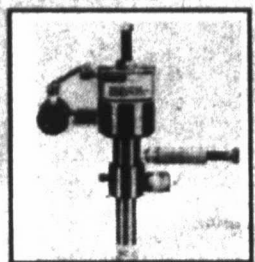


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Pampa High School's Class of 1969 will hold a class reunion meeting at 8 p.m. Monday, March 1 at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors, 600 N. Ward.

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Local oilman files \$18 million lawsuit

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

A Pampa oilman is suing ChevronTexaco, claiming abandoned oil wells near McLean not plugged as required by law polluted his water resources.

Attorneys for James L. Bradley filed an \$18 million lawsuit against ChevronTexaco Thursday in Judge Lee Waters 223rd District Court here, claiming that the major oil company failed to properly plug oil wells on the ranch Bradley bought from ChevronTexaco, allowing contaminants to pollute both ground and surface water on the ranch. Bradley is also seeking \$1 million that he had spent cleaning up other pollution caused by abandoned oil wells on the ranch.

In the lawsuit, Bradley alleges

fraud, because he says ChevronTexaco did not tell him about the condition of the wells at the time he bought the 3,680-acre ranch. Bradley said representations made by ChevronTexaco at the time of the sale conveyed a false impression as to the condition of the ranch.

The Gray County rancher said in the suit that he discovered two open well bores on his ranch north of McLean last summer that ChevronTexaco, or its predecessor, never plugged. The predecessor, Kewanee Oil Company, however had reported under oath to the Texas Railroad Commission that they had properly plugged the abandoned oil wells.

Further inspection, Bradley said in court documents, indicated that the unplugged wells had contaminated his ground water supply. The lawsuit goes

on to claim that the surface water in the North Fork of the Red River near the open wells has been polluted.

Water samples from the open wells tested positive for benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene and xylene.

While Kewanee Oil Company had reported that the wells had been plugged to the Railroad Commission, lawyers for Bradley said Friday that Kewanee was bought by Gulf Oil Company, which in turn merged with ChevronTexaco.

Pampa attorney J.A. Martindale, who with Amarillo attorney John Mann is representing Bradley, said Bradley initially bought production rights and water rights from Chevron. He later bought the surface rights to the ranch.

Friday, Martindale said that last June, a cowboy on the ranch discov-

ered the two open wells. Testing of ground water and surface water near the wells by Trace Analysis, Inc., a Lubbock company, indicated contaminants from the 1100-foot wells had seeped into Bradley's water supply.

Mann said that they are continuing to test other wells on the ranch and fear that as many as 150 wells may present similar problems.

Martindale said the two wells cited in the lawsuit, and possibly others on the ranch, were reported to the Railroad Commission as having been properly plugged.

The two lawyers said there had been an earlier settlement with a previous owner concerning surface damages, but that ChevronTexaco had neglected to tell Bradley about it when he bought

(See LAWSUIT, Page 3)



Pat Bagley
(Courtesy photo)

Bagley elected to state office

Gray County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley has been elected 2004 president of the 3,000-member Texas Association of Appraisal Districts, Inc. (TAAD) at the group's recent annual conference in Fort Worth.

Bagley, a registered professional appraiser (RPA), has

previously served TAAD as president-elect, vice president, secretary-treasurer, regional trustee and as a member of its various committees, including Bylaws, Education, Membership, Legislative, Comproller, Liaison, Standards & Practices, and Methods & Technology

Committees. He is a past president of the North Plains TAAD Chapter.

Over the years he has been part of numerous work groups and committees, working with legislators and other organizations with the goal of developing an efficient, fair property tax system throughout the

state of Texas.

The association's purpose is to promote the effective and efficient functioning of appraisal districts and aid in the improvement of their administration. The association counts as members 226 of the state's 253 appraisal districts.

Second candidate seeking Place 7 seat on PISD board

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Three candidates have filed for election to one of two seats on Pampa Independent School District's board of education.

Filing as a candidate began Feb. 14 and will close March 15. The election is scheduled for May 15.

The two seats up for election are Place 6, currently held by Joe Martinez, and Place 7, represented by Bill Jones. Martinez currently serves as president of the board, and Jones is secretary.

Kenneth Howard Cargill entered the race for Place 7 on Wednesday. On Thursday, Willie E. Nickleberry filed as a candidate for Place 7, and

**Early voting for
the May 15
school board
election begins on
April 28. Residents
can register to vote
through April 15.**

Martinez filed for re-election to Place 6.

Persons who wish to run for either of the board of education seats may

go to Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, to file for a place on the ballot.

Early voting will be April 28 through May 11 at Carver Center. The center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Voters who wish to cast their ballots by mail may apply for a ballot between March 16 and May 7. Call 669-4700 and ask for the personnel department for more information on mail-in ballots.

Pampa residents who are not already registered to vote and who wish to vote in the election have through April 15 to register in order to participate in the school board balloting.

Election day will be May 15 in Lovett Memorial Library.

Co. Commission to meet Monday

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Robert Dixon, Gray County veterans service officer, will give his annual report to county commissioners at their regular meeting at 9 a.m. Monday in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Dixon will also be recognized for continuing education he has completed.

County Treasurer Lee Cornelison's request to replace an employee in his office will be considered. Commissioners will vote on removing Deputy Treasurer Julia Wood's signature from all county checking accounts effective March 16.

Other items on the agenda include a bid on tax delinquent property at 514 N. Wells, payment of bills and salaries, any intrabudget transfers, and miscellaneous.

Nicholson: Full-time constable needed

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

McLean resident Michael L. "Mike" Nicholson is in the primary race for Gray County's Precinct 4 constable because "Precinct 4 needs a full-time constable," he said.

Nicholson's goal if elected is to provide service to the citizens of Precinct 4.

"I would let people know I'm there and would be an alternative to the police department, sheriff's department or Texas Department of Public Safety if they want to talk to someone," he said.

Nicholson is a native of McLean

and a 1962 graduate of McLean High School.

His law enforcement career began in 1965 and includes two years in Dumas, two years in Memphis including police chief, five years as sheriff's deputy for Wheeler County in Shamrock, two years as police chief in Panhandle, and two years as security guard at Pantex, where he was leader of one of their SWAT teams.

Nicholson left law enforcement in 1977 to attend Bible school in Florida. He spent three years in Florida, then moved to Michigan, where he became a licensed funeral director after earning a degree in mortuary science from Wayne State University.

Nicholson's first wife died in 1996 during their residence in Michigan. He married Sandy Russell in 1999. They returned to McLean in 2002.

Nicholson is following in his father's footsteps as public servant. His father, L.H. Nicholson, worked for Gray County Precinct 4 in the road department.

Nicholson is currently night watchman at McLean Feedyard, and plans to quit that job if elected constable.

"All I've ever done is work with people for the past 50 years," he said.

"I want to be a 24/7 constable if that's what it takes. It's an important job, and I want to see it done right," Nicholson said.



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OBITUARIES

CHARLES OAKIE HINDS, SR. 1918-2004

Charles Oakie Hinds Sr., 86, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, in Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hinds was born on Jan. 20, 1918, at San Luis Obispo, Calif. He was raised in Borger and was a 1936 graduate of Borger High School. He married Fern Butcher on Dec. 12, 1941, in Borger. She preceded him in death on Sept. 11, 1988. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1958. He owned and operated the Hinds R.V. Park, formerly known as the Clay Trailer Park. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was employed as a foreign oilfield worker from

1955 to 1970.

Survivors include three daughters, LaJohna Newbould of Livingston, Donna Hinds Scarimbolo of Kent, Wash., and Bonnie Davis of Amarillo; two brothers, John Hines and Bob Hines, both of Borger; eight grandchildren, Beverly Reinert, LaDonna Legg, Courtney Simpson, LynnAnn Lambright, Cody Davis, Dominique Scarimbolo, Dane Scarimbolo, and Cory Davis; seven great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Charles Hinds, Jr.; a brother, Clem Hinds; and by four sisters, Mary Coulter, Mary Roundtree, Jean Stewart and Rosalie Roeder.

SHARRON K. OSBORNE 1942-2004

Sharron K. Osborne, 61, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, in Canadian. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Osborne was born Aug. 3, 1942, in Pampa to Harold and Marian Ramsay Osborne. She graduated from Pampa High School and West Texas State University. She traveled the world for 25 years as a senior piping designer for Fluor Corporation, but she most enjoyed the time she spent on her family's ranch outside Miami, Texas. Sharron will be missed by many special friends and her

family. She was preceded in death by her mother and father.

Survivors include one son, Brett Hall and wife, Christie, of Miami; one sister, Vicky Collier of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two aunts, Ruth Morrow of Vega and Mabel Wolfe of Canyon; two grandsons, Dylan and Chase Hall of Miami; and by many cousins.

Memorials may be made to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas, 79106, or your local Girl Scout or Boy Scout Troop.

DOYCE SHELTON 1920-2004

Doyce Shelton, 83, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Shelton was born Nov. 3, 1920, at Center, Texas. She married George Shelton on July 26, 1940, in Roswell, N.M. He preceded her in death in 1973. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1940. She worked as a clerk for Tarpley Music Store, retiring after 37 years of service. She was a member of the First Baptist Church where she attended the Business and Professional Women's Sunday School Class. She was a member and past president of the American Businesswomen's Association. She was preceded in death by a



daughter, Bunnie Hukill, in 2002.

Survivors include a daughter, Jerry Clark of Pampa; two sons, James Shelton of Abilene and George Shelton of Plano; 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and three

great-great grandchildren. The family will be at 1013 Charles.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Sen. Duncan to visit Panhandle-area towns

AUSTIN — Sen. Robert Hall and a third meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. at three town hall meetings in the northern portion of Senate District 28 on Tuesday, March 2.

On Tuesday, March 2, Sen. Duncan will meet with constituents at 9:30 a.m. in Wheeler's City Hall. At 2 p.m., that day, another meeting is set in Panhandle's City

Hall and a third meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. at three town hall meetings in the northern portion of Senate District 28 on Tuesday, March 2.

The meetings will be open to discussion on matters important to these constituents, especially the looming issues of water policy and public school finances, according to a news release from Sen. Duncan's office.

Pampa hosts jazz band clinic, concert

This weekend, a different kind of music came from Calvary Baptist Church when Pampa hosts the All-Region Jazz Band Clinic and Concert. A dozen Pampa High School jazz band students were to be featured in a free concert open to the public at 6 p.m., Saturday, at the church located at 900 E. 23rd.

Clinician for the weekend was Russ Teweleit, assistant director of bands and jazz band director at West Texas A&M University of Canyon.

ON RECORD

AMBULANCE

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

Friday, Feb. 27

1:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital and transferred one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 3:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Perry and transported one to PRMC.
 9:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU

responded to the 300 block of Canadian and transported one to PRMC.

Saturday, Feb. 28

2:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Cherokee and transported one to PRMC.
 3:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Dwight and transported one to PRMC.
 6:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to the 700 block of Dwight.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Feb. 27

3:52 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 300 block of Perry.

WEATHER FOCUS

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Sunday, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms then mostly sunny in the afternoon. Breezy. Highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 30s. West winds 15 to 25 mph. Monday, partly cloudy.

Highs in the mid 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms

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Women slain in possible serial killing case

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Victims in a multi-state investigation into slayings of prostitutes.

— Casey Jo Pipestem, 19, of Shawnee. Last seen at an Oklahoma City truck stop, found nude near Big Bear Creek off Texas 360 in Grapevine, Texas, on Jan. 31. She was a prostitute. She was strangled.

— Patsy Laverne Leonard, 23, a prostitute last seen in Wichita Falls, Texas. She was found nude and strangled Jan. 1 in a creek in northeast Pottawatomie County, Okla.

— An unidentified woman last seen at the Flying J Travel Plaza in Sayre, Okla., trying to hitch a ride. Her body was found off Interstate 40 in the Texas Panhandle, 45 miles west of the Oklahoma border. Cause of death not released.

— Sandra Beard, also known as Sandra Bates, age 43, of Oklahoma City, found along I-40 at the Tiger Mountain Road exit in McIntosh County, Okla. She was a prostitute. She died of asphyxiation and was found nude.

— Jennifer Hyman, 24, of Oklahoma City, last seen at an Oklahoma City truck stop. Hyman, a prostitute, was found nude and strangled, below a Tallahatchie River bridge near Oxford, Miss., on Aug. 20.

— Margaret Gardner of Memphis, Tenn., last seen at an Arkansas truck stop. She was found partially nude on an entrance ramp to I-40 near West Memphis, Ark., in July. She was killed by a blow to the head.

— Sandra Richardson, 39, of Oklahoma City, was found at the junction of Highways 62 and 48 in Okfuskee County east of Oklahoma City. OSBI reports she died from physical trauma. The body was unclothed.

Victims who may be included in the investigation:

— An unidentified woman, estimated to be 35 to 50 years old, found dead in south Oklahoma City on Wednesday. She had neck trauma, but the cause of death not immediately determined.

— Nancy Alvis and Patricia Thornton, found dead the same day in 2001 in Shelby County, Tenn., wearing only shoes. The women were prostitutes. Thornton was strangled, and the cause of Alvis' death could not be determined at the time because her body had decomposed.

FPC to host rock concert

BORGER — Plastic Parachute, an alternative rock band based in Denver, Colo., will perform an all-ages concert Thursday, March 4, at 8 p.m. at Frank Phillips College Fine Arts Auditorium.

The concert is free to FPC students and high school sen-

iors from Borger, Fritch and Stinnett.

Plastic Parachute consists of Deb Hooks, vocals; Ricky Brewer, guitar; Shaun Nelson, bass; and Neil Matlock, drums. Hooks is a former FPC student. The band is touring Colorado, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma in support of its self-titled debut album, released late in 2003. Fellow alternative rockers Rezolution will open the show.

No tobacco or beverages will be permitted.

Investigators discuss possible serial killings

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Law enforcement officials from five states met Friday to discuss the possibility that a serial killer may be targeting truck-stop prostitutes in the region.

