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PHS prom organizers to meet on Thursday

An organizational meeting for Pampa High School Prom 2002 will be held on Thursday, Feb. 7. The meeting will be in the high school cafeteria at 7:15 p.m., immediately following PHS Open House. All parents of 2002 Seniors are encouraged to attend.

Webcast set Feb. 12 focuses on pain aids

AMARILLO — The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo will sponsor "Managing Pain and Other Symptoms at Home," a live webcast for family caregivers, from 12-1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 12. The facilitator will be Dr. Robert Portenoy of Beth Israel Medical Center in New York. The program is free. To register or for more information, call (806) 359-4673, ext. 291 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 291.

Geologist to speak on local water use

Raymond M. Brady, Geologist/Engineer for the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, will speak about the Ogallala Aquifer and water use Sunday, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m., Lovett Memorial Library. Sponsored by Gray County Chapter of Accord Inc.

DEATHS

Raymond E. Gates, 76, service technician.

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Area primary races gearing up

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Campaign signs are popping up all over the area as candidates ready for the March 12 primary elections.

Numerous races are contested in both Republican and Democratic primaries as candidates are bidding for votes.

Carson County

In the Republican primary, Precinct 4 County Commissioner Kevin

Howell is being challenged for that position by Bart Wyatt.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Kenneth Ware does not have an opponent.

In Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace race, five candidates are seeking the position in the Republican primary. They are Stacie Lynn Wells, Randy Elliott, John Ray Corley, Bob Epperson and Brandie Hefner.

Incumbent Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Phyllis Tyler does not have an opponent.

ELECTION

County Judge Lewis W. Powers is also unopposed for that position as is Republican County Chairman Debra Kineade.

In the Democratic primary, the only contested race is for Precinct 4 County

Commissioner. Dudley Pohnert and Grady Milton are both seeking the position.

Jeannie Cunningham is unopposed in her quest for re-election to county treasurer as is incumbent Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 W.B. "Bill" Hinson.

Other unopposed candidates in the Democratic primary are County/District Clerk Celeste Bichsel; Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Marey Ruth and Democratic County Chairman (See RACES, Page 3)

Indoor luau



(Pampa News photo by Redonn Woods)

St. Matthew's Day School student, Caroline Herndon, avoids the winter chill by taking part in the school's Hawaiian luau Friday. Caroline is the daughter of Clint and Dawn Herndon. For more luau cuties, see Page 3.

Officials: City golf course to use treated waste water

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Foul weather has slowed the final checks on the new watering system at Hidden Hills Golf Course that will bring treated effluent 12,000 feet from the city's waste water treatment plant to the course.

If not for the conditions, City Public Works Director Richard Morris said final electrical work would be finishing up this week in advance of a trial run.

The \$505,000 project, first brought to the table in 1998, is expected to pay for itself over about a five-year period through costs saved by not using pumped and treated Lake Meredith water. Revenue bonds are paying for the construction done by Triple L Utilities Inc., of Dumas.

Besides the project saving money, Morris said, it saves water, too.

"The importance of water conservation means people have to start reclaiming water more for special uses instead of always using water from a depletable source," he said, pointing to the lowering level of the Ogallala aquifer.

Approved by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, the treated waste water will pose no health hazards, Morris said, and the liquid must meet specified standards.

Water will be pumped through the new 8-

\$500,000 project should pay off in five years

inch piping to a 300,000-gallon holding tank off the No. 10 hole at the city-owned golf course, he said. The tank will be self-replenishing as the water in it feeds the sprinkler system.

In addition to the piping and holding tank, five pumps are employed at various locations to both pump the water and keep the system pressurized.

If run at its maximum level, the high pressure system could pump 1,500 gallons of water per minute at 115 pounds of pressure per square inch.

While exact figures aren't available on golf course water needs, Morris said previous metering there shows usage ranging from 350,000 to 750,000 gallons per day depending upon rainfall and seasonal temperatures.

The treated effluent will provide most of the water for the course from now on but if there is a need, Morris said treated water can still be used as a supplement.

Asked about odor coming from the effluent, Morris said he "can't guarantee there won't be a little bit of odor at times but it's treated real well."

Reading consultant visits local schools

Phyllis Hunter of Houston, a national reading specialist and a consultant for the READ for Texas Grant, spent Tuesday, Jan. 29, with the Pampa Independent School District student, parents and educators.

Her visit began with a luncheon at Carver Center. Attending the luncheon as special guests were State Rep. Warren Chisum and Sharon Miner of Texas Sen. Jeel Biven's office. At the luncheon, Hunter spoke of the importance early reading has on the future of our country along with many key points of the recently passed Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Following the luncheon, Hunter made site visits at Wilson and Lamar elementary schools. Both of these schools are recipients of the READ for Texas Grant. She toured several classrooms and the Family Literacy Centers. She spent much of her time visiting with students, teachers, and Family Literacy Centers.

That afternoon, Hunter was guest speaker at a district-wide meeting for prekindergarten through fifth grade teachers in the M.K. Brown Auditorium's Heritage Room. At 5:30 p.m., parents of Lamar and Wilson students had the opportunity to speak with her at a meeting at Lamar campus.

Hunter was appointed to Region IV Education Service Center as consultant for Texas Statewide Reading Initiatives, specializing in scientific research based programs. She and then-Gov. George Bush worked together to implement Texas Statewide Reading Initiatives for the past five years to ensure that all children are reading at grade level or better by third grade.

Hunter served as an administrator with the Houston Independent School District for seven years where she managed the reading department for the district's 282 schools and administered a staff of 52 with a \$2.6 billion (See VISIT, Page 3)



(Courtesy photo)

READ for Texas grant consultant, Phyllis Hunter of Houston, discusses ways to improve Pampa fourth grader Matricia Davis's reading skills with Matricia and her mother Theresa Davis.

County Commission OKs heart defibrillator grant

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

It didn't take long for Gray County Commissioners to finish their meeting Friday morning.

Several routine business matters were disposed of in less than an hour.

The Commissioners Court approved a \$10,000 matching funds grant with the American Heart Association.

The program will be utilized to place Automatic External Defibrillators in first responder vehicles.

Routine items included:

• Approved deleting a for-

mer employee in the County Tax Office from the signature card at the bank.

Added to the checking accounts signature card were Gaye Whitehead, Christie Browne, and Donna Kitterman.

• Approved a request from Duke Energy to cross Gray

County Road G.

• Approved county treasurer's report as well as the investment report for the fourth quarter of 2001.

• Approved Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris' request to replace an employee.

County Judge Richard

Peet announced that State Senator Robert Duncan will be in town on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Also, the Gray County Historical Commission is expected to approve the plans by Friday for the expansion project of the White Deer Land Museum.

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

GATES, Raymond Edward — 2 p.m., Lakeview Memorial Mausoleum, Longview.

RAYMOND EDWARD GATES

1925-2002

TYLER — Services for Raymond Edward Gates, age 76, of Tyler, Texas, will be held on Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Michael Lawlor officiating. Services will be in Lakeview Memorial Mausoleum under the direction of Lakeview Funeral Home in Longview.

Mr. Gates died Jan. 31, 2002, in Tyler, Texas. He was born Aug. 12, 1925, in Cordell, Okla., and was a resident of Tyler, Texas. He was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church. His occupation was owner of Service Tech Heating and Air Conditioning Company.

He served his country in the Navy during World War II. He received: The Asiatic

Pacific Campaign Medal, The American Campaign Medal and The Philippine Liberation Ribbon with all Honors due him. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m., Monday before the service.

He was married to his wife for 55 years. Survivors include his spouse, Dena Lee Powell Gates. His children: two daughters, Dena LaRay Hamm of Tyler and Priscilla Bryan, and her husband, Merl, of Dallas. Grandchildren: Four grandchildren, Curtis and Marla Boren of Overton, Paula Shafer of Tyler, James and Cindy Hamm of Borger and Shelly and Chuck Fredrick of Farmington, N.M. He was blessed with 10 great-grandchildren.

ON RECORD

FIRE

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

Friday, Feb. 1

3:34 p.m. — Two units and five firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Price Road and U.S. 60. No injuries were reported.

5:07 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist three-fourths mile south of Texas 273 on Texas 70.

6:47 p.m. — Three units and six firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Price Road and Kentucky. An 18-wheeler and pickup collided, causing the pickup to go into a field and strike a gas meter. Energas was called to repair the meter. No injuries were reported.

POLICE

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

Saturday, Feb. 2

Ashmad R. Session, 21, 932 Love, was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Cloateal McGee, 36, 1209 Duncan, was arrested on municipal warrants for no driver's license, failure to appear, no seat belt, expired motor vehicle inspection, display expired registration, expired registration, and unregistered motor vehicle.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported no arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

WEATHER FOCUS

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Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs near 50. North to northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Sunday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.

Monday, increasing clouds. Highs in the

mid 50s. Monday evening, mostly cloudy. Tuesday, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Highs 50 to 55.

Wednesday through Friday, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 20s. Highs 55 to 60.

Peace Corps volunteers called upon for their diplomacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — They don't carry American flags or negotiate treaties. They don't even have a special stamp in their passport to identify them as unique from other Americans abroad.

Yet Peace Corps workers are ambassadors of sorts — subtle diplomats in a post-Sept. 11 world that finds America promoting itself more aggressively than before.

And President Bush wants to double their numbers abroad, steering more of them to countries that he believes most misunderstand America.

"We're expanding the

Peace Corps to take our values and compassion into the Islamic world," Bush said Friday.

The idea has support in Congress, a place seeded with Peace Corps veterans. "There is a real disconnect about what America stands for" in Muslim countries, said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., who worked for the corps in the Dominican Republic.

These days, corps volunteers are working in hospitals, helping to start small businesses, teaching English and doing other good works. They are expected to promote American values by example,

not the hard sell.

"We wouldn't ask them to take on a political role," said Ellen Field, a spokeswoman for the agency.

"We didn't have private cars and we didn't live in compounds," said Nancy Cunningham, who was in Afghanistan in 1966. "Volunteers were viewed differently."

It's those differences that neither the corps nor its volunteers want to see changed.

To be sure, Peace Corps volunteers never say they work for the government even though the agency is paid for and overseen by Congress and its director is appointed by the president. In addition, Peace Corps offices are typically not in U.S. embassies.

"We were representatives of the American people, not of the American government," said Rep. Tom Petri, R-Wis., who worked as a lawyer in Somalia for the corps.

Sometimes, just showing up for the assignment is enough.

"I was walking into town and heard children shouting, 'The gringo is coming!'" recalled Rep. Mike Honda, D-Calif., a Japanese-American who served in El Salvador. "Well, they ran past me looking for a blond-haired, blue-eyed guy."

"One of my jobs was to let people know America's full of lots of different folks."

Plans are already being

Officials now think some anti-Taliban were in raid

U.S. military: Some innocents may be among the dead and captured

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. military officials reversed themselves and now believe innocent people were among the estimated 15 killed and 27 captured in a commando raid in Afghanistan last week.

Two senior officials said Friday it appears likely that a mix of Taliban and anti-Taliban fighters were present at the site of the night-time raid by U.S. special forces soldiers. U.S. intelligence officers had believed it was an al-Qaida terrorist hide-out.

Gen. Tommy Franks, commander in chief of U.S. Central Command, ordered an investigation earlier this week in response to assertions by Afghan government officials that anti-Taliban people were among those killed or captured. That investigation has not been completed.

In announcing the investigation, Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters Wednesday he was unwilling to say U.S. forces misidentified the targeted compounds.

"I don't think it was any sense on our part that we've done something wrong," Myers said.

Local Afghans say some of those killed were anti-Taliban forces loyal to Hamid Karzai, the head of the interim Afghan government, and that among those arrested were a police chief, his deputy and members of a district council. They labeled the raid a tragic case of mistaken identities.

Senior U.S. military officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Friday that while it does not look like all of those killed and captured were friendly to the new government, some probably were.

One official said it seemed likely that the killed and captured were a mixture of Afghans loyal to Karzai, "criminals" not necessarily associated with the Taliban or al-Qaida and some Taliban figures.

U.S. officials have said that if innocents

are among the 27 captives, they will be released. All are being held for questioning in a detention facility at the Kandahar airport.

The raid was one among a series carried out by U.S. special forces — sometimes in tandem with Afghan forces — to extinguish pockets of Taliban and al-Qaida resistance.

The Jan. 23 raid was on two compounds about 60 miles north of Kandahar. One U.S. soldier suffered a bullet wound in the ankle during the operation, which was carried out in darkness.

Myers said Wednesday that basic facts about the raid — including who shot first — had not been verified. He said he had ordered the investigation because "when there are allegations, you've got to go run them to ground."

The Pentagon's description of the raid, its target and the circumstances has changed over time. For example:

—U.S. officials initially told reporters that large amounts of ammunition — but few weapons — were stored at the two compounds. On Wednesday, however, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said "large numbers of weapons" were confiscated by the U.S. raiders.

—In the immediate aftermath of the raid, Myers told a Pentagon news conference that although U.S. intelligence indicated that al-Qaida fighters were occupying the compounds, the raiders found Taliban forces were there instead. And he said those taken prisoner were mainly Taliban.

On Monday, however, a spokesman for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Rear. Adm. John Stufflebeem, said, "It just wasn't clear whom exactly we were dealing with." Nonetheless, Stufflebeem said, Franks was "confident in the intelligence derived as to what this appeared to be" — an enemy outpost and a legitimate target.

—Myers initially said the raid was carried out solely by U.S. special forces, but Rumsfeld said it was done jointly with Afghan forces.

