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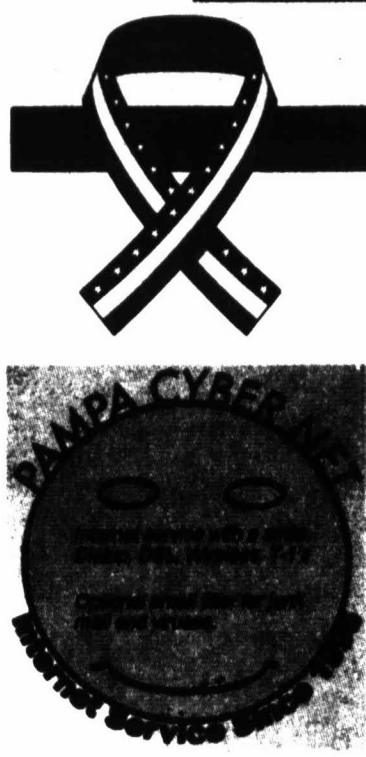
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FRITCH — National Park Service and Canadian River Municipal Water Authority have reopened Spring Canyon at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. The area has been closed due to a national security threat. Hours of operation will be 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

Lake Meredith provides drinking water for 11 cities and communities in the Panhandle region.

For more information, contact park headquarters at (806) 857-3151.

STATE

Symphony members go without pay

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio Symphony members went without pay after the symphony did not make its payroll.

"We could not pay them today," announced board trustee Hope Andrade from the stage before the concert Friday. "Right now, I have my heart in my throat because (the musicians) are here. ... We must not let go of this symphony."

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He's home!

Martinez returns home from military duty ...

BY NANCY YOUNG

MANAGING EDITOR

He's back in town.

After serving nine months, three weeks and a few days, Joe Martinez is back in Pampa. He returned to his family and hometown Feb. 20 after his tour of active duty with the military. On Monday he will return to his duties as Precinct One and Three Justice of the Peace.

A 30-year member of the National Guard, he was called to active duty in April 2002. He spent the duration of the recent active military service at Fort Hood.

He was appointed from a field of five applicants in March 2001 by the Gray County commission to serve as JP following the resignation of longtime former JP Bob Muns. He assumed the duties of the office on April 1 of that year.

When the Sept. 11 attacks occurred in 2001, Martinez knew he could possibly be called to active duty. He was ready to serve his country if called upon.

State law required that the JP position be on the 2002 ballot, and Martinez filed the necessary papers to seek election to continue filling the unexpired term.

He was challenged in the Republican primary in March 2002 by Rusty Horton, but won the political party's nomination. The next month he received his official "greetings" that he was being called to active duty.

Martinez left soon afterwards to serve several hundred miles away on duty at Fort Hood with Bravo company, 2nd Battalion, 1042nd Infantry of the 49th Armored Division.

In October he received a four-day leave- he spent one day driving home, two days in Pampa, and one day driving back to his military base. During the two days he was in Pampa he visited with as many people as possible to let them know he still wanted to be Justice of the Peace when he was released from active duty.

In the November General Election, he was selected by a majority of the voters over his Democratic challenger Debbie Darby to be Precinct One and Three JP.

Joe Martinez

During the time he has been serving his country, former JP Margie Prestidge served in the JP position.

"This particular mobilization is complete," said Martinez. "It's another chapter."

While he was the only person from Pampa in his unit, many others in Pampa and around the area have been called to active duty from their reserve status.

Asked whether he thought he might be called to active duty again, the 30-year veteran of military service said, "It just depends on how things go."

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WFAA-TV: Dewhurst expands staff; agencies forced to cut

DALLAS (AP) —

Lieutenant Gov. David Dewhurst, who joined state leaders in pleas for agencies to reduce spending, is paying his staff more than twice what Sen. Bill Ratliff paid staffers during his tenure as lieutenant governor, a Dallas television station reported Friday.

The station said it obtained documents that show Dewhurst spent more than \$255,000 for his 49 employees during February. For the same period during the last legislative session, Ratliff spent just under \$116,000 for a much smaller staff, WFAA reported.

Gov. Rick Perry, while serving as lieutenant governor, also spent less than half as much as Dewhurst, the station said on its newscasts Friday night.

The station said Dewhurst, when asked for comment, replied, "I don't think that's the case."

Fifteen of Dewhurst's staffers make more than \$7,000 a month, including a Washington political consultant who briefs the media, and Dewhurst's chief of staff, who earns more than \$12,000 a month, WFAA reported. While Ratliff was acting lieutenant governor, only two of his employees earned more than \$7,000 a month.

"We think the lieutenant governor ought to put his money where his mouth is and ought to make the same kind of cuts in his budgets that he is asking everybody else to make," Tom Smith of watchdog group Public Citizen said. Senate committees that



(Courtesy photo)

Father Jake Clemmens along with Stefan Alexander, Christopher Alexander, Maddie Smith and pancake supper chairman, Hal Cree, take an inventory of the supplies needed to feed a crowd at the 49th annual Pancake Supper to benefit St. Matthew's Day School.

48 years of pancakes

St. Matt's benefit supper a Lenten landmark

BY NANCY YOUNG

MANAGING EDITOR

Each year in preparation for the Lenten season, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Pampa sponsors Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday which begins the 40 days of Lent. The event will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on March 4 in the Parish Hall of St. Matthew's, 727 W. Browning.

This year will be the 48th year the local church has been holding the pancake suppers. The first Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. Matthew's was held in 1956, and the proceeds provided funds for St. Francis Boy's Home in Salina, Kan.

Since 1976, the proceeds have gone to St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School.

Pampa residents have provided overwhelming community support since the event began, organizers say.

Father Jake Clemmens, rector of St. Matthew's, said he's has always appreciated the support given by the entire community of Pampa.

"It is a time to remind ourselves of the com-

mon nature of our faith," he said.

All proceeds from the supper go toward the education of young children.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the church office or from church members. Children five and under eat free.

The day school provides scholarships to preschool and kindergarten students through the monies raised at the annual pancake supper.

Current morning classes are offered for 3- and 4-year-olds, Pre-K and kindergarten. Day care is also available on an hourly basis.

Learning experiences include daily chapel, music, Spanish, Bible and computer class, with manipulative activities centered around phonemic awareness.

General chairman of the event is Hal Cree. Co-chair is Charles Smith.

Committees and their chairs are: publicity, Natalie Reeves; ticket sales, Hal Cree; purchasing, Sissy Curtis; equipment, Ryan Bare; decorations, Karon Bonnell; bacon fryer, Gary Niccum; child care, Marge Penn; greeting, Jack Reeve; coffee, Nancy Shaffer; butter and syrup, Brenda Zedlitz; Batter preparation, Tom Hoover; pancake flipper, Jack Curtis; servers, Cindy Holt; table busing, Andie Ragsdale and youth; and clean-up, Scot Aler.

Alcohol ads should warn of risks, government says

BY JEANNINE AVERSA

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Companies that want to advertise a health benefit associated with drinking beer, wine or liquor would also have to warn about alcohol's health risks under rules announced Friday.

The Treasury Department's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, which announced the regulations, said it was trying to balance free-speech rights with risks posed by excessive drinking. The new rules take effect in 90 days.

Long-standing regulations already prohibit false or misleading claims regarding the "curative or therapeutic effects" of an alcoholic beverage in an advertisement or on a label. Treasury and industry officials believe that few — if any — health claims are currently being made in advertisements or on labels for alcohol products.

Industry groups offered a muted response to the new regulations.

"While the Beer Institute

believes that responsible and moderate consumption of beer and other malt beverages can be consistent with a healthy lifestyle for some people, our member companies have not used such information in their product labeling and advertising," said Jeff Becker, president of the Beer Institute.

In general, under the new rules, beer, wine and liquor companies can make a claim about a specific health benefit about their products on labels or in advertisements under limited circumstances.

The claim must be substantiated by scientific or medical evidence; information must be provided about the health risks associated with moderate and heavier levels of alcohol consumption; and information must be disclosed about the "categories of individuals" for whom any alcohol consumption poses risks.

All that information would have to be included on the label or in the advertisement.

Products would continue to use the current warnings that tell pregnant women about the risks of drinking and caution

people that drinking may cause health problems and can impair one's ability to drive a car or operate machinery.

The Distilled Spirits Council of the United States appeared to welcome the new rule. "While there continues to be a misperception that only moderate wine consumption may confer potential health benefits, this rule underscores the fact that distilled spirits, beer and wine should be treated the same as a matter of public policy and scientific fact," spokeswoman Lisa Hawkins said.

In addition, the new rules say companies can provide "directional statements" — such as, "for more information, talk to your doctor" — in advertisements or on labels only if a health disclaimer is provided. The rule offers a disclaimer companies can use: "This statement should not encourage you to drink or to increase your alcohol consumption for health reasons."

Sam Kazman, general counsel for the Competitive

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Lockheed-Martin to develop airport check system

By LESLIE MILLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense contractor Lockheed-Martin will develop a new system to check background information and assign a threat level to all commercial air passengers, the Transportation Department announced on Friday.

The company, which employed Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta in the mid-1990s, was awarded a five-year contract to administer the program. The first phase of the contract is worth \$12.8 million, transportation officials said.

Civil liberties watchdogs see

the potential for unconstitutional invasions of privacy and for database mix-ups that could lead to innocent people being branded security risks.

"This system threatens to create a permanent blacklisted underclass of Americans who cannot travel freely," said Katie Corrigan, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Brian Roehrkas, spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security, said a privacy officer will be assigned to safeguard civil liberties.

"Before any new homeland security technologies are deployed, we will ensure that we will uphold the laws of the land,"

Roehrkas said. "Any new data-mining technologies or programs to enhance information sharing and collecting must and will respect the civil rights and civil liberties guaranteed to the American people."

The system, ordered by Congress after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, will gather much more information on passengers than previously. Delta Air Lines will try it out at three undisclosed airports beginning in about a month, and a comprehensive system could be in place by the end of the year.

The nationwide computer system, which will check such things as credit reports and bank account

activity and compare passenger names with those on government watch lists. Under the system, airlines will ask fliers more information than they do now: full name, address, phone number and date of birth.

Advocates say the system will weed out dangerous people while ensuring law-abiding citizens aren't given unnecessary scrutiny.

Transportation officials say CAPPS II — Computer Assisted Passenger Prescreening System — will use databases that already operate in line with privacy laws and won't profile based on race, religion or ethnicity. No data from the background checks will be stored.

Airlines already do rudimentary checks of passenger information, such as method of payment, address and date the ticket was reserved.

CAPPS II will collect data and rate each passenger's risk potential according to a three-color system: green, yellow, red. When travelers check in, their names will be punched into the system and their boarding passes encrypted with the ranking. TSA screeners will check the passes at checkpoints.

On the Net:
Transportation Security Administration:
<http://www.tsa.gov>

From fishing to timber, industries enjoy tax exemptions

DALLAS (AP) — Each year, the state's commercial fishing industry gets a sales tax break worth \$100,000 for a hot commodity along the balmy Texas Gulf Coast: ice.

Those in the business say it's a crucial item that keeps their precious cargo of shrimp and flounder from rotting. Faced with skyrocketing fuel prices, the tax exemption is more important than ever, they say.

As lawmakers struggle with a \$9.9 billion budget shortfall, a myriad of Texas businesses including newspapers, amusement parks and vending machine owners will get exemptions from paying \$18.6 billion in sales taxes this fiscal year.

The exemptions are projected to \$22.1 billion in five years, according to the state comptroller's office.

Critics say the exemptions

are proof that the state's tax structure needs an overhaul.

State Rep. Talmadge Hefflin, R-Houston, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, says a battle is looming over the state's tangled tax code — exemptions included.

"It's going to take quite a bit of work, but that's the direction we need to head," the powerful lawmaker said. "I won't say that there won't

be any exemptions left."

Republican Gov. Rick Perry says he won't raise taxes. Perry and legislative leaders advocate cutting spending to cover the budget shortfall. Defenders of the sales-tax exemptions argue against cutting the exemptions to solve the budget mess.

If fishermen didn't get the sales-tax exemption on ice, they couldn't troll for days at a time without losing most of their catch to spoilage, said Wilma Anderson, executive director of the Texas Shrimp Association in Aransas Pass, which represents about 900 shrimping boats.

"It's significant to us to not have the tax on us," she said. "This comes up every year, this is not the first year we've had everybody questioning us on ice. That is what has to be used to produce the seafood. It's part of harvesting costs."

Some exemptions are necessary, said Dick Lavine, senior fiscal analyst with the Center For Public Policy Priorities, an Austin think tank.

For example, \$8.1 billion in exemptions for the manufacturing industry prevents a so-called pyramid tax in which manufacturers would pay taxes on the materials they use to make products, which already have a sales tax, he said.

"The biggest chunk is materials used in manufacturing, which is generally excluded; otherwise business-

es would have to pay on the stuff which they then turn into other stuff," he said.

But Lavine said some of the exemptions for businesses need a closer look in light of the state's budget crisis.

"It saves them money, but that may not be enough of a good reason," he said. "Yes, it helps them out. The question is really whether that's the most important thing we should be doing right now."

The sales-tax exemptions are detailed in a report that the comptroller's office sent to legislators in January. It lists \$6.6 billion in exemptions for industries that technically don't pay sales taxes because they are subject to other taxes on motor vehicles, aviation fuel and alcoholic beverages.

For example, the alcoholic beverage industry already pays about \$410 million annually on the gross-receipts tax, said Alan Gray of Licensed Beverage Distributors, an Austin-based group representing wine and liquor wholesalers.

Richie Jackson, executive director of the Texas Restaurant Association, said adding a sales tax on top of the gross-receipts tax would doom the industry in Texas.

"To remove that exemption would in essence create a double taxation," Jackson said. "That would certainly move the tax on mixed drinks and beer and wine to be far higher than anyone else in the nation."

Ford auto flunks own safety test

DALLAS (AP) — Accusing Ford Motor Co. of misleading the public into believing that installing protective shields around the Crown Victoria police car's fuel tank would make it safer, Dallas City Attorney Madeleine Johnson said a Crown Victoria police car equipped with the new fuel tank shield flunked its own crash test.

"Instead of the success Ford claimed it was, the crash test obviously was an abject failure and calls seriously into question Ford's claims that the new fuel tank shields are enough to solve Crown Vic fuel tank safety problems," she said Friday.

Johnson said that Ford did not reveal that during crash testing there had been 40 ounces of leakage. Federal standards set the limit at 1 ounce, she said.

The city sued the automaker in an effort to determine whether the popular police cruiser is safe for law enforcement after a Dallas police officer died in October.

The city learned about the leakage during deposition testimony taken from Ford officials in conjunction with class-action lawsuits before a Cleveland federal court.

ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Friday, Feb. 28

Jacqueline Marshman, 33, 1152 Prairie, was arrested for forgery of a financial instrument.

SHERIFF

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

Friday, Feb. 28

Shawna Henry, 36, 1023 N. Wells, was arrested on a Justice of the Peace Place 1 and 3 warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia. She was also arrested for transportation of anhydrous ammonia with the intent to manu-

facture and possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

Aiva Dee Boaz, 31, 321 Perry, was arrested on a district court warrant for transportation of anhydrous ammonia with the intent to manufacture.

Vickie Jo Goheen, 49, 2216 Mary Ellen, was arrested by a Texas Ranger on a Lamb County warrant for probation revocation.

City Briefs

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WEATHER FOCUS

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Today's forecast is calling for cloudy, areas of fog, chance of snow 30 percent, highs in the mid 30s and east winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should be mostly cloudy, areas of fog, lows in the lower 20s and south winds 5 to 15 mph.

Monday, partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the mid 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in

the lower 30s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.



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MARTINEZ

Right now Martinez is picking up his life with his family and friends where he left off when he left to serve his country. "I'm just relishing in the enjoyment of my family's company," he said. "I'm also catching up on several 'honey-do' projects."

He's also been spending the

past week getting back involved in his church, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. In addition, he's catching up on what has been going on in the civic organizations he actively serves.

While at Fort Hood, he was in an army staff position that supported the soldiers. He said he will be staying in the National Guard. Of his 30 years of military service, Martinez has had five years of active duty and 25 years in the reserves.

Very patriotic, he will stay in

the National Guard to support his country. "I don't want to pull back from life just yet," he said. "Since I'm able to still do it, and I have the support of the public, I'm staying in for right now."

Martinez expressed his appreciation to the local and area residents for the support he has received during the past year.

As this chapter closes, Martinez begins another as he returns to his JP office tomorrow.

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DEWHURST

consider legislation have also cut employees, and the Senate staff has been told not to expect merit pay.

"We will continue to operate in the most efficient manner possible and continue to look for additional savings items," Dewhurst says in a

Feb. 6 letter to legislative leaders that outlines cost-cutting measures. The letter is also signed by House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland.

Smith said the budget cuts should apply to Dewhurst's staff.

"The lieutenant governor's office can, and should, trim its fat," Smith said.

