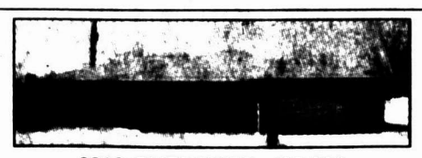
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Pampa not immune to violence & sex assault

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Sexual assault and domestic violence is serious. It occurs everywhere. Even in Pampa and the surrounding area the problem seems to be growing.

More than 700 hotline calls regarding family violence were made in a seven-county service area during a six-month period.

Locally, Pampa's Tralee Crisis Center provides assistance to these victims of sexual assault and domestic violence as the problem grows.

A Pampa woman, Twila Jean Busby, and her two sons, were victims of domestic abuse on Jan. 1, 1994. All three died from their injuries.

Henry Skinner, her boyfriend, was found guilty of the murder and received the death penalty. He is currently awaiting execution.

A silhouette cut-out stands in the Tralee office reflecting upon her death from domestic violence. Attached is a plaque with her name, Twila Jean Busby, and the date of her death.

Pampa residents still remember the circumstances surrounding her death and the deaths of her sons. And Tralee staff remain aware of the need of the agency's services in the community.

Maintaining a 24-hour hotline for anyone needing assistance is an important function of this agency.

According to the Tralee Crisis Center, 727 calls concerning family violence were made to the hotline between July 1 through Dec. 31, 2001.

Hotline calls concerning sexual assaults totaled 84 while 31 calls were made concerning other crime victims. Information and referrals by Tralee totaled 268.

The agency also provides counseling for victims as well as educational services regarding sexual assault and domestic violence.

Tralee joins crisis centers across the state in marking April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The centers are focusing on the potential strength of communities working together to fight sexual violence.

The agency covers seven surrounding counties in addition to Pampa and Gray County. Included are Carson, Collingsworth, Donley, Roberts, Hemphill and Wheeler.

Each year since 1983, the month of April has been declared Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Texas as people who work with the vic-

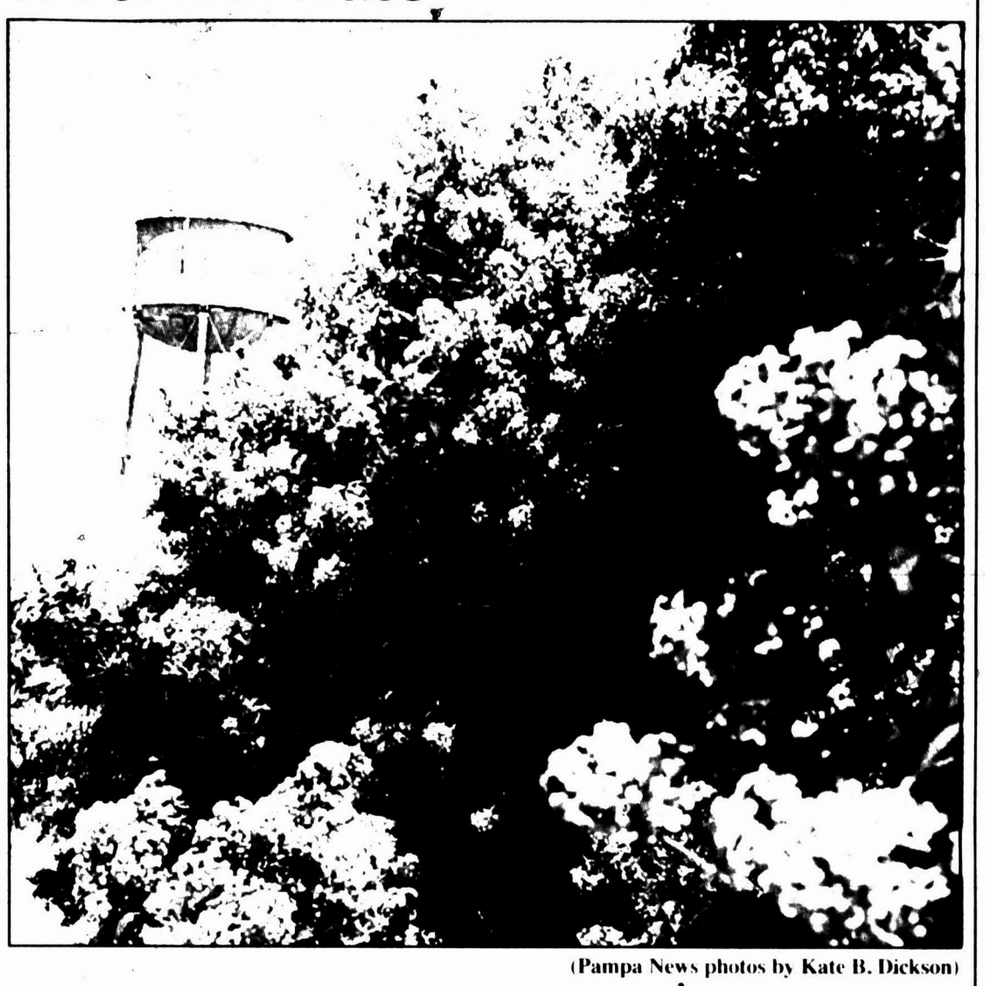
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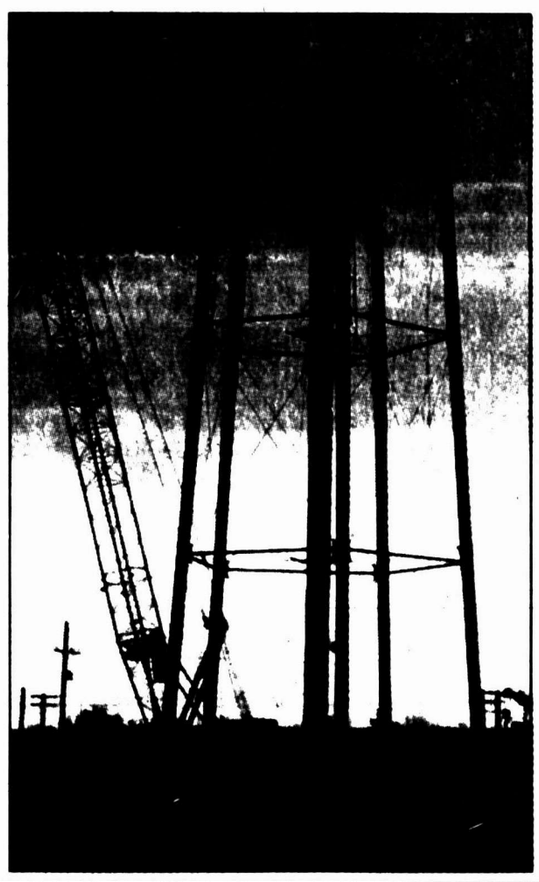
(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Director Barbara Karins-Reed stands beside a silhouette display representing domestic violence victim Twila Busby of Pampa at the Tralee Crisis Center office.

Tower with lilacs



(Pampa News photos by Kate B. Dickson)



Lilacs in full bloom provide the foreground for a photo of the city's 1930s-era water tank on Warren Street, above. The old tank won't be in use much longer as a new one, going up on East Foster, will replace it. Both are 300,000-gallon tanks. Piece-by-piece the sections of the bowl of the city's new water tank off East Foster Street, left, are being hoisted into place where they are then welded together, said City Public Works Director Richard Morris. The new tank will replace the light green 1930s-era tank on Warren Street which will be dismantled. Both are 300,000-gallon tanks. The new tank will be painted white once assembly is finished in about four or five weeks. Work on it, as well as painting of refurbished one-million-gallon Northcrest water tower in the north part of the city, had to be halted during parts of last week due to high wind, Morris said.

Karins-Reed takes helm

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

A new face has been seen at Tralee Crisis Center the past few months.

Barbara Karins-Reed was recently named executive director of the center.

Born in Borger and raised in the Texas Panhandle, she has been involved in social services for the last 20 years. Her primary focus has been women and children.

She recently moved back to her roots from the San Marcos area.

"I like coming home," she said. She is the mother of three sons. Two live in Stinnett and one lives in Fritch. She is grandmother to six grandchildren.

Karins-Reed has worked with non-profit agencies for the past two decades. She is experienced in grant writing and the other functions of Tralee.

She said she enjoys her work in Pampa.

"Pampa is very supportive," she said. "We work closely with other agencies to see that clients get the services they need."

She explained that the finances haven't suffered at Tralee with the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

"We are maintaining our funding sources but we will have to come up with creative ways to keep many agencies afloat."

A dedicated staff and board are two assets Tralee possesses, she said.

"If people don't care about these victims, they won't stay very long," she said, "and we have people here who care."

During May she said the local group will offer parenting classes to the public.

"These classes would be very beneficial to the public," she said.

Karins-Reed may be reached at 669-1131.

Rural Democrats set election battle lines

WASHINGTON (AP) — From the Maine woods to the New Mexico desert, rural America is disputed territory in the battle for control of the House this fall, and Democrats are appealing for votes across a cultural divide of gun control, abortion and religion.

Which helps explain why Stephen Udall, running in Arizona, says, "In my pickup truck I've got a shovel, I've got a set of wrenches and I've got my rifle."

And why Chuck Byrd's campaign in Georgia probably will run commercials mentioning that he spends one week a year in Central America with Southern Baptist missionaries, building churches, hospitals and schools.

And why State Sen. Lincoln Davis, the party's unofficially preferred candidate in a rural Tennessee district, opposes abortion and says he won't let anyone "outgun me, outpray me or outdaddy me."

Democrats "have a very strong economic message with rural voters, but they need to make a strong connection on values in order to have the full advantage," said Geoff Garin, a pollster for the party's campaign committee.

"They have to be very comfortable in talking about the values they share with other small town residents," added Kevin Geddings, a consultant to Democratic candidates in several rural races. "They have to be very comfortable in believing in God and that they go to church like everybody else does."

Rep. Tom Davis, head of the Republican House campaign committee, predicts GOP gains in the fall, but knows Democrats are courting conservative candidates. They "had a very bad year in rural districts in 2000," he said, adding they are unlikely to win back seats they lost then. Additionally, he said, Republicans are trying to pick off a few Democratic-held rural seats,

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LOCAL

Kids' craft day set at Pampa library

Lovett Memorial Library will hold a craft day for children on Saturday, April 27.

The program will be from 1:30-3 p.m. in the afternoon.

Shanla Brookshire, the children's librarian, will assist the children in making flowers, birds, maypole hats and a spring sound stick.

Children of all ages are welcome to participate in the free program. Call the library at 669-5780 to register for the activity or for additional information.

STATE

Man dies after car hits cow in roadway

HOUSTON (AP) — A man died early Friday morning after the car he was riding in struck a cow standing in the middle of a northwest Harris County roadway, causing it to careen into a tree.

Authorities said after the vehicle hit the cow at a "high rate of speed" the car continued for another 200 yards, coming to a stop when it hit a tree.

The passenger in the front seat was pronounced dead at a Houston area hospital.

DEATHS

Virgie Atkinson, 97, babysitter.

Mary B. Finsterwald, 96, homemaker.

Crawford Hughes, 91, farmer, carpenter.

Imogene Rothermel, 75, longtime Pampan.

Linnie C. Shair, 98, homemaker.

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OBITUARIES

VIRGIE ATKINSON
1905 – 2002

Virgie Atkinson, 97, of Pampa, died Friday, April 19, 2002. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Monday in Fairview Cemetery at Wellington with the Rev. Elvis Pitts, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Atkinson was born March 23, 1905, in Hall County and was a member of First Baptist Church in Wellington. She was a baby-sitter for many years.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jack Atkinson; two brothers, Frank Boyles and Grady Boyles; and four sisters, Ethel Hancock, Maggie Moore, Opal Boyles and Estella Gentry.

Survivors include a sister, Ola Tinney of Pampa; and two grandchildren.

MARY B. FINSTERWALD
1906 – 2002

WHEELER — Mary B. Finsterwald, 96, died Thursday, April 18, 2002, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2:30 p.m., today in First Baptist Church with Dr. Toby Henson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

A Wheeler resident since 1908, Mrs. Finsterwald was born Jan. 18, 1906, at Altus, Okla., to Jabez and Dora Lambert Cook. She married W.A. Finsterwald on Jan. 25, 1925, at Canadian; he died in 1962. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Wheeler, Wednesday Study Club, Bluebonnet Study Club in Mobeetie and Bridge and Canasta Club.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jack Finsterwald, in 1992; and two grandsons.

Survivors include a daughter, Rosemary Vise of Wheeler; a brother, J.F. Cook of Hurley, N.M.; a sister, Tommie Cummings of Borger; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

CRAWFORD "BROWNIE" HUGHES
1910 – 2002

Crawford "Brownie" Hughes, 91, died Thursday, April 18, at Amarillo, Texas. The body was cremated and will not be available for viewing. Memorial graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Monday at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Hughes was born May 27, 1910, at Mangum, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1928. He married Carrie Converse in 1933 in Cheyenne, Okla. He was a farmer, and on March 3, 1940, he began working for Cities Service, retiring in 1969. He then worked as a carpenter in his own cabinet shop.

He was preceded in death by a son, Albert Dale Hughes, in 1934.

Survivors include his wife Carrie of the home; two daughters, Gay Carol Best of Hot Springs, Ark., and Jerry Louise Evan of Abilene; a brother, Mose Hughes of Pampa; a sister, Veda Downs of Amarillo; five grandchildren, Tammie Hill and Traci Skinner, both of Pampa, Randy Best of Texas City, Crawford Dale Phillips of Jessieville, Ark., and Wade Carl Phillips of Alexandria, La.; 11 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

LINNIE C. SHAIR
1903 – 2002

SKELLYTOWN — Linnie C. Shair, 98, died Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at Panhandle. Services will be at 10 a.m., Monday in Skellytown First Baptist Church with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Shair was born April 23, 1903, at Dallison, W.Va., one of nine children. She married Walter Shair on June 4, 1930, at Enid, Okla.; he died Aug. 31, 1982.

She had been a Skellytown resident since 1956, moving from Spring Creek, and was a member of First Baptist Church of Skellytown.

She was a homemaker and belonged to the Ceramic Club of Borger.

Survivors include two daughters, Sue Smith and Donna Moreland, both of Skellytown; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church in Skellytown or to St. Ann's

IMOGENE ROTHERMEL
1926 – 2002

Imogene Rothermel, 75, of Pampa, died Friday, April 19, 2002, at Pampa, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Kenney Carter, associate pastor of the South Crest Baptist Church in Lubbock, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Rothermel was born June 28, 1926, in Hayward, Okla., to Thomas and Elitha Mercer. She married Ralph M. Rothermel on March 18, 1943, in Guthrie, Okla. He preceded her in death on March 24, 1969.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1951. She worked for Marie Foundation for 12 years and was a member of the Central Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Janice Brown of Pampa and Sharon and Jan Andrews of Corpus Christi; a sister, Dorothy Walker of White Deer; a brother, the Rev. Paul Mercer of Lewisville; four grandchildren, Mike Brown of South Haven, Miss., Rick Brown of Millington, Tenn., and Karen Andrews and Tracy Shiflett, both of Waco; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson St., Amarillo, TX 79101.

SERVICES TOMORROW

Services today

CRAIG, Mary E. — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fell Cemetery, Fell, Libertyville, Iowa.

Services Monday

ATKINSON, Virgie — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Wellington.

FINSTERWALD, Mary B. — 2:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Wheeler.

HUGHES, Crawford "Brownie" — Memorial graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

SHAIR, Linnie C. — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Skellytown.

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ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Friday, April 19

Chester D. Winborne, 29, 941 S. Nelson, waas arrested by Gray County Constable for theft of service over $500, under $1,500, and released on bond.

Jennifer Winegeart, 23,1031 N. Sumner, #121, was arrested on a bond surrender for possession of a controlled substance.

Saturday, April 20

Christopher Hartley, 23, Amarillo, was arrested on seven municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility (2), failure to appear (2), ran stop sign, displaying expired registration and expired motor vehicle inspection.

POLICE

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

Friday, April 19

Curtis Lee Wine, 29, 1013 Neel Rd., was arrested for the Gray County Sheriff's Office on a carge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Saturday, April 20

Rhonda Callaway, 35, 2701 Comanche, was arrested on eight municipal capias pro fines for disorderly conduct - language, fialure to display registration, expired registration, expired motor vehicle inspection, no insurance (2), failure to appear (2), and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CORRECTION

Friday's story about the travel trailer tax listed an incorrect telephone number for the Gray County Appraisal District. The correct number is 665-0791.

WEATHER

Sunday, sunny. Highs around 75. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 50. Monday, partly sunny. Highs around 78. Monday evening, mostly cloudy.

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FDA backs off suspension of kids' drug testing rule

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration is backing off its controversial suspension of a rule requiring drug companies to perform safety testing of adult medicines commonly given to children.

The FDA last month said that because Congress recently passed financial incentives for drug makers to do those studies, it wanted to see if the new law makes the old mandate — which drug makers hated — unnecessary. So it announced a two-year suspension of the so-called "pediatric rule."

The action caused a storm of controversy. Members of Congress complained the FDA was injuring children's health, and this week announced plans for legislation that would have forced the agency to put the mandate back in place.

Friday, the FDA did so.

That doesn't mean the rule won't be tweaked. Also Friday, the FDA began soliciting public comment on whether the rule overlaps too much with the financial incentives and new federal funding of child drug research — or if all the measures leave gaps that still need filling. The FDA will accept those comments through July.

But "we did not want to leave children unprotected" while that debate goes on, said FDA's Dr. Murray Lumpkin.

Also, Bush administration officials announced that the National Institutes of Health would provide $7 million for similar pediatric drug research this year.

Lawmakers welcomed the FDA's reversal. But Sens. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., and Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said they still would try to make the pediatric rule law — in case FDA officials change their minds again.

"As we've seen before, what can be done can just as easily be undone," Dodd said. "Our children's health is simply too important not to have every tool and backstop in place to help with drug testing."

Adult medications are commonly given to children without studies of their safety or proper dosing because doctors have no alternative.

The FDA's pediatric rule was adopted in 1998. Among other provisions, it gave FDA authority to order that adult drugs most used in children undergo proper testing.

Shortly after that, Congress first passed financial incentives for companies to do such testing, so it's unclear how often FDA had to force the issue. The financial incentives were reauthorized in January.

But lawmakers complained that pharmaceutical companies used the financial incentives to focus their studies on more expensive drugs, like Prozac — instead of cheaper ones that no longer have patent protection but are used even more widely in children.

And the FDA was facing a lawsuit from a conservative think tank challenging the pediatric rule. The think tank was represented by an attorney recently appointed to be the FDA's chief counsel; he reportedly has recused himself from government debate of the issue.

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tims strive to make the public aware of the issues, including the need for citizen involvement in reducing sexual assault.

One way recommended is to confront rape with supportive attitudes rather than relying entirely on the criminal justice system. Also awareness is needed to increase community support for agencies providing sexual assault crisis and educational services.

Theme of the 2002 observance is "Renewing Our Mission."

Tralee representatives are available to speak to local clubs and organizations concerning the organization.

During the last six months of 2001, Tralee Crisis Center assisted 1,110 community members. In that time period, non-resident services were provided to 104 new adult victims of family violence, 33 new sexual assault victims and 24 new other crime victims.

Shelter was provided to 21 women and 26 children.

Tralee provides family packs to help victims as they seek new housing and the agency will also assist victims with utility bills.

The local non-profit agency employs 14 people who are working to help the victims of these crimes, and is governed by a volunteer board.

Newly named president of the Tralee board is Brenda Guest while Judy Warner is vice president. Past president is Nancy Schaefer while Doug Locke is treasurer.

Board members are Sana Alexander, Louise Bailey, Curt Beck, Fawnswa Burrows, Judy Butler, Debbie Dixon, Nancy Hahn, Kerrick Horton, Pat Johnson, Chris Kirkpatrick, Nita Mize and Martha Porter.

Tralee is funded by several state agencies, the United Way and proceeds from the Tralee Resale Shop.

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RURAL

as well, including one in a redrawn Utah district held by first-term Democratic Rep. Jim Matheson.

"The Democratic party doesn't just recover from eight years of Bill Clinton and the Gore presidential campaign overnight," said Davis, R-Va.

Only about 40 of the nation's 435 House districts seem likely to be competitive this fall, and thus determine whether Democrats gain the seven seats they need to win control. More than 15 of those are rural, some heavily so.

A newly created district in Arizona — where Udall is one of eight Democratic contenders — is larger than the state of Illinois. The largest community in the Tennessee district where Davis and one other Democrat are running is home to a mere 30,000 people. Maine boasts the district with the most land east of the Mississippi River.

These rural battlegrounds are politically and demographically diverse. Some are home to sizable populations of black or Hispanic voters. President Bush prevailed in several over Al Gore in 2000 where Democrats have an advantage in voter registration.

In Alabama, New Mexico and Tennessee, Republicans are retiring and Democrats hope to reclaim seats that once were theirs. Districts in Arizona and Georgia — where Chuck Byrd is in a primary — are newly drawn, the result of redistricting. In Illinois and Mississippi, incumbent lawmakers are pitted against one another.

Democratic strategists say Social Security and pensions, prescription drugs for Medicare recipients and economic issues — all of which the party intends to stress nationally this fall — should be well received in rural parts of the country. And Democrats everywhere are likely to stress their support for Bush's handling of the war on terrorism.

Voters in rural districts "tend to be older than the electorate as a whole and they tend to be of more moderate means," said Garin. Additionally, older voters tend to vote in disproportionately higher numbers in midterm elections.

"When the economy got very strong it allowed social issues to play a bigger role in campaigns," said David Dixon, a Democratic consultant. "That clearly hurt Democrats in places where they were on the wrong side of abortion or guns."

At the same time, the party is trying to apply lessons learned in recent gubernatorial campaigns in the South, most recently in Virginia, where the National Rifle Association remained neutral and a Democrat, Mark Warner, was elected.

Among House Democratic leaders, "The arms have opened wider" in recent years to moderate and conservative candidates, said conservative Rep. Mike McIntyre, D-N.C., observing wryly that there are no more seats left in liberal Massachusetts for Democrats to win.

"I talk a lot about common sense and small town values," said Rep. Mike Ross, a first-term Democrat from Arkansas who faces a rematch with Jay Dickey, the man he ousted from Congress two years ago. In an interview, Ross added he is a "lifelong hunter and a member of the NRA."



