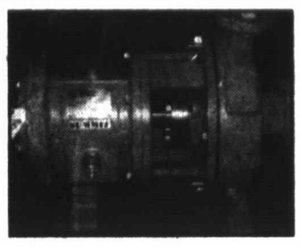

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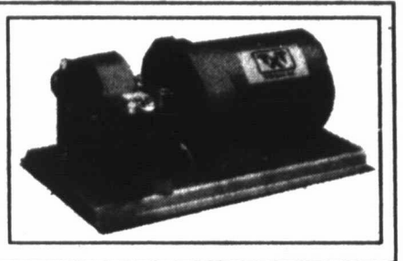

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Operation Desert Snow hits Pampa

(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Rick Martinez, a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper based in Perryton, discovers a false compartment filled with "illegal drugs" during a Desert Snow training exercise.

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

This week more than 80 law enforcement officers from three states converged on Pampa for "Operation Desert Snow." They came here to learn new ways to stop drug traffickers and identify possible terrorists.

Ironically, confiscated funds from drug busts and money laundering arrests paid for "Desert Snow," an advanced highway criminal interdiction training program based in Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

District Attorneys Richard Roach of Pampa and Stuart Messer of Clarendon contributed forfeited funds to bring the highly acclaimed training to Pampa.

"We both contributed to make (the training) possible," Roach said, "but it was (Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper) Jason Henderson who was the driving force behind this."

Henderson, based in McLean, has been instrumental in numerous arrests involving large amounts of illegal drugs and money, most discovered during routine traffic stops along Interstate 40.

Henderson attributes his success to using techniques he learned during a Desert Snow training he attended in 1996.

Joe David, a former California Highway Patrol officer, developed the training program in 1989. Since that time, he's trained approximately 28,000 law enforcement officers from the U.S., Canada, Norway, South America and South Africa.

The name Desert Snow, David explained, came from living and working in the desert as a CHIP officer and the street name for cocaine. The training resulted from what he had learned during his

(See **DESERT SNOW**, Page 13)

LOCAL

Four dead in house explosion in El Paso

EL PASO (AP) — Three children and their father have died in a house explosion that injured a fourth child and two other adults in this far West Texas city.

The blast late Friday triggered a fire and caved in the roof of the house, where one woman was rescued.

Victims have not yet been identified. The dead were listed as children aged ages 4, 6 and 12, along with their father, said fire officials.

They said an 8-year-old boy was to be sent to Lubbock for specialized burn treatment. A 35-year-old woman and a 55-year-old woman were admitted to Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso with first-, second- and third-degree burns.

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Homicide victim's burial on county's next agenda

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Burial expenses for an unidentified homicide victim found in Gray County last Oct. 16 are on the agenda for the next Gray County commissioners meeting slated at 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2 in the county courtroom at the courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

County policy for burials of indigents, unidentified persons and others to be buried at county expense is to pay for cremation, said Gray County Judge Richard Peet. However, since the woman found Oct. 16 is a victim of homicide and is unidentified, investigators have asked that her remains not be cremated, Peet said. Commissioners will consider embalming and interment of the woman at county expense.

County costs for a cremation are $500, while embalming and interment costs $1,200 to $1,300, Peet said.

Other items on the agenda are:

- Inter-local cooperation agreement for 2004-05 with the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force.
- Participation in the County Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Reimburse county attorney for training.
- Security service contract for White Deer Land Museum.
- White Deer Land Museum elevator discrepancies.
- Outside audit of budget year 2003 by Doshier, Pickens and Francis.
- Road crossing on County Road I.
- Use of bull barn for the Collegiate Rodeo, April 8-10, rent-free.
- Tax bid on property at 606 Main in McLean.

Panel details series of pre-911 missteps

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's long been known that U.S. authorities had opportunities to stop at least some of the Sept. 11 hijackers. Now the extent of the government's failures is coming to light.

At a two-day hearing this week, the federal commission investigating the attacks revealed U.S. authorities had numerous opportunities to stop the hijackers, including many face-to-face encounters.

The missteps included miscommunications about al-Qaida operatives dating back to the mid-1990s, hijackers who were allowed to repeatedly enter the United States even with false or the wrong visa papers, and missed chances to stop suspects at airport security checkpoints despite warning signs.

"We were asleep. Opportunities were lost," said former New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean, a Republican who chairs the bipartisan National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. "The hijackers analyzed our system and developed a plan they felt sure would beat it in every case, and 19 out of 19 succeeded."

Congress established the commission to study the nation's preparedness before Sept. 11, 2001, its response to the attacks, and to recommend ways to prevent such disasters.

The errors documented by the commission date back to just after the 1993 World Trade Center bombings and continued until the fateful day in 2001. The panel found airline security stopped nine of the 19 hijackers on the day of the attacks but let them go.

All five of the hijackers on American Airlines Flight 77 at Dulles International Airport outside Washington were flagged as security risks. All that was required then was that their checked bags be searched for explosives. None was found, so they were allowed to board.

Three of them also had carry-ons that set off alarms on X-ray belts. However, despite one or two additional checks, they successfully got on the plane with pocket knives and box cutters. That plane crashed into the Pentagon.

Three of the five hijackers on American Airlines Flight 11 from Logan International Airport in Boston, as well as one hijacker on United Airlines Flight 93 from Newark International Airport in New Jersey, also were stopped as potential security risks. But they were allowed to board after their baggage tested negative for explosives.

The panel also found FBI and CIA officials did not share knowledge about al-Qaida or played down that information with customs, immigration and FAA officials.

Consequently, some of the hijackers escaped capture despite questioning by customs officials after they submitted improper visa forms or acted suspiciously. The commission said if military intelligence were shared about al-Qaida and their tendency to travel on Saudi passports, authorities would have known to stop them.

Kerry pushing his advantage

By MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Hoping to cement his frontrunner status in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, John Kerry is campaigning for the biggest prize available Tuesday, armed with fresh labor backing but increasingly the target of rivals.

Howard Dean, his own campaign jolted by stunning early losses and sagging polls, stepped up his criticism of Kerry, arguing that the Massachusetts senator's public record is lacking in accomplishments. It was a theme he launched in campaign debate this past week.

Democrats, Dean argued, should pick "a doer not a talker" to face off against President Bush, a theme echoed by retired Gen. Wesley Clark, who argued that Kerry is little more than a traditional politician who says whatever's necessary to get elected.

"We're not going to beat George W. Bush with old-style, fudge-it-up politics," Clark said.

Kerry's campaign dismissed the criticism as coming from candidates who are watching the nomination slip away from them. Ignoring his rivals, Kerry was focusing his fire on Bush, and mixing his criticism of Bush with a call for Democrats to stump "in the best spirit of hope and optimism."

"We can stand up and lead America to a stronger, safer world," Kerry told a cheering union-hall crowd in Wilmington, Del.

He has vowed to campaign in all seven states holding primaries and caucuses on Tuesday, and he flew into Kansas City for his second swing through Missouri, the biggest prize with 74 pledged delegates at stake.

From there, Kerry was heading to Oklahoma, then to North Dakota for a rally today. He wraps up the campaign swing in New Mexico and Arizona as the week opens. Campaign strategists were still deciding where to spend election night, a key symbolic decision based largely on their thinking of how things will turn out at the polls.

Polls have found Kerry with a commanding lead in Missouri, Arizona and North Dakota, representing 143 of the 269 delegates at stake. Polling shows him competitive in South Carolina and Oklahoma, and party leaders give him the edge in New Mexico and Delaware.

Kerry's goal was clear, running the table with a sweep Tuesday that would likely knock Clark and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards from the race. He then points to caucuses in Michigan next Saturday to score a knockout against the floundering Dean campaign.

Clearly aware of the pressure, those rivals were sharpening their assaults on Kerry.

"If Senator Kerry had accomplished anything in health care, he ought to be able to explain to the people of South Carolina how come there are so many uninsured kids here and there aren't any in my state," said Dean, a former governor of Vermont.

Kerry spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter responded: "If Howard Dean wants to talk about records of accomplishment, then he has some explaining to do about balancing the Vermont budget on the backs of the poor, not taking action to better secure a nuclear power plant in the wake of Sept. 11 and throwing 400 family farms out of business."

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POLICE

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

Friday, Jan. 30

Antonio Mario Shorter, 17, 837 E. Campbell, was arrested for possession of marijuana over 4-ounces and under 5-pounds in a drug free zone.

Troy Allen Fisher, 39, 519 Roberta, was arrested for public intoxication.

Rebecca Aronce, 17, of Amarillo, was arrested for driving under the influence-minor.

Saul Manuel Salcido, 20, 420 Warren, was arrested for public intoxication and for minor in possession of alcohol.

Kimberly Elaine Mojica, 22, 1216 E. Francis, was arrested for public intoxication and for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Michael Robert Carver, 18, 1031 N. Sumner, was arrested for public intoxication and for minor in possession.

George Enrique Sanchez, 19, 832 Scott, was arrested for public intoxication and for minor in possession.

Charles Franklin Mejia, 18, 1805 Williston, was arrested for public intoxication, for minor in possession and for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Saturday, Jan. 31

Alfred H. Henderson, 34, 539 Somerville #8, was arrested for public intoxication.

SHERIFF

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

Friday, Jan. 30

Edman Gregory Harden, 35, 1700 Duncan, was arrested for violation of a protective order.

Donna Minyard, 52, 1124 Finley, was arrested for violation of probation on forgery.

FIRE

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

Friday, Jan. 30

4:41 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a gas leak between Gray 4 and 5. Fire had ignited residue in line, fire officials said. The fire was extinguished and the line plugged off.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Thursday, Jan. 29

10:30 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Browning and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:43 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:04 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

WEATHER FOCUS

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The forecast for today is calling for cloudy skies, a 50 percent chance of snow, highs in the lower 30s and east winds 10 to 15 mph, shifting to the north 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Night should fall on cloudy skies with a slight chance of snow after midnight, lows in the lower 20s and northwest winds 20 to 25 mph. The chance of snow is forecast as 40 percent. Monday should see partly cloudy skies. Breezy. Highs in the lower 30s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Highs in the upper 30s. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of snow in the evening. Lows in the mid 20s. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 30s. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

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Judge orders DNA test in defamation lawsuit

HOUSTON (AP) — A DNA test has been ordered by a judge to determine whether President Bush's brother, Neil Bush, fathered a child with another woman while he was married to Sharon Bush.

She had requested the tests to defend herself against a defamation lawsuit stemming from the tangled relationship between the Bushes and another Houston couple, Robert and Maria Andrews. The DNA testing was ordered by the court on Friday.

Bush's wife of 23 years testified during the couple's contentious divorce, which became final in April, that she heard rumors that her husband had an affair with Maria Andrews and is the father of her 3-year-old son, Thomas Alexander Andrews.

The Andrewses' 14-year marriage ended in 2002. Robert Andrews sued Sharon Bush for defamation in September, saying he is the boy's father. Andrews demanded at least $850,000 in damages, the amount Sharon Bush paid to buy the Memorial-area home in which she had lived with Neil Bush.

New Medicare cost projections pivotal issue this election year

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The much larger projected cost of the new Medicare law is giving an even more prominent place to an issue both parties already planned to highlight this election year.

Democrats said the dramatically increased estimate — from $395 billion to $534 billion over 10 years — adds to a mountain of evidence that the law needs to be changed, even before much of it has gone into effect.

Principal among their proposals is repealing the law's provision that bars the government from negotiating drug prices with manufacturers when seniors begin receiving Medicare prescription drug benefits in 2006.

"We must address the out-of-control cost of prescription drugs. If Republicans continue to defend the drug companies and the insurance industry, the cost of the bill will only increase," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said Friday.

Republicans have said any changes to the law are unlikely this year as they have laid claim to an issue Democrats have long dominated. President Bush, who defended the increased projections Friday, has said repeatedly in recent weeks that he will veto any efforts to change the Medicare law.

Allowing the government to negotiate drug prices got a boost Friday from Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the Senate Appropriations health subcommittee. "That provision, for example, is going to be revisited — that could bring down the cost of prescription drugs very, very materially," he said.

The increased cost estimate is the latest in a series of bumps for the administration and congressional Republicans since the legislation won congressional approval two months ago.

Opponents of the bill have been troubled by the revelation that Tom Scully, the former top Medicare official, worked on the legislation while being courted by various law firms. Scully, who later took a job at Atlanta-based Alston & Bird's health care group, had a waiver from his agency's top ethics official to work on the bill.

The White House announced a change in the ethics policy following Scully's departure, saying the administration and not individual Cabinet departments would decide when to grant ethics waivers in the future.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., who was deeply involved in drafting the bill as chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, is reportedly being considered for a top lobbyist's job with the pharmaceutical industry.

Referring to Tauzin, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California said: "Seniors who are wondering why pharmaceutical companies made out so well in this bill need only look at this example of abuse of power and conflict of interest."

Spokesman Ken Johnson replied that Tauzin has received no formal job offer and made no decision about leaving Congress.

Democrats also have criticized more than $1 billion in increased payments to managed care plans that begin this year, while seniors won't have drug insurance through Medicare until 2006.

Several conservative Republicans said that had the higher numbers been known before final and narrow congressional approval, the bill might have been defeated.

"It would have been much more difficult to vote for it," said Rep. Mac Collins, R-Ga., who supported the law. "It may have been a chance of it totally failing."

The House approved the Medicare overhaul, with its prescription drug benefit for older and disabled Americans, by a 220-215 vote, after a middle-of-the night, three-hour roll call during which GOP leaders pressed reluctant lawmakers to support the legislation. Roll call votes typically last 15 minutes.

Other lawmakers, though, said the administration's estimate of the cost, while higher than $400 billion, was not necessarily any more accurate than the $395 billion figure provided by the Congressional Budget Office and relied on by the White House and top Republican lawmakers.

The CBO estimate remains below $400 billion, said Rep. David Vitter, R-La., one of nine Republicans who voted for the legislation after listing their conditions for support, including a price tag of no more than $400 billion.

While administration officials have not explained the difference in their estimate, several analysts said it probably results from differing assumptions about how many older Americans would join managed-care plans.

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Entomologist shares expertise overseas

Pendleton's research is aimed at developing better insect pest-management strategies utilizing biological and cultural practices such as conservation of natural enemies, use of plant resistance, tillage and botanical insecticides.

CANYON — Access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food is a primary problem for almost a billion chronically undernourished people worldwide. This is especially true in developing countries of semi-arid regions, where sorghum and millet, two important cereal grains, can make the difference between food security and famine.

That is what prompted Dr. Bonnie Pendleton, an assistant professor of agriculture, an entomologist and a sorghum expert at West Texas A&M University, to author "Sustainable Management of Insect Pests in Africa and the United States." Her proposal was selected in 2002 to receive $315,000 in multi-year funding from INTSORMIL.

Two years later, Pendleton continues as one of only two entomologists in the United States to participate in INTSORMIL — the International Sorghum and Millet Collaborative Research Support Program.

INTSORMIL, funded through the United States Agency for International Development, was begun in 1979 and includes the participation of seven universities, including WTAMU, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is a research program focused on education, mentoring and collaboration with host-country scientists in developing new technologies to improve sorghum and pearl millet production and utilization worldwide.

Now more than 150 scientists from all over the world are involved with INTSORMIL. Eighteen are from the U.S.

Pendleton is the entomologist from the U.S. who assists and advises sorghum and millet scientists in Africa. She currently has collaborative research and education programs with scientists from Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal, South Africa and the United States.

"Sorghum is very drought tolerant, which makes it well suited for harsh environments," Pendleton said. "It is the fifth-most important cereal crop in the world and the second-most produced cereal grain in Texas, but systems, especially in Africa, need to be put in place that are more environmentally friendly and sustainable. That is what we are trying to help them do."

Pendleton's research is aimed at developing better insect pest-management strategies utilizing biological and cultural practices such as conservation of natural enemies, use of plant resistance, tillage and botanical insecticides. She hopes scientific collaborations supported by INTSORMIL will improve yields, nutritional values and economic returns from sorghum- and pearl millet-based cropping systems.

"It is difficult to witness the effects of famine and poverty," said Pendleton, who in the past two years has made six trips to visit 13 countries in eastern, western and southern Africa. "As an entomologist, I'm concerned with developing management strategies against insect pests. I'm concerned with educating farmers, consultants and students in how to use integrated pest management and cropping systems approaches for sustainable management of insects."

Her various collaborative efforts already have paid dividends: sorghums resistant to aphids and sorghum midge have been developed; resistant sorghum and greenbugs are being analyzed molecularly; more precise environmental conditions have been found for evaluating sorghums for resistance to greenbugs; and more environmentally friendly botanical insecticides have been evaluated to manage panicle-feeding bugs and beetles of stored grain in West Africa.

Dr. Flavius Killebrew, provost and vice president for academic affairs at WTAMU, is on the INTSORMIL Board of Directors. He said Pendleton is getting a rare chance to make a difference in countries often hard-pressed to feed their own.

"Dr. Pendleton is collaborating with scientists in parts of the world that need to have highly productive crops to feed growing populations," Killebrew said. "Only a small group of people have this kind of opportunity. It is very important research that she is doing."

Pendleton recently was elected to serve as the entomology/plant pathology representative on INTSORMIL's Technical Committee.

Also during the past two years, Pendleton has chaired the graduate advisory committees of six WTAMU students sponsored by INTSORMIL. Presently, Fernando Chitio of Mozambique and Tiecoura Traore of Mali are performing master's degree research under Pendleton's supervision.

Three more INTSORMIL-sponsored African scientists are scheduled to enroll in graduate studies at WTAMU in the next few months, she said.

"We will continue to focus on understanding the biology, ecology and population dynamics of insects," Pendleton said. "We will assess insect-plant interactions and develop management strategies against insect pests. I know that we can because the scientists with whom I collaborate are brilliant and dedicated people."

Budding Young Scientist

(Courtesy photo)

Travis Elementary recently conducted a school Science Fair in which the Budding Young Scientist Award went to Alex Collins.

TAAS: Second quarter wheat stocks down

AUSTIN — According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the second-quarter wheat stocks for Texas were down 25 percent from last year. Stocks in all positions on Dec. 1 totaled 69.2 million bushels. The on-farm wheat storage, at 1.8 million bushels, was down from the 2.0 million bushels stored on farms a year ago. Off-farm wheat stocks, at 67.4 million bushels, accounted for 97 percent of all wheat stocks.

All sorghum stocks in all positions for Texas totaled 34.0 million cwt on Dec. 1, up 8 percent from the previous year. On-farm stocks totaled 2.8 million cwt compared to the same amount a year ago. Off-farm sorghum stocks, at 31.2 million cwt, accounted for 92 percent of all sorghum stocks.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on Dec. 1, 2003, totaled 7.94 billion bushels, up 4 percent from Dec. 1, 2002. All wheat stocks in all positions on Dec. 1, totaled 1.52 billion bushels, up 15 percent from a year ago. Grain sorghum in all positions totaled 131 million cwt, up 1 percent from Dec. 1, 2002.Soybeans stored in all positions on Dec. 1, 2003, totaled 1.69 billion bushels, down 20 percent from Dec. 1, 2002. Oats in all positions totaled 119 million bushels, up 15 percent from the previous December.

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TEXAS EDITORIAL

Iraqi women take step back

From the Jan. 25 Houston Chronicle:

The suffering of the Iraqi people during Saddam Hussein's regime was piteous. Men, women and children lived under threat of torture, imprisonment and death. After a decree by the Iraqi Governing Council putting family matters under the jurisdiction of religious clerics, the hardships in Iraq could become much more specific to women.

Even under Saddam, issues involving divorce, child custody, inheritance and other family law matters were the province of secular civil courts, which gave Iraqi women something of a level footing with men in many of their most important legal dealings. With the governing council's recent adoption of the religious code known as Sharia law for family matters, women stand to have their status lowered to that of second-class citizens in what is supposed to be a new Iraqi democracy.

Under Sharia law, men are allowed multiple wives and the right to divorce by simple declaration. Women stand to lose the right to custody of their children in divorce and the right to inherit property.

It's hard to imagine that Paul Bremer, the top U.S. administrator in Iraq, would even allow consideration of a measure that would do away with a four-decade-old progressive secular family law code — one of the most modern in the Arab world, according to many accounts — in favor of a Sharia-based system that would abrogate women's marital and property rights.

In other places, such as in parts of Nigeria and Sudan, where Sharia law has replaced the civil legal code, women who have been raped or borne a child out of wedlock have been tried for adultery and sentenced to death by stoning. Surely U.S. military personnel have not risked their lives to remove an oppressive dictator, nor have American taxpayers been paying to rebuild a crumbling nation, only to create a biased justice system and a lopsided democracy that would leave more than 50 percent of the Iraqi population in many ways worse off than before.

By all means, give Islam an important role to play in this predominantly Muslim nation, but don't do it at the expense of Iraqi women.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2004. There are 334 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One year ago, on Feb. 1, 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven crew members: Cmdr. Rick Husband; pilot William McCool; payload Cmdr. Michael Anderson; Indian-born engineer Kalpana Chawla; David Brown; Laurel Clark; and Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli in space.

On this date:

In 1861, Texas voted to secede from the Union.

In 1893, inventor Thomas A. Edison completed work on the world's first motion picture studio, his "Black Maria," in West Orange, N.J.

In 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence.