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Pride of Pampa Band members (left-right) Cody Hukill, Simona Cruz, D.J. Elliott, Ali Mackie, Royce McGrath, Heather Dills, David Ramirez and Ashley Shaw.



(Courtesy photo)

Pride of Pampa Band members (seated, left-right) Heather Balay, Whitney Parker, Cristina Elliott, Emily Hillman, Wendy Clark, Lexi Hill; (standing, l-r) Leslie McWilliams, Laura Haley, Shelley Smith, Ruth Ann Schlewitz, Travis Leever, Rebecca Middlebrook, Kandi Garrison and Gabby Lindsay.

Several Pride of Pampa Band members make All-Region Band

Thirty-eight members of "Pride of Pampa" High School Band were recently selected as members of All-Region Band. PHS Band members competed against members of other 3A,

4A and 5A bands in the region.

The band members participated in a clinic and concert at West Texas A&M University. Conductor of the freshman all-region band was Ms.

Diane Gorzycki of Austin. Conductor of the symphonic band was Don Lefevre of WTAMU.

PHS students named to the All-Region Band are as follows:

Flutes. Wendy Clark, Alicia Anguiano and Emily Hillman, Rebecca Middlebrook, Ruth Ann Schlewitz and Lexi Hill.

Clarinet. Kandi Garrison (bass clarinet), Gabby Lindsay (contra-bass clarinet), Heather Balay, Laura Haley, Shelley Smith, Cristina Elliott and Whitney Parker.

Saxophone. Travis Leever and Leslie McWilliams, both tenor sax; and Simona Cruz, Ali Mackie and Cody Hukill, all alto sax.

Trumpet. Ashley Shaw, Royce McGrath, Heather Dills, D.J. Elliott, David Ramirez, Jorden Douglas, Amanda Dyson, Dennis Shuck and Justin Haddock.

French Horn. Ashley Francis and Chelsea Anderson.

Trombone. Stetson Smith, Zach Edens, Brian Haddock and Nathanael Holmes.

Euphonium. Cameron Cargill and Scott Guthrie.

Tuba. Rhett Lawrence and

Russ Bradley.

Percussion. Justin Myers, Lexi Hill, Rebecca Middlebrook, Ruth Anne Schlewitz, Shelley Smith, Cristina Elliott, Heather Balay, Laura Haley, Kandi Garrison, Gabby Lindsay,

Travis Leever, Cody Hukill, Leslie McWilliams, Amanda Dyson, Nathanael Holmes, Rhett Lawrence and Justin Myers advanced to All-Area Band competition held recently at Permian High School in Odessa.



(Courtesy photo)

Pride of Pampa Band members (seated, left-right) Cameron Cargill, Scott Guthrie, Ashley Francis, Chelsea Anderson, Rhett Lawrence, Russ Bradley; (standing, l-r) Justin Myers, Zach Edens, Brian Haddock, Stetson Smith, Nathanael Holmes, Justin Haddock, Amanda Dyson and Dennis Shuck. Not pictured: Alicia Anguiano and Jorden Douglas.

Farm Credit elects new board members

AUSTIN — The board of directors of the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank of Texas recently re-elected Ralph "Buddy" Cortese chairman of the board and Jon "Mike" Garnett vice chairman.

Cortese is a farmer-rancher from Fort Sumner, N.M., and Garnett is an agricultural producer from Spearman. They have held their respective positions since January 2000.

The board also re-elected Dr. William Staats of Baton Rouge, La., to his third term as the board-appointed director. Staats is a professor emeritus of finance at Louisiana State University, where he held the Louisiana Bankers Association Chair of Banking and the Hermann Moyse Jr. Distinguished Professorship. He recently joined the board of the Money Management International Educational Foundation, based in Houston.

Farm Credit Bank of Texas

(FCBT) Board sets policy for the bank, which provides funding and services for the Tenth Farm Credit District. With a loan volume of \$6.7 billion, the Tenth District consists of 22 local lending cooperatives that finance farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and rural landowners and homeowners in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.

Cortese joined the six-member bank board in 1995 and was elected vice chairman in 1998. Prior to joining the board, he chaired Production Credit Association of Eastern New Mexico and was a member of the Tenth Farm Credit District Production Credit Association Stockholders' Advisory Committee. He currently serves on the American Land Foundation Board of Directors.

Garnett produces wheat, alfalfa and forage crops, feeds stocker cattle and operates a

custom haying and baling business. He joined the bank board in 1999 after serving as a director of Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association for 23 years, including four years as chairman. In 2003, he joined Farm Credit Council Board of Directors as a representative of the Tenth Farm Credit District and was appointed to the USDA Texas State Technical Committee.

Other members of the board include Kenneth Andrews of Madisonville, Joe R. Crawford of Baileytown, Ala., and Jimmy Dodson of Robstown.

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Oh so happy and so bright.
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and grief is over, every restless
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peace forever. Safely home in
Heaven at last. Did you wonder
I so calmly trod the valley of the
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glade. And he came himself to
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tread; And with Jesus' arm to
lean on could I have one doubt or
dread? Then you must not
grieve so sorely for I love you
dearly still. Try to look beyond
death's shadows. Pray to trust
our Father's will. There is work
still waiting for you so you must
not idly stand. Do it now while
life remaineth. You shall rest in
Jesus' land. When that work is
all completed, He will gently call
you Home. Oh, the rapture of
that meeting! Oh the joy to see
you come!
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The family of Bobby C. Crocker wishes to express to our many friends, family, Priest Park Church of God church family and anyone who in any way acted in love and sympathy during our time of loss.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, March 2, the 61st day of 2003. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 2, 1933, the motion picture "King Kong," starring Fay Wray, had its world premiere in New York.

On this date:

In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1899, Mount Rainier National Park in Washington state was established.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship.

In 1923, Time magazine debuted.

In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli was elected Pope; he took the name Pius XII.

In 1943, the World War Two Battle of the Bismarck Sea began.

In 1949, an American B-50 Superfortress, the Lucky Lady Two, landed at Fort Worth, Texas, after completing the first non-stop round-the-world flight.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a strict code of ethics.

Ten years ago: In the third day of a standoff between federal agents and Branch Davidians near Waco, Texas, local radio stations broadcast a taped statement in which the group's leader, David Koresh, promised to surrender; however, the standoff continued.

Five years ago: The UN Security Council unanimously endorsed Secretary-General Kofi Annan's deal to open Iraq's presidential palaces to arms inspectors.

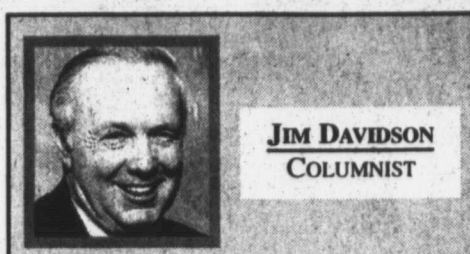
One year ago: Eleven Israelis were killed in a Palestinian suicide bombing in Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox neighborhood. Rioting spread as the death toll in India's religious strife reached 408.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jennifer Jones is 84. Bluegrass singer-musician Doc Watson is 80. Actor John Cullum is 73. Former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 72.

While I can't remember all the words, there is an old country and western song that goes, "I'm back in the saddle again. Out where a friend is a friend. Where the longhorn cattle roam, that's where I belong, back in the saddle again." It has been years since I have heard that song but that's what I thought of the other day when Viola came home from a horseback riding session. More about this in a moment. If you have read my column on a regular basis you know that my wife Viola has Parkinson's. I share this with you because a number of readers have asked me to give an update from time to time on her condition. It is also my prayer that the various things we are doing to cope with this disease may also help and be an encouragement to others who may be walking the same road. If not with Parkinson's, with something else that is debilitating.

Like any progressive disease, over time the Parkinson's is taking a toll. In her case it's just taking a toll on her body and not her spirit. I marvel at the way she keeps going, doing for others and doing her best day by day to cope with her condition. Because she is the love of my life, it hurts me to see her suffer and be in almost constant pain. I would take the Parkinson's for her if I could and when I tell her that she always responds, "You don't want what I have."

Several months ago when she began to have difficulty getting up from a seated

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COLUMNIST

position we took some steps that may be of interest to you. First, we bought a new rocker recliner that has wooden arms that makes it easier to rock forward and push up. Then a lady in our Sunday School class covered a four inch thick piece of foam rubber cut in the shape of a dining room chair for her to sit on. When she begins to get up the foam rubber rises and acts almost like someone taking her hand.

The one thing that we have been more excited about than anything else is her horseback riding sessions. When she was a young girl growing up she had a horse and has always loved horses. A few months ago she decided she wanted to ride a horse as therapy. We have since learned that this is called "Hippotherapy" after the Greek "Hippos" meaning horse. There is something about the touch of an animal, like pets that are now part of the treatment regimen in some children's hospitals, that is healing to the body. The parts of the human body that move while sitting on a horse in motion is also part of the therapy.

In our community we have a wonder-

ful young lady by the name of Miss Toby who has a good number of horses and as a business, teaches horseback riding skills to mostly young people. Miss Toby is a former state rodeo queen, along with many other honors and she has a wonderful helping spirit.

Along with her cohorts Jamie and Cynthia they have done wonders for Viola. She rides three times each week and really looks forward to it. She says it has helped her physically, emotionally and psychologically. The small amount of expense has been worth it many times over. Don't know what the long term outcome or results will be but we are grateful that Miss Toby has come into our lives.

The other evening a lady said to me, I am so sorry about Viola. My response was, "We are just grateful the way God has blessed us with so many good years and now we just take it one day at a time."

We do not feel sorry for ourselves because we see people each day that have life much more difficult than we do. The key to happiness has always been to forget our own problems and think about ways we can be of service to others.

I know that Viola deeply appreciates your prayers and your concern and I'm just glad that "She's back in the saddle again."

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What about the 'axis' of idiocy?

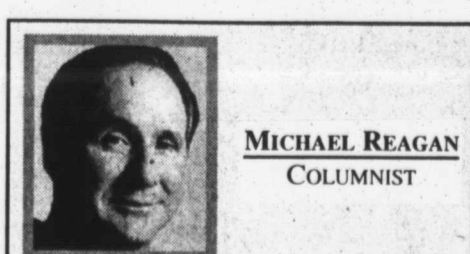
If Iraq, Iran and North Korea are the Axis of Evil, Reps. Jim McDermott, and John Conyers and Ramsey Clark are the Axis of Idiocy.

Remember Washington State's Democrat Congressman McDermott, one of the two useful idiots who jetted off to Baghdad to sing the praises of Saddam Hussein while attacking President Bush? The same Jim McDermott who joined with John Conyers and four other House Democrats to file suit against the Bush administration claiming that Congress had not given its OK to attack Saddam Hussein?

On September 27, 2002, McDermott, and Rep. David Bonior, (D-Mich) went to Baghdad. Standing before a microphone there, McDermott insisted that Americans "have to take the Iraqis on their face value."

When ABC's George Stephanopoulos asked McDermott, "Before you left for Baghdad, you said the president of the United States will lie to the American people in order to get us into this war. Do you really believe that?" he replied "I think the president would mislead the American people." Remember, this was said not in the U.S., but in Baghdad.

According to Larry Elder, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a Vietnam POW, said that while Jane Fonda's support of the Viet Cong is one thing, in her case, you can write it up to her status as a misguid-

MICHAEL REAGAN
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ed actress. But how to excuse the behavior of McDermott? A member of U.S. Congress on enemy soil, declaring greater trust and faith in the enemy than in his own president!

John Conyers has earned a place in the Axis of Idiocy by his legal attack on the President, as well as his long record of supporting extreme left wing, anti-American movements, notably in Latin America. When my father Ronald Reagan was getting ready to drive Cuban communists out of Grenada where they were in the process of digging in, he kept his plans secret from Congress because he knew they would be leaked to our enemies — and he later said that he was particularly afraid of John Conyers in that regard.

Ramsey Clark certainly belongs in this Axis of Idiocy if only because he has for a long time sided openly with Saddam Hussein against his own nation.

In June 1980, he joined a forum on "Crimes of America" in Tehran where U.S. hostages were being held. Clark also represented PLO leaders in a suit brought

by the family of Leon Klinghoffer, the wheelchair-bound man who was shot and thrown overboard from the hijacked Achille Lauro cruise-ship by PLO terrorists in 1986.

Clark's latest activity on behalf of the Axis of Idiocy was his intervention on behalf of Dan Rather and CBS when he arranged to have Rather interview Saddam.

It was an interview tightly controlled by Iraq that Saddam obviously relished. He even allowed it to be broadcast inside Iraq, something he would not have allowed if he hadn't viewed it as the favorable exercise in Iraqi propaganda which Rather allowed it to become. And it's also obvious that they picked Rather because they knew he wouldn't ask any hardball questions.

Does anybody believe that Saddam would have allowed talk show hosts or Fox News to interview him? Of course not. They knew we'd ask the tough questions.

The Axis of Idiocy has found their perfect spokesman — Dan Rather, the most useful of all the useful idiots in the liberal media.

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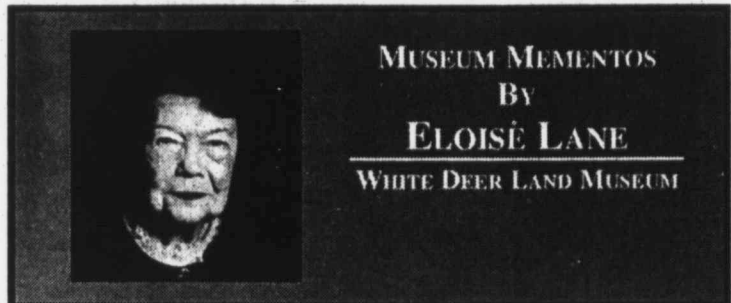
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Railway hey-day in Pampa included FW&D line



MUSEUM MEMENTOS
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On July 15, 1932, Olin E. Hinkle, then managing editor of the Pampa Daily News, wrote that the scenery from Pampa to Childress was picturesque to passengers traveling on the new Fort Worth and Denver line.

When leaving Pampa, travelers could see level wheat fields where recently "the song of the combine harmonized with the symphony of rail-laying crews."

Near Lefors trains traveled swiftly over ravines that gave travelers "the illusion of looking down on a carpet of green patterns studded with hundreds of oil derricks."

From the forest of derricks, smoke from carbon black plants rose lazily at intervals, and occasionally white steam puffed from exhaust pipes of gasoline plants and booster stations. In the sandy soil of central Gray County, trees were more abundant, cattle ranged the rolling hills and oil derricks continued plentiful.

Continuing southward to Childress, travelers could see farms increasing in number, new towns springing up, cotton fields in abundance, row crops in luxuriant growth, cotton gins instead of oil industries, smartly appointed towns older and prouder and lazy streams with little water.

Probably no one was more pleased than Mel B. Davis to have the Fort Worth and Denver come through Lefors. Davis and J.M. Shaw had developed the townsite of Lefors and adjacent lands after the discovery of oil and gas. Doubtless, David had an important part in obtaining the railroad since a stop was named Meldavis, and he may have been responsible for giving everyone a free ride to Childress and back on the first train.

An article in "Focus" magazine, Summer 1987, relates experiences of several Lefors residents in regard to the Fort Worth and Denver.

Charles Lisenbee, his father and brother, who lived in Quanah, began working with the FD&W track at Childress. They returned to Quanah when work on the railroad ended, but Charles came back while working on the highway. He liked this part of the Panhandle and got a job with the Texas Company that lasted the remainder of his life.

Herman Cates, who worked at the Saunders Ranch headquarters near the Texas Co. Picnic Grounds, said that the ranch crew plowed the road bed and used fresnos (big scoops) to build the grade. The ranch



(photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)

Aerial view of Lefors in the 1920s.

boss loaned Herman to drive a truck during the building of the Shamrock Gasoline Plant when an open line was laid from the main track.

F.C. Jones, "Jonesy," was a riveter who riveted all the steel together to build the tanks at the station. Herman used a winch to unload the tank iron from the railroad cars after track was laid to the station.

Bobby Thacker hauled water to Childress from Lefors and Shamrock. He and several other contractors raked the lava rock from the railroad and hauled it for local driveways and also driveways in Pampa. After the termination of rail service, a sawmill was set up northwest of the Senior Citizens Center at Lefors where timbers from the trestles were sawed up.

Joe Clarke said that the track costing a half-million dollars was constructed with used steel and paid for itself in one year. Much shipping went to Kellerville and Bellco oil fields. Crews made up the train and loaded tank cars at the depot

and banged cars around until programs at school could not be heard. Some cars were filled with oil at night.

Once a train was stopped so that someone could buy an antique ice cream table in Joe Clarke's yard. On one occasion, Imogene Clarke and Grace Lee Brown rode the caboose home to Lefors after shopping in Pampa.

When trains stopped for water, someone of the school students would scoot under or between the cars, and there were two boys who would climb into the caboose. After they received repeated warnings to stay away from the train, which they ignored, teacher Ardelle Briggs spanked them.