The seven victims included six prostitutes. One victim has not been identified. Four were from the Oklahoma City area. The prostitutes were found nude or only partially clothed.

At least four victims were last seen at a truck stop, and at least three were strangled. The bodies were found near highways and creeks in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and Mississippi.

Tennessee investigators also participated in the meeting at Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation headquarters in Oklahoma City. They are trying to determine whether the 2001 deaths of two female prostitutes may be connected to the other killings.

More than 40 representatives of 17 law enforcement agencies were to be involved in the private meeting. It will be a chance for investigators to share notes and ideas and to help determine whether the killings are linked.

The transient nature of the victims makes it particularly difficult to solve the crimes.

"These victims didn't stay in one place long," said OSBI spokeswoman Jessica Brown. "People don't necessarily recognize them."

"A lot of these victims did not have tight relationships with their families. A lot of times, families help us solve crimes."

Brown said detectives haven't excluded the possibility that a trucker may be involved in the crimes.

"We're kind of running out of leads now," said investigator Todd Hignight of the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Department in Central Oklahoma.

Hignight has been looking

into the death of Patsy Laverne Leonard, a prostitute found nude and strangled Jan. 1 in northeast Pottawatomie County, Okla.

The six other victims are Casey Jo Pipestem, Sandra Beard, Jennifer Hyman, Margaret Gardner, Sandra Richardson and an unidentified woman found in the Texas Panhandle. Pipestem's body was found in Grapevine, Texas.

Five other Lawton, Okla.-area killings were initially grouped in with the other seven, but those cases have now been determined to be different enough to be treated as a separate group, Brown said.

Another woman was found dead in south Oklahoma City on Wednesday, and police were looking into whether her death might be related. She has not been identified.

Prostitution often goes hand-in-hand with truck stops.

Employees at Oklahoma City-based Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores, which has 150 truck stops and stores throughout the nation, are on the lookout for prostitution, but it is difficult to eradicate the crime, said Jenny Love Meyer, spokeswoman for the company.

"Unfortunately, whenever you're going to have trucks parked, you're going to have it," she said.

Oklahoma City police Master Sgt. Charles Phillips said prostitutes can be vulnerable.

"These women are working in an environment where they are putting themselves somewhat in harm's way," he said.

"The issue, sadly, is that as long as there is a demand ... I don't think there's anything we can do."

Arkansas State Police Special Agent Dale Arnold is investigating the death of Margaret Gardner. He has worked several cases of prostitute deaths before, and he keeps running into the same problem.

"If an individual does not want to change his lifestyle, what are you and I going to do?" he asked. "There's no way to combat that unless they're put away forever."

The Alliance Against Prostitution in Oklahoma County is trying to raise money to build a safe house where prostitutes can come for counseling, drug rehabilitation, job training and life skills classes.

No such program exists in Oklahoma, said Sue Ducharme, a

founding member of the alliance.

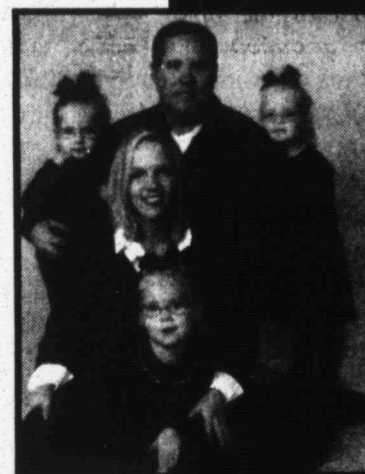
"We don't expect to save every woman, but we need a safe haven — a place for them to go if they choose to change," Ducharme said.

The Oklahoma Trucking Association tries to police the ranks of truckers, even sending trucking companies copies of traffic tickets received by truckers, but executive director Dan Case said he doesn't have enough information about these cases to do anything at this time.

Sgt. Todd Dearing of the Grapevine, Texas, Police Department also lacks information about Pipestem. He hasn't secured any warrants and doesn't have any suspects.

"This is the tip of the iceberg," he said. "It's really right at the beginning of the investigation."

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Martindale said this is a particularly important issue now because of the increased value being placed on water and the possible sale of water in the area for use in other areas of the state.

"Water values are going straight up," Martindale said.

Calls to ChevronTexaco USA Inc. offices in Houston had not been answered by press time Saturday.

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WASHINGTON TODAY

U.S. troops won't return to Haiti

By GEORGE GEDDA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — A decade ago, President Clinton dispatched 20,000 troops to help restore democracy in Haiti during a political crisis there. A repeat performance is highly unlikely this year, officials say, even though Haiti is once again bordering on chaos.

For one thing, in 1994 there was an elected president-in-waiting, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, ready to replace the military junta that had deposed him three years earlier.

Haitians were eager to have him back, and there was joy on the streets when Aristide flew back to Port-au-Prince a month after the U.S. military forced out the coup regime.

Aristide is president again but much of his support has frayed away in the face of accusations that elections were rigged in 2000 and that he has violently suppressed dissent and allowed corruption to flourish while the populace suffers.

If the United States orchestrated his removal it would be a matter of replacing an elected president with someone who had no claim at all to lead the country. This, officials note, would hardly qualify as striking a blow for democracy.

So for now the administration policy is to stick with Aristide for lack of a credible alternative, and push for a political solution to the armed rebellion that is sweeping through Haiti.

"There is frankly no enthusiasm right now for sending in military or police forces to put down the violence," Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday.

In 1994, Clinton was under pressure from the Congressional Black Caucus to reinstate Aristide. Clinton also had a mandate from the U.N. Security Council to use all means necessary to achieve that result.

A U.S. economic embargo, while failing to force out the military government, was causing Haitians even more hardship than usual. Also, there were 14,000 Haitian refugees being housed at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Naval Base, Cuba.

The U.S. military wanted the Haitians repatriated but could do so only if the repressive regime they had fled was deposed and the elected government reinstated.

Many supported the U.S. invasion because of the sinister nature of the regime led by Gen. Raoul Cedras and his colleagues. They were believed responsible for the deaths of thousands.

None of these elements are present these days.

Among the congressional dissenters a decade ago was Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. "Aristide may have won an election, but he's not likely to win a medal for promoting true democracy," Helms thundered on the eve of the invasion.

Nowadays, many in the administration would agree with Helms.

Aristide's government has accomplished little but, then again, he has received minimal support from Washington, which contends that he has violated democratic norms. Assistance from the United States and other donor countries has been limited in recent years to food and other forms of humanitarian aid.

"They've cut off aid to the government and starved them of resources," says James Dobbins, a former State Department Haiti expert. "They've gone to the opposite extreme of the Clinton administration."

Dobbins believes it was a mistake for the 15-nation Caribbean Community, and not the United States, to captain the international mediation effort in Haiti.

It might have made a big difference, he said, if the administration had sent an experienced negotiator to Haiti armed with a proposal for a political solution on which both Democrats and Republicans could agree. As things stand, there is no end in sight to the Haiti crisis.

While the administration generally is leaving the diplomacy to others, it knows that a sudden refugee surge from Haiti could be a political land mine.

Jimmy Carter is an authority on that subject. Between April and September of 1980, the Carter White House allowed 125,000 Cuban refugees to land in Florida. Carter was blamed for arrival of so many unwelcome visitors, and Ronald Reagan won the state handily that November.

And many analysts believe Clinton lost the only election of his life in 1980 because a number of Cuban refugees were sent to Fort Chaffee in Arkansas, where some rioted. He won back the Arkansas governorship in 1982.

The Bush White House, not surprisingly, wants disgruntled Haitians to stay put and not flee to Florida, especially in this election year. As the presidential balloting in 2000 showed, how Floridians vote is no small matter.

It's time for Bush to get tough

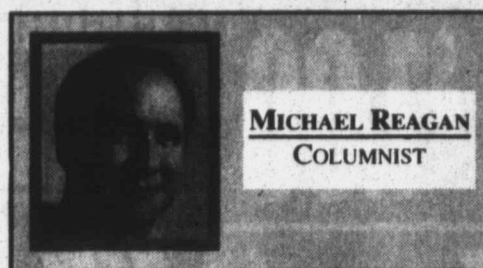
President Bush fired back at his Democratic critics Monday night. After being a sitting duck for the slings and arrows fired at him by the "Hate Bush Brigade", the White House says the President plans to go on the offensive.

It's about time. We need to see a tough, straight-talking, Texas-style George Bush hammering away at his detractors. He also needs to reach out to his conservative base and remind them of what's at stake in this election, because he has a problem with a lot of them.

In recent weeks my conservative listeners have been talking about the same things Kerry and Edwards have been talking about. They're talking about jobs even though the unemployment rate is only 5.6 percent. They're talking about outsourcing, they're talking about amnesty for illegal aliens - these are the things that people who listen to talk radio are concerned about.

Their reaction to the President's handling of these issues should be a warning sign for the President. Conservatives are calling my show and telling me that they are not going to vote for George Bush because of his stand on amnesty or outsourcing, for example. And this simply amazes me. I ask them if they aren't going to vote to re-elect George Bush are they going to vote for the Democrat? And the answer is inevitably, "NO! I'm not going to vote for anybody. I'm going to stay home on Election Day."

My reply is if you stay home and



MICHAEL REAGAN
COLUMNIST

George Bush doesn't win re-election and instead Kerry or whoever the Democrat candidate is gets elected, do you think things are going to get really better? And their answer is, "Well, no, but I want to take a stand."

They should remember Custer. He too took a stand. It was his last.

That just stuns me because it's utterly irrational. They don't understand they are taking a stand against themselves. By not voting they only help elect a liberal Democrat who wants to raise their taxes, enact all kinds of new spending programs. They would also endanger the nation by their already demonstrated ineptness and weakness in the war on terror, and hand over Iraq to the United Nations so it can create the same kind of mess we are now seeing in Haiti - another UN and Clinton "success."

They are wearing blinders that only allow them to focus on one issue. They say they won't vote for a candidate who disagrees with them on one single issue even though he agrees with them on every other issue. It's utterly self-defeating.

Even though they staunchly support

George Bush on his stands on tax cuts, how he is fighting the war, and applaud his pro-life policies, they disagree with him on the amnesty issue, for example, and therefore can't bring themselves to vote for him.

They'll just stay home and help elect a Democrat who disagrees with them on just about everything. They'd enact socialist programs that would cripple U.S. industry, yet some of my listeners applaud them not realizing that if you drive a company's profits down, you drive the value of their stock down and the millions of Americans whose 401Ks are invested in that firm suffer losses as a result.

When President Bush goes on the offensive, he's going to have to remind Americans that if they want to pay low prices for the goods they need, the reason they are going to have to look overseas is because Democrats in Congress have so regulated American companies that the cost of doing business has risen. That's due to the unions and government regulations that have become so prohibitive.

What's the Democrat answer? Well, they say they'd make foreign nations enact the same kind of onerous regulatory and environmental burdens we have here that would force the prices of their goods up to the same level as ours. In other words, wreck their own economies to make John Kerry or some other demagogue look good.

Fat chance.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Feb. 29, the 60th day of 2004. There are 306 days left in the year. This is Leap Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 29, 1940, "Gone with the Wind" won eight Academy Awards, including best picture of 1939. Victor Fleming was named best director, Vivien Leigh best actress, and Hattie McDaniel best supporting actress, the first black performer to receive an Oscar. Best actor went to Robert Donat for "Goodbye, Mr. Chips."

On this date:

In 1504, Christopher Columbus, stranded in Jamaica during his fourth voyage to the West, used a correctly predicted lunar eclipse to frighten hostile natives into providing food for his crew.

In 1792, composer Gioacchino Antonio Rossini was born in Pesaro, Italy.

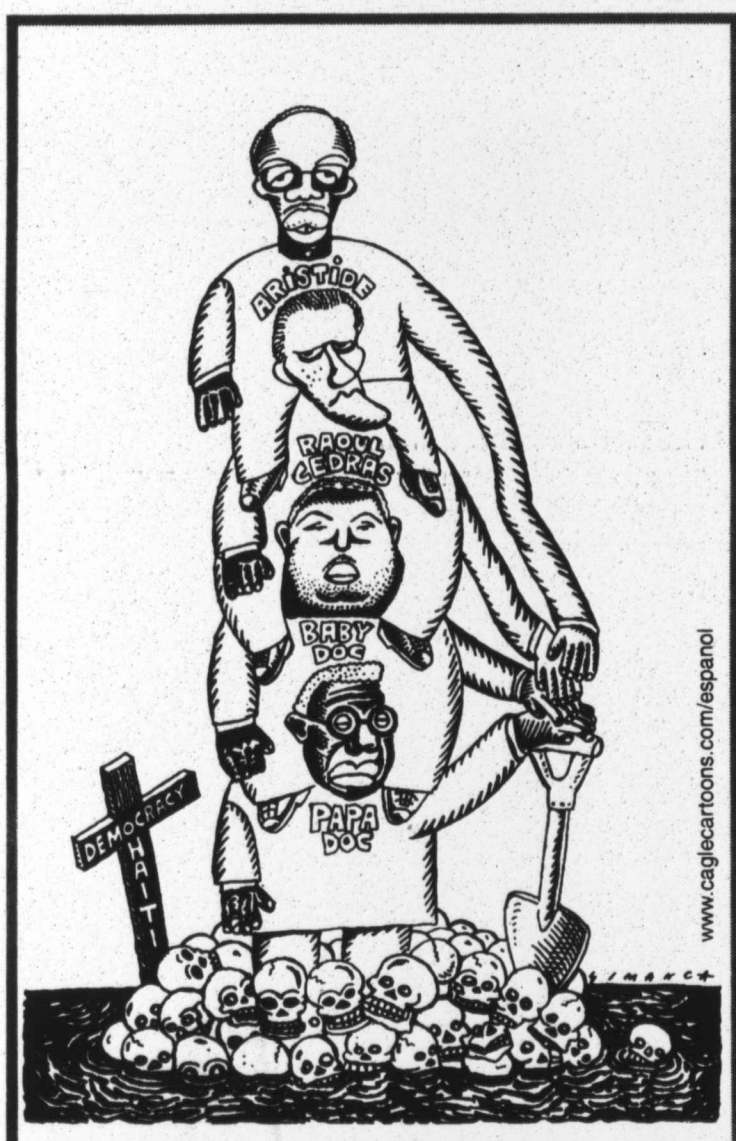
In 1904, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed a seven-member commission to facilitate completion of the Panama Canal.