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Race ain't over until it's over

DICK MORRIS
COLUMNIST

Most analyses of the New Hampshire results miss the point. In fact, the Democratic nomination probably won't be decided by a contest in which John Kerry beats Howard Dean and never really has to come to terms with also-rans like John Edwards and Wesley Clark.

Only the liberal wing of the Democratic Party has reached a conclusion in its designation of Kerry as their finalist for the nomination. There is still a big opening for a moderate candidate such Edwards or Clark.

Remember, the one-two finishers in New Hampshire were favorite sons from next-door states: Massachusetts' Kerry and Vermont's Dean. It was quite natural that they'd draw two-thirds of the votes, especially considering the amount of time each has spent in that state. But it doesn't mean the nomination is over or that a liberal will necessarily win.

Democrats held two primaries on Tuesday in New Hampshire. In the liberal contest, Kerry bested Dean by a sufficient margin to endanger the ex-governor's candidacy. But the moderate primary was essentially a three-way tie – Edwards and Clark at 12 percent each, with Joe Lieberman only slightly behind at 9 percent.

The race will not remain a Kerry-Dean contest, but will evolve, as it always does, into one between one liberal (likely Kerry) and one moderate.

The next round on Tuesday favors the moderates as we move south to South Carolina, Missouri, Delaware, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and North Dakota.

Media is pretty cheap in these states, so all five candidates should be able to make their presence felt, but it is the three moderates who will find this round crucial as they try to put the ambiguity of the New Hampshire result behind them and annoint a clear centrist candidate to battle Kerry in the big-state March 2 contests - New York, California, Texas and Ohio.

Iowa and New Hampshire classically weed out the field and nominate a representative from the left to battle one from the center for the nomination: In 1976, Carter emerged as the moderate and Rep. Morris Udall as the liberal. In '84, it became Gary Hart vs. Walter Mondale; in '88, Michael Dukakis vs. Al Gore. In 1992, Bill Clinton represented the center, Jerry Brown, the left.

But this year, Lieberman and Clark refused to enter Iowa, limiting the center's ability to sift through the candidates and anoint a moderate to challenge the party's left. With Dean's early surge and Kerry's dramatic comeback, there was little time or attention for the centrists to attract notice. Without a strong centrist candidate, and with all the attention on the Kerry-Dean drama, the New Hampshire independents and moderates were drowned out.

But even in the Democratic primaries, the Feb. 3 states are moderate to conservative. There, the centrists will weigh in and shake out the Clark-Edwards-Lieberman field.

To assume the nominating process is basically over this early is to misunderstand its nature. Until a liberal beats a moderate (or vice-versa), the primaries have a long, long way to go.

The left's mobilization in the primaries so far, out of intense concern over the war in Iraq, has led many to ignore the Democratic Party's vast centrist base. Especially in states where independents can vote, its impact can be big.

Now that Kerry is alone at the top as the frontrunner, he'll start getting the bulk of the criticism and media scrutiny. As he comes to be seen as the reincarnation of Ted Kennedy and Mike Dukakis (he and Kennedy share Bob Shrum as their common media man), the center will grope for an alternative. Then the process will really get under way.

Because of the truncated nature of this year's political calendar, it will all happen quickly.

But stay tuned, it will happen.

Teach children financial discipline

JIM DAVIDSON
COLUMNIST

At one time or another, can you remember hearing some parent say, "My kids think that money grows on trees?"

If you have never heard this, loosely translated it means that some children think there is an unending supply of money and for whatever they think they need or want, their parents should have enough to buy it for them.

When I was growing up, my parents were good, honest people, but we didn't have a lot of money. We certainly were not destitute and had plenty to eat, a warm place to live and decent clothes to wear, but beyond this, at times things were pretty "lean." To be honest, I guess the thing that has motivated me more than anything else is that I saw so many of the other kids in our small town who had so much more than I did.

One year during the summer, when I had just finished the seventh grade, I remember chopping cotton for four 10-hour days, for $4 per day. When I got paid 16 crisp one-dollar bills, I thought I was rich. Of course, in some circles today that $16 won't even buy a good steak. This experience helped to shape my values and I truly believe the only way to appreciate the value of money is to earn it. When a young person earns their money by the sweat of their brow they not only know its value, the chances are much better that they will spend it wisely and may even save part of it.

What I'm saying that may be of interest to you, especially if you have children or grandchildren you are rearing, is that most of our financial habits are learned while we are young. Trying to teach a 16-year-old financial responsibility is a little late. It's not impossible, but it's much easier when they are younger. To my way of thinking, one of the greatest problems we have in America today is parents who give their children too much money and material things without them having to earn it. Just think of all the divorces that come about because one or both of the marriage partners never learned the value of money or how to manage it.

A father had an 11-year-old son who always wanted to borrow money, in addition to what he was being paid for doing assigned chores and odd jobs. So the father said, "What will you give me as collateral on a $35 loan?" The father explained what the word "collateral" meant and the son said he had a skateboard and a stereo set that he would give him to keep until the loan was repaid. Over the coming weeks a few payments were made on time, then one day he missed a payment, so the father sold his skateboard. Later when the son missed another payment, the father sold his stereo set. Quite naturally this made the son very unhappy, but the father reported that this son never asked to borrow money again. You may think this was cruel, but just try to keep in mind that quite often the best lessons in life are learned the hard way. Ten years later this same son said, "Dad, there is just no way you will ever know how much I appreciate what you have done for me in regards to managing my finances."

When we have lots of money, it's the easiest thing on earth to give, because there are few who will refuse it. From my heart to yours, if you really want to do something special for your children and grandchildren that has lasting value, teach them to work, save and invest a percentage of their money. Few are they that learn this, but it's a great lesson.

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Austin Elementary Honor Roll

Austin Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the third six-weeks grading period of the 2003-04 school year.

SECOND GRADE

A Honor Roll. Fernando Castillo, Paul Cuellar, Tre Dildy, Bailey Dixon, Kaylie Evans, Brandon Gage, Taylor Giles, Trae Hannon, Josh Hernandez, Chance Hoover, Hunter Hughes, Madison Joyce, Allison Leigh, Casey Martindale, Klay Miller, Freddy Mora, Taylin Neff, Kiersten Newton, Cager Osborne, Michael Parnell, Korbin Ramirez, Jacob Sexton, Kelly Silva, Taylor Smith, Emily Terry, Bailey Wichert.

AB Honor Roll. Courtney Baker, Destry Baten, Damon Campbell, Jessie Dixon, Mattie Eldridge, Alexa O'Brien, Ashlyn Paronto.

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll. Patterson Alvey, Rachel Andrews, Cole Buck, Bethany Casas, Jonathan Cox, Ryne Davis, Robin Doan, Caleb Dunham, Kate Ellis, Madison Fatheree, Riddhi Jani, Rachel Jones, Tamra Klusmeyer, Michael Landsverk, Taylor Morgan, Nicholas Nelson, Arin Rice, Jacee Smith, Ryan Smith, Austin Starbuck, James Thompson, Adam Williams.

AB Honor Roll. Jocelyn Brady, Andrew Brown, Sydney Hoelting, Cameron McDonald, Kassidy Winegeart.

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll. Libby Aler, Shawn Armstrong, Talor Bowen, Lindsey Brown, Brendon Burrell, Jessica Butler, Sam Cain, Ellen Cambern, Magely Cerda, Autumn Chidester, Delaney Clendenning, Heather Coffee, Latigo Collins, Cole Engle, Callie Hampton, Zac Hernandez, Austin Hinkle.

Bree Howard, Harley Jacobs, Logan Karbo, Kirsten Kuhn, Shannon Leigh, David Lister, Matthew O'Rear, Ryan Pearson, Landon Powell, Kaitlynn Ramirez, Karami Rice, Caitlin Sieck, Elizabeth Terry, Nate Towry, Kailyn Troxell, Jessica Zellefrow, Justin Carlo Zeta.

AB Honor Roll. Treyci Carroll, Taylor Kennedy, K'Lyn King, Ty Linder, Kara Stabel.

FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll. Payton Alvey, Emily Barrett, Olin Boyd, Kim Bronaugh, Karina Cabrales, Nicholas Collins, Haley Copeland, Katie Dunham, Brenna Ellison, Garrett Ericson, Chase Ferguson, Holly Gage, Lynsie Guyer, Dwight Hamlin.

Ashlee Holland, Paige Holt, Jackie Karson, Brandy McCoy, Evan McElwain, Trevor McVay, Jonathan Polasek, Tyler Rabel, Brenden Rice, Garrett Sewell, Hannah Smith, Cameron Wall, Danielle Zuniga.

AB Honor Roll. Hudson Bentley, Cori Cook, Erika Dodge, Callie Folmar, Natosha Hayes, Matt Kelley, Dillon Kyle, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Koby Starnes.

Lamar Elementary Honor Roll

Lamar Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the third six-weeks grading period of the 2003-04 school year.

A HONOR ROLL

Second Grade. Irasema Madrid, Alex Marrufo, Cory Ponce, Rodolfo Ramirez, Gatlin Taylor, Deysy Vasaquez, Daniela Vizcaino.

Third Grade. Eddie Castillo, Tracy Winter.

Fourth Grade. Brandon Cox, Dakota Davis, Danny Estep, Angelica Lopez, Sarai Soria.

Fifth Grade. Mercedes Cota.

AB HONOR ROLL

Second Grade. Samuel Cervantes, Macy Cochran, Jonathan Fogle, Makayla Gonzales, Ruben Granillo, Mark Harris, Katie Hulsey, Jose Lopez, Angel Mcbee, Miguel Murgado, Roy Nelson, Michelle Rivera, Kirsti Winegeart.

Third Grade. Bianca Apodaca, Sarah Basden, Calli Brewer, Valeria Chavez, Abigail Jones, Jessica Kenney, Marcos Leyvas, Diamond Marrufo, Itzayana Miranda, Raquel Ramirez, Adrian Ramos, Bobby Ream, Mariela Resendiz, Nicholes Rodriguez, Daisy Silva, Julia Soto, Sierra Williams.

Fourth Grade. Kayla Brown, Andra Cortez, Khale Guthrie, Jose Granados, Aaron Lopez, Antonio Mendoza, Michael Rossiter, Isaac Silva, Iris Wheat, Danielle Williams.

Fifth Grade. Reba Bailey, Lance Bookout, Orlando Castillo, Daniela Dominguez, Aubrei Dowdy, Elizabeth Harris, Bianca Hernandez, Ramon Jimenez, Jesse Perkins, Angela Rendon, Adrian Rivera, Miguel Tapia, Ryan Weeden.

Grandview-Hopkins Honor Roll

Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District recently announced its honor roll for the third six-weeks grading period of the 2003-04 school year.

A HONOR ROLL

First Grade. Shauntae Foster.

Third Grade. Claire Hopkins.

Fourth Grade. Hilary Zedlitz, Amber Harris.

Sixth Grade. Robert Ponce, Zachery Ponce, Cody Schiffman.

AB HONOR ROLL

First Grade. Jelsie Rose.

Second Grade. Ashton Standerfer.

Third Grade. Renee Baggerman, Alex Stevens.

Fourth Grade. Cheyene Adams, Ty Baggerman, Chelsey McCallum, Jazmine Rose, Chloe Zedlitz, Dakota Schiffman, Celby Snapp, Lyndi Whitson.

Fifth Grade. Reid Bradley.

People to People: Student ambassador with ties to Pampa to go to Australia

Todd Threet, grandson of Calvin and Rochelle Lacy of Pampa and great-grandson of the late Irl and Irene Smith, has been chosen to go to Australia this summer as a student ambassador with People to People, an organization founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 to promote international relations.

Eisenhower felt that if young people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, then eventually, so could nations. Every year since 1963 delegations have gone overseas to continue this peacekeeping endeavor.

Threet, a 17-year-old junior at Lubbock High School, will join approximately 30 other high school students from the West Texas area who have been selected for the program.

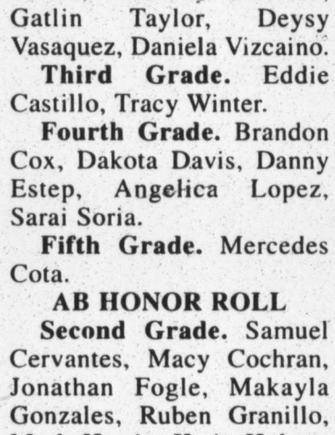
Students chosen for this honor must be nominated in order to receive an invitation. They then must receive recommendations from three adults (other than family members) to present at a personal interview with a delegation leader. They are chosen based on grades, community service, leadership ability, and their desire to learn about other cultures.

After being selected, students attend orientation meetings where they familiarize themselves with the history, geography, and political systems of both the United States and the country or continent they are visiting. They can also earn academic credit through this program.

Some of the places these students will get to visit are the Sydney Opera House, an Outback station and the Great Barrier Reef.

Each student must raise approximately $5,000 to cover expenses for the trip through fund-raising events and sponsors.

For more information, contact Gail Threet at gthreet@law.ttu.edu or call (806)742-3990, ext. 289. Checks may be made out to People to People Student Ambassador Program and sent to Todd Threet, 4614 - 39th St., Lubbock, TX 79414.



(Courtesy photo)
Todd Threet

Gray County SWD now accepting WQMP applications

Officials at the Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District are currently accepting applications for participation in the S.B. 503 Water Quality Management Plan and cost-share program for Fiscal Year 2004.

The purpose of WQMP is to encourage landowners or operators to erect soil and water conservation land improvement measures with the purpose of controlling erosion, conserving water and/or protecting water quality.

GCSWCD board of directors has set the cost-share rate for FY 2004 at 50 percent for eligible practices with a producer limit per tract of $5,300.

Eligible practices include the following: Brush management, diversions, ponds, fences, filter strips, grassed waterways, irrigation pipeline, microirrigation and sprinkler irrigation systems including Chemigation equipment, pasture and hayland planting, livestock pipeline, range planting, terraces, watering facilities and livestock water wells.

For more information, contact GCSWCD at 665-1751, ext. 102, or come by its office in the Gray County Annex Building, 12125 E. Frederic Ave., Suite B, in Pampa.

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Healthbeat: Family of 10 diseases mystifies

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — For all the worry mad cow disease is generating, it's just one in a family of 10 diseases discovered so far — five in animals, five in humans — that are arguably medicine's most mystifying maladies.

Most so-called prion diseases are incredibly rare in this country, although one has spread into deer and elk herds in at least 12 states, sparking concern about contaminated game meat.

Yet scientists can't answer the most basic questions about prions, even though learning how the rogue proteins cause sponge-like holes in brains could improve understanding of more common neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's.

Because they're not considered a big threat here, few U.S. scientists study prions. The National Institutes of Health spent $29.4 million on prion research last year; most goes to just two laboratories.

Europe, where mad cow disease devastated the beef industry in the 1990s, spends almost 10 times as much, says Dr. Richard T. Johnson of Johns Hopkins University, who led an exhaustive review of prion research for the Institute of Medicine.

Then there's tracking. The United States spends about a penny per person on surveillance for human versions including the classic Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease that hits 250 Americans a year and the "variant CJD" linked to mad cow-tainted beef, so far not found here.

Britain, where variant CJD first appeared, spends about a nickel per person on surveillance.

As for testing, Congress did designate a National Prion Research Project in 2002 to develop ways to diagnose prion diseases before the person or animal dies. But funding wasn't renewed for the Defense Department-run project last year. For now, 35 scientists are sharing $37 million in the hunt — even as the Institute of Medicine predicts it will take a major leap in innovation to find a better test.

Still, research grants aren't the chief obstacle to researching these "transmissible spongiform encephalopathies," or TSEs. Double the money today and scientists couldn't use it all, Johnson says, because too few laboratories can spend years waiting for the slow-growing diseases to sicken test animals — or safely handle highly infectious prions.

How infectious? Burning tainted animal tissue into ash doesn't destroy them. Chemical disinfectants don't work well, either. And prions cling to the glass and steel in operating rooms and labs where diseased brains must be cut for diagnosis and study.

Adding to the complexity, each TSE is somewhat different. Mad cows aren't considered contagious, for instance. But the nation's most common TSE, chronic wasting disease in deer and elk, is. Nobody's sure exactly how CWD spreads from animal to animal, but urine and saliva are top suspects.

"To be perfectly honest, I'm more worried about chronic wasting disease as a potential public health problem than mad cow," says Johnson. European scientists "shake their heads and say, 'Why aren't you Americans working on this, you're sitting on a powder keg.'"

TSEs arise when a protein the body normally harbors folds into an abnormal shape, setting off a chain reaction of misfolds that eventually leaves clumps of dead brain cells. There's no foreign invader for the immune system to catch and prions contain no genetic material, so standard ways to diagnose, treat and prevent disease so far don't work.

The TSE family includes:

—Scrapie, the sheep version, first described in the 18th century.

—Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, believed spread when cows ate feed contaminated initially with scrapie and then with BSE-tainted cow tissue. Such feed was outlawed here in 1997; the mad cow discovered last month in Washington state was born shortly before that ban.

—Classic CJD, a quickly fatal human dementia known for 80 years. Most cases are sporadic, their cause unknown; some are inherited; some are spread through infected surgical equipment, tissue transplants or hormones.

—Variant CJD, the different version linked to tainted beef.

—Other human forms include kuru, discovered in cannibals in Papua New Guinea; and fatal familial insomnia and Gerstmann-Straussler-Scheinker disease, both genetic.

—In animals, chronic wasting disease isn't known to spread to people but health experts advise against eating infected deer or elk.

—Mink and cats also get TSEs linked to infected feed.

The Institute of Medicine, at the Defense Department's request, recently recommended a range of prion research priorities — from intense study of chronic wasting disease's true threat to better surveillance in case completely new TSEs arise.

A major focus should be simply how prions work, the report stresses — because more common neurodegeneration, like Alzheimer's, occurs when other proteins run amok, too.

"What's interesting is the traffic of proteins," Johnson says. "It's a great biological question, and answering those questions may give us insights into big important diseases."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Lauran Neergaard covers health and medical issues for The Associated Press in Washington.

Synthetic snail venom combats cancer pain

CHICAGO (AP) — A synthetic form of sea snail venom can ease pain in cancer and AIDS victims who get no relief from morphine or other conventional painkillers, a study found.

Laboratory research has found evidence that the venom that the snails inject to immobilize their prey might have beneficial effects on some heart problems, strokes, central nervous system disorders and other ills.

The latest study involved the experimental drug ziconotide, a laboratory-made equivalent of a compound in the venom of the small Conus Magus cone snail, which lives in shallow tropical saltwater.

The infusions produced significant relief in patients whose pain did not respond to more conventional drugs such as morphine.

Side effects, including dizziness and confusion, were common but can be reduced by fine-tuning the drug dose, said co-author Dr. David Ellis, a medical director of Elan Pharmaceuticals, which makes ziconotide and helped fund the study.

"This is a new, promising kind of treatment," said Dr. Jerome Yates, vice president for research at the American Cancer Society. Yates, who was not involved in the study, said thousands of cancer patients suffer from intractable pain and might benefit from the new drug.

Elan is seeking federal approval for the drug, and one of the researchers said he expects it to become commercially available within the year.

The study appears in a recent issue of Journal of the American Medical Association. Medtronic, which makes infusion pumps for delivering painkillers, co-funded the study.

Seeking human uses for animals' defense mechanisms is not new. Other recent efforts include an experimental drug derived from snake venom that has shown promise in treating strokes.

The snail-venom research involved 111 patients ages 24 to 85 in the United States, Australia and the Netherlands. All were treated with a small, battery-operated pump implanted in their abdomens and attached to a catheter that delivered continuous medication or a dummy drug into fluid surrounding the spinal cord. Treatment lasted about 10 days; most patients were not hospitalized durlng that time.

The patients rated their pain. Pain relief was moderate to complete in 53 percent of ziconotide patients, compared with about 18 percent of the placebo group.

Serious side effects occurred in 22 ziconotide patients and four placebo patients. Subsequent research has shown that starting patients on lower doses reduces the risks, and many have remained on treatment for more than a year, Ellis said.

"This gives us another weapon to help deal with those patients who don't respond to the normal, conventional treatments," said Dr. Steven Charapata, a co-author and director of the Pain Institute at Research Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo.

CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK
by
Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

SPORTS BENCH SITTING CAN BE HARMFUL

In most sports, second-string players sit on the bench during much of the game. Such long periods of sitting and hunching over can cause low back pain by shifting the spinal ligaments and discs and reducing vertebrae stability.

Nine male volleyball players were measured for lower back stiffness before a warmup; after a 30-minute warm-up period; and again after 30 minutes of bench rest following the warm-up. Stiffness was measured for forward, side, and backward bends and twisting. On average, bench rest following warm-ups led to increased lower back stiffness as well as side and backyard bending.

Thus the common practice of sitting second-string athletes on the bench after warm-up exercises for prolonged periods and then later sending them into the game may increase the likelihood of spinal stiffness and back injury. Players should always continue moving to keep their muscles warm prior to play. Your Doctor of Chiropractic can provide you with more tips on preventing back problems.

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First United to sponsor stroke screening

First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, will host Stroke Prevention Plus/DFW, a mobile stroke screening program, at it's facilities froom 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 10 in Lively Hall located in the church basement.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the U.S., according to a Stroke Prevention Plus press release.