When they reminded her of this at a class reunion 31 years later, she said that she wished she had gone with the boys because she had always wondered what the inside of a caboose looked like.

While Pat DeGray Steele was cleaning house, her three young children who

were playing outside decided to go walking. Pat missed the children and was beginning to look for them when she heard a train whistle and then a screeching of brakes. She was panic-stricken to see 2-year-old Vickie sitting between the rails.

The brakeman, in a split-

second decision, pushed Vickie down flat and six cars ran over her. Vickie was rushed to the hospital where it was learned that she had a twisted baby tooth and a skinned place on her forehead. The brakeman was commended by his superiors for his quick thinking.



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Clouds of black smoke and white puffs of steam emerge from the Danciger Oil Refinery two miles east of Pampa in the days of the FW&D.



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Cattle range on the rolling plains.

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PAMPA FIELD EXTENSIONS IN PROSPECT NOW

Leopold Test Gets 3 Showings, May Use Shot

NEW HORIZON IN WILCOX POOL

Linking of Gray And Wheeler Areas Is Imminent

Developments of the last drilling day appear to be of much importance to the Pampa field, and include a strong showing of oil in No. 1 Leopold northwest of Pampa, the finding of a deeper horizon in section 62 of block 3 in the south pool, and a good showing in section 44 of block 25 in south-eastern Gray county.

The Pampa Production company, for which Sturm and Twiford are drilling under a 3,500-foot contract, is going below 3,400 feet in the Leopold well about 3 1/2 miles northwest of this city. First oil was picked up at 3,270 feet, a second showing appeared at 3,315, and the sandy lime oil showed at 3,400. The contract depth will be reached, unless heavy production is encountered above. If no stronger showing is found, the hole will likely be plugged back to the best strata at 3,315 feet and a small shot given the test. It is believed that the shot may result in a paying well. The test is a rank wildcat, and is 161 feet below sea level.

May Be New Strata
The Wilcox No. 8, Worley-Reynolds, in the SE of NE of the SE of section 62, block 3, in the south pool at the Pampa field, has a good showing of light oil at 3,175 feet in the granite wash, which is below the older producing depth, in which small production was found. If a good well results, other tests may be deepened in that vicinity.

Long predicted linking up of the south pool with the Wheeler county area appears virtually certain, with first oil traces at 2,567 feet, in section 44 of block 25, H & G N survey. A commercial well would encourage drilling on the large untested area, including parts of Gray and Wheeler counties.

Production Still Off
Panhandle production for the week ending March 19 was 124,480 from 1,021 wells, as compared with 130,037 for the previous week. By counties the total was Hutchinson, 107,625; Carson, 7,415; Gray 7,575; Wheeler, 1,820; Moore, 15; Potter, 30.

This decline of 5,557 was partially a response to crude price cuts, but little effort is being made to pinch in production. A total of 604 field operations were under way, 382 of which were drilling.

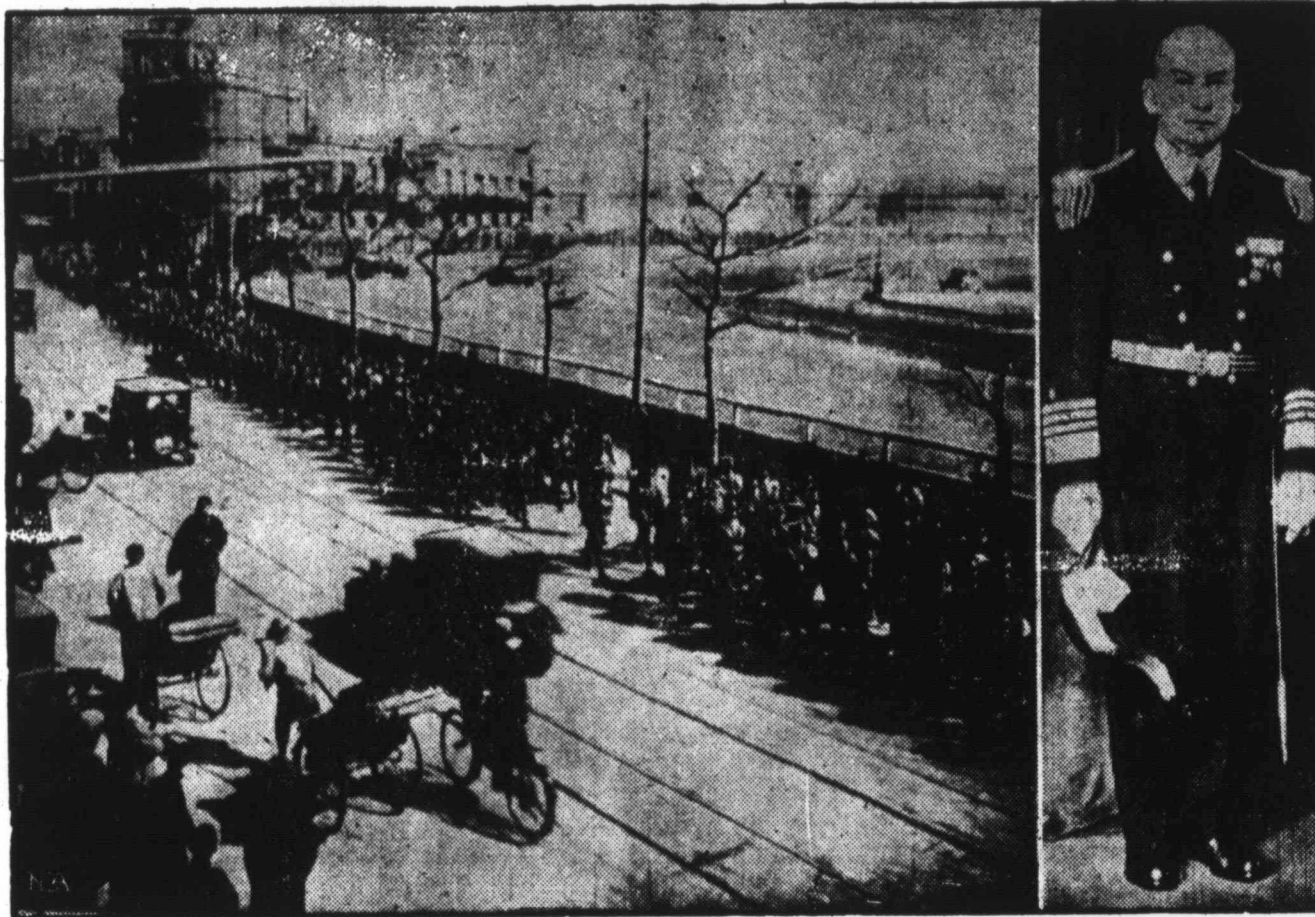
With a good showing of oil and about 10,000,000 feet of gas, the Gulf company No. 1, section 40, block 3, about 6 miles east of Pampa, are preparing for production. Drilling was down to a depth of 2,955 feet when the oil was reached. This well is in semi-wildcat territory and much drilling is expected there.

CAR IS WRECKED
A representative of the Cyprus Tank company, while on his way from Amarillo to Pampa, badly wrecked his car when the steering arm broke.

MOODY ANNOUNCES SPECIAL SESSION CALL

(By The Associated Press.)
AUSTIN, March 25.—Governor Moody today officially announced that a special session of the Legislature will be called to convene either April 25 or early in May.

ON GUARD IN SHANGHAI—NOW A CITY OF TERROR



The latest photographs to reach the United States from Shanghai, focus of latest Chinese civil war developments, appear above. At the left is a striking view of a column of British infantry marching along "Bubbling Wells road" to positions around the Shanghai race track, a corner of which is shown. The race track will be one of the centers of resistance in case the foreign settlements are attacked. At the right is a picture of Admiral Clarence Williams, commander of the American naval forces at Shanghai, taken as he left a conference of high naval officers of the allied powers on defense measures. Fall of Shanghai to the Cantonese was regarded as certain at the time these NEA Service photographs were made, and the pictures reached San Francisco by steamship just as news of the city's capture was flashed around the world. Telephoto wires were used to rush the pictures from San Francisco to Pampa Daily News.

TONGS MAY BE SENT TO CHINA

Warring Factions Are Threatened In Peace Conference

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 25.—Back to China by ship load if necessary was the ultimatum given by District Attorney Banton to rival Hip Sing and Leong Tongs when he called upon them to attend a peace conference today.

Barking guns yesterday marked the end of the two-year truce between the Tongs. Eight lives were taken.

Son of Cattle Baron Killed On Honeymoon Trip

FORT WORTH, March 25.—Funeral arrangements are being made here today for Guy L. Waggoner, Jr., son of one of Texas' greatest cattle barons, and his bride of six days, who were killed yesterday near Douglas, Ariz., when their automobile skidded and overturned.

They were returning from a honeymoon trip to California.

A SMALL FIRE

Causing very little damage, a fire broke out in a chicken house at the rear of R. C. Barksdale's residence at 6:15 yesterday. The fire department responded and easily put out the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hobart spent last week in El Paso attending the Cattlemen's convention.

Mrs. John Logan of Amarillo is visiting her mother Mrs. I. F. Rider.

PAMPA'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR AIDING CONSTRUCTION OF BIG PANHANDLE ROAD SYSTEM TOLD

A crowded house heard the entertainment program of the Chamber of Commerce last night and several short addresses on the road election of March 30.

The C. of C. orchestra again was popular. Miss Joan Wells gave a reading; Laverne Lavender a saxophone solo; Miss Nina Cliff a piano solo; Mr. Walker a bass solo; Ed elville a song and dance and a one from the Grand theatre entertained.

Comments upon the road bond election included the following: J. W. Knorpp of Groom, vice-president of U. S. Highway No. 66:

"I am no speaker, but if there is any subject on which I would like to be able to make a speech it is 'Good Roads.' There is nothing like good roads in a community to make people realize we are a progressive people. I don't think there is any need of telling this audience that we need good roads, as I think you are intelligent people. You say, we may have good roads on each side of the county, but how about the roads between. It stands to reason that if we have good roads all around us we will have them here. If a man puts up a brick building on one side of the street, and there are shacks on the other side, the other side will build up too. It is the same with roads.

For the Children.
"Some folks say we don't want to undertake anything like this because it leaves a burden of debt for our children. Well, folks, you know our children will be only too glad to have these roads. We will pay for them as long as we live and when someone comes in to take our place and use our roads, they will pay for them.

"There are two kinds of people, the 'yes' people and the 'no' people. I am sure this audience belongs to the 'yes' side. Do we want improvements? Yes. Do we want good roads? Yes. Do we want the country to build up around us?

Yes, we want those things. If we are progressive people, we are on the 'yes' side and if we are not, we are on the 'no' side. I think you will find the 'no' people don't amount to very much. These are the kind we have no need for. We want the 'yes' people to come to us, and they are the kind that will come when we show them we are the right sort.

F. P. Reid, "It is our duty to work for this road bond election. Last election we were short only 13 votes. We who are in favor of this movement should see that every vote possible is cast in the coming election.

"This is a direct route for all the tourist trade from the north. Statistics show that every tourist car leaves two or three dollars in every town. It is up to us to furnish good roads to induce this travel our way. We must put this bond election over for the sake of our town and our country.

A Sound Investment.
"The man on the farm says it will raise his taxes. If he will consider the investment instead of the expense he will find his money is well spent. For instance, last spring several cars were completely wrecked making a trip from here to LeFors. The repair bills on one car would amount to more than the taxes in a year. Why not invest the money in a paying proposition instead of in dead expense. Is it not better to pay taxes for a cause like this than to pay repair bills?

"We are noted all over the world for our oil development in the Panhandle of Texas. People are naturally going to hear about Pampa. It is our duty to make Pampa and surrounding community something worth hearing about. Most of the roads from the east lead directly through Pampa, and the better roads we have the better impression we will be able to give and maintain

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FOREIGNERS IN NANKING LEAVE

Situation Is Eased After Threat Of Shelling

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 25.—The murder of one American missionary and attempts to slay many others at Nanking are described AD CHINA
Sul John Davis, received today at the Navy department. The report told of the escape of Davis with one officer, eleven sailors, nine civilians, and two children.

(By The Associated Press.)
SHANGHAI, March 25.—American and British warships will bombard military points in Nanking, including the Cantonese headquarters unless immediate disposition is made for the delivery unharmed of foreigners remaining ashore there.

This ultimatum was delivered to the Chinese today by Rear Admiral Hough and the British Naval commander after a Cantonese leader had returned evasive and insolent reply to their earlier demands.

Anglo-American commanders consider that only drastic action can save the foreigners who survived yesterday's rioting and fighting.

Dr. J. E. Williams, vice-president of Nanking university, is known to be among the dead from yesterday's riots. He is an American.

Shelling Is Postponed

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Preparations for the bombardment by American and British ships at Nanking have been postponed until tomorrow because of partial evacuation of the city by foreigners.

Notice has been served on the Cantonese commanders at Nanking that military points will be shelled unless immediate guarantees of the safety of the safety of foreign lives is furnished. Bombardment was to have begun late this afternoon.

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STATE FORCE SHAKE-UP IS CONTEMPLATED

Adjutant-General Asks For 3 Resignations Today

UPHEAVAL IS JUST STARTED

Fox, Nichols and Linsey Are First Affected

(By The Associated Press.)
AUSTIN, March 25.—Reorganization of the State Ranger force has been started here.

Marking the beginning of what may be a drastic upheaval in the organization, R. L. Robertson, adjutant general, has asked for the resignation of three captains. They are: Captain Fox, stationed at Marfa.

Captain Linsey, stationed at Del Rio.

Captain Nichols, stationed at Marshall.

With the asking of these resignations, reorganization has just started, the adjutant general said.

Express Delivery For Pampa May Be Granted Soon

Delivery service by the express company within certain limits is a probable development in Pampa soon. This service, requested several months ago, has been delayed because the conditions—such as street marking and house numbering—have not been met.

An inspector has recently made a survey in which public improvements are noted, and city delivery is expected to be authorized when the report is acted upon.

State Revenue To Be \$40,157,965 In Coming Two Years

(By The Associated Press.)
AUSTIN, March 25.—Prosperity in Texas is reflected here in figures by the State Board of Control, showing that taxable property valuations have been increasing at the average rate of \$75,559,004 a year for the last ten years.

In 1917 the total taxable valuations was \$2,871,744,269. Last year, it was \$3,627,334,896.

Increase has been steady except for the depression period in 1922-23-24, when valuations fell back slightly.

The board of control estimates that the present ad valorem tax of 23 cents will yield \$40,157,965.40 revenue for the state for the biennium beginning August 31, 1927, and ending on the corresponding day in 1929.

By levy of the maximum 35 cent rate, revenue would total \$47,186,165.40.

HIGH SCHOOL CONTESTS POSTPONED TO TUESDAY

Postponement of the high school declamation and extemporaneous contests was announced this afternoon. These will be held Tuesday evening, and debating contests perhaps at a still later date.

WORKING FOR ROADS

A delegation from Pampa, including W. A. Taylor, F. P. Reid, Tom Kirby, J. W. Knorpp, and Harry Cox are visiting McLean this afternoon, and will go to Almarud tonight in regard to the coming election.

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Parkinson's drug linked to heart disease risk factor

DALLAS — A drug used for the last 40 years to treat Parkinson's disease increases blood levels of an amino acid that could put patients at increased risk for heart disease, according to researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Doctors have suspected that the drug levodopa can elevate body levels of the amino acid homocysteine, which is associated with an increased risk of heart disease and stroke, said Dr. Ramon Diaz-Arrastia, associate professor of neurology.

In a study published in the Archives of Neurology, Diaz-Arrastia and his colleagues measured homocysteine levels in blood samples from 235 Parkinson's patients, including 201 who had been treated with levodopa.

"We did find that there is a statistically modest increased risk of heart disease in Parkinson's patients with elevated homocysteine," Diaz-Arrastia said.

The findings imply that patients being treated with levodopa should ask their neurologists to monitor the level of homocysteine in their blood, particularly if they are at risk for heart disease, Diaz-Arrastia said.

The conclusions should not prevent people from using levodopa, he said.

"This medicine is necessary for parkinsonism," Diaz-Arrastia said. "It is very effective therapy, but physicians may need to pay attention to their patients' homocysteine levels."

Parkinson's disease leads to a reduction of dopamine, a brain chemical vital for controlling body movement. As a result, patients suffer from muscle tremors, rigidity of movement, and balance and coordination problems. Levodopa alleviates symptoms by replenishing lost stores of dopamine in the

brain, but the drug does not cure the disorder or slow its progression.

Participants in the study who had received levodopa showed significantly higher levels of homocysteine in their blood than people who had not taken the drug. Patients with the highest homocysteine levels had an increased prevalence of coronary artery disease, according to the study; however, the retrospective nature of the study made it impossible to determine conclusively if levodopa therapy was responsible for the increased prevalence of vascular disease, Diaz-Arrastia said.

Low levels of vitamin B12 and folic acid are a common cause of increases in homocysteine levels in the blood. Deficiencies of these vitamins, however, did not explain the elevated homocysteine levels among patients who had used levodopa in the study.

