




NEXT DAY FORECAST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		
Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.	Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 69. Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.	Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 68. Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.



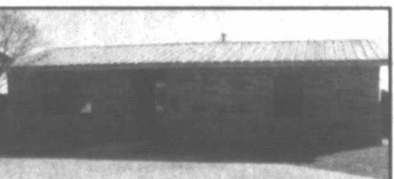
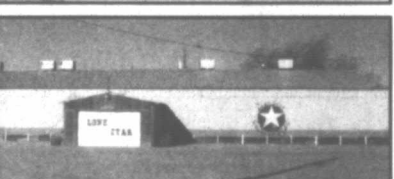
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 Your golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands were put to rest.
 God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best.
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

Services MONDAY
COTTOM, Mary — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
PHILPOTT, Barbara Lucille — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Mary Cottom, 84

Mary Cottom, 84, of Pampa, died March 17, 2007, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 19, 2007, at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Cottom was born Jan. 27, 1923, in Webster, Kan., where she graduated from high school. She married Jim Cottom on Aug. 18, 1947, in Cherryville, Kan.

She has lived in Pampa since 1970. She was a substitute teacher at Pampa ISD for many years and enjoyed painting and crafts. The family would like to extend a special Thanks to the Meredith House for the special care for their mother. She was preceded



Cottom

in death by her parents, two sisters and two brothers. Survivors include her husband, Jim of Pampa; two sons, James Robert Cottom and wife Karen of Vinita, Okla., and Jeffery Lynn Cottom and wife Paulette of Pampa; one sister, Lorene Fuzzell of Coldwater, Kan.;

and four grandchildren, Clinton Cottom of Vinita, Okla., Ryan Cottom of League City, Texas, Maggie Cottom of Fort Worth, Texas, and Sammi Jo Cottom of Amarillo, Texas. MEMORIALS: Meredith House, 812 W. 25th, Pampa, TX 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Barbara Lucille Philpott, 71

MIAMI — Barbara Lucille Philpott, 71, of Miami, died March 17, 2007, at Pampa. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direc-

tion of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Philpott was born Dec. 26, 1935, at Vernon, Texas, and had been a Miami resident since 1945. She married Don Philpott on Nov. 21, 1953, at Miami. Mrs. Philpott owned-operated Roberts County

Abstract office for more than 20 years and belonged to Miami's First United Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband, Don, of the home; four daughters, Janice Monds of Pampa, Ann Bryant of Miami, Lynn Wright of Amarillo and Sharon Wright

of Mojave Valley, Ariz.; a brother, Charles Loper of Colorado Springs, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Emergency Services

Sheriff

The following arrests were on record at Gray County Sheriff's Office as of 8 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, March 16

Micheal Andrew Courver, 24, of Woodward, Okla., was arrested by GCSO and charged with theft of property.

Don Ray Howard, 32, of Pampa, was arrested by Pampa Police Department on a capias pro fine for possession of drug parapherna-

lia and on charges for no insurance, no driver's license, theft under \$50 and two counts of failure to appear.

Laura Elizabeth Brooks, 19, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with no seat belt and failure to appear.

Kayla Michelle Likes, 18, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on a motion to revoke for failure to identify and charges of speeding, expired driver's license and no insurance.

Debra Kay Howard, 51, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on an insufficient bond for possession of a controlled substance.

Michael Allen Townsend, 32, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a grand jury indictment for indecency with a child. He was later released on a property bond.

James Leroy Logan, 45, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO and charged with possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance. He was later released on a property bond.

Juan M. Rodriguez, 37, of Sanford was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a Potter County warrant for theft by check.

Sedrel Allen McGuffin, 48, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Renard Villarreal, 34, of Pampa was arrested by DPS and charged with DWI.

Richard Leger, 25, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with criminal mischief involving between \$50 and \$500 damage(s).

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period

ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, March 16

9:26 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of North Christy on a carbon monoxide check.

6:47 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2700 block of Cherokee on a call for lifting assistance.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. Saturday...

Thursday, March 15

7:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

12:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Faulkner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSA.

7:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

Friday, March 16

3:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Wells. No transport.

CITY BRIEFS

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16X28X4 SWIMMING Pool, w/ new pump & chemicals, \$400. 806-440-6998.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO Shane Stehr, of Borger for winning "The Big Fat Pig" Drawing at St. Matthew's Day School!!

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WILDFIRE BOOKS are still available at Durlaps in the Coronado Center or the Pampa News. A portion of the proceeds go to the volunteer fire dept.

Ballots to appear in two languages

FARMERS BRANCH, Texas (AP) — To comply with state law, ballots and election materials related to an anti-illegal immigrant ordinance going to Farmers Branch voters May 12 will be printed in English and Spanish.

The controversial ordinance would require apartment landlords to check the immigration status of their tenants.

In November, council members also approved resolutions making English the city's official language and allowing local authorities to become part of a federal program so they can enforce immigration laws.

Ordinance supporter Tom Bohmier said he doesn't see any irony in printing ballots in Spanish.

"If I was a typical red-blooded American, I'd say a requirement to become a citizen here is to be able to read and speak English," he said. "But the fact is, we're

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Reunion

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into their family. I was lucky because my parents "got me" when I was two weeks old, so they are the only parents I've ever known.

I have a brother who is their birth child, but I never felt like I was treated differently. Nothing about our family was anything other than "normal." I had a wonderful life growing up. My parents were in their 30's when they adopted me so they were mature and financially stable and I never wanted for anything (well, I wanted but I never needed anything).

Since my adoption was sealed, my parents knew nothing about my birth parents or the circumstances surrounding my adoption. When I was in high school, they sent off for the official records from the Texas Department of Human Services in Austin. This was great because it showed me they were supportive of me finding out more about my situation and also it gave me some answers that I'd longed for over the years.

Of course all of the identifying information was blacked out, but I did get a lot of answers anyway. My birth parents were from Fort Worth, were not married and were both 19. My birth father did not want a child at that time and he and his mother even considered pushing for an abortion, but my birth mother did not want that.

She was unsure of what type of mother she would be and did not have the resources available to support me in the manner she felt a child should be taken care of, so she made an excruciating decision — to give me up for adoption.

She was sent to a home for unwed mothers that were giving their babies up for adoption. That could not have been an easy situation. She lived there, gave birth to me there, held me once and never saw me again. She was then sent back home to live as if nothing had happened and to forget

all about me. To me that is one of the most loving and selfless acts a person can do — to carry a baby for nine months, feeling it moving and kicking inside of you, going through the pain of childbirth and then giving that baby up with the agreement of never seeing it again.

She did not know where I was sent or who would adopt me. Would I be taken care of or be abused, would I be told I was adopted, would I be happy?

On the other hand were my adoptive parents. They had one child but couldn't have any more. They desperately wanted another child and adoption was the only option back then. For years they went around to numerous adoption agencies and filled out tons of papers, but none of them had a child to give them. They had just about given up and were about to reach the age limit when they received a call from an adoption agency in Fort Worth saying they had a child for them.

Fast forward to the year 2001, when I began having some medical problems that doctors wondered if they ran in my family. Since I didn't know these answers and thought they might be helpful, I decided to start searching for my birth parents.

My parents gave me their blessing for the search and wanted me to know they were supportive so I was able to breathe a sigh of relief. I'd always wondered who I looked like and where my mannerisms came from, but I didn't want to hurt my parents by looking for my birth parents.

While looking through the records meticulously for medical information, a friend and I noticed a name that wasn't blacked out — Linda Williams. That's all it took, thanks to the Internet. We found out information about my birth mother, her family and where she lived and this only took two days of searching.

I didn't want to interfere in her life or cause problems for a spouse or children she might have, so my husband

and I came up with a plan. He called one of her brothers and told him that I was her daughter.

We left it up to him whether or not to tell her that I'd found her and give her my phone number if she wanted to contact me. After a long week of waiting, I received a phone call from my birth mother.

Over the past six years, Linda, my birth mother, and I have talked via telephone a few times a year. I remember the first thing she asked me on the phone, "Do you hate me for giving you up for adoption?" Of course my answer was a definite no. We thought about meeting a few times, but it just didn't seem to work out.

Finally, this past weekend, the timing was right. Linda and her 16-year-old granddaughter Jane flew up from Fort Worth and we met. We just kept staring at each other because it was like looking in the mirror. That was what I wanted more than anything — to see who I look like.

There were a lot of coincidences that were just eerie. The first husband Linda was married to was named Kerry. Her last name was Cooper, which is what my husband and I named our son, Kooper. And she just remarried a few years ago and her new married name is Carter, which is my maiden name.

It was a great weekend. She met my husband and 3-year-old son and got to see the town where I grew up. But, I think the best part for me was having Linda and Jane meet my parents. They graciously invited them into the home I grew up in and were so friendly.

It was wonderful to see Linda hug them and thank them for taking care of me and doing such a good job of raising me. And when they hugged her, they thanked her for being loving and selfless enough to give me up for adoption. I was just beaming and so happy this meeting took place.

I hope that Linda and I will keep in touch and have a relationship, but I'm not looking for a new parent because I already have two wonderful parents.

Maps

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"although there have been a lot of changes in our water department, our sewer department. They've done their own updates on their own maps."

With a spark of growth recently, Hooper said the engineering department needs a new mapping program based on a Geographic Information System, which precisely locates sites and is easily accessible and updatable on computer.

"There's no other way to go about it," Hooper said. "If we're not going to grow, then we don't need it."

He said by updating technology, they wouldn't need to expand the engineering department.

Hooper said a GIS mapping system would help not just his department, but also all city departments.

Lately, Hooper said his department has spent a lot of time on zoning issues and annexation issues.

"We don't have a product that we can effectively do that with the personnel that we have," Hooper said.

A GIS mapping system, he said, is basically a digital mapping system done on a computer. It can work with layers of information.

"It's unlimited in what you can do with this," he said. "That map will never ever be completed."

New fire hydrants can be put in and databases can be attached to the map file.

The Police Department and Fire Department have computers that can use the GIS system, according to Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner and Fire Chief Kim Powell.

"It's a very valuable piece of equipment," Hooper said, "but it doesn't come cheap."

Dozer

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hours on the machine those repairs could be next, and they would be even more expensive.

"I don't know how many more hours it can give without something going south on us," Horst said.

"It's just old and wore out," Brown said.

Brown said the bulldozer is one of the main pieces of equipment that they use at the landfill.

"Any type of dirt work you do out there," he said, "you have to use the dozer."

The compactors at the landfill are not designed to move dirt, he said. They are designed to pack it.

"If you try to use the wrong piece of equipment," Brown said, "you're just asking for trouble because you're not using it for what it's designed to do."

He said that in addition to moving dirt, the city uses the dozer on the tree limb pile, the concrete pile and any other work they do at the landfill.

If the city opens a new cell at the landfill, which is in the planning stages, that work can be contracted out so the problem with the bulldozer won't be a big problem, Brown said.

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12:00 noon Prayer Service & 3rd Story
6:00 pm Evening Prayer & 4th Story
(reception following)

about Tracy...

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Pampa Realtors to raise money for PAC

The Pampa Board of Realtors is holding its annual Texas Real Estate Political Action Committee auction and dinner at 6 p.m. Friday. Reservations are required no later than Wednesday.

The silent auction will be from 6 to 7 p.m. with dinner being served at 7 p.m. Following

dinner, a live auction will be held. The cost for the event is \$15 per person and it will be held in the M.K. Brown Room of the Chamber of Commerce building, 200 N. Ballard.

To make reservations, contact the Pampa Board of Realtors office at 669-1811.

PAMPA

Pampa Independent School District

Watch this space every Sunday for a weekly listing of non-athletic events from every campus in our school district

Pampa ISD Events For The Week Of March 19 - March 24
School Board Meeting March 22 At 6:00pm

Pampa High School

March 19 • All Night Party/Prom Meeting • 7:00pm
March 20 • ASTRA Lunch Meeting
March 22 • UIL Academic Practice • 6:30pm
March 23 & 24 • UIL District Academics • WTAMU

Pampa Junior High

March 20 • Booster Club Meeting • 6:00pm
March 21 • 8th Grade Parent Meeting Library • 5:30pm
March 22 • Pre-AP Meeting Library • 6:30pm-7:15pm
March 23 • Fundraiser Dance MPAC • 8:00pm-11:00pm

Austin Elementary

March 22 • PHS Show Choir • 1:00pm

Lamar Elementary

March 20 & 22 • Kid's Cafe • 5:30pm-6:30pm
March 22 • Family Night • 6:30pm-8:00pm

Travis Elementary

March 22 • Jazz Band • 2:00pm
March 23 • PHS Show Choir • 1:00pm

Wilson Elementary

March 19 & 21 • Kids Cafe • 5:30pm-6:30pm
March 19 • Family Center Night • 6:00pm-7:30pm
March 21 • Power Hour • 2:00pm-3:00pm
March 21 • ESL • 1:00pm-3:00pm
Marh 23 • Deadline For Ordering Year Book

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

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Viewpoints

Pols rolling in pork and dancing girls in Cancun

A group called Citizens Against Government Waste has released the "2007 Congressional Pig Book," an annual compilation of pork-barrel projects in the federal budget.