The company offers three screenings, the first of which is the carotid vascular screening, an ultrasound examination of the carotid arteries to visualize the build-up of plaque. The second screening offered is the abdominal aortic aneurysm screening, an ultrasound examination of the aorta.

The majority of individuals who have an aneurysm have no symptoms. The third screening uses Doppler technology to screen for build-up of plaque in the lower extremities. All screenings are confidential.

All screenings are interpreted by a radiologist and then returned to the individual by U.S. mail in about 14 business days. If an abnormal result is noted, a printout of the screening is sent to the individual along with a letter advising the person to contact their personal physician for further detailed examination. Stroke Prevention Plus does not refer patients nor permit physician interpreters to self-refer.

Individual screenings are $35 each or $95 for the full vascular profile. Call Stroke Prevention Plus at (800) 686-5572 to register for an appointment.

Caregivers Support Group to meet

Pampa Caregivers Support Group will meet Feb. 12 at Shepards Nursing, 918 N. Crest Road. The group will meet at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Shepards. Formerly Pampa Alzheimer's Support Group, the group has expanded to meet the needs of other patient caregivers.

Meetings are open to all caregivers including individuals providing care to persons suffering from such medical conditions as stroke, heart attack and Alzheimer's.

Caregivers may be a family member, a hired person or an employee of a nursing home or other similar facility. It is important that caregivers have an opportunity to share as well as to gain needed information on the duties they perform.

Each meeting lasts approximately an hour. Snacks are provided. The topic of February's program will be stress management.

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

PCCA

Pampa Community Concert Association's 2003-04 concert series includes the following programs: Lee and Suits Duo - 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 30, M.K. Brown Auditorium; "Guthrie in Dance and Music" - 3 p.m., Jan. 20, M.K. Brown Auditorium; "The Woods Tea Co." - Feb. 15, Heritage Room, M.K. Brown Auditorium; and Cantus - 7:30 p.m., April 26, Borger High School Auditorium. Memberships/tickets are available at the door. For more information on any of these events, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631.

TDHS VOLUNTEERS

Texas Department of Human Services is seeking volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest, capability and availability of openings. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863.

STAR CLASSES

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation's STAR program will offer the following classes in February at its location in Amarillo for area youth ages 7-17 – Anger Management and Stop Bullying. Anger Management will be conducted from 4-4:45 p.m. Feb. 3, 4, 10 and 11. Stop Bullying will be conducted from 4-4:45 p.m. Feb. 2, 5, 9 and 12. There is no fee for the sessions and transportation is available if requested in advance. For more information or to register, call (806) 359-2005.

DISCOVERY CENTER

The Don Harrington Discovery Center, 1200 Streit Dr., Amarillo, will host "Stuffee Shares Health Smiles," a 30-minute, interactive dental education program for children in pre-school through first grade, at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., on Feb. 17-20 and 23-27. Groups must make advanced reservations. Throughout February and March, the center will sponsor Frankie Fossil Funshops. The Funshops, led by Frankie Fossil, take a hands-on approach to educating children between the ages 5-12 about the Age of Dinosaurs. For more information about either of these programs, contact the center at (806) 355-9547, ext. 21.

VALENTINE CRAFT DAY

From 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, children are invited to a Valentine's Craft Day at Lovett Memorial Library. Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, will be in the library auditorium to help the children with their projects. The program is free, and the library will supply the materials. For more information or to sign-up for the program, call the library at 669-5780.

CAPROCK CANYONS

Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway will host the following events in February: 9 a.m., Feb. 7, North Prong Nature Hike; 9 a.m., Feb. 21, "Geology of Caprock Canyons State Park" (exploratory hike to observe geological formations, etc.); 6 p.m., Feb. 21, History of Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway (to include sunset in amphitheatre followed by slide show); and 9 a.m., Feb. 28, Winter Waterfowl (bring binoculars, bird guide if possible). For more information on any of these programs, call (806) 455-1492.

HOSPICE TRAINING

BSA Hospice will conduct "The Hospice Approach to Living and Dying," a volunteer training and community education class, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, Feb. 9 through March 4 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center. The program is offered free of charge to Pampa and the surrounding area and will be worth 2.4 CEUs. For more information or to register, call Janet McCracken at 665-6677 or toll-free at 1-800-658-6985.

CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Feb. 11, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

The University of Mobile's Center for Performing Arts will hold college scholarship auditions Friday, Feb. 13. The auditions are open to students interested in majoring in vocal or instrumental music at the university in the fall of 2004. Deadline to sign-up for auditions is Feb. 6. To receive an audition time call (251) 442-2320 or e-mail joyl@mail.umobile.edu. For more information, visit www.umobile.edu.

CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Several scholarship opportunities are currently available to area high school seniors through Top O' Texas CattleWomen. Applications for the $500 Pat Grote Memorial Scholarship are being accepted by the local chapter until Feb. 20. For an application, log on to www.texascattlewomen.org on the Internet. Also awarded will be one $500 scholarship and two $250 scholarships. Applications for these scholarships are due April 23 and may be obtained through your high school counselor. All scholarship applications must be returned to Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. For more information, contact Christner at (806) 826-3572.

GIRL SCOUT FUND-RAISER

Girl Scouts from the Five Star Girl Scout Council are currently selling cookies in the area through Feb. 22 at a cost of $3 per box. Available are Thin Mints, Caramel DeLites, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties, Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes, Animal Treasures and Pinatas with strawberries.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Feb. 4 and 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., Feb. 9, at City Hall, Canadian.

TREE ORDERS

Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for a variety of windbreak and wildlife tree seedlings and shrubs. In addition, the district is accepting orders for larger evergreens, hardwoods, and fruit and nut trees in 5-gallon, 10-gallon and 20-gallon sizes. The deadline to place an order with the GCSWCD is March 9. For more information or to obtain an order form, call 665-1751, ext. 102, or stop by the district office at 12125 E. Frederic, Gray County Annex Building.

AMARILLO QUILT SHOW

Amarillo Quilt Show is scheduled from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, March 19, and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 20 in the Regency Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. The event is being sponsored by Piecemakers Quilt Club, a member of National Quilting Association. Admission will be $3 for adults. For show information, call (806) 359-3315; for class information, call (806) 655-7401; and for quilt show entries, (806) 353-1164.

COLGATE YOUTH SERVICE CONTEST

Local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls Inc., Camp Fire and 4-H organizations are invited to enter their best community service projects in the 2000 "Colgate Youth for America" campaign. Cash grants of up to $2,000 will be awarded to the most creative and best executed projects from local clubs and troops. Local club and troop community service programs running between March 1, 2003, and March 1, 2004, are eligible for the contest. Entry forms are available through regional offices of the national organizations or by sending a SASE to: Colgate Youth for America Campaign, P.O. Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150-1058. Deadline for entry into this year's program is April 30, 2004. Forms are also available on-line at www.youthforamerica.com.

THEATRE SCHOOL

Circle in the Square Theatre School in New York will hold auditions on May 1 in Dallas as part of its Professional Two Year Workshops (both acting and musical) and its seven-week Summer Workshops (acting and musical). For more information, call (212) 307-0388; write: Admissions, Circle in the Square Theatre School, 1633 Broadway, New York, NY 10019-6795; or e-mail circleinthesquare@att.net. For a downloadable application, visit www.circlesquare.org on the World Wide Web.

WINE&CLAY FESTIVAL

Llano Estacado's Seventh Annual Wine & Clay Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13 at Llano Estacado Winery, 3.2 miles east of US87 on FM 1585. Demonstrations are planned throughout the day. Admission is free. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, and 12 noon-5 p.m., Sunday.

HOUSTON CRAFT SHOW

Houston Center for Contemporary Craft is seeking entries for "CraftHouston 2004: Texas" set for June 19 through Sept. 12 at the Craft Center. Postmark deadline for entries is April 1. Entry forms and application information for this juried event are available at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St., Houston, TX 77002; at www.crafthouston.org; or by calling (713) 529-4848, ext. 106, or e-mailing hccc@crafthouston.org.

USS SPERRY

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

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Under the present law, the position of Constable has to remain vacant for 7 years before the CountyCommissioners can abolish the office. I am not running to serve in the office but to abolish the office for the first 4 years of the 7 year period.

VOTE FOR MANNY HOLDEN TO ABOLISH CONSTABLE PCT. 2

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Edward Jones ranks in 'Fortune' magazine

For the sixth year in a row, the financial-services firm Edward Jones ranked high on "Fortune" magazine's list of the "100 Best Companies to Work For" in America. These rankings include top 10 finishes for the last five years and consecutive number one rankings in 2002 and 2003. This year, Edward Jones took the No. 4 spot.

In naming Edward Jones to the No. 4 spot, "Fortune's" editors say "this financial-services firm continues to grow, adding 1,500 employees in the past 12 months, including 578 new brokers and 695 new offices. Not one single layoff in 34 years."

The Fortune's "100 Best Companies to Work For" ranking is employee-driven, with two-thirds of the scoring based upon how randomly-selected employees respond to an anonymous survey designed to measure the quality of workplace culture. The remainder of the score is based on an in-depth analysis of company's benefits and practices.

"As an organization, we can be especially proud because this ranking, in large part, is the result of how associates view Edward Jones," Duane Harp, a local Edward Jones representative, said. "I believe the climate within our firm has a ripple effect on our clients and on the communities we serve. The firm values its associates and treats them with respect."

The ranking is the third important recognition the firm has received recently. For the 11th consecutive year, "Registered Representative" magazine rated Edward Jones No. 1 among the nation's leading brokerages in its anonymous survey of the firms' own brokers. And in Canada, the Globe and Mail's "Report on Business" magazine named Edward Jones one of the best places to work.

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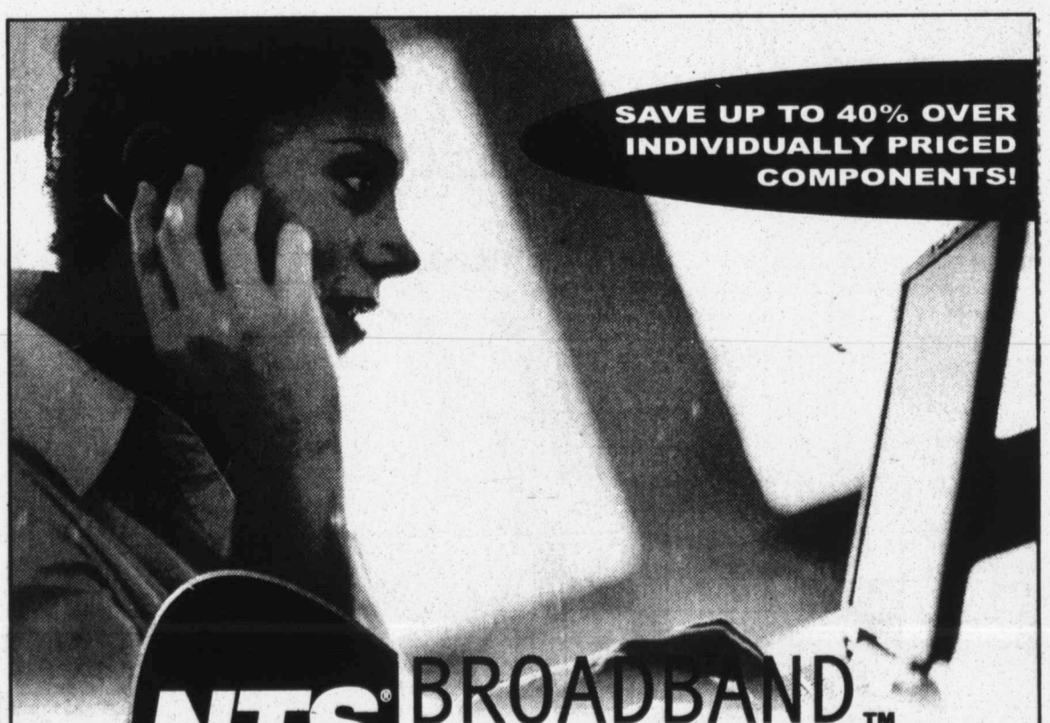

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Boyfriend's Mockery Is No Laughing Matter

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a man I'll call Ben for five months. He recently quit his job to go back to school full time (he's 29), and I support him financially. Things were fine until he started hanging out with some college kids who live next door to us.

When Ben and I are alone or around his adult friends, things are fine. But when he gets around these fellow students, which is often, Ben mocks me in front of them. For example, when I go next door to tell him dinner is ready, he'll start making fun of me in a really embarrassing and juvenile way.

I know it may be fun for him to relive his college days, but being made to look like a fool in front of his buddies is starting to wear thin.

I have discussed this with him. He insists that he's just playing around (even though I wind up in tears), and says that I'm too controlling, this is his only life, and he's only having fun.

Is this someth..ng he's going to grow out of?

TIRED OF BEING THE JOKE

DEAR TIRED: Not without help. What you're describing isn't immaturity; it's hostility. You say you are supporting him while he attends school full time. Perhaps the burden of gratitude has grown uncomfortably heavy, so he's taking it out on you and trying to make himself look less dependent in front of his schoolmates. He could also be using you. Regardless of his motive, he is showing disregard for your feelings. Put your foot down now or it will get worse.

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DEAR ABBY: My parents and my older brother, "Mike," cannot get along. To make matters worse, my sister-in-law, "Janice," is holding the children for ransom from my parents until they resolve their differences with Mike.

Abby, my parents have tried many times to reconcile, but it always blows up into a huge argument where nothing is resolved.

My sister and I feel stuck in the middle. Since my parents are denied their grandchildren, I feel guilty for having a relationship with my nieces and nephew.

They are all so stubborn, and it's tearing our family apart. What can I do?

STUCK IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR STUCK: Why should your nieces and nephew lose their aunts because of the inability of the parents and grandparents to make peace in the family? Please don't make your parents' problems your own. Forget the guilt and see the children.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband has been supporting a man for the last nine months. So far he has given him a house, a $6,000 truck and has paid all of his bills.

I went away for a week, and when I came back, I found this man in my house. What do I do?

WONDERING IN UTAH

DEAR WONDERING: First, ask your husband what his relationship is with this man, and why he is being so generous. Does he owe this person a debt? Are they lovers? If his answers don't satisfy you, consult a lawyer before all the assets are depleted.

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

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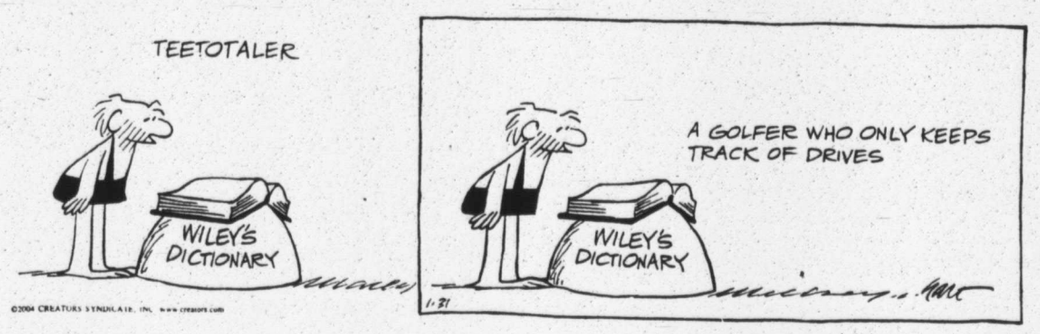

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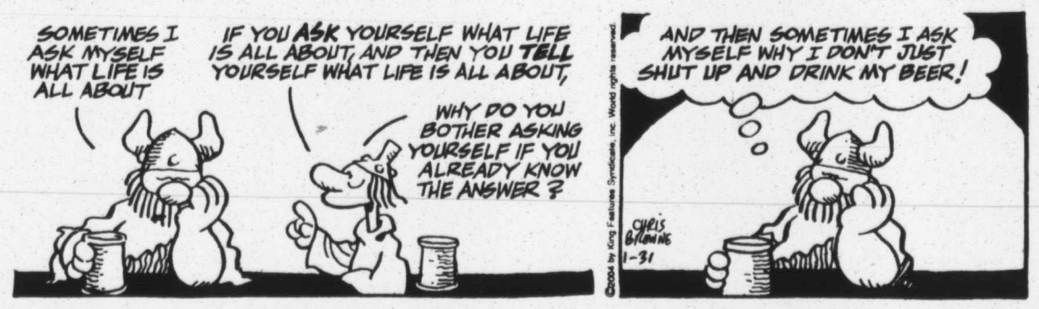

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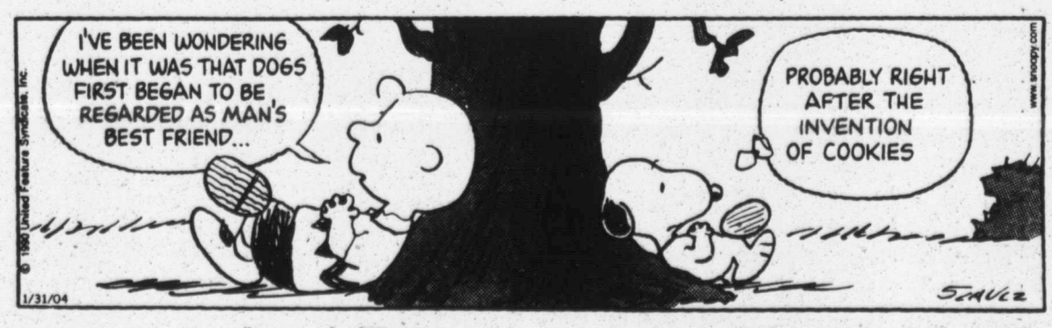

Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Yellow stone
6 Reagan nickname
11 Chilled
12 Verdi creation
13 Friend of Wendy
14 Gives a darn
15 Tries to pick up
17 Scoundrel
18 Fruity drink
19 Indicated
22 Road goo
23 Late bloomers
24 Famed fur tycoon
25 Calling
27 Trig function, for short
30 U2 guitarist
31 German cry
32 Humorist
33 Top-notch
35 Bumbling
38 Heart, for one
39 Fright
40 Without break
41 Mortise partner
42 Like forest rocks

DOWN
1 Astaire film
2 Lake of New York
3 Cherry-stoning device
4 Top cards
5 Like some budgets
6 Medico
7 — tree
8 Real brat
9 Floorboard sounds
10 Celerity
16 IRA, perhaps
20 Pantry
21 For every
24 Is for you?
25 Probability
26 Sea off Greece
27 Acts the sponge
28 Whale homes
29 Pub quaff
30 O. Henry specialty
34 Italian river
36 Expert
37 Decimal base

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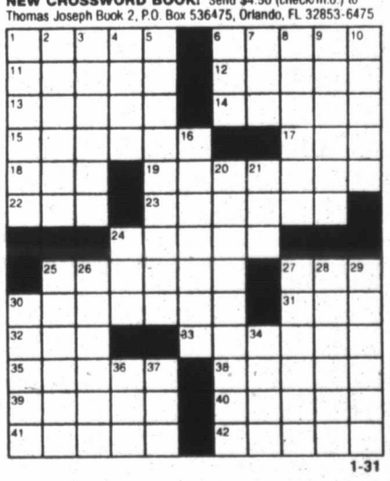

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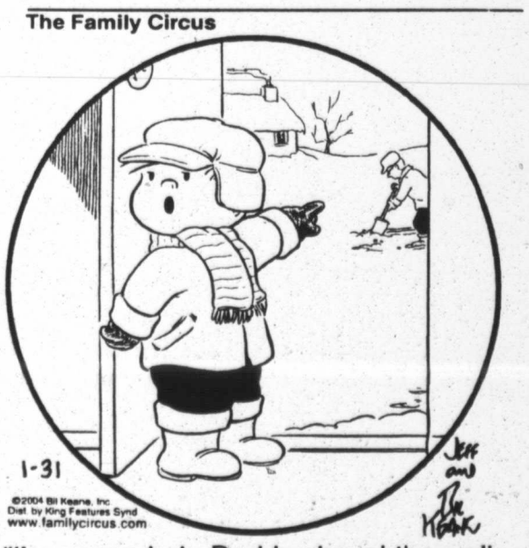
Marmaduke

"Marmaduke helped make this snowman."

The Family Circus



"I'm gonna help Daddy shovel the walk by cheering him on."

Flo & Friends

Blondie

CALENDAR ITEMS

EDUCATION, PSAs

Croatian Philatelic-Numismatic Society. The Croatian Philatelic-Numismatic Society is offering a sample copy of its quarterly stamp and coin journal, The Trumpeter. Collectors should send 45 in U.S. currency, mint U.S. postage stamps or five international reply coupons to: The Trumpeter, P.O. box 696, Fritch-at-Lake Meredith, TX 79036-0696. For more information, e-mail ou812@arn.net.

EMF. Educational Merit Foundation, a non-profit, Texas-based, student exchange organization, is seeking host families for high school students from Europe. For more information, call (972) 495-3868 or 1-800-467-8363.