Previous studies have suggested that high levels of homocysteine can also elevate the risk of dementia and depression.

"Homocysteine has gotten a lot of attention over the last 10 years or so as a risk factor for heart disease and has gotten even more attention lately as a risk factor for Alzheimer's disease," Diaz-Arrastia said.

About one-third of patients with Parkinson's develop dementia. Diaz-Arrastia said the study raises the question of whether levodopa increases that risk.

Dr. Alan Frol, assistant professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern, also participated in the study published recently, as well as scientists from the Hyman-Newman Institute for Neurology and Neurosurgery at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York.

The study was funded by grants from the National Institutes of Health and the Institute for the Study of Aging.

Research indicates not all breast cancer cells spread

WASHINGTON (AP) — Only a small percentage of breast cancer cells appear capable of spreading the disease, a finding that researchers hope will lead to ways to target the most dangerous cells.

A study done at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center found that between 1 percent and 15 percent of cancer cells were capable of forming new malignant tumors.

Dr. Max S. Wicha, who was part of the research team, said the finding helps point the way to more effective treatments.

"What we are working on now is finding out what makes these tumor stem cells different from the other cells in a tumor," he said. "Now that we can actually identify them, we can start developing treatments to specifically target and hopefully eliminate them."

The findings are reported in Tuesday's online edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"The first step was to identify the cells, the next step is to try to find out what makes them tick and then to target them with new therapies," said Dr. Michael F. Clarke, who led the team.

Tests showed that these cells were able to develop into various types of cells present

in a tumor, somewhat like a stem cell can develop into any of a number of normal tissues in the body.

Like stem cells, these dangerous cancer cells "make copies of themselves — a process called self-renewal — and produce all the other kinds of cells in the original tumor," Clarke said.

Similar cells have been identified in human leukemia, but these are the first to be found in solid tumors, Clarke said.

He said the researchers plan to begin looking at other types of cancer to see if they also have similar danger cells.

For women with cancer, Wicha said, "for the first time, we can define what we believe are the important cells — the cells which determine whether the cancer will come back or be cured. Before this, we didn't even know there were such cells."

Clarke emphasized that "this is not a cure for cancer. But it is a very promising lead, which will focus our efforts to try to find a cure for cancer."

Dr. Dawn Willis, scientific program director for the American Cancer Society, said the findings are "a very interesting observation, but it is still a long way from clinical usefulness."

Clarke agreed that their work is some steps away from clinical use. He said they hope to find pathways to target the danger cells this year — but finding the chemicals to attack those targets and developing ways to use them could take five to 10 years.

The researchers used breast cancer cells removed from patients and sorted the cells into groups according to the proteins present on the surface of the cells. They then injected the cells into the mammary glands of mice.

The one cell type that consistently caused tumors to develop had a protein called CD44 and little or none of a protein called CD24, they reported.



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FDA experiments aim to cut medical mistakes

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sick New Yorkers could start making prescription drugs safer for everybody this spring.

When medical tests diagnose signs of liver trouble or other problems among users of certain medications, a city hospital's computers will send those red flags straight to the Food and Drug Administration — the first step toward an early-warning system for new drug risks.

It's one of a series of experiments that FDA scientists hope will cut medical mistakes and preventable drug side effects that claim tens of thousands of lives each year.

"There's clear evidence we have a lot of room for improvement," says FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan.

The idea: If doctors, patients and regulators alike get better risk information faster, they might make safer choices — even catch a mistake or newly appearing health threat in time

to save someone.

And just as car manufacturers added air bags and other safety features over the years, at least one of the experiments may persuade industry to add safeguards that prevent certain errors.

Car makers "do not just say, 'Cars are crashing — if people would just drive better,'" notes Susan Gardner, who oversees FDA's new tracking of malfunctions and mistakes with medical devices at 80 hospitals and nursing homes.

Too often, medical manufacturers just blame a hurried or poorly trained health worker, Gardner adds.

"In a way I'm sympathetic. ... On the other hand, have they really thought about how they can make a safer product? I think in many instances they haven't."

Some medical errors are quickly obvious, like last weekend's death of a girl who received a heart-and-lung transplant that didn't match her blood type. Other problems are harder to detect, such as choosing a drug too risky for a partic-

ular patient, or using a medicine incorrectly. Discovering rare side effects can take months or years, as doctors voluntarily alert FDA when they spot red flags.

FDA's experiments aim to: —Speed discovery of drug side effects and preventable user errors by cutting out the middleman needed to report them.

New York-Presbyterian Hospital is the first participant, says FDA's Dr. Randy Levin. The agency will designate drugs of concern. With special programming from IBM, hospital computers will automatically send to FDA medical test results — minus patient identities — that suggest problems brewing.

—Help doctors and patients learn about drug risks with a computer keystroke. Every prescription drug today bears pages of complex warnings that, unfortunately, few physicians read. Indeed,

FDA has banned several drugs because doctors kept using them incorrectly. Even McClellan, FDA's new chief, admits bypassing the labels when he treated patients. Yet other sources — pharmaceutical salesmen or Web sites — seldom offer complete, unbiased safety information.

With "Daily Med," doctors will read electronic medicine labels, locating in seconds via computer or Palm Pilot only the portion they need, such as lists of dangerous drug interactions. New warnings will be added daily; it now takes months.

Daily Med should begin running next year, says FDA drug chief Dr. Janet Woodcock. FDA will provide it free to companies that sell doctors computerized prescription programs, and to everyone via the National Library of Medicine Web site.

—Prevent medical device errors and detect defective devices faster, through

Gardner's network for health workers to report equipment problems.

Topping the complaints so far are infusion pumps — bedside devices that control how much intravenous medicine flows into a patient's bloodstream. For example, there's no safeguard against nurses accidentally programming pumps to flow too fast by hitting an extra button, Gardner says.

A newsletter tells participating hospitals about others' mistakes so they don't repeat them, and one manufacturer already is redesigning a safer pump, Gardner says.

—Stay tuned: FDA also plans to put supermarket-style bar codes on hospital-administered drugs so fewer patients get the wrong pills.

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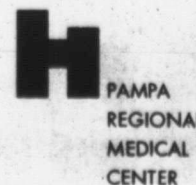
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CALENDAR ITEMS

COMMUNITY, CHURCHES

ACCORD. Gray County Chapter of Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD INC.), meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library. For information, call 665-8516 or 665-7659.

Boy Scouts. Boy Scout leaders meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

Celebration of Lights. The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

Clean Pampa, Inc. Clean Pampa, Inc., holds its monthly membership meeting at 12 noon on the second Tuesday of each month at Clint and Sons, 1421 N. Hobart. The public is welcome. No fee to join. For more information, call 665-2514. Office hours are 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Eastern Star. Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Jim Greene at 665-8067 and Bill Kidwell at 669-6347. For memorials or donations write Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, TX 79065.

Girl Scouts. Pampa Girl Scouts meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Pampa Girl Scout House on Kingsmill.

Gospel Singing. First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

Highland Baptist. Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, will host prayer time from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., each Thursday with a

special time of prayer from 12:15-12:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 669-6509.

Macedonia Baptist Church. Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

Pampa Area Literacy Council. Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill.

Pampa Ministerial Alliance. Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

Pampa Prison Ministry. The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

RCIA. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church hosts Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) beginning at 7:15 p.m., Wednesdays at 2004 Williston. For more information, call Aloise Martin at 883-4901 or Peggy Rodriguez at 669-2683.

Red Cross. Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers from the community to respond during times of crisis in Pampa and other parts of the county. As well as personal satisfaction, volunteers learn how to protect themselves and cope with disaster by planning ahead, particularly essential during tornado season. In addition, ARC is willing to deliver informational discussions on disaster preparedness to area church or community organizations. For more information, call (806) 669-7121.

St. Mark CME Church. St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

Story Hour. Lovett Memorial Library will offer a story hour at 10 a.m., every Tuesday. The free program is open to children 18 months to 6 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

Texas Department of Human Services. Texas Department of Human Services is seeking volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest, capability

and availability of openings. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863.

Veterans. To recognize the contributions Texas veterans have made to the liberty we enjoy, Memory Gardens Cemetery is assigning grave spaces to honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. If you are a veteran, you may be qualified for free burial space. However, you must register to obtain the free plot and you must show proof of honorable discharge. A number of veterans' spaces are available. Certificates will be issued on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call (806) 665-8921.

VFW Bingo. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

American Legion. American Legion Post 334 meets at 7 p.m., the third Thursday of each month at Freedom Museum, 600 N. Hobart.

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

Golden Spread Coin Club. Golden Spread Coin Club, originally Amarillo Coin Club, meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. GSCC is a member of American Numismatic Association. For more information, call (806) 352-8281 or (806) 342-9536.

Gray Co. Ass'n for Retarded Citizens. Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

Gray Co. Extension Education. Gray County Extension Education meets at 1:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Gray County Courthouse Annex.

Gray Co. Genealogical Society. Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society. Las

Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

Magic Plains ABWA. Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at The Coffee Shop, 220 N. Cuyler. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

Pampa Citizens on Patrol Ass'n. Pampa Citizens on Patrol Association meets at 8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at 824 S. Cuyler.

Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club. The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Carol Carpenter at 669-7940.

Pampa Fine Arts Ass'n. Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building (Chamber building).

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

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

Pampa Rotary Club. Pampa Rotary Club meets at 12 noon every Wednesday at Pampa Country Club.

Pampa Takedown Club. Pampa Takedown Club Wrestling for youth 5-15 years of age. Practice is at 900 N. Frost. Season starts Sept. 25 through February. For more information, call Rick Uguhart at 665-8321.

Pampa Woodcarving Club. Pampa Woodcarving Club meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Meetings are open to any individuals interested in woodcarving from beginners to all experience. Projects and instructors are available. For more information, call 669-3008.

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

Shrine Club. Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of each month at

the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

Top O' Texas Rodeo Ass'n. Top O' Texas Rodeo Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the Nona S. Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.

MEDICAL, SUPPORT GROUPS, ETC.

Al-Anon. Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-6898.

Alzheimer's Support Group. The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson at 6650 0356.

American Heart Ass'n. American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant in Pampa.

ARC. Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs (with pot) and hospital beds for its Loan Closet. For more information or to make a donation, contact the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.

Area Agency on Aging. Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle needs volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play,

excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Tanya Mock, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

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

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

Clean Air Al-Anon. Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 2004 Williston. For more information, call 665-6898.

COAF Web Site. The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

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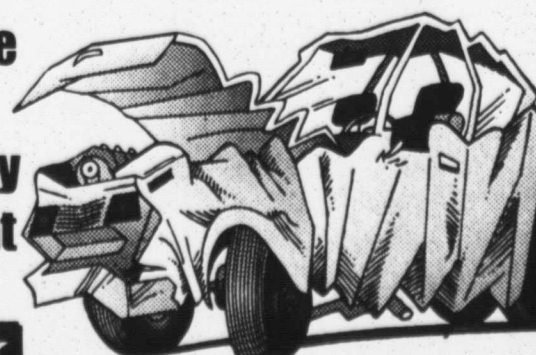
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Grandview-Hopkins Pre-Registration

Grandview-Hopkins prekindergarten and kindergarten pre-registration will take place in the Meeting Room from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m.

Any child living in the Grandview-Hopkins District and has their fourth birthday before September 1, 2003 is eligible for prekindergarten. Children that become five before September 1, 2003 are eligible for kindergarten. Children currently enrolled in Grandview-Hopkins prekindergarten do not need to pre-register for kindergarten. Parents need to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate, shot record, and social security card.

Matriculacion Para La Escuela De Grandview-Hopkins

Matriculacion de antemano par prekindergarten y kindergarten de Grandview-Hopkins se Hevara acabo el 19 de Marzo del 2003. La matriculacion sera en la quedar espacio, en Grandview-Hopkin, desde las 8:00 hasta las 10:00 de la manana.

Cualquier nino que viva dentro del Distrito de las Escuelas de Grandview-Hopkins y tenga cuatro (4) anos antes de el 1 de Septiembre del 2003 califican para prekindergarten. Ninos que cumplen cinco (5) anos antes de el 1 de Septiembre del 2003 califican para kindergarten. Ninos que ya estan en el prekindergarten no tienen que ser matriculados de antemano para kindergarten. Al tiempo de matriculacion los padres deben de traer una copia de la acta de nacimiento de su nino(a), el registro de vacunas, y la tarjeta del seguro social.

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SPORTS

Dallas begins post-Emmitt era by signing Glenn

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

The Dallas Cowboys were busy on the first day of the post-Emmitt era.

While Emmitt Smith began pondering his options as a free agent, new Dallas coach Bill Parcells traded for the receiver he once derisively called "she," giving up an undisclosed draft pick Friday to acquire Terry Glenn from Green Bay.

On the first day of free agency, the oft-injured Glenn restructured his contract, getting a five-year deal tailored to help the Cowboys' salary cap.

Parcells and Glenn have patched up their relationship since Parcells' infamous insult, uttered while the two were with New England, and the enigmatic receiver is excited about playing for the coach who guided him to a record-setting rookie season.

"Not only are they on good terms, they never should have been separated," said Jimmy Gould, Glenn's agent. "The 'she' comment was backed up by a true friendship right away. There's a tremendous closeness between the two, a lot of faith and trust in one another. When you go through stuff, it makes you closer. To be reunited is a

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dream come true."

The Cowboys also re-signed offensive lineman Flozell Adams to a \$25 million, five-year contract.

For Smith, who passed Walter Payton last October to become the NFL's career rushing leader, the search for a new team began after his release Thursday by Dallas. He played 13 seasons for the Cowboys and won three Super Bowl rings.

"Let's just say there's been some confirmed interest from teams," Werner Scott, Smith's business manager, said Friday. "I think he has a good feeling of the things he'd like to look at in terms of where his next place of employment will be."

As a free agent, Smith probably will set two conditions for his next team, particularly since he's coming off three straight 5-11 seasons in Dallas: He would like to go to a winner and he would like to play a lot. Even at 34, Smith says he believes he can gain 1,300 yards in a season for a good team.

Among the possibilities for Smith are the Super Bowl con-

testants: Tampa Bay and Oakland. But Smith would have to compete for playing time with the Bucs' Michael Pittman and Mike Alstott, and the Raiders' Charlie Garner.

The Bills also were active Friday, signing linebacker Jeff Posey to bolster their defense and acquiring tight end Mark Campbell in a trade with Cleveland. The Browns received a 2004 draft choice in return.

Among other deals, St. Louis traded running back and former first-round draft pick Trung Canidate to Washington, and Green Bay acquired cornerback Al Harris from Philadelphia for a second-round pick.

Most teams were still working on priority lists, fitting in the numerous veterans released, this week as teams got down to the \$74.8 million salary cap.

"It sounds good to say you called someone at 12:01, but it doesn't mean anything when you get down to talking money," New York Giants general manager Ernie Accorsi said.

Accorsi made what he considered a priority move, re-signing offensive left tackle Luke Petitgout two hours before he could have become a free agent.

In Posey, the Bills got a line-backer who had eight sacks last year with Houston, his fourth team in five NFL seasons. The Bills finished 8-8 last season, despite a defense that ranked 29th against the run and allowed the sixth-most points in the league.

Campbell will replace Jay Riemersma, who was released by Buffalo in a salary-cap move.

In addition to trading Canidate to the Redskins for guard David Love and a fourth-round pick, the Rams signed veteran center Dave Wohlabaugh, who was released earlier this week by Cleveland.

Canidate was the Rams' first-round pick in 2000 but was demoted to third-string last season by coach Mike Martz. He could get a chance to start for Washington, which released starting running back

Stephen Davis on Wednesday.

The Redskins also shored up their offensive line, signing guards Randy Thomas and Dave Fiore. Thomas, a four-year starter with the New York Jets and the top guard available in free agency, agreed to a seven-year, \$28 million deal with a \$7 million signing bonus.

San Diego signed Pro Bowl fullback Lorenzo Neal to a three-year, \$4.5 million. He spent the last two seasons with the Bengals, where he blocked for 1,000-yard rusher Corey Dillon. In San Diego, he'll pave the way for another Pro Bowl running back in LaDainian Tomlinson.

"In my mind, he is the prototype of a fullback in the National Football League," Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer said.

Miami re-signed pass-catching fullback Rob Konrad to a four-year, \$4 million contract. The deal also includes \$525,000 a year in incentives, agent Drew Rosenhaus said.

Detroit re-signed backup quarterback Ty Detmer, tight end Mikhael Ricks and cornerback Jimmy Wyrick.

Indianapolis signed defensive tackle Montae Reagar, who spent the last four seasons with Denver.

NOTEBOOK

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Cheryl Lewis was elected Harvester Football Booster Club president in a meeting earlier this week. Other officers elected were Brenda Morrison, vice-president; Ginger Foster, secretary; Gayle Curtis, treasurer, and Billie Dixon, reporter.

WRESTLING

PAMPA — There will be a Harvester Wrestling Booster Club meeting at 7 Monday night in the Pampa High cafeteria.