It identifies 2,658 pork projects that cost \$13.2 billion in the Defense and Homeland Security Appropriations acts for 2007.

Of 11 appropriations bills, only two were enacted by Congress.

CAGW has identified \$254 billion in pork projects since 1991.

"Although the Pig Book is leaner this year, there is still much to chew through," CAGW President Tom Schatz said. "Legislators only had two bills into which they could stuff their pork, but they still managed to bring

home the bacon."

Their Web site, www.cagw.org, has a complete database of projects, and the Pig Book Summary profiles the most egregious examples, according to a press release.

Among those outlined in the book are:

- \$1,190,000,000 for full funding of 20 F-22A fighter jets, which the Government Accountability Office criticized as unnecessary and out of date;
- \$5,500,000 for the Gallo Center to study the effects of alcohol and drug abuse on the brain;
- \$1,650,000 to improve the shelf life of vegetables;
- \$1,350,000 for the Obesity in the Military Research Program; and;
- \$1,000,000 for a tele-

scope to search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

"While taxpayers should celebrate a reduction in the number and cost of pork-barrel projects, there is still much work to be done to ensure members of Congress do not return to their pig-gish ways in the future," Schatz said.

Amen, Mr. Schatz. With income tax season upon us, every American who has to pay thousands of dollars to Uncle Sam every year should stop and question where all that money is going.

It goes to pork projects like these mentioned and to a host of Third World countries

whose leaders deposit the bulk of it in Swiss bank accounts.

The irony of all this is that hundreds of thousands of Americans — adults and children alike — do not have medical insurance.



Dennis Spies
Editor

With March Madness coming on, I sometimes have to

chuckle when I remember a trip my wife and I took to Cancun with friends Van and Vicki Wilhelm. I think it was 1995 or 1996.

Van has since passed on, a victim of cancer. But he was a sports-minded person, having attended Colorado State on a football scholarship and

later had a coaching career that included stops in Sunray and West Texas A&M. His football coach at Amarillo High was Bum Phillips.

Here we were, walking down the beach on a balmy evening in Cancun and came upon a noisy place called Mango Tango. Music was blaring out of the open doors and windows, and people were shouting and laughing, having a good time.

Naturally, we headed that way.

We stepped in and were greeted by a loud crowd of youngsters and a stage full of young women in various stages of undress.

A hostess checked with us and started to lead us to a table.

That is when Van and I spotted a television set on a

wall. We stopped dead in our tracks.

It was the NCAA basketball tournament. Texas Tech's men's team was playing and Van and I stopped to watch the game.

The wives came back after they were seated at the table and wanted to know what was going on. They could not believe we wanted to watch the game instead of the girls on stage.

Elementary ladies. This was a first.

We had seen scantily-clad girls before, but we had never seen Texas Tech this far in the NCAA tournament. It was a regional semifinal game.

That was a good trip, and when I think about my friend Van, I always remember that evening.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 18, the 77th day of 2007. There are 288 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 18, 1937, some 300 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

On this date:

- In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act of 1765.
- In 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J.
- In 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years' imprisonment for civil disobedience. (He was released after serving two years.)
- In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against France and Britain.
- In 1959, President Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. (Hawaii became a state on Aug. 21, 1959.)
- In 1962, France and Algerian rebels agreed to a truce.
- In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov left his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.
- In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their embargo against the United States.
- In 1977, Marien Ngouabi, the military president of the Republic of the Congo, was assassinated.
- In 2001, John Phillips, who co-founded the Mamas and the Papas and wrote its biggest hits, died in Los Angeles at age 65.



Idle American: What's in a name? Plenty!

Our readers write

Pampa needs to take an interest in the local animal shelter ...

On March 8, I visited the City of Pampa Animal Shelter. I would encourage anyone with a love for animals to visit the shelter. The personnel are very dedicated to their mission and are to be commended for working with nothing.

The shelter itself is terrible, very small and cannot be healthy for the animals nor the personnel assigned to work there. I encourage the city and community leaders to take a look at the facility and do something about it.

The facility needs to be

much larger, modern and updated. Surely with all the abandoned buildings around the city of Pampa a place could be found to house these animals and care for them.

This area of service to the community is badly neglected and forgotten. The staff is wonderful but they have nothing to work with. Just go take a look and push for a better facility and soon.

Gary Noblett
Miami
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If we fell to our knees in prayer every time a name is dropped, forgotten, mispronounced, miscalled or mangled in countless other ways, we'd soon catch up on our prayer time.

"Name." The word seems harmless enough. And it's something we all have in common. Just as "all God's children got shoes," so do we all have names.

What a pity, then, that if we don't handle them carefully, pratfalls — if not pitfalls — are sure to follow. ...

Veteran teachers know how important it is for students to hear their names pronounced correctly.

That's why they spend valuable time in the very first class finding out which names students like to be called. They typically say it aloud several times before making marks on class rolls to guide them in correct pronunciation for the rest of the semester.

That's good business. ...

Sometimes marital bliss of young marrieds is punctured by horn-locking over what name to give to a new baby.

Even though most parents-to-be now know the sex of the new arrival well in advance, there still is an ever-enlarging ocean of names to consider, with many of them a "fit" for either gender.

Tons of midnight oil goes up in smoke as prospective parents surf the Internet, pore over government records or seek Biblical names, however minor. Sometimes they seek help from relatives or friends whose smiles fade quickly when their "can't miss" name possibilities are shot down. (And often next-of-

kin suggestions come as revelations in the dead of night.)

One couple was failing to reach agreement on a name for their first daughter, and the delivery date was at hand.

She liked "Leah" and he held out for "Sara." The twain wasn't meeting; there was nary a budget.

The prospective mom's dad suggested a compromise. "Use both of them," he urged. "Call my new granddaughter 'Sara Leah.' Nobody doesn't like Sara Leah."

A preacher relies on word association to remember names. His system usually works.

At one new parish, he met a woman named "Hummach." ("Easy," he

thought. "I'll just remember that 'Hummach' rhymes with 'stomach.'")

And the next time he saw her, he confidently said, "Good morning, Mrs. Kelly." (Hey, "belly" will be helpful when he next meets a Mrs. Kelly.)

Oh, he might have been the same preacher who asked the fellow if he spells his name with an "e" or an "i." He responded, "With an 'i;' the name is 'Hill.'"

Political correctness is playing havoc with names, particularly names of schools' mascots.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has shot down "Indians" and certain derivatives. And placing "Lady" in front of some monikers seems a bit odd.

Somehow, "Lady Bulls," "Lady Hippos" and "Lady Stallions" have strange rings.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

March 12
The Dallas Morning News on Texas' weak governorship:

Blame it on the Civil War. Or, more precisely, on the bitter Reconstruction period, which led to the Texas Constitution of 1876, designed to bar any official say, our governor from hoarding too much power.

In today's Texas, the governor can sign or veto legislation, convene special sessions of the Legislature, suggest (if not execute) a budget and appoint members to the 200 boards and commissions that pull the levers on state government.

That's about it. More power than you have, but probably not as much as you might have thought.

Legal experts tell us that none of those 85,000 words allow the governor to tell a state agency what to do, as Rick Perry has attempted through executive orders notably the "65 percent" classroom spending rule, fast-track consideration of coal-fired power plants, and mandatory schoolgirl vaccinations against human papillomavirus.

Mr. Perry and his people disagree. "To ask the governor to stop directing agencies would be tantamount to asking him to stop leading," said Robert Black, his press secretary.

Admittedly, we've encouraged Mr. Perry to become a leader for all Texans, even the 60 percent who did not vote

for his re-election in November. Think big, we've said. (Perhaps we should have added, "but color within the lines.")

In truth, this is less about Mr. Perry and more about a state constitution that gives us one of the nation's weakest governorships. As we've noted for more than a decade, that does not serve Texas well whoever holds the office.

A number of governors have proved more persuasive on the bully pulpit. Some have made the most of the appointment system. Others have forged strong working relationships with key legislators to enforce their will.

But what voters have lacked is a

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Events calendar

• **St. Paul United Methodist Church** of Pampa will host Jetstream Ministries with Paul and Trish Jackson at 6 p.m. March 18 at the church.

• **Carson County Square House Museum** in Panhandle will host a reception between 2:30-4 p.m. March 18 for artists Georgetta Tempel and Mary Lynn Pruett. Deborah Summers, author of "The Canadian River: A Visual Journey," will also be on hand to sign copies of her book. An exhibit with Tempel and Pruett is currently on display in the museum's Hazlewood Gallery. The reception was initially scheduled in January but was canceled due to inclement weather. For more information, call (806) 537-3524.

• **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live On Stage" has released its current concert schedule. The next scheduled show will be with Bronn and Katherine Journey, harpist and vocalist, at 7:30 p.m., March 19 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$70 for families; and \$15 for students. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.

• **Carson County Historical Commission** will hold its annual meeting at approximately 8 p.m. March 19 in Carson County Square House Museum's Hazlewood Education Building in Panhandle. The meeting will be open to the public. Various reports will be discussed along with plans and programs for 2007. Committees for 2007-06 will be named as well.

• **S.T.A.R. will sponsor** "Make Parenting A Pleasure" parent training for parents of children 6 and under on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 19-May 21 at 1500 S. Taylor in Amarillo. For more information or to register for the free training, call (806) 359-2005.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m./1-3:30 p.m., March 21, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

Ballots

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dealt those cards from a higher level. It is what it is."

Bruce Sherbet, the Dallas County elections administrator, said every election requires ballots in Spanish and English, a requirement since 1975.

Some areas in Texas also have had to print election-related items in Vietnamese, Pueblo and Kickapoo languages, according to the secretary of state's Web site.

Farmers Branch has been sued by civil rights groups, residents, property owners and business people challenging the rental

ordinance. Opponents of the ordinance also submitted a petition that forced the citywide vote on the issue, a move allowed under the city's charter.

Farmers Branch in suburban Dallas has changed from a small, predominantly white bedroom community with a declining population in the 1970s to a city of almost 28,000 people, about 37 percent of them Hispanic, according to the U.S. Census. It also is home to more than 80 corporate headquarters and more than 2,600 small and mid-size firms, many of them minority-owned.

Information from: The Dallas Morning News, <http://www.dallasnews.com>

Ag Week celebrates growth of agriculture in Texas

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture is celebrating National Agriculture Week in Texas March 19-25. Ag Week is a time to pay tribute to the hardworking men and women whose work in agriculture make Texas a giant in the industry.

From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is one of the most agriculturally diverse states in the nation. Agriculture is the state's second-largest industry and is an economic powerhouse, producing food, horticulture and fiber for consumers across the world. Texas agriculture employs about one out of every

seven working Texans, and 80 percent of the state's land is in some form of agricultural production.

National efforts are underway to educate Americans about how food, fuel and fiber products are produced and about the role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy. Today's farmers and ranchers have built the industry over the decades with advances in research, technology, production and marketing. Through its food, fiber and horticulture products, Texas agriculture is evolving to meet the changing demands of consumers.

Letters

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Time for America to support troops

I am currently deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I am 19 years old, am married, and have two children.

I don't think most people know what it is like to be over here fighting for a country full of people, many of whom couldn't care less about the soldiers.

Be proud of your country's armed forces. We do it so you don't have to. None of us want to die, but we will if the mission calls for it.

Once again, be proud of us, and your freedom.

PFC Kody Bowman
Baghdad, Iraq
PFC Bowman is a native of Perryton and has lived in Pampa and Lefors.

get the late Texas Gov. Jim Hogg whose daughter's name was "Ima." Stories abound that another daughter was named "Ura," but the facts don't support the stories. ...

—Dr. Newbury is a speaker/author/syndicated columnist in the Metroplex.

Idle

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And followers of the women's basketball team at my alma mater, Howard Payne University, probably had a hard time pronouncing the name of the opposing team upon reaching the "sweet sixteen" in NCAA Division III. The foe was the University of Puget Sound. (Many students thought it was "Puggit.") I don't know if the PS women roll with the men's teams as "Loggers." Maybe they are

"Loggerettes" or "Log-rhythms."

In a column "naming names," I have to make reference to the youngster whose parents gave him such an unlikely name. They called him: "Odd."

Oh, how he hated the name. It was such throughout his life, and in his will, he decreed that his gravestone be left blank.

Upon his death, the will was followed to the letter. In the years since, cemetery visitors have paused to stare at his blank gravestone. "That's odd," they say. ...

The same granddad who thought himself clever to offer the "Sara Leah" compromise really goofed in name-calling a few years back.

Seated around a big table at a dinner party, he said "Penelope" is the ugliest woman's name he's ever heard. Oh, I know, you're way ahead of me. When introduced to the adjoining couple, he met "Penelope."

