Rendezvous essay contest. Ten students from each state and territory will be involved in this once-in-a-lifetime experience and earn an all-expenses-paid trip to North Dakota Aug. 13-18, 2006.

"Throughout its involvement in the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration, the National Guard has emphasized the educational applications of this extraordinary American adventure," said Steven L. Stearns, Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration project officer. "The Lewis and Clark Expedition will come alive through a week-long series of events and activities in the Bismarck, North Dakota area."

Students need to write a Lewis and Clark focused-essay in order to be a state finalist. Through multiple activities and events, selected students will follow the Lewis and Clark trail, experience American

Indian culture of yesterday and discover military history first hand.

The Lewis and Clark-focused essay needs to address the following question: "In your opinion, what military value most describes the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery journey and why?" Military values are outlined on the Web site at www.lcyouthrendezvous.com. The essay must be a minimum of 1,000 words, but not more than 1,500 words; and can be submitted online or by mail and must be received before midnight Feb. 28, 2006.

The hands-on activities and events will take place throughout western North Dakota. The adventure will showcase daily activities of the original Lewis and Clark expedition that will create a unique educational opportunity. To submit an essay or learn more about planned events, activities and essay contest rules, go to www.lcyouthrendezvous.com.

The North Dakota National Guard will serve as host to National Guard Bureau's 2006 Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous along the Lewis and Clark Trail in North Dakota.

TDA to host ag diversification workshop in Childress

CHILDRESS — The Texas Department of Agriculture will host an Agricultural Diversification workshop for Texas landowners Feb. 28 at Childress. Meeting topics will include landowner lia-

bility, hunting, wildlife management, alternative crops, business plan development, financing programs and ag diversification success stories. The meeting is sponsored by TDA,

Childress County Farm Service Agency, Childress County Cooperative Extension and the Childress Chamber of Commerce. The Ag Diversification Meeting is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at City

Auditorium, 1000 N. Commerce St., in Childress. Sen. Robert Duncan will be the luncheon speaker.

COTTON

Regional conference in offing for farmers

AMARILLO — The Panhandle Regional Cotton Conference hosted by Texas Cooperative Extension will be held Tuesday at the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the program will last most of the day, said Danny Nusser, Extension agriculture agent in Randall County. Six and one-half continuing education units for private, non commercial and commercial pesticide applicators have been requested.

The program will feature speakers and topics related to cotton production, marketing, policy, quality and maturity issues, Nusser said.

The featured speaker will be Dr. John Bradley, account manager and consultant for Beltwide Cotton Genetics. He will present "Implementing Conservation Tillage Cotton on Your Farm" and "Applying Fertilizer to Your Conservation Tillage Cotton."

Dr. Randy Boman, Extension cotton specialist, will discuss weed control, transgenic technologies and current research. He also will discuss the role of cotton varieties in maturity and quality of cotton.

Other speakers discussing topics related to cotton quality and maturity are:

—Dustin Gaskin, Extension risk management specialist, budget projections for dryland and irrigated cotton, and the bottom line difference in improving cotton quality;

—Dr. Greta Schuster, Extension specialist-integrated pest management, impact of controlling insect and disease pests on cotton maturity and quality;

—Leon New, Extension engineer-irrigation, irrigation system efficiencies and water management strategies;

—Dr. John Robinson, Extension cotton marketing specialist from College Station, current trends and policies related to cotton, as well as marketing strategies and future projections for the cotton market; and

—Randy Darnell, cotton producer in the Amarillo area, stripping cotton and building modules, including examples of proper ways to get cotton to the gin with reduced losses.

"We hope that area producers will take advantage of this progressive cotton program and will join us on Feb. 7," Nusser said.

Anyone with questions about the program or the topics planned should call Nusser at the Randall County Extension office at (806) 468-5543 or the local Extension agent.

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