FAN Booklet. The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C., is offering the following booklets, "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" and "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills." The first booklet includes information on how and where to get free and low-cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program. The second booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills. Consumers can obtain a copy of "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" by sending $5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network – Free & Low Cost Medical Care Booklet, Dept. MCB-0725, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. To get a copy of "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills" send $5 to: Financial Assistance Network – Government Help for Energy Bills, Dept. GHEB-1219, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. The information is also available at www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

Fear Not Foundation. The Fear Not Foundation offers free to the public Lee Crull's "Ten Golden Rules for Safety," a "kidnap-proof" set of guidelines to help children protect themselves from would-be predators. Crull is an elite ex-commando, former undercover agent, and professional bodyguard. For more information, send a business size SASE to: The Fear Not Foundation, P.O. Box 403, Syracuse, NY 13215; or go on-line to www.GoodForYouAmerica.com and click on The Fear Not Foundation to link to the "Ten Golden Rules."

FEI Booklet. The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., is offering the booklets "The 100 Most Popular Government Giveaway Programs" and "Directory of Micro Loan Sources." Consumers can obtain a copy by sending $5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, 100 Government Giveaways - Dept. 100GG-0110 or Micro Loan Sources - Dept. DMLS-0313, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, DC 20090-6071; by calling (202) 595-1031; or by visiting www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the World Wide Web.

FHRC Booklet. Family Health Research Council offers the booklets "Overcoming Depression and Anxiety" and "Getting the Sleep You Need." The booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs to treat depression and anxiety. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending $5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Fulfillment Center East, Overcoming Depression and Anxiety, P.O. Box 3176, Elmira, NY 14905-3176; or Regional Fulfillment Center, Sleep Booklet #143, P.O, Box 692634, Boston MA 02269-2634. For additional information, visit the Council's website at www.FamilyHealthResearch.org.

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

FSA. USDA's Farm Service Agency has launched a redesigned website located at www.fsa.usda.gov. on the Internet. The redesign includes user-friendly features and easily accessible on-line FSA forms.

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

International Library of Photography. ILP holds several free photography contests throughout the year for amateur photographers. For more information or to stay abreast of upcoming shows, visit www.picture.com on the World Wide Web.

National Academic Scholarship Source Guide. This annual guide, made available through the National Academic Funding Advisory, provides information on financial aid processes, scholarship tips, "10 Essential Steps to Scholarship Success," key resources and web sites for additional funding information and ways to identify relevant scholarship sources. To receive the NAFA College Financial Aid publication including a listing of important academic funding programs, send a #10 SASE, along with $2 to cover handling, to NAFA, 188 Summer St., Dept. F03, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

National Arbor Day Foundation. The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering "What Tree is That?," a 72-page tree identification guide book. The book is free of charge and may be obtained by sending your name and address to: "What Tree is That?," The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410. Also available is a "Conservation Trees" booklet with colorful photos and illustrations and easy-to-understand descriptions to help people plant and care for trees. To obtain a booklet, send name and address to: Conservation Trees, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

NESRI. A booklet, "Nuclear, Biologic and Chemical Attack — Survival Resource Guide," is being offered through New Era Survival Research Institute. To receive the free booklet, consumers must send five first-class stamps for postage/handling to: New Era Survival Research Institute, NBC Survival Booklet Offer #NBC0924, P.O. Box 60944, Washington, DC 20039-0944. Additional information is available by calling (202) 882-9000 or via the Internet at www.NewEraSurvival.org.

NFFF SCHOLARSHIPS. Scholarships are available through National Fallen Firefighters Foundation for children of firefighters who have died in the line of duty. For more information, visit www.firehero.org and look up scholarships. To receive a free information packet, call 1-877-453-FIRE.

NIA Guides. National Institute on Aging is offering "Talking with Your Doctor: A Guide for Older People." The 30-page booklet is available in single or bulk copies. Also available through NIA is the 36-page booklet, "Who? What? When? Resources for Women's Health and Aging" to help women as they age. For more information, call the NIA Information Center weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., toll-free at 1-800-222-2225 or TTY at 1-800-222-4225.

PETFINDER.COM. Petfinder.com, the Internet's largest and oldest virtual animal shelter, is available to those seeking to adopt a pet. The Internet service includes a multitude of shelters in Texas and nationwide. The website allows users to search by kind of animal, breed, gender, size and age. Results of the search are ranked in proximity to the user's zip code.

PIE. Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families for foreign exchange students. The students, age 15-18, have spending money and carry accident and health insurance. PIE reps match students with host families through an informal in-home meeting. Host families may deduct $50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-631-1818.

PRS. Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services conducts a monthly informational meeting for individuals interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at its office (6200 I-40 West) in Amarillo. Contact Darla Ingram at (806) 354-6230 for more details.

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

SHARE. SHARE! High School Exchange Program, sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust, is seeking host families for foreign exchange students for a semester or for a year. The hosts must provide housing and meals. The students are covered by medical insurance and have their own spending money for personal expenses. For more information, call Yvette Coffman at the Southwest Regional Office, 1-800-941-3738.

Stuttering Foundation. Stuttering Foundation of America is offering a free copy of its brochure "The Child Who Stutters at School: Notes to the Teacher." For more information, contact the non-profit foundation by mail: Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111; or phone 1-800-992-9392. The brochure is also available at www.stutteringhelp.org. on the World Wide Web.

TCA Web site. A list of "10 Hot Summer Cultural Events" can be accessed via the Texas Commission on the Arts website at www.artonart.com — the most comprehensive arts calendar on the Internet in Texas. Visitors to the site can search the database by city, region, date, topic or organization name as well as access a travel planner section that allows visitors to hyperlink to vendors to rent a car, make airline reservations or book hotel rooms.

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

Tuition Assistance. U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance – College Bound is an organization with a listing of over 700 different private scholarship sources for college students. Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; other can be applied towards tuition, living expenses and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools. For more information, send a SASE (business size, #10) to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

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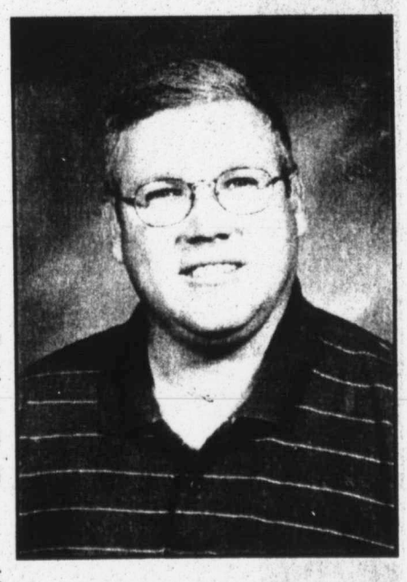
PAMPA ISD Teacher Profile

Tad Smith



Tad Smith teaches science; plus, coaches boy's and girl's track and is an assistant Harvester football coach at Pampa High School. "I love working with high school students. It is an honor for parents to trust me with the education of their most prized possession, their children. It is important for the young people that I teach to feel a sense of success in both the classroom and in the athletic arena.

My teaching style may be a little different because I believe that the teaching of facts and important information is essential, but even more important is that a student can be a success. The classroom and the athletic field are both my means for students to become winners. The education of today is how tomorrow's leaders are made. One of the greatest teachers I have had is the late Dennis Cavalier. He taught me that success in life has three parts: show up every day, work hard every day, and have a great attitude. By following these three simple rules, I know I can be a success. When my students follow these three simple rules, it will lead to success in their lives," Mr. Smith said.

Tad Smith is a graduate of Panhandle High School in 1984 and has earned an Associate's Degree from South Plains College and a Bachelor's of Science Degree from West Texas State University.

Tad is married to his high school sweetheart, Kelley Smith, the 2002-2003 PISD Elementary Teacher of the Year. They are the parents of two children: Ryan, age 9, and Kambry, age 2. Mr. Smith has been teaching for 14 years in the Pampa Independent School District.

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BASEBALL-SOFTBALL

PAMPA — An organizational meeting for the baseball and softball programs will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Optimist Park.

Persons interested in becoming a coach, manager or commissioner are urged to attend the meeting.

BASEBALL

PAMPA - There will be a Harvester Baseball Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the ready room at the high school athletic fieldhouse.

All parents are urged to attend.

TENNIS

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Justine Henin-Hardenne won her third Grand Slam title and extended her dominance in major finals against countrywoman Kim Clijsters with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win in Saturday's Australian Open women's title match.

Faith, ability help Panthers Minter persevere

HOUSTON (AP) — The chills began about two days after the operation. Mike Minter was home, recovering from routine arthroscopic surgery on his left knee, and he started to worry that something was wrong.

The chills preceded a high fever, then his repaired knee swelled to twice the size of the healthy one. Rushed back to the hospital, doctors discovered that he'd developed a staph infection.

"I thought it was over," he said.

He didn't go home for two more weeks, and remained hooked up to a tube for six weeks after that. So much for his second season as a safety for the Carolina Panthers.

Years later, Minter smiled while telling the story. That tale is one of many difficult experiences he's had during seven seasons with the team. Yet having endured them is what has made this trip to the Super Bowl so special.

"I've got to win it," he said, "then I'll have that emotional release."

Minter arrived in Carolina as a second-round pick in 1997. After winning consecutive national championships with Nebraska in 1994-95, he was thrilled to be joining a franchise that had made it to the conference finals in only its second season.

He became a starter in his sixth game, but the Panthers slumped to 7-9. He didn't make it back the next year until the 11th game, and by then Carolina was on its way to 4-12.

The losing continued and so did the off-field problems.

Rae Carruth, drafted ahead of Minter in '97, was convicted of conspiracy to kill his girlfriend, who was pregnant with their child. Another former teammate, Fred Lane, was shot to death by his wife.

Minter considered bailing out after the 2001 season. A free agent for the first time, he was being lured by Cleveland, his hometown team, but opted to stick with Carolina.

He must have done some serious second-guessing when the Panthers finished 1-15.

Then things starting turning around, thanks largely to coach John Fox.

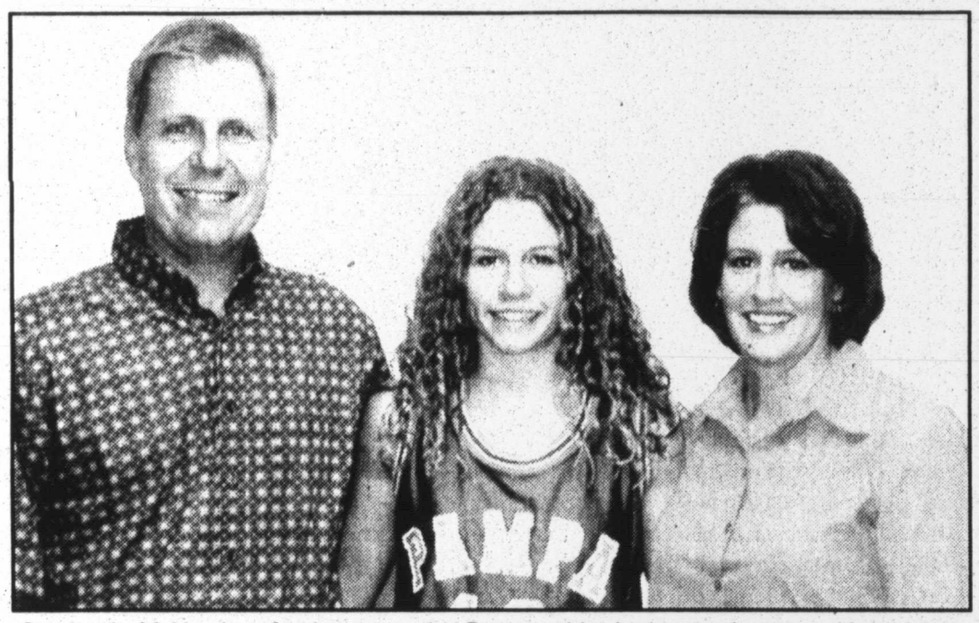
The Panthers went 11-4 this season, then won three straight in the playoffs to reach Sunday's game against New England.

"When you look at all the struggles we went through as an organization, it just built strong character," he said. "We came through it."

Defensive teammates say Minter, one of their captains, is a big reason they've overcome so many obstacles. An aspiring pastor, his faith and leadership have been invaluable.

"He's taught me so much about life, the NFL, the organization — everything," said fellow safety Deon Grant. "He's just a real friend. I love him, and I'm not ashamed to say that."

Harvester Hoops Spot-light



Stephanie McVay is a freshman on the Pampa girls junior varsity team. Her parents are Mark and Ginger McVay, above. Besides basketball, her other activities include choir, volleyball, softball, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Stephanie is also a member of DFY-IT and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Lady Harvesters beat PD in district clash

PAMPA - Pampa's Lady Harvesters are keeping their playoff hopes alive.

The Lady Harvesters defeated Palo Duro 43-36 Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse to even their District 3-4A record at 5-5. The Lady Harvesters are in fourth place while Palo Duro drops into a two-way tie for fifth at 4-5.

Britteni Rice led the Pampa offense with 13 points, followed by Abbi Covalt with 11.

The score was tied at 23-all at halftime, but Pampa jumped ahead early in the third quarter and stayed in front the rest of the way.

Tameka Daniel was PD's high scorer with 15.

Other Pampa scorers were Stacey Johnson 5, Jackie Gerber 5, Jennie Waggoner 4, Lindsey Ammons 2, Callie Cobb 2, and Tara Jordan 1.

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Palo Duro won by 20 points in the boys game, but the third-ranked Dons had to battle all the way against a gritty Pampa club.

Kyle Shields scored 23 points and Austin Johnson followed with 20 to help give Palo Duro a 90-70 victory.

Pampa trailed by only eight (22-14) at the end of the first quarter before falling behind by 12 (44-32) at halftime. The Dons gained a 21-point lead (66-45) going into the fourth quarter.

Chance Bowers led the Harvesters in scoring with 22 points, followed by Clayton Hall 12, and Collin Bowers 11. Chance Bowers also collared a dozen rebounds.

Others in the Pampa scoring column were Deterrance Smith 7, Brittin East 6, Brandon Johnston 6, Jed Martin 2, Jaret Kotara 2, and Julian Salazar 2.

Justin Mason added 19 points for the Dons.

Pampa is 4-4 and Palo Duro is 8-0 in district play.

Pampa Harvester Sports Calendar

Basketball
Tuesday, February 3
Pampa vs. Dumas B-G • 6 pm away
Swimming
Thursday, February 5
Pampa, regionals, at Lubbock
Wrestling
Friday, February 6
Pampa, district • 3:30 pm home
Soccer
Tuesday, February 3
Pampa vs. Lubbock Monterey • 4 pm away
Tennis
Saturday, February 7
Pampa at Borger Triangular

1950 Harvesters had perfect regular season

Pampa's 11-2 record this season was one of the best in school football history, but in 1950 the Harvesters had a perfect 10-0 mark during the regular season before losing to Wichita Falls in the first round of the playoffs.

Pampa had shut out Wichita Falls 14-0 during the regular season. The Coyotes advanced to win the state championship for the second year in a row.

Wichita Falls finished with a 9-4 record and defeated Austin 34-13 in the finals.

The 1950 Harvesters were coached by Tom Tipps and Aubra Nooncaster. Some of those players still live in Pampa. They include Carl Kennedy, Buz Tarpley, Elmer Wilson, Howard Musgrave, Ed Langford, Charles Ely, Billy Davis, Buddy Cockrell and Jessie Dykes.

Wilson is the granddad of current Pampa head coach Heath Parker, who will be honored as Football Coach of the Year by the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame next Sunday in Amarillo.

Pampa defeated Hobbs, N.M. 26-6, El Paso 56-6, Vernon 33-14, Wichita Falls 14-0, Lubbock 27-21, Lamesa 27-6 and Childress 27-6 on the non-conference schedule. Conference wins came against Amarillo High 28-0, Plainview 27-12 and Borger 71-6.

Texas schools get ready for national signing day

DALLAS (AP) — National football signing day is approaching and college coaches are busy contacting players and working to secure commitments.

For 2005.

High school seniors can't sign letters of intent until Wednesday, but most Division I-A Texas schools have nailed down about 20 oral commitments and have turned their attention to next year.

"Every single college is already starting to evaluate film and going after the top juniors," said Jeremy Crabtree, national recruiting analyst with the recruiting Web site Rivals.com. "Right now they are trying to get the last few spots filled, baby-sitting early commitments to make sure they don't change their minds and starting on next year's class."

He said Texas coach Mack Brown is partly to blame for the hurried timetable. Brown, a known recruiter hired by the Longhorns in 1998, has forced other Big 12 and Texas coaches to start recruiting earlier, Crabtree said.

"He really pushed the envelope in going after and getting them earlier," said Crabtree, who noted that Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops and Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione are aggressively recruiting for next year.

Brown had commitments from Burnet's record-setting receiver Jordan Shipley and top defensive back Bobby Tatum from Fort Worth Dunbar before football season began.

Franchione already has 25 oral commitments. Burnet quarterback Stephen McGee graduated from high school early and is already enrolled at A&M.

Only two of Texas' 14 recruits ranked in the top 100 nationally haven't made oral commitments: Lake Highlands defensive tackle Franklin Okam and Denton tackle Herman Johnson. Of the state's 100 highest-rated recruits, 88 have committed.

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BOWLING

HARVESTER LANES
League Standings
Generation Gap
(Week 17)

Team	Won	Lost
Rice O'Roni's	25	1
The Wintonizers	21	2
Dave'& the Moron	20	3
Bottom of the Barrell	18	4
Team Seven	14	5
M &M's	13	6
Split This	12	7
We Don't Know	5	8

Week's High Scores
Girls
High scratch game: Shayley Morriss; High Scratch series: Shayley Morriss 346; High handicap game: Shayley Morriss 217; High handicap series: Shayley Morriss 604.
Boys
High scratch game: Andrew Winton 229; High scratch series: Andrew Winton 633; High handicap game: Andrew Winton 251; High handicap series: Andrew Winton 699.
Women
High scratch game: Judy Morriss 188; High scratch series: Tina Beery 488; High handicap game: Wanda Adams 237; High handicap series: Tina Beery 605.
Men
High scratch game: Dave Thomas 223; High scratch series: Gary Winton 601; High handicap game: Justin McPhearson 257; High handicap series: Justin McPhearson 675.

National Oilwell League
(Week 7)

Team	Won	Lost
Dave's Raiders	19	9
Misfits	17	11
Team One	16	12
We Won One!	14	14
Sliders	12	16
Team Two	6	22

Week's High Scores
Men
High scratch series: Dave Thomas 683; High scratch game: Gary Skinner 231; High handicap series: Loren Roby 681; High handicap game: Jim Cirone 234.
Women
High scratch series: Loretta Thomas 418; High scratch game: Angela Roby 163; High handicap series: Brenda Palmateer 615; High handicap game: Shawna Chalmers 229.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	24	20	.545	—
Boston	22	26	.458	4
New York	21	27	.438	5
Miami	20	27	.426	5 1/2
Philadelphia	20	27	.426	5 1/2
Washington	14	31	.311	10 1/2
Orlando	13	35	.271	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	34	13	.723	—
Detroit	31	16	.660	3
Milwaukee	26	20	.565	7 1/2
New Orleans	26	20	.565	7 1/2
Toronto	21	23	.477	11 1/2
Cleveland	17	29	.370	16 1/2
Atlanta	14	33	.298	20
Chicago	13	34	.277	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	32	13	.711	—
Dallas	29	17	.630	3 1/2
San Antonio	30	18	.625	3 1/2
Houston	26	19	.578	6
Denver	27	21	.563	6 1/2
Memphis	25	20	.556	7
Utah	24	22	.522	8 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	32	12	.727	—
L.A. Lakers	27	16	.628	4 1/2
Seattle	22	22	.500	10
Portland	20	24	.455	12
Golden State	20	25	.444	12 1/2
L.A. Clippers	19	25	.432	13
Phoenix	17	31	.354	17

Thursday's Games
New Jersey 89, Orlando 79
Portland 93, Atlanta 85
Sacramento 96, San Antonio 91
Friday's Games
Washington 105, Phoenix 100
Detroit 90, Toronto 89, OT
Philadelphia 85, New Orleans 82
New York 92, Boston 74
Miami 97, L.A. Clippers 88
Utah 85, Memphis 79
Milwaukee 101, Cleveland 95
Golden State 101, Chicago 81
Minnesota 97, L.A. Lakers 84
Saturday's Games
Denver at Dallas, 1 p.m.
New Jersey at Houston, 3:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Miami at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Chicago at Portland, 10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Cleveland at Washington, Noon
L.A. Lakers at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 2 p.m.