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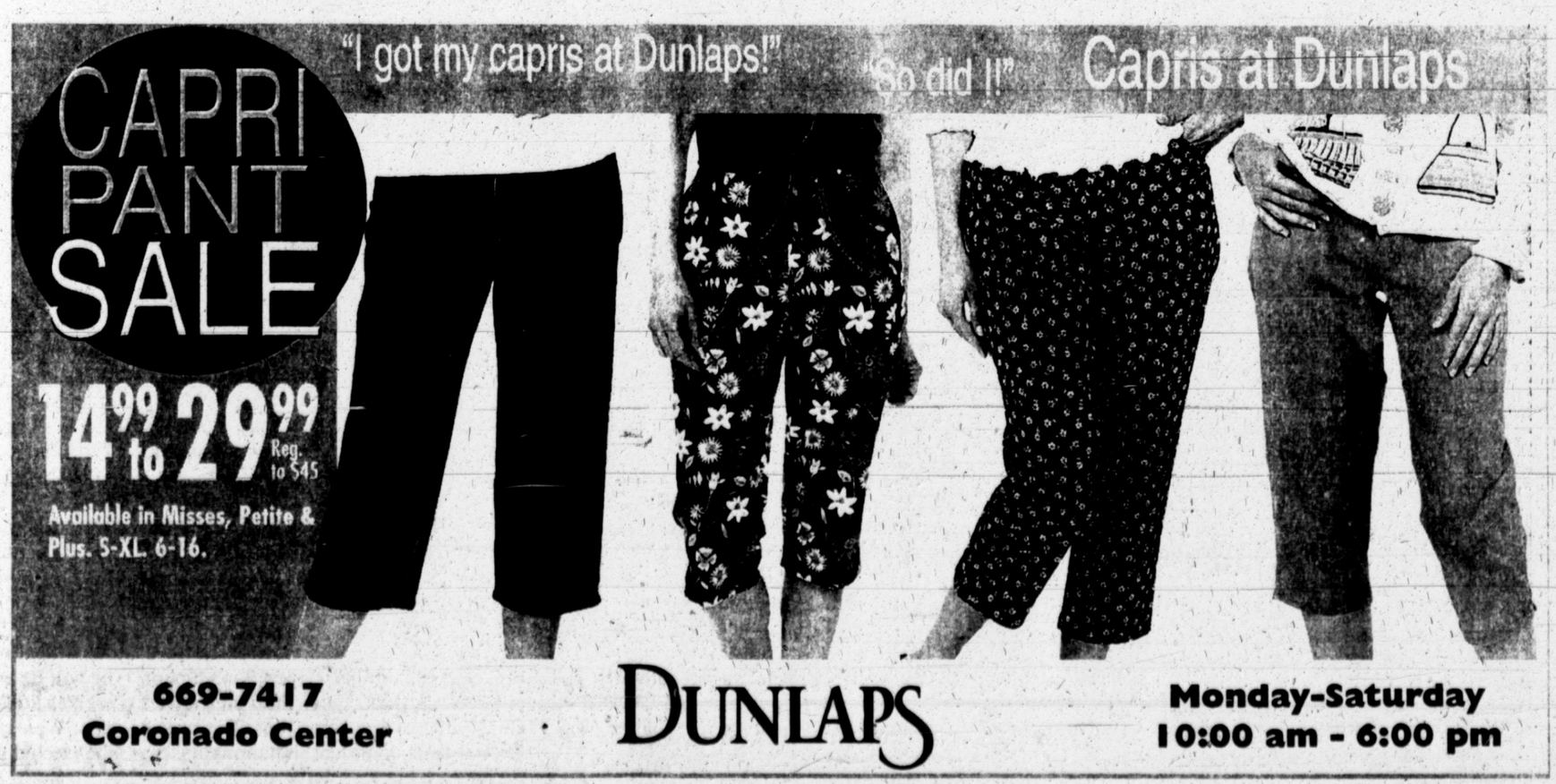
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FROM OUR FILES

40 years ago

WEDNESDAY, April 25, 1962. Approximately $850 was collected Monday night in Pampa's annual house-to-house Muscular Dystrophy Fund Drive, according to an announcement today by A.J. Carubbi, Jr., fund chairman.

THURSDAY, April 26, 1962. A completely new 4-H project was launched Tuesday night at the first meeting of the 4-H Automotive group held under the direction of Phil Ragland.

FRIDAY, April 27, 1962. Bill Don Eads and Susan Quible, valedictorian and salutatorian respectively of the 1962 graduating class at Pampa High School, will deliver commencement addresses at graduation exercises May 28.

25 years ago

MONDAY, April 25, 1977. Paul Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curt Beck of 1940 Fir, has won the zone competition of the Optimist Club Oratorical Contest.

TUESDAY, April 26, 1977. A three-member livestock judging team fielded by the Pampa High School Future Farmer of America chapter turned in a 1.145 point effort in Lubbock Saturday to earn a place in the State FFA Livestock Judging Contest in College Station this weekend.

WEDNESDAY, April 27, 1977. Vickie Ogden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoi Ogden of 2133 Mary Ellen, took the grand prize in the Breakers Amateur Talent Seekers Show Saturday in the Pampa Junior High School Auditorium.

10 years ago

WEDNESDAY, April 22, 1992. After 36 years in public education, Austin Elementary Principal Bill Jones has announced he is retiring.

FRIDAY, April 24, 1992. New Hope Baptist Church, 912 S. Gray St., plans its 18th anniversary service for 3 p.m., Sunday.

SUNDAY, April 26, 1992. The Pampa eighth grade team scored 191 points to easily outdistance the rest of the field in winning the district middle school girls' track meet Friday at Randy Matson Field.

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Is redneck an ethnic group?



KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

My friend Ramsey keeps me posted on the news from Arkansas. Or some of it anyway.

This past week he called to report that Arkansas had achieved a No. 1 ranking.

I was excited. Then he continued.

No. 1 in methamphetamine, that is. Poor man's cocaine.

And, furthermore, none other than Saline County, where he lives, took the No. 1 No.1 spot. It seems his home county is first among the state's 75 counties in the meth rankings.

I'm not sure just how the ranking was done. Arrests. Labs broken up. Whatever. All reflect badly.

I told him that certainly was revealing ... revealing as to just how many rednecks live around there. Well, not just rednecks. Stupid rednecks.

This is not to say that black people, Hispanics and those from other ethnicities don't touch meth. But, overwhelmingly, it is a redneck thing.

Is redneck an ethnic group?

... And, it's pretty obvious from reading the daily police and sheriff's reports that Pampa and Gray County have their share of like-minded folks.

Sad to say.

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Seems that while I was writing the above, law enforcement officers were conducting yet another methamphetamine raid in Pampa.

I feel sorry for the 3-year-old girl who was there when officers made the bust.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not blaming the cops. And, as a matter of fact, when they know there are going to be children involved they take special precautions.

But there is only so much they can do. It's still a scary time for a tot.

I'm blaming the parents. While everyone is innocent until proven guilty, the police did confiscate drugs during the search.

I couldn't help but think about the little girl.

She's not going to understand. All she's going to know is that a bunch of people dressed in black – police officers – took her mama away.

Her opinion of police as bad guys could last forever.

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That reminds me of a good friend back in Arkansas. Wanda.

Her husband Mel retired from the Arkansas State Police a few years ago.

Wanda recalled once that sometimes when she and Mel would be out shopping or whatever when he'd be in uniform that some parents would point him out to an unruly child.

It ticked her off when the parent would tell the child if he or she didn't behave that "the policeman" was going to "get" him.

Not being one bit timid, Wanda would go up to the child and explain that the parent was sadly mistaken ... and tell the little one that police officers were there to help, not hurt them.

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Jumping to another subject. I was happy to see that President Bush's plan to drill for oil in the the pristine Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska didn't make it through the Senate last week. There's not that much oil there to begin with.

Yes, we do have an energy problem that is exacerbated by the current crisis in the Middle East. And, yes, it would be good if we didn't rely so much on foreign oil.

But it's not like this is something new.

The oil embargo in the 1970s should have taught us something. And if it had, we've had ample time to make our country less dependent upon foreign oil.

Conservation isn't the total answer to the problem, but it is part of the answer. Only our country hasn't embraced that enough, nor have we insisted auto makers do more to cut gasoline consumption.

Instead, we have silly "fleet formula" calculations that give the appearance auto makers are really working to cut consumption while it's those same formulas that allow for gas guzzling SUVs to proliferate like mice.

I wonder if that could have anything to do with the fact that SUVs are the single most profitable type of vehicle sold in the U.S. today?

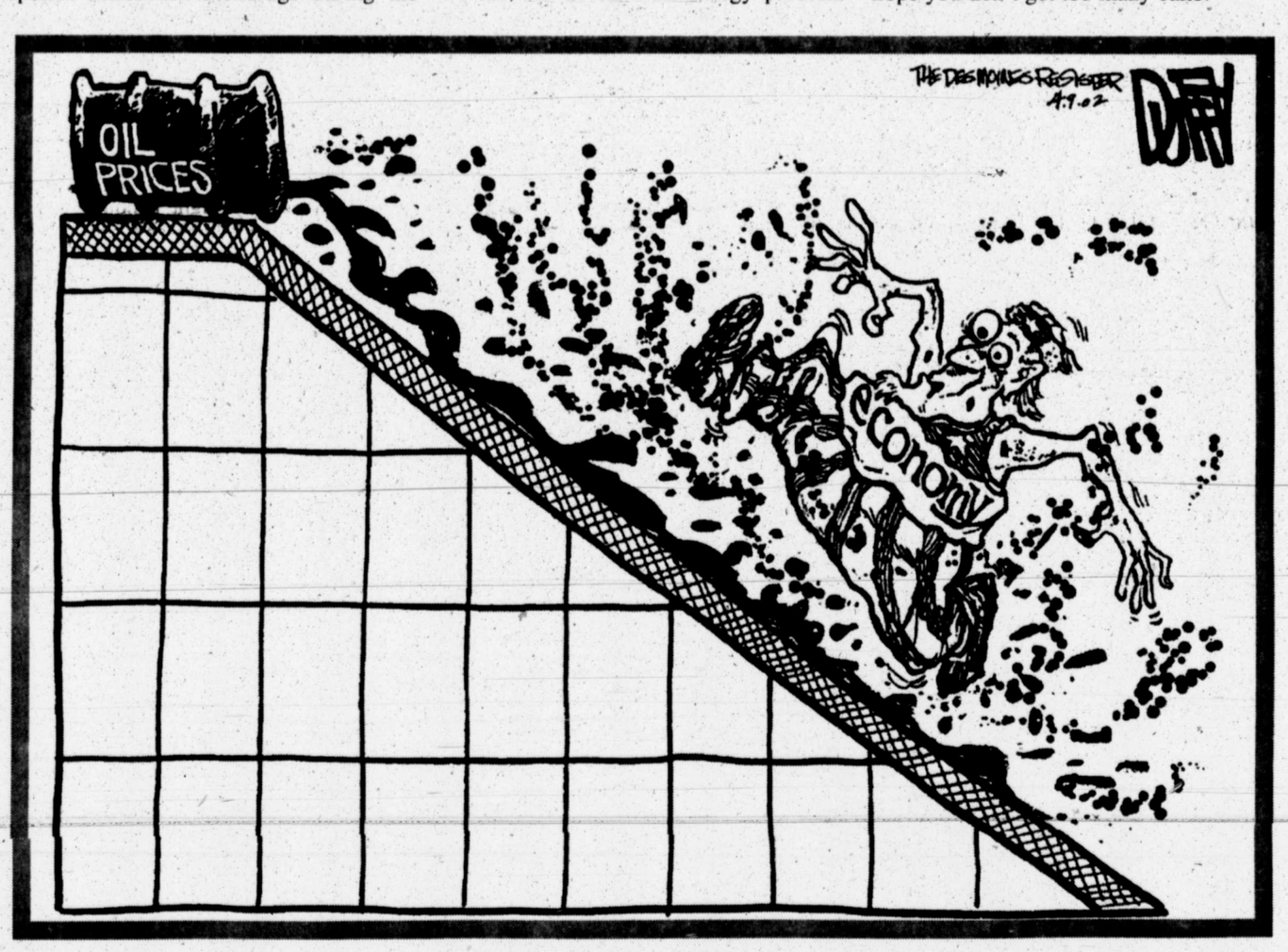
Now, I'm not saying no one should be able to drive an SUV, but what I am saying is that the auto companies should be forced into developing better technology for improved mileage.

And, our government should take the lead in promoting energy conservation and energy innovation.

Meanwhile, turn the lights off when you go out of a room ... and slow down a little when you drive. Both save energy.

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My apologies to the folks at Easley Animal Hospital. I mistakenly put their number in Friday's story about the travel trailer tax instead of the number for the Gray County Appraisal District. The appraisal district number is 665-0791. I had too many notes about too many things on one sheet of paper and inadvertently put in the wrong number. Sorry. I hope you don't get too many calls!



Mideast could make, break Bush



CHARLEY REESE
COLUMNIST

President George W. Bush faces a crisis that will make or break his presidency. Ironically, to use his words applied to Yasser Arafat, Bush finds himself in a situation of his own making.

Last week, the president was publicly humiliated by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who arrogantly ignored Bush's repeated calls for the Israelis to stop their military operation and pull out of the West Bank. The secretary of state was also publicly humiliated. The king of Morocco kept him cooling his heels for two hours before consenting to see him and then, in front of the press, embarrassed him with a hostile but legitimate question, "Why are you here instead of in Jerusalem?" All of the Arab leaders, in fact, instead of heeding Bush's demand that they condemn terrorism, laid new demands on the United States.

Bush seriously misread Sharon. That's probably because he is ignorant of the Middle East and its history. I think he relies on his staff to give him little yes-or-no choices to make. If Bush had bothered to read the British and Israeli press or, God forbid, one or two books on the conflict, he would have known: Sharon started the intifada; Sharon has been the one who has refused to negotiate for the past 14 months; Sharon has systematically destroyed the Palestinian Authority and the Oslo peace process; and baron does not intend to yield an inch of the West Bank.

All of this time, Bush has apparently thought that if the Palestinians would just lie down, Sharon would resume the negotiations. Apparently, he wasn't aware that Arafat did keep the peace for three weeks, and Sharon's response was to start a program of systematically assassinating Palestinian political leaders. Bush, of course, routinely condemns every act of resistance by the Palestinians, and the most he has ever said to the Israelis is, "Gee, I hope you show some restraint." So now his reputation and that of the United States is at stake. It isn't just the Arab world that is fed up with Israel's brutality and flaunting of international law and America's one-sided support for Israel. It's the European Union, the United Nations and Russia. Serious demonstrations against Israel and the United States are taking place all over the world.

So here's Bush's dilemma: Sharon will not stop his military operation. Sharon will not negotiate with the Palestinians. Bush will have to force him. The reason Sharon feels confident in humiliating the president is because he believes that the Israeli lobby has such a lock on Congress that it will prevent Bush from taking any measures to punish him for his defiance. Hence, when Bush butts heads with Sharon, he will also have to butt heads with the Israeli lobby.

The question upon which the success or failure of his administration depends is, does Bush have the guts to do that? I don't know. We'll just have to wait and see. If Bush caves in to Sharon, American prestige will plummet, and his coalition for his war on terrorism will fall apart. Moreover, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will eventually start a wider war in the Middle East, for which Bush will be justly blamed.

The reason this is a situation of his own making is that Bush should have pressured Sharon into negotiations 14 months ago, instead of falling for Sharon's ruse that he wouldn't talk while Palestinians were resisting the occupation. Bush should have been equally critical of the Israeli violence. It has apparently taken him 14 months to realize that the Palestinian violence is provoked by the Israeli violence.

His popularity, while still high, is already starting to drop, and if he lets Ariel Sharon walk all over him, I predict he will be a one-term president. The larger question for the American people is this: Who runs American foreign policy, the elected president or the Israeli lobby?

WTAMU 'incubator' program receives EDA endorsement

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's ambitious Rural Agricultural/Business Incubator and Accelerator program has received a $1 million federal endorsement that ultimately will benefit aspiring entrepreneurs both locally and throughout the region.

The joint project between WTAMU's T. Boone Pickens College of Business, WTAMU's Division of Agriculture, Texas Cooperative Extension and the State of Texas, acquired a new partner recently when the Economic Development Administration (EDA) bolstered the effort with a $1 million rural development grant.

U.S. Reps. Larry Combest and Mac Thornberry, supporters of the grant, announced its approval.

The EDA grant, coupled with the bulk of a $1.5 million state appropriation the project received last year, gives West Texas A&M the impetus to establish a permanent presence in Amarillo from which satellite incubators will be hatched, initially in Borger, Childress, Dumas, Hereford, Littlefield and Plainview.

A business incubator is a unique concept that combines physical facilities and virtual links for the most effective and efficient use of resources for a number of businesses under one roof. Those businesses selected to participate in an incubator — at the Amarillo Hub or at satellite incubators — will share expenses and benefit from the entrepreneurial expertise and technological resources of the University.

Business incubators, while not new in the United States, are relatively new to the region, according to David Terry, associate director of WTAMU's Office of Business Services, which will administer the incubator project. The National Business Incubation Association reports that a 1997 study shows that 87 percent of incubator graduates remain in business.

"Many approaches have been tried in an attempt to slow rural decline here and elsewhere, but very little of it has worked," Terry said. "We've designed a model that we think will help take viable ideas to the next level, profitably and rapidly."

The Amarillo Hub is located at 2300 N. Western St., a 31,000-square-foot facility that WTAMU recently leased with the intention of purchasing once the EDA grant was secured. Approximately 5,000 square feet will be used for shared office space as small businesses, dubbed "fertile eggs" by Terry, are launched in a controlled environment, sharing receptionists, copy machines, satellite linkups and other assets and expenses usually related to the cost of doing business. The remaining space will be assigned for production.

"We believe that the entire Panhandle community will benefit from this program," Dr. John Cooley, dean of the T. Boone Pickens College of Business, said. "The opportunity to create an environment in which new businesses can take a concept and turn it into a reality is very exciting for us. To have the ability to help nurture new ideas is an excellent opportunity for any college of business."

The incubator will provide business and management development counseling, administrative support services, on-line research and support, on-line training programs and specialized services. The program will be available to pre-venture businesses, start-ups and early-stage companies.

Terry stresses that businesses selected for incubator inclusion must generate "new" revenue.

"There are two forms of economic development," Terry said, "external and internal. When the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation recruited Bell Helicopter to Amarillo, that was external. Internal is building the economy from the inside out. We're not talking about more restaurants or clothing stores that would cut an already thin pie thinner; rather, we want to generate new money from the outside.

"A rising tide lifts all boats. If the economy grows, more money can be spent in the retail stores."

Successful incubator businesses typically remain in an incubator for three or four years, Terry said, and they pass through three stages.

"The most critical part is having a viable idea, the fertile egg," Terry said. "Then they must be nurtured through a very focused approach that includes training. They must be able to focus on the business and not on other things like copy and fax machines. We'll provide those.

"Last, we want them to graduate. We don't want to see a chick in an incubator all its life because it cannot survive. We want them to be successful and to go out on their own."

Launching the Hub and coordinating housing and satellite links for the six initial outlying incubators is only Phase I of the project, Cooley said. Phase II involves launching another nine satellite incubators in 2003. Meanwhile, partners in the Rural Agricultural/Business Incubator and Accelerator program will press on in pursuit of additional funding for the project.

"We are working hard to bring our six Phase I satellites on line as quickly as possible," Cooley said. "This $1 million grant from the EDA has made this concept viable, and we appreciate the support of our partners and legislators in getting it done. Now we intend to move forward."

Frontiers in Writing event in offing

AMARILLO — Frontiers in Writing 2002 will kick-off its new season with a special conference slated June 14-15 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo.

Festivities will get under way with a banquet Friday evening, featuring speaker John Marmaduke, CEO of Hastings Entertainment, Inc. Saturday sessions will be headed by keynote speaker, award-winning western author Elmer Kelton, best known for "The Good Old Boys," a 1995 television movie starring Tommy Lee Jones.

The purpose of the conference, sponsored by Panhandle Professional Writers and Hastings Entertainment Inc., is to have publishing editors, agents and published authors provide essential information to writers seeking publication.

Editors and agents in attendance will be taking a limited number of appointments so conference attendees can pitch their works for publication consideration. The appointments will be scheduled on a first paid, first slotted basis. Early registration is important for those wishing to get an appointment with an editor or agent.

Early-bird registration – which runs through May 18 – for the Friday night banquet, Saturday workshops and contest-awards luncheon will be $135 for PPW members and $160 for nonmembers. After May 18, the rate for PPW members goes up to $150 and the nonmember rate increases to $175

Specialized three-hour workshops will be available to attendees at an additional cost.

For more information, visit Panhandle Professional Writers' website at http://users.arn.net/~ppw or e-mail Kim Campbell at kim@authorhelper.com.

P.E.O. Sisterhood to hold fund-raiser

Chapter CS, P.E.O. Sisterhood will once again present Carol Headrick as book reviewer for the chapter's annual fund-raiser slated at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 9 at Pampa Community Building (Chamber building), 200 N. Ballard in Pampa.

Ms. Headrick will be reviewing a biography of Beatrix Potter, world-renowned English author and illustrator.

Potter was born in 1866 and died in 1943. She published her first animal story, "The Tale of Peter Rabbit," 100 years ago this year. Over a period of 30 years, she wrote 23 animal stories which were greatly enhanced by her delicate drawings and watercolors.

Now considered classics, Potter's stories are still popular today and have been translated into several languages.

Carol Headrick, a Texas native and speech-language pathologist, holds a bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University and a master's degree in communication disorders from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

She is a professor emeritus from Oklahoma State University, having taught at OSU for 24 years, and she and husband, Charles, have three sons and three grandchildren.

She reviews one book each spring and has been on the book-review circuit for 13 years. She memorizes her text and will portray Beatrix Potter.

Tickets — $10 for adults and $5 for students — will be available at the door on the day of the event or may be purchased in advance from any Chapter CS member or by calling Judy Sutton at 665-7064. Light refreshments will be served. Proceeds will benefit the organization's scholarship fund.



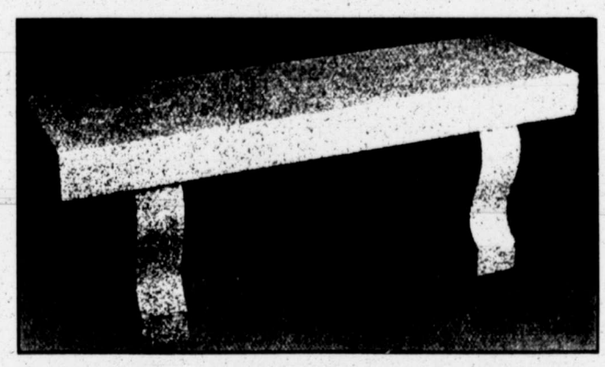
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Diabetes, high BP can cause kidney failure

AUSTIN — Kidney disease, diabetes, high blood pressure. These ills are more and more linked these days, creating an array of health problems for people.

"We have seen a steady increase in the number of people coming onto the Kidney Health Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) with diabetes as the primary cause of kidney failure," said Phillip Walker, Chief of the Bureau of Kidney Health Care. In 2001, more than half the program applicants (53 percent) had a primary diagnosis of diabetes.

Following diabetes, hypertension, or high blood pressure, is the next leading cause of kidney failure for Texans. Last year, 23 percent of Kidney Health Care Program applicants had a primary diagnosis of hypertension.

"In Texas, more than 30,000 people have chronic kidney failure, or end-stage renal disease," Walker said. Nationally, about 20 million American have some form of kidney disease, and millions more are at risk. According to the National Kidney Foundation, more than 50,000 new patients each year will require kidney dialysis or kidney transplants to live.

With diabetes, the body does not produce or properly use insulin. It is insulin that regulates the amount of glucose or sugar in the blood; and without it, the body is unable to convert glucose to energy, leaving large amounts of sugar in the blood.

Eventually, small blood vessels in the kidneys become damaged by a scar-like material that builds up on the capillary walls of the kidneys, leading to kidney damage.

High blood pressure can damage kidneys by constricting blood vessels, cutting off the blood supply to the kidneys and starving them of oxygen and nutrients. Over time, the kidneys are damaged and eventually become incapable of performing essential functions.

Warning signs of kidney-related disease include:

—Burning or difficulty during urination;

—More frequent urination, especially at night;

—Swelling of the feet and hands;

—Blood in the urine;

—Puffiness around the eyes;

—Pain in the small of the back that is not aggravated by movement;

—High blood pressure.

Kidney failure can be prevented or delayed if diagnosed early enough in its progression and treated properly, according to recent findings published by the National Kidney Foundation. The foundation recommends that all individuals who are at increased risk for chronic kidney disease have their blood pressure monitored and their blood and urine tested for signs of impaired kidney function.

Those at risk for kidney failure include people with a history or diabetes or high blood pressure and those with a family history of chronic kidney failure, diabetes or hypertension.

Kidney failure due to diabetes or hypertension can be prevented or delayed. "Scientific advances, including the use of medications and strict dietary management, have improved treatment and management of these diseases and the prevention of kidney failure," Walker said.

Diabetics should have a yearly micro-albumin urine test to detect early onset of kidney failure so treatment interventions can be started as soon as possible.