In 1904, bandleader Jimmy Dorsey was born in Shenandoah, Pa.

In 1956, President Eisenhower announced he would seek a second term of office.

In 1968, the discovery of the first "pulsar," a star which emits regular radio waves, was announced by Dr. Jocelyn Bell Burnell at Cambridge, England.

In 1968, President Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (also known as the Kerner Commission) warned that racism was causing America to move "toward two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal."



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Genetic tampering same as eugenics

Human beings are funny. Not funny in the ha-ha sense, but funny in the sense of peculiar.

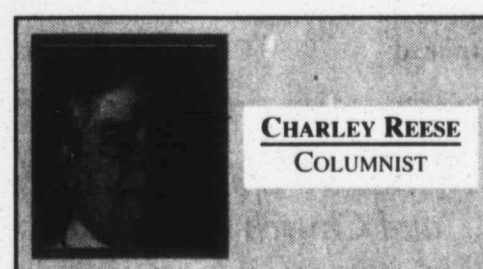
Take the subject of eugenics. We humans are mammals, and since we know that selective breeding of other mammals (dogs, for example) can produce not only differences in physical appearance but differences in temperament, it's logical that the same thing could be done with people.

This topic was kind of all the rage early in the past century. Margaret Sanger, for example, was an early advocate of contraception and abortion because she thought there were way too many people she considered inferior (blacks and browns) walking around. She wanted to cull the herd.

Then along came Adolf Hitler, who gave the subject a bad name for reasons you can explore by reading a history of the Third Reich. At any rate, after World War II, eugenics and talk of anything remotely related to it became taboo. Even today, to even suggest that intelligence might be largely a matter of heredity will bring the wrath of the politically correct down on your neck.

So, OK, the consensus is that eugenics is a bad subject, and we just won't talk about it. But -- and this is what is peculiar -- breakthroughs in genetics have people talking about tampering with people's genetic code to cure diseases and do other things.

OK, let's have a drumroll. Genetic tampering is the same subject as eugen-



CHARLEY REESE
COLUMNIST

ics. Eugenics is about engineering a certain type of human being. It makes no difference whether it's done with selective breeding (a slower but more fun way) or by tampering with the genes in a laboratory. Frankenstein is Frankenstein, no matter which method you employ to create him.

Words and thoughts have no effect on reality. The fact that we wish to say that "eugenics" is a bad word and to remain in denial does not alter the fact that we are largely what our genes say we are; and that if the genes are altered, the person will be altered.

I've come to believe that every civilization is a matrix of truths and lies, and the lies are often as cherished as the truths. When Mary Shelley created the Frankenstein monster in her novel, she was expressing the fears of people of her day about science. I think many of us share those fears. We look at science as something devoid of human emotion and compassion, a ruthlessly true set of facts that cares nothing for our ethics or dreams or religious beliefs or wishes or even our very existence.

Whether we like it or not, however, the truth of how much of our existence is

controlled by genes will eventually dominate our society. Then will arise all the troubling questions that we have deliberately avoided dealing with for the past century.

For example, why insist that drivers prove their qualifications while allowing anybody, no matter how obviously degenerate, to create offspring? Should not the government prevent people with genetic defects from having children? Why not selectively breed people who are smarter, stronger and faster than normal human beings? And what are we going to do when science proves definitively that some groups are, on average, genetically smarter or less smart than other groups?

We have built our society on the political concept of equality, but equality does not accurately reflect the natural world. As one writer put it, nature creates by profusion, not by uniformity. Some apologists are trying to avoid the truth by talking about how 97 percent of genes are the same in all people and animals. That's just begging the question. It's the 3 percent difference that produces a Great Dane rather than a Chihuahua.

I sometimes get the feeling that science is a speeding train that is about to smash our civilization to pieces. I also get the feeling that I will not like the civilization that science creates to replace the old one. It would be cruelly ironic if Hitler had the last laugh.

(Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802)

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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.

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.texasattlewomen.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.

THE REMEMBERER

Amarillo College Theatre School for Children will present the Texas premier of "The Rememberer" at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27-28 and at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 29 in Amarillo. Directed by Linda Dee Hughes, "The Rememberer" is an historical drama based on the life of Joyce Simmons Cheeka, a Squaxin Indian girl who was forced to attend Tulalip Training School, a boarding facility run by Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1914. For reservations call, (806) 371-5353 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout this month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The 10 trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Autumn Classic Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 29. For more information, check out the foundation's web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

ACT I

Act I will present "The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild" by Paul Zindel at 7:30 p.m., March 5 and

6 at its theater on the west side of Pampa Mall. Tickets are available for purchase at Rolanda's, 1621 N. Hobart. Season ticket holders can make reservations by calling 665-3820. Tickets are 7 for adults and \$3.50 for students.

CINDERELLA PAGEANT

West Texas Cinderella Scholarship Pageant will be staged March 6 at the high school auditorium in Kress. The competition is open to children 0-2 years of age, boys 0-6 years of age and young ladies between 3-26 years of age. No swimsuit competition. Registration for toddlers and boys will begin at 9:30 a.m. Additional registration will start at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Sandra at (806) 684-2389 or visit www.texascinderellapageant.com on-line.

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.

P.E.O. FUND-RAISER

Chapter CS, P.E.O., will present a book review with Carol Headrick at 2 p.m. March 14 at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard, on the biography of Malika Oufkir entitled "Stolen Lives." At a cost of \$10 apiece, tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 665-7064.

FRIENDS OF NRA

Friends of NRA will host a dinner and auction starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 20 at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center in Pampa. Proceeds will benefit youth education, range development, conservation efforts and other educational programs. Tickets are \$25 apiece or \$40 per couple. Youth 16 and under get in for \$15.

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.

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., March 3 and 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., March 8, at City Hall, Canadian.

CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: March 18, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, and March 26, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in 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.

VFW ANNIVERSARY

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the local post on April 3. The celebration will include a parade, tours of Freedom Museum USA, an open house and a banquet. Members of the 17 posts that comprise the area's District 9 as well as the state commander will be invited. Donations are welcome. Donations may be sent to Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., Pampa Post #1657, P.O. Box 2684, Pampa, TX 79066.

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.circleinthesquare.org on the World Wide Web.



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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Bridesmaid's Alteration is not Gift Enough for Bride

DEAR ABBY: My best friend, "Sheila," was recently married, and I was a bridesmaid.

About two months before the wedding, Sheila called to say that the junior bridesmaid dress she had selected for one of her attendants was too small—size 8 for a girl who was size 12. Sheila asked if there was anything I could do to make the dress fit because it was too late to order another one.

After a lot of work and many long hours over a four-week period, I finished the alterations. Neither Sheila nor the junior bridesmaid paid me for the work, and I thought that was because I said I'd do it as a favor to Sheila.

A few days before the wedding, I was still deciding what to give her as a wedding gift, but everyone I asked said that altering the dress should be enough. Well, Sheila didn't see it that way. On her wedding night, she called me several times demanding a gift of money! She said I had been disrespectful by not giving her a gift. Even after her honeymoon, she called again to talk about the money.

Was I wrong not to give her a separate wedding gift?
FRIEND OF THE BRIDE ON LONG ISLAND

DEAR FRIEND: For a bride to demand a gift shows an appalling lack of manners. I think that spending an entire month trying to ensure that Sheila had the wedding of her dreams was gift enough. If you have an itch to do so, scratch Sheila off your list, because she is no friend.

DEAR ABBY: Last July you kindly printed a letter from Christopher Reeve, the vice chairman of the National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.), in which he called on the communities of this country to enter N.O.D.'s Accessible America Contest. The letter generated substantial interest and 64 entries were received. Each one documented impressive efforts that towns and cities around the United States are making to enable their communities to be more welcoming and accessible, so that citizens and visitors with disabilities can fully partic-

ipate in community life.

In your response to Christopher, you said you would share the name of the winning community when it was announced. Phoenix is the winner of the 2003 Accessible America Contest, which includes a \$25,000 prize underwritten by UPS. Phoenix joins Venice, Fla., and Irvine, Calif., the winners of the first two contests, as a model for other communities as they strive to be disability-friendly.

For further information about the contest, Phoenix's winning entry and N.O.D.'s Community Partnership Program, which provides guidance and assistance to towns and cities in their efforts to work with the disability community, readers can visit www.nod.org.

BREWSTER THACKERY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, N.O.D.
DEAR BREWSTER: Thank you for the update. And congratulations to the forward-thinking city of Phoenix for winning the Accessible America competition. It demonstrates the city's commitment to execute the plans and devote the funds to assure that everyone can fully participate in the life of the community. That's time and money well spent.

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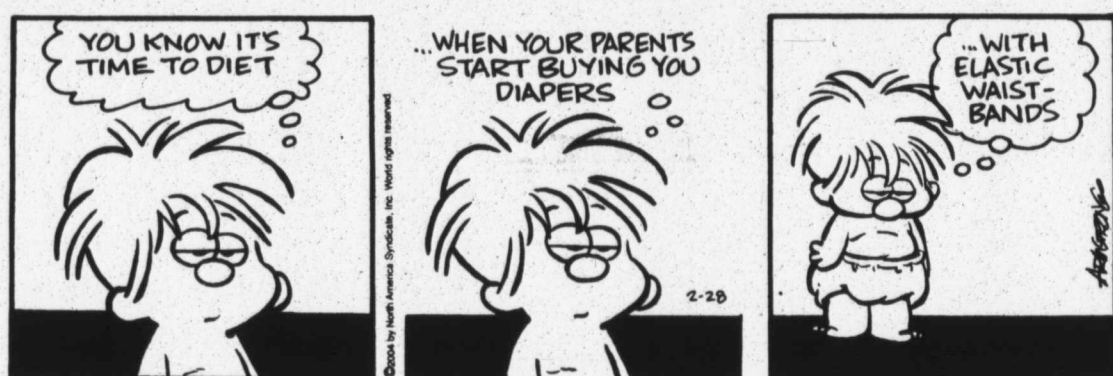
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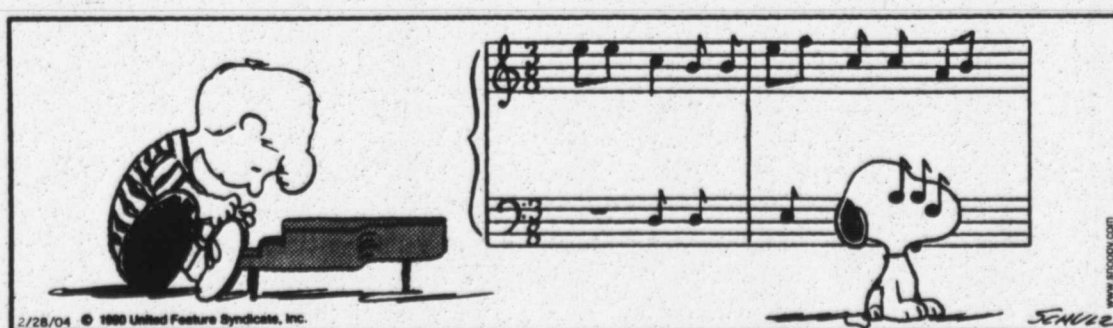
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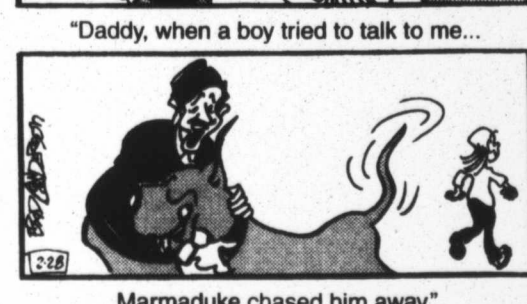
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HFA Publication. Hospice Foundation of America has published "Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs,

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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.

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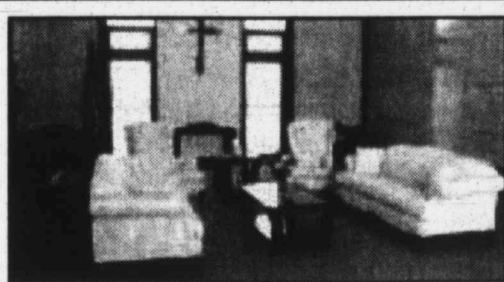
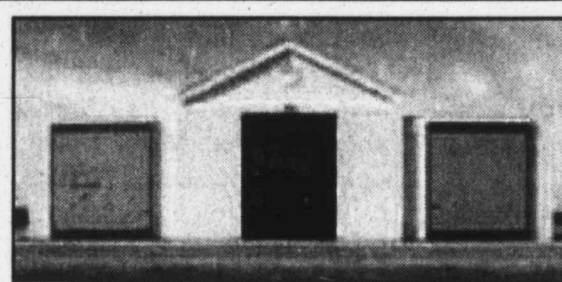
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SPORTS

Fort Elliott girls advance to semi-state final

LEVELLAND — Fort Elliott held off Happy for a 47-46 victory in a Class 1A girls semi-state, semifinal contest Friday night.

The Lady Cougars were led in scoring by senior Katie Donaldson with 12 points. Shealee Coulter followed with 8.

Lana Mouldy tossed in 22 points for Happy. Brittany

Spradling added 13.

Fort Elliott had to overcome an 11-point deficit (29-18) at halftime.

Others who scored for Fort Elliott were Holly McCurley 7, Alicia Reis 7, Andrea Hathaway 5, Tamara Hefley 4 and Sarah Zybach 4.