HOCKEY

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	25	11	11	5	66	142	116
New Jersey	26	13	10	1	63	117	94
N.Y. Islanders	24	20	5	2	55	143	127
N.Y. Rangers	19	22	7	4	49	135	147
Pittsburgh	11	33	5	3	30	102	194

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	28	13	8	3	67	141	122
Ottawa	28	13	7	3	66	174	108
Boston	23	14	11	4	61	126	121
Montreal	25	19	6	2	58	127	114
Buffalo	22	25	5	1	50	127	134

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	25	16	6	3	59	134	112
Atlanta	21	24	6	2	50	143	155
Florida	17	21	11	3	48	115	139
Carolina	17	24	9	2	45	98	128
Washington	16	29	5	2	39	125	161

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	29	15	7	2	67	170	124
St. Louis	25	17	7	1	58	123	120
Nashville	25	18	6	2	58	124	131
Columbus	14	27	7	3	38	107	148
Chicago	13	28	7	5	38	117	156

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	29	11	9	3	70	162	119
Vancouver	29	14	7	2	67	151	117
Calgary	25	19	4	3	57	121	113
Minnesota	17	20	15	1	50	114	120
Edmonton	20	23	8	1	49	131	136

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	24	13	11	4	63	128	108
Dallas	25	20	9	0	59	112	118
Los Angeles	20	15	12	5	57	137	132
Phoenix	18	17	13	2	51	125	130
Anaheim	16	22	8	6	46	111	138

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Thursday's Games
Washington 5, Carolina 3
Nashville 6, Columbus 4
Tampa Bay 5, Pittsburgh 1
Boston 2, N.Y. Islanders 1, OT
Detroit 5, New Jersey 2
Vancouver 4, St. Louis 2
Montreal 3, Minnesota 2, OT
Ottawa 4, Phoenix 1
Edmonton 5, Chicago 2
Colorado 3, Los Angeles 3, tie
Friday's Games
Buffalo 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Toronto 4, Atlanta 1
Dallas 3, San Jose 1
Chicago 5, Calgary 3
Anaheim 4, Colorado 3, OT
Saturday's Games
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 2 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Washington, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh at Boston, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 3 p.m.

Fort Elliott wins district contests

BRISCOE — Justen Bryant and Russell Lohberger combined for 58 points in leading Fort Elliott to a 76-53 win over Lefors Friday night.

Fort Elliott led by only four (32-28) at halftime, but starting pulling further away in the third quarter.

Bryant tossed in 32 points and Lohberger 26 for the Cougars, who are 17-8 for the season and 5-1 in district.

Ricky Vaughn led Lefors with 23 points, followed by Brandon Parsley 13.

Fort Elliott won the girls game 68-35.

Katie Donaldson was Fort Elliott's high scorer with 17 points.

Tamra Hefley followed with 11.

Katie Barnes had 15 to pace Lefors and Rachel Stubbs followed with 10.

Fort Elliott girls are 6-0 in district and 24-1 for the season.

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HOUSTON (AP) — Don't even think about grabbing that cell phone for a touchdown celebration, Mr. NFL player.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue is determined to make anyone who does very sorry.

He warned players Friday that unsportsmanlike conduct will draw stronger penalties and fines, even leaving open the possibility of suspensions.

Coaches and team owners have urged him "to take that stuff out of the game," he said during his state of the NFL address, held each year prior to the Super Bowl.

"That stuff" includes choreographed stunts such as pulling out a cell phone in the end zone after a touchdown.

The New Orleans Saints' Joe Horn did exactly that on national television during a Sunday night game; he was fined $30,000.

"Take taunting out of the game, take unsportsmanlike conduct out of the game," Tagliabue said. "Cell phones, pens, all the other things, penalties likely will escalate if this does not stop."

Pens? Yes, that happened, too.

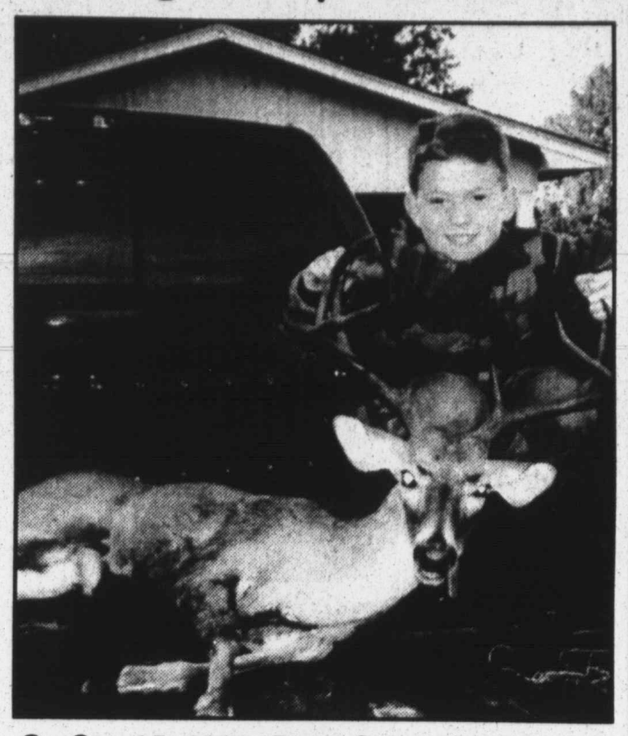
San Francisco's Terrell Owens pulled a pen out of his sock and autographed a football after scoring a touchdown in 2002, prompting a warning from Tagliabue to all teams that similar acts would be punished.

He said many coaches called him to say they were outraged by these episodes.

"They thought these were way outside the rules and uncalled for and humiliating to their players and embarrassing to players in general," he said.

Panthers running back-kick returner Rod Smart, who made his reputation as He Hate Me in the XFL, doesn't think what Horn and Owens did was so bad. But he doubted anyone would try something similar Sunday in the Super Bowl, especially with the whole world watching.

Young sharpshooter



On Oct. 25, 2003, Reed Singletary took this nine-point buck on the Singletary Ranch in Greenbrier, Tex. The white-tail was shot at approximately 95 yards with a Remington 22. Reed, a fifth-grader, is the grandson of Howard and Linda Reed of Pampa and the son of Scott and Melissa Singletary.

Pats' running game at its peak

HOUSTON (AP) — Tom Brady is the New England Patriots' MVP. Antowain Smith is their SUV.

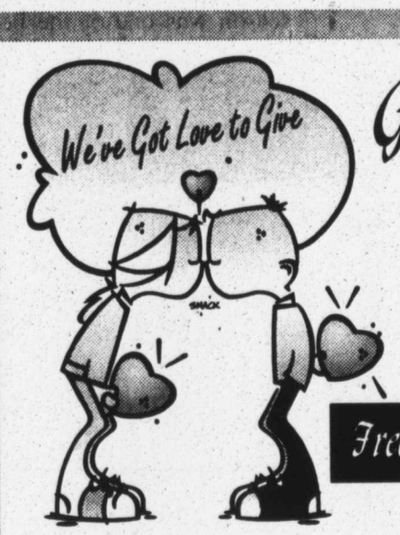
"They call me 'cold-weather backup,"' Smith said as he prepared to play in the Super Bowl against the Carolina Panthers. "My teammates ask me why I'm the only one who gets good footing in the snow and when the weather is bad."

Smith is peaking at the perfect time for the Patriots, notching his only two 100-yard games of the season in the last four New England played. When he gained 100 yards on 22 carries in the snowy AFC Championship game victory against the Indianapolis Colts, his teammates all-but forgot about his slow start.

"It's really come on," quarterback Tom Brady said, referring to the running game. "It's been a security blanket these last four or five weeks when we have been able to run the ball. Antowain and Kevin (Faulk) are both running great."

The Carolina Panthers go into Sunday's game with a potent combination at running back.

Stephen Davis is the power runner, and DeShaun Foster is more of a finesse guy; combined, they ran for 2,292 yards in the regular season and playoffs.



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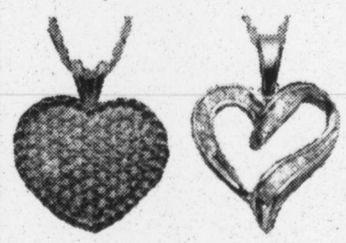
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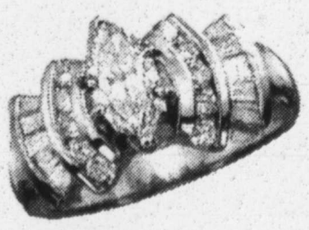
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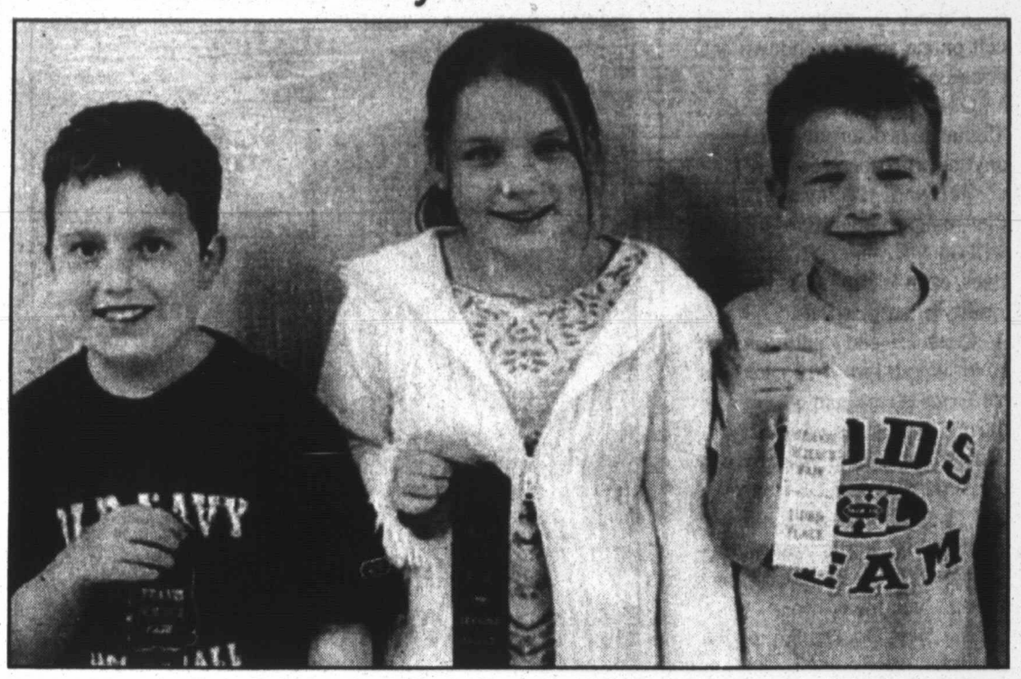
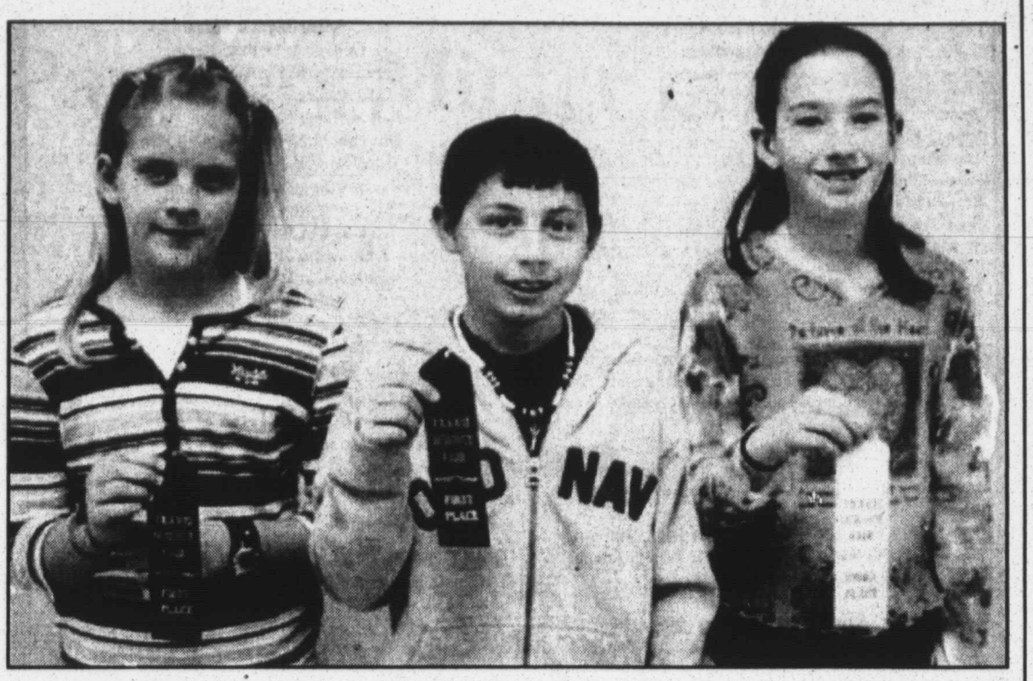


(Courtesy photo)

Travis Elementary recently conducted a school Science Fair. Science Fair winners from Mrs. Lora Hampton's third grade class were (left-right) Sheldon Reeve, first place; Alison Alexander, second place; and Taylor Woods, third place.



(Courtesy photo)

Travis Elementary recently conducted a school Science Fair. Winners from Mrs. Andrea Wyatt's fifth grade class were (left-right) Alex Collins, first place; Kylee Wyatt, second place; and Taryn Eubank, third place.

Exhibit features early western artists as illustrators of arms, ammo

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. – A special exhibition coming to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum will introduce visitors to the rarely seen commercial work produced by such well known Western artists as Frederic Remington, N.C. Wyeth, A.B. Frost, Philp R. Goodwin, W.R. Leigh and Carl Rungius during the "golden age" of lithography. "The Art of American Arms Makers: Marketing Guns, Ammunition and Western Adventure During the Golden Age of Illustration" is scheduled to open Feb. 14 and remain on display through May 16 at the museum in Oklahoma City. A preview reception will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 13. Reservations are required.

The exhibition, organized by Curator of History Richard Rattenbury in consultation with Curator of Art Ed Muno, is the result of an extensive gathering of art. Approximately 80 original and lithographic works borrowed from museums, corporate and private collections including the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Gilcrease Museum, the Haley Memorial Library, Marlin Firearms Company, Smith and Wesson, Inc., and the Special Collections of Oklahoma State University, will create an interpretive presentation that could not otherwise be viewed. The exhibit also will explore the role of leading arms makers like Colt, Smith & Wesson, Remington, Winchester and Marlin in the democratization and dissemination of quality American art for the broad public. An accompanying catalog will be available.

The Museum's education department will host a related seminar on Saturday, Feb., 14 in the museum's S.B. "Buck" Burnett Board Room. The seminar will follow the following schedule:

—9 a.m., welcome remarks;

—9:20 a.m., "Chromolithography: The Printer's Art";

—10:45 a.m., "Enterprise and American Sporting Art";

—1:15 p.m., "Philp R. Goodwin: The Data Gathering Years, 1900-1914"; and

—2:30 p.m., "Art Demonstrations: Sporting Art and Big Game Hunting."

The seminar is included in regular museum admission and is free to museum members as well as to those who attend the Friday evening opening reception.

"A Sporting and Big Game Hunting Art Workshop" will be conducted by Priz de West artist Luke Frazier Feb. 11-14. Beginning and intermediate artists are encouraged to sign up. Frazier grew up hunting and fishing in the mountains of northern Utah. His art is strongly influenced by these early forays into nature and by the art of such masters as Winslow Homer, Carl Rungius and Bob Kuhn who he appreciates for their strength of drawing, color and emotion. Frazier has received numerous prestigious awards. To reserve a place in the class, call (405) 478-2250, ext. 219.

For more information or to make reservations for the exhibition opening reception, call (405) 478-2250, ext. 219. Accredited by the American Association of Museums, the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum is located in Oklahoma's Adventure District at the I-35 and I-44 Junction.

Girl Scouts names 'Volunteer of the Month'

"I learned everything I know from Girl Scouts," said Margaret White, Girl Scout Volunteer of the Month for the month of February.

White remembers when her daughter was 11 the family's first house was built. They moved out into the country for three months and lived in a tent. After the house itself was constructed, they went without running water and electricity for two years. She claims she could cook anything on an open fire before she learned how to cook with an oven.

White has been involved with Scouting for 38 years. She started as a Brownie in the second grade and finished high school as a first class scout (equivalent to Gold Ward). She continued volunteering with the program into college, serving as a Brownie troop leader.

Since 1976, White has served on a service unit team, been a consultant to leaders, been a counselor at both resident and day camps and been a day camp director. She says that she and her original troop members have all stayed in touch and still hold "troop reunions."

Now a leader of a Canoe Interest Group, White realizes the youth of today are learning the same values she learned when she was a Scout.

Girls Scouts of the USA has a membership of more than 3.7 million girls and adults. For more information about the local scouting program, call (806) 356-0096, 1-800-687-4475 or log onto www.gs-fsc.org on the Internet.

Margaret White

TDA accepting nominations for Rural Heroism Award

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced today that the Texas Department of Agriculture is now accepting nominations for TDA's 2003 Rural Heroism Award.

Candidates must have performed a heroic, lifesaving act within Texas during 2003. The heroic deed should be related to farming or ranching and occur in a rural area. Automobile accidents or accidents caused by negligence will not be considered.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of everyone involved. If available, newspaper clippings and photographs should accompany all nominations.

Nominations must be postmarked by Feb. 16, 2004 and mailed to Lola Lemmon, TDA Safety Coordinator, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. For additional information on qualifications, you can contact Lemmon at (512) 475-1611.

The 2003 recipient will be announced March 22 at the Texas Safety Association's annual conference at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio.

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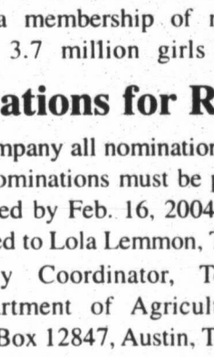

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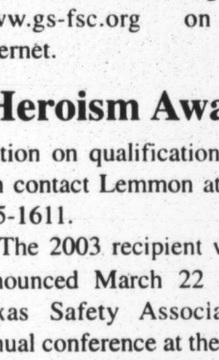

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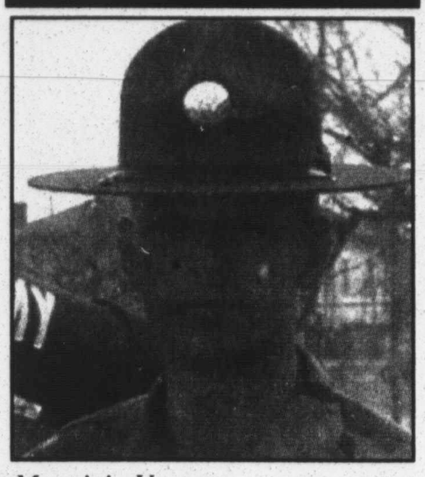

Mauricio Vasquez

Sgt. **Mauricio Vasquez** of Delta Battery, 2D Battalion, 355th (FA), recently, after six-months of training, graduated from Army Drill Sergeant School and is now a drill sergeant for the U.S. Army.

CANYON — Degrees were officially conferred on 437 West Texas A&M University students during fall commencement held recently at the WTAMU Event Center. The university awarded 350 baccalaureate and 87 master's degrees.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and wore gold honor cords.

The three levels of honor recognition are summa cum laude (3.90-4.00), magna cum laude (3.75-3.89) and cum laude (3.50-3.74).

Students awarded diplomas include **Rachael A. Banks,** bachelor of general studies degree, **Teresa J. Clark,** bachelor of science degree, and **Cynthia D. Davis,** BGS, both cum laude, **Tanya L. Larkin,** master in education degree, **Ginger J. McVay,** BGS, and **Cortnie M. Price,** BGS, all of Pampa.

Eric C. Hall, magna cum laude, **Lori A. Johnson** and **Charles M. Laurent,** all BS degrees, all of Canadian; **Wyatt J. Weinheimer,** magna cum laude, bachelor of business administration degree, of Groom; **Cara M. Swart,** BGS, of Miami; and **Misti D. Tucker,** MED, of Wheeler.

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University recently awarded more than 1,500 degrees during fall commencement at United Spirit Arena.

Students receiving diplomas included **Howdi Delaney Allison,** master of education degree, and **Barry Lloyd Brauchi,** bachelor of science degree, both of Pampa.

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University recently announced its President's and Dean's lists for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include **Colby Stowers Brazile, Stacie Brooke Carter, Cali Vaughn Covalt, Jamie Christine Crosswhite, Emily Gail Curtis, Dillon Ross Hill, Abbigail Leigh Horn, Aaron Joseph McKean, Phillip Joe Reed, Christopher Sean Stowers** and **Trevor Vernon Stowers,** all of Pampa.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include **Tara Nicole Coffee, Douglas James Fields, Mark Wayne Ford III, Sara Beth Hall, Meredith Claire Hendricks-Young, Amanda Erin Lee, Jessica Beth Morrison, Amanda Michelle Rains, Samuel Gordon Roundy, Sarah Marie Schwab, Megan Elizabeth Shannon, Fabian Silva, Phillip Aaron Smith** and **Asia Gayle Wilson,** all of Pampa.

FORT WORTH — **Chad Wilbanks,** son of Shane Wilbanks (1960 Pampa High School graduate) and grandson of lifelong Pampa resident Odessa Wilbanks, was recently named executive director of the Texas Republican Party.

Texas GOP Chair Tina Benkiser named Wilbanks executive director of the state party, an appointment that became effective Jan. 1.