"Anyone who experiences any symptoms of kidney disease should report them to a doctor," Walker said. People with a family or personal history of diabetes or hypertension should see their doctor regularly.

The Bureau of Kidney Health Care was established in 1973 to provide financial assistance to Texans diagnosed with end-stage renal disease. During its 28 years of operation, more than 69,000 Texas residents with end-stage renal disease have received financial assistance for access surgery, dialysis treatments, hospitalization, medication and transportation costs incurred in the treatment of this disease.

Some lymphomas linked to monkey virus

DALLAS — University of Texas Southwestern researchers have established a link between human non-Hodgkins lymphomas and a monkey virus carried by some people, possibly opening new avenues for detection, prevention and treatment.

In the study, published in a recent issue of the British medical journal, "The Lancet," researchers examined nearly 400 tumors and control tissues, and found the viral footprint for simian virus 40 (SV40) in the tumors of 43 percent of non-Hodgkin lymphoma patients. The virus, predominantly of the B-cell type, was present in 9 percent of Hodgkin lymphoma cases, a significantly lower rate. The percentage of SV40-positive findings among healthy subjects and patients with other types of adult and pediatric cancers, other than bone tumors, was zero to 6 percent.

Approximately 287,000 new non-Hodgkin lymphoma cases are diagnosed worldwide every year.

SV40 was first transmitted to humans between 1955 and 1963 in contaminated batches of polio vaccine. As many as 30 million people may have been vaccinated with the tainted serum. Persons born after 1963 also have been found to carry the virus, but scientists are uncertain how the virus was transmitted to them. Estimates for the number of carriers range between 2 percent and 13 percent of the population, although large population based studies need to be done.

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Dr. Adi Gazdar, professor in the Hamon Center for Therapeutic Oncology Research and the Department of Pathology and principal investigator on the study, said the findings fully confirm earlier research on hamsters that associated SV40 with brain and bone tumors, mesotheliomas (tumors in the lining of the lungs and other organs) and B-cell lymphomas.

SV40 previously had been associated in humans with brain and bone cancer and mesothelioma, but the human lymphoma connection is new. The rates of virus detection in HIV-positive and HIV-negative subjects with lymphoma were similar, a fact that came as a surprise to the researchers.

"This potentially could lead to new developments in diagnosis and treatment," Gazdar said.

Dr. John Minna, director of the Hamon Center for Therapeutic Oncology Research, said researchers were looking for a viral connection with lymphoma 20 or 30 years ago, and Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) sequences have been found in some lymphomas of Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin types. But it looked like a strong viral association did not exist.

"This brings that back into the picture," he said.

Minna said it is known that SV40 activates a protein that interacts with and deactivates the proteins that control the normal cellular life cycle, creating immortal malignant cells.

"Could we block that and allow the cell to stop growing?" he said.

While they hold great promise, there is some distance yet between the current findings and any clinically applicable breakthroughs. It is more likely that they will lead to screening and early detection techniques before yielding vaccines or therapies.

Neurotransmitter yields several clues

HOUSTON — Acetylcholine, a neurotransmitter for the human brain, may be one reason why addicts smoke and could be key to developing new approaches to treatment for schizophrenia and Parkinson's disease.

Acetylcholine may play a role in the release of dopamine, another one of the brain's neurotransmitters and is thought to be important in learning, movement and in reinforcing rewarding behavior.

In an article published in a recent issue of Nature Neuroscience, Dr. John A. Dani, a professor in the division of neuroscience at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, says that when dopamine neurons fire in the midbrain, dopamine is released onto the targets in the forebrain.

"It's just like turning on a garden hose in the back of the house to water plants in the front of the house," Dani said. "We found that there is a 'valve' that controls the hose at the other end. When the faucet is on, the water does not come out of the hose unless the valve is also open, meaning that this valve is controlling the release of dopamine in the target."

Scientists sliced brain tissue in mice, pinpointing the striatum, an area rich with dopamine neurons. A probe was inserted into the brain slice to measure dopamine release. Findings showed that if the nicotinic acetylcholine receptors were inhibited, dopamine release fell by 80 percent, meaning that acetylcholine can control dopamine release.

This sheds new light on tobacco addiction, revealing that not only does nicotine activate dopamine neurons in the midbrain, but it also regulates the release.

"Classically, drugs of addiction such as cocaine, amphetamines and nicotine boost dopamine by turning on the dopamine source. This work shows that there is a very potent control at the other end, in the target," Dani said.

Researchers hope that these findings will further their understanding and suggest treatments of diseases such as schizophrenia and Parkinson's disease, both of which involve dopamine systems of the brain.

According to Dani, schizophrenics have the highest prevalence of smoking that is found for any grouping of the population.

"Schizophrenics are commonly treated with medications that block dopamine receptors, meaning that dopamine is being released, but the symptoms of the disease are being treated with drugs that block the receptors," Dani said.

Similarly, this research might hold the possibility for treatment of Parkinson's disease, a movement disorder in which dopamine neurons have been lost. Patients with the condition are usually treated with L-DOPA, a compound that allows them to make dopamine.

"This research opens up a new avenue for treating neurological and psychiatric diseases in terms of drug therapy with the goal of promoting dopamine release," Dani said.

Collaborators include Drs. Fu-Ming Zhou and Yong Liang.

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Implanted devices help halt attacks

BY DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP MEDICAL EDITOR

ATLANTA (AP) — Implanted defibrillators like the one given to Vice President Dick Cheney last summer could protect the lives of millions of U.S. heart attack survivors with weakened hearts, a new study concludes.

The study found the devices reduce the risk of dying by one-third, an improvement unmatched by any development in the care of heart patients in a generation.

"We are talking about preventing the sudden death of people who are active and functioning," said Dr. Arthur J. Moss of the University of Rochester. "The opportunity here is quite profound."

The devices constantly check for abnormal beats and zap the heart back to normal in case of cardiac arrest. About 250,000 people collapse with cardiac arrest outside hospitals in the United States each year, and 95 percent of them die.

Moss's study suggests the implanted defibrillators should be considered for all who meet two criteria: a history of heart attack and evidence of resulting heart weakness.

Some heart specialists worry about the vast number of people who would qualify for the devices and wondered if it will be possible to narrow down the selection to those who would benefit most.

The findings are "very impressive," said Dr. Sidney Smith, research director of the American Heart Association. But "we are talking about a lot of people who would receive defibrillators. We need to identify a subset who would benefit the most."

Until now, they have been reserved for the rare few who survive cardiac arrest or are found to be at high risk through electrophysiological testing, which involves deliberately trying to trigger heart rhythm problems with a catheter that is snaked into the heart.

Moss presented the results at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology in Atlanta, and they will also be published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. The $7 million study was financed by Indianapolis-based Guidant Corp., which makes the defibrillators.

Moss said at least 2 million Americans — and perhaps more — could benefit from the defibrillators, and there will be 300,000 more every year.

The devices cost about $20,000, though higher demand could eventually drive that down. With surgery and a one-night hospital stay to install them, the total cost is $40,000 to $60,000. In addition to Guidant, they are made by St. Jude Medical and Medtronic.

Moss's study involved 1,232 heart attack survivors who also had diminished heart pumping power, a common consequence of the damage caused by a heart attack.

The doctors studied people whose ejection fractions were 30 percent or less. Ejection fraction is the amount of blood pumped from the heart with each beat. It is measured with a routine echocardiogram. Normal is 50 percent or more.

The volunteers were randomly assigned to get an implanted defibrillator or standard drug treatment. The study was stopped in November when it became clear that those getting the devices were doing much better.

After an average of 20 months, the death rate from any cause was 14 percent in those who received defibrillators and 20 percent in people who did not. The difference translates into a 31 percent reduction in risk of death.

Moss said this improvement in survival is the biggest since the introduction of beta blocker drugs for heart disease in the 1970s.

The implanted devices work the same as the external defibrillators that are now becoming standard equipment in sports arenas, airport terminals and other public places.

Cardiac arrest happens most often after age 60. Doctors estimate that half of all cases result from electrical disturbances that send the heart into chaotic quivering. Defibrillators are designed to correct these. The rest occur after heart attacks, when sudden blockages cut off the heart's blood supply.

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Study: Tomatoes could combat prostate cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Men who consume tomato products two or more times a week can significantly reduce their chances of contracting prostate cancer, a study found.

Eating cooked tomatoes was particularly beneficial, according to the study, which showed that regularly eating tomato sauce, ketchup and other tomato-based foods lowered the prostate cancer risk by as much as 36 percent.

Dr. Edward Giovannucci of Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard School of Public Health, the first author of the study, said it supported earlier research involving foods such as tomatoes that were high in lycopene, a powerful antioxidant.

"These most recent findings add support to the notion that a diet rich in tomatoes and lycopene-containing foods, as well as other fruits and vegetables, may reduce the risk of prostate cancer," Giovannucci said.

A report on the study appears in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

Researchers analyzed the food choices and prostate cancer histories of more than 47,000 men and found that those who ate at least two meals a week containing tomato products lowered their risk of prostate cancer by 24 percent to 36 percent.

Giovannucci said that lycopene is thought to protect against cancer by absorbing oxygen free-radicals, which are chemicals created during metabolism that can damage the genetic structure of cells.

The finding is based on data from the Health Professional Follow-Up Study, a project that followed the health history and dietary habits of 47,000 men, aged 40 to 75, from 1986 to 1998. During that period, 2,481 of the men developed prostate cancer.

Dietary questionnaires in the study included such food items as tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato juice, pizza, watermelon and pink grapefruit, along with salsa, ketchup and other tomato-based condiments.

When the data was adjusted for the effects of other life style factors, the researchers found that tomatoes, especially if they had been cooked, were beneficial against prostate cancer.

"Spaghetti sauce was the most popular" and also seemed to give the most protection, said Giovannucci. He said that cooking raw tomatoes, as is done to make spaghetti sauce, may break down cell walls of the fruit and allow the body to absorb more lycopene.

Jo Ann Carson, a clinical nutritionist at the University of Texas, Southwest Medical Center in Dallas, said the study "is an example that what we eat can affect our risk of cancer."

Researchers testing potential Alzheimer's test

WASHINGTON (AP) — Measuring the levels of a plaque-forming protein in the blood may identify Alzheimer's disease changes in the brain before other symptoms appear, according to researchers who tested the technique on mice.

Experiments at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis found that injecting an antibody into mice caused a sudden flood in the blood stream of amyloid-beta, a protein that forms neuron-destroying plaques in the brain.

Now a new study, using mice, shows that the level of amyloid-beta in the blood after the antibody injection is an indication of the amount of plaques forming in the brain, said David M. Holtzman, a Washington University neurologist and Alzheimer's disease researcher. He is a co-author of the study appearing Friday in the journal Science.

"We show in this study that the amount of amyloid-beta that comes out of the brain and into the blood stream is a very good reflection in these animals of how much is deposited in these plaques," said Holtzman.

He emphasized that although the technique works in a strain of mice that develop Alzheimer's, it is still not known if the test would work in humans. Because the disease progresses so slowly, Holtzman said it would take at least five years of studies before the test could be proven in human patients.

Holtzman said the study is a part of a major effort by Alzheimer's disease researchers to find a way to identify people who will develop the disease before they have obvious symptoms.

Right now, Alzheimer's can only be definitely proven at autopsy, although some clinical tests can diagnose the disease to a high degree of accuracy after profound symptoms have appeared.

"One of the hottest thing now (among researchers) is to figure out a diagnostic tool for Alzheimer's," said Holtzman.

There currently are no proven and effective drugs to cure or control the progression of Alzheimer's, although there are several candidates being tested. Some studies have suggested that folic acid and cholesterol control drugs can be beneficial, but research is still under way. Holtzman said that an early diagnostic test would enable doctors to identify patients who need treatment, allow tracking of the disease progression and help to test candidate drugs.

There are an estimated 4 million Americans with Alzheimer's disease now, but the total is expected to grow to about 14 million by the year 2050.

Amyloid-beta is a normal substance in the body, but starting at about age 50 it can accumulate in plaques in the brain. These plaques are linked to the death of neurons, causing a gradual loss of memory, control of body function and leading eventually to death.

"By the time a patient has the earliest clinical symptoms of Alzheimer's, there already is a massive amount of amyloid in the brain," said Holtzman. "It is a very slow process over 10 to 20 years."

He said the study in mice suggests that the blood test could identify the tendency to form amyloid-beta plaques at a very early point in the disease.

Bill Thies, vice president for medical and scientific affairs of the Alzheimer's Association, said a blood test to diagnose Alzheimer's would be an important advance in the battle against the disease.

"We really do need a biological way to track the disease," he said. "If we had that, it would increase our ability to identify people and would greatly accelerate clinical trials" of candidate Alzheimer's drugs.

However, he noted that whether or not the Washington University technique could become such a test for humans "is still an open question."

"A lot of work needs to be done before this technique could be established as a diagnostic," said Thies.

Aspirin may not benefit every heart

DALLAS (AP) — A new study suggests that some people who take aspirin to ward off heart attacks may not be getting all the benefits they thought they were.

The study in a recent issue of the journal Circulation found that as many as 75 percent of patients showed some resistance to the blood-thinning effects of aspirin.

Aspirin works by blocking the formation of thromboxane A2, a chemical in the body that makes platelets sticky and promotes blood clotting. Heart attacks are caused by clots.

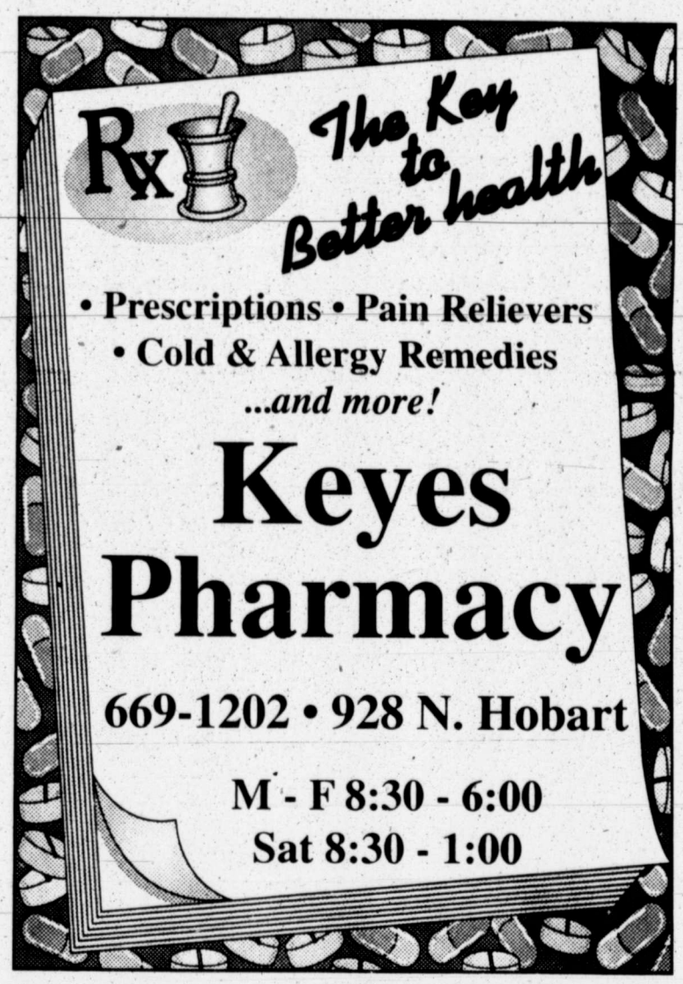
The study found that taking aspirin did not adequately block thromboxane in some people, making them 3 1/2 times more likely to die of a heart attack than those in whom aspirin works.

Doctors often recommend daily use of aspirin to help prevent heart attacks.

The study was led by Dr. John Eikelboom, a clinical lecturer at the University of Western Australia, Royal Perth Hospital.

The researchers analyzed urine samples of 5,529 heart patients in Canada for a chemical byproduct of thromboxane. The levels of the byproduct varied substantially among the aspirin users but were still lower than they were in patients not taking aspirin at all.

Eikelboom theorized that aspirin did not adequately block thromboxane in some patients because of an underlying genetic mutation.





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PAMPA MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

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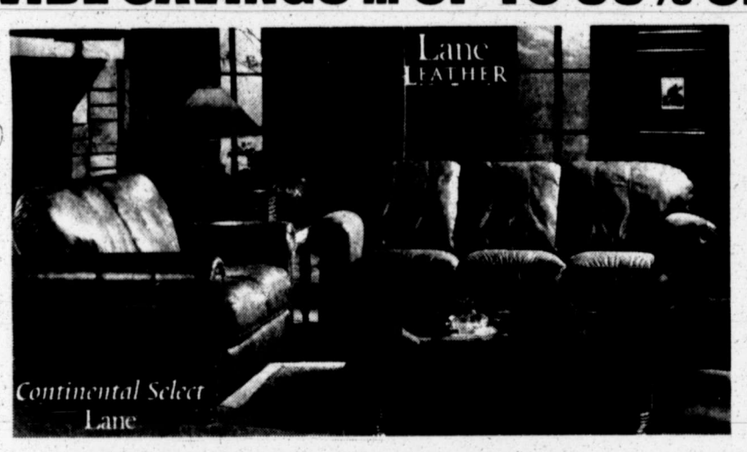
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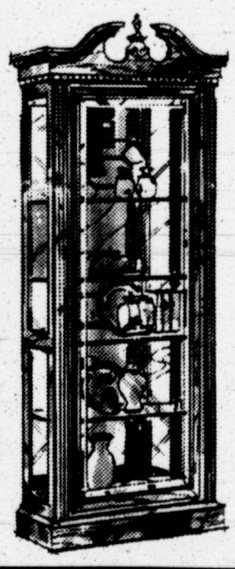
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NRHC to present 'Vaquero' photo exhibit

LUBBOCK — National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) in Lubbock, Texas, recently announced a premier exhibition for 2002 — "Vaquero: A Vanishing Tradition," featuring the photography of Bill Wittliff of Austin.

The exhibition opens May 3 and runs through Jan. 5, 2003, in the galleries of the NRHC's DeVitt-Mallett Museum Building.

Curated and designed by Lubbock-based professional artist and exhibit designer Duward Campbell, "Vaquero" includes 70 photos and accompanying artifacts dating from the 16th century, together telling the story of the genesis of ranching in North America.

Specially designed panels and display cases add a third dimension to the impressive exhibit.

The Wittliff photographs were shot in 1970 when he traveled to Mexico to capture images of vaqueros living on a ranch in the northern part of the country. What developed was a visual essay of the people and an archive of the Hispanic contributions to the ranching industry.

"Mexican ranch life is going modern," said author, historian Joe B. Frantz in his introduction to the publication "Vaquero: Genesis of the Texas Cowboy," produced for the Institute of Texan Cultures in 1972.

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"Eager to capture the twilight of this vanishing day, I called Bill Wittliff and explained that we had a last chance that wouldn't — couldn't — repeat. Did he want to go to Mexico with me for a last look? He didn't have to be persuaded."

"Wittliff doesn't photograph range life — he stalks it. Stalks it, savors it, and then preserves it," Frantz added. "Thus almost everything you see in this exhibit was photographed on the job and on the run. Wittliff somehow accomplished the contradictory task of pushing his camera right up into a frantic cutting horse's eyeballs and staying out of the way of the workmen. And he did it with the precision of a craftsman."

Wittliff's photographs, each printed and toned by the photographer, have been exhibited in museums and galleries in the United States and Mexico. Many of the photos in the National Ranching Heritage Center's exhibit, however, have not been viewed by the public for some 30 years.

An exceptional photographer with an eye for capturing real life drama and hardships, Wittliff is also a screenwriter and producer. His motion pictures include "Lonesome Dove," "The Perfect Storm," "Legends of the Fall," "The Cowboy Way," "Ned Blessing," "Red Headed Stranger," "Barbarosa," "Raggedy Man" and more.

He is also founder of Encino Press and the Southwestern Writers Collection at Southwest Texas State University.

"Vaquero: A Vanishing Tradition" includes numerous artifacts that depict the evolving methods and tools of livestock management. Collectors in South Texas and northern New Mexico loaned such items as saddles, spurs, cooking utensils, firearms and knives, and branding irons.

Artifacts vary from exceptional craftsmanship to rustic, handmade quality to show how such tools were used by vaqueros.

Artifacts, covering a 400-year span from the Conquest and Colonial eras through the 20th century enhance the Wittliff photography exhibit, helping to provide a visual background and history for the images.

"Vaquero: A Vanishing Tradition" is being presented in both English and Spanish and will partially coincide with the "Treasures of the Vatican" exhibit at the Museum of Texas Tech, providing tourists with a second multi-cultural venue during the summer of 2002.

At the National Ranching Heritage Center, a museum and 16-acre historical park in Lubbock, the history of ranching, pioneer life and the development of the livestock industry in North America are preserved. Art, artifacts and architecture combine to tell the colorful story.

In the historical park, more than 35 authentic, furnished ranch buildings and structures have been relocated from some of the West's most well-known ranches and show the evolution of ranch life from the late 1700s through the early 1900s.

Each building reflects the geography of its original location and the materials available for construction.

Visitors to the National Ranching Heritage Center see historic windmills, dugouts, barns, corrals and pens, a bunkhouse, one-room school house, blacksmith shop, ranch headquarters buildings, elegant two-story ranch home, a locomotive, stock cars, depot and more. Each building has been authentically restored and furnished.

Dedicated on July 2, 1976, NRHC staff presents special events and exhibits throughout the year to promote education and interest in pioneer life and history and to perpetuate early ranching customs and values.

Annual events include the Boss of the Plains Award Dinner in the spring; history- and preservation-based youth classes in the summer; National Golden Spur Award Dinner and Ranch Day in the fall; and Candlelight at the Ranch, a luminaria-lighted greeting card to the community, in December.

In the mid- to latter part of the 19th century, some of the country's largest and most historic ranches were established. A visit to NRHC will be an opportunity to walk back in time and experience the 'real' American West.

NRHC is located east of Indiana Avenue at 3121 4th Street in Lubbock. For information, call (806) 742-0498; e-mail RanchHC@TTU.edu; or visit www.TTU.EDU/RanchingHeritageCenter on the Internet.



Officials gearing up for 11th annual St. Jude's Trail Ride

The 11th annual Saddle Up for St Jude's Trail Ride will kick-off with registration at 8 a.m., Saturday, May 4 at Bill and Greta Arrington's Rocking Chair Ranch west of Pampa. The official ride will begin at 9 a.m. In case of inclement weather (rain or excessive heat), the fund-raiser will be postponed until May 11.

Participants must pay a $15 fee to ride and submit a negative Coggins certificate dated within the last 12 months on their mount.

Barbecue will be served at noon. Family members who don't with to ride but would like to eat may purchase lunch at $5 per adult and $3.50 per child. All prizes will be given away at this time.

First prize is a yearling bay Appaloosa colt donated by Mark and Tracy Collier of White Deer for the most monies raised over $1,500. Second prize is a double tiered saddle rack donated by Chris and Christie Mitchell of Pampa. Various other prizes have been donated and will be given away as well.

The ride will conclude at approximately 4 in the afternoon.

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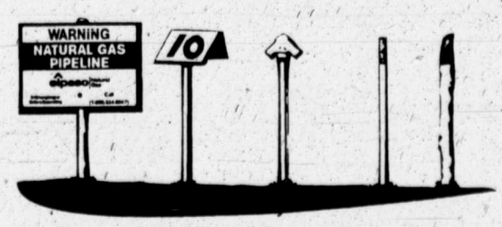
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AGRICULTURE

Early cool weather causes problems in watermelon crop

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Cooler weather earlier in the season is causing minor delays in harvesting the state's watermelon crop, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"The weather is not cooperating to some degree, especially for the dryland folks," said Juan Anciso, extension integrated pest management agent in Edinburg.