Fort Elliott played the Highland-Water Valley win-

ner tonight in the semi-state final at the Texan Dome.

Fort Elliott advances with a 31-1 record. Happy closes with a 25-7 record.

ABILENE — Canadian was eliminated by Shallowater 58-49 in the Region 1-2A tournament semifinals Friday at Moody

Coliseum.

Shallowater's scoring leader was Katy Pounds with 30 points. Pounds is a 6-1 senior.

Shila Province was Canadian's top scorer with 12 points.

Kari Robinson and Tandi Rankin had 10 points each.

Shallowater pulled away from Canadian in the fourth

quarter after leading by only a basket (40-38) after three quarters.

Also scoring for the Lady Wildcats were Kali Looney 4, Carlee Culver 4, Ashley Johnson 4, Whitney Hammer 3, and Holly Conn 2.

Canadian finished with a 27-4 record.

Rangers look for backup catcher

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Ken Huckaby is in the Texas Rangers clubhouse just after 6 a.m. each day. That after an hour drive from his home.

Huckaby has two reasons for his early arrival. He wants to make sure to get there before all the pitchers, and he wants to beat the traffic through downtown Phoenix.

While the clubhouse at that time is somewhat lonely, the competition to be the Rangers' backup catcher isn't.

With Todd Greene gone, Huckaby is one of four viable candidates to be the No. 2 catcher behind returning starter Einar Diaz.

Rod Barajas and Huckaby are non-roster invitees who played for manager Buck Showalter in Arizona. Gerald Laird, who played 19 games in Texas last season, is the only catcher other than Diaz on the 40-man roster. Danny Ardoin has been in the Rangers' minor league since the middle of 2002, his only major league experience a month with Minnesota in 2000.

"We know that Buck's not a talker. He's just an evaluator," Huckaby said. "He's going to pick the best guys. All

you can do is do the best you can without overdoing it."

The determining factor could be Laird. The Rangers have to decide if it's better for him to play every day at Triple A Oklahoma or be the backup in the majors.

"Gerald obviously is a whole different case at 24," Showalter said. "We wouldn't take him unless we felt it was in the best interest of his development, which might be backing up and playing two or three days a week. We'll see."

Last season, Laird started 11 of the Rangers' final 22 games. He hit .273 in 44 at-bats during two stints with the team.

Diaz took over as the Texas starter after 10-time All-Star Ivan Rodriguez became a free agent and went to Florida, where he won the World Series.

In his final season at Cleveland, Diaz hit a career-low .206 while suffering a broken rib and injuring his right elbow in separate home-plate collisions. He rebounded to hit .257 for Texas and throw out 31 percent (22 of 71) of attempted base stealers, third-best in the American League.

Rice wins WAC contest

SAN JOSE, Calif.

(AP) — Jason McKreith scored 10 of his 14 points in the second half, including two key free throws with 8 seconds remaining, to help Rice hold off San Jose State 61-55 Friday night.

The Owls (20-7, 11-4 WAC) led 57-48 with 2:26 remaining after outscoring the Spartans 13-0 over a 5-minute stretch. San Jose State, however, rallied to within two points at 57-55 with 1:10 left after a 3-point play by Eric

Walton.

Rice got the ball back with 31 seconds remaining, but the Spartans did not commit a foul until Maurice Moore fouled McKreith with 8 seconds left.

McKreith, the WAC's best percentage free-throw shooter prior to the game, made both ends of a one-and-one situation to make the score 59-55.

Moore then missed a layup with two seconds remaining to end Spartan hopes.

Parks competes at state meet

AUSTIN — Pampa heavyweight Kevin Parks competed this weekend in the state wrestling tournament at Austin Convention Center.

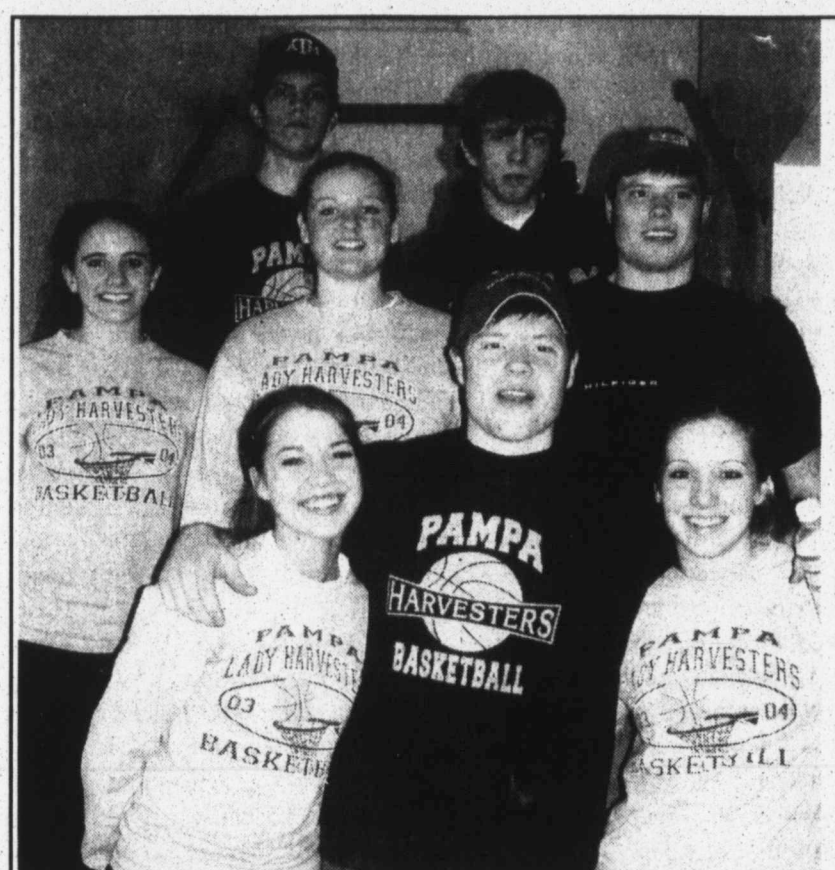
Parks was defeated by Zach Tramel of Arlington Martin by a pin in 1:24 in the 275-pound division. He lost by a pin to Zack Ayers

of Katy Mayde Creek in the second round of the consolation bracket.

Parks, a senior, qualified for the state meet by placing fourth at the regional tournament. He won five of six matches at regionals.

Parks went to Austin with a 20-7 record.

Basketball seniors



Eight seniors were on the Pampa boys and girls basketball teams this season. They were (front, l-r) Abbi Covalt, Chance Bowers and Stacey Johnson; (middle, l-r) Tara Jordan, Jennie Waggoner and Collin Bowers; (back, l-r) Jed Martin and Andy Rodgers.

Lawyers for steroid defendants say Bonds did nothing wrong

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two men accused of participating in a steroid-distribution ring returned to court for a pair of hearings, and offered support for a high-profile associate — baseball slugger Barry Bonds.

Lawyers for the two men said Bonds "never took anything illegal," and that the San Francisco Giants star rejected a questionable substance at the center of the government's case.

The defense of Bonds, accused this week by a fellow major leaguer of taking steroids, came outside court Friday after two short hearings in the case against four men charged with providing performance-enhancing substances to dozens of professional athletes.

"Barry Bonds never took anything illegal. He declined to take any of these illegal substances," said Tony Serra, the attorney for Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson.

Serra said Bonds "was offered substances via the schedule," refer-

ring to a calendar seized in a search of Anderson's home that listed doses and scheduling of substances taken by the athletes he trains.

Serra said Bonds was offered something that prosecutors have referred to in documents as "a 'clear' steroid-like substance" — the newly unmasked steroid THG. Serra said Bonds was offered that substance "by two or three people" through Anderson, but declined to try it.

Serra would not identify those other people, but said they also were involved in the case and that the substance had "to emanate out of the lab, I would think."

Serra was referring to the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, whose founder, Victor Conte, and vice president, James Valente, are also charged, along with Anderson. Track coach Remi Korchenny is the fourth man indicted. All have pleaded innocent and are free on bail.

Bonds frequently has denied steroid use and no athlete has been charged in the case.

SMU's Dement fired after nine seasons

DALLAS (AP) — SMU year assistant Robert fired coach Mike Dement Lineberg after nine seasons without an appearance in the NCAA tournament.

Dement was replaced on an interim basis by seven-

year assistant Robert Lineberg. SMU, which upset Texas Tech and Purdue earlier in the season, has a 10-15 record, including 4-11 in the Western Athletic Conference.

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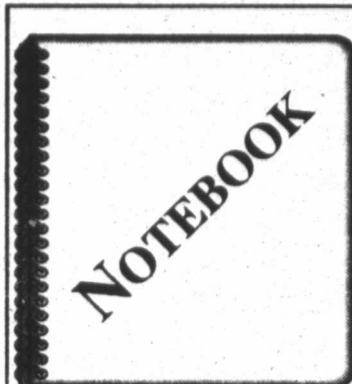


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SOFTBALL

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Mens Open	Womens Open
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The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200.00 per team. The player's fee is \$15.00 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Mens Open, Womens Open, and Men's Church, and 12 persons for Mixed Open and Mixed Church.

The entry deadline is March 17, 2004 at 5:00 PM. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1:00 P.M. on March 24, at the Recreation Office, now located in City Hall, 200 West Foster, Room 204

Play will begin the week of March 29, 2004.



Pampa Harvester Sports Calendar

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Tuesday • March 2

Pampa vs. Caprock boys • 4:00 pm home

Friday • March 5

Pampa vs. Palo Duro girls • 7:00 pm away

Saturday • March 6

Pampa vs. Palo Duro boys • 2:00 pm away

Tennis

Friday • March 5

Pampa at Palo Duro

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Baylor now waits for ruling from NCAA on infractions

WACO, Texas (AP) — After a painful self-examination of a basketball program run amok, Baylor will turn its findings over to the NCAA to decide if self-imposed sanctions are enough to atone for the misdeeds of former coach Dave Bliss.

The NCAA is under no deadline to address the major infractions acknowledged by the school's internal investigation. Among the violations detailed by the school president Thursday were payments to players and efforts to cover up wrongdoing.

School officials suggest it could take a year for the NCAA to resolve the case. The NCAA could accept Baylor's sanctions, levy harsher penalties or even recommend lesser ones, which would be unusual but not

unprecedented.

"There is a sense of relief that we've passed by one of the hurdles," said Baylor law professor Bill Underwood, a member of Baylor's investigation panel. "(But) it's not the end."

School President Robert Sloan will send the findings to the NCAA next week with a list of self-imposed sanctions over the next two years, including reduced scholarships, an extra year of probation and reduced contact between coaches and recruits. The school had already banned itself from postseason play this season.

Sloan also called for new policies for drug testing of athletes, evaluating recruits and administrative housekeeping.

After the NCAA reviews

Baylor's report, it will send the school an official notice detailing alleged violations. Baylor officials will be allowed to respond.

Eventually, the case will be heard by the NCAA infractions committee in a closed-door meeting. The school and involved individuals, including Bliss, will be invited to testify. The NCAA will not announce the time or place of the meeting. NCAA spokeswoman Kay Hawes said coaches ensnared in scandals often attend.

A call to Bliss' attorney Friday was not immediately returned. Bliss resigned in August and now lives in Colorado.

Hawes declined comment on the Baylor case and could not

predict how long it will take to resolve.

"Every investigation is different," she said. "It's impossible to know."

Underwood doesn't expect to receive formal notice of violations for several months. A hearing probably won't happen before December, he said.

"We've exercised our judgment on what we think is appropriate, and we hope they agree," Underwood said of the sanctions. "They don't always, but we hope they do."

The NCAA typically accepts self-imposed sanctions but sometimes adds more. A school's willingness to cooperate with NCAA investigators and impose sanctions are considered, Hawes said.

"They don't eradicate the violation," Hawes said. "But they are considered mitigating circumstances."

NCAA investigators worked closely with Baylor's in-house investigation and helped coordinate several interviews, Underwood said. "We talked with them on a very regular basis," he said.

Baylor began the internal investigation last summer when former player Patrick Dennehy disappeared and was later found dead. Another former player, Carlton Dotson, is charged with his murder.

Violations cited by the university include improper tuition payments and other travel, lodging and meal benefits for players paid for by Bliss. The coach also

improperly solicited \$87,000 from Baylor boosters, including two university regents, for a regional AAU team, the school said.

The scandal is the second to rock the program in the last decade.

In 1994, Baylor reduced scholarships, banned itself from postseason play and television appearances and placed itself under a two-year probation after a recruiting and academic fraud scandal under former coach Darrel Johnson.

It took about a year for the NCAA to impose its ruling after Baylor's in-house investigation. In that case, the NCAA found Baylor had done enough to punish itself and reduced the probation and postseason ban to one year.

Owens remains with 49ers for now, free-agent status in doubt

By The Associated Press

Terrell Owens is still with the San Francisco 49ers — for now.

Owens and fellow wide receiver Dennis Northcutt of the Cleveland Browns expected to be free agents. But their agents failed to file letters with their teams voiding the final years of their contracts by the NFL-imposed deadline.

Owens' free-agent status remained in doubt Friday because of the procedural error, and his agent, David Joseph has filed a grievance with the NFL Management Council through the players' union, but a hearing hasn't been scheduled.

Joseph was also preparing an appeal to the NFL Management Council, claiming that the filing date to void contracts had recently been moved forward 10 days — in Owens' case to Feb. 21.

Owens blamed the league and the 49ers for his predicament.

"I can assure you that neither my agent nor myself made a mistake like this," Owens told Sporting News Radio on Friday. "For people to go out and say my agent made a mistake is utterly ridiculous and insane."

Owens was also uncertain if he will demand a trade if forced to remain with San Francisco.

"Right now, I just want to be put in the situation where I am able to succeed as a person and basically take my talent through the roof," he said. "I want to go to a team that has a championship in mind. Right now, I don't really know what direction the organization is going in."

Several other players became free agents as teams continued to make cuts to get under the NFL's \$80.6 million salary cap.