Rumsfeld said there were good reasons to believe enemy fighters were in the compounds. He cited three "notable facts": The presence of large numbers of weapons, the absence of women and children, and the fact that the U.S. troops were shot at as they breached the compound.

City Briefs

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Love that luau!



(Pampa News photos by Redonn Woods)

At left, Blake Chisum, a student at St. Matthew's Day School, chows down at the school's indoor luau Friday. Center, Bailie Scott performs a hula dance while Shattner Reeve, right, quietly watches. Blake is the son of Chris and Christine Chisum. Marie and Brandon Scott are Bailie's parents and Shattner is the son of Joe Kyle and Sarita Reeve.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

RACES

Janet Grange.

Hemphill County

The retirement of two officials in Hemphill County has produced contested races there.

County Treasurer Claudette Hand is retiring. Two candidates, Cindy Bowen and Dana Dennis, are vying for the position.

Retiring as Justice of the Peace is Frankie Hill. Larry Dunnam, Jan Mathews, Jackie McPherson, and Don Schaefer are all in the running for the position.

Incumbent County Commissioner Precinct 4 Lynard Schafer is being challenged by Lee Young for the position.

Precinct 2 County Commissioner Ed Culver does not have an opponent nor does County District Clerk Charles Cole. Incumbent 31st District Judge Steven Emmert is unopposed.

Only one candidate is running in the Democrat primary. Incumbent County Judge Bob W. Gober is not opposed.

Lipscomb County

The Republican primary has one contested race. Stanley Born is challenging Mark Cates for the County Commission Precinct 2 spot. 31st District Judge Steven Emmert is unopposed.

In the Democrat primary, incumbent County Commissioner Precinct 4 Lewis Deeds is being challenged by Bill Nicholson and Gene Ashpaugh.

Other incumbents up for election who are not contested include District/County Clerk Terri Parker, County Judge Willis V. Smith, County Treasurer Pat Wyatt, and Justice of Peace Frank Elmore.

Roberts County

Several races are contested in the Republican primary.

County Commissioner Precinct 2 Ken Gill

is contested by Maurice Clifton and Royce Bailey.

County Commissioner Precinct 4 Jim Duvall is being contested by Shane Fields.

County District Clerk Donna Goodman is being challenged by Kathy Thompson. Tom Grantham is contesting incumbent County Judge Vernon Cook.

Justice of the Peace Fannye Greenhouse is being challenged by Rusty Early.

County Treasurer Billie Lunsford is unopposed as is 31st District Judge Steven Emmert. There are no candidates in the Democratic Party in Roberts County.

Wheeler County

The Republican primary will only have three races in Wheeler County. They are County Commissioner Precinct 4 Robbie Robinson, County Surveyor Kenneth Allen and 31st District Judge Steven Emmert. All are incumbents.

Emmert's Judicial District covers five counties: Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler.

In the Democrat primary, incumbent County Commissioner Precinct 2 incumbent Tom Puryear is challenged by Billie V. Atherton and Dwayne Baker.

Incumbent County Treasurer Jauna Benefield is being contested by Heather Campbell Podzemny.

In the County Judge's race, incumbent Harold Keeler is challenged by James G. Hodges while incumbent County Treasurer Tricia Speed is opposed by Cynthia Finck. Justice of the Peace Marie Rucker is being challenged by Andrea Farias-Loyd.

Other unopposed candidates in the primary are County Clerk Margaret Dorman, County Judge Jerry Don Hefley, District Clerk Sherri Jones, Justice of Peace Precinct 2 Brady Meadows, Justice of Peace Precinct 2 Art Taylor and 64th District Judge Paul Ho.

Kidnapped reporter may still be alive

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — The Wall Street Journal issued a new appeal for kidnapped reporter Daniel Pearl's life Saturday, saying it believed an e-mail claiming he had been killed was a hoax. Pakistani authorities also said they think Pearl is still alive.

The statements came a day after an e-mail sent to CNN and Fox News said Pearl had been killed and his body dumped in a Karachi graveyard. Hundreds of Pakistani police searched cemeteries through the night, but by morning they had found nothing to confirm the e-mail's claims.

In New York, The Wall Street Journal said it believed both the e-mail and a telephone message demanding ransom money for its reporter were hoaxes. The paper urged the kidnappers either to

release Pearl or "demonstrate that Danny remains alive" by providing a photo of him showing a current newspaper.

In Pakistan's Sindh province, meanwhile, provincial governor Mukhtar Ahmad Sheikh expressed hope that Pearl would be found "as we believe the man is still alive."

Pearl, 38, was abducted Jan. 23 in Karachi while pursuing an interview with the founder of a militant Muslim sect. His wife, Marianne, is six months pregnant with their first child.

Overnight, police combed through 300 cemeteries in Karachi, a southern city of 12 million people. Graveyard administrators were told not to bury any bodies and to tell the police about any brought for burial by suspicious people, police said.

"We have searched grave-

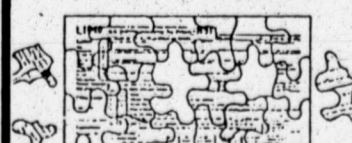
yards and other places," said police spokesman Tariq Jamil. "But so far there is no clue."

Also Saturday, police reported several additional arrests in the case, including the father and other relatives of a key suspect — a member of a Muslim extremist group whose family reported he had recently died in Afghanistan. But officials refused to say whether they were any closer to finding Pearl or his abductors.

Saturday's developments came a day after conflicting reports emerged about Pearl's fate.

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Six more weeks, Phil says

By DAN LEWERENZ
Associated Press Writer

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) — Punxsutawney Phil predicted six more weeks of winter Saturday but hedged his bets on the winner of this year's Super Bowl.

"I think he was indifferent," said Bill Cooper, president of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club Inner Circle. "What can I say? He's only a groundhog."

A record crowd of at least 40,000 people braved the sunny but frigid morning to celebrate Groundhog Day at Gobbler's Knob. Concerns about rowdy drinkers coupled with the Sept. 11 attacks led to stepped-up security at Phil's home. For the first time ever, organizers sold all 38,000 bus tickets to the event.

German superstition holds that if an animal sees its shadow on Feb. 2 — the Christian holiday of Candlemas — then bad weather is in store. A shadow would mean six more weeks of winter.

Phil's handlers had announced in January that the groundhog would predict the outcome of Sunday's Super Bowl game.

That was when the Pittsburgh Steelers were favored to win the AFC championship game, and the Philadelphia Eagles were playing for the NFC title. But both Pennsylvania teams lost, leaving the St. Louis Rams facing the New England Patriots in New Orleans.

Stam Zervanos, associate professor of biology at Penn State University's Berks-Lehigh Valley College in Reading, said the groundhog has an entirely different reason for emerging from his hole.

"They're going to mate, and they're going to go back into hibernation for about four weeks before they start feeding and having their young," Zervanos said.

At State College-based AccuWeather Inc., where science trumps superstition, meteorologists are predicting that February and March will be slightly colder than usual around the Great Lakes and for much of the East Coast, while above-normal temperatures are expected in northern plains.

In Punxsutawney, AccuWeather's long-range forecast calls for "near to slightly below normal," Rayno said. "I suspect that that translates into six more weeks of winter."

Deadly winter storm leaves Northeast

(AP) — Cold air and blustery wind swept into the Northeast early Saturday, pushing a winter storm that was blamed for at least 21 deaths out to sea.

Before the storm moved off the Eastern Seaboard, it subjected New England and northern New York to a blast of snow and ice that forced schools and businesses to close on Friday.

The storm struck the Plains on Wednesday before moving into the Great Lakes and the Northeast. Tens of thousands were without power Friday in Oklahoma, Missouri, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and New York. Service had been restored to most Pennsylvania customers on Saturday.

In New York and New England, freezing rain downed tree limbs and power lines, and as daytime temperatures rose Friday, falling ice threatened pedestrians. High wind made matters worse, and drivers were banned from some roads.

Wind gusting to 55 mph forced the evacuation of the 29-story Xerox office tower in downtown Rochester, N.Y. "When you're in a tower of

our size and surrounded by windows you want to take precautionary measures," said Xerox spokeswoman Christa Carone.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Just a few short weeks ago, Dr. Louis Haydon regaled us with still another letter to the editor regarding economic development, this time in Tahlequah, Okla.

The letter was captioned, "Are economic development corporations really needed," an obvious reference to their use in Texas and especially here in Pampa. He pointed out how Tahlequah had two terrific new businesses moving into their area and with few, if any, expensive, taxpayer-funded incentives. He referenced the mayor of Tahlequah, Jerry Cook.

This was such an interesting article, I took it upon myself to contact Mayor Cook and we have had two very pleasant and informative conversations. First of all, the cities in Oklahoma don't use economic development corporations since Oklahoma has a Department of Commerce that is very active in economic development and is funded by the state income tax.

Dr. Haydon must find that a grand idea since he was so impressed with the success of Tahlequah. Also, the state of Oklahoma gives new businesses moving into the state very lucrative income tax credits as well as ad valorem tax credits.

Next there is the matter of the Native American Land Act enacted by the federal government in the mid-'90s. This law gives very attractive incentives to new businesses that move into Oklahoma and locate on Indian land. (Most all the land in Oklahoma falls under that designation.) These incentives include income tax credits as well as accelerated depreciation for new buildings and equipment.

What this means is that instead of taking 14 years to depreciate things out, the new businesses can do it in seven years — a very nice tax break, indeed. Then there is the city of Tahlequah itself. The city has invested literally millions of dollars developing their industrial park in which they have paid for the installation of streets, water, gas, electric and sewer lines and for the two new companies mentioned in Dr. Haydon's letter, new parking lots will be provided at city expense.

The city is also buying, at city expense, several hundred thousand dollars worth of new equipment needed by these new companies and will lease this equipment back to the companies.

Then there is the matter of gas and electricity. Dr. Haydon neglected to tell us that the city of Tahlequah owns the local gas and electric companies and can offer new businesses moving into their area very attractive utility rates.

And then there is the matter of the regional university with its 10,000-plus students in the Tahlequah area which is always going to be attractive to businesses looking to relocate.

Mayor Cook went on to give me a brief overview of the city's financial picture. It seems they owe approximately \$5 million on their electric company, \$800,000 on their gas company and some \$600,000 on a building they built as an inducement to a car rental center that moved there.

He went on to state that they don't consider these things as debt but rather an INVESTMENT in the future. He stated that "a town moves forward or falls behind" and "that a town has to have vision." And finally, he stated, "a town must be willing to take chances in order to compete."

Tahlequah surely must be competing since it has had a 36 percent growth in the last 10 years, is the tenth fastest growing town in Oklahoma and is located in the third fastest growing county in Oklahoma. All of this in a town of 15,000 progressive, forward-thinking taxpayers.

I find it very curious Dr. Haydon chose to leave out so many interesting facts and chose rather to imply that these wonderful things simply fell out of the sky into Tahlequah's backyard.

The people of Pampa have been flooded with numerous letters to the editor as well as editorials blasting the use of taxpayer money to promote economic development. Unfortunately, folks, that has become the name of the game, whether it's in Oklahoma or Texas.

For the most part, people seem to fall into two distinctly different categories — builders or destroyers! On Nov. 8, the people of Pampa got clear evidence of what the destroyers can accomplish. Using a very skillful campaign of misinformation, the destroyers were able to convince so many good people in Pampa that by doing away with economic development, they would be stopping the hog research facility from locating here in Gray County.

It is now pretty obvious to most everyone that this line of intentional misinformation was untrue; the election had nothing to do with hogs and construction on the hog research facility will begin before the spring flowers bloom.

And for the record, I was never overly enthusiastic about large hog operations here in Gray County, but neither do I want to see Pampa continually decline as the result of our inability to compete in the game of economic development.

In the future, I would simply ask each one of you who has taken the time to read this article, please don't believe things the destroyers espouse until you have had a chance to check them out for yourself. For that matter, don't believe any of us, and instead get the facts firsthand for yourself.

I'm sure this article will bring an outcry from Dr. Haydon and company. However, I can take absolute comfort in knowing I have presented the truth and ALL the facts as told to me by Mayor Cook without conveniently leaving things out.

There is an old saying that states, "either lead, follow, or get out of the way!" I know without a doubt there are many positive leaders here in Pampa who have for too long stayed silent and have allowed themselves to be browbeaten by a very misguided and vocal handful of local individuals. I certainly do not profess to be a leader. However, I do pray that the positive builders will soon step forward and take leadership positions in this community. Pampa will most assuredly be the better for it.

John Triplehorn
Pampa

Build it and they will come

Are you eating guacamole today ... Super Bowl Sunday?

Seems like I read somewhere that more avocados are consumed on Super Bowl Sunday than at any other time of the year.

I'll be pulling for the St. Louis Rams. After living near St. Louis twice and getting to really like that city, I have to be for them. And, I learned after living there, they aren't as Yankeeified as I thought Missouri was when I was growing up in Arkansas. And, besides, the Kurt Warner story is a great one.

Wonder how he keeps that same four-or-five-day-old-looking beard all the time?

There is, however, a drawback to the game. It will be Pat Summerall's last broadcast after way many years of bringing us football on Sunday. I'll really miss him. He's good at his craft.

The only thing worse than him retiring is that he isn't taking that obnoxious John Madden with him! I'd love to see Madden get on his bus and ride into the sunset. I promise, he gets on my last nerve. He repeats everything at least



KATE DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

three dozen times and says the dumbest things over and over ... like how important a third down is. Sometime I turn the sound off when it gets so bad ... or, I just give up and flip to another station. It's not worth the aggravation.