Harvest usually begins in April in the Rio Grande Valley, but this year it is expected to begin the first week of May, he said.

Because of drought in the Valley, some dryland watermelons are at risk due to lack of water, Anciso said. Dryland crops depend on rain.

He said even though harvest has not begun, producers are expecting yields of 30,000 pounds per acre of irrigated watermelons and 15,000 to 20,000 pounds per acre of the dryland watermelons. The annual average for irrigated watermelons is 40,000 pounds per acre.

Rodney L. Holloway, Extension pesticide assessment specialist in College Station, said bright hot days and warm nights are optimum for irrigated watermelons. Cooler temperatures and excessive rainfall slow growth, maturity and reduce sugars, which lowers the quality.

Diseases have not been a problem, but some viruses have, Anciso said. Viruses cause crooked and distorted leaves. There is little that can be done about it, except to identify whether it was transmitted through white flies, aphids or if it came through the seed, he said.

"We are not too sure yet what type of virus it is, but we know we have virus problems," he said. "We don't know how much it has affected the crop yet."

Holloway said white flies and aphids feed by sucking plant juices from host plants. Heavy feeding can cause mottling or yellowing of the leaves.

The different watermelon varieties are hybrids, open pollinated, and seedless, he said. About 15 percent of the Texas commercial watermelon production is hybrid.

Hybrids are high producers, more consistent in production and consistently sweet.

He said about 40,000 acres of watermelons are grown from South Texas to the High Plains each year.

Holloway said Texas is the nation's leading producer of commercial watermelons, and 100 percent of the production goes to the local fresh markets.

Anciso said, "Not only are we producing during that time, but Florida as well as California start to produce, so there's lots of watermelons to eat."

Charles W. Neeb, district Extension director in Fort Stockton, said watermelon planting in Winkler County is complete.

Dale A. Fritz, district Extension director in Bryan, said watermelons in Waller County are being cultivated and weeded, while others are being planted.

Jose Pea, Extension economist in Uvalde, said watermelons have been planted and are coming up to good plant stands.

Ronald C. Woolley, district Extension director in Stephenville, said watermelon planting continues.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors.

PANHANDLE: soil moisture very short. Irrigated wheat making good progress in response to warmer temperatures and last week's rain; for dryland wheat, however, it was too little too late. Corn planting continuing. Cattle in fair to good condition, some supplemental feeding continues.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture is fair to good. Field preparation for spring planting continues. Corn planting is progressing. Most wheat fields are jointing and growing rapidly. A few dryland wheat fields have Russian wheat aphid infestations. Decreasing supplemental feeding due to pasture green-up.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture is adequate. Cotton, hay and peanut land preparation continues. Wheat grew tremendously. Trees continue to bloom and leaf out. Range and pasture growth continues to increase. Livestock continue to improve; supplemental feeding continues.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture is surplus. Very little farming activity due to heavy rains. Slowdown of corn and soybean planting. Winter wheat is good. Sweet potato bedding for slip production complete. Forage showing excellent growth. Beef cattle in good shape. Livestock supplemental feeding is minimal. Harvesting pine trees at a moderate rate.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture is good. Excellent growth in spring grasses. Excellent cattle conditions; market numbers and prices down. Spring gardening activities in full.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture is very short to adequate. Some improvement in range conditions. Livestock supplemental feeding continues. Potatoes are doing well. Trees begin to bread bud. Cotton planting two weeks away. Cantaloupes are coming up. Fall onion growth in full speed; yellow onion thrips present, but under control. Half of chile acreage has and almost all corn has emerged. More than half cotton is sown. More than half of pecans broke dormancy.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is short. Dry conditions slowing spring growth. Sorghum planting in full swing. Oat and wheats are good. Cool season grasses continue to grow well. Livestock in good condition; supplemental feeding continues. Pecan trees are starting to swell and leaf out.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate. Winter pastures are good to excellent. Livestock conditions improving. Rust disease rapidly taking over certain varieties and doing severe damage. Sorghum planting continues.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate. Soil is too wet for much activity. Ryegrass and winter pastures are doing very well. Early corn damage by cutworms reported. Ranchers are fertilizing pastures and making preparations for first cutting of hay.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate. Corn and sorghum are good. Cotton planting starting. Wheat and oats are heading; both crops suffered mild to severe damage from cold spell. Cabbage, carrot, spinach and cucumber harvest continues. Potatoes and onions progressing well.

COASTAL BEND: soil moisture is short. Early planted crops are average. Ranchers are in need of hay. Cattle market is down. Tussock moth is becoming a nuisance to homeowners.

SOUTH TEXAS: soil moisture is short. Pastures continue to suffer. Culling of cattle and livestock supplemental feeding continue. Sugarcane harvest complete.

Wheat production expected to be 14 percent above 2001

AUSTIN — Texas wheat producers expect to harvest 80 million bushels this year, 26 percent below the 2001 crop, but 21 percent above the 2000 crop.

According to an April 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, planted acreage for the 2002 crop is estimated at 6.4 million acres, up 14 percent from 2001 and 7 percent above 2000.

Production on the Northern High Plains is expected to total 28 million bushels, down 52 percent from a year ago.

Prior to April 1, wheat was stressed by a shortage of moisture, erratic temperatures and insect pressure.

Producers in the Blacklands expect to harvest 18 million bushels, up 72 percent from last year. Planted acres for the region, at 850,000 acres, were up 57 percent from the previous year. Moisture conditions were improving in this region, and fields were making good progress.

Statewide winter wheat condition around April 1 was rated at 43 percent of normal, compared with 64 percent last year.

Texas is the only state that makes an April 1 winter wheat production estimate. The first national wheat forecast will be released May 10.

500,000+ agriculture surveys to be mailed in next few weeks

AUSTIN — Over 500,000 potential farms and ranches across the country will receive a 2002 Farm Identification Survey in the mail during the next few weeks. The survey will help identify agricultural operations for the 2002 Census of Agriculture.

"Many people who do not consider themselves farmers or ranchers actually qualify for the Census of Agriculture," noted Texas State Statistician Robin Roark. He went on to say that it is very important that all agricultural producers, large and small, are covered by the Census of Agriculture. The Farm Identification Survey is one way to make sure that happens.

The survey consists of seven short questions about crops grown or livestock raised, in any quantity. This information will help determine whether the operation should be included in the Census of Agriculture, which will be mailed in December 2002. The short survey should take less than five minutes to complete and mail in the postage-paid return envelope.

Roark also noted that under Title 7, U.S. Code, the information provided in this survey is confidential and will not be disclosed to any individual or organization. The same law also provides that responses to this survey and the Census of Agriculture are mandatory.

The 2002 Census of Agriculture will be mailed to almost 3 million farms and ranches in December.

For more information about the Farm Identification Survey or the 2002 Census of Agriculture, go online at www.usda.gov/nass/ or call toll-free at 1-800-626-3142.

AGRIPARTNER REPORT

The Texas Cooperative Extension Service most recent AgriPartner Report for Gray, Roberts, Carson and Wheeler counties is as follows:

Greenbugs which have been around all winter and early spring are rapidly on the decline and should no longer be a problem in area wheat. Armyworm remains about the only insect pest that has potential of attacking wheat from now until harvest.

Armyworms migrate into the area from the south. Reports from South Texas do not indicate any problem at this time with armyworm in wheat.

Alfalfa weevil infestations are near economic threshold levels in area alfalfa fields.

A more virulent form of cowpea aphid is suspected of infesting much of the alfalfa in the Texas Panhandle. This aphid has been observed causing severe stunting over large areas of alfalfa.

The cowpea is much darker than the pea, blue alfalfa and spotted alfalfa aphids which commonly infest area alfalfa. Alfalfa producers need to check their fields for this potentially damaging pest immediately.

Seminar set for agriculture lenders

LUBBOCK — Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas A&M's Department of Agricultural Economics will offer a four-day seminar in June that is designed specifically for lenders, said an A&M economist.

"This two-part seminar is an in-depth risk management education program specifically designed for lenders who work with ag producers and agribusinesses," said Jackie Smith, Extension economist based in Lubbock.

"We will focus on understanding price risk, and the best tools available to manage that risk. Highly volatile commodity markets and uncertainty about future farm programs underscore the importance of understanding risk and having a risk management plan in place."

The four-day course will occur in two sessions, June 12-13 and June 26-27, at St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio.

Registration for this intensive risk management education program costs $750 per person. The registration deadline is May 15.

Checks should be payable to Texas Extension Education Foundation.

An optional introduction to futures and options workshop will be held on June 11, and is open to anyone who wants to refresh or increase their understanding of these tools, Smith added.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

'LEGACY'
The M.K. Brown "Legacy" book is currently on sale at White Deer Land Museum, Hastings and the Chamber of Commerce.

CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS
Top O' Texas CattleWomen Scholarship application forms are now availablpolarship in the amount of $500 and two in the amount of $250 will be awarded. College-bound seniors from Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler Counties are eligible to apply. The application deadline is April 26. The forms must be mailed to: Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. For more information, call (806) 826-3572 or (806) 826-5719.

PCCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Pampa Community Concert Association's 2002-03 season membership campaign is currently under way through June 1. Membership subscriptions are $30 for adults, $15 for students and $70 for families. For more information, call Ruth Riehart, president, at 665-0343.

WDLM EXHIBIT
"Gray County in Black and White, 1902-2002," a photographic exhibit, will be on display April 1-31 at White Deer Land Museum in Pampa.

HOSPICE TRAINING
BSA Hospice will present its free "Spring Volunteer Training and Community Education Class" from 1-4 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, April 8-May 1 at Clarendon College in Clarendon. CEUs will be awarded by CC. For more information or to register, call (806) 665-6677.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING
Gray Co. Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a "Lifeguard Training" course from 5:30-10 p.m., Monday, April 22 through Tuesday, April 30 at Pampa Youth and Community Center (PYCC). A $4 fee will be charged non-PYCC members. Cost of the course is $85 (includes manual and CPR mask). To register for the class or for more information, call 669-7121.

INSTRUCTOR TRAINING
Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct an "Instructor Training Course" from 6-10 p.m., April 22-25 at 108 N. Russell in Pampa. Cost of the course is $100 (includes manual and pre-course session.) For more information, call 669-7121.

UNITED WAY
Pampa United Way Budget Allocations Committee will meet with each UW agency at designated times on April 23 in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN
Top O' Texas Republican Women will meet from 11:30-1 p.m., Wednesday, April 24 at Furr's Family Dining in Pampa. Visitors are welcome.

STAND LECTURE
STAND of Amarillo will present Arjun Makhijani, Ph.D., at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 25 at the Smith home located on El Rancho Road (County Road 9) outside of Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 335-1050 or (806) 358-2622.

PACS
Pampa Area Christian Singles monthly dance will be held from 8-11 p.m., April 27 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Dance to Indian Summer. Participants are encouraged to bring snacks. For more information, call 665-7059.

ALTRUSA SCHOLARSHIP
Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa is currently accepting applications for its Geraldine Rampy Adult Vocational scholarship, in the amount of $500, to be awarded this spring. The award may be used for educational, training or retraining purposes and may go towards tuition, books and like expenses. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2002. For more information or to obtain an application, contact Anne Stobbe at 669-5780.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., April 3 and 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; 1-3:30 p.m., April 22, McLean School, McLean; and 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, April 23, Groom School, Groom.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: April 23, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, Pampa; April 3 and 17, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; April 19, Family Care Center, Shamrock; and April 30, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION
Ten free oak trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout this month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between April and May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To receive the free trees, send a $10 membership contribution to Ten Free Dogwood Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30, 2002.

HEART FIESTA GALA
American Heart Association Heart Fiesta Gala at 7 p.m., May 3 at Pampa Country Club. For more information, call 665-0356.

COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT
Clarendon College commencement ceremonies will be conducted at 7:30 p.m., May 3 in Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium on the main college campus in Clarendon. Tate Seideman of Lubbock will provide the student address. A reception will precede commencement at 6 p.m., in the Dining Hall.

MAYFEST
Mayfest, an annual metaphysical celebration, will be held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, May 4 at Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church in Amarillo. Admission is $3. Proceeds will benefit Martha's Home, a shelter for homeless women and children. Activities will include entertainment by Virgie Ravenhawk, a Native American flutist, guest lecturers on the hour, palm readers, tarot readers, aura readers, medicine card readers, intuitive numerology readings and more. Vendors will offer a variety of wares such as jewelry, crystals, painted gourds, books, mendhi art design and more. For additional information, call (806) 463-5533, (806) 356-8867 or visit www.angelcities.com/members/nightsky on the Internet.

GED, QUICK TASP
Clarendon College will conduct testing for the GED and the Quick-TASP in May. The GED exam will be offered at 9 a.m., May 6 at the main campus in Clarendon and 9 a.m., May 13 at the CC-Pampa Center. Registration for both tests will be held at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the test. Cost is $60. The Quick-TASP will be offered at 9 a.m., May 9 at CCPC and at 8 a.m., May 15 at the main campus. Registration will begin 30-minutes before each exam. Cost is $39. Two forms of ID (one must include photo ID) are required for each test. To pre-register or for more information, call CCPC at 665-8801 or CC in Clarendon at (806) 874-3571.

BABYSITTING COURSE
Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a babysitting class open to individuals age 11 and above from 4-6:30 p.m., May 6-8 at 108 N. Russell in Pampa. Cost of the course is $30. To register or for more information, contact the local ARC office at 669-7121.

ACT
The next ACT Assessment test will be administered June 8 nationwide. College-bound high school students must register for the exam by May 3. Cost of the exam is $24. Late registration postmark deadline is May 17 and includes an additional fee. For more information, visit www.act.org on the Internet.

GOLF SCRAMBLE
Baptist-St. Anthony's will stage a golf scramble fund-raiser beginning at 8 a.m., May 4 at Hidden Hills Golf Course. For more information, call BSA Hospice 665-6677.

WHEELER COC EVENT
Wheeler Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its annual City-Wide Garage Sale and Car Show fund-raiser Saturday, May 4. Registration for the Sixth Annual Car Show will be held from 9 a.m.-12 noon on the day of the event. Awards will be presented by 4 p.m. A Kid Model Car Show for ages 2-8 and 9-12 will also be featured and Pokey the Clown will be on hand to entertain participants. Concessions will be available. For more information, contact Wheeler COC at (806) 826-3408.

COMPUTER FUNDAMENTALS
Clarendon College will offer "Computer Fundamentals" from 6-8 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays, May 13-June 14 at its main campus in Clarendon. For more information, call (806) 874-3571.

PAMPA PARTNERSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT
Pampa Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament May 18-19. For more information, contact Pampa Country Club, Hidden Hills Public Golf Course or the Chamber of Commerce office at 669-3241.

ERICK CENTENNIAL
The City of Erick, Okla., will observe its 100th anniversary with a Centennial Celebration May 25 and 26. Activities will include: Erick/Texola Alumni Reunion, history displays, street dance, parade, basketball games, worship service, old-time contests, train rides, mini-hay rides and more. For more information, call (580) 526-3924 or e-mail erickcityhall@logixonline.net.

P.E.O. FUND-RAISER
Chapter CS, P.E.O. Sisterhood, will sponsor a book review by Carol Headrick, an autobiography of Beatrix Potter, at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 9 at the Chamber of Commerce Building, 200 N. Ballard. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for students. Contact any Chapter CS member or call 665-7064 for information.

AMARILLO BOTANICAL GARDENS
Amarillo Botanical Gardens will host a gardening hour from 12-1 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month through Oct. 16 at its location in Harrington Regional Medical Center Complex in Amarillo. For more information, call the Gardens at (806) 352-6513.

WINE & CLAY FESTIVAL
Llano Estacado Winery and Llano Estacado Clay Guild will sponsor the Fifth Annual Wine and Clay Festival June 8-9 at Llano Etacado Winery outside Lubbock. Admission is free. The event will include ceramic art, wine tasting, clay demonstrations and food and fine art booths. For more information, call (806) 748-9337 or (806) 745-2258.

82ND AIRBORNE
Veterans from the 11th, 13th, 17th, 101st, 82nd, 173rd and today's Special Forces are invited to 20th Annual Southwest Memorial Airborne Days June 14-16 in Corpus Christi. For more information contact: All Airborne, 5459 Northcutt Pl., Dayton, OH 45414-3742; phone 1-937-898-5977; or e-mail srgabn@aol.com

OUTWARD BOUND
North Carolina Outward Bound teen summer wilderness program will offer several courses for teens this summer including a kayaking expedition, hiking expedition, rock climbing and more. Teens are taught first aid, wilderness safety, navigation and environmental stewardship courtesy in the program. For more information call 1-877-77-NCOBS, e-mail chalenge@ncobs.org or log on to www.ncoutwardbound.com/summer.html.

ILP CONTEST
International Library of Photography is sponsoring a free open amateur photography contest. Deadline for entries is June 28, 2002. For more information, visit www.picture.com on the World Wide Web.

USS MADDOX
USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion will be Aug. 22-26, 2002, at Savannah, Ga. For more information contact Cliff Gillespie at (714) 960-5283.

USS SAINT PAUL
The USS Saint Paul (CA-73) Association will kick-off its 10th reunion celebration Aug. 27, 2002, at Portland, Ore. For more information, call George M. Takis, Jr., at (770) 393-3185 or write: George M. Takis, Jr., Secretary, 125 Spaulding Drive N.E., Atlanta, GA 30328.

U.S. LST SHIPMATES SOUGHT
U.S. LST Association is looking for all LST'ers to participate in an upcoming reunion Aug. 27-Sept. 2, 2002. The reunion celebration is open to shipmates from World War II to the present date. For more information, contact: Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948; 1-800-228-5870; e-mail USLST:@KMBS.com.

HARRINGTON QUARTET
Harrington String Quartet will perform its 21st anniversary season in 2002-03. The quartet will perform four subscription concerts on the following dates: Sept. 14, 2002; Nov. 16, 2002; March 8, 2003; and May 17, 2003. For ticket information, call the Amarillo Symphony Box Office at (806) 376-8782.

25TH INFANTRY
The 25th Infantry Division Association will hold a reunion-convention on Sept. 4-8 in Branson, Mo. Another reunion celebration is planned Nov. 8-11 at Washington, D.C., in commemoration of the anniversary of the Vietnam War Memorial. For more information, contact: Andy Ansell, RD#3, Box 336, Acme, PA 15610.

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Jacqueline Jonelle Tinney, Timothy Loyd Todd, Trenton Keith Roberson, Gareth Akash Vaid, Wanda Pauline Hughes, Andrew Wiley Klein, Erasmo Jesus Soto, Rickey Dee Vaughn, Mase Ryan Furgerson, Joshua Ryan Garcia, Willie Deon Hathaway, Laraine Lynn Hess, Cory Kevin Jackson, Johnathan D. Jennings, Angela Michelle Mullen, Joshua Caleb Barnes, Virginia Lynn Nosek, Linda Marie Searcy, Raymond Earl Turpen.

ST. VINCENT'S HONOR ROLL

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School recently announced its honor roll for the fifth six-weeks grading period of the 2001-02 school year.

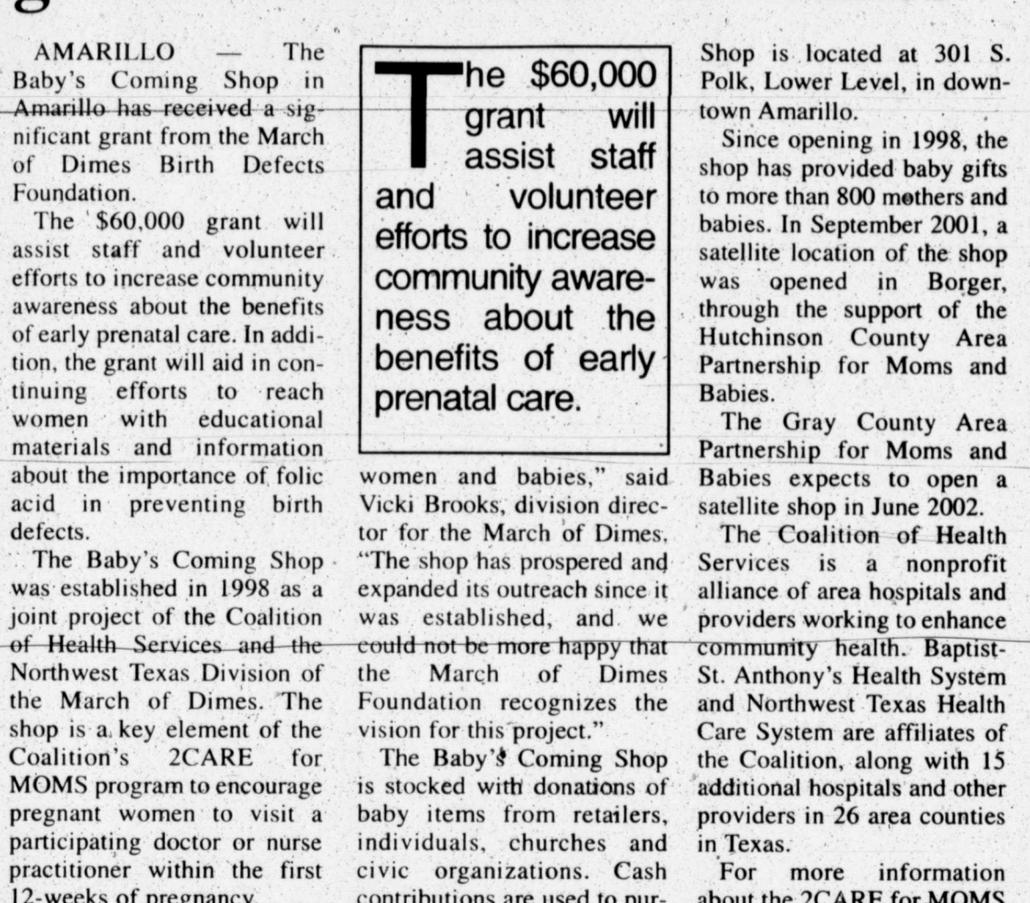
A Honor Roll. James Thompson, Oliver Cabrales, Ben Dietz, Sydney Hoelting, Michael Fulkerson, Gregorio Cabrales, Trevor McVay, Joseph Mechelay, Garrett Sewell, Alyssa Hoelting, Brenna Albracht, Diana Mechelay.

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Friends of the NRA Dinner & Auction

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2002
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(Courtesy photo)
Sky Hilton, right, coordinator of the central Baby's Coming Shop in Amarillo, accepts a donation from Vicki Brooks, division director of the March of Dimes.

Baby's Coming Shop receives grant from March of Dimes

AMARILLO — The Baby's Coming Shop in Amarillo has received a significant grant from the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

The $60,000 grant will assist staff and volunteer efforts to increase community awareness about the benefits of early prenatal care. In addition, the grant will aid in continuing efforts to reach women with educational materials and information about the importance of folic acid in preventing birth defects.

The Baby's Coming Shop was established in 1998 as a joint project of the Coalition of Health Services and the Northwest Texas Division of the March of Dimes. The shop is a key element of the Coalition's 2CARE for MOMS program to encourage pregnant women to visit a participating doctor or nurse practitioner within the first 12-weeks of pregnancy.

Participants earn points for completing a schedule of prenatal and postpartum medical appointments, making healthy choices and for attending educational classes related to pregnancy, birth, childcare and more. When fathers participate, even more points are earned.

Participants visit the Baby's Coming Shop after their baby is born to redeem points for gifts of baby merchandise.

"This grant will allow the Baby's Coming Shop to continue to touch the lives of women and babies," said Vicki Brooks, division director for the March of Dimes. "The shop has prospered and expanded its outreach since it was established, and we could not be more happy that the March of Dimes Foundation recognizes the vision for this project."

> The $60,000 grant will assist staff and volunteer efforts to increase community awareness about the benefits of early prenatal care.