The 49ers also plan to decide Monday whether to release quarterback Jeff Garcia.

Garcia, a three-time Pro Bowler and San Francisco's starter since 1999, is in the midst of a difficult contract re-negotiation with the 49ers, who want to reduce his salary significantly from the \$9.9 million he is due to make next season — or cut ties with him.

"We are going to look at all of our options this weekend," general manager Terry Donahue said Friday.

Meanwhile, another big-name free agent, Warren Sapp, said he would like to remain in Tampa Bay, where he has made the Pro Bowl seven times in nine seasons.

"It's not about the money," he said. "I collected \$40 million in the last nine years. I'm not going to sit here and tell you I should command a \$30 million or \$100 million deal."

The Bucs are trying to restructure contracts just to get under the cap.

"We're going to have to see what happens," general

manager Bruce Allen said. "Warren's been a Buc through some tough times and some great times. He's part of this neighborhood. He likes this neighborhood. He likes this coaching staff."

"He's going to see what free agency is and we'll take it from there."

The free-agent signing period begins Wednesday.

In other developments:

— The New York Jets cut cornerback Aaron Beasley, who started 31 games the past two seasons, and signed quarterback Ricky Ray. He led Edmonton to the CFL championship last season. The Jets also said guard Dave Szott was retiring.

— Pittsburgh released two former starters, cornerback Dwayne Washington and tight end Mark Breuner, and re-signed kicker Jeff Reed.

— Green Bay hired former Arizona coach Vince Tobin, who will serve as an advance scout and help with

game plans. The Packers also re-signed backup safety Curtis Fuller.

— Seattle waived defensive tackle Chad Eaton, an eight-year veteran.

Dotel enthusiastic about closer's role for Astros

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — The inning doesn't matter to the Houston Astros' Octavio Dotel — three outs are three outs.

This season, though, the 30-year-old right-hander moves from setup man to closer, replacing Billy Wagner in the pressure-cooker inning.

Manager Jimmy Williams believes it takes special intestinal fortitude to get outs in the final three innings of close games, a role to which Dotel already is accustomed.

Since last starting a game in 2001, Dotel has developed into one of baseball's most dominant setup men, an eighth inning force who consistently paved the way for Wagner, who was traded to the Phillies.

Dotel believes there's little

difference between pitching in the eighth or ninth innings.

"When you throw the eighth inning, leading by one run, the hitter still believes they can tie the game because they don't want to face the closer," Dotel said. "I don't think it's a big difference. Maybe for some guy who started before and now is closing, but not for me."

Dotel recorded a 2.33 ERA in the last three years, with 360 strikeouts in just 289 1/3 innings.

He had 12 saves as well as another 16 he racked up in 2000, his first season with Houston, when he filled in for an injured Wagner after the Astros decided to convert Dotel from his traditional starting role.

Rockets boost record to 34-24

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Van Gundy isn't ready to start raving about his Houston Rockets being 10 games over .500, even though they haven't reached that level since the end of the 1998-99 season.

Steve Francis had 21 points, a season-high five steals and four assists in an 89-85 victory over Portland on Friday night that snapped the Trail Blazers' five game-winning streak and boosted the Rockets to 34-24.

"It's hard to get 10 games over .500 in the league, but we just want to keep going and play a good game against Seattle (Sunday)," Van Gundy said. "I'm not as focused as where we're at or our record as much as how we're playing."

"If we play well enough, we'll win some games. So we're just trying to get better."

The Rockets are trying to reach the playoffs for the first time since they lost in the first round to the Lakers in 1998-1999.

"He (Van Gundy) didn't let us overlook them," Maurice Taylor said. "He didn't let us think that this was just a regular game. We said if was going to be like a playoff game the way there were playing."

"It was a good win for us to get, especially if we're talking about being a playoff team."

The Trail Blazers watched their chances of victory disappear with 18 turnovers that led to 27 points for Houston. The Rockets had 10 turnovers.

"The story of the game was turnovers by us," Portland coach Maurice Cheeks said. "Our turnovers

led to baskets for them and kept us from scoring. Over the last span of games, we haven't turned the ball over, but tonight we did."

Francis fed Taylor in the lane for a basket with 1:49 to play, then hit a jumper with 1:03 to go for an 89-81 lead.

"We can't be content being 10 games over .500. We have to be hungry," Francis said. "They're one of the teams breathing fire on our backs. The last couple of games we've kept our turnovers down, moved the basketball."

Cuttino Mobley added 16 points and Yao Ming had 13 for Houston.

Derek Anderson led Portland with 22 points and Randolph had 17 points and 17 rebounds — three short of

his career high.

"Every game now is important," Portland's Damon Stoudamire said. "We've got to understand that. We definitely have to catch them to get into the playoffs."

Neither team could pull away in a back-and-forth third quarter that ended with the Rockets ahead 67-64 following two free throws by Francis and a basket by Jim Jackson in the final 40 seconds.

Portland didn't lead again. "It's nothing big," Mobley said. "We're supposed to do things like this. Steve and I have been together for five years. We have to keep building, win these close games. Right now, we just have to get into the playoffs."

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Keep Texas Beautiful urges Texans to turn in those retired cell phones

AUSTIN — Do you have a used cell phone collecting dust somewhere in your home or office? Chances are you probably do — the average American replaces his or her cell phone every 12 months. The result? Americans discard more than 130 million used cell phones a year.

That's four cell phones per second. All of which adds up to 65,000 tons of potentially toxic waste generated annually. The phones' disposal in landfills or incinerators can have a wide-spread impact on public health and the environment. The toxic material from a single phone is capable of

polluting 158,200 gallons of water.

Keep Texas Beautiful, a state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, has just announced an innovative new program that addresses this growing concern and simultaneously provides community organizations, schools, individuals, and

businesses with an environmentally-friendly method to raise money.

In the Cell Phone Recycling Fund-raiser, participants are paid for each digital cell phone collected, and contributors can receive a tax deduction for turning in their retired cell phones.

Keep Texas Beautiful is

launching the program in cooperation with EcoPhones, a Texas-based cell phone recycler. EcoPhones provides all promotional, program, and collection materials free of charge. They refurbish and resell cell phones that have value and recycle the remainder in accordance with EPA regulations.

"We are very proud to be working with Keep Texas

Beautiful on this program. Today only about 5 percent of discarded cell phones are properly recycled. Working together, we feel we can create greater awareness of the problem and increase that percentage dramatically," Charles Drayton, one of the founders of EcoPhone, said.

For more information or to start your own cell phone recycling fund-raiser, visit www.ktb.org on-line.

CLUB NEWS

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m., (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

CattleWomen

Top O' Texas CattleWomen met Feb. 9 at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa with First Vice President Berklee Clements presiding. Twelve members were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Clements announced First Bank Southwest of Perryton as a supporting member and Glenda Adcock announced the upcoming Miami Area Youth Organization basketball tournament and silent auction March 4-6. The chapter donated a beef gift certificate to the silent auction.

The tournament will benefit the Troy Manley family, the Joe Bill Sues family and the Thomas Bouton family.

—Carolyn Buckingham reported on Ag Day and Ag Week festivities slated March 14-20. The chapter will donate five beef gift certificates for Dale Buckner's radio show. Buckingham also announced the Ag Family of the Year nominee.

—Nancy Farrington, a speech teacher from Borger, attended the meeting as a guest to learn more about the Beef Ambassador Contest.

—Anita Brown and Sandra Christner delivered a report on the board of directors meeting held recently in Austin. Committee reports, plans and activities for the coming year were discussed.

—American National CattleWomen Region IV Meeting will be April 2-4 at the C Quarter Circle Ranch near Gainesville. Room reservations are due March 1 and registration March 15.

—Sena Brainard reported on the American National CattleWomen Convention held recently at Phoenix, Ariz.

—Members voted to hold the chapter's annual style show on Sept. 11 at Pampa Country Club.

The next meeting — postponed due to the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's Spring Convention in Austin — is scheduled March 15 in Shamrock.

Preceptor Theta Iota

Preceptor Theta Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Feb. 24 in the home of hostess Monica Leonard.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—A thank you note was read for the chapter's donation to the international fund.

—Plans were made for Founder Day to be celebrated in April. Pat Kindle and Leonard will receive "Silver Circle" ritual during the event.

—Leonard read the winning DAR essay from Hereford. The essay was written by Ryan Leonard, grandson of Monica and Chunky Leonard.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., March 8, at Clint & Sons Smokehouse with Nancy Brodgin as hostess.

Altrusa

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met February 24, 2004 at Pampa Country Club with President Billie Sue Evans presiding. Penni Pfitzner served as greeter.

The following business was conducted and announcements made: —The Accent was delivered by Sue Baker who read selected quotes from Erma Bombeck.

—Jeanne Townson reported on the luncheon provided recently for CASA trainees.

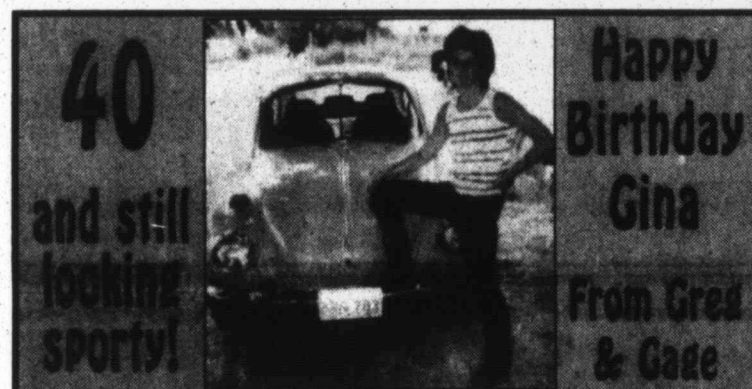
—DEAR Day (Drop Everything and Read) at Lamar Elementary School is set for March 5. Members were encouraged to volunteer for the project.

—Altrusa's 11th Annual Style Show is set for 10:30 a.m. March 27, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 apiece. Each Altrusan is asked to sell 10 tickets.

—Brenda Tucker conducted new member initiation for Alicia Hughes.

—Pat Johnson presented a program entitled "The Success of Mary Kay Ash," founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics. Ash, who passed away Nov. 22, 2001, was recently voted the greatest female Entrepreneur in American History through a study initiated by Baylor University.

The next meeting will be at 12 noon March 9 at Pampa Country Club.



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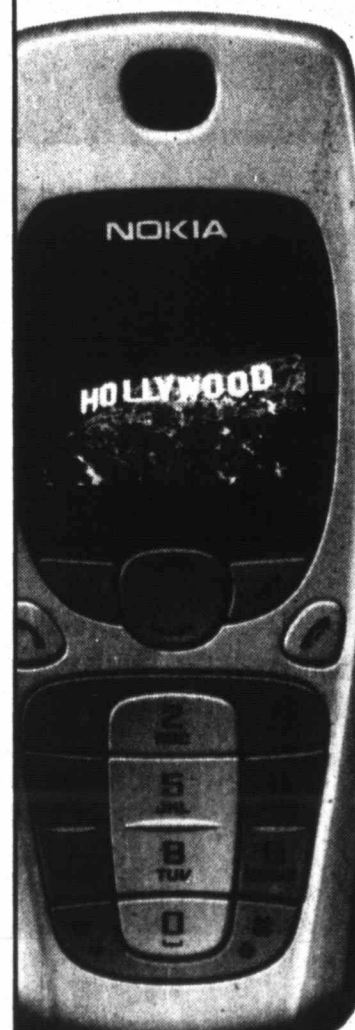


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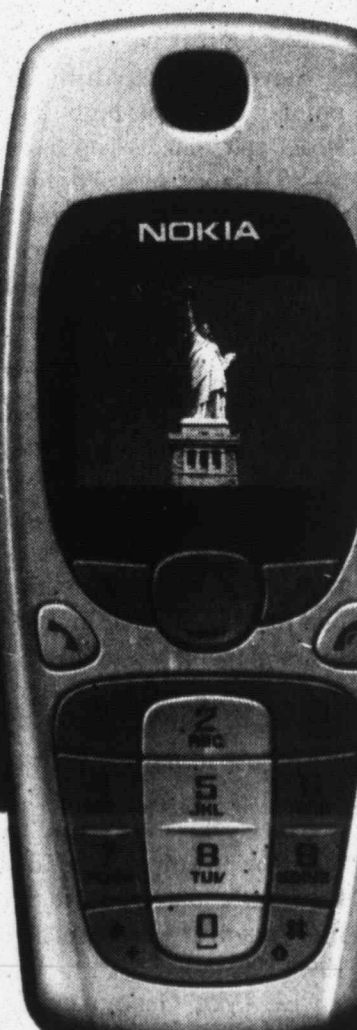
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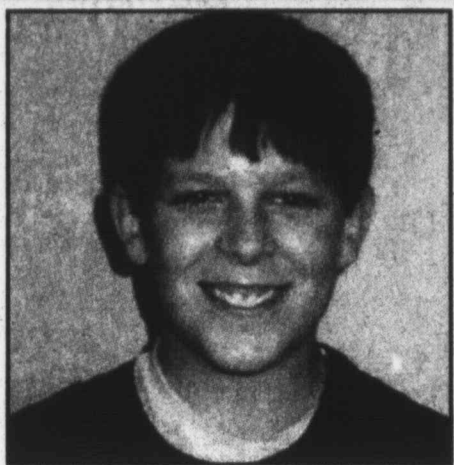
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Colby Copeland

Colby Copeland, an eighth-grader at Pampa Middle School, was recently invited to participate in the Texas People to People Student Ambassador Program as a student ambassador to Australia this summer.

The 20-day student exchange program includes meetings with government officials, interaction with other students, educational activities and home visits with host families.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded People to People in 1956. He believed that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so eventually would countries.

Student ambassadors are carefully interviewed and evaluated prior to acceptance and must receive letters of recommendation from no less than three adults.

As a student ambassador, Colby can also earn academic credit through the program's many educational elements.