With football going out of the picture I'm glad NASCAR racing is coming back. Feb. 24 I think. The Daytona 500 and it marks a year since Earnhardt died. It's on Fox the first half of the season and NBC the second. I wish NBC had it all the time. Then I'd be spared Darrell Waltrip. He may be even worse than Madden. Waltrip thinks he's funny (not) and, bless his heart, he murders the King's English routinely. So does his on-air partner, Larry McReynolds. It's very distracting.

Now, I'm not trying to sound elitist here, we all make grammatical mistakes from time-to-time but television announcers, no matter how well they know their subject, should speak better than those two. The group at NBC, Benny Parsons, Allen Bestwick and Wally Dallenbach, do a much more professional job.

And speaking of racing, I read where Bruton Smith of Charlotte, N.C., wants a second NASCAR race at his Texas Motor Speedway. Smith also owns the tracks at Charlotte (Concord, actually) and Atlanta. I'm not sure if he owns more.

You can't blame him for wanting to get more bang for his multi-million investment there but NASCAR drivers who've talked about the subject saying there are enough races as it is ... 34 now I think. Couple that with all the testing, appearances, etc., and one can see why. So, it will be interesting to see if NASCAR officials take some races away from others to accommodate Smith or add more dates or what.

And others want to build tracks hoping ... you know, build it and they will come!



Enforcing the law isn't easy

I was thinking of my old police-beat days and how things have changed. They've changed so much, it's about like living in Canada.

One night, two deputies I was riding with had saved a woman's life at great risk to themselves by wrestling a shotgun out of the hands of her berserk husband. And he was berserk. Dressed only in a pair of filthy briefs, he screamed insults and obscenities like a madman and kicked the screen separating the front seat from the back of the squad car.

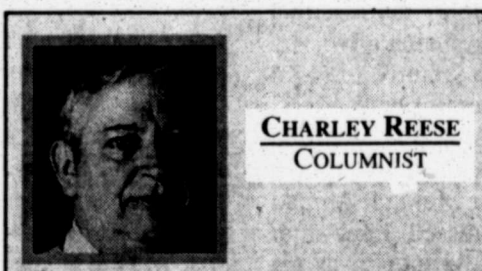
After about a quarter-mile of this, one of the deputies said to me, "If you weren't with us, I believe I could quiet that fellow down."

"Well," I replied, "I have an urgent need to answer a call of nature, and if you would be kind enough to pull over, I'll go into the bushes there and take care of it." It was about 2 a.m. and way out in the country. They pulled over, I went off and had a smoke, and sure enough, when I returned to the car, the prisoner was sleeping peacefully in the back seat.

Today this would probably be considered as being an accessory to police brutality. But I saw no brutality. For all I knew or cared to know, he might have sung the guy a lullaby. I just enjoyed the quiet ride back to the jail.

Later I got a reserve deputy's commission. It didn't matter that I had no law-enforcement training. Neither did the regular deputies. It wasn't a requirement at that place at that time. Just common sense, a cool head and guts were all that were required. It helped to be big. Unfortunately, I wasn't.

I was working the 4-to-midnight shift at the newspaper, and when my best friend, who was a regular deputy, had the midnight-to-8 shift, I'd ride as his part-



CHARLEY REESE
COLUMNIST

ner. The editor would have had a hissy fit had he known it, but I've always figured that I only owe my employer the hours he pays for. What I do on my time is my business. I kept the two jobs strictly separate and never violated a confidence.

One night, about 3 a.m., we got a call that an escapee from the state prison was at a certain house. We drove over, and I got out around the corner and made my way on foot through back yards to the back porch. My friend then drove the green-and-white into the driveway, banged on the front door and shouted "Police!" Just as we had planned, the escapee burst out of the back door like a horse out of a gate.

In what would today be considered politically incorrect language, I suggested to him that he stop and raise his hands lest his survivors regret his rash decision not to do so. I'm sure the .45 in my hand carried more weight than my words. My friend came through the house, snapped the cuffs on the guy, and we deposited him at the jail. To this day, neither one of us knows what the guy was doing hard time for. It didn't matter. He was an escapee. We were going to arrest him.

There were no Special Weapons and Tactics teams in those days, and since there were two of us and only one of him, we felt no need for any backup. Today, a SWAT team would probably evacuate a two-block area before moving in with full-

military gear. In those days, except for the road patrol guys, we wore sports jackets and slacks. If we had to enter a house, we kicked the door down and went in. After knocking once, of course.

I have great respect for those old law-enforcement officers. Many a man owes his life to the fact that the officers were cool enough to talk them into surrendering. The best of them did not shout or insult people or curse them. They always acted as if the arrest were not a personal thing, and even though they had to take a person to jail, they would wish that person luck. If they had to, they could shoot or fight, but by not taking away a man's dignity, they avoided a lot of violence.

I still respect law-enforcement officers. It's a tough job. Nearly all of them have that sense of duty and honor to the point of voluntary self-sacrifice. We just saw an example of it at the World Trade Center.

But I hope people will realize that the next time some political mob is after a police officer because he had to shoot somebody, that he is the same guy who would sacrifice his life to save others if the necessity arose. It's very bad to second-guess a police officer who has to make a decision in a split second. I've always been against civilian review boards. If you haven't been out there on the street, in the dark, with insufficient information and under those stressful circumstances being forced to make a life-or-death decision, you just don't have the right to sit in judgment, in my opinion. And all too often these days, the politicians will throw a cop to the mob just to cover their own political hind end.

(Charley Reese can be contacted at briarl@earthlink.net.)

FROM OUR FILES

40 years ago

SUNDAY, Feb. 4, 1962.

National Boy Scout Week, February 7-13, will be particularly significant in Pampa this week because it will mark the launching of the Adobe Walls Council Boy Scout

Development Campaign.

TUESDAY, Feb. 6, 1962.

Forty-five candidates filed for places on the ballot in the May 5 Democratic and Republican primary election in Gray County, according to information from Party secretaries.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 7,

1962. Poll Tax Committee

Chairman Duggan Smith reported at yesterday's Junior Chamber of Commerce luncheon in City Hall that over 1,700 poll tax receipts were sold by the Jaycees and

Jaycees during January.

25 years ago

THURSDAY, Feb. 3, 1977.

The Texas Employment Commission reported today that 114 jobs were filled in January from the Pampa office.

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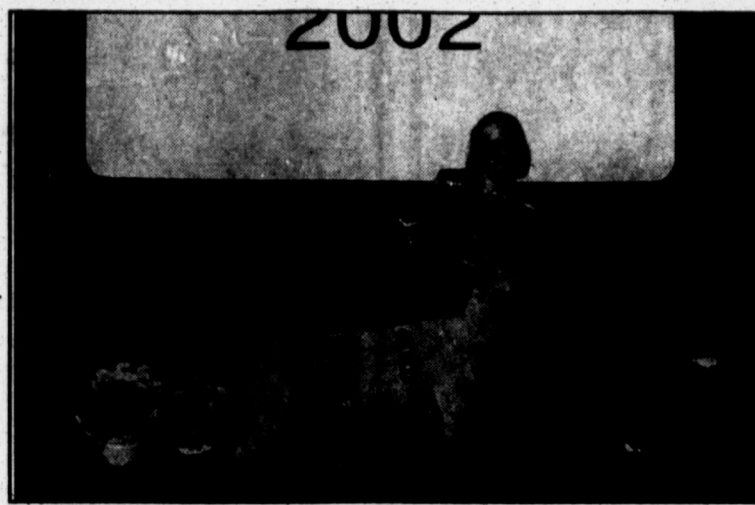
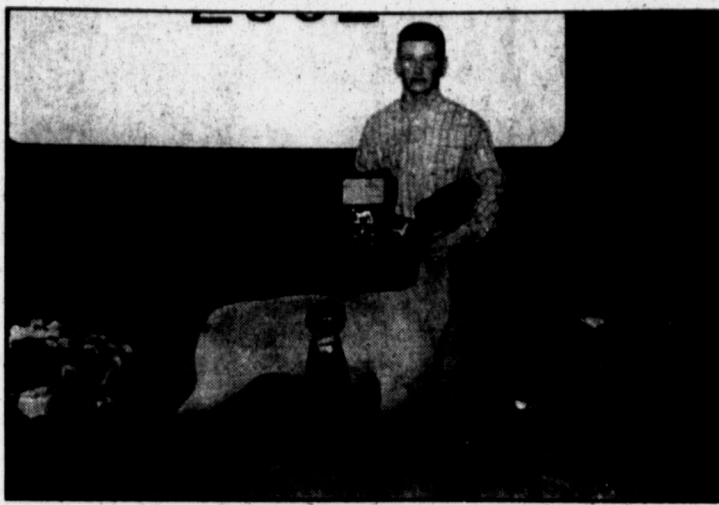
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Gray County Livestock Show



(Courtesy photos)

Trent Cadra, far left, of McLean FFA won first in Showmanship Senior Lamb Division at the Gray County Livestock Show held recently at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa. Nikki Jo

Hefley, middle, of Pampa FFA won second in Showmanship Senior Lamb Division and Kristen Odom, far right, of Gray County 4-H won first in Showmanship Junior Lamb Division.

Houston Livestock Show in offing for some local youths

HOUSTON — The 2002 Houston Livestock Show marks the final year that FFA and 4-H youth exhibitors from across Texas will compete in Reliant Hall, and 46 FFA members and 33 4-Hers from the Pampa area have entered to be there. The 2002 Show runs from Feb. 12-March 3 at Reliant Park.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, begins livestock competition on Feb. 22. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first 10 days of the Show, beginning on Feb. 13.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse show, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

More than 16,000 entries, representing more than 1,000 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's junior show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in both the junior and open divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market goats, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, dairy goats, llamas, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

"The 2002 Houston Livestock Show will be an event exhibitors of all ages will never forget as we hold the world's largest livestock show in Reliant Hall one last time," said John Sykes, assistant general manager, Agricultural Exhibits and Competition Department. "For 37 years, Reliant Hall has

been the place where generations of 4-H and FFA exhibitors have gathered for fellowship, friendship and competition. We look forward to continuing that tradition in the new Reliant Center in 2003."

Exhibitors from the area include: Stephanie Akins, Chandler Bowers, Collin Bowers, Benjamin J. Campbell, Keisha Childress, Tanner Cochran, Garrett E. Coutts, Lindsey Coutts, Meredith B. Coutts, Kori A. Dunn, Kristen L. Dunn, Amber Nicole Freeman, Amy L. Freeman, Ashley Freeman, K'Lyn Brook Holmes, T'Andra Dee Holmes, Hannah Hopkins, Jacob Lee Hopkins, Margaret Hopkins, Cody Wayne Lee, Robyn Lowrey, Ryan McCarley, Stephen McCarley, Heather Ponce, Austin Douglas Pritchett, Jeremy Pritchett, Shawn Smith, Ashley Winton.

Jessica Baggerman, Chance Bowers, Jaron Clark, Lauren Ann Coutts, John Luke Covalt, Courtney Crawford, Meagan Crawford, Karli Douglas, Mary

L. Dyson, Emilia Greer, Ethan Crawford Greer, Zachary Allen Licklider, Ashlee Mae Lucas, Destinee Patton Manhart, Blake Nusser, Emily Nusser, Kenneth Royce O'Neal, Tyler Victoria O'Neal, Ashley Gay Price, Lindsey Brooke Price, Kelby Rucker, Devan Shults, Krista Shults, Elizabeth C. Thomas and Hilary C. Thomas, all of Pampa.

Dakota Wakely Pairsh II and Misty Lee Pairsh, Stormy A.R. Howard, and Emily J. Jackson, all of Lefors; and Ryan Baggerman of Miami.

Chase Anderson, Sandi D. Anderson, Cole Dampier, Nikki Jo Hefley, Traci Rigsby, Brooke Danielle Seymour, Lucas Ray Seymour, Zachary Ray Seymour, Delinda Simpson, Chisum Smith, Chloe Smith and Krista Smith, all of McLean; and Tanner Cadra and Trent Paul Cadra, both of Shamrock.

The four market animal auctions (steer, lamb and goat, barrow and poultry) represent animals raised by exhibitors for

food sources. The finest animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. In 2001, the Houston Livestock Show's junior market auction sales totaled \$6,297,573, including a record \$600,000 paid for the Grand Champion Market Steer.

In addition to livestock competition, the Show plays host to one of the premier horse shows in the country. Cutting horse events begin the horse show competition on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The National Cutting Horse Association championship finals follow Feb. 14-17, as well as competition in six different breeds of horses: Appaloosa, Arabian, Half Arabian, Paint, Palomino and Quarter Horse, plus donkeys and mules.

The 2002 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo kicks off on Thursday, Feb. 7, with the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest, slated for Feb. 7-9, in the southwest Reliant Park parking lot. Go Texan weekend is Feb. 9-10, including contests, the downtown rodeo parade and the Conoco Rodeo Run.

Roberts County Junior Livestock Show in offing at RCP Center

MIAMI — The 2002 Roberts County Junior Livestock Show will be staged Saturday, Feb. 9 in the Roberts County Project Center located east of Miami on Hwy 60. Weigh-in will be conducted from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 8.

The judging is set to get under way at 9 a.m. David Bray, ag science teacher of Allison, will judge the swine first (Duroc, Hampshire, White OPB and Crossbred), followed by lambs, Small Fry and steers.

Twenty-three youth will be exhibiting animals including 22 barrows, one lamb and 10 steers.

A barbecue dinner, sponsored by Miami High School Class of 2003, will be served from 12 noon-1:30 p.m., at the project center. Tickets will be available at the concession stand.

The event will conclude with the premium sale slated to begin at 2 p.m. with W.B. Dickerson as auctioneer.