The Baby's Coming Shop is stocked with donations of baby items from retailers, individuals, churches and civic organizations. Cash contributions are used to purchase needed items ranging from diapers and blankets to strollers and cribs.

The central Baby's Coming Shop is located at 301 S. Polk, Lower Level, in downtown Amarillo.

Since opening in 1998, the shop has provided baby gifts to more than 800 mothers and babies. In September 2001, a satellite location of the shop was opened in Borger, through the support of the Hutchinson County Area Partnership for Moms and Babies.

The Gray County Area Partnership for Moms and Babies expects to open a satellite shop in June 2002.

The Coalition of Health Services is a nonprofit alliance of area hospitals and providers working to enhance community health. Baptist-St. Anthony's Health System and Northwest Texas Health Care System are affiliates of the Coalition, along with 15 additional hospitals and other providers in 26 area counties in Texas.

For more information about the 2CARE for MOMS incentive program or the Baby's Coming Shop, contact Holly Hancock toll-free at (888) 89-2CARE.

GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS HONOR ROLL

Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District recently announced its honor roll for the fifth six-weeks grading period of the 2001-02 school year.

A HONOR ROLL

First Grade. Claire Hopkins, Alex Stevens.

Second Grade. Ty Baggerman, Hilary Zedlitz.

Fourth Grade. Hilary Acker, Zachery Ponce.

Fifth Grade. Jessica Baggerman, Hannah Hopkins.

Sixth Grade. Rusty Warner.

AB HONOR ROLL

First Grade. Alex Ragsdale, Joseph Slatten.

Second Grade. Amber Harris, Chloe Zedlitz.

Third Grade. Reid Bradley, Kyle Turner.

Fourth Grade. Robert Ponce, Cody Schiffman.

Fifth Grade. Tyler O'Neal.

It's Happening At Central Baptist Church April 21-24

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The Gift Shop
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We have expanded and remodeled our Gift Shop. Please come and help us celebrate our grand opening. We are still located just inside the main east entrance of Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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CALENDAR ITEMS

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

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.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST
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.

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.

PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION
Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will met at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building (Chamber building).

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.

PAMPA TAKEDOWN CLUB WRESTLING
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 Urguhart at 665-8321.

MAGIC PLAINS CHAPTER 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.

CHILDREN'S 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.

ACCORD
The 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.

GRAY COUNTY PARTNERSHIP
Gray County Partnership meets at 12 noon on the third Friday of each month at Medical Office Building, second floor conference room, in Pampa. For more information, call 665-3631 and leave a message.

MOM MANIA
Mom Mania, a support group for mothers with small children, meets at 6:30 p.m., the last Tuesday of each month in the meeting room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Come for facts, food and fun. Nursery not included but infants and toddlers are welcome. For more information, call 665-3631.

CPF
Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

GRAY COUNTY 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.

HOSPICE SERIES
Crown of Texas Hospice is offering HOPE (Healing Our Parental Emptiness) bereavement series for those grieving the death of a child (pregnancy to 18 years) from 10-11:30 a.m. the first Saturday of each month at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The series is free and open to the public. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

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.

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.

TRALEE
Women's Support Group for victims of domestic violence offers peer counseling, group support and education on issues resulting from family violence and/or sexual assault from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 669-1131.

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

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.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #173-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

COUNTY ASSOC. FOR RETARDED CITIZENS
Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

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.

CLARENDON VFW CHARITY BINGO
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7782, Hwy 287 east, Clarendon, hosts charity bingo every Saturday. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m. Ten games are played per session. For more information, call 874-VETS. The maximum award is $750 per game and $2,500 per session.

PPHM STORY TIME
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present "Story Time" at 2:30 p.m. every second Saturday of each month except December and January on the second floor of the museum. For more information, contact PPHM at (806) 651-2244.

SKY TEENS
Crown of Texas Hospice is offering SKY Teens, a monthly bereavement series for teens grades 9-12 who are grieving the death of a loved one, from 5:30-7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at its office at 1000 S. Jefferson in Amarillo. There is no charge for the series. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

T.O.P.S. #149
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

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.

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VETERANS NOTICE
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.

OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC
Outreach Health Services/WIC Nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information, call 665-1182.

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.

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.

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 Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PAMI
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

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

OPEN DOOR AA
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

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

HIGHLAND BAPTIST
Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, will host prayer time from 11 am.-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.

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.

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.

AHA
American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant.

AMERICAN 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.

RODEO ASSOC.
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.

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.

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.

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

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

CITIZENS PATROL ASSOCIATION
Pampa Citizens Patrol Association meets at 8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at 1224 E. Francis.

PAMPA PILOTS ASSOCIATION
Pampa Pilots Association meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Airport Lounge.

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

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

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.

FREEDOM MUSEUM
Freedom Museum, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

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GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association will start having Playdays. There will be a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Hidden Hills public golf course.

BASKETBALL

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) — Sue Bird was taken No. 1 by the Seattle Storm in the WNBA draft, one of four players from unbeaten NCAA champion Connecticut in the top six selections.

She was followed by Huskies teammates Swin Cash at No. 2 to Detroit, Asjha Jones at No. 4 to Washington, and Tamika Williams at No. 6 to Minnesota.

Washington also chose Stacey Dales-Schuman of Oklahoma with the No. 3 selection — the highest spot for a Canadian player — and the fifth pick was North Carolina guard Nikki Teasley to Portland.

AUTO RACING

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — The crash of Jack Roush's plane shadows today's race at Talladega Superspeedway.

The accident also was a grim reminder of air crashes that took the lives of two Winston Cup drivers.

Roush was critically injured after the small plane he was piloting crashed in southeast Alabama.

He was being evaluated at UAB Hospital, spokeswoman Tracy Bischoff said. She added that Roush Racing and NASCAR would provide details during a news conference Saturday at the speedway.

Nobody from the Roush team was immediately available for comment.

The longtime NASCAR entrant has two cars entered in Saturday's Busch Series event and four running in Sunday's featured Aaron's 499 on the 2.66-mile oval.

The accident recalled two other crashes involving Winston Cup racers.

Alan Kulwicki, the 1992 series champion, was killed in the crash of a private plane on the way to a race in Bristol, Tenn., in 1993. Davey Allison died when he crashed his helicopter on the Talladega Superspeedway property later that same year.

NASCAR drivers, owners and officials regularly crisscross the country in private planes to keep up with their schedules.

Pampa holds off Caprock for 12-10 win

PAMPA — Pampa gained sole possession of third place in the District 3-4A standings with a 12-10 win over Caprock at Harvester Field Friday.

Both teams had 5-5 district records going into the game, which saw Caprock take a 4-1 lead going into the bottom of the fourth. That's when Pampa erupted for six runs to go on top to stay. The Harvesters added four more runs in the fifth and then held off Caprock rallies in the final two innings to capture the victory.

Pampa lefty Adam Jones, nursing a sore shoulder, went six innings to pick up the mound win. Jones struck out out nine, walked five, and allowed five hits before being relieved by Max Simon to start the seventh. Caprock scored three runs in the sixth and added three more in the seventh before Simon retired Michael Littlejohn on the groundball for the final out.

Tyson Moree and Wes Martin led Pampa at the plate with three hits each.

Moree knocked in three runs with a triple, double and single. Martin had a pair of doubles, one single, and an RBI.

Randy Tice led off the first inning by hitting Brian Bailey's first pitch for a home run. Tice also added a base hit to the attack.

Michael Galloway had a two-run double and Ryan Zemanek added a run-scoring triple. Jones also singled in a run and Kyle Francis had an RBI on a groundball.

Everyone made a contribution to the crucial district win. Charlie Craig reached base on a groundball error and scored a run. Simon was also used as a courtesy runner and scored two runs. Evan Miller, the area's leading 5A-4A hitter, didn't have a hit, but he was hit twice by pitches and scored a run.

Junior Jered Snelgrooes returned to active duty Friday afternoon after being knocked unconscious by a pitch in the ninth inning of the Pampa-Hereford game April 15. He went into the lineup as a courtesy runner in the fifth inning and scored on a wild pitch.

Daniel Cordova had a three-run homer for the Longhorns in the sixth. Michael Martinez and Rance Fiel had two hits each for Caprock.

Pampa is now 6-5 in district and 12-14 for the season. Caprock is 5-6 and 9-13.

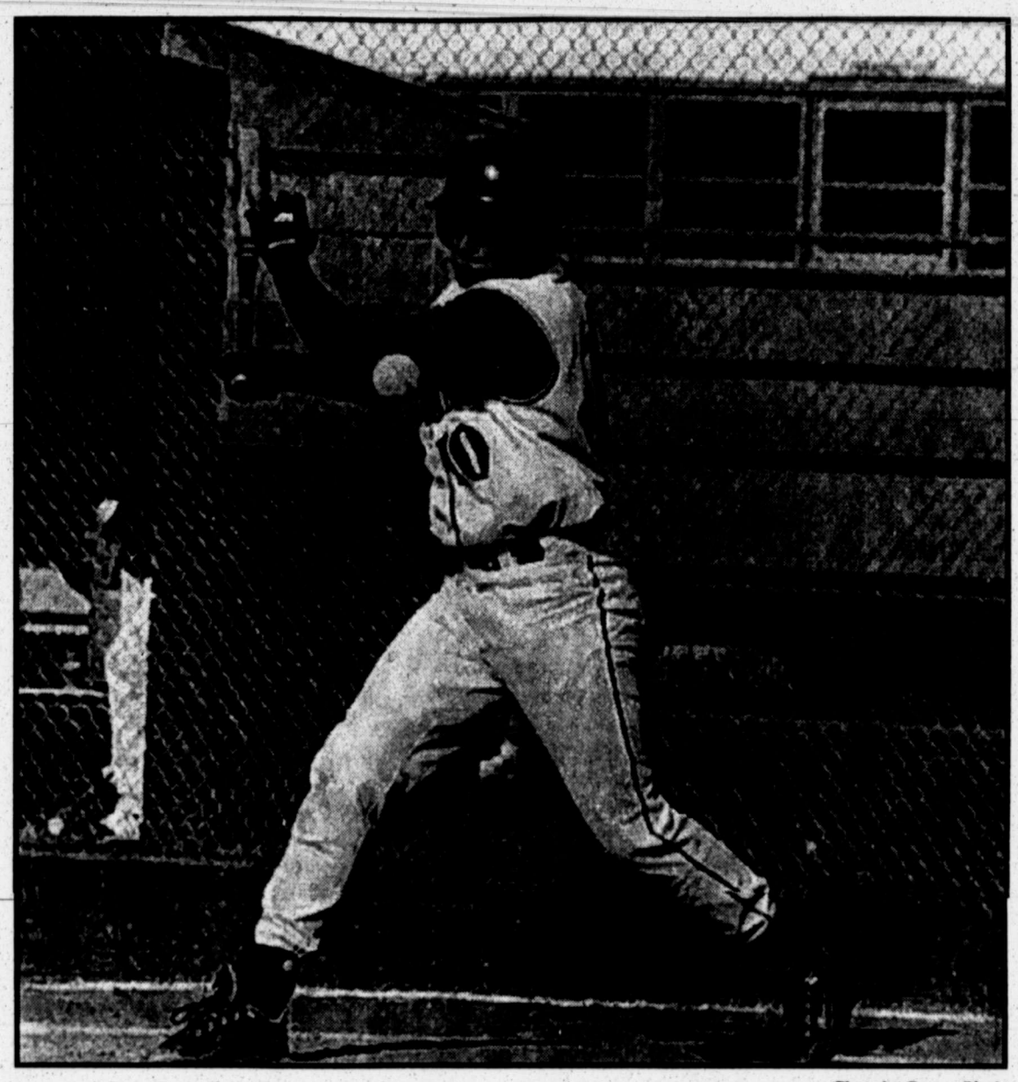
The Pampa-Canyon game has been postponed until 4:30 p.m. Monday at Canyon.

Notes: Going into weekend action, Pampa senior Evan Miller is still the batting leader among Class 5A-4A baseball teams in the Amarillo area.

With his current .551 average, Miller has been the area's leading hitter in the top two classicifations througout the season. Caprock's Michael Martinez is second at .515.

Miller is also chasing Randall's Chance Douglass for the RBI lead. Miller is three behind Douglas, who has 40 runs-batted-in.

Pampa's Wes Martin is listed at No. 20 on the batting chart with his .388 average. The senior second sacker could move up after going 3. for 5 Friday against Caprock.



(Photo by Grover Black)

Pampa's Adam Jones fouls off a pitch from Caprock's Brian Bailey.

Pampa center fielder Randy Tice could move up on the home run chart after his leadoff homer Friday gave him five for the season, tops among the Harvesters. He was tied with three others for fourth place among the area leaders going into the Caprock game.

Pampa lefty Adam Jones was third in strikeouts among area pitchers with 45. He pushed that number to 54 with nine strikeouts against the Longhorns.

The high school baseball statistics are published weekly in the Amarillo Globe-News.

Rangers stop Seattle's 10-game winning streak

SEATTLE (AP) — The Texas Rangers took some of the swagger out of the Seattle Mariners.

The Rangers stopped Seattle's 10-game winning streak, beating the Mariners 9-0 Friday night as Rafael Palmeiro hit his 450th career homer and Kenny Rogers pitched his first shutout in three years.

"It's a nice accomplishment, but I hope I can do bigger things," the 37-year-old Palmeiro said.

The Mariners, who swept a 10-game road trip at AL West rivals Anaheim, Texas and Oakland, are 3-4 at home. Seattle had been 19-5 against the Rangers in the past two seasons.

"They've had success against everybody, not just us," Palmeiro said. "But I know that if we pitch good, we'll have a chance to win. I know we can play with them."

Seattle finished 43 games ahead of the last-place Rangers in winning the AL West last season.

"We've got a lot of guys who were here a year ago that didn't quit, and I don't see 'em quitting this year," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said.

Alex Rodriguez, back in Seattle for the first time this season, was booed by the crowd of 45,346 but not as loudly as he was last season — the first after he left the Mariners to sign a record $252 million, 10-year contract with the Rangers. Some fans threw paper money out of the upper decks.

Rogers (1-0) allowed five hits in his first shutout and complete game since Sept. 6, 1999, for the New York Mets against San Francisco. He limited struck out six and walked one in the Rangers' second shutout this season, lowering his ERA to 1.73.

"I felt good," said Rogers, also 37. "I felt I was in control of what I was trying to do out there. My location was good when I needed it to be."

Seattle averaged 7.7 runs and 12.4 hits during its road trip, but Rogers shut down the Mariners with his seventh career shutout and 32nd complete game.

"When the guys score nine runs, it's a big boost for you to get in your rhythm," Rogers said. "They just won 10 in a row over there. They're as good as anybody in baseball."

Bret Boone of the Mariners gave all the credit to Rogers.

"He pitched a great game and he deserved to win tonight," he said. "He changed speeds with his sinker. He threw it 89 (mph), he threw it 85, he threw it 82 and he threw it 79. All his pitches had the same movement."

Palmeiro, who drove in four runs, became the 26th player to reach 450 homers. He has 35 homers and 101 RBIs against the Mariners.

He gave the Rangers a 3-0 lead in the first with a three-run homer off Paul Abbott (1-1). Frank Catalanotto singled and Rodriguez walked before Palmeiro's third homer this season.

"It was a big one," Palmeiro said. "It put us up in the game early on. We needed to get off to a good start. We didn't let 'em get momentum."

Texas scored four runs in the fourth, with Rodriguez singling in the first two. Palmeiro doubled in a run and Seattle shortstop Carlos Guillen's throwing error gave Texas an unearned run. Michael Young homered off Brian Fitzgerald in the fifth.

Abbott allowed seven runs — six earned — and five hits in 3 1-3 innings, throwing 100 pitches. Abbott, a 17-game winner last season, has a 9.64 ERA after four starts.

"Our starting pitcher wasn't very sharp at all," Seattle manager Lou Piniella said. "In fact, I'm getting a little concerned. He throws a lot of pitches. It's a cause for concern because it's been the same pattern every time out."

Notes: Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 0-for-4, stopping his hitting streak at 11 games. ... Palmeiro became the 15th in major league history and the only active player with 450 homers and 2,500 hits ... He has seven home runs and 22 RBIs at Safeco Field. "I don't want to jinx myself, but there's places you hit well and places you don't hit well. This is one of those places I really hit well." ... The Mariners' Jeff Cirillo matched the major league record for consecutive games played at 3B without an error at 99.

Canucks defeat Red Wings 5-2 to take 2-0 lead in NHL playoffs

DETROIT (AP) — The Vancouver Canucks are going home in the best possible shape. The last team to qualify for the NHL playoffs from the Western Conference has the one with the league's top record down 2-0.

Dan Cloutier made 34 saves Friday night in his second straight spectacular performance, leading the Canucks past the Detroit Red Wings 5-2 for a sweep of the two games at Joe Louis Arena in the best-of-seven series.

Cloutier, who entered this postseason without a playoff win, made 32 saves in the 4-3 overtime victory in Game 1, outplaying Dominik Hasek, the six-time Vezina Trophy winner and two-time league MVP.

"Dan is the reason we won Game 1 and he's the reason we won Game 2," Vancouver's Brendan Morrison said. "It's that simple. He's been huge."

Hasek refused to blame the redirected shots that found their way past him in both games.

"I don't want to talk about bounces," Hasek said. "I don't look for excuses. I didn't play well, no doubt."

In the only other playoff game Friday, Carolina beat New Jersey 2-1 in overtime.

Five series will play Game 2s on Saturday: New York Islanders at Toronto, Los Angeles at Colorado, Phoenix at San Jose, Chicago at St. Louis and Ottawa at Philadelphia.

Five players scored for the Canucks, who again stunned the team with the NHL's best record during the regular season.

The Red Wings carry the burden of Stanley Cup expectations. The Canucks look as if they have done this before.

"Maybe we don't know any better," Morrison said.

After winning their first playoff game since 1996 in Game 1, the Canucks have won two straight for the first time in seven years.

The start to the first-round series has mirrored the end of the regular season: Detroit won only one of its final 10 games; the Canucks were 8-0-1 in their last nine.

"We played the last 10 games of the year like we were in the playoffs because we couldn't afford to lose one game," Cloutier said. "We've just carried that over to the playoffs."

Todd Bertuzzi, Andrew Cassels, Scott Lachance, Markus Naslund and Matt Cook scored for the Canucks, who will be home for Game 3 on Sunday night.

Vancouver, which never trailed, put the game away on Naslund's goal with 1:52 left to make it 4-2. Cook added an empty-net goal moments later as the crowd of 20,058 already was filing out.

Nicklas Lidstrom and Steve Yzerman each had a goal and an assist for Detroit, which has lost six straight playoff games.

Yzerman, playing on a sore right knee, gave the home team hope at 10:33 of the final period when he cut the Red Wings' deficit to 3-2 with a power-play goal. But this was the Canucks' night.

The Red Wings were booed and cheered sarcastically by their red-clad rabid fans.

"As long as our fans are making noise, good or bad, we appreciate it," Yzerman said.

Hasek drew mock cheers when he made an easy save, after Cassels gave Vancouver a 2-0 lead at 7:08 of the second.

Later, the crowd turned against the rest of the team by chanting "Shoot the, puck!, Shoot the puck!" because of the team's apparent desire for the perfect play.

"People here want the team to win and to do well," Yzerman said. "The thing is, we know when to shoot the puck."

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Pirates off to best start since '92

By The Associated Press

Even without their best players in the lineup, the Pittsburgh Pirates don't seem ready to relinquish a rare hold on first place.

Armando Rios' two-run single in a four-run eighth inning carried the injury-depleted Pirates past the Philadelphia Phillies 7-4 Friday night.

The Central Division-leading Pirates squandered a three-run lead but still won their fourth straight to improve to 10-5 — their best start since opening 12-3 in 1992, when they captured their last division title.

"You get the breaks when you're playing well, and that's something this team has done since the first day of the season," said Brian Giles, who is convinced these aren't the 100-loss Pirates of a year ago. "This team is playing with confidence right now. This team doesn't panic because we know we can win."

Pittsburgh catcher Jason Kendall sustained a concussion and second baseman Pokey Reese pulled his right hamstring in the first three innings. Both left the game, but neither injury appears serious.

The Pirates were already without third baseman Aramis Ramirez, who didn't start after spraining his right ankle while charging the mound Wednesday in Milwaukee.

With so few players available, manager Lloyd McClendon used pitcher Dave Williams as a pinch-hitter. Williams batted for starter Josh Fogg in the fifth and struck out.

"We were banged up, but the dugout stayed upbeat and that was special to watch," McClendon said.

In other NL games, it was: Chicago 5, Cincinnati 2; Montreal 5, New York 3; Atlanta 3, Florida 2; San Francisco 3, Houston 2; Milwaukee 6, St. Louis 1; Colorado 8, Arizona 6; and Los Angeles 5, San Diego 2.

With a no-name pitching staff and a mediocre lineup, the Pirates are trying to avoid their 10th straight losing season since winning the NL East in 1992.

Friday night, they showed the kind of resiliency it will take.

After a rain delay of nearly two hours, Phillies starter Vicente Padilla (2-2) fell behind 3-0 on Giles' solo homer in the first and two-run single in the third. But he settled down, and Philadelphia rallied to lead 4-3.

Still, Pittsburgh came back against the struggling Phillies bullpen. Keith Osik, who replaced Kendall, followed Rios' two-run double off Ricky Bottalico with an RBI single.

Sean Lowe (1-0) earned his first NL victory with two scoreless innings, and Mike Williams finished for his seventh save in seven opportunities.

"Any win is special, but this one felt really good," Lowe said. "I'm really enjoying this team because the guys are picking each other up."

The Phillies lost their sixth in eight games, failing to hold a late-inning lead for the third time in four days.

Giants 3, Astros 2

Livan Hernandez (4-0) won his fourth straight start despite giving up Lance Berkman's major league-leading ninth home run.

Reggie Sanders hit a two-run double off Shane Reynolds (2-2) and Rich Aurilia homered for the visiting Giants.

Barry Bonds singled twice in two at-bats and drew three walks.

Expos 5, Mets 3

Lee Stevens hit a three-run homer, Tony Armas Jr. (2-2) pitched into the seventh inning and New York made three errors to increase its major league-leading total to 24.

The crowd of 8,281 — Montreal's first over 5,000 since drawing 34,351 on opening day — included a large contingent of Mets fans who made the trip from New York.

Braves 3, Marlins 2

Darren Holmes (1-0) won for the first time since 1999 with Arizona, and Chipper Jones hit a go-ahead grounder in the eighth as Atlanta overcame two Cliff Floyd homers at Turner Field.

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National League At A Glance

By The Associated Press
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	10	7	.588	—
Montreal	9	8	.529	1
Florida	8	8	.500	1 1/2
Atlanta	8	9	.471	2
Philadelphia	7	10	.412	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	10	5	.667	—
St. Louis	9	8	.529	2
Cincinnati	8	8	.500	2 1/2
Houston	7	9	.438	3 1/2
Chicago	6	9	.400	4
Milwaukee	5	12	.294	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	11	5	.688	—
Arizona	10	7	.588	1 1/2
Los Angeles	10	7	.588	1 1/2
San Diego	8	9	.471	3 1/2
Colorado	6	11	.353	5 1/2

Thursday's Games
Cincinnati 5, Houston 4, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 1, Montreal 0
Florida 8, Philadelphia 7
Milwaukee 7, St. Louis 5
Los Angeles 5, San Diego 2
Friday's Games
Chicago Cubs 5, Cincinnati 2
Montreal 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 4
Atlanta 3, Florida 2
San Francisco 3, Houston 2
Milwaukee 6, St. Louis 1
Colorado 8, Arizona 6
Los Angeles 5, San Diego 2
Saturday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Estes 0-1) at Montreal (Pavano 1-2), 1:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Adams 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Villone 1-2), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Pearce 0-0) at Milwaukee (Rusch 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 0-3) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 2-0), 2:20 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 2-1) at Atlanta (Maddux 1-0 or Marquis 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 1-1) at Houston (Redding 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 2-1) at Arizona (Helling 1-2), 10:05 p.m.
San Diego (Jones 1-0) at Los Angeles (Perez 1-1), 10:10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Florida (Olsen 0-0) at Atlanta (Glavine 2-1), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Astacio 3-0) at Montreal (Yoshii 2-1), 1:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 1-0) at Pittsburgh (K.Wells 2-1), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (B.Smith 0-1) at Milwaukee (Neugebauer 0-2), 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Haynes 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Cruz 0-3), 2:20 p.m.
San Francisco (Jensen 1-0) at Houston (Mlicki 1-2), 2:35 p.m.
San Diego (Tomko 0-1) at Los Angeles (Ashby 1-0), 4:10 p.m.
Colorado (Chacon 1-2) at Arizona (Johnson 4-0), 4:35 p.m.