Consider yourself spared. I could have mentioned the couple named "Goosey" that chose "Lucy" as their daughter's name. And who can for-

Perry

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straight line of accountability to the governor's office, unless they are unhappy with the secretary of state, the governor's only direct statewide appointee.

Something closer to a Cabinet style of government, as in Washington and many state capitals with the governor appointing key agency heads instead of working

through boards and commissions would invest responsibility and accountability in one person, instead of our diffuse, confusing system.

(And while we're at it, perhaps we could whittle down that massive Texas Constitution to something that would fit in the back of a single pickup. Are we such complicated people?)

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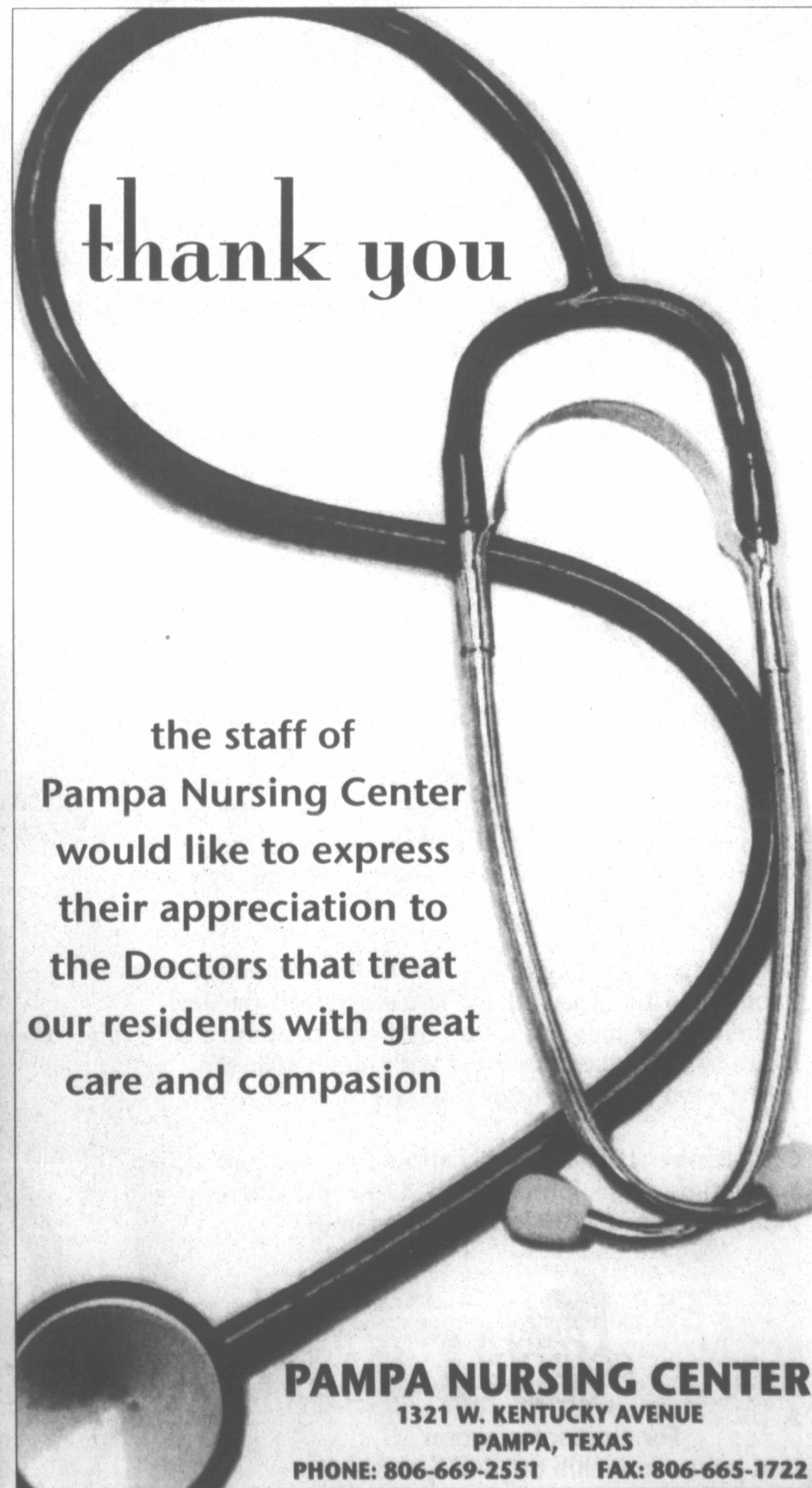
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Cattle Raisers to hold auction to finance political action group

FORT WORTH — A live auction of 25 specially selected items will be held March 24 in conjunction with Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's 130th annual convention in Fort Worth.

The association's PAC Dinner and Live Auction will be staged from 6:30-9:30 p.m. to help fund the activities of the association's

Political Action Committee. Auction items will be on view during a trade show slated at 2 p.m. March 23.

Items up for bid include ranch equipment, artwork, and exclusive hunting, fishing and vacation trips. Some of the items featured include a Curtis Fort Bronze (Quail); chef dinner for 10 by Tom Perini; King

Ranch Quail Hunt for four; Monster Alligator Hunt; five tiger stripe heifers; AerWay Pasture Renovator; UT/TAMU College Station Suite tickets for four; gooseneck cattle trailer; 3-year-old Quarter Horse gelding; state legislative chair; a commemorative pistol and rifle; Aspen Food & Wine Festival for four; and much,

much more.

Legislation and regulation are bigger threats to ranchers and landowners today than the relentless rustlers that provoked beleaguered cattlemen to organize 130 years ago, an association press release said.

"Because of increasing urbanization, ag producers have no voice

unless we can be more influential," said association President C.R. "Dick" Sherron. "Houston has more representatives in the state legislature than all of the state west of I-35!"

"The issues seem to be getting more complex," Sherron contin-

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Military newsmaker



COURTESY PHOTO
SSgt. Karla Workman, daughter of Clyde and Jada Murray of Lefors, was recently named 2006 Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for the 354th Medical Support Squadron and the 354th Medical Group. Workman is stationed at Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska along with her husband Johnathan. The couple has one son, James, 4. Workman is involved in many base and community activities.

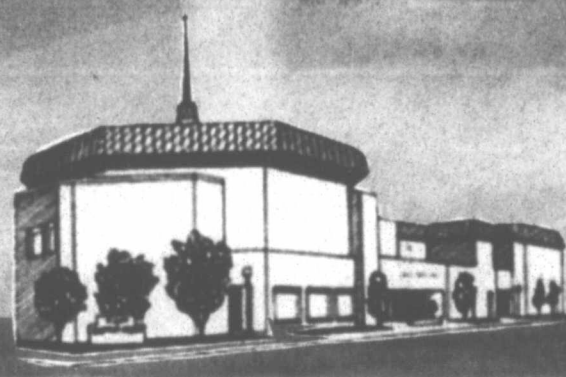
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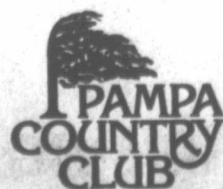


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Symphony to share stage with young musicians

AMARILLO — Amarillo's most talented young musicians get a well-earned moment in the spotlight in the Amarillo Symphony's annual side-by-side concert March 30 and 31.

The Symphony will perform with members of the Amarillo Youth Symphony, the top ensemble in the Amarillo Youth Orchestras, in a concert featuring fiery and rollicking pieces by Prokofiev and Brahms.

Also on the program is soprano Amber Dewey, a Tascosa High School junior who was the winner of the annual Young Performers

Competition. Dewey, who topped a field of 15 fellow musicians, will perform the romantic aria "Quella fiamma che m'accende" by Benedetto Marcello.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. in the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets start at \$18 (\$16 for students and seniors) and are available at several convenient locations: through the Symphony at its 1000 S. Polk office, via phone at 376-8782 or its Web site, www.amarillosymphony.org; or through Panhandletickets through its

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ued. "Immigration, the new Farm Bill, Trans-Texas Corridor, water, and eminent domain. We have to have the political action money, and we have to spend it wisely to help

our members."

Sherron also urged livestock producers and landowners who have a stake in the outcome of the issues to join the association.

"The number of members we represent has a direct effect when we speak up on the issues," he said.

"And non-members can also support the Political Action Committee," he added. "If you can't be present to bid at the auction, consider donating to the PAC. Even small amounts add up!"

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several outlets, via phone at 378-3096 or its Web site, www.panhandletickets.com.

The concert, conducted by James Setapen, opens with "City by the Lake: A Portrait of Rochester, NY," a contemporary piece by Samuel Adler utilizing American folksongs and which was commissioned for a children's concert, and Symphony No. 104 by Franz Joseph Haydn, a lively and boisterous piece also known as the "London" Symphony.

"These side-by-side performances by the professional Symphony players and our most advanced orchestral students are always a special experience for both groups and one of the ways the Symphony nurtures the very talented music students

in our area," Setapen said.

The Young Performers Competition, similarly, is an important partnership between the Symphony and the Symphony Guild that is designed to highlight Amarillo's most promising young performers.

"This is a fantastic opportunity," Dewey said. "All of the talent (in the competition) was so good, and then I won the Grand Prize. It's amazing, for lack of a better word."

The Symphony concert is just one part of a full musical weekend for the students in the Amarillo Youth Orchestras. On Sunday, April 1, AYO's three ensembles will give their second concert of the season, a free performance in the Globe-News Center that marks AYO's 20th anniversary.

"These kids are fantastic, and they will really be given a workout this week," said

Nathan Newbrough, the Symphony's executive director. "But they are so talented and so eager to learn, and to play alongside such experienced musicians is an incredible opportunity for them."

Some of the youngest musicians in town also will be featured during the March 30-31 concerts. Students from the Suzuki program between the ages of 4 and 16 will provide pre-show music in the Joseph P. and Arlene Pool Grand Lobby.

It won't only be young musicians in the spotlight, though. March's concerts also will recognize the Symphony's most faithful, longest-serving members — from those who have been with the Symphony for 25 years to Helen Gerald, who is in her 60th season with the Symphony.

"Very, very few musicians nationally have been with

one orchestra as long as Helen has," Newbrough said. "We're blessed to have her, and our other veteran musicians, as an example to our younger musicians."

The side-by-side concert is the sixth of the Amarillo Symphony's seven-concert subscription series, which concludes April 20-21 with Setapen's final concerts, which include a performance of Mozart's beloved Requiem.

In addition to its regular concerts, the Symphony offers an array of successful education programs, from youth orchestras to specialized music programs for underprivileged children, bringing the gift of music to thousands of young people throughout the Texas Panhandle each year. For more information, please contact Nathan Newbrough, executive director, at 376-8782.

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WT: Traumatic brain injuries to be topic of free conference

CANYON — Every 21 seconds, someone in the United States suffers a traumatic brain injury (TBI), leading to 50,000 deaths, 235,000 hospitalizations and 1.1 million persons who are treated and released annually, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

How to care for survivors is the essence of a free conference being presented as an offshoot of West Texas A&M University's TBI Project within the Department of

Psychology, Sociology and Social Work.

The conference is titled "Understanding TBI: From Hospital to Rehab and Beyond" and will be from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22 in the Lecture Hall of Amarillo College's West Campus. While walk-ins are welcome, space is limited and advance registration is urged by March 8 to guarantee inclusion. To register, visit www.wtamu.edu/news/tbi.

Continuing Education Units will be awarded to qualified social workers and LPC's, as well as occupational, speech and physical therapists, while nurses will receive free contact hours. Free lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided.

"This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn more about brain injuries from highly qualified professionals and to visit with others in the healthcare industry and similar

fields," Misty Rueda, a December WTAMU graduate and TBI project coordinator, said. "This conference is being presented in support of the Brain Injury Association of America's Brain Injury Awareness Month and our community."

Guest speakers and their topics include:
 • Douglas E. Lewis, D.O., P.A., an Amarillo neurologist, "The Pathophysiology
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 HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #7 Mendota Ranch '11', Sec. 11,1,I&GN, spud 11-9-06, drlg. compl 11-27-06, tested 12-31-06, TD 11770, PBDT 11623' —
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 ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Bluegrass Energy, Inc., #1066 Hall-Osborne, Sec. 66,M-2,H&GN, spud 11-4-06, drlg. compl 11-23-06, tested 1-23-07, potential 1264 MCF, rock pressure 2494 psia, TD 10550', PBDT 10426' —
 ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #906 Byrum, Sec. 6,B-1,H&GN, spud 11-17-06, drlg. compl 11-30-06, tested 2-13-07, potential 4763 MCF, rock pressure 1259 psia, TD 10600', PBDT 10507' —
 ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR Granite Wash) Texakoma Operating, L.P., #1 McMordie '91', Sec. 91,C,G&M, spud 9-16-06, drlg. compl 10-10-06, tested 1-19-07, potential 2929 MCF, rock pressure 2263 psia, TD 9895', PBDT 9768' —
 WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #2036 Hefley, Sec. 36,M-1,H&GN, spud 10-9-06, drlg. compl 11-1-06, tested 1-4-07, TD 13827', PBDT 13735' —
 WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #1450 Sophia, Sec. 50,M-1,H&GN, spud 11-5-06, drlg. compl 11-25-06, tested 1-25-07, TD 12950', PBDT 12894' —
 WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Forest Oil Corp., #1112 Frye Ranch, Sec. 12,A-3,H&GN, potential 1968 MCF, rock pressure 2970 psia, TD 15185', PBDT 15088' —
 WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Questar E&P Co., #2034 Huff, Sec. 34,A-3,H&GN, spud 9-15-06, drlg. compl 10-17-06, tested 1-8-07, potential 5774 MCF, rock pressure 1744 psia, TD 15700', PBDT 15601' —

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RRC posts production allowables

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of Jan. 19, 2007, was 793, representing about 48 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 342 million barrels of oil and 6.1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Texas natural gas production represents approximately 29 percent of total U.S. natural gas demand.