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Tim has a twin sister Sarah and before you ask...they are NOT identical twins. He has a younger brother and sister who are also twins and amazingly enough all four siblings share the same birthday June 25th.

He is active in his church and our community. He has served on numerous groups including the Rodeo board and is currently the president of the Gray county Farm Bureau. In his spare time he sleeps.

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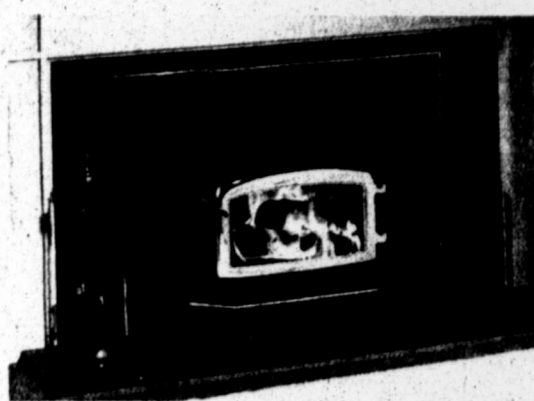
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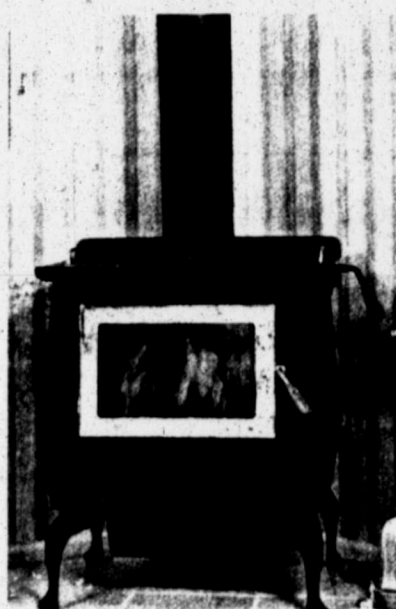


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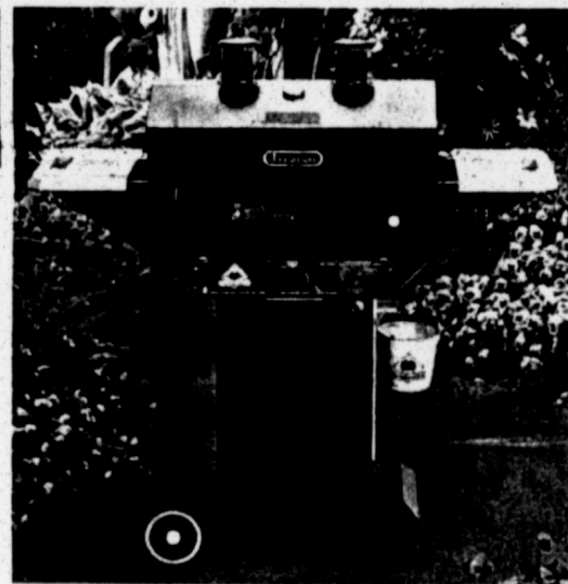
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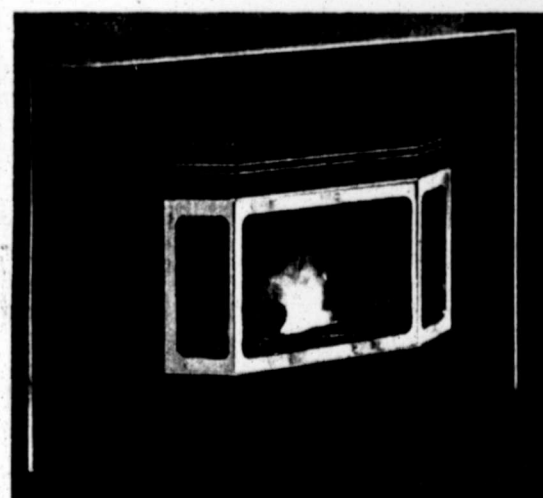
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Three PHS band students named to All-State Band

"Pride of Pampa" High School Band members Shelley Smith, Sarah Teague and Travis Leever were recently named to the Texas All-State Band. To qualify for All-State, the students first participated in regional auditions and then area auditions held in Odessa.

These three students will travel to San Antonio, in February to participate with the All-State Band at the Texas Music Educators Association Clinic and Convention. The conductor of the 4A All-State Band will be retired Col. Arnold Gabriel.

Clarinetist Shelley Smith, a sophomore, is a first-year member of the All-State Band. Shelley's band honors include All-Region Band (four years), All-Area (two years), and first division on solos and ensembles since seventh grade.

Shelley, daughter of Duane and Evan Smith, attended band camp at Stephen F. Austin University

where she was chosen as the outstanding woodwind player and also received the music theory award. She was chosen outstanding freshmen of the "Pride of Pampa" Band for the 2000-01, and is currently first chair in the band. She is a member of the tennis team and the Latin club.

Sarah Teague is a second-year member of the All-State Band. Sarah is first chair in symphonic band. Her band honors include: All-Region Band (four years), All-Region Orchestra (three years), Amarillo Youth Symphony Orchestra (three years), All-Area Band (three years) and numerous division ones on solo and ensembles.

Sarah is an honor camper at West Texas A&M University Band Camp. She was named outstanding band member during her sophomore year and was head drill instructor for the marching band. This year she was a featured soloist during the

where she was chosen as the outstanding woodwind player and also received the music theory award. She was chosen outstanding freshmen of the "Pride of Pampa" Band for the 2000-01, and is currently first chair in the band. She is a member of the tennis team and the Latin club.

Travis Leever is a first-year member of the All-State Band, making it on tenor saxophone. Travis has been a member of the All-Region Band for four years, always earning the first chair position. He has been a member of the All-Area Band for three years, All-Region Jazz Band for one year and has made all first divisions on solos and ensembles.

Travis, a drill instructor for the marching band, is first chair in the "Pride of Pampa" Band and is a member of the basketball/jazz band. He has participated in West Texas A&M University Band Camp for two years, placing in the Symphonic Band and belongs to D-FY-IT at Pampa High School. He is the son of David and Kathy Leever.

Financial aid teleconference free to college-bound students

AUSTIN — In recognition of Financial Aid Awareness Month, Texas Guaranteed (TG) will host "Applying for Financial Aid: The FAFSA Process," its seventh consecutive statewide teleconference to help students and families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is the first application students must complete to determine their financial aid eligibility to receive grants, work-study and student loans. According to the U.S. Department of Education, an estimated \$49.4 billion in federal grants, loans and work-study aid will be awarded this year to over eight million students.

There is no cost to participants attending the event, which will be held Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (CST). A pre-recorded VHS Spanish version of the FAFSA teleconference is also available.

"Completing the FAFSA, which is comprised of approximately 100 questions, can be a lengthy process," said Richard Sapp, TG's director of awareness programs. "However, the teleconference is designed to help remove some of

the frustration by taking students and their parents step-by-step through the entire application."

In addition to going through the FAFSA step-by-step, high school seniors viewing the teleconference at host sites can enter their names into a drawing to win one of six \$500 scholarships from TG or a complete computer system donated by the Higher Education Servicing Corporation (HESC) in Arlington.

To find a listing of available host sites for the broadcast, students and parents should go to TG's public service web site, Adventures in Education, at <http://www.adventuresineducation.org>. The site also includes additional information about what students need to bring with them to complete the FAFSA during the event.

"Organizations interested in serving as community host sites still have time to register. I encourage them to call and make a difference in the lives of students in their communities," said Sapp.

Any business, organization, school, or civic group interested in serving as a host site should call (800) 252-9743, ext. 2865 or send e-mail to awareness@tgsic.org.

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Centennial diorama winners



(Courtesy photo)

Fourth grade Gray County Centennial diorama winners at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School include (left-right) Amanda Brasier, first place; Kelsey Ford, second place; and Kylee Reel, third place. Also seen in the photograph are teachers Rachel Turner and Angela Hicks. Not pictured are Angela Hoover and Artist-in-Residence Kay Croucher. The dioramas are on display at the former Pampa Hardware Store, 120 N. Cuyler.

WOODROW WILSON HONOR ROLL

Wilson Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the fourth six-weeks grading period of the 2001-02 school year.

Second Grade. Seth Almanza, Ryan Dameron, Meganne Fraser, Jessica Garmon, Brittany Gray, Carmen Marin, Zachery Swearingim, Yelitza Anguiano, Devin Asencio, Nicole Brashears, Amanda Everson, Robert Mercado, Ziriix Nix, Mario Rivera, Haley Stanfield, Caylee Steward, Jacob Tidwell, Courtney Ward, Kizer Williams, Alex Galaviz, Brienne Moyer, Joleen Pittman, Samantha Powell, Keith Rodriguez, Luis Romero.

Third Grade. Brennan Dickinson, Jason Gallardo, Crystal Garcia, Jessica Gutierrez, Lesleigh LaRue, Jose Resendiz, Moses Mireles, Cynthia Solis, Mary Beth Cox, Cody Hudson, Ryan Weeden, Dakota Turlington, Reba Bailey, Miriah Anguiano, Cody Davis, Collin Dull, Brandi Garmon, Karen Jimenez, Cody McIntyre, Ashlee Mixon, Eric Ortiz, Alex Recendiz, Kaci Reyes, James Scott, Hunter Shay, Allen Harden.

Fourth Grade. Brittany Bennett, Justin Carlton, Crystal Collis, Lariat Lowrey, Leonel Madrid, Bethney Mosteller, Daisy Perez, Kylee Reel, Agapito Salazar, Meghan Asencio, Amanda Braiser, Israel

Casanova, Robert Douglas, Angie Galaviz, Jordann Hughes, Phoenix Keeter, Aleah Noble, Nathan Smith, Brittany Vick, Nichole Cox, Matricia Davis, Kelsey Ford, Ryan Jimenez, Brian Fuller, Ashley Gray, Lindsey Ma, Britney Poulin, Cristal Silva, Miranda Waldrop, Tyler Wilbanks.

Fifth Grade. Bernardo Casanova, Chelsie Douglas, Haylee Francis, David Gutierrez, Amanda Harkins, Raeghan Jenkins, Keah Reel, Tatiano Soto, Luis Cruz, Cody Newton, Tori Srygley, Jackie Gray, Senecia Cruz, Ryan Baggerman, Chance Almanza, Scottie Dabbs, Randon Parks, Norman Rodgers, Idali Solis, Stephanie Castellanos, Jacob Rodriguez.

GScookies now on sale

Thin Mints are coming! Thin Mints are coming! After a year of not being able to get those most delicious of all cookies, it looks like cookie time again. The Girl Scouts of Texas Plains Council have started taking orders for cookies that will be delivered between February 16 and March 16.

Expect a Girl Scout to appear on your doorstep or to ask for your order at church, school or one of several local businesses. For \$3 per box you can enjoy your fill of Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Shortbread and Animal Treasures.

If you prefer a reduced fat variety, ask for Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes. And be sure to try the newest Girl Scout Cookie, Friendship Circles.

In 2002, Girl Scouting celebrates its 90th birthday. A new cookie named for an old Girl Scout tradition, Friendship Circles, honors the occasion. They are made by sandwiching a creamy chocolate filling between two crisp vanilla cookies, but the thing that makes them "Friendship Circles" is that each of the cookie's sides has the word "friend" embossed in one of 18 different languages.

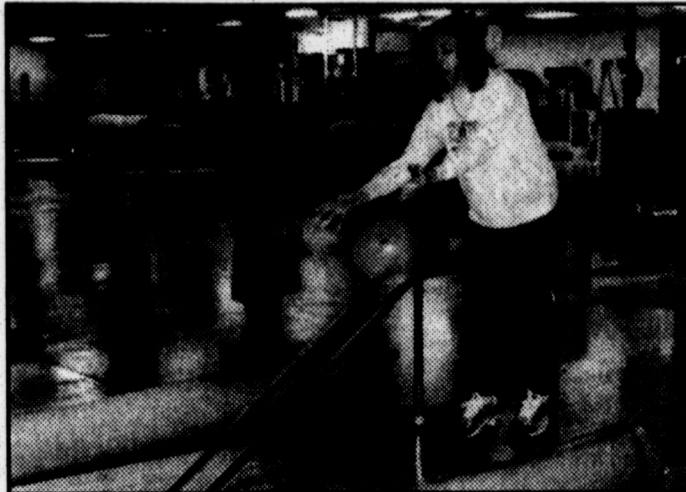
The cookie sale helps girls learn all kinds of important skills related to handling money, goal setting, teamwork, meeting the public and more.

Less than one-third of the \$3 goes to pay for the cookies. The remainder of the purchase price stays in the local community. One of the things that makes the Girl Scout Cookie Sale different from most youth product sales is that a portion of the revenue goes to troops so that girls can make decisions about how it is spent.

The volunteer Board of Directors of Girl Scouts - Texas Plains Council budgets the remaining proceeds for expenses related to providing Girl Scout services to 2,300-plus girls and 700-plus volunteers in 17 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

When you buy Girl Scout cookies, you really help "Girls Grow Strong." For more information, contact Martha Hadley at 665-2751.

Bowling party



(Courtesy photo)

To celebrate National Bowling Week recently, JoAnn West, owner of Harvester Lanes, and Kristie Fuller, Activity director at Pampa Nursing Center (PNC), teamed up and provided PNC residents a fun-filled day of bowling. Above: PNC resident Jo Sloss sets up for her second strike of the day.