American League At A Glance

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	10	4	.714	—
New York	11	7	.611	1
Tampa Bay	6	9	.400	4 1/2
Toronto	6	9	.400	4 1/2
Baltimore	5	11	.313	6

Central Division

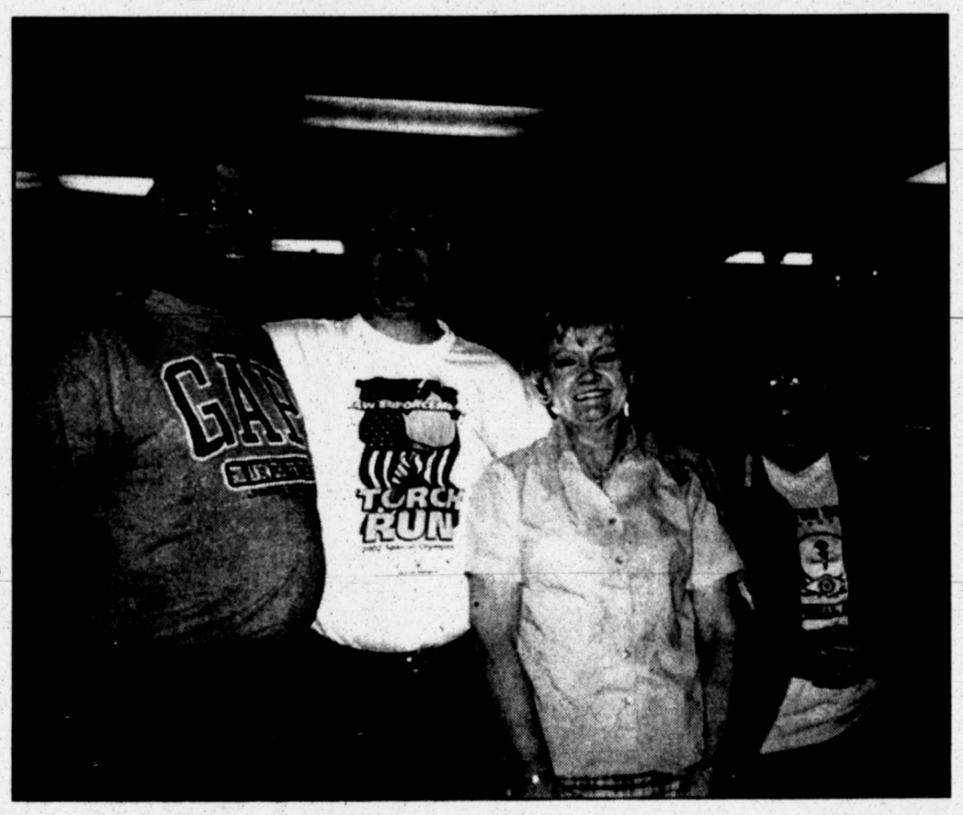
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	11	5	.688	—
Minnesota	11	6	.647	1/2
Chicago	10	6	.625	1
Kansas City	5	9	.357	5
Detroit	3	12	.200	7 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	13	4	.765	—
Oakland	9	8	.529	4
Anaheim	6	10	.375	6 1/2
Texas	5	11	.313	7 1/2

Thursday's Games
Minnesota 4, Kansas City 1
Tampa Bay 6, Detroit 4
Oakland 4, Anaheim 2
N.Y. Yankees 8, Baltimore 4
Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 1
Friday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 5
Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay 5, 14 innings
Minnesota 12, Cleveland 3
Boston 4, Kansas City 0
Detroit 8, Chicago White Sox 2
Texas 9, Seattle 0
Anaheim 9, Oakland 7
Saturday's Games
Toronto (Halladay 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Cornejo 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Appier 1-1) at Oakland (Zito 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Johnson 0-3) at Tampa Bay (Wilson 1-0), 6:15 p.m.
Boston (Burkett 0-0) at Kansas City (Rekar 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Drese 2-0) at Minnesota (Kinney 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Burba 1-0) at Seattle (Baldwin 2-0), 9:05 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Toronto (Carpenter 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 0-1) at Tampa Bay (James 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 1-1) at Minnesota (Reed 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 2-1) at Kansas City (Reichert 0-2), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (Lima 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Rauch 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Davis 2-0) at Seattle (Garcia 1-2), 4:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Sele 0-2) at Oakland (Lidle 0-3), 8:05 p.m.

Bowling break



(Courtesy photo)

Warden Nunn, Taisey Phillips, Irene Strouder, Linda Lou Pierce and Warden Bell take a break during the TDJC Jordan-Baten Units Special Olympic Bowling Tournament held recently at Harvester Lanes.

Report: Carr to sign $46.2 million deal

HOUSTON (AP) — The NFL's Management Council has approved the seven-year deal between the Houston Texans and Fresno State quarterback David Carr, the Houston Chronicle reported on its Web site Friday.

Carr was expected to be the first pick in Saturday's NFL draft.

The expansion Texans announced on April 3 that they would take Carr with the No. 1 overall pick in Saturday's NFL draft.

Following his selection at the NFL draft in New York on Saturday afternoon, Carr will return to Houston to sign a seven-year contract worth $46.2 million.

Carr agreed to the deal last week, but the Chronicle reported that league's management council didn't approve the language in the contract until Friday.

The deal calls for a signing bonus of $10.92 million and a $3.08 million bonus to be paid March 1, 2003. Carr's base salary this season will be $1.04 million, decreases to $550,000 in 2003, then rises to $660,000 in 2004.

Carr would be paid $16 million in the first three years of the deal, the most in NFL history for a player in the first three years of a contract.

The deal could be worth $60 million if he reaches incentives that would make him the most productive quarterback in NFL history.

"(Thursday) afternoon, the Texans told me they were on the final details of the contract with the league," Carr's agent, Mike Sullivan, told Houston television station KRIV. "They expected it to be approved (Friday). The Texans said they would call me in there were any problems and they haven't called me."

Sullivan negotiated the contract for last year's No. 1 pick in the draft, Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick.

Last summer, the ex-Virginia Tech standout received a $62 million, six-year deal from Atlanta that guaranteed him $15.3 million through the first three years, including a signing bonus of $3 million.

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Wahoo McDaniel is dead at 63

HOUSTON (AP) — Wahoo McDaniel, the former pro football player who became one of pro wrestling's most flamboyant figures, has died of complications from renal failure and diabetes. The former Oklahoma football standout was 63.

McDaniel, who lost both of his kidneys about 4 1/2 years ago, died Thursday night at Cy-Fair Medical Clinic in Houston, his oldest daughter said. He'd been in failing health in recent years, often undergoing kidney dialysis. McDaniel was on a waiting list to receive a kidney transplant.

He was born in Bernice, La., on June 19, 1938, and was a schoolboy football star at Midland (Texas) High School in the 1950s.

McDaniel moved on to the University of Oklahoma, where he lettered at linebacker from 1957-59. He holds the school record for the longest punt with a 91-yarder against Iowa State in 1958.

"He was a wild, crazy Indian," daughter Nicky Rowe said Friday. "He was bigger than life. He was just amazing."

The 5-foot-11, 280-pound McDaniel was selected by Los Angeles in the second round of the American Football League draft in 1960. He bounced around the AFL for much of his eight-year career, spending time with the Houston Oilers, Denver Broncos, New York Jets and, finally, the Miami Dolphins.

By the end of his football career, McDaniel had already established himself as a big name in minor-league wrestling circuits around the country. But as a member of the Jets, McDaniel began to headline wrestling events at Madison Square Garden with the help of the arena's owner, Sonny Werblin.

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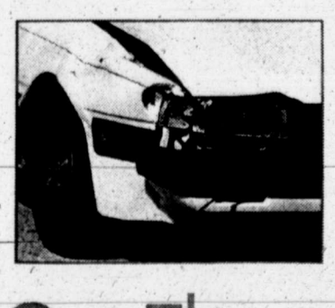
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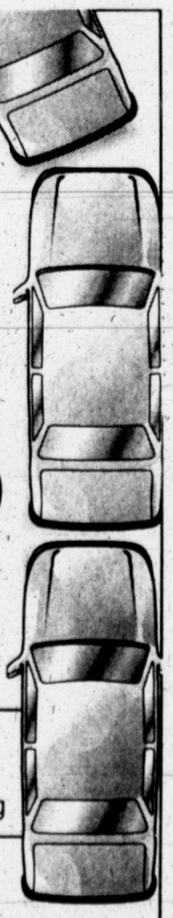
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'Destination Imagination'



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Austin Elementary School's "Destination Imagination Team" won first place recently in regional competition at Lubbock, competing in the Art of Improv challenge. The team consisted of (bottom row, left-right) Kamie Doughty, Tabbitha Courter, Kelbie Doughty, Casey Trimble; (top row, l-r) Lauren Smith, Matthew Smith and Chandler Talley.

'Munster' house being recreated in Waxahachie

BY ED HOUSEWRIGHT
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

WAXAHACHIE, Texas — Sandra McKee has lost count of how much she has spent on memorabilia from the 1960s TV show The Munsters.

Now she and her husband, Charles, are spending $250,000 to build a Victorian-style house to replicate the creepy home shown on the program.

Sandra McKee, 44, isn't just a fan of the sitcom about a family of odd, Gothic characters headed by Herman, a Frankenstein monster lookalike.

Fanatic would better describe Sandra McKee.

She owns all 70 episodes of the black-and-white program, which aired from 1964 to 1966 on CBS. From video clips and photos acquired from Munsters collectors around the country, the McKees are painstakingly re-creating the home inhabited on TV by Herman, wife Lily, Grandpa, cousin Marilyn and young son Eddie.

"They really were a normal family, other than looking different," said Sandra McKee, a retired insurance agent. "I thought this would be a really cool house to have."

She has made a Munsters fan out of her husband, who went along with building the two-story, 5,800-square-foot house with only gentle persuading. The frame home has arched windows, 10-foot ceilings and sits on 2 acres.

"If this is what she wants to do, this is what we'll do" said Charles McKee, 46, a plumber.

He understands the appeal of the Munsters.

"It had good, clean humor," he said. "My mother's church thought it was satanic. I told them to go home and watch it. Those people are as far from satanic as could be."

On Sunday, the actor who played Eddie flew in from Las Vegas at the McKees' invitation to inspect the house. "I think it's going to be fabulous," said Butch Patrick, 48, who makes frequent appearances at Munsters autograph shows and memorabilia conventions. "It's really a nice tribute to the show."

He plans to host a Halloween party there next fall, about the time it is scheduled for completion.

Patrick said The Munsters, off network TV for more than 35 years, is more popular than ever. Reruns are aired in 44 countries in multiple languages and can be seen regularly in about three-fourths of the United States, he said.

"I think it's because it was so campy the idea of having monsters live next door," he said.

Even though the house is still under construction, it has created a buzz.

Gary Blatt and his wife, Deborah, drove from Dallas on Sunday to see it.

"I think it's absolutely amazing," said Blatt, 42. "It was worth the trip. I'll probably be sending a lot of people down here."

Sandra McKee, who watches The Munsters every day and has memorized the dialogue, designed the floor plan herself based on the show. She is having many elements such as the front door and massive staircase custom built to ensure authenticity.

"I knew what I wanted, but getting someone to build it is another story," Sandra McKee said.

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Achievement medal



(Courtesy photo)

U.S. Navy YNSN Tawana L. Garrison was named "Junior Sailor of the Year" at U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Garrison is shown here receiving a Navy and Marine Corps achievement medal from Commanding Officer, JTF160, BGEN M.R. Lehnert. Garrison has been stationed in Cuba since December 2000. She is the daughter of Wanda Riggle of Skellytown and is the granddaughter of the late W.E. and Mattie Garrison.

Law bars ex-offenders from nursing home jobs

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Laura Garvey takes pride in her transformation into a responsible adult since she was convicted of burglary for breaking into a paint store in 1979.

But she is frustrated that a state law intended to protect the elderly from caregiver abuse and neglect does not consider her responsible enough to work in the health-care field.

Garvey, a 41-year-old part-time banquet waitress, cannot enroll in nursing school to become a licensed practical nurse because of the Older Adults Protective Services Act.

"This offense happened almost a quarter of a century ago. I paid my debt, served my time, and I proved myself a valuable person to my community and to my church," Garvey recently told the House Aging and Older Adult Services Committee.

"The lifetime ban has been like a noose around my neck, slowly choking my dreams," she said.

In December, the state Commonwealth Court declared the law unconstitutional because a provision banning former criminals from working in nursing homes provides no exceptions for anyone who has long since reformed.

The law was originally enacted in 1987 and amended 10 years later to make caregiver jobs off-limits for people with certain criminal records, including drug felonies or two or more theft misdemeanors.

The state attorney general's office has appealed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, arguing that the ban is needed to protect senior citizens who cannot protect themselves.

Representatives of nursing homes and other health care services also agreed that legislators should reconsider the lifetime ban on employment and apply it only to the most serious crimes, such as murder.

The law should offer health care providers flexibility to disregard convictions for non-violent crimes in the hiring process, said Brinda Carroll Penyak, director of governmental relations for the Pennsylvania Health Care Association. Those offenses have no bearing on whether prospective employees can be trusted to care for the elderly, she said.

Although ex-offenders employed in nursing homes when the law was amended were allowed to keep their jobs, they cannot leave their positions to work at other health care facilities. Jeff Hunsicker, political program coordinator for a Service Employees International Union district that represents 23,000 health care workers, said those employees should be allowed to change jobs.

"It makes no sense that an employee is not considered a risk to older adults as long as they remain with the same employer, but is considered a risk if they seek employment at a facility across the street," Hunsicker said.

The state Department of Aging is considering its own legislative recommendations that would tailor the length of a ban to the severity of a criminal's offense, but no proposal has been outlined yet, Secretary Richard Browdie said.

"We're trying to address the notion that there should be a relationship between the crime and the punishment, and that rehabilitation is possible," Browdie said. "But we need a balance between responding to the needs of individuals seeking employment and protecting elderly residents."



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The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) recently announced United States National Award Winners from the area.

The following students were chosen USAA award-winners in various categories: **Annie Chumbley, Leslee Ann Ammons** and **Katlin S. Passini,** "Leadership and Service"; Passini, Ammons, **Sara Scott** and **Cory Lane Bromwell,** "Honor Roll"; and Scott, "Leadership," all of Pampa High School.

The Academy bestows USAA awards upon fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. The PHS students were nominated for the awards by Starla Kindle, a counselor at PHS.

All USAA award-winners will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors.

(See, **NEWSMAKERS,** Page 28)

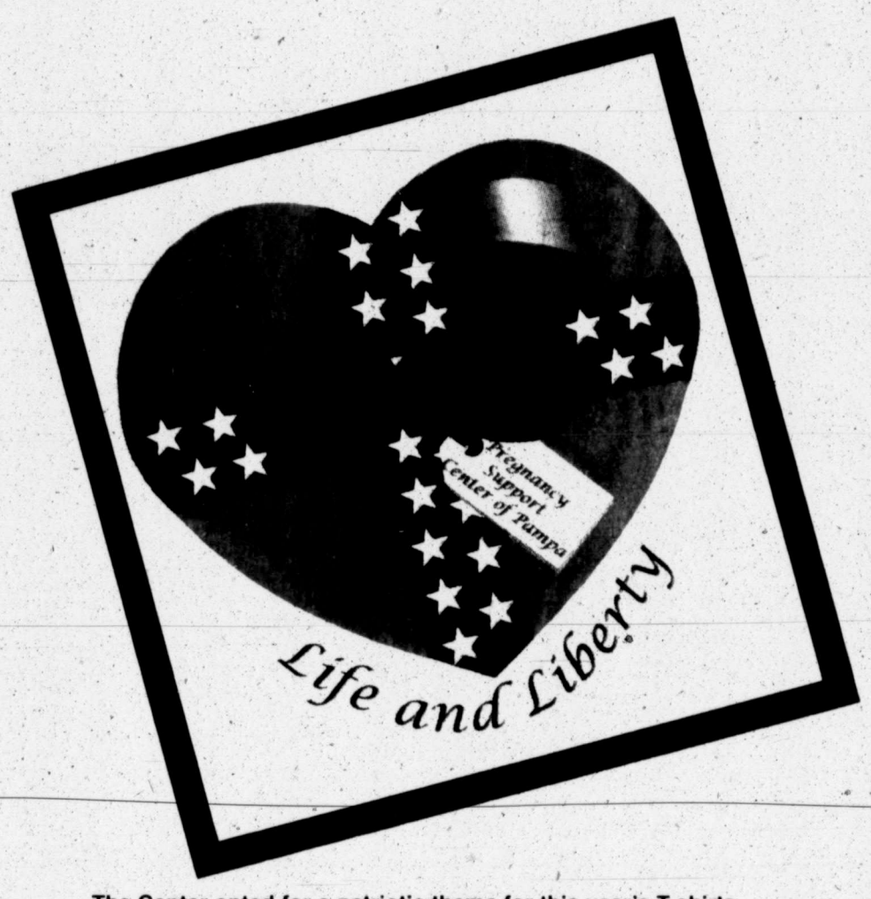
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The Pregnancy Support Center of Pampa was formed in 1992. Since then the Walk for Life has become an annual event for the Center and our community. According to Monica Galloway, executive director, this fundraiser is one of the two events held by the Center each year. "The Center is able to operate because of the generosity of Pampa and surrounding areas," said Galloway. She also emphasized, "It takes many volunteers and supporters to put this event together."



Jona and Todd Little take a break from working on the 2002 WFL concept.



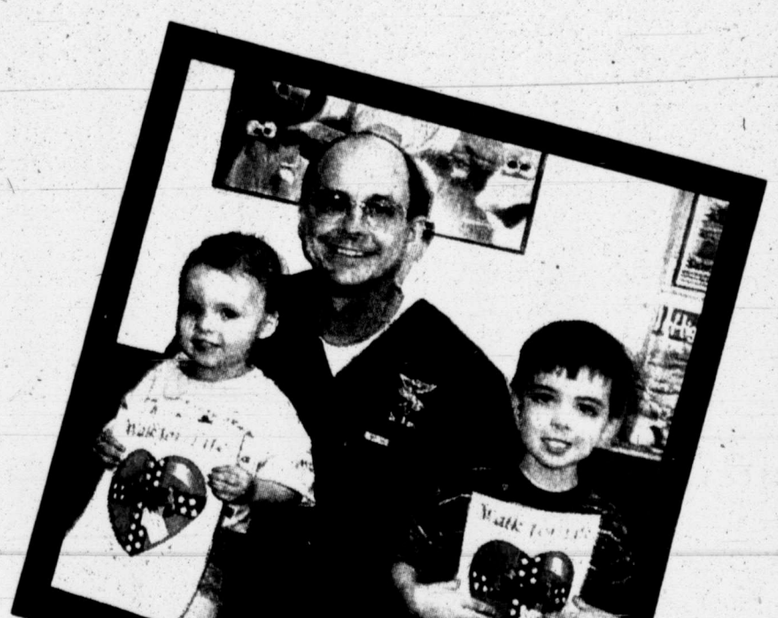
The Center opted for a patriotic theme for this year's T-shirts.

In 2001, the Pregnancy Center had over 200 sponsored walkers in its most successful Walk to date. One-fourth of the walkers were from the city of McLean, which hosted their own Walk for Life for the Pampa Center. "It was such a success that they are having us back this year," Galloway said, "and are hosting baby shower and ice cream social for us immediately following their walk. We hope this turns into an annual event and encourage other towns around the area to do the same," added Winton.

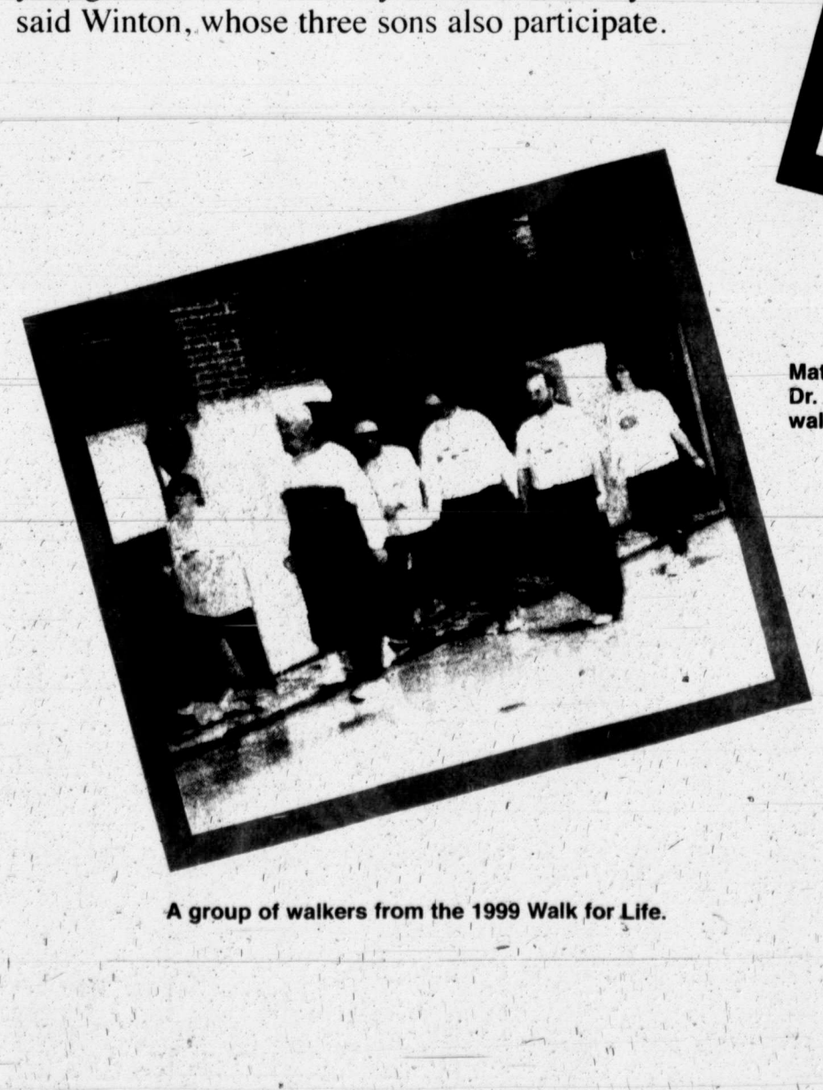
Anyone who turns in a pledge form with sponsorship will receive a free T-shirt. "We will even order smaller sizes for the younger walkers—no one is too young or too old — many make it a family affair," said Winton, whose three sons also participate.

The first step in preparing for the Walk is creating a theme. "For this, the Lord brought Jona Little to us," Galloway said. Jona and her husband, Todd, own and operate Mainsail Marketing. For the last two years they have freely offered their time and talents designing logos for the T-shirts, posters and pledge forms. "We really get excited to see what ideas they come up with for the Walk and for our banquet which is held in October," said Sheila Winton, the Center's administrative assistant.