The Texas Railroad Commission's estimated final production for November 2006 is 28,395,846 barrels of crude oil and 469,637,626 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary November 2006 production totals of 26,821,428 barrels of crude oil and 408,309,534 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.0587 for crude oil and 1.1502 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for December 2006 is

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New risk management specialist hired by Extension Service

By Kay Ledbetter
Extension News

AMARILLO — Patrick Warminski is ready to help producers look into the future in his new position as a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist of risk management. Warminski, a White Deer native, will work with the Financial and Risk Management Assistance program (FARM Assistance), a strategic-planning program

offered by Extension, in conjunction with DeDe Jones, also an Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo.

FARM Assistance allows specialists to consult with farmers and ranchers on a one-on-one basis to help run projections and computer models that outline a 10-year operational plan, Warminski said.

The program allows the individual to make hypothetical alterations to an operation, such as the purchase of more land or

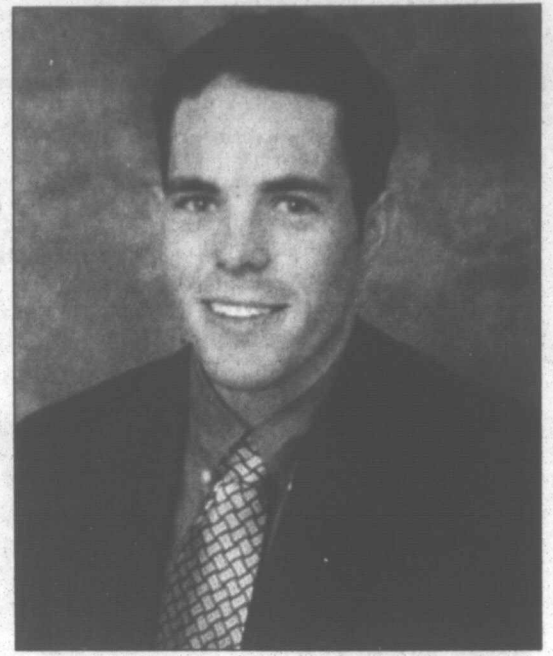
equipment or changing the crop rotation, and determine how the changes will impact the overall financial situation, he said.

Prior to taking the Extension position, Warminski worked with the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District in White Deer as education coordinator and field lab technician.

He earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics in May 2004 from Texas Tech University and a master's degree in agricultural business and economics from West Texas A&M University in August.

"This job fits my education background and it's what interests me," Warminski said. "I want to stay in the agriculture industry, and if I can help give producers educational assistance or guidance, that would be fulfilling to me."

► Patrick Warminski is a new Texas Cooperative Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo.



(Texas Cooperative Extension photo by KAY LEDBETTER)

Winter convention



COURTESY PHOTO

Rebecca Baten, from left, president of the Pampa Board of REALTORS®, Inc., Avis Wukasch, 2007 chair of the Texas Association of REALTORS, and Diane Jennings, association executive of the Pampa board, recently attended the 2007 Winter Meeting in Austin. Speakers during the annual gathering included Gov. Rick Perry and state Sen. Florence Shapiro. Participants also heard from Mark Dotzour, chief economist with the Real Estate Center. Key topics discussed included property-appraisal reform, other legislative issues affecting homeowners, commercial real estate trends, professional standards, international real estate, technology, customer service, property leasing and risk reduction. The Texas Association of REALTORS® is the largest professional membership association in Texas, representing more than 90,000 members involved in all aspects of the real estate industry.

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425,756,561 Mcf compared to 292,231,197 Mcf in December 2005. The January 2007 gas storage estimate is 414,761,438 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial February 2007 natural gas production allowables

for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 21,190,681 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial February 2007 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for February 2007 is reported.

Brain

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of Brain Injury"

• Angelle Sander, Ph.D., assistant professor at the Baylor College of Medicine, "Screening and Brief Intervention for Substance Abuse After TBI" and "Meeting Caregiver Needs in the Rehabilitation Setting"

• Mary R. Prasad, Ph.D., assistant professor at University of Texas Medical School in Houston, "Pediatric TBI"

• Keith E. Dyer, M.D., medical director for Northwest Texas Rehabilitation Hospital in Amarillo, "Mild TBI"

• Margaret Struchen, Ph.D., director of education at Baylor College of Medicine, "Facilitating Social Integration

after TBI: Assessment and Treatment of Social Communication Impairments and Community-Based Program"

• Roscoe G. Burrows, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist at Meadow Brook Specialty Hospital in Tulsa, Okla., "Behavioral Management in Acute Care Setting"

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Sponsors are PATE Rehabilitation, The Center for Neuro Skills, Nurses Unlimited, Plum Creek Specialty Hospital and Health Care, BritKare Home Medical and National Home Health Care.

For more information about the conference, contact Reuda at 806-690-7267 or mrueda@wtamu.edu; or call Julie Poindexter at 806-354-1444.

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Sports Day

Mavericks get back to winning over Celtics

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki scored 30 points, 19 in the final quarter, and Josh Howard matched a career high with 30 points to help the Dallas Mavericks bounce back from consecutive defeats, rallying from a 10-point halftime deficit to beat the Boston Celtics 106-

101 on Friday night. Howard kept the Mavericks close with 16 first-half points, and Nowitzki carried his team

down the stretch, hitting all five field-goal attempts and all nine free throws in the fourth quarter. Nowitzki, Dallas' top

scorer and rebounder, had only four first-half points and missed five of six from the field. The Mavericks had a club-

record streak of 23 straight wins at home snapped with Wednesday night's 129-127 double overtime defeat to the Phoenix Suns.

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Tennis girls bring home 1st place

The Harvester Tennis team competed in the Red River Tennis Tournament in Altus, Okla., on Thursday March 8th.

There were four teams entered in the tournament including Altus, Anadarko, Lawton, and Pampa.

The tournament consisted of a flighted round robin draw in order for each player to compete in three matches.

Individual trophies were given as well as trophies for the girl's team and the boy's team with the highest finishes.

The Pampa girl's team brought home the 1st place trophy.

"I was very proud of the girls as a whole," Coach Emily Laurence said, "Last year we managed to win 2nd place so the improvement to 1st place for this year was a great confidence booster for our team. The girls played very well and really deserved this honor."

In addition to the team trophy, Pampa also brought home individual 1st place trophies for Haley Acker and Kevin Frels in mixed doubles, Alyssa Hoelting and Myles Foreman in mixed doubles, and Rachel Lee and Ashley Hernandez in girls doubles.

"Overall we had a great day and our girls showed all of the Oklahoma schools what Texas tennis is about!" Coach Laurence said



The varsity girls tennis team took 1st place at the Red River Tennis Tournament. Pictured here are: (Back Row, L-R) Coach Emily Laurence, Alyssa Hoelting, Krissa Whitley, Anna Julian, Megan Barnett and Coach Starla Kindle. (Front Row, L-R) Haley Acker, Rachel Lee, Ashley Hernandez and Katie O'Neal.

Results are as follows:

#1 Mixed Doubles
 Haley Acker/Kevin Frels - 1st place
 Def. Lyndee Stovall/Andrew Walker (Altus) 6-0, 6-1
 Def. Megan Steen/Tanner Carpenter (Altus) 6-2, 6-0
 Def. Chaslynn Givens/Jon Fields (Lawton) 6-0, 6-0

#1 Girls Singles
 Megan Barnett - 2nd Place
 Def. Jeannine Sunday (Lawton)

#1 Boys Singles
 Tyler Morris - 4th Place
 Lost to Jeff Sasser (Lawton) 0-6, 1-6
 Lost to Nathan LaPointe (Anadarko) 0-6, 5-7
 Lost to Shaun Hanks (Altus) 1-6, 0-1 (Def.)

#1 Boys Doubles
 Bryce Hendricks/Ryan Conner - 4th Place
 Lost to Justin Jones/Derek Wilson (Altus) 5-7, 0-6
 Lost to Erick Gonzales/Rufus Lindsay (Lawton) 1-6
 Lost to Jered Sullivan/Josh Sullivan (Anadarko) 0-6, 0-6

#2 Mixed Doubles
 Def. Miriam Schmidt (Altus) 6-0, 6-1
 Lost to Kristin Clift (Anadarko) 2-6, 3-6

#1 Girls Doubles
 Anna Julian/Katie O'Neal - 3rd Place
 Lost to Lindsey Huckaby/Brittany Jeschke (Altus) 3-6, 6-2, 3-6
 Def. Jessica Gesell/Christina Seroka (Lawton) 6-0, 6-0
 Lost to Nina Bujanda/Darcy DeLaune (Anadarko) 6-3, 3-6, 3-6

#2 Girls Singles
 Krissa Whitley - 2nd Place
 Lost to Abby Dodson (Lawton) 2-6, 6-2, 4-6
 Def. Brittany Finstad (Altus) 6-1, 6-0
 Def. Ryan Beatty (Anadarko) 6-2, 6-1

#2 Girls Doubles
 Rachel Lee/Ashley Hernandez - 1st Place
 Def. Trinity Goombi/Lela Horse (Anadarko) 6-0, 7-5
 Def. Amanda Church/Kimberlee Walker (Altus) 6-2, 6-3
 Def. Triya Nguyen/Desiree Gaskins (Lawton) 2-6, 6-0, 6-0

#2 Boys Singles
 Jack Ware - 3 way tie for 2nd Place
 Def. Cameron Upton (Anadarko) 6-0, 6-0
 Def. Cody Mellott (Lawton) 6-1, 6-0
 Lost to Cody Miller (Altus) 6-1, 4-6, 3-6

Alyssa Hoelting/Myles Foreman - 1st Place
 Def. Christiana Miller/Josh Marsh (Altus) 6-0, 6-0
 Def. Laynie Boddy/Xin Dong (Altus) 6-0, 6-0
 Def. Heather Shinn/Kyle Buford (Lawton) 6-0, 6-0

Pampa Harvester Sports Schedule

SOFTBALL

MONDAY • MARCH 19

Lady Harvester JVA vs Dumas • 6:00pm at Pampa

TUESDAY • MARCH 20

Lady Harvesters vs Dumas • 4:30pm at Pampa

SATURDAY • MARCH 24

Lady Harvesters vs Caprock • 1:00pm at Caprock
 Lady Harvester JVB vs Caprock • 3:00pm at Caprock

BASEBALL

MONDAY • MARCH 19

Harvester JV vs Plainview • 4:30pm at Pampa
 Harvester Freshmen vs Plainview • 6:00pm at Plainview

TUESDAY • MARCH 20

Harvesters vs Borger • 4:30pm at Borger

FRIDAY • MARCH 23

Harvesters vs San Jacinto • 4:30pm at San Jacinto

THURSDAY-SATURDAY • MARCH 22-24

Harvester JV at Dumas Tournament • TBA

GOLF

FRIDAY-SATURDAY • MARCH 23-24

Harvester Girls at Amarillo Invitational
 Harvester Boys at Dumas Invitational

TENNIS

TUESDAY • MARCH 20

Harvester JV at ATC Tournament

FRIDAY-SATURDAY • MARCH 23-24

Harvesters at Lubbock Tournament

TRACK

FRIDAY • MARCH 23

Harvester Girls at Abilene Christian University

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Bryant sinks 65 to help Lakers win

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant scored 24 of his 65 points in the fourth quarter and added nine more in overtime for Los Angeles, which snapped a seven-game losing streak with a 116-111 victory.

It was the second highest-scoring game of Bryant's career and his third with 60 or more points — including an 81-point outing against Toronto on Jan. 22, 2006.

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Durant leads Texas through 1st round

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Kevin Durant had reason to be nervous.

It was his first NCAA tournament game — and possibly his last. At least that's how it looked until Texas took control against New Mexico State, thanks in part to their star freshman.

Durant had 27 points, including 11 of 12 free throws in the second half, and eight rebounds to lead fourth-seeded Texas to a 79-67 victory Friday night in the first round of the East Regional.