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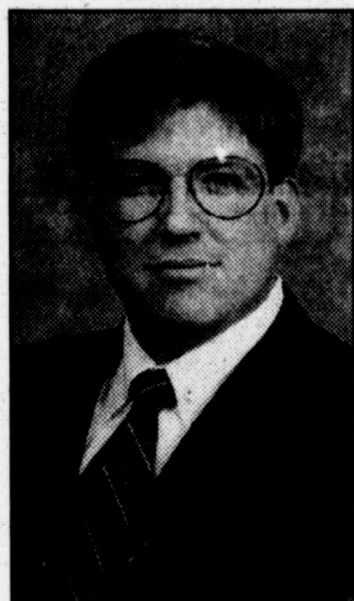
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Michael J. Sharpee

Firm announces new shareholder

Michael J. Sharpee has been elected a shareholder of the law firm Peterson Farris Doores and Jones, L.L.C., which has offices in Amarillo and Pampa.

Sharpee holds a bachelor of arts degree in English literature from the University of Texas and a law degree from Texas Tech University, graduating cum laude.

He is director of Amarillo Bar Association, member of Panhandle Family Law Association and State Bar Family Law Section. Mr. Sharpee primarily practices in family law and tort litigation.

TxDOT: Signs outlawed in right of way

AUSTIN — As the election season moves into high gear, candidates and campaign workers are reminded to be careful where they place campaign signs.

Such signs are not allowed on state highway right-of-way, which is reserved for official traffic control signs. Campaign signs erected on highway right-of-way will be removed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the owner can be charged for removal costs.

In addition, a person placing an unauthorized sign in a highway right-of-way can be fined up to \$500 per sign.

"The law is intended to keep highway right of way clear so that official traffic control signs are clearly visible and sight lines are not obstructed," said Mark Tomlinson, TxDOT District engineer in Amarillo. "It means you can't place signs on trees, utility poles, traffic signs or other objects in the highway right of way."

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MEDICAL

Nutrition Q&A

Q: My 11-week-old son still wakes up every three hours during the night. Will feeding him a little rice cereal at bedtime help him to sleep better?

A: Feeding cereal to help infants sleep through the night is a bit like removing tonsils to prevent ear infections, said Dr. Judy Hopkinson, a lactation physiologist with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. For a long time people believed these practices were effective — until these measures were carefully studied.

In the case of feeding cereal at night to improve infant sleep, the link turned out to be coincidental. The real parental sleep-saver was found to be a normal, age-related change in infant sleeping patterns, which just happens to occur at about the same time that sleep-deprived parents are ready to try anything.

Although early cereal feedings are probably not harmful, Hopkinson says there are good reasons to follow the American Association of Pediatrics' recommendation that infants be given only breast milk until about six months of age. Research has shown that babies of mothers who follow this recommendation tend to have fewer ear infections and less wheezing and coughing.

Q: My family is trying to use the Food Guide Pyramid to help us eat healthier, but we're frustrated with portion sizes. Is there any quick way to size up how much food equals a serving?

A: Tracking your Food Guide Pyramid servings is a great way to ensure you're getting all the nutrients you need without extra calories, say dietitians with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center in Houston. But, developing an eye for portion size is the key, particularly since in many restaurants an entree alone can provide almost an entire day's "allotment" of grain and protein servings.

The following visual cues can help you use good portion "sense" when deciding how much food to eat. Each cue is equal to one Food Guide Pyramid serving for the foods listed with an asterisk.

—Woman's fist/baseball equals approximately 1 cup of green salad, frozen yogurt, piece of fruit or baked potato.

—Rounded handful equals approximately 1/2 cup, cut fruit, cooked vegetables, pasta, rice.

—Golf ball or large egg, approximately 1/4 cup, dried fruit (such as raisins).

—Cassette tape, approximately 3 oz., meat, poultry.

—Checkbook, approximately 3 oz., grilled fish.

—Six dice, approximately 1 1/2 oz., natural cheese.

To learn more about using the Food Guide Pyramid to build a healthier diet, see <http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/Fpyr/pyramid.html>

Q: When I learned I had high blood pressure, my doctor told me to start eating eight to 10 servings of fruits and vegetables each day in addition to cutting back on salt. I expected the advice about salt, but how do fruits and vegetables help?

A: Generous amounts of fruits and vegetables can help lower blood pressure, according to a study called DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension), said Mary Pat Bolton, lead nutritionist for the Women's Health Initiative at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Participants in the study who ate eight- to 10-servings of fruits and vegetables each day, along with two- to three-servings of low-fat dairy products, experienced a drop in blood pressure that was similar to that typically achieved with a prescription drug.

Scientists aren't sure what makes this dietary combination work so well. The liberal amounts of calcium, magnesium, potassium, and fiber in the diet may each contribute small effects that add up to big benefits.

Because a "serving" is quite small — about a half-cup on average — eating the recommended amount of fruits and vegetables is probably easier than you think. Just start slowly, adding one or two servings a day until you reach eight- to 10-servings a day. For example, try a glass of orange juice and a piece of fruit with breakfast. Take a baggie of raw vegetables with your sandwich at lunch, and have a salad with lean meat and two or three vegetables (canned, fresh or frozen) at dinner. Then, reach for another piece of fruit at mid-afternoon and bedtime.

For details on the DASH diet (which also emphasizes more whole grains and less saturated fat and cholesterol), call (301) 592-8573 or visit the website www.nhlbi.nih.gov/hbp (click "Treatment," then "Following a Healthy Eating Pattern").

NASA funds study of heart shrinkage in outer space

HOUSTON (AP) — Astronauts may blast off into space with figuratively big hearts, but the body's most important muscle comes home a little smaller if they stay in orbit for a long stretch.

So far cardiac atrophy hasn't caused health problems for astronauts, even those who have spent months in space aboard Mir, the 15-year-old Russian space station that crashed into the South Pacific in March, or the international space station now flying about 250 miles above Earth.

But as NASA eyes an eventual mission to Mars — a 15- to 30-month trip — a team of Dallas-based scientists are embarking on a lengthy NASA-funded study of how and why hearts shrink in space.

"The first thing is to find if it's something we have to prevent," said Dr. Benjamin Levine, principal investigator for the \$1.7 million study. Levine is medical director of

the Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine, a collaboration between the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and Presbyterian Hospital.

Numerous NASA-funded studies have documented muscular atrophy and bone loss during long-term space flight that often leave astronauts weak and wobbly upon returning home from a weightless environment.

Daily exercise and weight training adapted to space life can help slow the atrophy, as U.S. astronaut Shannon Lucid discovered when she spent up to two hours a day on a treadmill during her six-month stay aboard Mir, which set a space endurance record for Americans.

Dr. Valery Polyakov, Russian cosmonaut and physician and the all-time record holder for space endurance, returned home in good health in March 1995 after 14.5 months aboard Mir. He later told reporters that he exercised for two hours a day on Mir's stationary cycle and treadmill, and called himself living proof that humans could endure a flight to Mars.

Dr. Norman Thagard, the first American on Mir, lost 17.5 pounds while at the outpost for nearly four months in 1995. Now dean of the School of Engineering at Florida State University, Thagard regained the weight and bone density within two months of putting his muscles and bones back to work on Earth.

Thagard said he also noticed an intermittent arrhythmia — or abnormal heartbeat — in his second month on Mir. He wore a cardiac monitor several times so doctors on the ground could oversee his health, but he experienced no

heart-related problems, he said.

"I was never worried about either cardiac or skeletal muscle atrophy," Thagard said. "Muscle mass has a use it or lose it dependency. I still run four miles several times a week just as I did before the Mir mission."

But if the heart could shrink so much that it becomes too stiff to pump properly on a return to Earth, scientists need to know why and how to prevent it before sending astronauts into space for years at a time, Levine said.

"If the heart is too small, you can't suck blood back into it," Levine said. "You can't pump an empty pump."

Cathy Watson, a NASA spokeswoman at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, said the study is one of many across the country examining how the human body adapts to space — and recovers once back on Earth.

"We're not looking so much at arrhythmias," she said of Levine's study. "We're just looking at how the heart is affected."

Levine said it will be several months before researchers embark on the study because they must finalize the plan and solicit 12 astronauts slated for future long-term stays on space station Alpha to participate. He said researchers would like to include Russian cosmonauts in the mix if they are willing.

He said researchers will compare the heart's pre- and post-flight ability to pump as well as its size. After all, astronauts may not need muscles and bones when they float around in weightlessness, but the heart's usefulness never stops, Levine said.

"It's not like a skeleton, which is useless in flight," he said. "The heart muscle is always beating."

Syphilis count drops

ATLANTA (AP) — Syphilis infections dropped to an all-time low in the United States last year, with fewer than 6,000 cases of the sexually transmitted disease reported nationwide, the government says.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 5,979 cases were recorded last year, down nearly 10 percent from 1999 and 30 percent since the government announced a plan three years ago to eradicate syphilis.

The government wants to cut annual cases to fewer than 1,000 by 2005 and boost the number of syphilis-free counties to 90 percent — its definition of eradication — from the current level of about 80 percent.

"We're definitely talking about something that is possible and readily achievable," said Dr. Ronald O. Valdiserri, CDC deputy chief of sexually transmitted diseases.

Government experts said the drop was the result of stepped-up anti-syphilis programs around the nation that have expanded education, testing and treatment. The CDC began pushing those programs in the late 1990s.

Agency warns of increasing surgical errors

CHICAGO (AP) — A hospital regulatory agency is warning of an alarming increase in incidents in which doctors operated on the wrong body part or the wrong patient.

A recent alert from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations follows a similar message from the group in 1998, when it reported on 15 "wrong-site" cases. Since then, 136 have been reported to the commission — 108 in the past two years and 11 in the past month alone.

"This is really an embarrassment for any place that has this happen. This is not infrequent," said Dr. Dennis O'Leary, commission president.

Such errors are preventable with measures as simple as using a marker to scrawl mes-

sages like "Operate Here" on the patient's body, he said.

Most cases involve orthopedic or foot-related surgery — operating on the left knee instead of the right knee, for example.

Of 126 cases analyzed by the group, 76 percent involved operating on the wrong body part, 13 percent involved surgery on the wrong patient and 11 percent involved the wrong surgical procedure.

"You get patients with similar names, X-rays get reversed in view boxes, people are too busy or rushed to check charts and sooner or later something happens," O'Leary said.

In a joint effort with the American College of Surgeons and the American Medical Association, the commission is stepping up

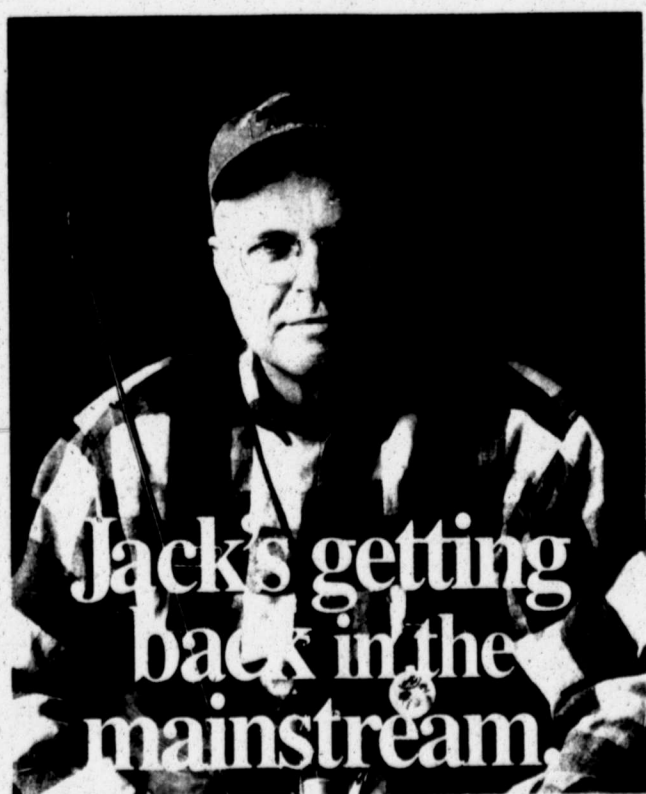
surveillance of such errors.

The commission plans to start close monitoring of hospitals early next year, and those that are not in compliance with patient safety procedures could risk losing their accreditation, O'Leary said.

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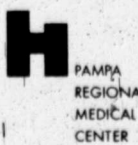


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SPORTS

Pampa sends Randall home with loss

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

DALLAS (AP) — Mark Cuban, the billionaire owner of the Dallas Mavericks and critic of NBA officiating, served as a referee for a Harlem Globetrotters game.

He had so much fun, he stretched his scheduled five minutes into 20. Cuban, whose last publicity stunt saw him serving burgers at Dairy Queen, insisted this was all about fun, not throwing another jab at NBA officials.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Chris Webber had 29 points and 12 rebounds Friday night as the Sacramento Kings cruised past the Denver Nuggets 132-96.

The victory was the third in a row and 15th in 16 games for the Kings, who have won 18 straight at Arco Arena and own the league's best home record of 25-1.

With the Nuggets showing little defensive intensity, the Kings raced out to a 42-31 first quarter lead. Sacramento made its first 10 shots and finished the quarter 15-of-19.

After leading by 20 points at the half, Webber scored 12 points in the third quarter and went to the bench for good with 55 seconds left. The Kings led 103-73 after three periods.

Sacramento finished one point shy of the highest total in an NBA game this season.

Although neither player saw time in the fourth quarter, Mike Bibby scored 21 points and Peja Stojakovic had 20. Bobby Jackson scored 15 points and rookie Gerald Wallace had 11.

Raef LaFrentz had 16 points and 11 rebounds for Denver, which has lost 10 straight at Arco Arena. James Posey scored 13, Avery Johnson had 12 and Calbert Cheaney added 11.