On the backs of the T-shirts, the businesses that underwrite the cost of the shirts are listed. This allows each sponsored walker to receive a free shirt. Winton listed this year's sponsors as, "Family Medicine Center of Pampa, Ford Family Chiropractic, Mainsail Marketing, Sunrise Agri Services and Wayne's Western Wear."



Matthew Winton, age 2, and brother Daniel, age 5, visit with Dr. Mark W. Ford Jr., about sponsoring them in this year's walk.



A group of walkers from the 1999 Walk for Life.

Pampa's Walk for Life will be held on Sunday, April 28, at 2:30 p.m. It will be held at Recreation Park or in the Bull Barns if there is bad weather. The McLean Walk will be held at City Park on Thursday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. If you cannot walk on the dates specified, feel free to walk in your own neighborhood at another time.

The Center will send out statements to the sponsors so that the walkers do not have to collect any money. Galloway encouraged anyone interested in participating in either Pampa's or McLean's Walk for Life to contact the Center at 104 E. Francis or 669-2229.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Phillips anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Phillips

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Phillips will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary from 2-5 p.m., April 28, 2002, at Pam Club. Children of the couple will host the reception.

Mitchell Phillips and Vesta Conner were married at Lubbock and have been Pampa residents for the past 61 years. They belong to First Baptist Church.

Mr. Phillips was a minister for 31 years and retired from Cabot in 1968, after 28 years of service.

Mrs. Phillips worked in Austin Elementary School cafeteria for three years, at Wrights Fashions for four years and at Ford's Boys Wear for four years, retiring in 1983. She is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and is a former member of Gray County Extension Agency Club.

Children of the couple are Danny and Cindy Phillips of Kaufman and Ted and Glenda Phillips and Terry and Brenda Phillips, all of Fort Worth. They have nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Lively anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Lively of Pampa celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday, April 20, 2002, at Pampa Country Club. Clay and Mary Lively of Round Rock hosted the reception.

Travis Lively and Elaine Tipton were married April 20, 1942, at Corsicana, Texas. They have been Pampa residents for 56 years.

Mr. Lively owned Top of Texas Awards and Gifts, formerly Pampa Hardware, for 56 years.

Children of the couple are Janis Lynn Lively of Bastrop and Travis Clay Lively of Round Rock. They have four grandchildren.

ENGAGEMENTS

Whitney-Whiteley



Terry Joe Whiteley and Jessica Pauline Whitney

Jessica Pauline Whitney and Terry Joe Whiteley, both of Pampa, plan to wed May 4, 2002, in First Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Don and Paula Whitney of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1995 and earned a bachelor's degree from West Texas A&M University in 2001. She is currently employed by Ashland Chemical Company.

The prospective groom is the son of Terry and Tina Whiteley of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1995 and earned an associate's degree from Amarillo College in 1998. He is currently employed by Sid Richardson Carbon Company.

Robbins-Nohr



John Nohr and Cheryl Robbins

Cheryl Robbins and John Nohr plan to wed June 15, 2002, at Trinity Fellowship in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of June and Deryl Robbins of Pampa. She is currently employed as a counselor at Wilson Elementary School in Pampa.

The prospective groom is the son of Arthur and Margaret Nohr of Cornell, Wis. He is currently self-employed in the Cornell and surrounding area.

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. Thank you.

20th Century Study Club

Twentieth Century Study Club met April 9 at the home of hostess Evelyn Warner with President Pat Terry presiding.

Committee reports were delivered and the program, "History of Gray County," was presented by Vonna Wolf with the help of guest speaker Ann Davidson.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., April 23 at the home of June McGahey, 1901 Evergreen.

CattleWomen

Top O' Texas CattleWomen met April 8 at The Coffee Shop in Pampa with President Kay Stiles presiding. Thirteen members were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Liz Austin reminded the group about the upcoming Health Fair in Shamrock. Workers will be Sally Wicker, Sandra Christner and Dianne Buckingham. Austin and Karen Tellman will serve as organizers for the event which will include the chapter's "Batter Up for Beef" game, cookbooks and more.

—After some discussion on the expense of shipping the "Batter Up for Beef" game downstate, Pat Youngblood suggested the chapter have a permanent game board designed. If the new board isn't ready in time for the Business Expo, June 22, or Chautauqua on Labor Day, Berklee Clements will ask for the game to be returned for these activities.

—Carolyn Buckingham declared the "Ranch Family of the Year" Ag Day promotion a success.

—Amy Brainard reported on the Beef Ambassador Contest slated May 5. The contest will consist of a question/answer session along with a public speaking portion. The first place winner will receive a $100 cash prize and the runner-up a $50 cash award.

The state contest is scheduled June 21-22 and is open to youth 16-19 years of age.

The state organization provides a scholarship to the winner and pays travel expenses to the national competition. The top three national winners will receive: $2,500 and a $1,000 scholarship (first place), $1,200 and a $500 scholarship (second place) and $800 and a $500 scholarship (third place).

(See, **CLUB,** Page 19)

High sodium can lead to high BP



By MELISSA ROBERSON
EXTENSION SERVICE
"NUTRITION MATTERS"

Sodium is a mineral that occurs naturally in some foods and is added to many foods and beverages. Most of the sodium in the American diet comes from table salt. One teaspoon of salt contains about 2,000 milligrams of sodium.

Although some sodium is essential to your health, you need very little. It is estimated that a "safe and adequate" range of sodium intake per day is about 1,100 to 3,300 milligrams for adults. This is well below the amount most American adults consume.

About one-in-four Americans have elevated blood pressure. Risk factors for high blood pressure include a family history of the disease, overweight and a high sodium intake.

Some individuals can eat high-sodium diets without increased blood pressure, others cannot. Too much sodium in the diet may aggravate high blood pressure once it exists. Many health professionals believe that reducing sodium is sensible for the population as a whole.

So, how can I reduce my sodium intake, you ask? One way is to learn which foods are high in sodium. Watch out for commercially prepared condiments, sauces and seasonings when preparing and serving foods for you and your family.

The following are high in sodium: Ketchup, mustard, salad dressings, barbecue sauce, steak sauce, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, bouillon cubes, relish, pickles, meat tenderizer, baking powder, baking soda, onion salt, celery salt, garlic salt and seasoned salt.

Processed foods tend to be loaded with sodium, which is added to preserve and/or flavor them. Salt is added to most canned vegetables, smoked and cured meats, cheeses, soups and many breakfast cereals.

Significant amounts of sodium also are found in soft drinks, artificial sweeteners, fast food and convenience foods. Many manufacturers are now producing foods with reduced sodium.

Another step to reducing your sodium intake is to read the food labels. Sodium on nutrition labels is given in milligrams, and this amount includes sodium naturally present in the ingredients as well as what gets added during processing.

Any ingredient listed that includes sodium, salt or soda as part of its name (monosodium glutamate, baking soda, seasoned salt) contains sodium.

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MENUS

WEEK OF APRIL 22-26

Pampa Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Yogurt, toast.

Lunch: Bean/cheese burrito, pizza, corn, California vegetables, applesauce.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.

Lunch: Ravioli, macaroni/cheese, green beans, salad, cookies, garlic toast.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Waffle sticks.

Lunch: Bologna sandwich, steak fingers, western beans, lettuce/tomatoes, apricot treat, chips.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Toast, jelly.

Lunch: Chicken fajitas, chef salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, fresh fruit, tortilla.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage.

Lunch: Sloppy Joes, hot dogs/chili, French fries, salad, peaches.

Lefors Schools

MONDAY

No school.

TUESDAY

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

Lunch: Sausage wraps, macaroni/cheese, peas, salad, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY

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

Lunch: Fish, barbecue wieners, French fries, spinach, coleslaw, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY

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

Lunch: Beef tamale pie, chicken, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY

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

Lunch: Teriyaki chicken, egg rolls, rice, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, northern beans, German chocolate cake or blackberry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Sweet and sour pork or beef enchiladas, scalloped potatoes, fiesta blend, fried squash, beans, carrot 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, macaroni/tomatoes, spinach, beans, banana nut bread or chocolate sundae cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or beef tips and noodles, boiled potatoes, broccoli, hominy, beans, cherry chocolate cake or blueberry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or barbecued sausages/onion rings, potato wedges, brussels sprouts, beans, brownies or tapioca cups, cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Spaghetti/meat sauce, green beans, bread sticks, graham crackers.

TUESDAY

Polish sausage, cheese grits, mixed greens, cake.

WEDNESDAY

Tater tots, cabbage, black-eyed peas, pumpkin bars.

THURSDAY

Ham, okra/tomatoes, pinto beans, pudding.

FRIDAY

Barbecue meatballs, baked beans, potato salad, pears.

LIFESTYLES POLICY

1. *The Pampa News* will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.
2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.
3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.
4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.
5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in *The Pampa News* office later than one month past the date of the wedding.
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9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a $25 charge *or* four extra lines may be added to announcements for $25 ($50 for both).

CRADLE CALL



Britt Michael Summers

Britt M. Summers

Britt Michael Summers was born Feb. 14, 2002, at North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo to Heath and Amy Summers of Pampa.

Britt weighed three-pounds and eight-ounces at birth and was 16 1/2-inches long.

He is the grandchild of Mike and Judy Summers and Randall and Patti Cross, all of Pampa.

OHC- WIC program fights child obesity

In response to the growing problem of childhood obesity in the United States, the Outreach Health Services Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic in Pampa is offering an educational program that encourages young children to be active while teaching parents ways to promote an active lifestyle for their children.

Called "Let's Get Our Bodies Moving!," the program is targeted to children age 5 and under and their parents. Classes are being held in April, May and June.

The classes will be taught by WIC staff and are open to the public.

"We want to show parents how they can encourage their children to be more active," said Ann Latham, registered licensed dietitian and OHS-WIC assistant director.

Childhood obesity cases in the United States have increased by about 50 percent over the past 20 years. This is a cause for concern because obese children are at greater risk of developing type II diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and other health problems.

Most overweight children grow up to be overweight adults, so the higher threat of disease stays with them. It is because of this growing trend and its link to a lack of physical activity that WIC is offering the program. "The goal is to get children in the habit of choosing a physical activity over television and video games," said Joyce Devereaux, director of the OHS-WIC program. "If we get them started being active while they're young, hopefully they will be active adolescents, active teenagers and active adults. This would create a whole generation of healthier Texans."

For more information or to register for the classes, contact OHS-WIC Clinic in Pampa.

Tanning bed use actually raises risk of skin cancer



By Joan Gray
Extension Agent

Tanning beds have been marketed as a "safe" alternative to sunbathing outdoors. However, tanning is actually an unhealthy habit. This is because the radiation that causes tanning also causes deep skin changes that can lead to skin cancer.

Tanning, whether outdoors or indoors, is caused by Ultraviolet-A (UV-A) radiation. This radiation causes damage at an even deeper level than a sunburn and changes underlying skin structure in a way that can lead to skin cancer at a later time. UV-A also causes wrinkles and premature skin aging.

If you would like a little more color in your skin, a safer alternative is to use one of the many self-tanning lotions on the market. According to the American Academy of Dermatology (www.aad.org), self-tanning lotions containing DHA are safe and produce a color change that lasts approximately five- to seven-days.

Skin cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in the United States. And, although many people think a tan makes you look healthy, your skin will stay healthier and younger looking if you avoid getting a tan. Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Cancer Council remind you to take charge of your health — it makes good sense!

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CLUB

—Pat McDowell of Shamrock presented the chapter with a sign in memory of Joy McDowell, a former member of Top O' Texas CattleWomen. The sign features the "Beef – It's What's for Dinner" logo and may be purchased at a cost of $50 each. Brands or other additions may be added for an extra charge. The local chapter will receive $5 per sign. This money will help fund the Beef Cook-Off which Texas will host in 2003.

—Christner reminds all area high school seniors the scholarship application deadline is April 26.

Progressive TEEA

Progressive Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) Club met April 11 at the home of hostess Mary Ann Bailey.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Roll call was answered with the question: "How does rain make you feel?"

—Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

—Bailey delivered the Treasurer's Report.

—June Rowan reviewed the Council meeting agenda and fund-raiser for the upcoming state meeting in Amarillo.

—A workshop for local members was conducted at the county annex during the week.

—The County Cultural Arts Contest will kick-off the Council meeting on May 20.

—Six members attended a District meeting in Perryton recently

—A "Spring Fling" will be held April 30 in Perryton.

—The program was presented by Joan Gray, Extension agent, on "Laughter is the Best Medicine."

—Guest Melissa Roberson, was introduced. She is assistant to Gray at the local Extension office and heads the "Better Living for Texans Program."

Bell Lee won the door prize.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m., May 9. The location will be announced at a later time.

TTQG

Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild will meet at 10 a.m., April 27 at the Methodist Family Enrichment Center in Guymon, Okla. Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting. Participants are urged to bring a cold dish to share for a salad luncheon.

Elsie Campbell will be presenting a lecture and trunk show in the morning. She will demonstrate and discuss sewing supplies and tools that come from unexpected places.

In the afternoon, Campbell will present another workshop entitled, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Pattern Drafting But Were Afraid to Ask."

For more information or to enroll in the class, call 1-620-697-4438.

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SODIUM

Soy sauce and other condiments used as ingredients also contribute sodium. Remember, how salty a food tastes is not necessarily a good indicator of how much sodium it contains. Trust the label, not your taste buds!

Some more tips to keep in mind:

—When shopping for lower-sodium foods, fresh is usually best. Fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and unprocessed grains are generally low in sodium.

—Experiment with spices and herbs as seasonings instead of salt.

—Plan meals that contain less sodium and try new recipes that use less salt and sodium-containing ingredients.

—Adjust your own cooking by using less salt. You can train yourself to desire less salt, and your food will taste better to you!

—Taste your food before you salt it. If, after tasting your food, you must salt it, try one shake rather than two.

Remember, cutting back on sodium begins at the supermarket and continues through food preparation and serving.



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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Stepfather's 'Play' Is Abuse, Pure And Simple

DEAR ABBY: I am desperately worried about my brother's two children. Their mother remarried a man who abuses them.

This guy has torn the children's earlobes by yanking on them; threatened to kill their pets; says he'll beat the kids if they tell their dad, as they have in the past. Last time it happened, their dad confronted his ex-wife and this man, but they denied everything and told the kids after he left that they'd get "beaten senseless" if they ever told again.

My brother's ex-wife is not being abused by this man. The children tell me she laughs when he hurts them. She calls it "playing" — or claims it's the kind of treatment the kids deserve.

These little children are in first and second grade, Abby. What can we do? Please send us some information. Do not use my name or city.

VERY SAD AUNT

DEAR SAD AUNT: If ever I read a letter where intervention is needed — yours it is. Call Childhelp USA immediately. The toll-free phone number is 1-800-422-4453. The people there will refer you to child protective services in the state where the children reside.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my wonderful husband, "Jerome," for more than 20 years. He is a good provider and we own our own home.

The problem is the TV. Jerome eats in front of it, does paperwork in front of it and reads in front of it. I really don't believe he could exist without it. One day the TV was on 16 hours straight. I know he isn't out chasing other women, gambling or drinking in bars because he's home watching television. The noise box is on even when nobody is in the room.

Abby, I'm tired of him turning it on as soon as he wakes up and turning it off when it's time for bed. I'd like some quiet time and his full attention. Kindly give me your opinion. This isn't a new thing — it started on our honeymoon.

SEEKING PEACE AND QUIET IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR SEEKING: Tell Jerome the honeymoon is over. It's time to cut the cable and put a stop to this "menage a trois." You need a TV-free zone — at least one night a week — with adult conversation and no distractions. It may be an adjustment for him, but it's not too much to ask.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Happy Mom in North Caroliona," about her 6-year-old son's reaction to the "facts of life," brought back the memory of my first mother/daughter talk with the second of my four children.

My 7-year-old daughter called me aside one day after school and informed me that she now knew how babies were made. She graphically described what she had heard from her friend, and it was technically correct. I was at a loss for words, so I shrugged and told her, "Yes, that's how babies are conceived."

She gasped, clutched her chest, and said in a disgusted voice, "And you and Daddy did it *four* times?!"

Abby, I didn't know what to say, but I heard myself tell her, "Well, honey, if you want a baby badly enough, you'll do *anything*!"

My little girl thought for a moment, then jumped up from her chair with, "Oh, OK!" and ran outside to play jump-rope with her playmates. End of conversation!

LOIS HAMILTON

DEAR LOIS: Since she caught you flat-footed, I think you handled the situation very deftly.

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Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Jeanne Phillips, share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $10 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

Crossword Puzzle

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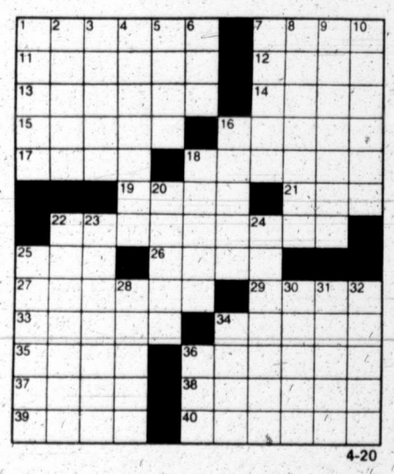
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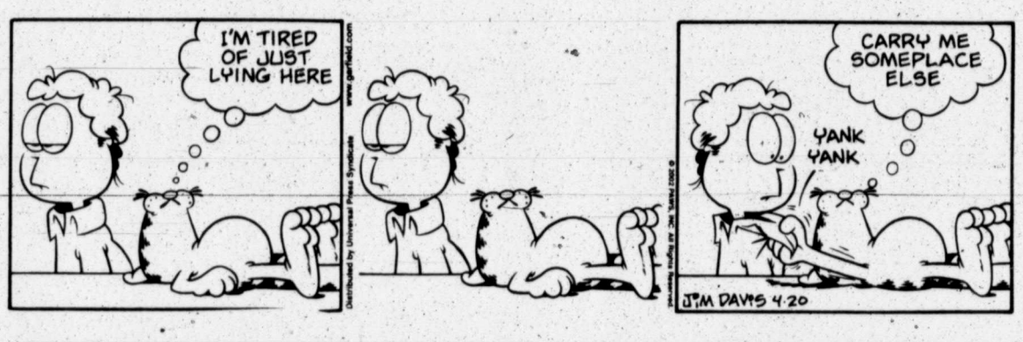
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Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

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

1. "Foolish," Ashanti. Murder Inc.
2. "What's Luv?" Fat Joe Featuring Ashanti. Terror Squad/Atlantic.
3. "Ain't It Funny," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.
4. "U Don't Have To Call," Usher. Arista.
5. "Girlfriend," 'N Sync. Jive.
6. "I Need A Girl (Part One)," P. Diddy (feat. Usher & Loon). Bad Boy.
7. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
8. "Oops (Oh My)," Tweet. The Gold Mind.
9. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
10. "A Thousand Miles," Vanessa Carlton. A&M.

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Billboard 200
Top Albums: Top 10

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

1. "Ashanti," Ashanti. Murder Inc.
2. "A New Day Has Come," Celine Dion. Epic.
3. "Now 9," Various Artists. Universal/EMI/Zomba/Sony/UMRG.
4. "Gutterflower," The Goo Goo Dolls. Warner Bros.
5. "Southern Hummingbird," Tweet. The Gold Mind.
6. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
7. Soundtrack: "The Scorpion King." Universal.
8. "Laundry Service," Shakira. Epic. (Platinum)
9. "M!ssundazstood," Pink. Arista. (Platinum)
10. "Are You Passionate," Neil Young. Reprise.

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Hot Adult Contemporary

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1. "A New Day Has Come," Celine Dion. Epic.
2. "Hero," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
3. "Superman (It's Not Easy)," Five For Fighting. Aware.
4. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA.
5. "I Need You," Marc Anthony. Columbia.
6. "Only Time," Enya. Warner Sunset.
7. "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty. Lava.
8. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
9. "Only A Woman Like You," Michael Bolton. Jive.
10. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.

Top Gospel Albums

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

1. "The Rebirth Of Kirk Franklin," Kirk Franklin. Gospo Centric. (Gold)
2. "Believe," Yolanda Adams. Elektra.
3. "WOW Gospel 2002: The Year's 30 Top Gospel Artists And Songs," Various Artists. EMI/Word/Verity/Zomba. (Gold)
4. "Go Get Your Life Back," Donald Lawrence & The Tri-City Singers. EMI Gospel.
5. "Live In London And More..." Donnie McClurkin. Verity. (Platinum)
6. "Soul Music," Woody Rock. Gospo Centric.
7. "O2," Tonex. Verity.
8. "Awesome Wonder," Kurt Carr & The Kurt Call Singers. Gospo Centric.
9. "Woman Thou Art Loosed: Worship 2002 — Run To The Water... The River Within," Bishop T.D. Jakes. Dexterity Sounds.
10. "Thankful," Mary Mary. C2/Columbia. (Platinum)

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Mainstream RockTracks

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1. "Too Bad," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
2. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
3. "For You," Staind. Flip.
4. "I Stand Alone," Gosmack. Republic.
5. "Wasting My Time," Default. TVT.
6. "Youth Of The Nation," P.O.D. Atlantic.
7. "Here To Stay," Korn. Immortal.
8. "Crawling In The Dark," Hoobastank.
9. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
10. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.

Modern Rock Tracks

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

1. "The Middle," Jimmy Eat World. DreamWorks.
2. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
3. "Seein' Red," Unwritten Law. Interscope.
4. "For You," Staind. Flip.
5. "Youth Of The Nation," P.O.D. Atlantic.
6. "First Date," Blink-182. MCA.
7. "Too Bad," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
8. "Crawling In The Dark," Hoobastank. Island.
9. "Friends & Family," Trik Turner. RCA.
10. "Toxicity," System Of A Down. American.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

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

1. "My List," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
2. "Young," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
3. "That's When I Love You," Phil Vassar. Arista Nashville.
4. "I'm Movin' On," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
5. "Drive (For Daddy Gene)," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
6. "What If She's An Angel," Tommy Shane Steiner. RCA.
7. "Blessed," Martina McBride. RCA.
8. "I Breathe In, I Breathe Out," Chris Cagle. Capitol.
9. "Modern Day Bonnie And Clyde," Travis Tritt. Columbia.
10. "I Don't Have To Be Me ('Til Monday)," Steve Azar. Mercury.

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Top Country Albums

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1. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
2. "Drive," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
3. "Rascal Flatts," Rascal Flatts. Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street. (Gold)
4. "Totally Country: 17 New Chart-Topping Hits," Various Artists. BNA. (Gold)
5. "Pull My Chain," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
6. "Then Came The Night," Tommy Shane Steiner. RCA.
7. "Set This Circus Down," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
8. Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly," Curb. (Platinum)
9. "Sidetracks," Steve Earle. E-Squared.
10. "Part II," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.

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Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

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1. "Foolish," Ashanti. Murder Inc.
2. "U Don't Have To Call," Usher. Arista.
3. "What's Luv?" Fat Joe (feat. Ashanti). Terror Squad.
4. "Oops (Oh My)," Tweet. The Gold Mind.
5. "Pass The Courvoisier II," Busta Rhymes (feat. P. Diddy & Pharrell). J.
6. "I Love You," Faith Evans. Bad Boy.
7. "I Need A Girl (Part One)," P. Diddy (feat. Usher & Loon). Bad Boy.
8. "Anything," Jaheim (feat. Next). Divine Mill.
9. "Makin' Good Love," Avant. Magic Johnson.
10. "Rainy Dayz," Mary J. Blige (feat. Ja Rule). MCA.