All club members are urged to attend.

The wrestling banquet for high school and middle school athletes is March 19, starting at 7 p.m.

Tickets are nine per person. Wrestlers eat free.

BASKETBALL

WHEELER — Four Wheeler players have been named to the All-District 2-1A Division 1 girls basketball team. They include Lyndi Finsterwald, Amy Osborne, Cassie Brown and Andrea Jones.

HOCKEY

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Timing was everything for the Buffalo Sabres against the tired Dallas Stars.

Dallas, coming off an overtime loss in Ottawa the previous night and missing All-Star goalie Marty Turco, dropped a 5-3 decision Friday night to the lowly Sabres.

Curtis Brown scored the go-ahead goal midway through the third period and Dallas had an apparent late goal waved off.

The Stars are 2-2-3-1 without Turco, the NHL's leader with 1.77 goals-against average and a 93.1 save percentage who is sidelined by an ankle injury. The NHL's second-stingiest team has given up 13 goals in its last three games, finishing its road trip 1-1-1-1.

"It's a concern," Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "We need to get some saves and we need to play tighter defensively and eliminate the mistakes."

Ales Kotalik, Jason Botterill and Stu Barnes each had a goal and an assist. Brian Campbell also scored and Miroslav Satan had three assists for Buffalo, 2-1-1 in its last four games.

Philippe Boucher, Jere Lehtinen and Derian Hatcher scored for Dallas.

"No goal!" also came four years too late for coach Lindy Ruff and the Sabres.

The Sabres got a break this time with 3:18 left when replays showed Claude Lemieux tipped in the potential tying goal with a high stick.

"I walked down the bench and that's exactly what I said to (Buffalo assistant) Scott Arniel," Ruff said. "All of a sudden, they got video review in the building."

PAMPA — National Barrel Horse Association ((Texas District 02) recently held its year-end banquet at the First Methodist Church.

About 106 members and their families attended the banquet, which was catered by Cattle Exchange of Canadian.

The association was awarded eight saddles donated from various business places in the area, along with buckles, headstalls, and breast straps. Numerous other items were given to all the members who accumulated points during the year.

The association has members ranging from 5 years of age to senior citizens over the age of 50.

"This organization is made up of boys, girls, ladies and men," says NBHA spokesperson Judy Morriss. Everyone who owns a horse can join and compete in a 4D class. That means that even if you are not a pro racer, you can still win."

The races consist of Open 4D Class, Youth 4D Class and a Senior 4D Class, which for persons 50 and older. This format is the fastest time, 1D, add a half-second for 2D, another half-second for 3D, then a whole second for 4D.

Several of the association's female members compete in pro rodeos and a number of the world's largest futurities. If a participant gets enough points, she can go to the World Championship NBHA Barrel Race each year in Augusta, Ga.

The association's youngest barrel racer was 6-year-old McKinze Robinson of Canyon who won her first saddle, which was donated by Cattle Exchange. McKinze rides a sorrel mare she calls



Saddle winners and donors were Kelsey Alders, Mandy Poole, Erick Lewis, McKinze Robinson, Dylan Winkle, Marilyn Ruhl, Lu Ann Weldon and Linda Dyson; Cassie Lax, Pat Morriss, Judy Morriss, Bonnie Wike, Margaret Glasscock, Gene Ann Dreyer, Ronda Millard, Shelby Robinson and Chelsea Sanders.

"Pixie."

"Mac as we all call her has been riding since she was 3," Morriss said. "This was a very tough 4D youth class and the standings changed between her and Dylan Winkle from Borger several times. Dylan won the reserve champion buckle. He is 10 years old."

The association's next barrel race will be held in Canadian at the Jerel Norris Arena on Saturday, March 8, with another race on Saturday, March 22. There will be \$500 added to the Open and books will open at 12 noon both days.

For more information, call FMI Judy Morriss at 806-835-2934 or Marilyn Ruhl at 806-664-0028.

Saddle winners and donors recognized at the year-end banquet were Kelsey Alders,

Borger, Youth ID and Youth 2D (1D donor, Teepee Trailer Sales, Amarillo, Margaret Glasscock; 2D donor, Tommy Bowers Ranch, Pampa, Tommy Bowers; Mandy Poole, Pampa, Youth 3D (3D donor, Alders Electric, Borger, Sherman Alders; McKinze Robinson, Canyon, Youth 4D (4D donor, Cattle Exchange, Canadian, Milton & Julie Cook; Marilyn Ruhl, Miami, Open 4D (4D donor, Lewis Electric, Amarillo, Craig Lewis); Mandy Poole, Pampa, Open 3D (3D donor, Dirty Shame Feed & Tack, Fritch, Paula Gibbs; Lu Ann Weldon, Amarillo, Open 2D (2D donor, Ruhl's Welding, Miami, John Ruhl); Linda Dyson, Pampa, Open 1D (1D donor, Mathis Transportation, Amarillo, Charles Mathis.

Reserve Champion Buckle winners: Erick Lewis, Youth

1D; Kelsey Alders, Youth 2D; Dylan Winkle, Youth 3 & 4D; Cassie Lax, Open 4D; Ronda Millard, Open 3D; Shelby Robinson, Open 2D; Chelsea Sanders, Open 1D.

Senior Champions: Gene Ann Dreyer, Senior 3D; Judy Morriss, Senior 2D; Bonnie Wike, Senior 1D;

Reserve Champions: Senior: Pat Morris, Senior 3D; Margaret Glasscock, Senior 2D & 1D.

Most Improved Rider award: Ashley Sandoval, 10 years, Fritch.

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NBHA Texas District 02 held a barrel race at the Jerel Norris Arena in Canadian on Saturday, Feb. 22. There were 63 Open and 19 Youth runners.

Open 4D results

1D: Kathy Marak, 15.488; Carlotta Baggs, 15.651; Kelly

Garrison, 15.815; Tommie Porter, 15.904.

2D: Ann Robinson, 15.993; Heather Darbonne, 16.042; Ricki Sue Praeger, 16.150; Christy Miller, 16.294.

3D: Brandy Wright, 16.497; Kirsten Pohnert, 16.534; Heather Darbonne, 16.613; Gina Greenhouse, 16.650.

4D: Ashley Sandoval, 17.847; Marilyn Ruhl, 17.929; Bonnie Wike, 17.943; Sabrina Devers, 18.002.

Youth 4D results

1D: Kelsey Alders, 15.966; Kelsey Alders, 15.984.

2D: Kalyann Jones, 16.497; Shelby Robinson, 16.614.

3D: Emily Ruhl, 17.052; Dylan Winkle, 17.479.

4D: Mindy Bagley, 18.126; Ashley Sandoval, 18.166.

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Brock girls advance to 2A championship finals

AUSTIN (AP) — Krystal Cole scored 23 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Brock into the Class 2A championship game with a 53-38 semifinal victory over Schulenburg.

Kenzie Cole added 14 points, seven rebounds and five assists for Brock (33-5), which moved up a class after winning the 1A Division I state title last season.

Playing in its first state tournament, Schulenburg (32-5) found itself in an offensive bind when star player Rece Betts got into early foul trouble and finished with nine points.

The Ladyhorns rushed to a quick 7-0 lead before dis-

aster struck in the form of multiple fouls. Krystal Cole scored nine points in a 12-0 Brock run that quickly changed momentum.

Betts, who came into the tournament averaging a triple-double and 18 points per game, picked up her fourth foul a minute into the second quarter.

With Betts sitting on the bench, Cole took full advantage in the post and finished the first half with 15 points as Brock took a 24-16 lead after two quarters.

It was more of the same in the third.

Krystal Cole scored six in a 9-2 Brock run that opened

up a 33-18 lead. Kenzie Cole took over from there, scoring 12 points in the second half.

Duncanville rolls past Austin Westlake

AUSTIN (AP) — April O'Neal scored 12 points and Tiffany Jackson added 10 in leading Duncanville to a 57-35 win over Austin Westlake in the Class 5A state semifinals Friday night.

While the game wasn't the showcase performance many expected from Jackson, one of the most highly touted players in the country, it was good enough to send the Pantherettes, ranked No. 9 nationally by USA Today, into Saturday's championship final against Georgetown (33-5).

Jackson, who has signed with the University of Texas, showed flashes of brilliance but was saddled with foul

trouble through much of the second half. She had six rebounds, four steals and five turnovers on her future home court.

Jackson scored four of Duncanville's first six points on two dazzling spin moves in the lane. Jamie Barr hit a 3-pointer and the Pantherettes raced to an 11-0 lead.

But after Jackson's third basket and a free throw made it 17-3, Duncanville (38-1) started looking elsewhere for points and she rarely touched the ball again the rest of the half.

Westlake rallied to within 22-17 on a 3-pointer by Katie Gross and five points from Blair Massey. But Duncanville

cent shooting. Brock also went 14-of-17 from the foul line.

Brock advances to

Saturday's title game to face Shallowater (32-3), which knocked off defending champion Buffalo 91-76.

killed the rally with a 13-1 run to half-time that started with LaJeana Howard's jumper and a buzzer-beater from O'Neal that made it 35-18 at halftime.

The run seemed to take the life out of Westlake. The Chaparrals' hometown crowd never got another chance to get excited as Duncanville held Westlake to four points in the third quarter to stretch its lead to 44-23.

Massey scored 12 points to lead Westlake (32-6).

Duncanville has held four of its five playoff opponents to 40 points or less. The Pantherettes held Westlake to 23 percent shooting.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	38	21	.644	—
Philadelphia	33	24	.579	4
Boston	33	25	.569	4 1/2
Orlando	29	30	.492	9
Washington	28	29	.491	9
New York	25	33	.431	12 1/2
Miami	19	39	.328	18 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	38	21	.644	—
Detroit	37	21	.638	1/2
New Orleans	33	27	.550	5 1/2
Milwaukee	28	30	.483	9 1/2
Atlanta	22	37	.373	16
Chicago	21	39	.350	17 1/2
Toronto	17	38	.309	19
Cleveland	11	47	.190	26 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	44	14	.759	—
San Antonio	39	17	.696	4
Minnesota	39	21	.650	6
Utah	33	25	.569	11
Houston	30	28	.517	14
Memphis	18	39	.316	25 1/2
Denver	12	47	.203	32 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	41	18	.695	—
Portland	38	20	.655	2 1/2
L.A. Lakers	32	26	.552	8 1/2
Phoenix	31	27	.534	9 1/2
Golden State	28	30	.483	12 1/2
Seattle	26	31	.456	14
L.A. Clippers	19	38	.333	21

Thursday's Games

Washington 100, Houston 98, OT	
Sacramento 126, Dallas 124, OT	
L.A. Lakers 95, Detroit 85	

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 104, Utah 83	
Indiana 107, Milwaukee 98	
Memphis 126, Miami 116, OT	
Boston 90, Toronto 85	
New York 118, Orlando 110, 2OT	
Minnesota 118, Cleveland 95	
Atlanta 110, Chicago 88	
New Orleans 94, Denver 88	
Seattle 107, L.A. Lakers 90	
Portland 109, L.A. Clippers 103	

Saturday's Games

Sacramento at San Antonio, 4 p.m.	
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.	

Memphis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

New Orleans at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Detroit at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Seattle at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Orlando at Cleveland, 1 p.m.	
Utah at New Jersey, 1 p.m.	
Boston at Toronto, 1:30 p.m.	
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.	
New York at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.	
San Antonio at Houston, 4 p.m.	
Washington at Miami, 6 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Denver, 9 p.m.	
Detroit at Portland, 9 p.m.	

Friday's College Basketball

Major Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST

Colgate 75, Lehigh 68	
Cornell 68, Harvard 63	
Dartmouth 50, Columbia 36	
Holy Cross 54, Bucknell 43	
Marist 73, Canisius 68	
Niagara 78, Rider 72, OT	
Penn 69, Brown 65	
Princeton 61, Yale 52	

SOUTH

Belmont 72, Samford 64	
Radford 81, Liberty 56	

MIDWEST

No major team scores reported from the MIDWEST.

SOUTHWEST

No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.

FAR WEST

Pepperdine 72, St. Mary's, Cal. 67	
San Francisco 75, Loyola Marymount 69	

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	TOL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	37	16	6	4	84	66
Philadelphia	33	17	11	2	79	50
N.Y. Islanders	29	24	8	2	68	74
N.Y. Rangers	26	31	8	2	62	75
Pittsburgh	25	30	4	5	59	63

Northeast Division

	W	L	TOL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	40	17	7	1	88	64
Toronto	36	23	4	1	77	62
Boston	28	25	8	2	66	61
Montreal	24	27	7	7	62	65
Buffalo	19	31	8	5	51	61

Southeast Division

	W	L	TOL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	30	25	7	3	70	61
Tampa Bay	27	22	10	5	69	74

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	TOL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	34	17	9	3	80	58
St. Louis	32	18	8	6	78	62
Nashville	25	25	9	4	63	55
Chicago	24	27	10	3	61	50
Columbus	23	32	6	2	54	63

Northwest Division

	W	L	TOL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	38	17	9	0	85	24
Colorado	30	15	11	7	78	56
Minnesota	32	22	8	1	73	53
Edmonton	26	23	7	8	67	51
Calgary	19	31	10	4	52	40

Pacific Division

	W	L	TOL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	35	13	15	2	87	56
Anaheim	30	23	8	4	72	57
Phoenix	25	26	8	4	62	60
Los Angeles	27	29	4	4	62	67
San Jose	24	28	6	5	59	72

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

Thursday's Games

New Jersey 3, N.Y. Islanders 3, tie	
Columbus 3, Los Angeles 1	
Tampa Bay 3, Florida 1	
Ottawa 3, Dallas 2, OT	
Minnesota 6, Montreal 3	
Detroit 7, Toronto 2	
St. Louis 4, Edmonton 1	
N.Y. Rangers 4, Boston 1	
Philadelphia 5, Chicago 2	
Nashville 6, Pittsburgh 0	
Atlanta 4, Colorado 3, OT	
San Jose 3, Vancouver 2	

Friday's Games

Buffalo 5, Dallas 3	
Phoenix 3, Anaheim 1	

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at Boston, 1 p.m.	
Chicago at Nashville, 2 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 3 p.m.	
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.	
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 7 p.m.	
Vancouver at Montreal, 7 p.m.	
Edmonton at Columbus, 7 p.m.	
Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.	
Carolina at Toronto, 7 p.m.	
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.	
Washington at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.	
Minnesota at St. Louis, 8 p.m.	
San Jose at Calgary, 10 p.m.	

Sunday's Games

Phoenix at Detroit, 6 p.m.	
Carolina at Washington, 7 p.m.	
Colorado at Chicago, 8 p.m.	
Atlanta at Anaheim, 8 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.	

Top recruits take notice as Texas climbs

AUSTIN — The president didn't call. Neither did Carrot Top, who calls everybody.

Those who did call to congratulate Rick Barnes on his basketball team's rugged victory over Oklahoma on Feb. 10 didn't even reach him because of a phone problem.

No matter.

Barnes was already heavy into preparations for sixth-ranked Texas' next game at Nebraska. That single-minded focus explains why his Longhorns have been a top-10 team all season long and why they'll be a serious contender for the Final Four.

That's also one of the reasons the Longhorns are averaging more than 14,000 fans at their home games, why they've already leased the seven Erwin Center luxury boxes for \$60,000 a year (21 other suites are under construction) and why ESPN's cameras were trained on them recently will be again.

Texas quite simply is one of the hottest teams in college basketball. And that should translate into a bountiful recruiting class next year that could include several national top-30 prospects.

One of Barnes' two signees from last November, P.J. Tucker of Raleigh, N.C., has averaged more than 30 points in his senior year at Enloe High School and put up 39 points and 27 rebounds in a recent game. Texas sneaked the sleeper out from

under ACC eyes although North Carolina, on the day Tucker became a Horn, asked if he'd put off his decision until this spring's signing date.

"This kid's having a phenomenal year," said national recruiting expert Bob Gibbons of All Star Sports Publications. "Wherever Rick's been, he has always been one of the best recruiters in the business. On a national basis, they still have a ways to go. Duke's name is magical right now. I don't think you can say Texas has quite attained that measure, but they can hold their own in the Big 12 area with the Kansases and Arizonas."

The Longhorns are in the very serious mix of schools in the running for early commitments from 6-foot-3-inch Houston Jones point guard Daniel Gibson, 6-11 Seagoville power forward LaMarcus Aldridge, 6-0 Cedar Hill point guard Jason Horton and 6-7 LBJ forward Marshall Brown, all juniors.

Texas is also recruiting 6-8 forward Mike Williams of Camden, Ala., and 6-7 Juan Diego Palacios of Centereach, N.Y.

Gibson, whom some compare to former Duke All-American Jason Williams, would make a formidable backcourt with T.J. Ford if the latter miraculously stuck around for all four seasons. Gibson visited Georgia Tech and Kansas recently and Oklahoma is next, but Texas has been chasing him since he was an eighth-grader.