FOOTBALL

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama paid a hefty price for rogue boosters.

The NCAA placed the Crimson Tide on five years' probation Friday, and jolted the program Bear Bryant built into a power with a two-year bowl ban and heavy scholarship reductions.

The governing body said it considered giving the Crimson Tide the most severe punishment — the death penalty — under the repeat violator rules for a recruiting scandal in which boosters were accused of paying money for high school players.

"The message is we're not kidding," said Thomas Yeager, chairman of the infractions committee.

PAMPA — Sizzling shooting combined with solid defense led Pampa past Randall 70-65 in a crucial District 3-4A matchup Friday night.

Randall went into the game in sole possession of second place and a chance to all but wrap up a playoff spot. Instead, the Harvesters spoiled things for the Raiders by rolling to a 14-point lead (42-28) at halftime and staying on top the rest of the way.

The Harvesters, who improved to 6-5 in district play, lit up McNeely Fieldhouse with 3-pointers. Chad Platt finished with a half-dozen treys and 20 points. All those points came in the first three quarters. Kyle Francis and Adam Rodgers had three treys each and Dustin Johnson added 1.

Randall had the lead three different times in the first quarter, but the Harvesters never trailed again after going up 24-21 at the end of the first quarter.

Randall was never able to recover after Pampa ran off 11 unanswered points in the second quarter. Defensively, the Harvesters collapsed on 6-6 post Terry Nunley and held him scoreless the first half. Nunley scored 25 points in Randall's 54-48 win over Pampa in the first round of district.

Randall cut Pampa's lead to six points twice in the third quarter, but the Harvesters were always quick to retaliate, mainly with the 3-point shot. With Pampa ahead by six (49-43), back-to-back 3 pointers by Platt and Rodgers gave the Harvesters a 55-43 advantage after three quarters.

Randall attempted another comeback with a pair of baskets early in the fourth quarter to trim the Pampa lead to eight (55-47). But Francis responded with consecutive 3-point goals to give Pampa a comfortable lead once again.

The Raiders were also effective from 3-point range and cut Pampa's lead to five (61-56) on three consecutive treys, two by Chase Fredman. However, time was running out on the Raiders and they were unable to get any closer. A basket by Rodgers and a pair of free throws by Ryan Zemanek gave Pampa a 10-point bulge with 1:30 remaining.

Three other Pampa players joined Platt in double-figure scoring. Rodgers and Zemanek had 15 and 14 points, respectively, while Johnson chipped in 10. Zemanek, who had been hampered by a sore foot, was effective on both ends of the floor.

He was perfect from the foul line (8 of 8) and helped

hold down Nunley on defense.

Francis contributed 9 points and was Pampa's leading rebounder with 6 boards. Jon East added 2 points.

Max Simon didn't score, but his defensive work inside hurt the Randall offense.

Fredman was Randall's leading scorer with 21 points, followed by Nunley, who had 14.

With three games remaining, the Harvesters are still very much alive in the playoff race. They play at on Berger on Tuesday night.

In the girls' contest, Pampa was defeated by Randall 55-33.

Jennifer Arenas scored 20 points to lead the Lady Raiders. Kara Cornelius chipped in 12.

Ashley Derington was Pampa's high scorer with 10 points. Lindsey Naron followed with 8 points along with 5 boards.

Pampa stuck with Randall the first quarter and trailed by only three (12-9). However, Randall shot ahead in the second quarter and led by 12 (27-15) at the half.

Others scoring for Pampa were Jennifer Lindsey with 7, Stacey Johnson 4 and Morgan White 4.

It was the final home game for the Lady Harvesters, who are 4-9 in district and 7-19 for

the season.

Pampa's six seniors were honored during halftime of the boys game. They were

Morgan White, Cali Covalt, Jennifer Lindsey, Ashley Derington, Randa Morris and Lindsey Naron.



(Photo by Tess Kingcade)

Randa Morris was one of six seniors playing her last home game for the Lady Harvesters.

New Orleans tightens up with big game in town

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — In New Orleans, the locals are fond of saying "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler" — French for "Let the Good Times Roll."

Now, the big question for Super Bowl weekend is: How much fun can tourists have on Bourbon Street with soldiers in camouflage looking over their shoulders?

The Big Easy has a big military presence this week, as the NFL, Secret Service and the FBI, to name a few, try to make the city the safest place in America for Super Sunday.

Super Bowl partygoers, who are straggling into town more slowly than usual, have noticed.

"I was joking with a friend that the communists must be over on the other side," said Rose Mariani, as she looked at the huge concrete barriers, the double sets of chain-link fence and the military trucks that barricade the Superdome.

Mariani, a lifelong resident of New Orleans, said she had never seen anything like it in her town.

But everything has changed in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and this year's Super Bowl is unlike any other — certainly not the previous eight that have been held in this party town.

The game has been designated a National Security Special Event. The Secret Service and FBI are in charge of the security detail. NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue has deemed security the No. 1 priority, and he's spending millions more than ever to show how serious he is.

"I have a very high degree of confidence that security will not only be unprecedented, but it will be world class and very, very effective," Tagliabue said.

By the way, the game will pit the St. Louis Rams against the New England Patriots, although at times this week, their matchup has come off as only a subplot to all the flag waving and security checks going on.

"We've got security guards guarding security guards," Rams safety Kim Herring said.

He's only half kidding.

More than Mardi Gras beads or the scantily clad women who seek them on the balconies of Bourbon Street, the prevailing presence in the Crescent City has been the hundreds of NFL security guards wearing their trademark yellow shirts.

They and the military personnel scattered about the city in uniform have given New Orleans a secure feel.

Not everyone is thrilled, however.

"It's more like a feel-bad measure to me," said New Orleans resident Charlie Heuer. "You see all these soldiers out there with M-16s and it makes you think they might have a reason to use them. It's a little unnerving."

Earlier in the week, it was still possible to get a hotel room in downtown New Orleans, although the supply is said to be drying up.

Michael Reiss, chairman of the New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau, said most hotels are requiring a four-night mini-

mum stay. But he said many people with reservations were paying for four nights but only coming for two or three.

"I walked around Thursday night, and lots of restaurants said their business was soft," Reiss said.

Some of that started to change Friday night.

The French Quarter began filling up, albeit not as quickly as some might expect on a Super Bowl week that coincides with the lead-up to Mardi Gras.

"I expected it to be a lot better," said Jeffrey Farr, who drives a carriage in Jackson Square. "In years past, a couple of weeks before Mardi Gras, the French Quarter has been jammed. I mean, you can look around. It's like a ghost town."

There are several theories for why the crowds have been late to arrive, and they go beyond just the new emphasis on security.

The slowing economy could be one factor.

Another is that the game was originally scheduled for Jan. 27, but had to be delayed a week because of the attacks. That involved a massive swapping of dates, hotels and venues between the NFL and the National Auto Dealers' Association, whose members were originally scheduled to be here Feb. 3.

Also, there's only one week between the conference title games and the Super Bowl this year. New England's unexpected trip here has made it hard for fans to infiltrate the city.

"Five years ago, the Green Bay fans planned early

because they were confident, and they were here all week," Reiss said, referring to the 1997 game between the Packers and Patriots.

Of course, if there's any place that can produce a good time even in the era of more somber celebrations, it's New Orleans.

Heightened security a thing of the future for NFL Super Bowls

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — With Super Bowl just a day away, the NFL hasn't received any warnings that Sunday's game is at risk. The league also said the game's stepped up security measures were here to stay.

"We have no credible threats, or none that have been brought to my attention," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Friday in his State of the NFL address. "And we do have an understanding — and we have assurances from the FBI and Secret Service — that if there were such threats, they would be brought to our attention."

"In terms of the future, I think that very much enhanced security and major investments in security will be a part of our standard operating procedures during the season, during the postseason and, indeed, during the offseason," Tagliabue said.

"Our belief, which all of the owners share, is that we in the private sector have an obligation and a responsibility to take direction from the president and the federal government ... and they're clearly telling us that part of our responsibility is

to invest in security." Tagliabue saw firsthand the preparations being taken to safeguard the NFL title game between the St. Louis Rams and New England Patriots.

"I was able to tour the other day the Secret Service command center and get a very thorough briefing from the agent in charge," he said. "I have a very high degree of confidence that the security for this game will not only be unprecedented, but will be world class and very, very effective."

The immediate area surrounding the Superdome looks like a militarized zone. Throughout downtown New Orleans, particularly near the French Quarter, the city's primary tourist attraction, national guardsmen and police walk along shops and hotels. Other high-profile areas such as the team hotels and media center are zoned off from traffic and the general public.

Tagliabue said President Bush won't be coming to the game, but his father will attend and participate in the coin toss ceremony.

Sales of Marlins, Expos recommended for approval

NEW YORK (AP) — Jeffrey Loria has a recommendation of approval from baseball's ownership committee to buy the Marlins from John Henry, even though he still

doesn't have a signed agreement to purchase the franchise.

The ownership committee convened by telephone conference call Friday and unanimously agreed that owners

should vote in favor of the deal. Henry, who heads the group that was given approval by major league owners on Jan. 16 to buy the Boston Red Sox from the Jean R. Yawkey Trust for \$660 million, intends to sell the Marlins to Loria for \$158.5 million.

Loria plans to sell the Expos for \$120 million to a new entity owned by the other 29 major league teams.

"Jeffrey Loria is very excited at the opportunity," Expos executive vice president David Samson said after the ownership committee's one-hour call. "He is pleased and happy with the ownership committee's decision. He looks forward to a vote to as soon as practically possible."

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The Comets finished with a 14-0 record, winning both league and tournament championships in the 5th Grade Optimist Girls Basketball League this season. Team members are (front, from left) Paige Alvey, Emily Jackson, Lauren Coutts and Tabitha Courter; (back row, from left) Italy Solis, Jennifer Haley, Lauren Smith, Lilly Price and Holly Winegeart.

IOC sends message on drugs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Given its first chance, the IOC sent a strong message about drugs at the Salt Lake City Winter Games.

A week before the games begin, the International Olympic Committee on Friday barred a Latvian bobsledder whose suspension for drug use, was due to expire just before the start of competition. It said the timing of a three-month ban imposed retroactively on Sandis Prusis by the International Bobsled Federation had been "carved out" to allow him to compete against the spirit of anti-doping efforts.

IOC director general Francois Carrard said the committee was acting under rules that gave it "full authority — the ultimate authority" over who competes in the games.

It also asked the Latvian Olympic committee and bobsled authorities to explain their actions, and launched a study into the role team doctors played in the doping case.

"We are not interfering with an international federation to impose a sanction," Carrard said. "But we consider that this sanction has been carved out to allow him to compete in the Olympic Games. We think it is not consistent with the fight against doping."

The games open Feb. 8. Bobsled competition starts Feb. 16.

Prusis tested positive for the steroid nandrolone after an early-December training run at the Olympic track in Park City, Utah. He said the drug was contained in over-the-counter food supplements and, on appeal, the federation said there was "compelling

evidence that while the test was positive it was through no fault of the athlete."

This was the first drug case to come before the IOC in Salt Lake City, but it surely won't be the last. Carrard declined to comment on the case of American bobsledder Pavle Jovanovic, who is appealing his nine-month ban for steroids on the same grounds as Prusis. That appeal is set for Wednesday.

The IOC's executive board opened a three-day meeting with a final progress report from Mitt Romney, the president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, who said all was ready and exchanged accolades and appreciation with the board members.

In his half-hour presentation, Romney listed 10 things he thought his committee had done well, and four things it had handled poorly. The good list was headed by the volunteer program. The bad list was topped by the million-dollar scandal involved in Salt Lake City's winning bid, which led to the expulsion or resignation of 10 IOC members.

"I told them, 'We stumbled badly,'" Romney said of his remarks. "But (Australian IOC vice president) Kevin Gosper said, 'No, Mitt. You didn't stumble. We all stumbled. But we got up.'"

Romney repeated that the games would break even on their \$1.3 billion budget and leave a \$40 million endowment to maintain Olympic facilities after the event ended.

The executive board also moved a Chinese martial art a step closer to the Olympics, while a sport featuring the world's biggest athletes was turned away.

Hornets slip by Rockets, 73-72

HOUSTON (AP) — The Charlotte Hornets are focused on one thing right now.

"The last few weeks, we have been just trying to get to .500 by the All-Star break," Baron Davis said. "This is do or die for us. We really want to make it to .500. With all we have been through, that would be a great goal to reach."

The Hornets moved one step closer Friday night, when Lee Nailon hit a 20-foot jumper as time expired to give Charlotte a 73-72 victory over the Houston Rockets.

It marked a season low in points for both teams, but the Hornets — who nearly blew the lead in the final minutes — improved to 22-23 with three games left before the All-Star break.

"We have never faltered or given up on it," coach Paul Silas said. "We would get close and then have another setback. But now we're there again and have a chance."

Kenny Thomas' two free throws gave Houston a 72-71 lead with five seconds to play.

The Hornets led by as many as 14 in the first half and were ahead

by eight entering the final period. But Moochie Norris' 15-foot jumper completed a 13-4 run that gave the Rockets a 70-66 lead with 2:34 to play.

Campbell then hit a pair of free throws with 1:15 to play, and Nailon hit a 15-foot jump shot to tie it at 70 with 20 seconds left. Stacey Augmon hit one of two free throws to give Charlotte a 71-70 lead with 18 seconds remaining before Thomas made his free throws.

"We went to a zone and weren't closing out on their shooters," Silas said. "That gave their guys great looks and they started hitting 3s. If we had had our hands up, they weren't shooting that well, but we quit doing that. You have to give Houston credit, though. They fought hard. Anything you get from them, you earn."