"Durant's a pro," said

New Mexico State coach Reggie Theus, a former NBA All-Star guard, using the word no one in Texas wants to associate with Durant for at least another wondrous year in Austin.

"And pros know how to adjust. ... I will tell you from my own personal experience that when you're able to draw fouls, you will be a great scorer."

Even with a case of nerves.

Before Durant's seventh consecutive 25-point game, Wanda Pratt, called her son from Suitland, Md. She

thought Kevin sounded unusually nervous. Even Texas coach Rick Barnes later he said he noticed his star was "jumpy."

But the 18-year-old freshman looked ever the cool veteran down the stretch.

Durant's long-armed tip-ins, smooth pivot moves, sudden pull-up jumpers and blocked shots had NBA scouts chuckling courtside. Even though he went the first 12 minutes of the second half without a field goal, he was effective from the foul line, finishing 15-of-16 overall.

Texas (25-9) made 25 of 26 of its free throws, with Durant's the only miss.

"Well, we expect him to make them all, you know," Barnes deadpanned.

Durant connected on two from the line after a rebound with 1:10 left to put Texas ahead 75-66 and essentially end the game.

Fellow freshman D.J. Augustin had 19 points and seven assists, and sophomore A.J. Abrams added 16 points for the Longhorns, who start four freshmen and have seven on their 12-man roster.

Florida comes back; destroys Jackson State

At New Orleans, the top-seeded Gators responded from a lackluster first half with the best half in school history to defeat Jackson State 112-69. Corey Brewer

led the defending national champions with 21 points, but it was another balanced effort from the team that returned all five starters from last season.

Memphis takes care of North Texas

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — With another win against another unheralded foe, the Memphis Tigers didn't prove much in their NCAA tournament opener.

But the way they beat North Texas 73-58 on Friday showed why the Tigers believe they'll be ready to play the big boys when they finally get a chance.

Backup guards Andre Allen and Jeremy Hunt found themselves running the offense after two starters got in foul trouble midway through the first half. With big men Robert Dozier and Joey Dorsey getting physical, and freshman reserve Doneal Mack hitting some big shots, Memphis not only

hung tough it went from being down by a few to being ahead by a lot.

The Tigers (31-3) were hardly tested again on the way to their national-best 23rd straight win.

"We did what we had to," Memphis coach John Calipari said.

The Tigers will face seventh-seeded Nevada in the second round Sunday. Nevada beat Creighton 77-71 in overtime.

Chris Douglas-Roberts led the Tigers in scoring with 16 points, but 13 came in the second half. He missed the last 9:58 of the first half after picking up a technical foul that counted as his third personal.

Olson out; Winthrop and UNLV advance

By The Associated Press

Say goodbye to Lute Olson, who will join his good friends Bob Knight and Mike Krzyzewski as spectators. The three coaching legends were booted from the NCAA tournament just as the fun was starting.

Olson's Arizona Wildcats ended an underachieving season with a 72-63 loss to Purdue on Friday night, joining Krzyzewski and Knight as first-round losers. This becomes the first tournament since 1995 to start the second round without any of these Hall of Famers.

"I think all three of us will hope that never happens again," Olson said. "We'll be back."

Olson, 72, was coaching his 73rd NCAA tournament game, third on the all-time list. Krzyzewski is ahead of him and Knight is right behind at 70. Those coaches are also among the top five on the tournament wins list.

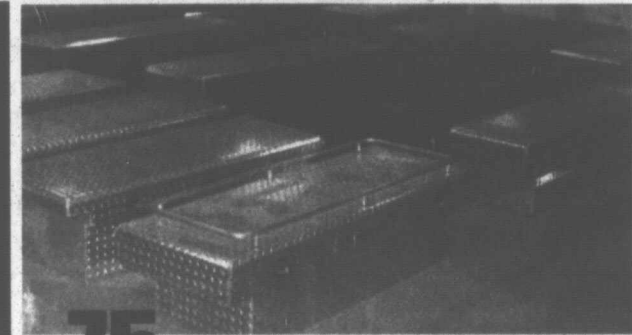
Olson was trying for career win No. 47, which would've tied John Wooden for third place.

"I'm disappointed, just like they are," Olson said after the Midwest Regional loss. "It doesn't take a Rhodes Scholar to figure out that if you give them 19 more possessions then you're not going to get it done."

While Olson, and the two Coach Ks won't be chasing another title, Winthrop validated its credentials by beating Notre Dame. And UNLV sparked some memories of its championship past by winning its first tournament game since 1991.

Craig Bradshaw, an import from New Zealand, scored 24 points and Torrell Martin added 20 and a career-high 11 rebounds as Big South champ Winthrop beat Notre Dame 74-64. Winthrop, 0-6 in previous tournament appearances, blew all of its 20-point lead in the second half before surging in the final two minutes to end Notre Dame's first NCAA appearance since 2003.

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EDUCATION

States increasingly look to pre-K classes to help kids

By **NANCY ZUCKERBROD**
 AP Education Writer

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Yasmine Carrizo has trouble pinpointing exactly what she likes best about pre-kindergarten at Carlin Springs Elementary.

"I like the toys, and playing house, and book time, and sleep-over (nap) time," the wide-eyed 4-year-old says one morning as she colors with markers at a table just her size.

Barely taking a breath, Yasmine starts to list additional favorites when she gets a cue from her teacher. "Gotta go," she tells a visitor, dashing off with pigtails bobbing to join her friends at the classroom door. "It's library time!"

It's not hard to find such enthusiasm at the cheerful school, one of several hundred in Virginia that offer state-funded preschool to low-income 4-year-olds.

Nationwide, children typically enter school at around age 5, when they're ready for kindergarten. But research highlighting the importance of early learning is prompting more and more states to add pre-kindergarten programs.

"Virtually every state has a very strong movement toward doing a better job with pre-k," said Arthur Rolnick, a senior vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and part of a group of business leaders calling for giving low-income kids earlier access to public school.

A recent report finds states spent at least \$3.3 billion last year on pre-kindergarten. That doesn't include money from federal and local governments, which contribute to the state programs. The state funding is up from \$2.8 billion in 2005, according to the report by the National Institute for Early Education Research at New Jersey's Rutgers University.

In all, nearly 1 million children, or 20

percent of the country's 4-year-olds, were in state pre-kindergarten last year — up from 17 percent the previous year, the report found.

About two-thirds of 4-year-olds are in private preschool or child-care programs or at home, the study said.

About one in 10 is in Head Start, the federal pre-kindergarten program for poor children, the report said. The \$6.8 billion Head Start program covers only about half of all eligible children. About 7 percent of the nation's 3-year-olds also participate in Head Start.

As in Virginia, most state-funded programs are aimed at poor children. However, Florida,

Georgia and Oklahoma offer pre-k to all 4-year-olds. Other states are considering going that route.

Illinois Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich won approval to extend preschool to all 3- and 4-year-olds by 2011 and is pushing for the money to do it.

The federal No Child Left Behind education law probably has something to do with the trend, says Steven Barnett, who wrote the report on state pre-k spending.

One of that law's goals is to eliminate achievement gaps between low-income and wealthier students, but studies show the gap begins before children enter school.

"Schools are quite aware if we start off behind ... we will have a very difficult time making this up by the time we're responsible for the test scores," Barnett said.

Rolnick and Nobel Prize-winning economist James Heckman of the University of Chicago have been speaking out on the fiscal benefits of paying for pre-k. They say getting kids off to a solid start is much cheaper than giving them remedial education later.

'Virtually every state has a very strong movement toward doing a better job with pre-k.'

— Arthur Rolnick
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AMARILLO — In 2007, over 178,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with Breast Cancer and many are right here in the Texas Panhandle. Area businesses and motorcycle enthusiasts are teaming up for the First Annual Breast Cancer Benefit Run Sunday, April 15, to help out one family affected by this disease.

Registration begins at 12 noon on the day of the motorcycle run at Moose's Bar & Grill, 3514 SW 6th Ave. The first 100 participants will receive a free T-shirt. The cost for the event is \$10 per person or \$15 for a couple.

All proceeds will benefit Marty and Christina Ulen.

"This event is to help the Ulen family during their time of recovery because a loss of income is hard to cope with for anyone," said Neysa Spurrier, event coordinator. "This will be an annual event where we find a different family affected by Breast Cancer each year to help."

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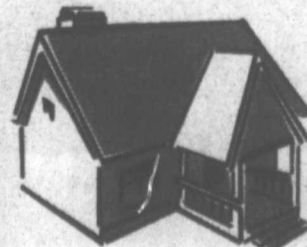
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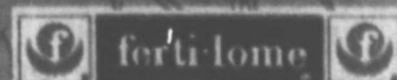
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2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.
3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.
4. Engagement announcements 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.

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WATTS ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Watts of Pampa celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a family dinner on March 10. Present at the dinner were their two children, Brian Watts and Whitney Watts; and Joe and Sue Hall. Frankie and Janet (Hall) Watts were married Feb. 20, 1982. They have been Pampa residents for 25 years and are members of Trinity Fellowship Church. Mr. Watts is employed with Texas Department of Transportation, where he has worked for 19 years. Mrs. Watts is employed with CASA of the High Plains, acting as executive director for 12 1/2 years. Together they own Mufflers Unlimited Conoco in Pampa.



Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Watts

Menus

Week of March 19-23

Pampa Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: Blueberry pancake and sausage on a stick.
Lunch: Pigs in a blanket or steak fingers, baked beans, potatoes, peaches.
TUESDAY
Breakfast: Toast.
Lunch: Chicken and noodles or pizza, corn, broccoli, fruit, rolls.
WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
Lunch: Barbecue on a bun or chicken nuggets, fries, English peas, pears, spice cake.
THURSDAY
Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits.
Lunch: Mini twin cheeseburgers or beef/cheese nachos, green beans, carrot sticks, pineapple.
FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Cheese pizza or hot dogs, mixed vegetables, salad, applesauce.
Lefors Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: Waffle sticks,

cinnamon toast, cereal.
Lunch: Barbecue on a bun, pickles, tater tots, corn on the cob, apricots.
TUESDAY
Breakfast: Blueberry muffins, cinnamon toast, cereal.
Lunch: Chalupas, lettuce, tomatoes, applesauce, Spanish rice, tortillas.
WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Sausage on a stick, cinnamon toast, cereal.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, gelatin.
THURSDAY
Breakfast: Sunrise sunrise, cinnamon toast, cereal.
Lunch: Fish sticks, salad, macaroni cheese, fruit.
FRIDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, cinnamon toast, cereal.
Lunch: Burgers, all the fixins', fries, baby carrots, brownies.
Kid's Cafe-Wilson
MONDAY
Ribecue sandwich, pork beans, chips, dessert.
WEDNESDAY
Breaded pork chops, mac-

aroni cheese, corn, dessert.
Kid's Cafe-Lamar
TUESDAY
Chicken pot pie, salad, dessert.
THURSDAY
Chili dogs, fries, pork beans, dessert.
Senior Citizens
MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or chicken ala king/combread, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, beets, beans, marble cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or combread.
TUESDAY
Hamburger steak or chicken salad, curly fries, California blend, fried okra, beans, hurricane oatmeal cake or chocolate pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or combread.
WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, spinach, succotash, beans, orange cake or blackberry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or combread.

THURSDAY
Chicken strips or barbecued beef/onion rings, potato salad, corn, English peas, beans, pineapple cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or combread.
FRIDAY
Catfish/hushpuppies or spaghetti & meatballs, potato wedges, Scandinavian blend, beans, walnut brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or combread.
Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
Barbecue, potato salad, baked beans, pudding.
TUESDAY
Hamloaf, hominy casserole, asparagus, pineapple.
WEDNESDAY
Chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, peas/carrots, peaches.
THURSDAY
Shepherd's pie, pickled beets, corn, salad, fruit.
FRIDAY
Baked chicken, sweet potatoes, English peas, peaches.

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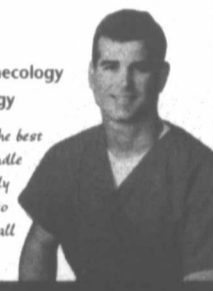
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Preceptor Theta Iota
Preceptor Theta Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi of Pampa met March 13 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center with President

Carolyn Smith presiding. Members and their spouses ate lunch together prior to the business meeting. A social was held in the home of Barb Benyshek. St. Patrick's Day was the theme of the husband and wife party.

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—Recording Secretary Monica Leonard read minutes from the previous meeting and took roll.
—Members made plans to attend a dance put on by White Deer Land Museum board Saturday.
—Pat Kindle delivered the program "How good is your mind?"
The next meeting is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. March 26 at the home of Betty Schaffer.