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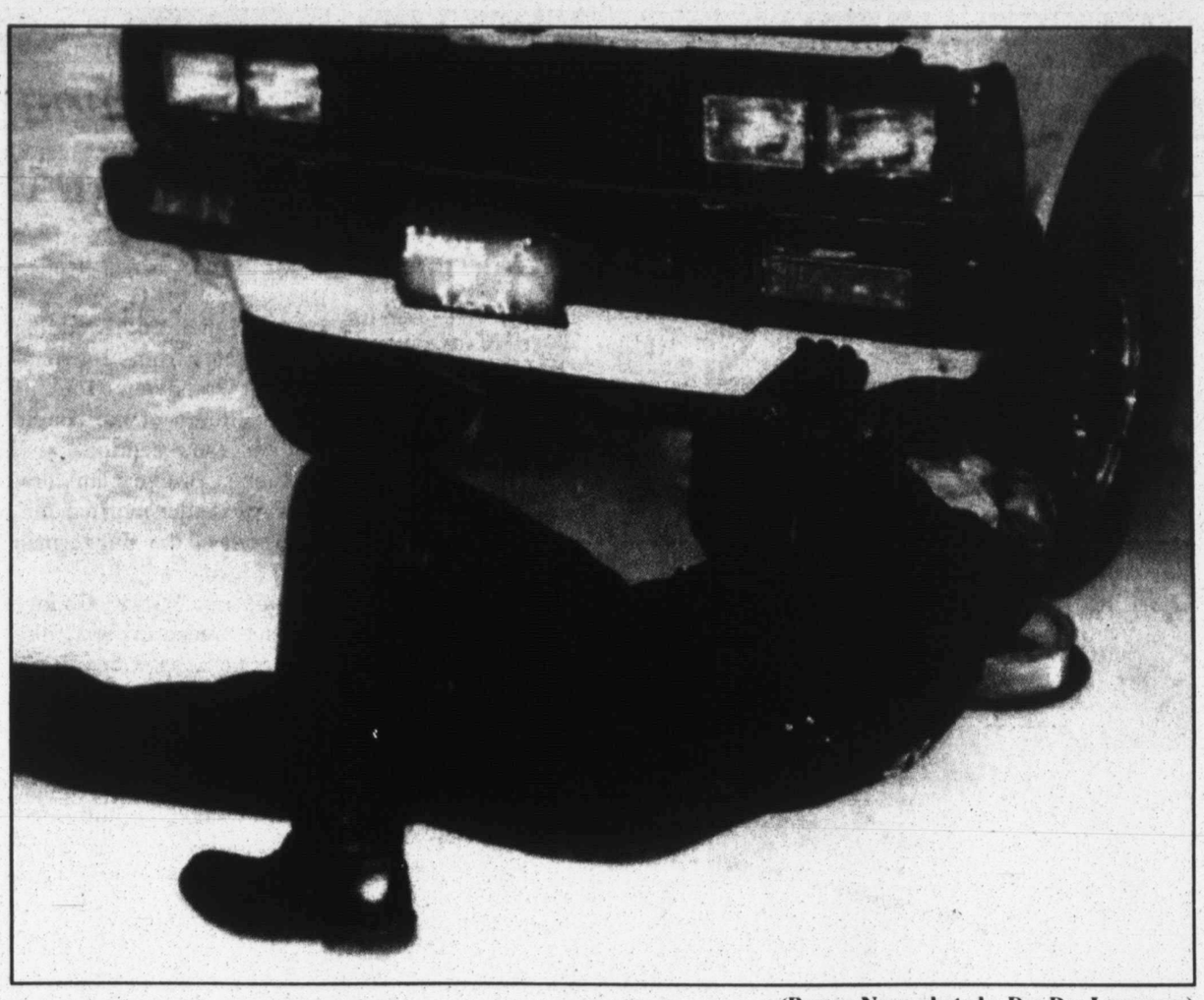

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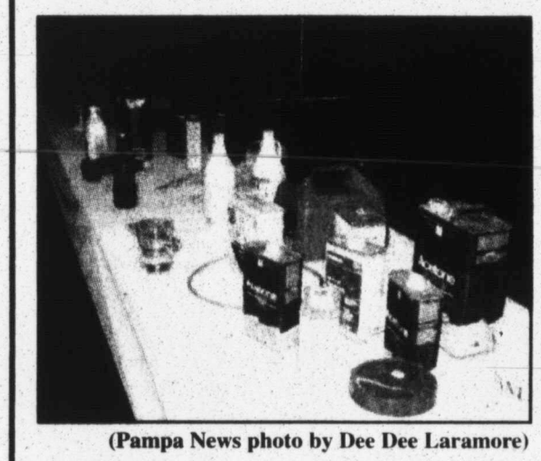
An officer searches underneath the engine compartment in a Desert Snow exercise designed to sharpen law enforcement detection skills.



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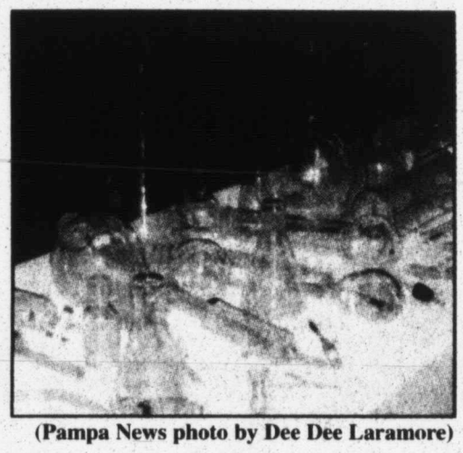
A table laden with household items used in making methamphetamines demonstrates how drugs are being made with common ingredients.



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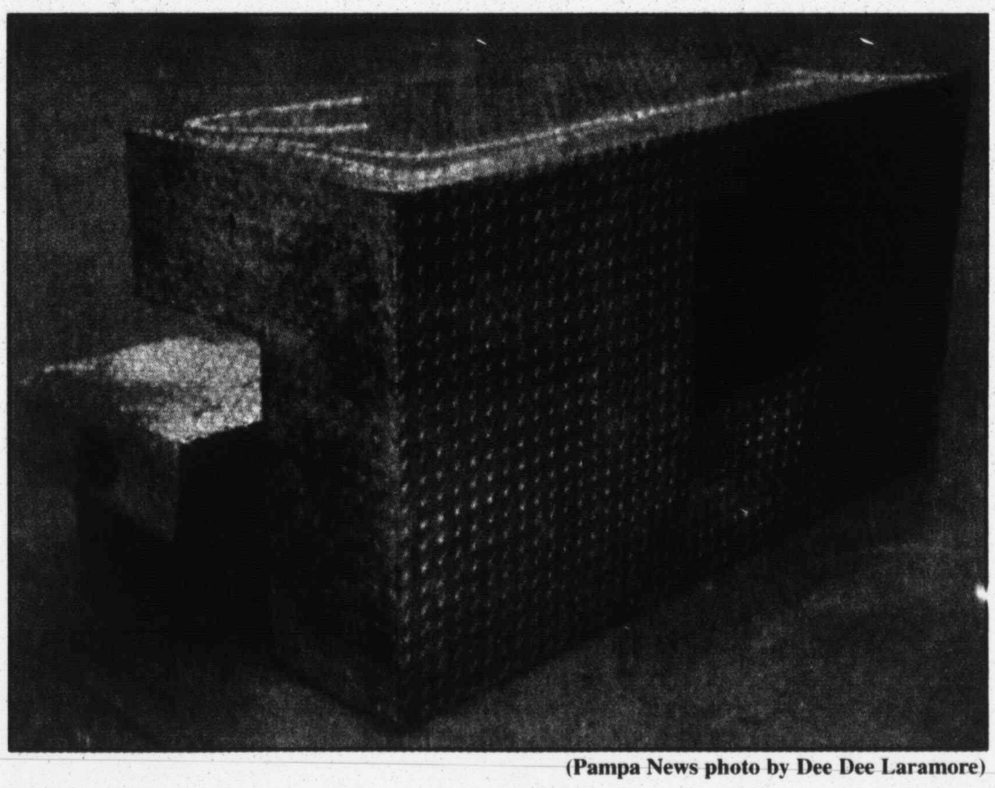
These glass beakers and vases, used in meth labs, look like they should be in the laboratory of some mad scientist.



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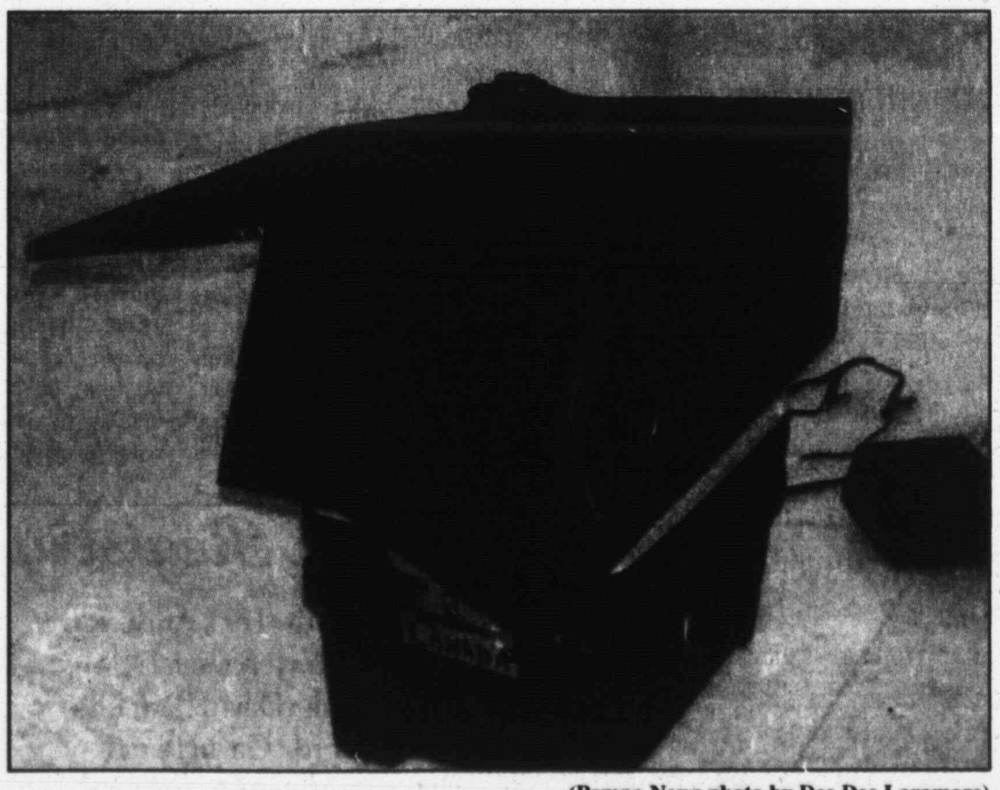
This tool box, discovered by a sharp-eyed Desert Snow instructor, held a secret box-within-a-box that contained illegal drugs.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Many vehicles today contain large stereo speakers. These, found by a Desert Snow instructor while on duty, had been rigged to hold illegal drug packages in a secret compartment that could be opened by remote control.

DESERT SNOW

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20 years as a highway patrol officer.

He has received many awards including the United States Interdiction Officer of the Year, and the California Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award.

In the week prior to coming to Pampa, David and his group presented a program to the U.S. Senate and Congress in Washington, D.C.

David emphasizes that not only is the training important in finding illegal drug traffickers, but now can be an important public protection from terrorists.

"Our officers, the ones that are out there every day, are the best line of defense for Home Security," he said. "They need to be trained to identify drugs and explosives, too.

"It is a well-known fact that terrorists are tied in with the drug trade," he added.

David trains officers to separate the "innocent motoring public" from "major criminals" such as drug traffickers and terrorists.

"We're not saying to go looking for the bad guys all the time. We're saying, 'Do your job, but here's the way to separate the innocent from major criminals," he said.

Basically, David teaches officers to ask basic questions and pay attention to subtle signals that could alert them of criminal activity.

"Don't assume anything," he cautions.

Although the class lasts four days, the techniques can be used for a lifetime, he said. "This is a lifetime experience for these guys," he said.

David employs a staff of 30, although 17 traveled with him to Pampa for this training. They include many of his family members, and retired and active police officers from around the country. Trooper Henderson is an instructor, too.

The group conducts approximately 10 to 14 trainings each year around the United States.

Officers from Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma attended the Pampa training, including 11 DPS troopers, five Gray County Sheriff's deputies, three Pampa Police Department officers, and officers from Roberts, Lipscomb, Hemphill, and Wheeler counties.

"We have a lot of young officers that are eager to get out there," Roach said. "This will give them the confidence to get out and do what we need to do."

The DA said that 90 percent of all crime is drug-related.

"It's absolutely an epidemic," he said. "It's huge. And I think we should really, really concentrate on stopping it."

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A Desert Snow trainee stands in front of pile of wood taken from a vehicle his team searched, completely unaware that the wood pieces had been hollowed out and filled with packages of illegal drugs.

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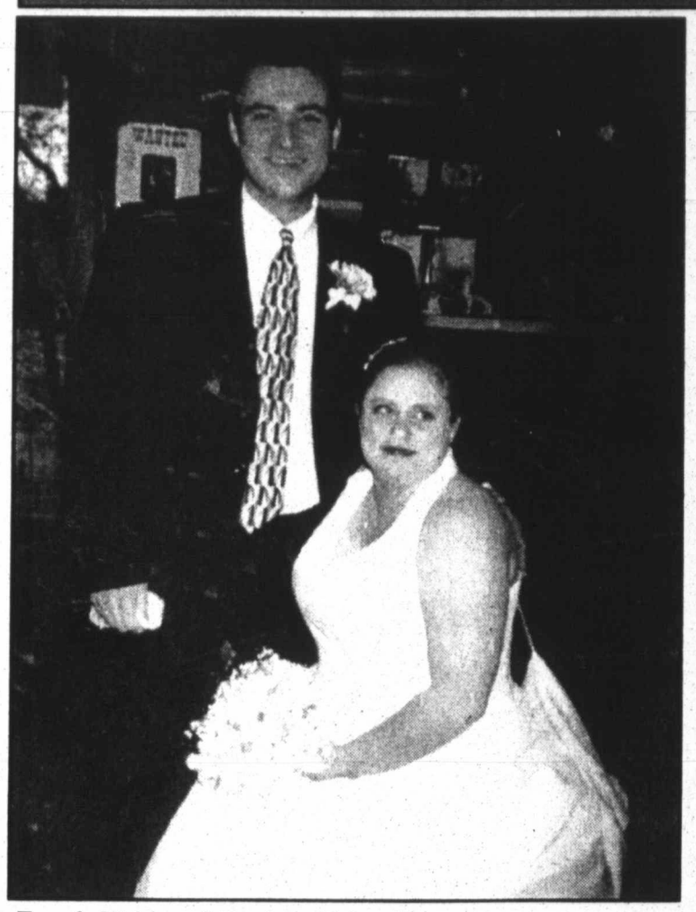

Frank Kidd and Desiree Friend

Friend-Kidd

Desiree Nicole Friend and Frank Jeremiah Kidd, both of East Texas, were wed Dec. 31, 2003, in an old-fashioned country wedding in East Texas.

The maid of honor was Crystal Casteele, the best man was Nathan Casteele and the ring bearer was Luke Casteele, all of Jacksonville.

A reception was held following the service in a log cabin in the woods of East Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Caroline Friend and the late Arthur Friend of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and attended Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. She is currently employed with Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The groom is the son of the late Frank and Martha Kidd of Norton, Ohio. He is currently employed with Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The newlyweds honeymooned with a Louisiana Riverboat cruise and intend to make their home in East Texas.

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Baggerman anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Baggerman

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Baggerman of Groom will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. today at Grandview-Hopkins ISD. Children of the couple will host the reception.

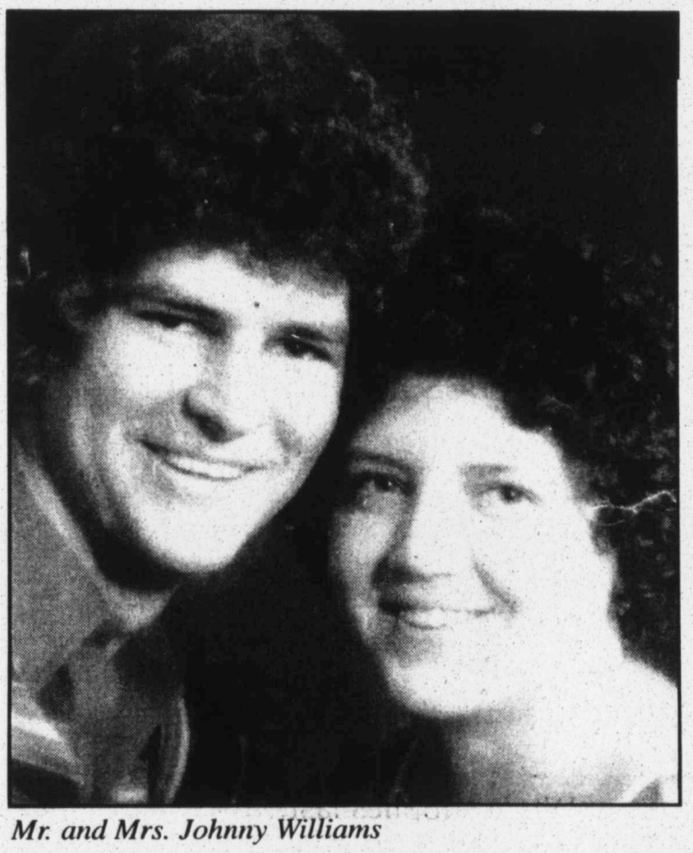
Ruben Baggerman and Lora Alexander married Jan. 31, 1954, at the Baggerman home place.

Longtime Gray County farmers and ranchers, the Baggermans have been lifelong residents of this area and belong to First United Methodist Church of Groom.

Mr. Baggerman is a member of FUMC board of directors, Golden Spread Coop board of directors and Grandview Independent School District school board.

Children of the couple are Isaac Baggerman and Teresa McKelvey, both of Lubbock, and Margie Anthony and John Mark Baggerman, both of Groom. They have nine grandchildren.

Williams anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Williams

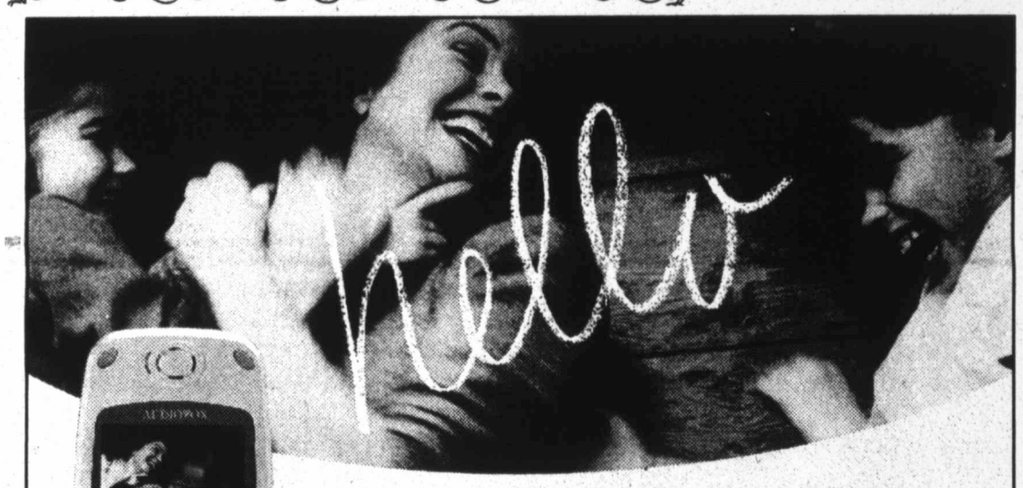
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Williams of Pampa observed their 25th wedding anniversary recently with a family celebration in Amarillo.

Johnny Williams and Laura Jay were married Jan. 27, 1979, in First Baptist Church at Elk City, Okla. They have lived in Pampa for the past 25 years and are members of First Baptist Church.

Mr. Williams has been employed with Larry Baker Plumbing for 26 years.

Mrs. Williams is a homemaker.

Children of the couple are Jason and Erin Williams of Mustang, Okla., and Jessica Williams of Amarillo.



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MENUS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2-6

Pampa Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Waffle sticks.

Lunch: Burrito supreme or steak fingers, corn, carrots, applesauce.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits.

Lunch: Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, spinach, pineapple, rolls.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Pancakes.

Lunch: Turkey/cheese sandwiches or pizza, French fries, lettuce/tomatoes, mixed fruit.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast.

Lunch: Ravioli or beef/cheese nachos, green beans, salad, fruit, garlic toast.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage.

Lunch: Pizza dippers or hotdogs, English, sliced potatoes, pears, chocolate cake.

Lefors Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Frito pie, chicken patties, peas, French fries, applesauce, salad bar, oranges, milk.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Cinnamon pastries, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Rotel chicken, tacos, rice, beans, pineapple, salad bar, milk.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Fried chicken, steak fingers, whipped potatoes, green beans, rolls, pears, salad bar, milk.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Pancakes-on-a-stick, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Nachos, mini burritos, blackeyed, mixed fruit, salad bar, milk.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Rib sandwich, tomato soup, French fries, oranges, milk.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or stir fry chicken/rice, mashed potatoes, fried okra, beets, northern beans, fudge marble cake or banana pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Turkey/dressing or hamburger steak, scalloped potatoes, yams, Italian green beans, beans, orange struesel cake or coconut cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas/carrots, squash casserole, beans, strawberry shortcake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or barbecued beef/onion rings, potato salad, macaroni/cheese, spinach, baked beans, peanut butter cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or beef stew, potato wedges, brussels sprouts, beans, devilsfood cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Steak fingers, gravy, broccoli casserole, carrots, cherries.

TUESDAY

Catfish, pinto beans, coleslaw, apricots.

WEDNESDAY

Oven-fried chicken, blackeyed peas, zucchini/tomatoes, jello.