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

1. "Ashanti," Ashanti. Murder Inc. (Gold)
2. "Southern Hummingbird," Tweet. The Gold Mind.
3. "The Best Of Both Worlds," R. Kelly & Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
4. "Ecstasy," Avant. Magic Johnson.
5. "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace. (Platinum)
6. "Watermelon, Chicken & Gritz," Nappy Roots. Atlantic. (Gold)
7. "Full Moon," Brandy. Atlantic. (Platinum)
8. "No More Drama (2002)," Mary J. Blige. MCA. (Platinum)
9. "Stillmatic," Nas. Ill Will. (Platinum)
10. "Alley: The Return Of The Ying Yang Twins," Ying Yang Twins. Collipark.

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Hot Rap Singles

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1. "Feels Good (Don't Worry Bout A Thing)," Naughty By Nature (feat. 3LW)(GT) TVT.
2. "Lights, Camera, Action!" Mr. Cheeks. Universal.
3. "Ballin' Boy," No Good. ARTISTdirect.
4. "Will Destroy," Lil Ru. How You Love That.
5. "Mama's Baby, Poppa's Maybe," Green Eyez. Bigg Mony.
6. "Oh Boy/The Roc (Just Fire)," Cam'Ron (feat. Juelz Santana. Roc-A-Fella.
7. "Do Ya Thang Girl," Beelow. Ballin'.
8. "Pass The Courvoisier II," Busta Rhymes (feat. P. Diddy & Pharrell). J.
9. "Stop Playin'," Levert Agee (feat. Mr. Low Down & Evol). Knightstar.
10. "Hyde Ha," Big Logic. Goodinvision.

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Hot Dance Music, Club Play

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "It's Gonna Be (A Lovely Day)," Brancaccio & Aisher. Bedrock.
2. "Alive," Kevin Aviance. Emerge.
3. "Wish I Didn't Miss You (The Remixes)," Angie Stone. J.
4. "Escape (Remixes)," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
5. "Can't Stop Dancin'," Inaya Day. Groovilicious.
6. "Flawless," The Ones. Groovilicious.
7. "Fire," Dolce. Tommy Boy Silver Label.
8. "No More Drama (Thunderpuss Remixes)," Mary J. Blige. MCA.
9. "To Get Down," Timo Maas. Kinetic.
10. "They-Say Vision (Dance Remixes)," Res. MCA.

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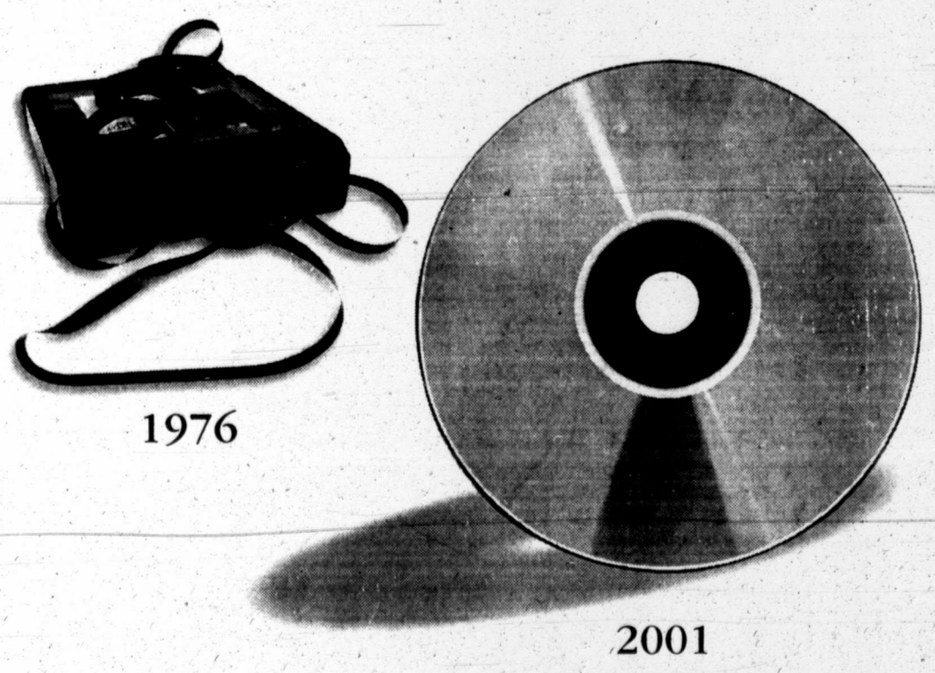
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Girl's death points to problem of teen dating

ORANGE GROVE (AP) — Looking back, Heather Drager's family and friends say they saw signs that the preteen was involved in a violent relationship. Still, they held back, uncertain about what they sensed from a girl who'd barely emerged from buckteeth and pigtails.

"They got adult women that go through this and don't tell their whole life until they're dead," said Shelly Drager, Heather's mother. "They expect a 12-year-old girl to?"

The autopsy report goes on and on, long Latin words mixed with the simple: Strangulation. Blunt force. Stab wounds, 35 of them, likely inflicted after the heart stopped beating. Missing bra cup. Metallic purple toenail polish.

At about 2 a.m. on Feb. 16, Heather climbed out of a window of the parked trailer where one of her girlfriends lived.

Her body was found later that morning, ditched alongside one of the country roads that stretch across the flat fields and round-topped trees of Jim Wells County. The only suspect is Antonio Flores, a 17-year-old who recently had moved with family into the "projects" — a ring of shacks and trailers within easy sight of the Dragers' worn farmhouse.

Flores is charged with murder, four counts of sexual assault of a child, and one count of aggravated sexual assault of a child. He has retained a Corpus Christi attorney, who signed for his $145,000 bail. He is living in Bishop, 27 miles away.

District Attorney Joe Frank Garza said the case would "go fast track" once the Sheriff's Department submitted the results of its investigation.

"I intend to prosecute it but at this point I have to wait and get all the evidence in and evaluate it," he said. "At this point we don't have any information or motive for what happened, why it happened. We don't have a confession."

Capt. Eden Garcia said the Sheriff's Department was awaiting lab results on evidence collected outside the Flores trailer, where Heather is believed to have been strangled, and by the roadside, where she apparently was stabbed.

"We wouldn't have felt good about the warrant for the arrest if we didn't feel Antonio Flores was linked to this," he said.

Besides blood and clothing at the site outside the Flores trailer, the most significant evidence is an arrest affidavit by a 14-year-old who said Flores woke him to get help moving Heather's body.

"My impression is that they were involved and that he cared about her," said Mark Di Carlo, the defense attorney. "I haven't seen much evidence against Tony. Whether it exists or not, I'm not ready to speculate. ... My young man hasn't confessed to anything."

In several different national studies, one in five girls reports involvement in a violent dating situation. Some surveys show a higher percentage. While the number of homicides has declined overall, the percentage of murder victims who were young women killed by their boyfriends has risen in recent years, from 17 percent in 1993 to 20 percent in 1999.

Shelly Drager objects to the word "boyfriend," even as neighbors say the two were seen walking together, sometimes into the abandoned doublewide and the shed behind the Flores' chicken coop.

Leticia Manzano of the Houston Area Women's Center does presentations about dating violence, often using a wheel-shaped visual that has "power and control" as the hub and warning signs as the spokes that keep the wheel turning. Among the spokes of the abuser: isolating the girl from others, controlling things like dress, displaying weapons, using drugs, calling her fat, ugly, lazy or stupid.

"A person who is trying to get power will try to date someone much younger, trying to dominate," Manzano said. "The reality is males are socialized to be dominating. Some get all these impressions, to be a man you have to be more powerful, you have to keep your girl in check. You can't let her get one over on you."

Orange Grove, population 1,288, is a town of mixed German and Mexican ancestry, settled largely by rig hands for nearby oil fields. It is part of a region that has one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in the nation.

Everyone there knows about the case. Most know of Heather.

"She looked like a 20-year-old," said John Rice, who had been the Floreses' landlord and since has re-rented the trailer.

An unsigned letter mailed to the Dragers says Heather was "living life in the fast lane."

Her small bedroom has a daybed now covered with letters and pictures, posthumous gifts like stuffed toys in purple, her favorite color. She drew designs on the old wooden bureau and kept the top covered with figurines and souvenirs. She would spray Calvin Klein perfume against her father's cigarette smoke.

A crib is also kept in the room, filled with Easter candy bought after her death. A black miniskirt hangs in her closet, as does a glittery purple dress she had never worn.

Some of her T-shirts, with sayings like "hottie," are folded on a chair.

Puppies and kittens run through the house; Heather was known for bringing in strays.

Shelly Drager, meanwhile, wonders how Flores can be free. She agonizes about the investigation.

"They tell me I shouldn't be talking to people about this, I should 'think about her reputation,'" she said. "What reputation? A 12-year-old girl doesn't have a reputation."

HP lawsuit eyes lobbying

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A courtroom showdown over whether Hewlett-Packard Co. fairly won a stockholder vote to acquire Compaq Computer Corp. promises to be much more than the latest installment in Silicon Valley's favorite soap opera.

As a Delaware judge considers next week whether to overturn the HP proxy vote that apparently approved the $20 billion deal, he'll address issues that affect every publicly traded company in America.

The biggest questions: In applying last-minute pressure to get big investors to vote on the deal, did HP adhere to normal, accepted business practices? Or did the company resort to more coercive tactics and essentially buy votes? If so, was that illegal?

The judge, who begins hearing evidence Tuesday, has already said he finds the allegations "particularly troubling" if true.

The issues are considered so important that the Securities and Exchange Commission and federal prosecutors in New York are investigating HP's actions in the final days before the March 19 merger vote.

One key question is whether HP threatened to take business away from companies such as Deutsche Bank, whose investment division controlled 1.3 percent of HP stock, in order to get votes favoring the merger.

"It's quite normal for both sides to heavily lobby any large institutional shareholder in a close race," said Dennis Block, who heads the mergers and acquisitions division at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, a New York law firm.

"It probably isn't all that unusual to remind the money manager what a great relationship the company has had with the money manager. But when you threaten to take away dollars for work they otherwise would have gotten, that crosses the line."

Merger-and-acquisition experts struggled to cite examples of similar cases, partly because shareholder votes rarely are as close as the HP-Compaq decision.

HP won by 45 million shares, 51.4 percent to 48.6 percent, according to a preliminary tally.

Because the case might fall into some legal gray areas, the decision could set new guidelines for acceptable behavior in proxy battles — since many major U.S. companies, HP and Compaq among them, are incorporated in Delaware and governed by its laws.

"It could potentially be precedent-setting, depending on the evidence that is brought forward," said Charles Elson, director of the Center for Corporate Governance at the University of Delaware.

Dissident director Walter Hewlett, the HP co-founder's son who has led the campaign to block the Compaq merger, sued the company last month. He claims HP lied about the progress of its merger planning, providing a too-rosy picture of how the two companies would be meshed that might have influenced a significant amount of votes.

Hewlett also alleges that Deutsche Bank's investment arm had voted 25 million shares against the deal but switched 17 million in favor at the last minute after HP executives threatened to take future banking business elsewhere.

Deutsche Bank had helped arrange a $4 billion line of credit for HP days earlier.

The bank's asset management division, whose chief investment officer has been subpoenaed to give a deposition in the case, has said it voted its shares solely in the best interests of its investment clients.

Horoscope

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2002
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You could be sidetracked early on. Don't let this take you from your plans. View this event as a detour and nothing more. Your diligence and efficiency help clear out an inordinate amount of clutter. Use care with your hot temper. Tonight: Postpone an expenditure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A higher-up or an associate might indirectly let you know how much you are needed. You might prefer a more diplomatic style, but as you have learned, you're not changing this person. Creativity needs to emerge. Don't push someone. Tonight: Budget before spending.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ News might toss you into chaos for the moment. Unexpected developments arise from a basic difference or point of view. Hot energy takes you in a new direction. Listen to and consider new alternatives regarding a domestic matter. Tonight: Put your feet up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Pressure builds with another when dealing with finances. One-on-one relating takes you in a new direction. Deal with another directly, rather than postponing a discussion. A friend pushes you in a new direction. You might want to resist or argue. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Take your time when consenting to an expenditure. Listen to another carefully. Understand his or her grievance, but you don't need to play into it. Another's temper tantrum has an impact on you. Think in terms of gain and change. Tonight: Pay bills first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your happiness takes you in a new direction. Be sensitive to another and his or her alternatives. Make the best of a changing situation. Think in terms of change and gain. News or a call could be quite disruptive. Be careful. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Slow down, especially in the face of a jolt. Your ability to think through situations takes you in a new direction. Understand what is happening with a child. You could feel like you're walking on eggshells with someone. Another gives you feedback. Tonight: Take some downtime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Aim for what you want. Your sense of direction helps you deal with an associate financially. You know what you want. Unexpected developments take you in a new direction with a relationship. Your high energy helps you gain. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take charge when others flake out. Work with an element of unpredictability, and you succeed beyond your wildest dreams. Push hard and get past a problem efficiently. Others will appreciate your efforts and work with you. Tonight: Don't push beyond your limits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You have more understanding than most about what is going on. Don't kid yourself about a present matter. Trust your vision of what is workable. A co-worker might test your limits. In some way, you trigger this person. Tonight: Speak your mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might be OK with a partner but have some problems with a personal matter. How you handle someone could make or break a project. Your creativity could be tested by another's natural ideas. Tonight: Let someone throw a tantrum. You're not changing this person!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to let your creativity flow when dealing with others. You could have an insight about a domestic matter or your own behavior. Loosen up when judging yourself and others. You'll find life to be a lot easier. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

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APRIL 2, 2002

and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on April 2, 2002, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in May, 2002, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the West Door of the Gray County Sheriff's Department, located at 218 North Russell in the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 a.m., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Gray and the State of Texas, to wit:

SUIT NO.
STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

1631 City of Pampa. et al vs. Virgil K. Smith, et al
Lots 30 and 31, Block 30, Wilcox Addition to the City of Pampa, being more particularly described in Volume 357, page 588, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas. (Account #1-10-3079503003)

1840 Pampa Independent School District, et al vs. Brenda Joyce Cumpston, formerly known as Brenda Palmer, et al
Lot 1, Block 3, Finley-Banks Addition, City of Pampa, as described in Volume 547, page 124, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas. (Account #1-10-302550300100000000)

1905 City of Pampa, et al vs. D.B. Purinton, et al
Lot 9, Block 42, Wilcox Addition, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 30, page 110, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas. (Account #1-10-30795042009)

2124 City of Pampa, et al vs. Emmaline Freida Oxley
TRACT 2: Lot 19, Block 5, Finley-Banks Addition,, City of Pampa, according to the duly recorded map or plat thereof recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Gray County, Texas. (Account #1-10-30255005019)

2207 Gray County, et al vs. Ray E. Steward, et al
Lots 1 and 2, Block "G", Original Townsite, Town of McLean, being more particularly described in Volume 601, page 492, Deed Records of Gray County, Texas. (Account #1-20-14556007002)

2312 Pampa Independent School District, et al vs. Tau Investments, Inc.
Lot 4 of the Cole Subdivision of the West part of the South half (S/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 104, Block 3, I & G.N. RR Co. Survey, Gray County, Texas, as described in deed dated May 31, 1977, from Texas Christian University to Tau Investments, Inc., in Volume 401, page 418, Deed Records, Gray County, Texas. (Account #1-11-50040001004)

2313 Gray County, et al vs., Arcadio M. Rivera, et al
Part of Lots 11 and 12, Block 7, East End Addition, being more particularly described in Gift Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 581, page 169, Deed Records, Gray County, Texas. (Account #1-10-30220007811)

2415 Gray County, et al vs. Nelda Boydine Bossay
TRACT 1: The West 122.5 feet of Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 1, Moreland Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recoded in Cabinet "A", Slide 51, Plat Records, Gray County, Texas. (Account #1-10-30515001003)

TRACT 2: Lot 4, Block 23, North Crest, Section 4, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, as described in "Tract No. 1", Exhibit "A", in partition deed recorded in Volume 684, page 835, Deed Records, Gray County, Texas. (Account #1-10-30545023004)

TRACT 3: Lots 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 23, North Crest, Section 4, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, as described in "Tract No. 1", Exhibit "A", in partition deed recorded in Volume 684, page 835, Deed Records, Gray County, Texas. (Account #1-10-30545023016)

2477 Gray County, et al vs. G.R. Crawford
Lot 20, Block 42, Wilcox Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in the Office of the County Clerk, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030795042020000000 0)

2490 Gray County, et al vs. David W. Cannon
Lots 17 and 18, Block 27, Wilcox Addition, City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, as described in deed recorded in Volume 449, page 775, Deed Records, Gray County, Texas. (Account #11030795027017)

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Gray County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.)

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Dated at Pampa, Texas, April 2, 2002.

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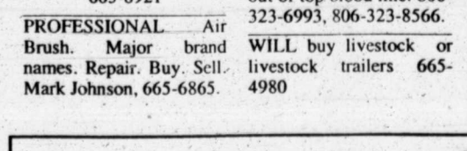
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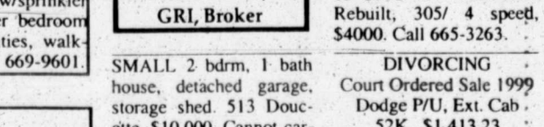
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Brittany Kindle

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To be eligible for the honor, students must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. USAA All-American Scholars are named in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published nationally.

Scott and Kindle were also nominated for this designation by Starla Kindle.

Chumbley is the daughter of Terry and Dana Chumbley of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kindle and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chumbley, all of Pampa.

Ammons is the daughter of Dale and LeeAnn Ammons of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Jim and Joyce Cantrell and Tom Ammons, all of Pampa.

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Scott is the daughter of Gary and Joan Scott of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ross of Hays, Kan., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott of Mustang, Okla.

Bromwell is the son of Brett and Cristy Bromwell of Pampa and is the grandson of Donna Bromwell of Elk City, Okla., and David and Helen King of Clayton, N.M.

Kindle is the daughter of Eddie and Starla Kindle of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Jean Bryan and of Jim Kindle, both of Pampa.



Kellen Elaine Waters

Denton — **Kellen Elaine Waters** was recently inducted into Mortar Board at the University of North Texas (UNT) in Denton. Waters was also selected to be a member of the NT40 Student Foundation.

Mortar Board, Inc., is a national honor society that recognizes college seniors for distinguished ability and achievement in scholarship, leadership and service.

Mortar Board began in 1918, the first national organization honoring senior college women. When the Society opened its membership to men in 1975, the organization maintained a tribute to the founders and its heritage by strengthening the Preamble to the Constitution by including a commitment to the advancement of the status of women.

Mortar Board is a national network that includes over 200 chapters, 50 alumni chapters and 25 sections.

NT40 was organized to promote the pride, spirit and positive image of UNT. Members consist of upperclassmen who are active in at least two other registered student organizations and are committed to serve the university in the fall and spring semesters.

Waters is the daughter of Judge Lee and Mrs. Diane Waters and is the granddaughter of R.H. and Betty Dyson, Bill Waters and the late Elaine Waters. She is a junior at UNT, majoring in speech pathology.

CANYON — Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society of nursing at West Texas A&M University, will induct **Jackie Lynn Furnish Sublett,** a senior nursing major from Pampa, along with 14 others in a ceremony at 2 p.m., May 10 in Room 101 of the Classroom Center on campus.

Sigma Theta Tau International is dedicated to improving the health of people worldwide by increasing the scientific base of nursing practice. Members are nursing scholars committed to the pursuit of excellence in clinical practice, education, research and leadership.

Beauty can be found by checking ground

By MARTHA UNDERWOOD
KILLEEN DAILY HERALD

KILLEEN, Texas — Snails bigger than a rancher's fist, spiraling ammonites as big as stepping stones and sea urchins the size of buttermilk biscuits are all local fossils.

"I never thought snails and stuff in the ocean would get that big," said Donald Hempel, 45, of Copperas Cove. He began collecting unusual rocks as a boy on a 3000-acre ranch belonging to his grandfather, R.A. Hempel. It was a fascination that continued into adulthood.

Outside his back door, Hempel has even found pin cushion-type sea urchins with a few spines folded back and attached to the fossilized shell. Over the years, he has collected buckets of snails, oysters, scallops, petrified wood, meteors and more exotic items.

Running a bulldozer business helps. Hempel has found interesting things when digging a stock pond or doing site preparation for construction.

"The guys used to laugh at me for having fossils in my truck," he said.

Fossils are any skeleton, footprint or trace of living things that have been chemically changed into rock. Exposed layers of limestone, clay and sandstone happen to be a great place to find them.

The tops of buttes in this area are Edwards limestone and are often laden with fossils, said Central Texas College professor Peter Knightes. The rock weathers a dark color and contains chert nodules, which were used in the Stone Age to make knife blades and spearheads. Copperas Cove is built on this geologic layer.

Hempel's biggest fossils were found while working at the Hughes Unit on a mountaintop near Gatesville. "The big ones are really unreal," said his wife, Linda.

The sides of the buttes are Commanche Peak limestone and contain no fossils, Knightes said, although the lowest layers sometimes include shale and large fossils.

Killeen and Harker Heights are built on walnut clay. Composed of clay, shale and limestone, this layer contains massive oyster beds of shell limestone. Good public places for successful fossil hunting, especially after a rain, are the hill behind the Texas Drivers License office on Priest Drive and the hill behind the Central Texas College student union, Knightes said.

Once, Hempel found an 18-inch spiraling ammonite in a subdivision under construction in Killeen. However, electricians destroyed it with a sledge hammer before he could return and dig it out, he said.

River beds in Bell County are walnut clay with some outcroppings of Paluxy sandstone and erosion into the Glen Rose limestone layer, Knightes said. Fossils of scallops, the Shell Oil Company symbol, also may be found in walnut clay areas.

Hempels son, Nathan, 9, has assembled his own collection of scallops, coral and petrified wood. Hempel has taught him to look carefully at what he is picking up. Sometimes during the Longhorn maneuvers in the 1940s, soldiers dumped their bullets and hand grenades down ranchers wells and other places along the edge of Camp Hood.

Many acquatic fossils have been found on Fort Hood. "Some areas are absolutely littered with them," Fort Hood archaeologist Gavin Smith said.

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Sea Camp seeking campers

GALVESTON — Texas A&M University at Galveston will offer its 17th annual Sea Camp this year – with 10 different camp topics and 33 sessions offered – beginning June 2 and continuing through Aug. 3.

Sea Camp is open to youngsters ages 10- 18. Each camp is geared to a specific age group and may focus on a particular topic, such as estuarine biology/ecology, coastal camping, marine mammals, fish, careers, and photography.

This year coastal photography is being expanded to four different topic sessions. Also continuing are international camps featuring eco-tourism in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico and Belize.

"Sea Camp teaches kids about the marine and estuarine environments, and why these things are important," explains Dr. Judy Wern, Sea Camp director. "We stress a hands-on learning experience, and we hope to instill in our campers a love for the ocean, for marine life and the environment."

Wern says Dr. Sammy Ray, a 2002 inductee into the Texas Science Hall of Fame and world-renown oyster biologist, began the highly-popular Sea Camp program in 1986 and 8,000 students from all over the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America have attended Sea Camp sessions.

Since the camp began, more than 800 public school teachers have served as camp counselors and earned professional development credit.

In addition, Sea Camp instructors include Texas A&M faculty members and graduate students from such departments as marine biology, marine sciences, zoology, wildlife and fishery sciences, range science and numerous academic fields.

Sea Campers will reside at residence halls on the Texas A&M University at Galveston campus. Evening recreation includes a pizza party at the pool and a beach cookout. Fishing is optional.

For more information about Sea Camp, its cost and registration, contact Registrar Daisy Duerson, Sea Camp, Texas A&M University at Galveston, P.O. Box 1675, Galveston, TX 77553; call (409) 740-4525; e-mail eacamp@tamug.tamu.edu; or go on-line to www.tamug.tamu.edu/~seacamp on the World Wide Web.



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will be closing as of March 29, 2002. Patient records will be available thru April 30, 2002 at 107 W. 30th, Pampa, Tx. 79065.