Elden Campbell scored 21 points, including 12 in the first quarter, to lead the Hornets.

"My jumper was just falling," he said. "I got on a roll early. We're just trying to make a run, and a win like this really helps."

The Rockets admitted they should have provided more defensive help for Kelvin Cato, who was guarding Campbell much of the night.

"He's capable," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said of Campbell. "He got it going early. He made his outside shots and that makes them tough."

The Rockets played without All-Star guard Steve Francis, who sat out with a migraine headache for the third time in two weeks. Houston is 14-13 with Francis in the lineup and 1-19 without him.

"They missed Francis," Silas said. "He is a big part of what they do."

"I'm very concerned about him," Tomjanovich said. "You thought it was over. But when he goes out, you start over and then change the chemistry again. Our record isn't very good because he's so valuable."

Francis has gone to several doctors, but they can't seem to figure out why he has the migraines.

Spurs falter at the end

MIAMI (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs erased an 18-point deficit against the Miami Heat, then had nothing left for the last five minutes.

"It seems like we can't finish," center David Robinson said.

That was the case Friday night. Down the stretch the Spurs went 0-for-7, committed two turnovers and missed two free throws as Miami pulled out the victory, 88-83.

"For us to battle back was nice," Robinson said. "We put ourselves in position to win the game. It came down to doing the little things, and we didn't do them."

San Antonio has lost three in a row and six of eight, and the latest defeat completed a dismal back-to-back. The Spurs lost at home Thursday to the Los Angeles Clippers.

They'll try to reverse their skid Sunday at Orlando.

"Right now, we've got to find a way to get a win," forward Malik Rose said.

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Top O' Texas Gold Coats



(Courtesy photo)

Top O' Texan Gold Coats recently welcomed new member Ooo La La to Pampa and the Chamber of Commerce. Above: (left-right) Gold Coats Jack Reeve, President Bob Marx, Paulette Kirksey, June Beyer, Kerrick Horton, Gladys Vanderpool and Charles Henry; (front row) Tammy Carter, owner, and Joy Brown; (back row) Brody Carter.

PFAA to sponsor watercolor workshop

Local artists and beginners may again have the opportunity to study under a nationally recognized, award-winning artist if enough interest is shown.

Jean Weeks is scheduled to hold a three-day watercolor workshop Feb. 25-27 at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. It is being sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts Association.

Weeks held her first workshop here in October 2000 with great success and is to be the guest of Joe and Sandra Mullenax.

The well-known artist is the wife of former Pampa resident Preston Weeks.

Jean Weeks of Bay City has won many awards including the Texas Fine Arts Association Award, the Texas Region 10 Best of Show, the Annual State Citation and the Grumbacher Award.

She was also granted permission by the French conservators of Claude Monet's home to paint in the master impressionist's now famous water garden. This is an honor reserved for artists of only the highest order.

Weeks was born and raised on a remote West Texas ranch. She remembers a childhood of long summer days which she filled with make-believe and adventuring. An

inquisitive, lively imagination resulted in the young artist.

The well-known artist studied with some of the finest artists, attending art instruction at Houston Museum of Fine Arts School, Louisiana Tech and Robert Woods School of Art in California.

She and her husband, Preston, make their home far from their West Texas roots. The couple makes their home in Bay City in the Gulf Coast area of Texas.

Weeks' love of life can be seen in her lively colors as well as her choice of subject matter. She still finds beauty everywhere just as she did as a child.

"I paint the happy, beautiful things," she said. "Almost anything can spark the creative urge — the curve of a child's cheek, a sidewalk cafe in Paris, flowers in my garden ... my grandchildren playing in the yard." Weeks has traveled extensively throughout the world, and many of the places she has visited and

people she has seen have been in various paintings.

She and her husband have two daughters and a son who live near the couple.

For many years, Weeks had her own art school and taught seminars. She closed her classes and now paints full-time when the growing market for her work left little time for anything else.

The well-known artist's paintings and fine art reproductions are marketed across the United States and 14 foreign countries.

Those interested in taking the class offered by Weeks should go by the Pampa Fine Arts Association office in the Pampa Community Building (Chamber building) on Ballard or call 665-0343 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon Monday through Friday.

A minimum of 10 students must be signed up for the classes with a maximum of 20. A materials list will be available at the office. Cost of the workshop is \$175. Deadline for registration and payment is due by Feb. 18.

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Campaign signs can be placed on private property with the landowner's permission if they meet certain restrictions. Signs must be made of lightweight material and be no larger than 50-square feet. They can be

erected no sooner than 90 days before an election and must be removed 10 days after the election.

Signs within city limits may be subject to local ordinances.

Candidates can contact their local TxDOT Maintenance Office to arrange to collect any signs that have been removed.



Dr. Miles Bateman

Former Pampan to host radio show

Former Pampan, Dr. Miles Bateman, Ph.D., will be hosting "Motivational Moments," a radio program, at 5:18 p.m. and at 12:30 a.m., every Monday, Wednesday and Friday on KGRO Radio, Pampa.

Now completing 20 years in the United States Air Force, serving most of his career on E-VAC Squadrons, Bateman began spreading the Word on the air at KXEN St. Louis with 2.5 million listeners. His program has since aired on World Radio and on stations in Palm Springs, Fla., and Milan, Italy.

The 1982 Pampa High School graduate says the focus of his program is to "get one person to stop and think, death is evident, heaven is eternal."

Bateman is the son of Otis and Betty White of Pampa.



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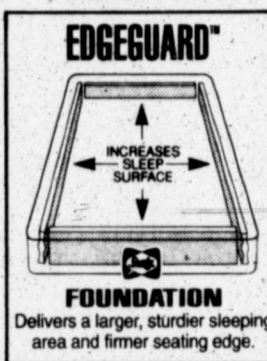
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Shelby McGahen

Shelby McGahen, a senior at Pampa High School, was recently named to the Texas all-state mixed choir.

Each year, approximately 35,000 high school students begin the process of trying out for the all-state choir. At the end of the four-step process, 226 students are named to the all-state mixed choir where they have the privilege of performing a concert in San Antonio for the members of the Texas Music Educators Association.

This is the third consecutive year McGahen has been an all-state choir member — the first female, in at least the last 17 years, from PHS to be named to the Texas all-state choir for three consecutive years.

McGahen is the daughter of Dicky and Karen McGahen and is the granddaughter of Charles and Odessa McGahen and Walter and Janie Shed, all of Pampa.

ALVA, Okla. — **Jamie Katherine Reed** of Pampa completed degree requirements at Northwestern Oklahoma State University at the conclusion of the 2001 fall semester. Reed received a bachelor of science degree in health and physical education.

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University recently announced its Dean's List and Honor Roll for the 2001 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.75-3.99 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: **Rose Frugé, Ashley Knipp** and **Melissa Lawrence**, all of Pampa.

To be eligible for the Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.6-3.74 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: **Jessica Conner** and **Maegan Dyer**, both of Pampa.

STILLWATER, Okla. — Oklahoma State University recently announced its Dean's Honor Roll for the 2001 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.50 or higher GPA while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: **Kristi Danielle Walling** of Pampa; **Rebekka Jane Taylor** of Canadian; **Julie Dawn Richardson** of Groom; **Russell Joe Woollard** of Mobeetie; and **Kara Leigh Emmert** of Wheeler.

AMARILLO — Amarillo College recently announced its Honor Roll for the 2001 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.6 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: **Jamie Cruz, Vincent Hillman, Corey Sharp** and **Justin Thomas**, all of Pampa.
(See NEWSMAKERS, Page 15)



Texas blue skies give a beautiful background to the ice-covered fence and weeds on the countryside in Roberts County this past week



Dean Lynch captured the brightly setting sun west of Mobeetie in Wheeler County. The sun reflecting off the ice on the roadway creates a picturesque scene.

Photos by Dean Lynch

By **NANCY YOUNG**
MANAGING EDITOR

Travelers have been able to view an extra dimension of natural beauty as they travel on ice and snow-packed roadways in the Texas Panhandle the last few days of January.

Dean Lynch, *The Pampa News* Circulation Manager, traveled across the area highways as he delivered the newspapers to our readers in the outlying communities and

nearby counties during the past week.

Ice glistening on a barbed wire fence caught his eye in Roberts County while a bright setting sun west of Mobeetie in Wheeler County reflects off the snow-covered highways.

Snow and ice cause dangerous driving conditions, but the accumulation of the winter substances on fences, trees, grass and animals provides breath-taking beauty to the area as well.

ANNIVERSARIES

Jackson anniversary

Eschol and Jean Jackson of Pampa plan to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary today, Feb. 3, at social with members of the Aquila and Priscilla Sunday school class at First Christian Church here.

High school sweethearts, the couple married on Feb. 3, 1942, in Glendale, Ariz., where Mr. Jackson worked as an airplane mechanic, serving as crew manager for the Thunderbird Air Field. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943 as a glider mechanic, a position he held until his discharge in 1946. That same year, he went to work for Southwestern Bell Telephone in Pampa, retiring after 40 years of service as a special equipment installer.

The Jacksons joined First Christian Church of Pampa in 1947. They have been members of the church and Aquila and Priscilla Sunday school class for 55 years.

A homemaker, Mrs. Jackson has been active in PTA, Sunday School children's classes, Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF), Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

They celebrated their anniversary early with a family reunion at Christmas attended by their son Eugene Jackson and his family of Alvin, Texas, and Colorado Springs, Colo.; and their daughter and son-in-law, Mollie and Kevin Reeves,



Eschol and Jean Jackson

and their family from Grand Junction, Colo.

In January, the Jacksons were surprised with a reunion of members of Girl Scout Troop 41, which they led for 10 years, with former scouts visiting from Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Canyon, Dallas, Houston, Abilene and Pampa.

In addition to their two children, the Jacksons have four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Highway angel aids motorists in need

By ROBERT HANKINS
Orange Leader

VINTON, Louisiana — The Highway Angel may not have wings, but he can get you to the Promised Land, or at least the next filling station.

He might be able to fix your car right there on Interstate 10, near lonely places like Mile Marker 14. He drives a red pickup with headlights that search for those in trouble.

"A woman from New Iberia gave me that name," says Matthew Joseph, 43. "Her car broke down and she just sat there for five or six hours waiting for help. Then I came along and got her fixed up right. She said I was her angel."

His truck carries cables, tools and a chain for towing. He usually goes out at dusk with his cousin, Murphy Kirkwood, 63, known as Daddy Kirk. They drive west to the Texas/Louisiana border, turn around under the Sabine River Bridge, head east to Sulphur then back to Vinton.

Joseph will take money if it is offered, but sometimes gives it to those he helps. At times he has taken families into his home, given them a place to stay and fed them. Once he drove a woman and her children to her hometown in West Virginia, then took the bus back to Vinton.

"Remember that guy from San Antonio?" Kirkwood asks. "You gave him \$5 when you didn't have any money yourself. I told you not to do that."

"He needed it more than I did, for food," Joseph says. "I had food at my house."

The Angel is 6 foot 7 inches tall and weighs 280 pounds. He sometimes gets strange looks when he pulls up for a quick inquiry.

An elderly woman on a thick foggy night wanted to keep driving with a flat tire rather than pull over. He yelled to her that he would get behind her car and flash his lights, at least until she made town. She finally stopped on the shoulder and said, "The Lord told me you were a good person."

His late father, nicknamed Jimbo, sold food on street corners. At the end of each day, he would give away what he didn't sell.

"I think that's where I get my giving nature from," Joseph says.

"Your father was a gentle giant, just like you," Kirkwood says.

When Jimbo died at age 37, his widow was left with six boys and a girl.

"I was raised in the church," Joseph says. "I remember when it rained, and it would lightning and thunder. All the lights would go off. My mother would gather us in a circle, read to us from the Bible and teach us to pray."

Describing himself as a jack-of-all-trades, Joseph says he learned to work on cars when he owned a junk yard. On the highway, he says God is always with him.

"It's dangerous out here," he says. "Usually the Lord tells me when someone has good about them and when they have evil about them."

Recently, he helped Eddie Williams, a worker at Delta Downs racetrack whose car broke down on the way home. Williams called some friends, who pried into the engine on the garbled roadside. They knew what the problem was.

"It looks like you have it pretty much in hand," Joseph told Williams. "I'll leave you this flashlight. If you want to return it, just take it to the Lucky Longhorn casino. My brother works there."

Joseph parks a good distance from stalled vehicles so he can get away fast if he needs to. Once he found two men sitting in a car and asked if they needed help.

"This guy started talking to me, and he had this bandanna. But he dropped it on the ground and a gun fell out. They were going to rob me."

(See, ANGEL, Page 15)

Clean as you go ... make cleaning easier in 2002

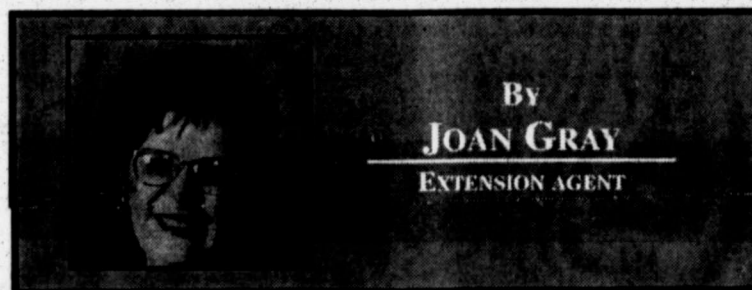
Now that all of the holiday decorations are put away, and you have a clean home, here are some time-saving tips to help you make cleaning easier in 2002.