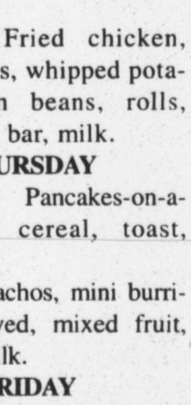
THURSDAY

Roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches.

FRIDAY

Turkey, rice pilaf, English peas, sliced apples.

Bridal Registry...



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CRADLE CALL

Collin D. Gonzales

Collin Gonzales

Collin Dean Gonzales was born at 1:35 p.m. Jan. 10 at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Andrew and Cynthia Gonzales of Pampa.

At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 10.4-ounces.

Relatives include his grandparents, Johnny and D'ann Gonzales and Angel and Angie Mata, all of Pampa; his great-grandparents, Maggie Mata of Oklahoma and Angel Mata Sr. and Sherry Begert, both of Pampa; and his great-great-grandmother, Edna Trask of Pampa.

Look for more birth announcements on page 24.

WEDDINGS

Stage-Thaxton

Sherry Stage

Sherry Stage of Arlington and James Thaxton of Lubbock were wed Jan. 10 at Hemphill Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth with the Rev. William Kimbrough officiating.

The maid of honor was Pamela Stage, sister of the bride of Arlington. The bridesmaids were Jennifer Renée Garmon, Sherri Wilson and Abigail Lau.

The best man was Michael Plunk of Pampa. The groomsmen were Terrell Thaxton, brother of the groom, Kyle Smith and Mark Mason.

The ushers were Brian González, Isaiah Nolte, Micah Nolte and Ryan Street.

Music was provided by organist Dr. Vernon Boyd and trombonist Steve Knight.

A reception was held following the service in Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth with Andy and Shannon Edmonson, Susan Furgason, Michelle Holladay, Renee Lebeuf and Elissa Luke serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Dan and Susan Stage of Arlington. She graduated magna cum laude from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's and a master's degree in industrial engineering. At university, she served as president of Tau Beta Sigma Sorority, sat on the mortar board and was an engineering ambassador. She is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in industrial engineering.

The groom is the son of John and Margaret Thaxton of Amarillo. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University where he was president of Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity. He is currently pursuing a master of science degree in industrial engineering.

Both were members of Tech's Goin' Band.

The newlyweds planned a honeymoon trip to New Orleans, La.., and intend to make their home in Lubbock.

Plunk-Nolte

Jason Alan Nolte and Lacy Anne Plunk

Lacy Anne Plunk and Jason Alan Nolte, both of Austin, were wed Dec. 27, 2003, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa with the Rev. John Valdez, of the church, officiating.

The maid of honor was Rebecca Nolte of Lubbock. The bridesmaids were Brynn Dunlap of Austin and Shaleece Rowden of Richardson.

The best man was Chad Maglich of Arden Hills, Minn. The groomsmen were Ben White of Minneapolis, Minn., and Michael Plunk of Pampa.

The usher was Eric Rowden of Richardson.

Registering the guests were Lauren Urban of Morse and Jennifer Urban of Richmond.

Music was provided by vocalist Joe Martinez and organist Rose Mary Eakin, both of Pampa, and La Cadencia String Quartet of Amarillo.

A reception was held following the service at Pampa County Club with Alisha, Melissa and Shanna Luke of Lubbock serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Forest and Patty Plunk of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2000 and from the University of Texas at Austin in December 2003. She is currently employed at Accessories Plus, an advertising company in Austin.

The groom is the son of Dennis and Kay Eubanks of Dallas and the late Dr. Alan Nolte of Pampa. He, too, graduated from the University of Texas in December 2003.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Tahiti and intend to make their home in Austin.

PAMPA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENETAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003

Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	REVENUES:				
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	$11,675,077	$334,645	$522,538	$12,532,260
5800	State Program Revenues	8,525,403	214,565	1,399,319	10,139,287
5900	Federal Program Revenues	69,765	-	2,976,579	3,046,344
5020	Total Revenues	20,270,245	549,210	4,898,436	25,717,891
	EXPENDITURES:				
	Current:				
0011	Instruction	11,719,087	-	2,156,701	13,875,788
0012	Instructional Resources & Media Services	551,813	-	47,285	599,098
0013	Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	308,069	-	178,782	486,851
0021	Instructional Leadership	258,362	-	24,526	282,888
0023	School Leadership	1,089,032	-	31,423	1,120,455
0031	Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	877,174	-	61,672	938,846
0032	Socail Work Services	16,524	-	3,357	19,881
0033	Health Services	164,810	-	55,473	220,283
0035	Student (Pupil) Transportation	378,477	-	16,611	395,088
0035	Food Services	-	-	1,166,732	1,166,732
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	820,253	-	11,625	831,878
0041	General Administration	984,115	-	11,071	995,186
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,981,127	-	62,307	2,043,434
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	34,087	-	626	34,713
0053	Data Processing Services	-	-	65,322	65,322
0061	Community Services	43,146	-	425,481	468,627
	Debt Service:				
0071	Debt Service Principal on long-term debt	407,703	205,000	-	612,703
0072	Debt Service-Interest on long-term debt	86,891	403,400	-	490,291
0073	Debt Service-Bond Issuance Cost and Feeds	-	200	-	200
	Capital Outlay:				
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	353,376	-	-	353,376
	Intergovernmental:				
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/ Member Districts of SSA	-	-	550,138	550,138
6030	Total Expenditures	20,074,046	608,600	4,869,132	25,551,778
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	196,199	(59,390)	29,304	166,113
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	800	-	-	800
7915	Transfers In	-	23,967	6,925	30,892
8911	Transfers Out (use)	(30,892)	-	-	(30,892)
7080	Total Other FinancingSources (Use)	(30,092)	23,967	6,925	800
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	166,107	(35,423)	36,229	166,193
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,319,448	35,423	341,069	2,695,940
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	$2,485,555	$ -	$377,298	$2,862,853

WT's Alumni Association begins year with new board of directors

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University Alumni Association is in good hands as this year's Board of Directors Executive Commitee and new board members have taken office.

Officers include Patty Price, Class of 1975, Canyon—president; Deborah Cain, 1972, Canyon, immediate past president; Ginger Crump, 1970, Canyon, first vice president; Zeke Castro, 1971, Amarillo, second vice president; Debbie Smith, 1981, Amarillo, secretary; Silas Girgis, 2000, 2003, Canyon, treasurer; and Dr. Lisa O'Brien, 1993, Amarillo, president elect. Other new board members are Penny Peryatel Reed, 1970, Raton, N.M.; Jana Trotter, 1995, Hereford; Steven Bloomberg, 2002, Borger; De'Arno De'Armond, 1998, 2001, Amarillo; Kelly Hamilton, 2001, Canyon; and Silvia Villarreal, 2001, Austin.

All the new board members were elected in October at the annual Homecoming Breakfast meeting. Their terms began this month. To be eligible, one must be nominated and be an Alumni Association member. Each term is for two years, and members can not serve more than three terms.

"The board's goal is not only to govern, but to increase membership in the association, connecting with as many alums as we can," M. Keith Brown, director of alumni relations, said.

As the newly elected president, Price, director of customer focus at Northwest Texas Hospital, hopes to reconnect with alumni so the Alumni Association will continue to grow.

"The association is here to support the University, and we want to pull individuals back into the fold," Price said. "To me it's an exciting time because WTAMU is growing, and I hope to keep the flame burning among WTAMU graduates."

Another of Price's goals is to run the Alumni Association debt-free.

"I hope to finish paying the loan, borrowed from the University to renovate Buffalo Courts Alumni Center, ahead of schedule," Price said.

Last year the Board of Directors raised $20,000 for renovations to Buffalo Courts Alumni Center, the official home of the Alumni Association, by hosting singer, songwriter Red Steagall.

The board also brought in $13,000 more than in 2002 through membership, which helps provide alumni with services such as the quarterly magazine, The West Texan.

"Our goals this year include getting the Web site up and running and marketed to alums, and getting out in the panhandle and connecting with alums outside of Canyon and Amarillo," Brown said.

For more information about the board and other alumni relations, call 806-651-2311.

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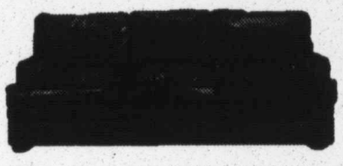

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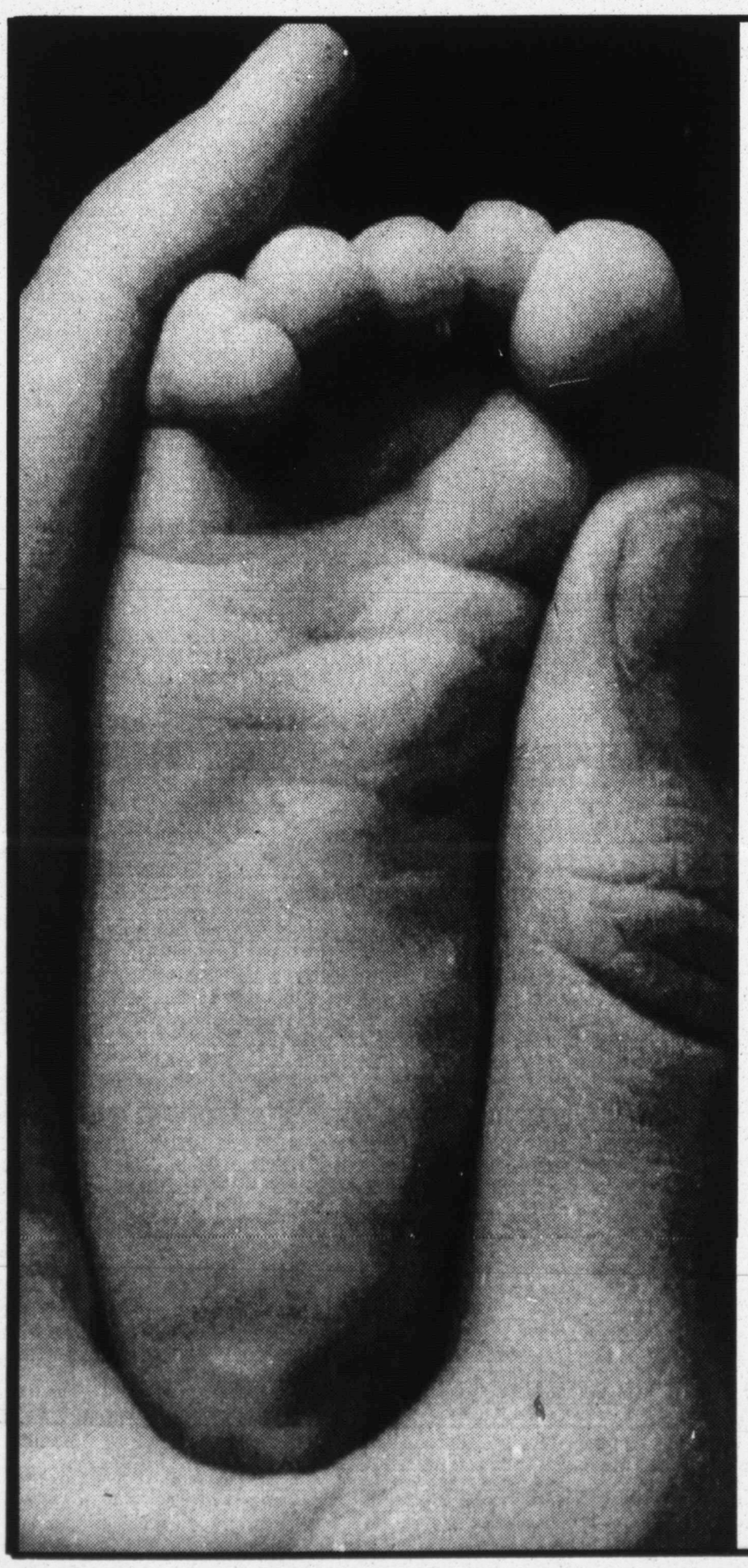

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BILLBOARD MUSIC CHARTS

By The Associated Press

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

HOT COUNTRY SINGLES AND TRACKS

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

1. "Remember When," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
2. "There Goes My Life," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
3. "American Soldier," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
4. "You Can't Take the Honky Tonk Out of the Girl," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
5. "Watch the Wind Blow By," Tim McGraw. Curb.
6. "I Wanna Do It All," Terri Clark. Mercury.
7. "Little Moments," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
8. "Drinkin' Bone," Tracy Byrd. RCA.
9. "In My Daughter's Eyes," Martina McBride. RCA.
10. "She's Not Just a Pretty Face," Shania Twain. Mercury.

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TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS

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

1. "Shock'n Y'all," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
2. "Greatest Hits Volume II," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
3. "Greatest Hits Volume II and Some Other Stuff," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
4. "Long Black Train," Josh Turner. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
5. "Up!," Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville). (Platinum)
6. "Unleashed," Toby Keith. DreamWorks (Nashville). (Platinum)
7. "Top of the World Tour Live," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Gold)
8. "Martina," Martina McBride. RCA (Nashville). (Platinum)
9. "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
10. "Comin' On Strong," Trace Adkins. Capitol.

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HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLES AND TRACKS

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

1. "You Don't Know My Name," Alicia Keys. J.
2. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat. Kanye West & Jamie Foxx). Atlantic.
3. "Me, Myself and I," Beyonce. Columbia.
4. "Yeah!" Usher (feat. Lil Jon & Ludacris). Arista.
5. "Read Your Mind," Avant. Geffen.
6. "Sorry 2004," Ruben Studdard. J.
7. "The Way You Move," OutKast feat: Sleepy Brown. Arista. (Gold)
8. "Through the Wire," Kanye West. Roc-A-Fella.
9. "Walked Outta Heaven," Jagged Edge. Columbia.
10. "Salt Shaker," Ying Yang Twins (feat. Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz). Collipark.

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TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUMS

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1. "Soulful," Ruben Studdard. J. (Platinum)
2. "The Diary of Alicia Keys," Alicia Keys. J. (Platinum)
3. "The Black Album," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
4. "Juve the Great," Juvenile. Cash Money.
5. "Terrorist Threats," Westside Connection. Hoo-Bangin'. (Gold)
6. "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," OutKast. Arista. (Platinum)
7. "Beg for Mercy," G-Unit. G-Unit. (Platinum)
8. "M.A.D.E." Memphis Bleek. Roc-A-Fella.
9. "ChickenBeer," Ludacris. Disturbing tha Peace. (Platinum)
10. "Soulstar," Musiq. Def Soul.

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HOT RAP TRACKS

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1. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat. Kanye West & Jamie Foxx). Atlantic.
2. "The Way You Move," OutKast (feat. Sleepy Brown). Arista. (Gold)
3. "Salt Shaker," Ying Yang Twins (feat. Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz). ColliPark.
4. "Through the Wire," Kanye West. Roc-A-Fella.
5. "Hotel," Cassidy (feat. R. Kelly). Full Suerface.
6. "Splash Waterfalls," Ludacris. Disturbing tha Peace.
7. "Damn!" YoungBloodz (feat. Lil Jon). Arista.
8. "Tipsy," J-Kwon. So So Def.
9. "Gangsta Nation," Westside Connection (feat. Nate Dogg) Hoo-Bangin'.
10. "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.

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HOT DANCE MUSIC/CLUB PLAY

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "Nothing Fails (Remixes)," Madonna. Maverick.
2. "Fake," Simply Red. simplyred.com.
3. "Fallen (Remixes)," Sarah McLachlan. Arista.
4. "Breathe (Remixes)," Michelle Branch. Maverick.
5. "Give It Up," Kevin Aviance. Robbins.
6. "Slow," Kylie Minogue. Capitol.
7. "Wonderful (S. Kleinenberg & D. Aude Mixes)," Annie Lennox. J.
8. "Stoned (Deep Dish Remix)," Dido. Arista.
9. "Me, Myself and I (Junior Mixes)," Beyonce. Columbia.
10. "Walk On By (S.A.F. & Eddie X Mixes)," Cyndi Lauper. Daylight.

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HOT LATIN TRACKS

(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)

1. "Cuidarte El Alma," Chayanne. Sony Discos.
2. "Me Canse de Tí," Obie Bermudez. EMI Latin.
3. "Quien Te Dijo Eso?" Luis Fonsi. Universal Latino.
4. "Rosas," La Oreja de Van Gogh," Sony Discos.
5. "Mas Que Tu Amigo," Marco Antonio Solis. Fonovisa.
6. "Te Llame," Cristian. Ariola.
7. "Y Todo Queda En Nada," Ricky Martin. Sony Discos.
8. "Lagrimas de Cristal," Grupo Montez de Durango. Disa.
9. "Mientes Tan Bien," Sin Bandera. Sony Discos.
10. "Cerca de Ti," Thalia. Virgin.

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TOP CONTEMPORARY JAZZ ALBUMS

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

1. "Come Away With Me," Norah Jones. Blue Note. (Platinum)
2. "Emotions," Will Downing. GRP.
3. "Ultimate Kenny G," Kenny G. BMG Heritage.
4. "Saxophonic," Dave Koz. Capitol.
5. "A Thousand Kisses Deep," Chris Botti. Columbia.
6. "Verve/Remixed2," Various Artists. Verve.
7. "Sapphire Blue," Larry Carlton. Bluebird.
8. "One Day Deep," Praful. N-Coded.
9. "Embrace," Najee. N-Coded.
10. "Salt," Lizz Wright. Verve.

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TOP CLASSICAL ALBUMS

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

1. "Romance of the Violin," Joshua Bell. Sony Classical.
2. Soundtrack: "Master and Commander." Decca.
3. "The Most Relaxing Classical Album... Ever! II," Various Artists. Circa.
4. "Bjorling Rediscovered — Carnegie Hall Recital September 1955," Jussi Bjorling. Red Seal.
5. "Bach: Contatas BWV 82 And 199," Lorraine Hunt Lieberson. Nonesuch.
6. "Sentimento," Andrea Bocelli. Philips. (Platinum)
7. "Live in Dublin," Andre Rieu. Denon.
8. "By Request," Renee Fleming. Decca.
9. "The Salieri Album," Ceccilia Bartoli. Decca.
10. "Bach: The Art of Fugue," Emerson String Quartet. DG.

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BILLBOARD HOT 100: TOP 10

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

1. "Hey Ya!" OutKast. Arista. (Gold)
2. "The Way You Move," OutKast feat. Sleepy Brown. Arista. (Gold)
3. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat. Kanye West & Jamie Foxx). Atlantic/
4. "You Don't Know My Name," Alicia Keys. J.
5. "Me, Myself and I," Beyonce. Columbia.
6. "Yeah," Usher (feat. Ludacris & Lil Jon). Arista.
7. "Milkshake," Kelis. Star Trak.
8. "Someday," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
9. "Here Without You," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
10. "It's My Life," No Doubt. Interscope.

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THE BILLBOARD 200 TOP ALBUMS: TOP 10

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1. "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," OutKast. Arista. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
2. "The Very Best of Sheryl Crow," Sheryl Crow. A&M. (Platinum)
3. "Fallen," Evanescence. Wind-up. (Platinum)
4. "2004 Grammy Nominees," Various Artists. Grammy.
5. "Soulful," Ruben Studdard. J. (Platinum)
6. "Shock'n Y'all," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
7. "Now 14," Various Artists. Columbia/Universal/EMI/Zomba/Sony Music. (Platinum)
8. "Closer," Josh Groban. 143. (Platinum)
9. "The Diary of Alicia Keys," Alicia Keys. J. (Platinum)
10. "In the Zone," Britney Spears. Jive/Zomba. (Platinum)

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HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY

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

1. "Calling All Angels," Train. Columbia.
2. "Forever and For Always," Shania Twain. Mercury.
3. "Drift Away," Uncle Kracker (feat. Dobie Gray). Lava.
4. "Unwell," matchbox twenty. Atlantic.
5. "You Raise Me Up," Josh Groban. 143.
6. "The First Cut is the Deepest," Sheryl Crow. A&M.
7. "Look Through My Eyes," Phil Collins. Walt Disney.
8. "Big Yellow Taxi," Counting Crows (feat. Vanessa Carlton). Geffen.
9. "White Flag," Dido. Arista.
10. "Sunrise," Simply Red. simplyred.com/Red Ink.

TOP CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ALBUMS

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

1. "The Beautiful Letdown," Switchfoot. Sparrow. (Gold)
2. "WOW Hits 2004," Various Artists. Provident.
3. "Stacie Orrico," Stacie Orrico. Forefront. (Gold)
4. "Throne Room," CeCe Winans. PureSprings.
5. "Casting Crowns," Casting Crowns. Beach Street.
6. "Payable on Death," P.O.D. Atlantic. (Gold)
7. "Worship Together: I Could Sing of Your Love Forever," Various Artists. EMI Special Markets. (Platinum)
8. "Worship & Faith," Randy Travis. Word-Curb.
9. "WOW Worship (Yellow)," Various Artists. EMI Special Markets.
10. "Stay," Jeremy Camp. BEC.

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Forever linked

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — For the rest of time, these three men will be linked by the Columbia disaster, strangers thrown together by that awful Saturday morning in February.

The accident has altered their lives forever: NASA's most visible persona during those dreadful first days, a scientist who would dig into the cause of the accident, the grieving husband of one of the two women on the flight.