Aldridge would give Texas a continued strong inside presence if he doesn't become a Florida Gator or go elsewhere. Horton's also considering Missouri. Brown could be an even better Kris Clack.

"I definitely think this season has generated a lot of excitement in the state," said Frank Haith, Barnes' top assistant. "When you walk into a kid's high school gym, you can feel it. The perception of basketball in the state is changing."

Bonds goes deep on first swing of spring training

By The Associated Press

It took one swing for Barry Bonds to remind Dusty Baker what he'll be missing this season. Bonds homered on the first pitch he saw in spring training Friday, but Baker won his debut as manager of the Chicago Cubs with a 7-5 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

"Same old Barry," Baker said, smiling. "One pitch."

With his former manager watching from the opposite dugout in Mesa, Ariz., Bonds connected against Mark Prior in the first inning and sent a ball rocketing over the center-field fence.

"Unbelievable," Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa said, shaking his head. "Unbelievable. That was a quickie right there. That guy is ready."

In other games in Arizona, it was Anaheim 6, a Seattle split squad 4; San Diego 16, a Seattle split squad 4; Oakland 6,

Milwaukee 5; Arizona 14, the Chicago White Sox 5; and Kansas City 4, Texas 2.

In Florida, Montreal beat Houston 5-3; the N.Y. Mets downed St. Louis 7-3; Baltimore edged Florida 7-6; a Boston split squad defeated Cincinnati 12-7; Atlanta shut out a Philadelphia split squad 2-0; a Cleveland split squad beat Minnesota 8-2; Pittsburgh got by a Cleveland split squad 3-2; and Tampa Bay routed Eckerd College 11-0.

The N.Y. Yankees and a Philadelphia split squad were rained out, as were Los Angeles and Detroit.

Later, a Boston Red Sox split squad played Boston College.

Baker managed the Giants the past 10 years and had them within one win of a World Series title last October. But long-standing differences with owner Peter Magowan led to a messy split in November.

When Bonds came up with first base open in the third inning, he looked over at the Cubs dugout and pointed at his old manager with a grin.

"I called him and told him I was going to walk him," Baker joked. "Nah. I wouldn't do that, not in spring training."

Jose Cruz Jr. hit a two-run shot for the Giants, but Chicago got inside-the-park homers from Ramon Martinez and Nate Freese.

Angels 6, Mariners (ss) 4

At Tempe, Ariz., Brad Fullmer homered as the World Series champions won their exhibition opener.

A few Rally Monkeys were scattered in the sparse crowd of 4,021 at Tempe Diablo Stadium. Anaheim outfielders Garret Anderson, Darin Erstad and Tim

Salmon and Series MVP Troy Glaus did not play.

Edgar Martinez went 3-for-3 with a home run for Seattle.

Braves 2, Phillies (ss) 0

At Kissimmee, Fla., Atlanta left fielder Chipper Jones injured his left thumb making a diving catch and expects to miss a couple of games.

Jones was hurt in the first inning. He took a few swings in the on-deck circle in the bottom half, but his left thumb was too sore to continue.

Diamondbacks 14, White Sox 5

At Tucson, Ariz., Curt Schilling got a familiar welcome from Magglio Ordonez, giving up a home run to the White Sox star.



SPORTS CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

CHRISTIAN COWBOYS Fellowship of Christian Cowboys will not meet for the entire month of March.

CATTLEWOMEN
Top O' Texas CattleWomen Scholarship application forms have been distributed to area high schools. Three scholarships will be awarded altogether — one in the amount of \$500 and two in the amount of \$250. Students from Gray, Carson, Collingsworth, Hemphill, Hutchison, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties are eligible. The deadline for applications is April 25. Applications must be submitted to: Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. For more information, call (806) 826-3572.

SQUARE HOUSE EXHIBIT

Carson County Square House Museum will present "Country Memories," an exhibit of artwork by Sam Doering, throughout March and April. An opening reception is scheduled from 2:30-4 p.m., today at the museum. For more information, call (806) 537-3524.

WT/AC EXHIBIT

Amarillo Museum of Art will host the 31st Annual Amarillo College and West Texas A&M University Student and Faculty Exhibition March 8 through April 4 in the museum's second floor galleries. An opening reception and gallery talk for museum members is scheduled at 6:30 p.m., March 7 at the museum. The Amarillo ISD Student Exhibit will also open at the Museum March 8 and will run through April 27. This exhibit by Amarillo ISD elementary students will be housed in the third floor gallery. For more information, call (806) 371-5050 or visit www.amarilloart.org on the Internet.

PCCA

Pampa Community Concert Association's will present "Dancing on Common Ground," March 18 at 7:30 p.m., at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. For tickets or more information, contact Ruth Riehart, PCCA

president, at 665-3362.

TDHS VOLUNTEERS

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

CLEAN PAMPA

Clean Pampa Inc., will accept used telephone books for recycling March 1-24 at several locations including Pampa Chamber of Commerce and Pampa Post Office. For a complete list of recycling bins, call 665-2514.

PPHM SHOW AND SALE

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will stage its fourth annual Invitational Western Art Show and Sale March 1 through 31 at its location in Canyon. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will benefit the art department of the museum. The exhibit and sale will feature contemporary western artists. For more information, contact the museum at (806) 651-2244.

ANTIQUE SHOW

Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum in Fritch will host an antique-type road show from 12-5 p.m., March 1 at the museum. Antique dealers from Amarillo and the surrounding area will try to date, identify and give a ballpark value to your treasures. An appraisal fee of \$2 will be levied for

each item with a limit of two or three items per person. All proceeds will benefit the Aquatic Re-hab program at the museum. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call Shelda or Robin at (806) 857-2458.

TTU

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Office of Rural and Community Health "Rural Pre-Health Professional and Summer Academy Rural Health Education Stipend Program" application deadline is March 15. For more information or to submit an application on-line, visit www.ttu-hsc.edu/rch/studentprograms or contact Shannon Kirkland at (806) 743-1338.

AAF SCHOLARSHIP

Amarillo Area Foundation is currently accepting college scholarship applications from high school students in the 26 northernmost counties of the Texas Panhandle. For a complete listing of available scholarships or to obtain a general scholarship application, visit www.aaf-hf.org on the Internet. The deadline for general applications is 5 p.m., Monday, March 3. For more information, call (806) 376-4521.

PANCAKE SUPPER

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church will hold its Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5-8 p.m., March 4 at 727 W. Browning. Tickets are \$5 apiece (pre-school children eat free.) Proceeds will

benefit the Episcopal day school. For more information, call 665-0701.

CHAMBER BREAKFAST

Pampa Chamber of Commerce will host its quarterly prayer breakfast at 6:45 a.m., March 4 in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building. For reservations or for more information, call 669-3241.

TAGA

Texas Armed Guard Association is planning a reunion March 6-8 at the Sunday House Inn in Fredericksburg, Texas. The association has no dues and all former World War II Merchant Marines are invited to attend.

For more information contact, John Shirley, Round Rock, TX 78681-1086, (515) 671-3464.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB

Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 12 at Lovett Memorial Library. The book assigned for discussion is "Ranger's Trail" by Elmer Kelton. Visitors are welcome.

MENDING MINDS LIBRARY

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation will host an open house for its Mending Minds Memorial Library from 5-7 p.m., March 18 at the agency's Polk Street facility in Amarillo. The

library houses over 1,900 books, videos and tapes ranging in topic from abuse to physician's reference manuals. For more information about the library or the open house, call Carol Ann Vaughn at (806) 349-5663.

ALTRUSA STYLE SHOW

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa will stage its annual spring style show at 10:30 a.m., March 29 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets for the fashion show may be purchased in advance from any Altrusa member or will be available at the door on the day of the event. Tickets are \$10 apiece.

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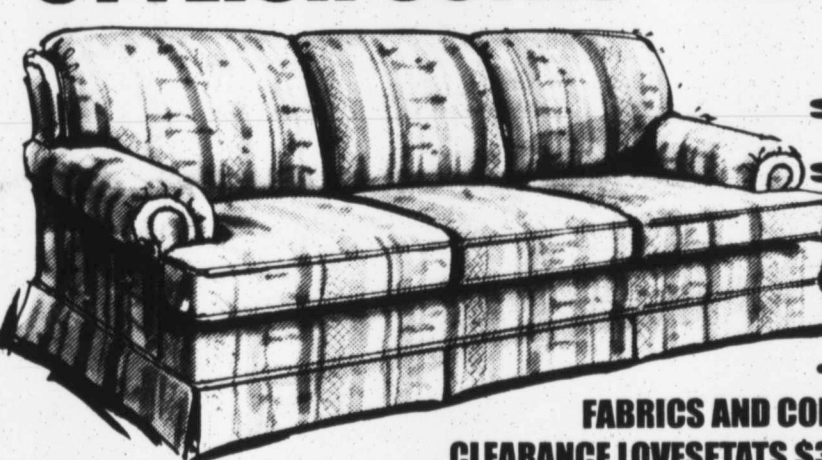


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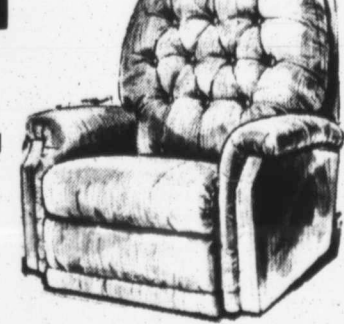
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NEWSMAKERS



Lois Strate

Lois Strate, CLU, ChFC, has earned the Registered Health Underwriter (RHU) professional designation from The American College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Candidates for the RHU designation must complete comprehensive examinations and fulfill stringent experience and ethics requirements.

The American College is the nation's oldest and largest academically accredited educational institution devoted exclusively to financial services. The American College offers an array of specialized designation programs and customized continuing education programs for those pursuing a career in financial services.

Mrs. Strate has been associated with Cree Life & Annuity for almost 22 years. She has been licensed to sell life and health insurance as well as IRAs and annuities for 16 years.

She received her Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) designation in San Francisco, Calif., in 1991 and her Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation in Orlando, Fla., in 1992. She is the only female member of the Amarillo Chapter of The Society of Financial Service Professionals.

Mrs. Strate serves on several boards and committees in the community and belongs to numerous professional and occupational organizations. She is an active member of Calvary Baptist Church. She is also a licensed Real Estate Broker and is associated with Quentin Williams, REALTORS.

Lois Strate and her husband, L.D. Strate, will be attending the National Conference for The Society of Financial Service Professionals in Honolulu, Hawaii, in October for the ceremonial conferment of her RHU designation.

AMARILLO — Chris Ely of Amarillo, formerly of Pampa, was recently presented the "Consumer of the Year" award by the State Independent Living Council at a conference in Austin. Ely was presented a plaque at the ceremony.

This award recognizes achievement through independent living by individuals with a disability. Ely has cerebral palsy.

Nominated by the LIFE Center for Independent Living of Lubbock, Ely was honored for exemplifying the principles of independent living.

Ely, a 1987 graduate of Pampa High School, holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from West Texas State University. He works at the Amarillo Globe-News as a copy editor.

In 1998, his book "Through the Eyes of Faith" was released, which he wrote to illustrate that people with disabilities can succeed and live productive lives.

Ely said at the time he hoped the book would serve as an encouragement to others with disabilities and would educate people about disabilities.

Also in 1998, Ely formed Saturday Night Live Singles, a singles group for people with disabilities. The group meets the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

DENTON — Kellen Elaine Waters, daughter of Diane and Judge Lee Waters of Pampa, was recently named to the Dean's Honor Roll of Scholars at the University of North Texas at Denton.

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

Waters is a senior at UNT, pursuing a degree in speech pathology.

She is the granddaughter of Betty and R.H. Dyson and Elaine (deceased) and Bill Waters, all of Pampa.



By SKYLA BRYANT
COMMUNITY EDITOR

In "Gifts of the Magi," a famous American short story by O. Henry, the heroine of the piece lops off her hair—her pride-and-joy—in a spirit of giving.

That was fiction.

Reality is 15-year-old Krissie Alexander who not only sacrificed her length of naturally curly blond hair to a worthy cause but spent approximately two years growing her mane specifically for that purpose.

Krissie, daughter of Beverly and Don Alexander of Pampa, is a freshman at Pampa High School where she participates in choir and is a member of ASTRA Club and Lady Harvesters Junior Varsity Basketball Team. Krissie is also active in First United Methodist Church Youth Group and choir.

"I first heard about the program on 'Oprah,'" Krissie said, referring to Locks of Love, an organization dedi-

cated to providing hair-pieces

for children who, for one reason or another, have no hair.

According to its web site, Locks of Love is a non-profit organization established in 1997 that makes prosthetic hair pieces for children who have suffered severe hair loss.

(See LOCKS, Page 24)

Harvesting 'Locks' of Love

15-year-old grows
hair to donate
to program ...

Recipients, the web site says, include children stricken with a permanent hair loss condition called alopecia areata, burn victims, children treated with radiation to the brain stem, and others who suffer permanent hair loss due to a dermatological or medical condition.

Many of the donors, the web site reports, are children themselves. Teens like Krissie, or children even younger, who see a need and quietly go about fulfilling it.

The web site describes the prosthetics as "custom, vacuum-fitted hairpiece(s) made entirely from donated human hair. The vacuum fit is designed for children who have experienced a total loss of scalp hair and does not require the use of tape or glue," and "the manufacturer hand-assembles each piece." This assembly process, the article said, can take up to four months.

Guidelines, accessible on the web site, verify that only high-quality



Krissie Alexander

Photos by David Bowser

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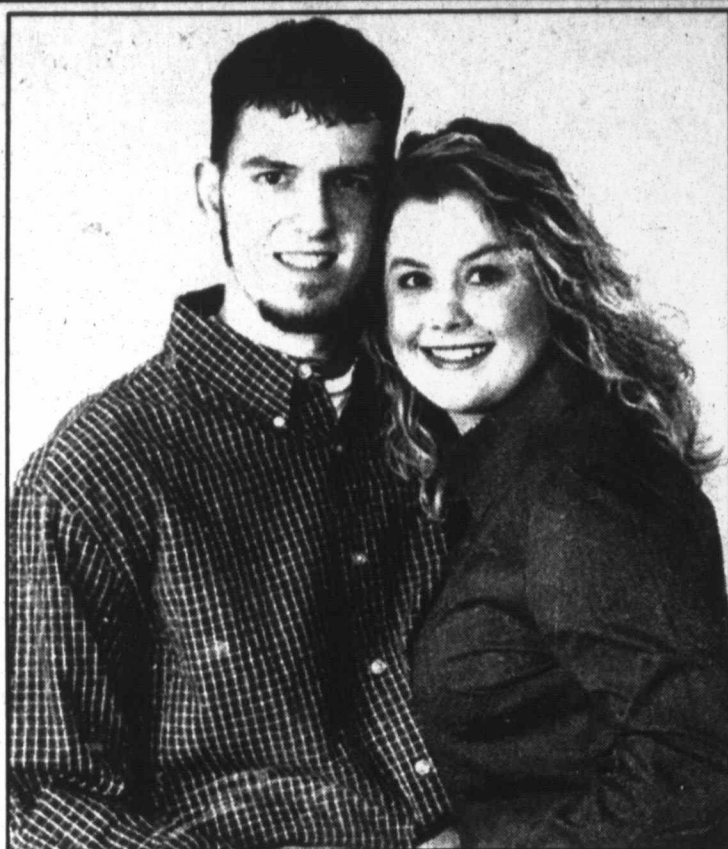
ENGAGEMENTS

White-Stokes

Julia Jade White and Casey Mack Stokes, both of Lubbock, plan to wed June 14 at County Line in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lynn White of Lamesa. She graduated from Lamesa High School and from South Plains College in Lubbock. She is currently employed by Dr. Benjamin Williams of Lubbock.

The prospective groom is the son of Danny and Debbie Stokes of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 2000 and is currently attending South Plains College. He is employed at Vernon's in Lubbock.



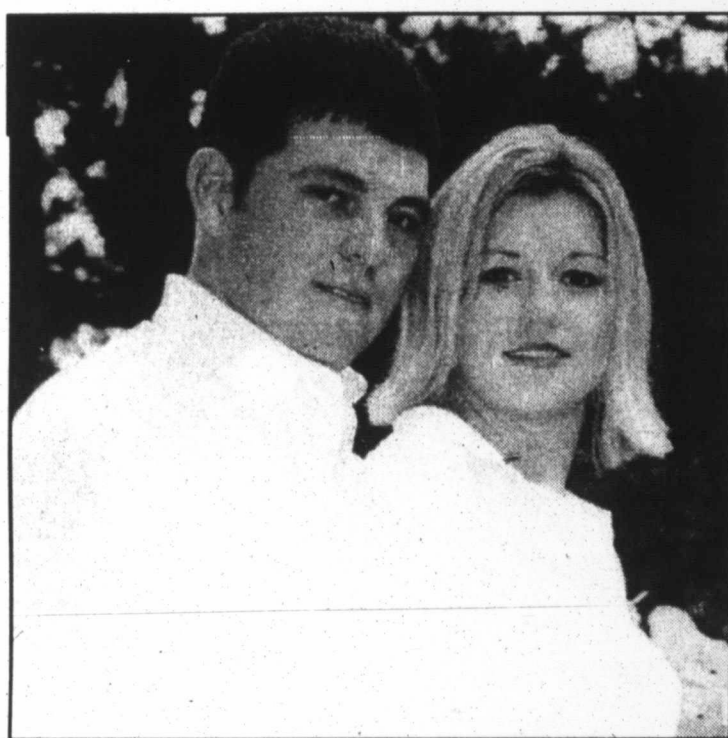
Casey Mack Stokes and Julia Jade White

Allison-Price

Cortnie Michelle Allison and Trent Harrison Price, both of Pampa, plan to wed May 24 at Cottonwood Springs Ranch, north of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lynn Allison of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School and is currently attending West Texas A&M University in Canyon where she is scheduled to complete her degree requirements in the fall. She is a member of First Baptist Church and is employed as a bookkeeper at Frank's True Value in Pampa.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs.