Colby is the son of Ed and Amanda Copeland and is the grandson of Don and Marilyn Copeland, Joe and Ginger Duncan and Ken and Charlene Holt, all of Pampa.

Tuition for the program is \$5,395. Sponsors are welcome. All checks must be made payable to People to People and forwarded to 2312 Christine, Pampa, TX 79065.



Heather Parry

Lance Corporal **Heather Parry** of the U.S. Marine Corps recently earned a certificate of commendation from the commanding officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

According to the certificate, Parry was recognized for "outstanding performance of duties while serving as a patrolman, provost Marshal's office, during the 2003 Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Airshow."

The certificate cited Parry for her service during a riot involving 400 to 500 people in which she helped collar six instigators.

Parry is the daughter of Walt and Barbara Parry of Pampa.

FORT WORTH — Texas Christian University recently announced its TCU Scholars list for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Scholar's list, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average for the semester. Students named to the list include **Matthew Jacob Foust** of Pampa.

CORPUS CHRISTI — Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi recently announced its Dean's List for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.65 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include **Marissa Lirene Hodges** of Pampa.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt University recently announced its Dean's List for the 2003 fall semester.

Students named to the list include **Bonnie Beth Holmes**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Holmes of Pampa.

To qualify for the Dean's List, Holmes maintained a 3.5 or higher grade point average for the semester.

OMAHA, Neb. — Creighton University recently conferred more than 300 degrees during 2003 winter commencement.

Students awarded diplomas included **John Valdez** of Pampa, master of arts degree.



(Courtesy photo)

DAR Good Citizens winners are (front row, left-right) Katie Barnes, Lefors High School; Shelby Boyd, White Deer High School; Britteny Miller, Groom High School; (back row, l-r) Jake Hopkins, Pampa High School; James Chapman, Wheeler High School; and Dustin Moody, McLean High School. Not pictured: Drew Sell, Clarendon High School. Jake Hopkins placed second in the state contest.

DAR honors area 'good citizen' high school students

Las Pampas Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution honored its DAR Good Citizen winners during its yearly tea held recently at Cory Court in the Education Building of First United Methodist Church in Pampa.

Not only did DAR recognize its seven DAR Good Citizen winners, selected from seven area high schools, but local history essay contest winners were also recognized during the annual function. AFS students presented the program.

Among the DAR citizen winners is Pampa student Jacob Lee Hopkins who went on to place second in the Texas State DAR Good Citizen competition. Other area Good Citizen winners are Shelby Boyd, White Deer; Dustin Alan Moody, McLean; Katherine Jeanette Barnes, Lefors; James Albert Chapman, Wheeler; Britteny Gayle Martin, Groom; and Drew Jeffery Sell, Clarendon.

Jacob Lee Hopkins, a senior at Pampa High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hopkins of Pampa, was chosen by his teachers to participate in the DAR contest. Students entering the competition were required to submit a grade transcript and a summary of all activities.

To be eligible for the competition, each participant must exhibit dependability, leadership, service and patriotism through comments on each. They must write an essay in two hours, under supervision and without any supplementary materials on the subject of "Our American Heritage and My Responsibility to Preserve It." The essay had to exhibit both writing skills and original thinking.

To place at the state level is a prestigious honor. Jake, only the second student from Pampa to do so in many years, will receive a \$500 scholarship. The first place winner came from The Woodlands in the Houston area.

Among Jake's honors, activities and accomplishments are the following: Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Colorado School of Mines Excellence in Math and Science Award; BWXT/Pantex Science Award; Who's Who Among American High School Students; United States Achievement Academy; English I, II and III awards; Pampa Optimist Youth Club Excellence in History Award (2003 and 2004); Editorial Writing UIL District 3-4A contest winner; 2003 Pampa High School Homecoming King.

PHS Student Council member (four years); PHS Student Body Reporter; Future Farmers of America district secretary (2003-04); National Honor Society president; Superintendent Scholar; ASTRA Club vice president; and member of Central Baptist Church Youth Group (where he participated in mission projects and volunteering with the elderly).

Jake enjoys recreational sports and hunting. He has held jobs with Top O' Texas Production and Jack's Plumbing and plans to pursue a pharmaceutical degree at Texas A&M or at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Jake believes that "one must always remember that to be a leader you must first serve."

Shelby Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Furgason, has been president of her freshman and sophomore classes at White Deer High School where she is a regular on the AB honor roll.

Her honors, activities and accomplishments include the following: National Honor Society president; band secretary; student council representative; history award; biology award; UIL One-Act Play (two years); UIL One-Act Play honorable mention all-star cast; Most Valuable Golfer; Future Farmers of America; FFA leadership contest com-

petitor; and Candy Striper-Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Shelby has held summer jobs at Joanne's Cafe in White Deer and plans to attend West Texas A&M University following high school with an eye towards eventually transferring to Texas Tech University to pursue a degree in orthopedic surgery or computer engineering.

Dustin Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Skipper of McLean, has served as sophomore, junior and senior class president at McLean High School. He volunteers at McLean Elementary School, supervising on the playground or in the classroom after lunch, and helps out at the ambulance station performing odd jobs such as stocking, maintenance and painting.

His honors, activities and accomplishments include McLean Football Team (four years); McLean Fighting Tiger Award (junior year); basketball and track (four years); UIL; student council (three years); and student council president.

Dustin has worked at restaurants, at his grandparents' farm and at his uncle's mechanic shop. He enjoys furniture construction. His future plans are to become a certified diesel mechanic and technician, attending a technical college such as Amarillo College or the Technical Institute in Houston.

Katie Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Barnes, is currently a senior at Lefors High School where she served as freshman class president and class secretary her junior and senior years.

Her honors, activities and accomplishments include basketball, tennis, track and cross-country; UIL; All-District honorable mention in basketball (2002) and All-District (2003); State OAP honor crew-UIL One-Act Play (2003); National Honor Society; studying the piano; painting; photography; and Church of Christ of Lefors Youth Group.

Katie enjoys cooking and plans to attend Lubbock Christian College after graduation. She wants a career in which the main focus is helping people.

James Chapman, son of Von and Sindy Chapman, attends Wheeler High School where he has won numerous academic honors including most outstanding physics and pre-calculus student.

His honors, activities and accomplishments include Boy Scout Troop 472; Eagle Scout; UIL (calculator, number sense, science); Academic All-District football and basketball teams; All-State Academic football team; National Honor Society; District 3-1A offensive/defensive football teams (four years); Class A 1st Team All-State Defensive Back; Amarillo Globe News Super Team Punter; basketball, tennis and track; Fellowship of Christian Athletes (four years); Future Farmers of America (two years); and First Baptist Church of Wheeler Youth Group.

James has served as a volunteer referee at elementary basketball games and hopes to attend Texas A&M University where he plans to major in petroleum engineering.

Britteny Gayle Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin, attends Groom High School where she has participated in basketball, track, cross-country, tennis, band, yearbook and UIL spelling and is a regular on the A honor roll.

Her honors, activities and accomplishments include Academic All-District and Academic All-State in basketball; Lefors all-tournament basketball award; English I, II and III awards; Algebra I, world geography and computer awards; class vice

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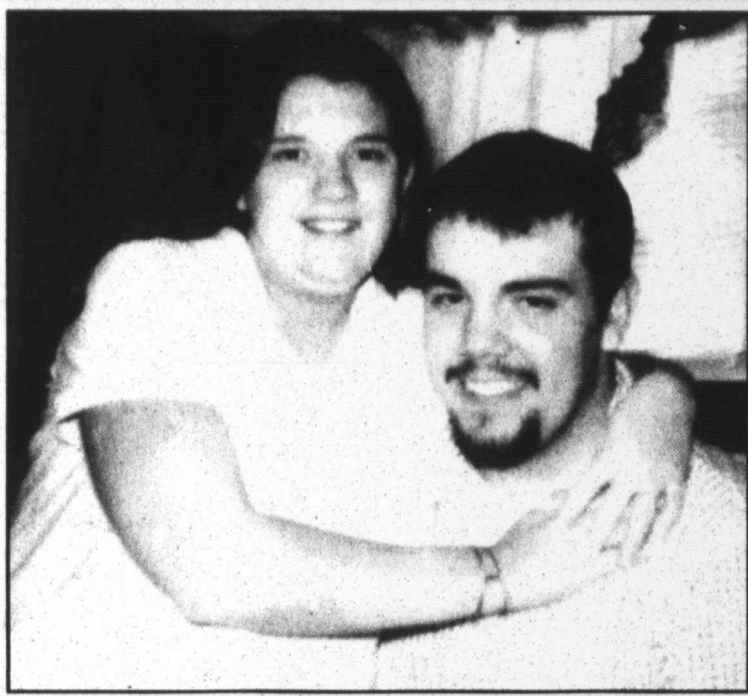
ENGAGEMENTS

Vick-Hatfield

Misty Dawn Vick and Daniel Lee Hatfield, both of Pampa, plan to wed Saturday, March 20, at Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Eddie and Vanessa Vick of Pampa. She graduated from West Side High School in Coal Hill, Ark., and is currently employed at Roberta's Flowers in Pampa.

The prospective groom is the son of Terry and Teresa Hatfield of Pampa. He gradu-



Misty Dawn Vick and Daniel Lee Hatfield graduated from Pampa Home School and is currently employed with Smithfield Premium Genetics of Pampa.

Sublett-Henkel

Jill Sublett and David Henkel, both of Tucson, Ariz., plan to wed Saturday, April 3, in St. Phillip's In The Hills Episcopal Church in Tucson.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Karen and Adrian Hannah of Tucson and the late Norman Larry Sublett of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Martha and Norman Sublett and Lois and Don Thompson, all of Pampa, and Earlene Hannah of The Dalles, Ore.

She graduated from Juanita High School in Kirkland, Wash., and attended Central Washington University at Ellensburg, Wash. She completed her degree at Arizona Academy of Beauty and is currently employed with Avalon Salon in Tucson.



David Henkel and Jill Sublett

The prospective groom is the son of Jody and John Henkel of Tucson. He graduated from Sabino High School in Tucson; attended the University of Arizona in Tucson; studied at the

Stella Adler Conservatory in New York City; and attended Juilliard in New York City. He is currently a developer/owner of J&J Henkel Enterprises in Tucson.

ANNIVERSARIES



Mr. and Mrs. Eldon E. Lash

Lash anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon E. Lash celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 26. Children of the couple hosted a family dinner honoring the couple.

Eldon E. "Widge" Lash and Betty Jean White were married on Feb. 26, 1944, at Vandalia, Ill. They moved to Pampa 47 years ago and belong to First Baptist Church of Pampa where they are both



Mr. and Mrs. Eldon E. Lash

active members of the church's Parlor Class.

Mr. Lash was an automotive and diesel mechanic from 1947 until retiring in 1983 from Bob Johnson Motor Company in Borger.

Mrs. Lash worked for Ideal Food Stores prior to retiring in 1983 after 23 years of service.

Children of the couple are Vickie Dawson, Steve and Pam Lash and Jimmy Baggett, all of Pampa. They have three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Hayes-Rodriguez

Amy Hayes and Ben Rodriguez, both of Pampa, plan to wed May 15 in First Christian Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ron and Vicki Hayes of Pampa. She holds a degree from Tarleton State University, graduating in 2000, and is a member of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority. She is currently employed with Micro Beef Technologies.

The prospective groom is the son of Tiburcio and Mary Ellen Rodriguez of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and is currently employed by Brown's Shoe Fit-



Ben Rodriguez and Amy Hayes

MENUS

WEEK OF MARCH 1-5

Pampa Schools
MONDAY

Breakfast: French toast sticks.

Lunch: Popcorn chicken or steak fingers, whipped potatoes, English peas, fruit, rolls.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, flour tortillas.

Lunch: Ravioli or chicken nuggets, green beans, salad, pears, bread sticks.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy.

Lunch: Egg rolls or pizza, corn, broccoli/cheese, fruit.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast.

Lunch: Barbecued weiners or chef salad, baked beans, salad, Texas toast, strawberry shortcake cookies.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast.

Lunch: Bean/cheese burri-

tos or hot dogs/chili, French fries, corn, apricots.

Lefors Schools

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Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or broccoli/chicken casserole, mashed potatoes, California blend, beets, beans, cinnamon swirl cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Hamburger steak or pork roast/dressing, sweep potato casserole, macaroni/cheese, turnip greens, blackeyed peas, chocolate marble cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, beans, strawberry shortcake or peach/pineapple cobbler, slaw,

tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or Swiss steak, redskin potatoes/vegetables, cabbage, corn nuggets, beans, chocolate fudge cake or apple pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or beef stew, potato wedges, spinach, beans, lemon pound cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Turkey, macaroni/cheese, Harvard beets, pears.

TUESDAY

Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, plum cobbler.

WEDNESDAY

Meatloaf, peas, carrots, pudding.

THURSDAY

Chicken soup, sugarless cake.

FRIDAY

Beef tips/rice, cream corn, baked apples, peaches.

Lefors ISD receives special recognition

LEFORS — Lefors Independent School District, one of more than 454 participating schools, was recently recognized by West Texas Educational Insurance Association with the Platinum Award for savings to the school district of \$7,242.

Lefors ISD, represented by Allen Law, superintendent, was recognized by the insurance association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. According to a press release provided by Claims Administrative Services, Inc., the workers' compensation program has assisted Texas schools in avoiding over 13,533 employee injuries since 1991 with savings to the districts of over \$154 million dollars through lower cost to the school.

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lished more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

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Healthbeat: Call for diabetics to better manage blood sugar, check leg health

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's grim news on the diabetes front: Nearly two-thirds of diabetics aren't properly controlling their blood sugar. And one in three older diabetics likely also has a serious leg disease that could cost their limb.

This year, specialists for the first time are urging every diabetic over age 50 to get tested for the leg disease, called peripheral arterial disease or PAD.

Testing is simple — just check blood pressure in the ankle. If it's significantly lower than blood pressure in the arm, PAD may be narrowing leg arteries and slowly choking off blood flow.