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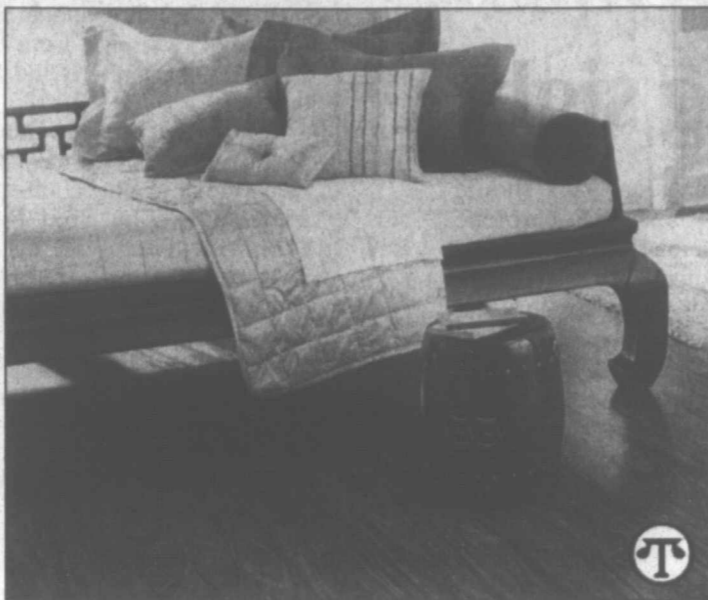
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Flooring trends move towards ultra light

(NAPSA) — Once dominated by oak, flooring décors in America have seen a recent, dramatic shift in sales that indicates consumers are opening their minds — and their homes — to nontraditional flooring choices.

"It's a very exciting time for our industry," says Don Cybalski, senior creative director for Pergo, the world's leading manufacturer and marketer of laminate flooring. "Consumers are getting it. Rather than thinking of the floor in a purely functional way, they are viewing it as a sort of 'fifth wall' and incorporating it into their overall design schemes."

Influenced by glossy home magazines, decorating Web sites and the variety of home-focused programs on HGTV and other networks, consumers are more educated and inspired than ever. These resources, along with the vast array of marketing materials produced by manufacturers and retailers, are empowering consumers and giving them the confidence



In many homes across America, consumers are finding that laminate flooring—with its range of colors and finishes—provides a unique, functional alternative to wood flooring.

to take more risks in their decorating choices.

Case in point, Cybalski cites a very light, blocked beech design that he says Pergo initially introduced to demonstrate the beauty and flexibility of laminate designs. "We expected it to meet a niche market's

demands," he says. "But when consumers saw how great it looked in our photography, they fell in love with its uniqueness and could see how it would fit into their homes. It's now one of our best-selling designs."

Yes, oak is still No. 1, but the company's lineup of

best-sellers currently includes a range of wood looks, including light beech, butternut and maple finishes, as well as a rich, dark cherry offering.

"We are seeing huge growth at both ends of the design spectrum—the light lights and the dark darks," explains Cybalski. "We're also seeing more consumers gravitating toward exotic looks like bamboo, jatoba, merbau and teak."

This movement can, in part, be attributed to emerging trends in the kitchen, where consumers are moving away from oak cabinets in favor of other woods such as birch, maple, mahogany and cherry. In fact, a recent issue of Home Channel News reported 63 percent of today's kitchen cabinet sales in finishes other than oak.

"People are using woods such as birch and maple, and they're really appreciative of the look of elegance," says Mike Dame, product manager for Hope Lumber and Building Supply in Santa Fe, N.M. This trend

can also be seen at Home Valu Interiors in Fridley, Minn., where kitchen and bath manager Paul Rudie says birch, mahogany and cherry now make up 90 percent of the items they sell.

Another reason for the rise in demand for non-oak floors is the trend toward more open floor plans in

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Club

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20th Century
Twentieth Century Study Club of Pampa met March 13 at the home of hostess Pat Terry.

A program on First Lady Grace Coolidge was presented.

The next meeting is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. March 27 at the home of Myrna Orr.

Red Hat Royalty
The Red Hattitude Royalty Red Hat Club of Pampa met March 8 in the home of Gloria Hawkins with Lynn Smith and Hawkins hosting the meeting.

Hawkins prepared enchiladas for 11 members. Jane Jacobs presided over the meeting. Barbara Trimble shared some jokes while wearing a red clown nose.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. April 5 at Dyer's Bar-B-Que with Kathy White and Mona Bishop serving as hostesses. This will be the club's second anniversary, so members are asked to wear "full Red Hat regalla."

For more information, call Jane Jacobs at 665-3878.

Altrusa
Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met March 13 at First United Methodist Church with President Joan Gray-Soria presiding. Linda Shackelford attended as a guest.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The Accent was presented by Brenda Tucker who reported on the purpose and functions of District Conference. The next District Nine Conference will be held April 20-22 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. Pampa and Borger Altrusa clubs will serve as conference hosts. Tucker will be installed as district governor.

—Terri Williams, Terry Gamblin and Barb Hahn will serve as voting delegates at the District Conference. Gaye Whitehead, Annette Chase and Beth Miller will serve as alternate delegates.

—The club regrettably accepted the resignations of Jo Bailey and Virginia

Dewey.

—The club voted to make a \$50 donation to the International Foundation in honor of Linda Nichols, international president. The club also voted to make a donation of \$50 to "Teachers Across Borders" for teacher training.

—The following officers were elected for 2007-2008: Williams, president; Hahn, vice president; Sandra McKinney, corresponding secretary; Kerrick Horton, recording secretary; Gamblin, treasurer; and Chase, Mayda King, Miller and Whitehead, directors.

—Darlene Birkes was recognized as having a birthday.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. March 27 at First United Methodist Church.

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

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

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Age-related macular degeneration: Early detection key to saving sight

(NAPSA) — Here's news that many Americans are taking a keen look at: Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of visual impairment and blindness in Americans older than 50, affecting more than 2 million people.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology wants to remind people that although AMD is incurable, there are new treatments that can usually recover lost vision and prevent further vision loss from the disease.

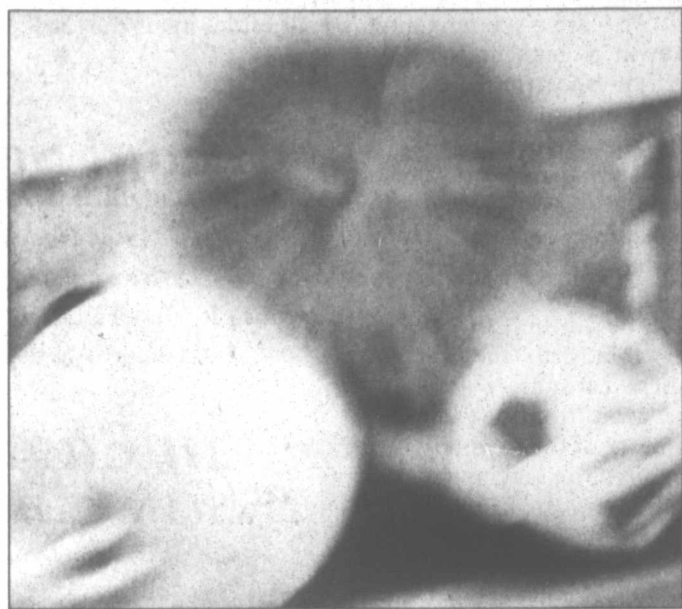
The Academy encourages those older than 50 to see an ophthalmologist for a comprehensive, dilated eye examination every one to two years, to ensure that AMD and other vision-threatening conditions are detected and treated early.

"The key in treating AMD is catching it early; early detection is the best defense against losing your vision," said Academy clinical correspondent Lylas G. Mogk, M.D., chair of the Academy's Vision Rehabilitation Committee. "Research continues, and I think we'll see increasingly effective AMD treatments becoming available in the near future."

What is AMD?
AMD, progressive and usually painless, affects the macula, a small, specialized area of the retina, located at the back of the eye and responsible for central vision. AMD causes central vision to blur, but leaves peripheral vision intact.

There are two types of AMD: dry and wet. Approximately 90 percent of people with AMD have the dry form, in which aging changes in the macula result in gradual vision loss.

Although only 10 percent of



Age-related Macular Degeneration affects the center of the vision.

people with AMD have the wet form, it generally progresses much quicker than the dry form. Wet AMD is characterized by the growth of abnormal retinal blood vessels that leak blood or fluid, causing rapid and severe central vision loss.

Reducing AMD risk
"The most important risk factors for AMD include smoking, high blood pressure and diet," said Dr. Mogk. "Recommendations for reducing the risk of developing AMD include not smoking; eating a heart-healthy diet rich in fish, fruit and green leafy vegetables; avoiding foods with trans fats; exercising; and controlling your blood pressure and weight."

Other risk reducers and treatments include:

- The National Eye Institute's (NEI) Age-Related Eye Disease Study found that high levels of antioxidants and zinc can reduce the risk of vision loss by about 25 percent in patients with "intermediate" AMD in one or both eyes and those with "advanced" AMD in only one eye. (Smokers

and ex-smokers should not use beta-carotene because studies have shown an association with lung cancer and beta-carotene in smokers.) A new study will evaluate the effects of lutein and omega-3 fatty acids.

- Anti-Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) drugs inhibit the development of unwanted blood vessels that cause wet AMD, and these agents help prevent further visual loss and even improve vision. At the current time, these are injected directly into the eye. Two drugs have already been approved by the FDA, Macugen and Lucentis, and the makers of several others are looking to gain FDA approval.

- Conventional laser therapy and photodynamic therapy are also treatments for wet AMD and have been approved by the FDA based on studies by the NEI. If you have not been diagnosed with AMD but think that you might be at risk, you may qualify for a free eye exam, through EyeCare America's AMD EyeCare Program.

The AMD EyeCare Program promotes annual eye exams for people 65 and older, raises awareness of AMD, provides the latest information about treatment options and low-vision services, offers free AMD educational materials and facilitates access to eye care.

For more information or to see if you qualify for a free eye exam call (866) 324-EYES (3937).

For more information on AMD or to find an Eye M.D. in your area, visit the Academy's Web site at www.aao.org.

WTAMU Slates Literacy Conference March 24

CANYON — Two children's book authors will help kick off the third annual West Texas A&M University Literacy Conference from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 24 in the Agriculture and Natural Sciences Building on campus.

"Super Teachers and Other Heroes" is the theme for this year's conference, sponsored by the WTAMU Department of Education and its reading faculty. Keynote speakers will be Brod Bagert and Melanie Chrismer. Bagert will present his keynote address, "Rambo Teacher," at 9 a.m., followed by an interest session on "Free Choice Poetry." Chrismer's keynote address, "Tall Tale Talk," will begin at 1 p.m., followed by an interest session on "Pulling a Story Out of the Air."

Bagert has written poetry all his life and closed his law practice in 1992 to become a full-time poet. He is the author of 15 books for children and adults and has traveled worldwide entertaining audiences with his poetry.

His books include "Hormone Jungle: Coming of Age in Middle School," "Shout! Little Poems that Roar and Rainbows," "Head Lice" and "Pea-Green Tile."

Chrismer wrote her first story in the third grade and continued to write throughout her school career. Writing was put on hold when she started a family, but once the children were older, she put her writing skills to work and became a full-fledged writer with the publication of her award-winning book, "Phoebe Clappsaddle and the Tumbleweed Gang."

Her works include everything from easy-readers to picture books, plus the Phoebe Clappsaddle series — "Phoebe Clappsaddle for Sheriff" and "Phoebe Clappsaddle Has a Tumbleweed Christmas" to name a few.

Early registration fee is \$25 or \$30 at the door. Cost for WTAMU students and faculty is \$5 per person. For more information, contact Dr. Rose Anne Mott at 806-651-2605.

Grant Supports Professional Development for Math Teachers

CANYON — West Texas A&M University has been awarded almost \$90,000 to help assure that no child is left behind in mathematics.

The University, in partnership with the Amarillo Independent School District, will use the funds to deliver six hours of graduate education to 20 selected middle school teachers from Region XVI, with priority given to teachers of math.

The money — \$86,995, to be exact — will fund a grant proposal called "Achieving Student Success with Effective Teachers" and comes courtesy of the state's Teacher Quality Grant Program, which is administered by the Charles A. Dana Center in Austin.

For Dr. Juli D'Ann Rathel, assistant professor of mathematics, project director and principal investigator of the grant proposal, it is her second such success in two years. Rathel was awarded a Teacher Quality Grant of \$84,998 to fund her proposal "Teacher Quality Ensuring Student Success" in 2006-2007. Presently, 15 teachers from schools in Amarillo, Clarendon and Pampa are participating in that project.

The new grant is earmarked for the period from May 31, 2007 to May 31, 2008. Similar to the first grant Rathel received, this one will provide each participant with a \$500 stipend per course and cover meals, supplies and course fees. The school districts in which participating teachers are employed will pay tuition costs.

"This first year has been a very rewarding experience for all involved," Rathel said. "Together we have created the foundation of a learning community in this region that I expect will continue and grow over time."