Trent Harrison Price and Cortnie Michelle Allison

Harold Wayne Price of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School, is a member of Central Church of Christ and is rental manager at Frank's True Value.

Barker anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Barker of Pampa celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Feb. 24.

Delbert Barker and Shirley Habekott were married Feb. 24, 1963, at Amett, Okla.

Mr. Barker retired from Celanese in November 2001, after 28 years of service.

Mrs. Barker is a homemaker and loves taking care of children.

Children of the couple are Jimmy and Lori Barker of Pampa and Gene and Shelly Sakar of Abilene. They have two grandchildren.

ANNIVERSARIES



Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Barker

WEDDINGS

Joiner-Word

Valerie Rene' Joiner and Brandon Micheal Word, both of Canyon, were wed Feb. 1 at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo with Nathan Bailey, of Wells Street Church of Christ in Pampa, officiating.

The bride's man of honor was Brodey Carter of Amarillo.

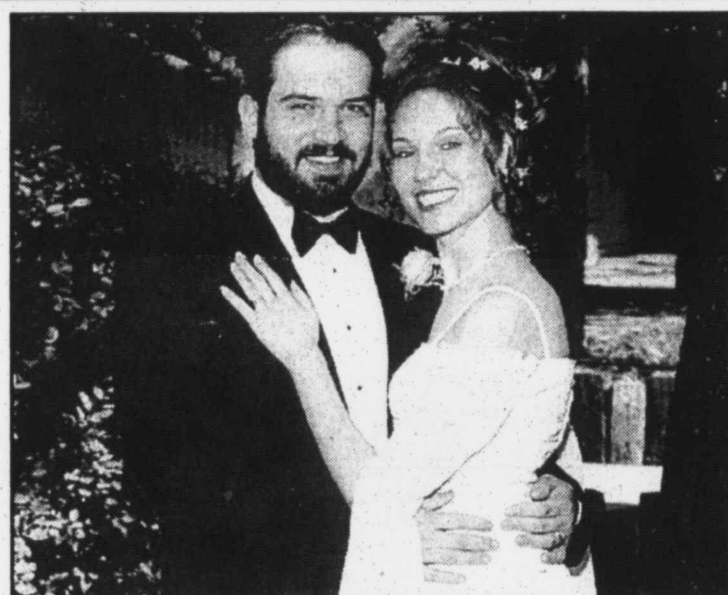
The best man was Cameron Word, brother of the groom of Clarendon.

The usher was Monty Joiner, brother of the bride of Canyon.

Musical selections were "The Luckiest" and "So Happy Together."

A reception was held following the ceremony in the Garden Room of the chapel.

The bride is the daughter of Monty and Darlis Joiner of



Brandon Micheal Word and Valerie Rene' Joiner

McLean and is the granddaughter of Vindie and Thelma Matthews and Marquetta Joiner, all of Pampa. She graduated from McLean High School and is currently employed at Raef Chiropractic Clinic in Canyon.

The groom is the son of Mike and Susan Word of

Clarendon and is the grandson of Joanne Word of Amarillo and Henry and Margie Wilbanks of Canyon. He graduated from Clarendon High School and is currently pursuing a degree in history at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The couple plan to make their home in Canyon.

MENUS

WEEK OF MARCH 3-7

Pampa Schools
MONDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
Lunch: Macaroni/cheese or chicken nuggets, English peas, potatoes.

applesauce.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Croissant, Canadian bacon.
Lunch: Toasted cheese sandwiches or burritos, corn, salad, pears.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuits.
Lunch: Pizza dippers or cheese nachos, green beans, carrots, fresh fruit.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls.
Lunch: Soft tacos or hot dogs/chili, western beans,

Spanish rice, lettuce/tomatoes, cookies.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Polish sausage on a bun or pizza, French fries, salad, apricot Fruit-a-Roo.

Lefors Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Sloppy Joes or chicken sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, French fries, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Pancake on a

stick, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Hot pockets or mini tacos, beans, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY

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

Lunch: Hamburger patties or chicken nuggets, potatoes, corn, gravy, rolls, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY

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

Lunch: Chicken pot pie or ravioli, spinach, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY

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

Lunch: Sack lunches.

Senior Citizens
MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or stir fry, mashed potatoes, spinach, corn cobettes, beans, coconut cream cake or chocolate pie, applesauce cake or banana pudding, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Corned beef and cabbage or chili rellenos, au gratin potatoes, green beans, stewed tomatoes, beans, German chocolate cake or pineapple squares, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, California blend, beets, beans, hurri-

cane oatmeal cake or cherry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or Salisbury steak, cheese potatoes, carrots/broccoli, fried squash, beans, strawberry shortcake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or pepper steak/rice, potato wedges, baked cabbage, beans, cherry chocolate cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Catfish, pinto beans, coleslaw, apricots.

WEDNESDAY

Oven-fried chicken, black-eyed peas, zucchini/tomatoes, jello.

THURSDAY

Roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches.

FRIDAY

Turkey, rice pilaf, English peas, apples.

OB/GYN
Update

by Otoniel Huertas, M.D.
Obstetrics & Gynecology

TRUE OR FALSE?

Many women go into false labor, mistaking Braxton Hicks contractions for the genuine article. This is understandable, particularly if this is their first baby. Further complicating the issue is the fact that Braxton Hicks contractions can become more intense as the pregnancy progresses, to the point of being painful. Many women mistake the pain for a sure sign of labor. There are differences, however, beginning with the fact that Braxton Hicks contractions are irregular rather than rhythmic. Braxton Hicks contractions are also shorter, lasting thirty seconds at most, while labor contractions last forty seconds. Finally, the cervix does not dilate in any way with Braxton Hicks contractions, while dilation always accompanies true labor contractions.

When in doubt, call your doctor or other obstetrical care provider -- especially if you live a considerable distance from the hospital. If he or she decides that you are in true labor, you will be advised how long to monitor your contractions at home before leaving for the hospital. For your obstetrical and gynecological care, call my office at (806) 273-7771. We are located at 106 S. Bryan, Borger. New patients are welcome.

P.S. Walking will help true labor progress, but it will lessen the frequency of false labor pains.



Dr. Huertas

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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.

Pampa Fine Arts Association

Pampa Fine Arts Association met Feb. 13 in the Nona Payne Room of Pampa Community Building with President Sue Abbott presiding.

General business was discussed along with plans for a future PFAA building. Members voted on acquiring the building.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m., March 13 at Pampa Community Building (Chamber building).

CattleWomen

Top O' Texas CattleWomen met Feb. 10 at the home of Bob and Glenda Adcock with President Liz Austin presiding. Thirteen members and two guests, Christine Merritt and Lorene Paris, were present. Merritt recently joined the chapter.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The group agreed to sponsor a booth at the Health Fair April 12 in Shamrock. The booth will include brochures and will feature the "Batter-Up for Beef" game. Amy Brainard, Dianne Buckingham and Kay Stiles will man the booth.

—Amy and Sena Brainard are scheduled to demonstrate the "Batter-Up for Beef" game at a Girl Scout meeting April 2 in Amarillo.

—Amy Brainard announced that the Beef Ambassador contest will be a state-only competition this year. Students between the ages of 16 and 19 should contact Amy at (806) 323-6397 for more information.

—National Beef Cook-Off Contest is currently accepting entries through March 31. The National Beef Cook-Off will be held in September in Fort Worth with Texas CattleWomen hosting. For more information, go on-line to www.beefcookoff.org.

—The local chapter and chapters across the state are selling raffle tickets to raise funds for the cook-off. No item in the raffle is worth less than \$50. To purchase a ticket or for more information, contact Buckingham at (806) 256-3633. Tickets are \$5 apiece or five for \$20.

—Austin distributed Pampered Chef catalogs to all present. Part of the sales from the catalogs will go towards the cook-off. To obtain a catalog, contact Austin at (806) 826-3689.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m., March 10 at Mitchell's Cafe in Shamrock.

20th Century Club

Twentieth Century Club met Feb. 25 at the home of Nancy Coffee in Pampa with President Louise Bailey presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Minutes were approved as read by Secretary Billie Dixon.

—Correspondence was read.

—Vonna Wolf, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.

—The chapter voted to purchase a leaf at White Deer Land Museum in honor of the club's 75th anniversary.

—Bailey presented a program on Ireland, substituting for Mary Wilson who was ill.

The hostess was Coffee. She was assisted by Cleo Worley.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., March 11 at the home of Coffee.

Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met Feb. 25 at Pampa Country Club with President Anne Stobbe presiding. Gaye Honderich

and Sheila Neslage served as greeters. Lori Bell and Cindy Aler attended as guests.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The Accent was presented by Karen Bridges on District Nine Conference, which will be held April 4-6 in Dallas. Bridges also reviewed the districting structure of Altrusa, which includes 15 districts for 426 clubs. The Pampa Altrusa Club is in District Nine, which covers the state of Texas.

—Doria McAndrew received the "Secret Ingredient" award for her outstanding service to Altrusa.

—Billie Sue Evans, Mattie Norton and Stobbe were elected to serve as delegates to District Conference. Jeanne Mitchell, Kadda Schale and Bridges will

serve as alternates.

—Glyndene Seitz conducted a new member initiation for Janet Bilyeu.

—Pampa High School Show Choir members Stephanie Nelson, Denise Mackie, Sarah Porter, Bonnie Holmes and Mike Eskridge provided a variety of musical selections under the direction of Fred Mays and accompanied by Wanetta Hill.

The next meeting will be at 12 noon, March 11 at Pampa Country Club.

Pampa Garden Club

Pampa Garden Club met recently at the home of President Edie Hudson with Hudson presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements

made:

—Minutes were approved as read by Hudson who was substituting for Secretary Geraldine Lovinggood.

—Treasurer Ruth Barrett gave the treasurer's report.

—District I Spring Convention will be March 10-11 in Odessa. The main program will be delivered by Debbie Frost, Ector County Extension agent. Sue Durrant, Texas State Garden Club President from Spring, will be the special guest.

—The chapter is planning a Spring Plant Sale April 19.

—Ideas for the annual Christmas Tree Festival were discussed. The festival will be chaired by Debbie Davis. Committee members are Zelda Richards, Cynthia Mann and Duane Nash.

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NEWS COMICS

SUNDAY • MARCH 2, 2003

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Potty-Mouthed Parents Are Setting Bad Example For Kids

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Stan," and his wife, "Meg," do not have the best of marriages. When they fight, they have mouths that should be washed out, bleached and rinsed with holy water. I have a granddaughter who is 7 and a 10-year-old grandson who have seen and heard things no kids should.

I have scolded Stan and Meg for using obscenities in front of their children. My son was not raised this way, but when I speak my mind, Meg says she's the mama — not me.

I am a firm believer that children learn by example, and my grandchildren are not being provided a good one. When the kids are with their granddad and me, we try to instill values and explain things to them when they ask. I just hope they grow up understanding that not everyone lives and talks the way their parents do. Your thoughts, please.

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DEAR CARING GRANDMA: I agree that, for better or worse, youngsters learn more from the example their parents set than from any lecture. Your grandchildren are being done a tremendous disservice. They are being taught that verbal abuse and profanity are normal. By indulging themselves in this behavior, your son and his wife are shirking their parental duties. Please continue to interact with your grandchildren as often as possible so they can have positive role models.

DEAR ABBY: Over the years, my husband and I have noticed that you often advise couples to seek marriage counseling. We've been married 25 years and want to offer a few thoughts.

First, there is a misconception that "going to counseling" is a sign that the marriage is failing. We have benefited from counseling several times. We are strong-willed people who sometimes have trouble getting past things that bother us, including dreams and goals that conflict with each other. The way we express ourselves can sometimes be detrimental, too. While we can work through most of these disagreements, we have found outside counsel very helpful at times.

Second, there are a variety of ways a couple can get counseling. Many churches have caring couples in successful marriages who are trusted by the pastoral staff to counsel other couples. These couples are usually warm and generous and have a lot of wisdom to share.

We also recommend that engaged couples seek counseling before they marry. We wish we had been given real counseling at that point in our lives. There were hidden issues that an experienced counselor could have pointed out to us — our different philosophies about handling money, raising children, relationships with extended family, career, etc.

A marriage requires work by both individuals in order for it to grow. There is no shame in reaching out for guidance when needed, and no sense in waiting until things are

out of control.
WENDY AND BILL NICKOLEY,
ROCKAWAY, N.J.

DEAR WENDY AND BILL: I often recommend counseling because the problems in the letters I receive are usually just the tip of the iceberg. I agree that couples should seek help while trouble is brewing instead of waiting until the pot has boiled over. However, for those who are unaffiliated or who would rather not get church-based counseling, a call to one's physician requesting a referral can also be effective.

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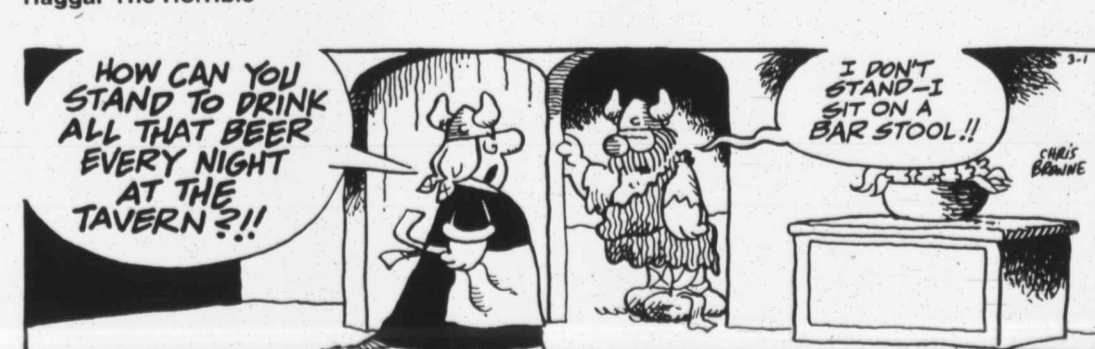
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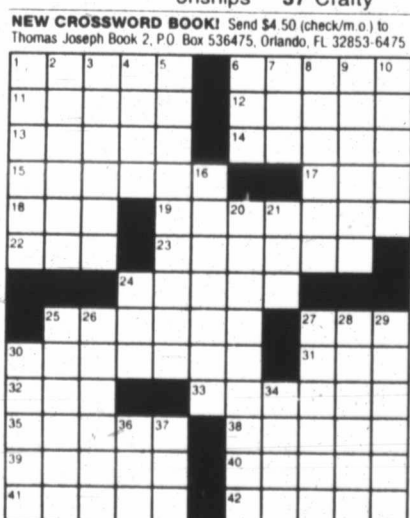


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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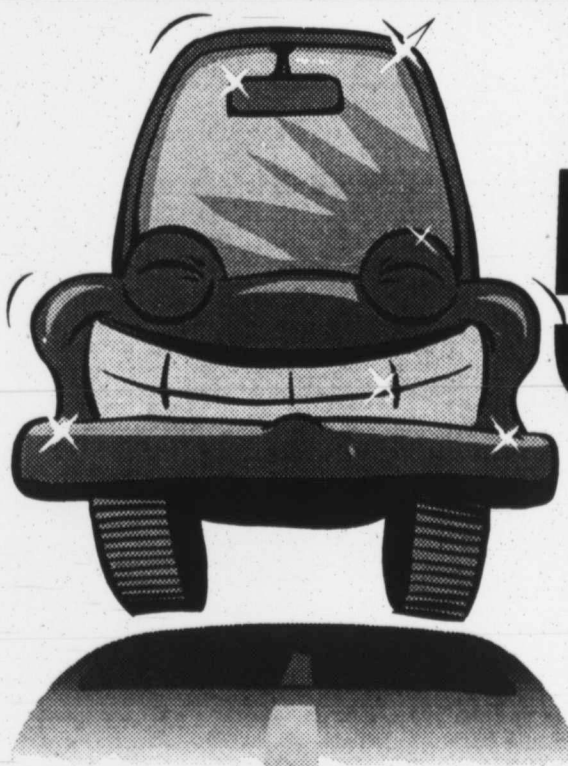
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BILLBOARD MUSIC CHARTS

By The Associated Press

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

HOT COUNTRY SINGLES AND TRACKS

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

1. "The Baby," Blake Shelton. Warner Bros.
2. "Travelin' Soldier," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
3. "Man to Man," Gary Allan. MCA Nashville.
4. "19 Somethin'," Mark Wills. Mercury.
5. "I Just Wanna Be Mad," Terri Clark. Mercury.
6. "You Can't Hide Beautiful," Aaron Lines. RCA.
7. "Brokenheartsville," Joe Nichols. Universal South.
8. "That'd Be Alright," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
9. "I Wish You'd Stay," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
10. "Big Star," Kenny Chesney. BNA.