Severe PAD can lead to amputation. Worse, if your leg arteries are clogged and stiff, your heart arteries are too. Having PAD quadruples your risk of a heart attack or stroke, important to know so you can seek protective treatment.

Anybody can get PAD. At least 12 million Americans are thought to have it, most of them undiagnosed. But diabetes damages the blood vessels in ways that make patients especially susceptible to cardiovascular disease, meaning diabetics are most at risk, concludes an expert panel brought together by the American Diabetes Association.

Studies suggest one in three diabetics over age 50 may have PAD. So the diabetes association panel wants all diabetics that age to get screened for PAD. If results are normal, get rechecked every five years, say the recommendations, published last month in the journal Diabetes Care.

"This is news to a lot of people, even within the diabetes community, that this is really a very prevalent condition that to this point has been under-addressed,"

says Dr. Peter Sheehan, director of the Diabetes Foot & Ankle Center at New York University School of Medicine, who authored the testing recommendations.

Consider testing younger diabetics if they have other risk factors for PAD: smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or they've had diabetes for more than a decade, the recommendations say.

Anyone with symptoms of PAD — legs that hurt or tire easily while walking — should seek testing, too. But most PAD sufferers never report symptoms, plus diabetes causes nerve damage that can blunt those patients' ability to feel the warning pains.

"It doesn't come up until complications start to set in," warns Joseph Carpenter of East Hanover, N.J., whose PAD was diagnosed only after he needed a triple heart bypass.

Treatment includes exercise and blood thinning medicine for the legs plus therapy to reduce the heart-attack risk. For severe leg blockages, surgery to bypass the clogged artery can save the limb.

Diabetics may have to ask for the PAD test, called an ankle brachial index. It's unlikely that primary care physicians yet have heard to add it to the list of tests for diabetics.

Another exam, the A1C check, given every three months, shows blood-sugar averages, the best measure of how well diabetes is controlled.

Just 37 percent of the nation's 18 million diabetics have optimal control, an A1C level below 7, says the government's new National Healthcare Quality Report.

A normal A1C level is a score of 6. U.S. diabetics average a 9, minimal control. Specialists recommend striving for at least 7, because every point-drop low-

ers the risk of severe diabetes complications by 40 percent.

Yet 13.5 percent of diabetics have A1C levels that surpass the very dangerous 9.5, the government says. By one recent estimate, at least 13,000 lives a year could be saved just by improving those worst-case levels.

That's a huge underestimate, says a frustrated Dr. James Gavin, head of the National Diabetes Education Project. Far more lives could be saved if more diabetics aimed for optimal instead of minimal control, but too few physicians push that message, he says.

So what should patients do when their A1C comes back above 7?

"This is something you should not really tolerate without taking some action for more than, say, a six- to eight-week period," Gavin says.

First, check your schedule. Could it be a temporary spike due to unusual stress or special occasions like holiday parties?

If not, increase daily blood-sugar monitoring. Getting optimal A1C levels requires daily blood glucose measurements of 90 to 130 before meals, or less than 180 two hours after a meal.

Knowing when you exceed those levels shows where to adjust treatment, such as diet, a dose increase of oral medicine, or adding some form of insulin.

Too often, patients with the most common form of diabetes, Type 2 or adult-onset, save insulin as a last-ditch resort when using it sooner could keep them healthier, Gavin says. He cites an endocrinology practice that got its 100 patients below an A1C of 7 in just six months, mostly through more aggressive insulin use.

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

New tremor disorder often mistaken for Parkinson's

CHICAGO (AP) — Researchers say they have discovered a tremor disorder in adults that is often mistaken for Parkinson's or Alzheimer's and is linked to a common cause of mental retardation in children.

The disorder, which can also cause memory loss, might affect more than 1 in 3,000 adults, mostly men, according to scientists at the University of California at Davis.

There is no known cure for the disorder, but its symptoms can sometimes be treated with some of the same medications used against Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

The researchers have named the disorder Fragile X-associated Tremor/Ataxia Syndrome, or FXTAS.

"FXTAS may be one of the most common causes of tremor and balance problems in the adult population, yet it is being misdiagnosed because neurologists who see adults with movement disorders are not aware that they need to look for a family history of fragile X in grandchildren or to check for carriers of the gene mutation," said study co-author Dr. Randi Hagerman, medical director of UC-Davis' MIND Institute.

The findings appear in a recent Journal of the American Medical Association.

The disorder affects some carriers of the same abnormal gene that causes fragile X syndrome in children, an inherited disease that usually involves retardation. About 1 in 800 men are fragile X carriers and at least 30 percent of them might have the tremor disorder, the researchers said.

Hagerman made the connection a few years ago after hearing repeated complaints from mothers of fragile X children about their own elderly fathers having neurological problems.

Standard DNA blood tests can identify fragile X carriers and imaging tests can detect

telltale changes in the brain that do not appear in other diseases, said Dr. Paul Hagerman, a UC-Davis professor of biological chemistry, Hagerman's husband and the study's senior author.

About 1 in about 250 women are carriers, but Paul Hagerman said it is unclear how many of them have the disorder because few women carriers who were studied had symptoms.

The UC-Davis-led research involved 192 California adults ages 50 and over who were relatives of children with fragile X. Participants included 99 male and female fragile X carriers and 93 members of a comparison group.

Overall, 30 percent of the male carriers studied had the late-onset disorder. It became increasingly prevalent among older men and was found in 75 percent of male carriers in their 80s.

In fragile X syndrome, the body makes insufficient amounts of a protein necessary for normal neural cell function. By contrast, FXTAS is believed to be caused by abnormal amounts of genetic material that accumulates in the brain in an attempt to make enough of that protein, said study co-author Dr. Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, a pediatric neurologist at Chicago's Rush University Medical Center.

Fragile X syndrome in children was identified some 50 years ago and is believed to affect about 1 in 3,700 boys and 1 in 8,000 girls.

Carriers of the abnormal gene had been thought to be unaffected until the Hagermans' discovery, said Dr. Walter Kaufmann, director of the Fragile X Syndrome Research Program at Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore.

"The real magnitude and impact had not been known until this paper," Kaufmann said.

Unusual leukemia could be due to rare combination of genes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two children who developed leukemia after receiving gene therapy for an inherited disease may have been victims of a rare combination of genes that is unlikely to happen in gene therapy for other disorders, a study says.

Researchers at the National Cancer Institute in Frederick, Md., discovered that a gene in a virus used to treat the children, who had an inherited immune system disorder, can combine with another gene to cause leukemia in mice.

Dr. Utpal P. Dave, first author of a study appearing this week in the journal Science, said that he and his team found that in mice a gene called Lmo2 can combine with another gene, called IL2RG, to cause leukemia.

Ten children in France who suffered from severe combined immune deficiency, or SCIDS, were treated with a gene therapy that used a virus to transfer the IL2RG gene to their bone marrow. This gene can correct SCIDS, causing the bone marrow to make normal immune system cells.

The therapy worked against

SCIDS in the children, but two of them developed leukemia, which was blamed on the gene therapy. As a precaution, the Food and Drug Administration in January last year suspended 27 gene therapy trials in the United States.

Dave said the study by his team showed that the leukemia was caused by a rare combination of genes. This means that other forms of gene therapy would not face the same risk, he said.

He also said that by studying cancer-causing gene combinations in mice, researchers may be able to identify those that would cause cancer in humans.

"The mouse can serve as a tool to identify genes that cause leukemia, for instance," he said.

Dr. Phil Nouguchi of the FDA said the work of Dave and his team is important in helping to advance gene therapy as a valuable medical tool. But he said that even though the authors showed that the leukemia in the children was a rare event, each proposed gene therapy treatment needs to be examined "on a case by case basis."

Study: Disability rate rising among younger Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disability rates rose sharply in the last two decades among those under 60, and obesity appears to be the main reason, according to a recent study.

The Rand Corp. study — published in the journal Health Affairs — said the health of young Americans is getting worse. It found the number of people ages 30-49 who could not care for themselves or do other routine tasks increased by more than half from 1984 to 2000. Meanwhile, the elderly have become less likely to suffer such disabilities.

"We've always had the assumption that medical science is advancing and that people are getting healthier, but that is not the case," said

Darius Lakdawalla, lead author of the study.

For those 30- to 39-years-old, the number reporting disabilities increased from 118 per 10,000 people to 182 per 10,000 people from 1984 to 1996. Among those 40- to 49-years-old, the number rose from 212 per 10,000 to 278 per 10,000 in the same period.

There were smaller but still significant increases for people ages 18 to 29 as well as those 50 to 59, the study found.

Disability declined by more than 10 percent for those 60 to 69, the study said.

The leading causes of disability are mental illness and musculoskeletal problems — such as chronic back pain — which are linked to obesity.

The number of cases stemming from musculoskeletal problems and diabetes grew more rapidly than those from other problems during the length of the study. The proportion that were diabetes-related doubled. Obesity is a major factor in the development of diabetes.

"People today find it's very cheap to eat and expensive to exercise," Lakdawalla said.

The ballooning obesity problem isn't the only culprit, the study said.

The growth in disability could be the result of increased incentives to report disability and could be linked to advancing medical technology, the report said. Medical advances have saved people who normally would have died, but

many end up needing help and going on disability.

Researchers warned that the increase in the disability rate could mean higher health care costs in the future.

The Rand Corp., a nonprofit research group, studied people between the ages of 18 and 69 using data from the National Health Interview Survey which gathers information from about 36,000 households annually. The data covered the years 1984 to 2000.

Support for the study was provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the National Institute on Aging.

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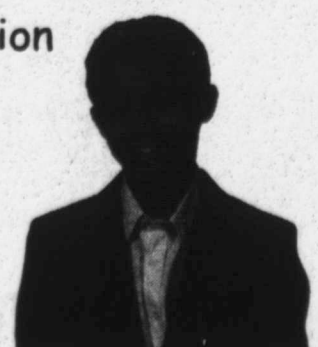
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Looted remains force Indians to consider reburials

By ANGIE WAGNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Far from any sacred ground, the skulls of ancient Indians sit stacked inside an old, wooden vault.

They were pilfered from their final resting places, their valuables stolen by looters looking for a big payday. After the investigations, they ended up here.

It is a quandary for both authorities and tribes: Authorities want to return them, but tribes are sometimes reluctant to accept them. Indians never intended to rebury their dead, never contemplated such a thing. There are no rituals for it, no way of knowing who these people were or where they came from. Often, there is nowhere to bury them.

And so they stay in a forsaken government evidence vault, or sometimes in cardboard boxes tucked in a reservation's warehouse.

It is, Indians say, a journey interrupted.

On the northwest side of Albuquerque, in a dusty, desert area most people would easily pass by, criminal investigator John Fryar cautiously steps between deep holes that dot what used to be an Indian village.

Fryar knows just what to look for — mounds of dirt, changes in vegetation, surface artifacts strewn about the area. Looters have been here many times. Even though it was years ago, they left behind a scarred land.

A national criminal investigator with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fryar is the government's only full-time special agent enforcing the 1979 Archaeological Resources Protection Act, which makes it illegal to remove remains or artifacts more than a century old from Indian and federal land. Most states have similar laws for their lands.

For decades, picking up a few pieces of Indian pottery or arrowheads poking out of the dirt didn't get much attention. "Pot hunting" was even a family activity, especially in the wide open space of the West. Many people simply stumbled upon pots or baskets, stuffed the pieces in their pockets, took them home and put them on a shelf. It was just accepted.

But pot hunting has changed immensely. Now, Fryar sees fewer amateur pot hunters, but a huge black market run by professional looters.

They act like archeologists gone berserk, researching Indian sites, then renting backhoes and trenchers and ripping through burial grounds with precision and purpose — to make big money.

They sell headdresses, arrowheads, grinding stones, prized pottery and remains that can fetch thousands, even millions of dollars in backroom deals at trading posts and on the Internet auction site eBay.

Fryar rattles off his cases: skulls sitting on bookshelves; remains displayed in a glass coffee table; a man in Hawaii who had 30 sets of Indian remains stored in his closet; another who bragged about taking toys out of the skeletal hands of long-dead babies.

He investigates 40 to 50 looting cases all over the country each year, but he is certain there are hundreds more he never hears about.

Only about half of Fryar's cases are ever prosecuted because of either a lack of evidence or lack of interest by authorities.

"It's very frustrating. It seems that there's so many other things on everybody's plate — homeland security, they've got immigration problems. These, a lot of times, take a back seat," he said.

In the past six years, he has recovered 10 Indian skulls he hoped to return to tribes for reburial under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. But instead, they sit unclaimed in stacked cardboard boxes in the evidence vault of a Santa Fe government office.

Like scavengers on a treasure hunt, looters rummage through grave sites with no regard for the dead. Sometimes they leave bones behind as soon as they find the valuable pot buried with the body.

For some tribes, the pots were buried with the dead in the belief that they would release spirits to the next world. They are the most sacred pottery to Indians, and for the black market, the most profitable. Bowls made by the Mimbres Indians, who lived in southwestern New Mexico more than a thousand years ago, can sell for up to \$150,000.

Looters know just where to look. By studying a particular area and knowing where the room blocks of a village were, they can easily pinpoint the pots because they know Indians were buried under the rooms.

Looters have struck a burial site of the San Carlos Apache Tribe in Arizona repeatedly for almost two years. Shovels, other tools, pottery pieces and bones litter the area now filled with large pits.

Tribal archaeologist Vernelda Grant suspects the same people are responsible for the looting, but with 1.5 million acres to patrol, the tribe has yet to catch anyone.

It's a perpetual battle for many tribes because they have few resources to catch looters. Sometimes, tribal members even assist the criminals in exchange for money. Just weeks ago, Grant saw one of the tribe's ancient headdresses for sale on eBay.

Soon, the Apaches will have to decide what to do with the scattered bones and broken pottery at the burial site.