"I am encouraged by the dedication of the school districts and their teachers to continue to seek professional development that will, in essence, enhance and improve the learning experience for all K-12 students."

Thanks to the latest grant, selected middle school teachers will be able to take Advanced Mathematics/Science Activities for Instruction I and II, with the first being offered this summer and the second next fall at West Texas A&M. The grant also will cover half the cost of sending the cohort of middle school teachers to the Conference for the Advancement of Mathematics Teachers this June in San Antonio.

"Dr. Rathel clearly is committed to raising the bar of classroom success by providing professional development for middle school math teachers," Dr. Brian R. Chapman, WTAMU provost/vice president for academic affairs, said. "She is doing important work that is sure to pay dividends in the participating communities, and it all starts with obtaining this critical funding."

Comprising the development team that identified target objectives for both grants were Rathel, Frannie Nuttall and Lynn Wilson of WTAMU's Office of Grants and Special Projects, and Daniel Coward, Lynn Haden and Kyle Ingram of the Amarillo Independent School District.

Other WTAMU personnel to participate in "Achieving Student Success with Effective Teachers" are Mary Jane Cruz, instructor of math education, Kristina Gill, instructor of math education, and Dr. Janet Froeschle, assistant professor of education.

Tables Set for Women's Council Event

CANYON — Setting a table is an art, and the Women's Council for West Texas A&M University is planning a palette of beautifully decorated table settings for its annual Tantalizing Tables March 30-31 in the Regency Room of the Amarillo Civic Center.

The table-top event will follow the theme "Tableaux Extraordinaire" with 15 different tables by area designers. A sampling of this year's table themes includes "Long Hot Days of Summer" by Alby Peters; "Mosaic" by the Kitchen Gallery and "Buffalo Rising" by Barbara Petty.

Walk-through viewings of the tables will be from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, March 30 and from noon-3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31. The viewings will include live music along with special demonstrations on finishing touches for table decorating. Tickets for the walk-through viewings are priced at \$10 each and are available at the door.

Saturday's event will begin with a 10 a.m. brunch in the Regency Room. Dixie Cash, a writing team of Jeffery McClanahan and Pamela Crumbie, will be the special guest speakers. The two Texas natives are the authors of several romance books including "I Gave You My Heart, But You Sold it Online" and "My Heart May Be Broken, but My Hair Still Looks Great." Tickets for the brunch are priced at \$50 each.

Cocktails and dinner at the designer tables will close out this year's Tantalizing Tables event at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Reservations for the gala dinner are priced at \$1,000 for a table of eight.

For more information, contact the Office of Development at 806-651-2913.



This March marks the one year anniversary of the largest wildfires in Texas History.

The 2006 Commemorative Magazine contains information and full color photos that captures a historical moment in the Texas Panhandle History.

Copies of this collectible magazine are available for purchase at The Pampa News • 403 W. Atchison

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Jane," and I are both in our mid-50s. Jane has had numerous affairs over the past several years after her third divorce, and was involved in an "intimate relationship" with a terrific man, "Will," that lasted about three months. Jane broke up with Will several months after she decided he wasn't what she was looking for, and she's presently engaged to be married to a very nice man ("Sam") and seems very happy. I dated Will several times before he and Jane became involved. We weren't intimate at that time, and we started seeing each other again over the last month. This time we have fallen in love. My problem is Jane is upset that Will and I are together and says I have "betrayed" her. She is worried about having her former and current lovers present at family gatherings, and our parents are also concerned. They say it's "just weird." The fact that my sister was intimate with Will doesn't bother me or Will, but it sure bothers them. Abby, I have always been the "good girl" in the family and bowed under their pressure, but my relationship with Will is more than I could have ever imagined, and I don't want to give up my future happiness just to make my sister and my parents more comfortable. My adult children have all met and approve of Will and our relationship, but Jane and my parents won't budge. Any suggestions? — **WANTS WILL IN WALLA WALLA, WASH.**

DEAR WANTS WILL: Perhaps it's time to stop being the "good girl," begin acting like a woman who knows what she wants, and confront the double standard in your family. If your sister was "sophisticated" enough to have serial affairs, and your parents have been so worldly they have turned a blind eye to it, then they should all be adult enough to realize that you are entitled to your happiness, too. Although this may

make for some awkward first few family gatherings, as grown-ups, everyone should be able to get past it. But if they can't, you are going to have to decide whether you want this man, or to be a people-pleaser for the rest of your life.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 48-year-old woman who lives with her fiancé. My mother doesn't like him because she thinks he is not taking care of me in the manner to which SHE feels I should be taken care of. My fiancé is a former felon with nine convictions. He served his time, is now off parole -- free and clear -- and is attending college full time. He has not found a job yet, but he does odd jobs to help around the house. This is causing a rift between my mom and me. What can I do? — **CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE: If I were you, I would make it a long engagement. Because you did not mention what your fiancé has been convicted of, nine times over, it is hard to determine whether he will ever manage to get a job and do more than help you around the house. If that is still all right with you a few years down the road, then who am I to say you should live differently? But please don't blame your mother for wanting you to have, at the very least, an equal partner.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY IRISH READERS:
 "May the most you wish for be the least you get."
 "May the best times you've ever had be the worst you will ever see."
 Happy St. Patrick's Day!

For Better Or For Worse



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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
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 - 7 Bakery — buy
 - 11 Different
 - 12 Plot unit
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 - 16 Café offerings
 - 17 Exceeded the limit
 - 18 Is unable to
 - 19 Golden Spike setting
 - 21 None too cordial
 - 22 March honoree
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 - 38 Red-and-black bird
- DOWN**
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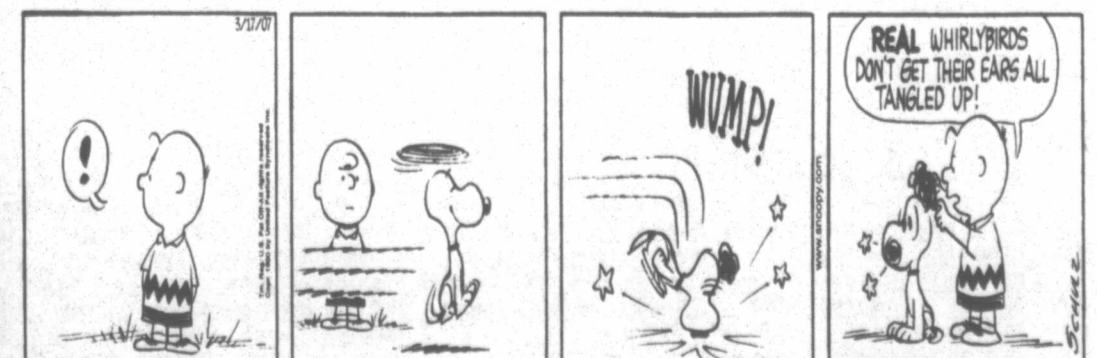
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University creates futures market for bird flu with experts betting

By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Think bird flu will become a worldwide threat this summer? Wanna put some money on that?

In an unusual effort to better predict the advance of a potential flu pandemic, public health experts will be staked about \$100 apiece to bet on the spread of bird flu. This type of grim futures market has also been created to predict hurricanes and temporarily, a few years ago, terrorist attacks.

In this case, the goal is to develop a faster way to collect expert opinion about the potential spread of a deadly disease outbreak.

"Farmers have used futures markets for decades to make decisions about what crops to plant. We're just borrowing that concept to help people in public health and health care make decisions about the future," said Dr. Phil Polgreen, a University of Iowa assistant professor of medicine who helped create the project.

It's being funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which is donating nearly \$250,000 to the effort. The University of Iowa, which set up futures exercises for hurricane predictions, box office receipts and presidential elections, will operate the bird flu enterprise. Organizers hope to recruit at

least 100 epidemiologists, veterinarians and other medical experts from around the world for the two-year project. They will be asked to join an online trading system akin to agricultural futures markets, in which investor buys contracts that businesses will be able to deliver certain volumes of, say, corn or pork bellies.

But in this project, the contracts represent not the likelihood of a good corn harvest but the odds that deadly bird flu will infect a human in Hong Kong by July 1.

"Yes" contracts on that prediction are currently trading at 43 cents. That means the experts think there's a 43 percent chance of that occurring.

At issue is the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu, which has killed 167 people in 10 countries since 2003, but so far hasn't been easily spread from person to person. Health officials fear it will mutate into a highly contagious form that could kill millions worldwide.

Health officials have been closely monitoring reports of human and animal infections, but what will happen next is a matter of assorted speculations.

Since 1988 the University of Iowa has operated a project called the Iowa Electronic Markets (IEM), which aggregates predictions to forecast major events.

Much of the focus has been elections, and the Iowa markets have generally outperformed political polls.

A predictive market for seasonal flu, operated in Iowa and North Carolina, correctly predicted the current level of flu activity in an area 71 percent of the time, even though the predictions were made before any solid surveillance

surveillance systems traditionally used. "This is an experiment," Madoff said. "The hypothesis is we'll be able to harness lots of people with different viewpoints and information, and we know sooner when something is going to happen than if we wait for a report."

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials were briefed on the project, but spokesman Glen Nowak said it was too early "to be able to judge the value."

A preliminary version of the market started two weeks ago, with about a dozen medical professionals from the seasonal flu market participating and setting the price. Organizers have put together an initial list of 11 yes/no questions, and each of those is a separate market.

One example: Will a human case of H5N1 occur in North or South America by July 1? Yes contracts are selling at only 5 cents, meaning the participants think there's only a 5 percent likelihood of that.

Each initial bet is \$2.50, and over the course of a year, the average trader is expected to make about \$100, depending on accuracy.

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— Forrest Nelson
Economist

reports. The market had a 50 percent success rate at predicting flu activity a week in advance, according to a recent report in the journal *Clinical Infectious Diseases*.

Such markets have sometimes proved controversial. In 2003, the Pentagon dropped plans for a futures market that would have allowed traders to profit from accurate predictions on terrorism, assassinations and other events in the Middle East. Some lawmakers attacked the idea as immoral; U.S. Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota described it as a "plan to trade in death."

Organizers predicted the bird flu market should prove less controversial, and the New Jersey-based Robert Wood Johnson Foundation cautiously agreed.

"It might be considered controversial if it's not well understood," said the philanthropy's Robert Hughes.

He noted that public health experts won't be gambling their own money, so opportunities for financial gain are extremely limited.

Also worth noting is the buy-in of ProMed, a respected disease-monitoring program of the International Society for Infectious Diseases. ProMed, with a staff of 30, collects disease updates and e-mails them to 40,000 international members, making it the largest such service in the world.

Betting participants must be ProMed members. "We're not just letting in Joe Blow off the street. These are experts," said Forrest Nelson, a University of Iowa economist who co-founded the IEM.

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Weekend heart attack patients slightly more likely to die, study shows

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Heart attack patients have a slightly higher risk of death if they go to the hospital on the weekend, when they are more likely to miss or wait longer for crucial treatments, one of the largest studies of the issue finds.

Although the increased risk of death is small, roughly 5 percent higher in the month after an attack occurs, it can mean potentially thousands more deaths in the United States annually. The study indicated that weekend patients waited longer for angioplasty and other procedures, likely because of reduced staffing.

Even so, doctors say you shouldn't avoid a weekend hospital visit if you think you are having a heart attack or stroke. A delay of even an hour or two raises chances of death or serious heart or brain damage.

The new study of nearly a quarter-million first-time heart attack patients in New Jersey reflects what smaller previous studies have shown about weekend medical care. Recently published Canadian research also showed stroke patients hospitalized on weekends had a higher chance of dying than those admitted on a weekday.

In the latest study, published in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*, researchers

at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Piscataway, N.J., used a huge statewide database. They tracked 231,164 patients admitted for a first heart attack from 1987-2002. They looked at trends over four-year periods, partly because of major advances in heart attack treatment over that time, including new clot-busting drugs, artery-clearing angioplasty and tiny devices called stents that prop open cleared-out arteries.

In the most recent four-year period, when care was much the same as today, patients admitted on a weekend were about 7.5 percent more likely to die within a month than those admitted on a weekday. After adjusting for factors such as age and other medical problems, the death rate was 5 percent higher for those admitted on weekends, said the lead researcher, medical student William J. Kostis.

He said the difference in outcomes was obvious by the day after admission and amounted to 1 in 100 patients each year.

"We lose this patient early. It's after the first day or two," Kostis said, adding that the weekend patients were at least one-third less likely to get

angioplasty or bypass surgery promptly, compared with weekdays. "It seems very likely to be a factor."

At many hospitals, the catheterization lab where those procedures are performed is closed or has limited service hours on weekends.

In the most recent four-year span, almost 13 percent of heart attack patients admitted on weekends died within a month, compared with 12 percent admitted on weekdays. That could mean thousands of excess deaths, since about 700,000 Americans have a first heart attack each year.

The weekend death rates were similarly higher in most of the previous time periods, too.