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TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS

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

1. "Home," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
2. "Up!", Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville).
3. "For the Last Time: Live From the Astrodome," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
4. "Tim McGraw and the Dancehall Doctors," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
5. "The Dreamer," Blake Shelton. Warner Bros.
6. "Unleashed," Toby Keith. DreamWorks (Nashville). (Platinum)
7. "Cry," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
8. "Next Big Thing," Vince Gill. MCA Nashville.
9. "American IV: the Man Comes Around," Johnny Cash. American.
10. "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems," Kenny Chesney. BNA.

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HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLES AND TRACKS

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

1. "In Da Club," 50 Cent. Shady.
2. "Miss You," Aaliyah. Blackground.
3. "Ignition," R. Kelly. Jive.
4. "How You Gonna Act Like That," Tyrese. J.
5. "Gossip Folks," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott (feat. Ludacris). The Gold Mind.
6. "All I Have," Jennifer Lopez (feat. LL Cool J). Epic.
7. "Excuse Me Miss," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
8. "Wanksta," 50 Cent. G-Unit.
9. "Mesmerize," Ja Rule (feat. Ashanti). Murder Inc.
10. "Sick of Being Lonely," Field Mob. MCA

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TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUMS

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1. "Chocolate Factory," R. Kelly. Jive.
2. "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," 50 Cent. Shady.
3. Soundtrack: "Cradle 2 the Grave." Bloodline.
4. "I Wanna Go There," Tyrese. J. (Gold)
5. "Dutty Rock," Sean Paul. 2 Hard. (Gold)
6. "Under Construction," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind. (Platinum)
7. "I Care 4 U," Aaliyah. Blackground. (Platinum)
8. "Still Ghetto," Jaheim. Divine Mill. (Gold)
9. "The Blueprint 2: The Gift and the Curse," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella. (Platinum)
10. "Things That Lovers Do," Kenny Latimore & Chante Moore. Arista.

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HOT RAP TRACKS

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1. "In Da Club," 50 Cent. Shady.
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3. "Mesmerize," Ja Rule (feat. Ashanti). Murder Inc.
4. "Wanksta," 50 Cent. G-Unit.
5. "Excuse Me Miss," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
6. "Sick of Being Lonely," Field Mob. MCA.
7. "The Jump Off," Lil' Kim (feat. Mr. Cheeks). Queen Bee.
8. "Beautiful," Snoop Dogg (feat. Pharrell & Uncle Charlie Wilson). Doggystyle.
9. "I Can," Nas. Ill Will.
10. "Air Force Ones," Nelly feat. Kyjuan, Ali & Murphy Lee. Fo' Reel.

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HOT DANCE MUSIC — CLUB PLAY

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "Rise Up," Funky Green Dogs. Star 69.
2. "The Hum Melody," Robbie Rivera. Juicy.
3. "Dance to the Rhythm," Friburn & Urik. Tommy Boy Silver Label.
4. "Cry Me a River (Dirty Vegas, J. Fiasco, & B. Hamel Mides)," Justin Timberlake. Jive.
5. "If You Love Me," Becky Baeling. Universal.
6. "What I Want," Marisa Turner. Jellybean.
7. "Emotional Rollercoaster (Junior Vasquez & the Kid Chris Mixes)," Vivian Green. Columbia.
8. "The Wreckoning (Thunderpuss & DJ Monk Mixes)," Boomkat. DreamWorks.
9. "Ghetto (Charles Webster & Pete Lorimer Mixes)," Supreme Beings of Leisure. Palm.
10. "I Believe," Chris Cox vs. Happy Clappers. Provocative.

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HOT LATIN TRACKS

(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)

1. "Seduce Me," India. Sony Discos.
2. "Asi Es La Vida," Olga Tanon. Warner Latina.
3. "Que Me Quedes Tu," Shakira. Epic.
4. "Una Vez Mas," Conjunto Primavera. Fonovisa.
5. "Quizas," Enrique Iglesias. Universal-Latino.
6. "El Problema," Ricardo Arjona. Sony Discos.
7. "De Uno Y De Todos Los Modos," Palomo. Disa.
8. "En Cuerpo U Alma," Millie. Ariola.
9. "Ay! Papacito (Uy! Daddy)," Limite. Universal Latino.
10. "Es Por Ti," Juanes. Surco.

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TOP CONTEMPORARY JAZZ ALBUMS

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1. "Come Away With Me," Norah Jones. Blue Note. (Platinum)
2. "Paradise," Kenny G. Arista. (Gold)
3. "Hidden Beach Recordings Presents: Unwrapped Vol. 2," Various Artists. Hidden Beach.
4. "Groovin'," bwb. Warner Bros.
5. "Heartfelt," Fourplay. Bluebird.
6. "Midnight Love — The Ultimate Collection of Walter's Romantic Classics!" Walter Beasley. Shanachie.
7. "Just Chillin'," Norman Brown. Warner Bros.
8. "Love's Silhouette," Pieces of a Dream. Heads Up.
9. "Ride," Boney James. Warner Bros.
10. "All I Got," Al Jarreau. GRP.

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TOP CLASSICAL ALBUMS

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1. "Sentimento," Andrea Bocelli. Philips. (Platinum)
2. Soundtrack: "The Pianist." National Orchestra of Poland (Strugala). Sony Classical.
3. "State of Wonder," Glenn Gould. Sony Classical.
4. "Classic Yo-Yo," Yo-Yo Ma. Sony Classical.
5. "Piano Dreams — Music to Inspire," Various Artists. Virgin Classical.
6. "The Best of the 3 Tenors," Carreras-Domingo-Pavarotti. Decca.

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BILLBOARD HOT 100: TOP 10

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

1. "In Da Club," 50 Cent. G-Unit.
2. "All I Have," Jennifer Lopez (feat. LL Cool J). Epic.
3. "Mesmerize," Ja Rule (feat. Ashanti). Murder Inc.

4. "Miss You," Aaliyah. Universal.
5. "Cry Me a River," Justin Timberlake. Jive.
6. "Bump, Bump, Bump," B2K & P. Diddy. Epic.
7. "Landslide," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
8. "Gossip Folks," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott (feat. Ludacris). The Gold Mind.
9. "I'm With You," Avril Lavigne. Arista.
10. "Beautiful," Christina Aguilera. RCA.

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THE BILLBOARD 200 TOP ALBUMS: TOP 10

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

1. "Chocolate Factory," R. Kelly. Jive.
2. "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," 50 Cent. Shady.
3. "Come Away With Me," Norah Jones. Blue Note. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
4. "Home," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
5. "Cocky," Kid Rock. Lava. (Platinum)
6. Soundtrack: "Cradle 2 the Grave." Bloodline.
7. "Let Go," Avril Lavigne. Arista. (Platinum)
8. Soundtrack: "Chicago." Epic. (Platinum)
9. Soundtrack: "Daredevil: the Album." Wind-up.
10. "Grammy Nominees 2003," Various Artists. Grammy.

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HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY

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

1. "Landslide," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
2. "Cry," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
3. "The Game of Love," Santana (feat. Michelle Branch). Arista.
4. "Can't Stop Loving You," Phil Collins. Atlantic.
5. "A Thousand Miles," Vanessa Carlton. A&M.
6. "Beautiful," Christina Aguilera. RCA.
7. "Soak Up the Sun," Sheryl Crow. A&M.
8. "Superman (It's Not Easy)," Five for Fighting. Aware.
9. "Forever For You," Daryl Hall and John Oates. U-Watch.
10. "A Moment Like This," Kelly Clarkson. RCA. (Gold)

TOP CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ALBUMS

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

1. "Worship Together: I Could Sing of Your Love Forever," Various Artists. Time Life.
2. "All About Love," Steven Curtis Chapman. Sparrow. (Gold)
3. "WOW Hits 2003," Various Artists. EMI CMG.
4. "iWorship: a Total Worship Experience," Various Artists. Integrity. (Gold)
5. "Furthermore: From the Studio, From the Stage," Jars of Clay. Essential.
6. "Worship Again," Michael W. Smith. Reunion/Provident. (Gold)
7. "Back Home," Caedmon's Call. Essential.
8. "Let Your Glory Fall," Philips, Craig and Dean. Sparrow.
9. "The Rebirth of Kirk Franklin," Kirk Franklin. Gospo Centric. (Gold)
10. "How to Start a Fire," Further Seems Forever. Tooth & Nail.

MAINSTREAM ROCK TRACKS

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

1. "When I'm Gone," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
2. "Always," Saliva. Island.
3. "Fine Again," Seether. Wind-up.
4. "Straight Out of Line," Godsmack. Republic.
5. "No One Knows," Queens of the Stone Age. Interscope.
6. "The Red," Chevelle. Epic.
7. "Like a Stone," Audioslave. Interscope.
8. "Remember," Disturbed. Reprise.
9. "Headstrong," Trapt. Warner Bros.
10. "Down," Socialburn. Elektra.

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

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

1. "Can't Stop," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
2. "No One Knows," Queens of the Stone Age. Interscope.
3. "When I'm Gone," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
4. "Like a Stone," Audioslave. Interscope.
5. "Times Like These," Foo Fighters. Roswell.
6. "Bring Me to Life," Evanescence. Wind-up.
7. "Always," Saliva. Island.
8. "Swing, Swing," The All-American Rejects. Doghouse.
9. "The Red," Chevelle. Epic.
10. "Fine Again," Seether. Wind-up.

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 2, 2003:
Listen to what others say. Don't close down, though you might want to do just that. Many of your choices revolve around your feelings. The question remains: How accurate are your feelings? Could you be projecting some of your stuff onto your interpretations? How you see a personal matter might not be reflective of reality. You often wear rose-colored glasses. If you are single, you will meet someone extremely caring and sensitive in the fall or winter. Take your time with this person. If you are attached, your relationship will warm up if you share more of yourself and your intimate thoughts. **PISCES** is a soul mate.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★ Cut back and get some extra R and R. Carefully review a situation that involves a friendship. You might be inadvertently pushing a loved one away. Slow down and have a long-overdue conversation. Sharing takes you in a new direction. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

This Week: Think and reflect, but take action on Tuesday, when the Moon tumbles into your sign. Others will have a difficult time saying "no" to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ Know your priorities. You will get better results if you understand exactly what goes on with someone you care a lot about. Refuse to take certain matters for granted. Get together with a special friend who really cares about. Tonight: Where the party is.

This Week: Move on key projects on Monday and Thursday. In between, use the time for gathering facts and perhaps seeking out an expert or two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ Your take-charge attitude could draw some behind-the-scenes gossip. Instead of allowing that to happen, why not ask for opinions? Be more open to suggestions. Find experts, and show that you might be interested in other points of view. Tonight: Invite a friend out.

This Week: You're full of happiness and energy through Thursday, when you act like the Energizer Bunny. Consider yourself lucky.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ Your ability to get feedback from different sources allows you to grow. Invite a dear friend or several pals to go on a day trip. You'll have a good time wherever you are. Let go and enjoy a very different situation. Don't hold back. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday?

This Week: Get the scoop on a story. Read between the lines, as well. You'll want to listen to what someone in charge has to say. Trust that you'll make great decisions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ Another finally seems ready to share more of his or her feelings. Now you understand. A new beginning seems possible. Be more open. Go along with friends; socialize to your heart's content. Tonight: Get together with your best friend.

This Week: The Lion roars. You can make no mistakes if you 1) use your charm and 2) follow your instincts. Now that's the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ You might not be exactly on cue. Something might be bothering you on a very deep level. Decide to let go and put your best foot forward. Success comes to those who are willing to let go and experience. Others seek you out. Be less internal. Tonight: Where others are. This Week: Associates present ideas. You simply need to ride the waves and know when you don't want to play any longer. Trust your judgment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★ ★ ★ Slow down and relax in your favorite style. If that means watching a movie and snoozing during the commercials, do so! If you let go of stress by getting into a very physical project, opt for that. You might need to clear your head. Tonight: Do some reflecting about recent events.

This Week: Realizing more of what you want helps you negotiate your terms. Still, you will have to defer to others, whether you want to or not.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★ ★ ★ ★ Others love when you express your naughty spirit and share more of who you are. Consider what is important to you, ultimately. A purchase for your home might be justified if it increases your sense of well-being and comfort. Tonight: A love relationship could be heading in a new direction.

This Week: Add that special touch before

you present a project on Tuesday. Count on burning the midnight oil.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★ ★ ★ ★ Speak of your feelings in a more positive manner, expressing what is important to you on a personal and more profound level. Caring abounds; all you need to do is look around. Make a call to someone you rarely hear from. Share more. Tonight: Put your feet up.

This Week: You start the week slowly. You could be a complete terror if someone tries to stop you once you get going.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★ ★ ★ ★ Indulge yourself, making the most out of a change in your mood. New beginnings become possible if you simply open up. Others are only too happy to give you more of what you want. Touch base with your relatives and loved ones. Tonight: Follow the gang.

This Week: Answer calls and schedule meetings. You could be overwhelmed by what you're hearing. Take charge. Run with the ball.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★ ★ ★ Be serious about what you want financially. Venus moves into your sign today. You'll find that others will be more docile and drawn to you. You finally get a new beginning with your funds. Don't be wild and carefree, but do enjoy yourself a little. Tonight: Your treat.

This Week: Juggle your money, knowing

when you've gone overboard. You say and do the right thing no matter what on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Let others feel your influence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ Be careful how you handle a child or loved one. You might be reading more into his or her actions or words than intended. Don't cause yourself

unneeded pain. Express your magnetism and let others see more of the real you. Think in terms of growth and gain. Tonight: As you like it.

This Week: You smile as the week begins. Let it all hang out. Deal with finances with a firm hand. You'll be a lot happier as a result.

BORN TODAY

Children's author Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss) (1904), dancer Tamara Toumanova (1919), singer Jay Osmond (1955)

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Tonight: Spice up your life.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★ ★ ★ ★ Recognize what you want from a child or loved one who might be close to you. Sometimes you throw obstacles in your path. Be more aware and in touch with what you want. Loosen up in your dealings with a cantankerous associate.

TONIGHT: Relax at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★ ★ ★ ★ Keep conversations moving, even if you might be uncomfortable with information that comes forward. Work past your discomfort, allowing others to be themselves as well. Minimize a judgmental streak, please. Tonight: Playtime.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★ ★ ★ ★ Understand more of what you expect from others financially. You might find that a situation becomes a bit tense, especially one involving a child or loved one. Avoid taking a risk, if possible. A friendship could be changing right in front of your very eyes. Tonight: Where the gang is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ Sometimes your magnetism works better than your intelligence. You might find pressure between work and your private life a bit overwhelming. You might be too tired for your own good. Say "no" to accepting any more responsibility. Tonight: What do you want?

BORN TODAY

Actress and sex symbol Jean Harlow (1911), president of Bulgaria Zhelyu Zhelev (1935), inventor Alexander Graham Bell (1847)

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The meeting will be Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. It will be located at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard, Pampa, Texas. The meeting will be in the M.K. Brown Room.

HDR Engineering, Inc. in conjunction with the Pampa Area Office is working on the preliminary project plans. If anyone has a concern before the meeting in regard to the project, they may contact the Area Engineer, Jerry Raines, P.E., at 806-665-2374.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting has special communication or accommodation needs, please contact Cheryl Luther, the District Environmental Coordinator at 806-356-3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. You may submit verbal or written comments regarding this project at the

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meeting. Written statement and other exhibits may also be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than ten (10) days after the meeting.

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CHARLES - Nice home on tree lined street. Three bedrooms, 1 - 3/4 baths, lots of good storage. Some hardwood floors, central heat and air, corner built in china hutch and book shelves. MLS 5948.

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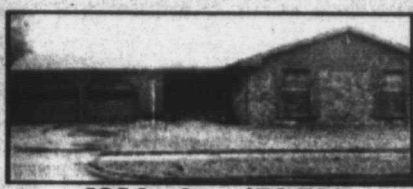
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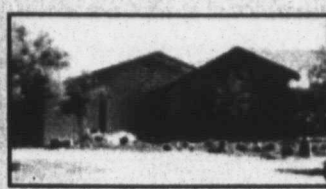
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