Many tribes struggle with the same dilemma. They never planned on putting their ancestors back into the ground. Once buried, the dead are supposed to begin their journey to the next world.

The notion of that journey being interrupted, requiring a second beginning through reburial, is offensive to the culture.

"Now they're going to have to find a way to get that soul from that body back on its journey," Fryar said. "Sometimes I don't know if you can even do that. They don't know what process it's gone through. Was it used for satanic purposes? Was it used for something that was not proper?"

Some tribes do not want the remains back at all because they fear being exposed to an ancestor who was evil or had a disease. They don't want evil returning to them.

"They don't know if that person was a witch or not," said New Mexico state archaeologist Glenna Dean. "It's one of the more surprising and sad aspects of trying to return the dead to their families."

There usually is no process for reburying looted remains or artifacts. For tribes such as the Navajo, it is taboo to handle remains. To do so, they believe, would bring illness to tribal members. Indians hope to rebury remains as close as possible to where they were found, but that's not always known.

"Once we put them with Mother Earth, there's nothing else we can do," said Arlen Quetawki, governor of the Zuni Pueblo in New Mexico. "Unfortunately, now you're left with

human remains. It's something that tribes have to deal with. What do we do with them? Where did they get them?"

Only a few Navajo Indians know they are there — 10 sets of remains packed in cardboard boxes in a locked room of a warehouse — but they rarely speak of them. They have been here for years, awaiting reburial.

Now the tribe plans to create a burial ground specifically for remains that were looted, excavated during construction or repatriated from a museum. The tribe will ask non-Navajos to handle the burials.

"This is something that we're working on right now," said Ron Maldonado, program manager for the tribe's Historic Preservation Department. "The remains are going to go back. That way they're no longer in storage."

Other tribes are also considering separate burial sites, but will have to choose areas they hope will not be looted again.

Dean said having a state cemetery for unclaimed remains, Indian and non-Indian, is something the state would like to pursue. Several states already have such cemeteries.

Quetawki said it has been suggested that the 19 New Mexico pueblos select a site to bury all unclaimed remains, but there is no formal plan for that yet.

"It's almost a conflict for us," said Grant of the Apache tribe. "It's one of our responsibilities. It's almost creating a whole new ceremony to rebury a second time. That's what we're faced with. It's such an awkward thing."

The Arizona State Museum has about 6,000 sets of remains in storage, but most were exhumed during construction projects. There are a few sets of looted remains waiting to be claimed.

"This wasn't on the agenda. ... We're attempting to return one historic Apache person but the tribes themselves can't handle remains," said John Madsen, museum repatriation coordinator.

Reburial is not just a logistical problem, but also a spiritual one.

Indians wonder who the ancestors were. Were they good or bad people? What ceremonial artifacts were buried with them? What happened to those? Will bad energy come to Indians who accept the remains?

It is more than just damage to graves, but a disruption of the cycle Indians live within.

Historic school desegregation ruling remains a work in progress

EDITOR'S NOTE: It was 50 years ago that the U.S. Supreme Court decreed segregated public schools unconstitutional. The effects live on in myriad ways, and yet, in much of America, equality and integration remain ideals rather than realities. This is the first of an occasional series that will look at the legacy of the Brown v. Board of Education decision, its impact on the nation today, and what the future might hold.

By DAVID CRARY
AP NATIONAL WRITER

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Like many large urban schools, West Philadelphia High School strives to accommodate all comers: aspiring collegians and potential dropouts, gang members and gospel singers, teenage moms with their babies in tow.

Diverse as they are, in their promise and problems, the 1,600 students are nearly uniform in one respect: 99 percent are black. Most come from low-income families; their school has battled a reputation as one of the city's most troubled.

Ten miles away, schools in the prosperous suburb of Cheltenham have a very different racial mix. Because of fine-tuning of the township's internal boundaries, all seven of its schools are roughly 55 percent white, 35 percent black, 10 percent Asian or Latino. Cheltenham's high school is renowned for academic excellence.

"We are what the country looks like. We're dealing with all the pluses and all the challenges," said Rick Topper, a white English teacher at Cheltenham High.

The contrast between the two high schools is vivid evidence that, nearly 50 years after the U.S. Supreme Court declared segregated public schools unconstitutional, the landmark Brown v. Board of

Education ruling remains a work in progress.

The 1954 decision had immense impact, triggering the steady, though often contentious, integration of school districts nationwide. Yet the trend has started reversing in the past 15 years, even as America overall has become more ethnically diverse.

In communities nationwide, the ruling now poses an abiding challenge: Can America ensure educational equality for all its youth, regardless of race and place of residence?

In Cheltenham, educators and parents know it will take hard work to avert white flight and narrow an academic achievement gap between black and white students. At West Philadelphia, segregation is simply reality.

"I don't have a magic wand," said Clifton James, West Philadelphia's first-year

principal. "But we have to start producing. What schools like this have to fight against is the perception that the grass is greener somewhere else."

The Brown case consolidated lawsuits filed by the NAACP in four states challenging school segregation. The case was named after Oliver Brown, whose daughter Linda was barred from a white elementary school near her Topeka, Kan., home.

On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously that separating black and white children in public schools was unconstitutional.

"In the field of public education, the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place," Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote. "Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

What followed over the next 30 years was tumult and

confrontation in many communities, remarkable strides toward diversity in others. Scores of cities and towns implemented desegregation plans, in some cases triggering an exodus of whites to private schools or less diverse communities.

School integration reached its peak in the 1980s; since then segregation has increased as demographics shifted and court orders expired. Support for court-ordered busing has waned among both whites and minorities.

According to Harvard University's Civil Rights Project, more white children go to overwhelmingly white schools and more minority

children to predominantly nonwhite schools than a decade ago. Some all-black schools excel, but many inner-city schools have suffered as the brightest local students choose magnet and charter schools.

"You have to pursue both improving schools where they are and opening up the doors of every school to children of every background," said the Civil Rights Project's director, Gary Orfield. "If we're going to make 'segregation' work, we have to really invest in it, massively and carefully."

West Philadelphia, a red brick colossus built in 1912, was once a virtually all-white school but has been mostly

black for about three decades. Its recent problems have included arson outbreaks, low test scores, crowded classrooms and high staff turnover.

"It's been a rollercoaster ride," said Henry Gordon, a West Philadelphia teacher since 1980. "You'd wake up in the morning and wonder who the principal is today."

Gordon, who is black, has stayed put even as many colleagues left. "I don't want to teach white kids," he said. "My people need me more."



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Area Community Theatre, Inc., play wild and woolly

By LORALEE COOLEY
GUEST REVIEWER

"It's a Wild and Crazy Play." That actually came from one of the cast members, Ronnie Holmes, when he attempted to describe the weirdly wacky comedy that is the winter production by our Area Community Theatre, Inc.

Directed by Kayla Pursley, who was instrumental in founding ACT I over 20 years ago, the play is "The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild" by playwright Paul Zindel whom I know nothing about, but who demonstrates an imagination that includes send-ups of scenes from "Gone With the Wind" to "On the Good Ship Lollipop," complete with costumes that any child playing "dress-up" would be happy to discover in the attic.

In fact, that sense of "play-like" is key to enjoying this theater piece. Mildred Wild, the character the play revolves around, lives only to see movies of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s, and to read and re-read her antique movie magazines. She often has flights of fancy (indicated by a change in light and sound cues) where she enters into some of those favorite movies and drags the other characters in

the play along with her.

And it is the ensemble of all the actors playing numerous characters that really makes this play work. It is a strong cast, with no one actor standing out and no one so weak that it causes the audience to go to sleep. Every individual speaks with clarity, is easily heard, moves with confidence and is so obviously enjoying being on stage.

Many of the cast are veterans of previous productions, but several are new. You can't tell the difference! It's a remarkable bit of teamwork that is a pleasure to watch.

The cast includes Berinda Turcotte as Mildred Wild, a veteran of both ACT I and Amarillo Little Theater productions; John Haesle as Roy Wild, Mildred's husband, who is making his ACT I acting debut but comes across as a veteran of the stage; Diana Bruner as Bertha Gale, whose primary character (she plays several) is the "vamp" of the play; Paula Simpson as Helen Wild, Roy Wild's sister, who is trying to take care of her wimp of a brother and ditzy sister-in-law; Ronnie Holmes as Carroll Chatham, a local businessman in the play — but who also plays numerous unexpected (ahem!) bits in the fantasy scenes (more on this later); Shirley Hoskins as Sister Cecilia, a nun from a

local convent; Gayla Rigdon, making her ACT I debut as Miss Manley, a TV interviewer; Bill Hildebrandt, veteran ACT I actor whose voice is heard as a TV announcer and who also appears with the character of Miss Manley during the TV interview; and Zach Rogers, who works as lighting tech for most of the play until one scene where he's a construction worker telling Mildred Wild she has 30 minutes to leave before the apartment will be demolished.

And that demolition project sets the tone for the entire play. From the beginning, the audience knows that the building where the Wilds live and have their business of a candy store is to be torn down. The time is the 1970s in Greenwich Village in New York City. But since Mildred Wild is living in the never-never land of the movies some 30 to 40 years earlier, she is completely unfazed by this prospect.

As the character of Mildred Wild drifts into different fantasies from various old movies, the audience enjoys such ridiculous moments as a scene between Scarlet O'Hara and Mammy (as in Berinda Turcotte and Ronnie Holmes ... really!), or another scene between those two with Ronnie Holmes as a show girl in tights and high heels (and does he have a set of gams or what!) with Turcotte playing a sort of Ginger Rogers character. John Haesle (remember Roy Wild, Mildred's husband?) is quite the dashing figure in both of these scenes as a Rhett Butler-like character and a sort of Fred Astaire.

The whole cast, in what could have been the final scene but isn't, comes on in truly out-of-the-attic "make believe" dress-up costumes to dance to

"On the Good Ship Lollipop" to the great delight of the audience.

At the very end, the play takes a quirky serious turn. This is somewhat astonishing, given that nothing has been serious or truly realistic until then. Perhaps this happens to allow the two characters who are about to lose their home, Roy and Mildred Wild, to realize how their life is about to change.

This change is strongly indicated by the final scene as they sit on their bed contemplating their impending loss, surrounded by boxes and "stuff" of their days in that apartment. Mildred carefully removes her false eyelashes and wipes off her lipstick, and Roy at last takes off his ridiculous toupee, which he has so carefully tried to keep on up to that point.

As they leave the stage shortly after this realistic acknowledgment of who they are, it's a little difficult for the audience to know the play is over. Perhaps that confusion was intentional.

The play is worth seeing. But keep in mind, it's much like watching a bunch of kids playing "make believe" with costumes found in the attic. The story line doesn't always make sense, but the actors give it all they've got without apology. There are some incredibly funny scenes, coupled with the unexpectedly poignant ending.

Production dates are 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27-38 and March 5-6. The theater is located in the Pampa Mall with the entrance at the back of the building. Tickets are available from Rolanda's Silk Flowers & Gifts, 1621 N. Hobart, and will be available at the door.

School board candidate workshop in offing

AMARILLO — Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop scheduled from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, March 11, at Region 16 Education Service Center in Amarillo.

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Participants will also view "A Call to Service," a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information, call (512) 467-0222 or 1-800-580-8272, ext. 6104; or visit www.tasb.org on the Internet.

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president (freshman); class president (sophomore/junior years); student council president; National Honor Society co-president; school yearbook co-editor; cheerleader (three years); homecoming queen candidate; President's Education Award (sophomore year); Groom Meals on Wheels volunteer; and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church of Pampa TYM youth group.

Britteny plans to pursue a degree in early childhood development at Amarillo College and later at West Texas A&M University.

Drew Sell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sell, is a senior at Clarendon High School where he is a member of his physics class's National Rocketry Contest team.

His honors, activities and accomplishments include all-district receiver in football; most valuable player-Childress basketball tourna-

ment; student council; junior class president; UIL (science bowl, current events and science); National Honor Society; tennis; cross-country; Clarendon Lions' Club "Young Man of the Year"; First United Methodist Church Youth Group youth leader; and Adopt-a-Highway and recycling projects volunteer.

Drew plans to attend Texas Tech University and is considering majoring in mechanical engineering.

Local P.E.O. chapter to present book review

Chapter CS, the local chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, will again present Carol Headrick, guest reviewer, at its annual book review fund-raiser at 2 p.m., today, March 14, at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Ms. Headrick will review "Stolen Lives" by Malika Oufkir and Michele Fitoussi, originally published in French in 1999.

Oufkir was born in 1953 into extreme privilege, the daughter of the king of Morocco's closest aide. When she was 5, she went to live in the palace with the king's youngest daughter. She remained in the palace for 11 years before returning to her parent's home.

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Carol Headrick

attempting to assassinate the king, and she and her family were imprisoned for two decades. "Stolen Lives" is the story of their resilience and resolve to live in freedom.

Headrick is a Texas native and a speech/language pathologist. She holds a bachelor of

arts degree from Baylor University and a master's degree in communication disorders from the University of Oklahoma.

A professor emerita from Oklahoma State University, she taught for 24 years. She reviews one book each spring and has been presenting book reviews to the public for 14 years.

She memorizes her text and presents the review in first-person format.

She and her husband Charles have three sons and three grandchildren.

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NOTICE OF DEFERRED COLLECTION OF CERTAIN TAXES CHAPTER 33, SECTION 33.06 TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE

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

TO OBTAIN AN ABATEMENT, THE INDIVIDUAL MUST FILE IN THE COURT IN WHICH SUIT IS PENDING AN AFFIDAVIT STATING THAT THE PERSON HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF 65 AND OWNS AND OCCUPIES THE PROPERTY AS HIS RESIDENCE.

AFFIDAVITS FOR DEFERRAL ARE AVAILABLE AT THE GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT OFFICE. ALL APPLICATIONS AND RENDITION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT 815 NORTH SUMNER, PO BOX 836 - PAMPA, TEXAS 79066-0836, PHONE NUMBER 665-0791.

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