Dr. Kirk Garratt, director of the coronary care unit at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, noted that

when the researchers adjusted for whether patients got angioplasty or other invasive treatment, the difference in death rates fell.

"That's a pretty powerful way of saying that the underuse of angioplasty on weekends had a direct effect on patient survival," as other researchers have speculated, Garratt said.

He said that as cardiac care generally improved over the study's 16 years, fewer patients had really severe heart attacks, and that the difference in weekend and weekday death rates in this study appears to mainly reflect whether the mild heart attack patients got angioplasty.

In an editorial in the journal, Drs. Donald A. Redelmeier and Chaim M. Bell of the University of Toronto wrote that research has shown surges in patient complications on weekends.

"If the patient dies on the weekend, no heroics on Monday will suffice," they wrote.

Dr. Harlan Krumholz, a Yale University School of Medicine cardiologist, said differences in staffing levels and communication may play a role in the different death rates. His research team in 2005 found that heart attack sufferers waited 20 to 30 minutes longer for angioplasty on weekends or after hours.

"This may be a quality challenge, for our health system to ensure no matter what time you come to the hospital you're going to get outstanding care" after a heart attack, Krumholz said.

On the Net: <http://www.nejm.org>
American Heart Association: <http://www.americanheart.org>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 18, 2007:

Often, you might want to head in a new direction or do something very differently. Allow yourself to flourish and come forward. Understand what needs to happen in order for you to feel free. Think positively, and what you want will happen. Investigate options carefully, never closing down a path. New beginnings become a possibility if you remain open. If you are single, you might be delighted by your many suitors. Your charisma speaks. If you are attached, let go of needing to have your way so much. Look to creating a better relationship. PISCES is a soul mate.

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)

★★ Smart Rams will know when to back off. In fact, when in doubt, head for the hills. If you don't naturally turn inward, events that occur today and in the next month could force you to be more introspective. Tonight: Give yourself permission to vanish.

This Week: As the Sun moves into your sign, you preen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ What you think you want could radically change. Expenses could be an issue within a partnership. You might want to rethink a relationship. Know what you want, but don't be surprised if it changes. Learn to flow. Tonight: Hang with friends.

This Week: Monday you are on a tear. Tuesday and Wednesday, could you be glum? Thursday you are back in shape.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You take a big step upward and into new turf. Think in terms of your public image. You might want to move or make a big change in how others view you. Your image and community status could be subject to change. Tonight: Enjoy the limelight.

This Week: High energy, networking and stamina pay off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. Think in terms of growth and new experience. A sudden opportunity will appear in the near future, which will allow you to grow spiritually and mentally. Fatigue could stop you. Tonight: Use your mind more than your body.

This Week: Expect to assume more responsibility. With that action comes success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Work with someone directly. One-on-one contact enhances your relationship. A key person feels much freer to relate and discuss his or her feelings. Let it happen. This person has wanted to open up for a while. As a result, you can expect a major switch. Tonight: Togetherness becomes a theme.

This Week: Read between the lines. You'll gain a huge insight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Partnerships are up for grabs and could be changing radically. What you do and what someone else does might not be exactly connected. Don't worry about that as much as learning empathy and understanding. Tonight: Say "yes."

This Week: Work with a partner directly. You'll get results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Be careful with your choices. Sometimes you put too much on your plate. Listen to your body. You could feel tired or pushed. Accepting your vulnerability and humanness is instrumental. Take time out. Tonight: Early to bed.

This Week: Rethink a question; reframe an issue.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your creativity could go on warp-speed 10 and cause you a problem. What seems doable in your mind could be a totally different reality when you play it out. Give yourself permission to reverse directions in the next few months. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

This Week: Get into work early. Think in

terms of gains.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Understand what is happening with a family member. You also might need a big change on the home front. This might be as simple as rearranging your bedroom or living room. Discipline yourself so as not to cause chaos. Tonight: Happy as can be.

This Week: Accomplishment travels in your wake.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Words spoken might be hard to take back. Think before you open your mouth. Spontaneity is great but could cause problems if not properly monitored. Go to a favorite spot for a meal. Laugh and relax. Tonight: Think about signing up for a class in diplomacy.

This Week: You can't hold back any longer. You will see results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Expenses could go overboard, forcing you to make important decisions about your lifestyle and work. Though you might not be able to visualize any changes yet, you could be surprised how fast they become a reality. Tonight: Study your budget.

This Week: Build your financial structure. Speak your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You feel your Wheaties. Any innocent reaction could cause a problem. Where you hold yourself back might be an issue in the next few weeks and months. Listen to what others are saying. Tonight: A power on your own.

This Week: Finally, you feel like yourself. The green-eyed monster rears its ugly head.

BORN TODAY

Actor Peter Graves (1926), author John Updike (1932), singer, actress Queen Latifah (1970)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 19, 2007:

New beginnings are possible if you let go and flow. Revise and update how you see various situations. Discussions emanate from a sense of direction. Think twice before you act. You often feel you are about to boil over. Learn to say "no" or back down. Focus on maintaining clarity of both your mind and your actions. If you are single, you might meet people left and right. You have high charisma and the ability to magnetize others. You do need to become a bit less self-involved if you want a bond to evolve. If you are attached, you will want to defer more often to your sweetie if you want peace and a stronger bond. ARIES understands and sees eye to eye with you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You walk into a new beginning. You might want to do some thoughtful, deep evaluation. Your creativity is on the upswing. Finish what's necessary, with efficiency and forethought. Prioritize. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You have strong opinions. You will step up to the plate and handle things. Sometimes you might want to think about different styles and ways. Understanding takes you in a new direction. Laugh and be easygoing. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Use the earlier hours to express your needs. How you handle someone could change dramatically. Head out the

door knowing that big changes lie ahead. Your ability to understand evolves. Tonight: Gather bills.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ As the day gets older, you become better. Many responsibilities will head in your direction. You need all the energy you can muster. "Enjoyment" and "pleasure" become bywords to feeling good. You have much to smile about. Tonight: Happy as long as you act on what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ New beginnings are possible if you look past the obvious. Listen to news that is forthcoming. Absorb what is being said and go forward. Understanding helps you make solid choices. Tune in to your higher self. Tonight: Settle in and listen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Togetherness breeds more togetherness. Talks need to be about basics and where projects are heading. You encounter pressure and new beginnings. Listen to what others openly share. Still, you might decide to keep your own counsel. Tonight: Anchor in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You could be uncomfortable about what is demanded of you. Pressure is building, and you will take a stand. Your words could cause others to back-track. That response could be most appropriate. Tonight: Know when to call it a day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to understand what motivates others to go in certain directions. A risk might have you back-tracking where others might be dancing to a new tune. Be very careful with a child or loved one. The end result might

not be good. Tonight: Know when to put a halt to the activity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Take a step forward. Evaluate what could happen. Stay on top of work and remain in sync with those around you. You might be more controlling and touchy than you are aware of. Let your creativity flourish. Tonight: Anchor in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to approach situations more openly, though you need to pull back and think. Anchor in and know what must be done. You have a strong sense of direction. Use your strong value system for decision making. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ How you value a friendship could change substantially. Your need to dialogue and make strong decisions comes forward. You might want to revise your thinking vis-a-vis a decision or choice. Take charge and head in a new direction. Tonight: Tell it as you see it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Allow greater flow and energy to head in your direction. Sometimes you are under the gun as you look at a different approach. You laugh, and someone else responds. You have what it takes to draw more, including money. Tonight: Question a friend.

BORN TODAY

Actor Bruce Willis (1955), actress Glenn Close (1947), actress Ursula Andress (1936)

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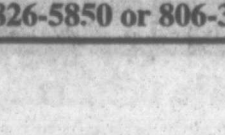
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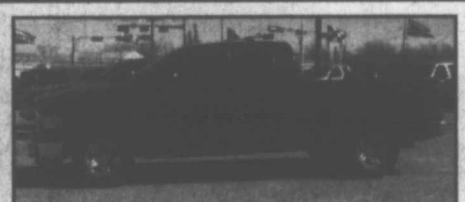
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Mason County rancher keeps busy at 96

By PERRY FLIPPIN
San Angelo Standard-Times

MASON, Texas (AP) — On his 96th birthday in January, Marvin Lange awoke in the house he built for his bride in 1937.

After fixing his own breakfast, he mounted his big Ford pickup truck and drove out to Streeter and Loyal Valley with a load of hay and protein cake for 50 head of beef cattle, plus Barbados sheep, exotic antelope and goats. He checked the windmills for stockwater, refilled the turkey and deer feeders, then headed back to town.

By 11 a.m., he stopped at the post office to collect his mail, then dined with friends at the Senior Citizens Center before returning home and switching on his favorite television shows about rodeo bull riding and Las Vegas crime fighters, as well as Animal Planet fare.

By sundown, Lange ate a light meal followed by slices of three cakes from well-wishers. After reflecting on his long, well-spent life, Lange turned in for a night of untroubled sleep.

The quiet-spoken, wry Lange is an icon here, said his friend of 40-plus years, Mason County Judge Jerry Bearden.

"He's just a delight to be around," said the former vocational agriculture teacher. "People like

him make Mason such a unique community."

Duard Dockal, owner of Cooper's Bar-B-Q in Mason, can't forget the night 33 years ago when he and a companion found the carcass of a large whitetail buck that had been struck and killed by a passing motorist on a bridge over Comanche Creek.

A game warden arrested the pair and threatened to fine Dockal.

At the time, Lange was justice of the peace. The game warden telephoned Lange at home about midnight. After ascertaining the facts, Lange told the arresting officer, "You take that deer if you have to, but you don't stick that boy."

"That was a great relief to me," Dockal recalled recently, smiling.

Another time, Judge Lange accompanied Dr. J.G. Bodenhamer to the rural home of Fred Gipson, where the author of "Old Yeller" had died of a heart attack.

Still alert and chipper, the white-haired Lange resists the infirmities of old age. His blue eyes still twinkle, but his ears garble visitors' speech.

"There's no fun in getting to be 96 years old," said the widower of eight years. "You don't have no wind. You don't want to go nowhere. You can't walk very far."

He wishes he had the energy of

M.J., his hyperactive Jack Russell terrier.

At 5-foot-8 and 120 pounds, Lange was barely strong enough to load into his pickup truck the big whitetail buck he killed last year.

Aubrey Lange, who lives in Irion County and operates a helicopter flying service, spoke with fondness recently of his rearing, "Nothing could have been better than to be born in Mason County and to be Marvin Lange's son."

A midwife delivered the elder Lange in his grandparents' house near the Gillespie County village of Doss. He was reared at Yates Crossing in Kimble County, where his father had a small store and post office.

A tall neighbor kid named O.C. Fisher carried little Marvin Lange on his back to school at London. As lifelong friends, the visiting congressman regularly stopped at Marvin Lange's downtown Mason feed store to talk politics and agriculture.

Lange, now a grandfather of five and great-grandfather of eight, still remembers when the courthouse square had only dirt streets traveled by horses and wagons.

Lighting came from kerosene lamps. Refrigeration involved bringing a large block of ice each week from Junction and covering it

with cloths in the bathtub.

"A glass of water with ice in it," he reminisced. "I thought that was something."

He courted Karlita Hofmann from nearby Koochville for five years until he saved enough money to marry. They wed the year that West Texas Utilities brought electricity to Mason.

The lumberyard financed the construction of their home, and he repaid the loan at the rate of \$12.50 a month.

His wife became a seamstress with the Works Progress Administration, earning \$75 a month.

"That was big money," Lange said. Besides operating a feed store and chick hatchery in Mason, Lange delivered Holsum bread for many years to Llano, Mason, Pontotoc, Fredonia and Cherokee.

People with telephones had to tolerate party lines and eavesdropping neighbors. Treacherous roads punctured tires constantly — often at six-mile intervals.

As a boy, Lange was forced to attend church revivals at London. His mother made him sit on the front row.

During one hellfire-and-brimstone sermon, Lange observed a mouse scamper from under the pulpit and up the leg of his bell-

bottom trousers.

"It went plumb up to my belt line," he recalled whimsically. "I jumped up and started stomping the floor. The preacher said, Praise the Lord! The young man has found God!"

Despite the hardships of the 1930s, Lange managed in 1940 to buy a small ranch at Streeter for \$30 an acre. Comparable land resembling an Ace Reid cartoon now brings \$2,500 an acre.

So, does he ever yearn for the good old days?

"It was more comfortable back in those days," he said. "You didn't have nobody breathing down your back. Everybody was willing to help each other. Things were cheap, but people didn't have no money."

"I wouldn't want to go back," he continued. "It's too good here now."

And if he were starting over?

"I'd stay right here," Lange said. "The people are nice to you. If you get sick, they'll bring you stuff to eat. If you don't have much money and you die, they'll help pay your funeral. Same way with doctors."

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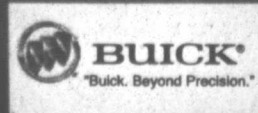
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