Ron Dittemore, the space shuttle program manager who took the most dramatic public fall, remains emotionally scarred one year later. He left NASA and now holds a low-profile aerospace job in Utah.

The seven lost lives weigh heavily on him. After repeatedly delaying previous shuttle launches for all sorts of reasons, he wonders what prevented him and others from seeing the risk in the piece of foam that broke off and hit the shuttle wing. "Why didn't the hair stand up on your neck?" he asks himself.

Douglas Osheroff, the Nobel Prize-winning physicist who investigated the accident, still wonders if NASA can save itself.

He sensed from the start that the fly-away chunk of foam at liftoff likely doomed Columbia. But he forced himself to keep an open mind and followed the evidence, over six months, to that very conclusion.

Dr. Jon Clark, still numbed at times by the pain of losing his wife and the mother of his son, uncomfortably straddles two worlds.

Clark is an insider, working for NASA as a neurologist. But ever since Laurel Clark and six other astronauts perished aboard Columbia, he feels more like an outsider as he pushes for cultural change within an agency that he sadly believes does not have what it takes to put humans on the moon or Mars.

The three men had no way of knowing on Feb. 1, 2003, that their lives would intersect.

Moments after 9 a.m. EST, Columbia shattered in the sky over Texas while streaking through the atmosphere toward Cape Canaveral, just another 16 minutes on top of a journey that had spanned 16 days.

The families of the seven Columbia astronauts waited along the runway. The twin sonic booms that herald a shuttle's arrival never came. The sky was empty.

Clark, with his all his intimate knowledge about launches and landings, knew something was very wrong. He'd been listening to Mission Control's commentary on the loudspeakers and was disturbed by the call to Columbia about the tire-pressure alarms and the commander's truncated reply.

His brain went into high-speed analytical mode: The crew was probably going to have to bail out and his wife was in one of the worst spots, on the upper flight deck. By his count, she would be the fifth to jump.

What was happening though, was unimaginable — even to him.

Descending at nearly 20 times the speed of sound in a bucking spacecraft, the astronauts could not have bailed out, least of all from 200,000 feet.

They never stood a chance.

Within a minute or a little more, it was all over. The Columbia and its seven souls were gone, hurled all over Texas and Louisiana.

The families were rushed to astronaut quarters where they were told that while there was no confirmation of fatalities, the accident was believed to be unsurvivable.

The screams were bloodcurdling.

President Bush later called the families to console them and then announced to the world that Columbia was lost and that all seven on board — Rick Husband, William McCool, Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Clark, Michael Anderson, David Brown and Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon — were dead.

A shell-shocked Dittemore appeared before the TV cameras in midafternoon and urged journalists not to rush to judgment about the foam impact back during the Jan. 16 launch.

"There are a lot of things in this business that look like the smoking gun but turn out not even to be close," Dittemore said from Houston.

Four days later, he insisted the foam was not to blame. The very next day, once the accident investigators hit town, he acknowledged he was wrong to rule out anything so early.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe was outraged by Dittemore's swift dismissal of the foam.

It turned out that the suitcase-size section of foam insulation was the biggest piece ever to break off a shuttle fuel tank, and it slammed into the underside of Columbia's left wing edge at more than 500 mph, 81 seconds after liftoff.

Shuttles had been struck before by foam and other debris, to no great consequence. But while viewed as a problem, little was ever done to stop the foam from breaking off.

Jon Clark — a doctor not an engineer — was puzzled during Columbia's flight when he saw a reference to the launch-day foam strike as he read the Mission Control log notes.

He decided not to make a fuss. It wasn't his area of expertise.

Mission managers, grown accustomed to uneventful landings and under the flight schedule gun, dismissed the concerns of low-level engineers and did not seek spy satellite pictures of the damaged wing.

NASA's top safety official, Bryan O'Connor, learned of the foam strike while Columbia was still in orbit. He was tipped off by a colleague with a friend in the Pentagon that people there were surprised the space agency had not requested zoom-in pictures.

O'Connor, didn't have military clearance to deal with the issue, so he passed it off to shuttle managers in Houston where it languished.

One year later, O'Connor is filled with regret. He offered to quit after the accident, but O'Keefe urged him to stay and make the shuttle program safer.

As Dittemore briefed the world on NASA's second shuttle accident in 17 years, Osheroff, the Stanford University physicist, was driving with his wife through the Santa Cruz Mountains in Northern California to their favorite dim sum restaurant.

Neither had listened to the news before leaving home, and Osheroff was puzzled when he turned on the car radio and heard a NASA news conference in progress. The radio announcer finally came on and summarized what had happened: The shuttle Columbia had broken up on re-entry and, perhaps not so coincidentally, a chunk of foam had fallen off the fuel tank during launch 16 days earlier and hit the left wing.

Osheroff cursed. He knew enough about the brittle graphite leading edge of the shuttle wing to know that the foam had likely created catastrophic damage. He had no way of knowing then that within a month he'd be called to join an investigation into the catastrophe.

As Dittemore grimly answered reporters' questions and Osheroff listened in disbelief across the country, Clark was on a NASA jet flying back to Houston from Cape Canaveral with the other astronaut families.

The newly widowed flight surgeon was playing the card game War with son Iain, then 8, in hopes of distracting the boy. Just as the plane passed over the Texas-Louisiana border, where most of the wreckage had fallen, the child froze and instead of looking at his cards, raised a hand and moved it back and forth.

"Iain, what are you doing?" Clark asked.

"I'm waving goodbye to Mommy," he said. "I felt her."

Osheroff says he's been thinking a lot, since the investigation board's report came out in August, about how and why NASA's bizarre culture evolved — not just in its approach to safety issues but its lack of curiosity.

The only conclusion he can reach is, "This is what happens to an organization that simply doesn't have the money to do what it wants to do safely."

Dittemore, the former shuttle program manager, refuses to discuss NASA's culture or whether his departure was essential.

He is, however, one of the few to readily accept full responsibility for the tragedy.

"It doesn't get any easier as the time passes, because I still focus on seven families, and what did we miss to allow such a tragedy to occur," Dittemore says.

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004:
Refuse to focus too hard on one thing, person or project. You have a tendency to become obsessive-compulsive. Friends and associates might not have your best interests in mind. Express your unusual creativity and take care of yourself first. Your talents help you gain financially. If you are single, you will meet someone very special this year. You might even enjoy giving up some of your freedom! If attached, your relationship will benefit from more one-on-one time. You bond even more tightly. GEMINI adores 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 defer to others right now. All you want is company and/or activity, but plans could rapidly change. News could force you to rethink a decision. Do what you find most pleasurable. Let the good times happen. Tonight: Read or contact friends.
This Week: Your energy crashes on Tuesday, so plan ahead to do as much as you can on a physical level. Ingenuity makes up for a lack of spunk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Indulge and treat others with a great deal of love and caring. Extremes mark your mood and what you choose to do. A partner might object quite clearly. Indulge yourself without worrying too much. Tonight: Your treat.
This Week: You find that you're a powerhouse not to be stopped. You might want to rethink a decision that involves your family and home. It is your way or the highway.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You are a powerhouse of magnetism and energy. Someone might get jealous and out of control. Right now, you can handle this person, but later on, you will be more self-centered than in the past. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.
This Week: Your smiling ways prove to be a winner for only so long. Use a great deal of caution in how you express your frustration. Think before speaking.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Take your time and make a decision with care. You might opt to go down a new path if you like. Debate the pros and cons with someone who understands you and the people in your life. Don't pressure others. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.
This Week: You hit your powerhouse days this week. With focus, you might be hard to stop in any way, shape or form. Others respond.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your greatest pleasure comes from your friends, even if you want to spend time with a child or loved one. This person is difficult and touchy. Let him or her have his or her space. You will be a lot happier as a result. Tonight: You are the party.
This Week: Lie back as long as you can, as later in the week your clout becomes enormous. You get "yeses," not "nos."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ A must appearance dominates your plans. You might not be sure exactly what to do here. Your ability to face facts might become strategic with a child or family member. Trust your judgment. Tonight: Visit with an older relative.
This Week: Your smile takes you a long way if you are willing. Ask and don't hedge. Sign up for that course or trip you have been thinking about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Take an overview, and you might be delighted by what comes up. You discover that someone close does honestly care about you. You could reverse your decisions about plans at the last minute. Go where the fun is. Tonight: Take in a movie.
This Week: Reach out for more information before making a key decision. As the result of your research, you make an A-1 decision.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Changes happen rapidly while you think through what is best for you. Listen well to what is happening here. Schedule time with someone close. You don't know how much this gesture will mean to him or her. Tonight: Togetherness works.
This Week: Deal with someone more carefully. Tempers seem to explode more easily after Tuesday. You could have your hands full calming others down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others come toward you. You have your pick of what to do; only you might be making life far more complicated than you think it needs to be. Keep your plans and feelings simple right now. Tonight: Where the action is.
This Week: Others make demands, but the good news is you meet their requests without a snafu. Express your ingenuity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Pace yourself, as you might be a bit more tired than you realize. A loved one does care, but has an odd way of showing it. Be understanding and gracious in your dealings with loved ones and friends. Tonight: Make it a relaxing few hours.
This Week: As of Tuesday, you become a terror if you don't get what you want! You enter several weeks of unusual drive. No one is stopping you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your playfulness is marked by a special relationship with a friend or loved one. Your perspective changes considerably once you understand what is ailing this person. What could be a big deal for him or her is a minor adjustment for you. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday?
This Week: You're all about work, and you demonstrate a commitment to get the job done. Still, on the home front, uproar starts to interfere. It is the way it is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Others anchor you with their demands. You might want to have a lazy day at home, but an older relative or boss could be asking a lot from you. Know when to pull back and smile sweetly, saying "no." Tonight: Screen calls. Do your thing.
This Week: You might want to express your feelings and ideas more strongly. You've got a lot to offer. Let others hear it.

BORN TODAY
Celebrity Lisa Marie Presley (1968), musician Rick James (1948), former Russian leader Boris Yeltsin (1931)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 2, 2004:
Work and health become dominant themes this year. You must take good care of yourself, especially since you push so hard that fatigue could easily occur. Your teeth and bones are also vulnerable. You have an unusual amount of creativity and can see outside of the box. Be careful with investments, as you pull the wild card financially. You do more than your share at home, work or wherever you are. If you are single, you could meet someone of significance late 2004. You will be ready to relate on an intimate level. If you are attached, your relationship needs more openness. Talk about what bothers you. Share responsibilities. CANCER pitches in.

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)
★★★★★ The time has come to give some serious thought to working from home, if you can. You might function better without all the excitement and activity around the workplace. Have a long-overdue conversation with a roommate or family member. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ If you feel overwhelmed by calls and requests, don't worry. The planets are about to give you an energy blast that you haven't had for about a year and a half. Do what you must right now, knowing that you will be able to catch up very soon. Tonight: Visit on the phone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★ It is now or never as you deal with finances. You cannot keep juggling as you have been. Bosses and those you respect come up with dynamic ideas. Follow through, and you will like what happens. Be careful with any money commitments. OK? Tonight: TV night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your energy helps others, as does your ability to detach from the immediate situation. Examine your ideas, and focus on breaking past preconceived notions. You sometimes lock yourself into rigid thinking. Tonight: Do your thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Knowing when to cut back could be critical right now. You need to listen more to a partner or associate, no matter how flaky you find him or her. Keep your own counsel right now, even if you are uncomfortable. Tonight: Screen calls; watch a favorite movie.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Knowing what you want is the first step in getting just that. A loved one or friend might surprise you with his or her actions, especially those actions toward someone else you care about. You need endurance and the desire to get what you want. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be on top of a change but feel burdened by the responsibilities. Unexpected developments could take you in a new direction. Accept new technology with a natural openness. Tonight: Maintain work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Reach out for others. You will find that although one person could be unresponsive, others will respond. Detach from the immediate. Use your imagination to find solutions and investigate possibilities. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Deal with others directly on an individual level, though someone might be closemouthed. You might be unsure of yourself with an unpredictable family member. Be open to the unexpected. Tonight: Opt to be with a favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might inadvertently push someone away; this person could be a bit cold or distant right now. You will find that doing the unpredictable or breaking an old pattern is most successful. Don't get into a feud with a family member. Tonight: Say "yes."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Pace yourself and do what you need to do in order to get your work done. You might have an insight as to what to do with your finances, or you might want to buy a lottery ticket. Just don't risk anything you don't have. Don't push yourself. Tonight: Early to bed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination carries you through a problem with ease. You might not want to unload your thoughts just yet. Let someone else make the first move. Your romantic and creative side emerges, even at work. Tonight: Ever playful.

BORN TODAY
Model Christie Brinkley (1954), actress Farrah Fawcett (1947), actor David Jason (1940)

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1712 Chestnut	$49,500	3/1.75/1 cp - 1305 SF/GCAD
1533 Williston	$49,500	2/1/1 cp - 1677 SF/GCAD
526 N. Gray	$45,000	3/2/1 - 1451 SF/GCAD
1115 Charles	$45,000	3/1.75/1 cp - 1008 SF + 1008 SF Bsmnt
1900 Hamilton	$40,900	3/1.75/2 - 1520 SF/GCAD
1316 Mary Ellebn	$39,500	2/1/1 - 1030 SF/GCAD
2126 N. Russell	$38,000	2/1/None - 1485 SF/GCAD
1710 Beech	$37,000	3/1/1 - 1170 SF/GCAD
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2314 Mary Ellen	$32,500	3/1/1 - 1148 SF/GCAD
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1013 Mary Ellen	$29,500	2/1/1 - 1280 SF/GCAD
2630 Seminole	$28,500	2/1/None - 1020 SF/GCAD
408 Harvester	$25,000	3/1/1 - 1064 SF/GCAD
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2120 Lea	$82,500	3/2/1 - 1593 SF/GCAD
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1024 Sierra	$55,000	3/2/2 - 1274 SF/GCAD
600 E. 17th	$49,900	4/1.5/2 - 1290 SF/GCAD
2120 N. Christy	$49,900	3/1.75/1 - 1381 SF/GCAD
2209 N. Dwight	$45,000	3/1/1 - 1040 SF/GCAD
2131 N. Nelson	$39,900	3 or 4/1/2 - 1725 SF/GCAD
2124 N. Christy	$37,900	3/1.75/2 - 1232 SF/GCAD
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1200 S. Finley	$21,000	2 or 3/1/1 - 875 SF/GCAD
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922 E. Frederic	$15,000	2/1/1 - 1068 SF/GCAD
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8550 Loop 171	$135,000	3/2/2 - 1932 SF/BP 4.16 Acres
#7 Yucca, Stinnett	$110,000	4/2/None - 3753 SF/HCAD
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509 Williston, WD	$34,500	3/1/2 - 1257 SF/GCAD
304 Popham, White Deer	$25,000	2/1/None - 750 SF/CCAD
917 Elmore, Borger	$25,000	2/1/1 det - 824 SF/GCAD
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Jan. 30, Feb. 1, 2004

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The starting salary will be $9.35-12.34 per hour. A completed application is required and applications will be accepted until 5:00p.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2004. For further application information, including a complete job vacancy notice, contract the nearest Texas Department of Transportation. Information may also be accessed via the Internet at www.dot.state.tx.us. Mailed applications should be postmarked the day the job vacancy closes and sent to:5715 Canyon Drive; Amarillo, TX 79110; Attn: Human Resources. If more information is needed or if an applicant needs an accommodation in order to apply for this job, contract Janice Stafford at (806)356-3233.
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Jackson S. Swift

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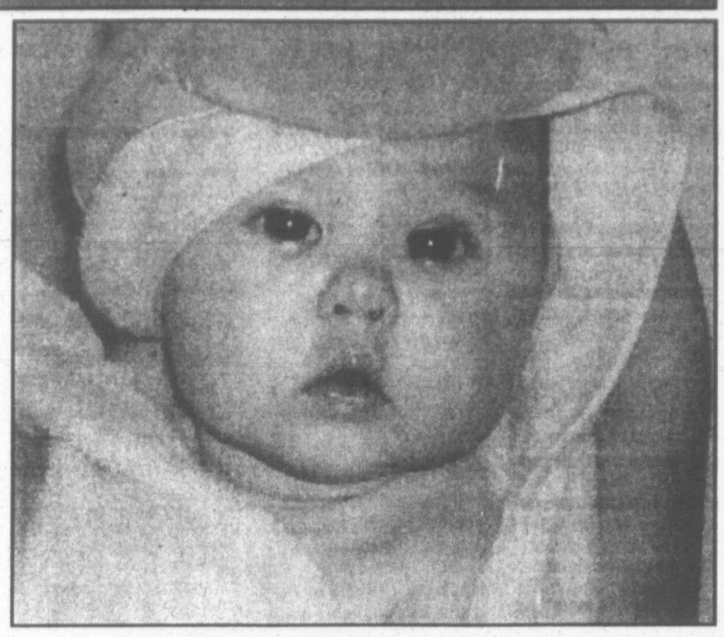
Jackson Scott Swift was born at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 22, 2003, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kan., to Bryan and Jennifer Swift of Andale, Kan.

At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds, 10-ounces and was 21-inches long.

Relatives of the newborn include grandparents Dub and Mary Swift of Pampa and Gregg and Kitty Gorges and Gordon Flickinger, all of Andale; and great-grandparents Addie Swift of Briscoe, Addie Mae Lindner of Syracuse, Kan., Kay Deal of Wichita and Barbara and Don Conley and Gary Ferris, all of Oklahoma City, Okla.



Jaryn E. Shephard

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Jaryn Elizabeth Shephard was born at 8:18 p.m. Oct. 11, 2003, at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Jon and Cassi Shephard of Pampa.

At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 4-ounces and was 20 1/4-inches long.

Relatives include her grandparents, Marty and Melinda Scott, Dennis and Kay Shephard, Bob and Betty Helm and the late Bob and Carole Scott, all of Pampa.

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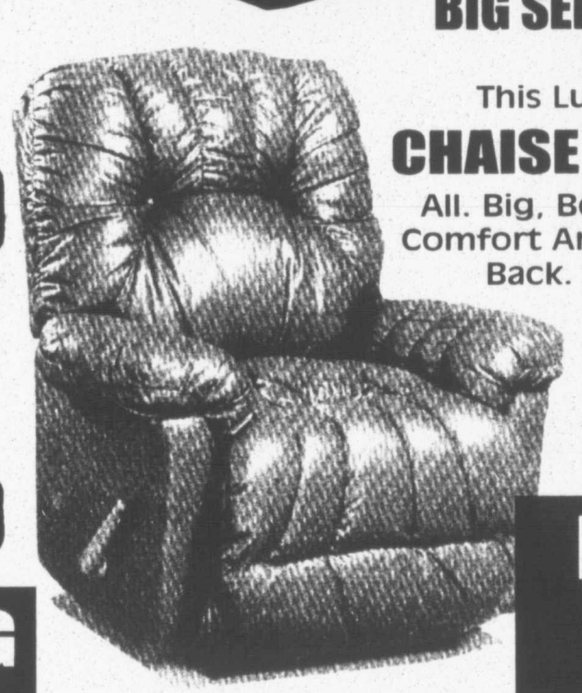

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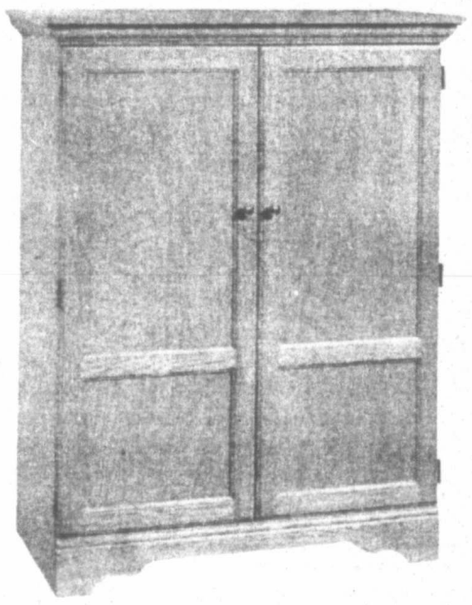

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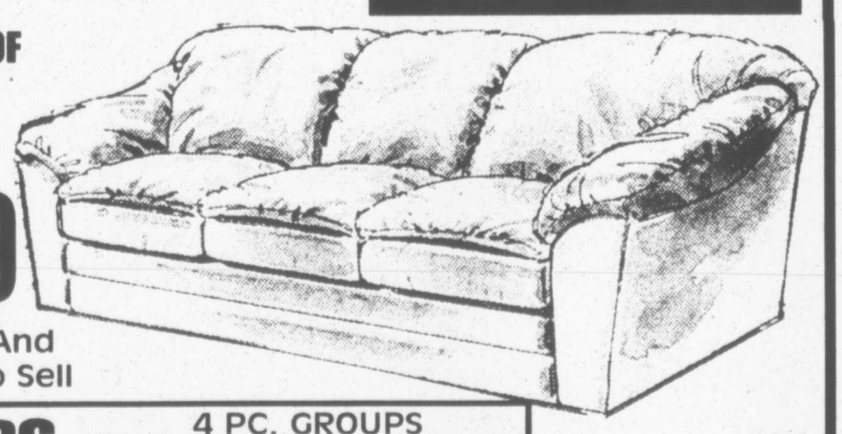

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