—Make your bed before leaving in the morning. Hang up your coat as soon as you walk in the door.

You'll always feel better when you come home to a neat house.

—Break down big, weekly chores into smaller tasks and tackle them during the week; you'll be left only a few tasks on the weekend.

—You can take it with you — put your cleaning prod-



By
JOAN GRAY
EXTENSION AGENT

ucts in a lightweight caddy or basket that's easy to tote from room-to-room.

—Read product labels so you can choose the right cleaner for the soils and surfaces in your home.

—Clean a room by working from the cleanest area to the dirtiest. It's hard to gear up for cleaning when you tackle the hardest job head on.

—To keep dishes from piling up throughout the day, put them in the dishwasher right after you eat. Hand-wash large pots and pans.

—When time is short, speed-clean your surfaces

using an all-purpose cleaner.

—Wipe up spills as they occur, discard empty containers and return cooking items to their places when you're through with them.

—Keep clean sponges handy and wipe the bathroom sink, shower door and vanity after each use.

—A light, quick dusting is better than no dusting at all. Your home will look presentable at all times.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cook-Best

Laura Cook and Brandon Best, both of Dallas, plan to wed Aug. 3, 2002, at New Braunfels.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted P. Cook of Floresville and is the granddaughter of Bill and Shirley Reeder of Temple and Perrin and Mildred Cook of Decalb, Miss. She is currently pursuing a degree in communications theory and psychology at Dallas Baptist University and is scheduled to graduate in May.

The prospective groom is the son of former Pampans Mr. and Mrs. Jim W. Best of Katy and is the grandson of Mary Ann and John Best of Borger and Patsy and Edwin Waterbury of Balko, Okla. He is currently pursuing a degree in business finance at Dallas Baptist University and looks to graduate this spring. He plans to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall of this year.



Brandon Best and Laura Cook

Hathcoat-Teakell

Amber Lynette Hathcoat and Chris Teakell, both of Flagstaff, Ariz., were wed Aug. 27, 2001, in Pampa with Jerry Lane of Pampa officiating.

The matron of honor was Marylee Clardy of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Ashley Hathcoat of Pampa and Pam Teakell of Amarillo. The flower girl was Abbie Hathcoat of Pampa.

The best man was Chad Clardy of Pampa. The groomsmen were Austin Smith of Spearman and Danny Woods of Amarillo. The ring bearer was Rylan Hathcoat of Pampa.

The ushers were Danny Hathcoat, Glen Jacobs and Koby Hathcoat, all of Pampa.

Registering the guests was Pam Hathcoat.

A reception was held following the service in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Karen Hathcoat of Pampa. After graduating from Pampa High School in 2000, she attended Amarillo College and Frank Phillips College as a nursing student. She is currently employed at Northern Arizona Orthopedics.

The groom is the son of Tony and Therisa Teakell of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and from Amarillo Technical College in 1999, receiving a degree in instrumentation. He is presently employed as an Enron control technician.



Amber Lynette Hathcoat and Chris Teakell

The couple planned a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean and intend to make their home in Flagstaff.

MENUS

WEEK OF FEB. 4-8

Pampa Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: French toast sticks.

Lunch: Corndog or pizza, potato rounds, English peas, mixed fruit.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy.

Lunch: Chicken O's or macaroni/cheese, whipped potatoes, salad, peaches, rolls.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Cinnamon tstry.

Lunch: Frito pie or chicken nuggets, corn, salad, cornbread, fresh fruit.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast.

Lunch: Egg rolls or cheese nachos, English peas, rice pilaf, peaches.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage.

Lunch: Pizza sticks or hot dogs/chili, English peas, potato wedges, peaches.

Lefors Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Chicken pot pie or mini-corn dogs, spinach, salad, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY

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

Lunch: Chicken fajitas, sausage wraps, beans, rice, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY

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

Lunch: Fish or steak fingers, coleslaw, corn, French fries, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY

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

Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce, garlic toast, green beans, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY

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

Lunch: Sandwiches and soup, vegetables, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken chow mein/noodles, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, peaches

Lunch: Chicken pot pie or mini-corn dogs, spinach, salad, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY

Turkey and dressing or Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, macaroni/cheese, butter beans, Boston cream pie or rice pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, fried okra, squash, butter beans, German chocolate upsidedown cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or Spanish pork chops, rosemary potatoes, hominy, California blend, beans, strawberry cake or butterscotch pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or stew, potato wedges, brussels sprouts, beans, caramel cake or chocolate pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

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.

CattleWomen

Top O' Texas CattleWomen have been active since October. In November, the chapter convened at Dyer's Bar-B-Que in Pampa for its social night.

President Kay Stiles entertained members and their guests and families.

The December meeting was held at the home of Amy Brainard in Canadian. Fourteen members were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

Carolyn Buckingham reported on the slate of officers for 2002, elected by acclamation. They were the same as last year.

Anita Brown delivered an update on the organization's local constitution and by-laws.

Dianne Buckingham reported on the fall convention. Top O' Texas' scrapbook won third place. The new state president is Beth McNutt of Mountain Home. Those attending heard John Stossel speak to the CattleFeeders, and updates on the problems ranchers are having in the west.

Members voted to donate Beef Gift certificates to Tralee Crisis Center and to Wheeler County Livestock Show Association towards its Prime Rib Dinner slated Feb. 9. The chapter donated four cookbooks to the Livestock Association as well.

Amy Brainard brought up the need to emphasize the benefits of the Beef Ambassador Program and encourage local youth to enter.

Members were urged to attend the National Convention slated Feb. 5-9 at Denver, Colo.

The January meeting was held Jan. 14 at Mel's Diner in Wheeler with First Vice President Liz Austin presiding in the absence of President Kay Stiles. Eight members were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

Austin distributed lists of officers and committee chairmen along with new handbooks to new members and updated handbook pages to current members. She also brought up the need to update the Top O' Texas CattleWomen web page.

A board of director's meeting is scheduled Feb. 16 in Austin.

Other topics discussed were Beef Ambassador, scholarship applications and Ag Day.

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Penny Miser Glaesman

NEWSMAKERS

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Penny Miser Glaesman from Pampa, Texas, received a bachelor of general studies degree in pastoral ministries from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS) at the conclusion of the 2001 fall semester.

Glaesman, writer and women's minister of Totalechurch in New Orleans, is married to Lyndon Glaesman of Leedey-Elk City, Okla., and is the daughter of Betty Miser and the late Jimmy Miser of Borger, Texas.

Totalechurch is Glaesman's home church. She holds both the Certificate in Women's Ministry degree and the Advanced Women's Ministry Certificate degree from NOBTS.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Spaghetti/meat sauce, green beans, breadsticks, graham crackers.

TUESDAY

Polish sausage, cheese grits, mixed greens, cake.

WEDNESDAY

Tater tots, cabbage, blackeyed peas, pumpkin bars.

THURSDAY

Ham, okra/tomatoes, pinto beans, pudding.

FRIDAY

Barbecue meatballs, baked beans, potato salad, pears.

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"Then I heard him mention a guy named Johnny that I kind of knew from town. And I said, 'Yeah, I know him, were good friends,' and this guy goes 'Oh yeah? Me and Johnny were in jail together. Anybody that knows him must be OK.' So I talked myself out of that one."

When the dusk turns to black, Joseph calls off the search and heads home to wife Sandra. The couple have three children, Matthew Jr., Kimberly Sion and August Joseph; and grandson Michael Sion. My wife always tells me, "Matthew, you're going to get yourself killed going out like that, but the Lord always leads me in the right direction."

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AGRICULTURE

Secretary wants money to protect food supply

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman wants \$131 million in new spending to protect the nation's food supply from animal and plant pests and diseases, strengthen food safety programs and support specific research projects.

"We are not just worried about accidental threats, we are worried about intentional threats," Veneman said Thursday while on a tour in San Angelo.

Veneman said focusing on homeland security is a priority for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"We want to make sure that we have an agriculture that is as secure as possible and does not

have any kind of threats against it," Veneman said in a story in Friday's editions of the San Angelo Standard-Times. "We want to continue and maintain the safest and most productive food supply in the world. This is not just a farm issue, it is a food chain issue."

Veneman said the money is proposed for the fiscal year 2003 budget.

She also said \$19.6 million in U.S. Department of Agriculture rural development loan and grant funds was approved that will improve water facilities and improve electrical distribution service to several rural communities.

Farmers and ranchers can expect some sort

of governmental financial support in 2002 whether or not a Farm Bill is passed this year, Veneman said.

She said the intent is still to pass a Farm Bill for the 2002 crop year. However, if the bill is not passed in time, a \$73.5 billion budget resolution allocating money to producers over the next 10 years has already been approved by the Senate and House.

"I believe even if there is not a farm bill that applies to the 2002 crop, there will be supplemental assistance," she said. "One way or another our farmers and ranchers will be taken care of."

Veneman also said that every version of the

new farm bill has additional spending for conservation. Conservation is "better than just taking land out of production," Veneman said.

"It's better that farmers have the resources to help them in conservation. That's what we think Congress is going to do and that is something the administration supports," she said.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said she wanted to give the secretary a quick run-through of what Texas agriculture has to offer.

Veneman toured Producers' Livestock Auction, Ranchers' Lamb and a Wall cotton field where the boll weevil has been declared functionally eradicated.

American cows go to Vietnam to build up dairy cattle industry

MEADVILLE, Pa. (AP) — A dozen cows from Crawford County have been sent to Vietnam as part of a plan to improve that country's dairy program.

"We were all excited," said Jeff Peters, who runs the Spruce Row Dairy Farm with his wife, Janet. "The kids went into it. Everything went well. It adds a little flair to the day-to-day."

The cows left the farm on Dec. 23 aboard a tractor-trailer to be quarantined in New York before they flew out four days later on a 747.

In all, 84 Jerseys and 100 Holsteins from 42 farms across the country were shipped to Vietnam for an experimental dairy improvement program, said Luis Rocha, president of American Genetics International. The Dallas-based firm specializes in market development and international sale of livestock.

"This is not something done every day. It took a lot of time, a lot of effort and a lot of money," Rocha said.

The deal with Vietnam was three years in the making. Vietnamese business and gov-

ernment officials first went to Texas looking to buy beef cattle, but were persuaded by U.S. farmers to buy dairy instead.

"After I saw the acreage and land utilization, I told them not to use beef, but dairy," Rocha said. "The country imports 90 to 92 percent of its dairy needs."

Rocha said cows were selected for the trip based on the health and milk production needs of the Vietnamese. He said the cattle made the 36-hour trip safely.

Terrorist strain of anthrax came from a lone dead cow in South Texas, experts say

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — To Dr. Michael L. Vickers, a dead cow lying in a remote pasture of a South Texas ranch in 1981 was no different from the hundreds of other felled cattle he had seen.

Vickers, who has a private veterinary practice in nearby Falfurrias, sliced out tissue from the animal — the liver, the spleen and other organs — put them into a plastic ice chest and sent them by bus to a laboratory in College Station, home of Texas A&M.

He was sure the animal had died of anthrax — the blackberry color of the spleen was the main clue — but he sought confirmation from the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

"It was just another anthrax," recalls Vickers. "In the field, anthrax is just anthrax. We see it just about every year."

Vickers had no idea that 21 years later bacteria perhaps descended from those specimens he collected would be at the center of a bioterrorism attack that would kill five people, infect a dozen more and force the evacuation and sterilization of buildings in Florida, New York and Washington.

Back in 1981, workers at the College Station lab received Vickers' package and cultured specimens from the organs of the dead cow. They quickly confirmed that the specimens were loaded with bacteria with the characteristic bamboo-jointed rods of anthrax.

Dr. Konrad Eugster, chief of the diagnostic lab in 1981, remembered that the Army had earlier requested a fresh field isolate of anthrax. He said two vials filled with the anthrax cultures were packaged in ice and shipped to Fort Detrick, Md., headquarters of the Army's biological warfare research center.

Eugster said the box bore a prepaid label with the return address of the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, an Agriculture Department facility.

According to The Washington Post and The New York Times, the specimens from Texas A&M were among 27 anthrax strains that were collected at Fort Detrick. Since the box bore an Ames, Iowa, return address,

researchers called the anthrax isolate "Ames."

Five years later, two researchers at Fort Detrick published a science paper in which they reported the Ames strain was highly lethal when tested on laboratory animals. They also said the anthrax strain came from Iowa, continuing the mistake prompted by the mailing label.

It was a mistake that would matter little until last fall, when investigators determined that the spores used in the anthrax-by-mail attacks in Florida, New York and Washington were all the Ames strain.

This prompted investigators and the media to start asking questions in Ames, Iowa. Officials at Iowa State's College of Veterinary Medicine, which had a collection of anthrax cultures, dug through old files, but found no documentation that any of their isolates were the Ames strain, according to the Times.

The true origin of the killer strain — that dead cow 21 years ago in Texas — was confirmed in old Army documents, according to the Washington Post.

Vickers said he was not surprised that the spores used in the deadly anthrax attacks came from Texas.

"We have a really virulent strain," he said. "I have seen 30 head (of cattle) die in just 24 hours."

Vickers said that natural anthrax, present as spores in the mesquite and grassy prairies of south and central Texas, routinely kills scores of deer annually. Most ranchers inoculate their cattle, but some strays still get sick nearly every year, he said. Vickers recommends that ranchers avoid sick and dying cattle because the bacteria is dangerous to humans.

"I tell ranchers to pile on mesquite logs and burn the animal on the spot," said Vickers. To protect himself, the vet says he disposes of instruments, equipment and even clothes that have come into contact with contaminated specimens.

And as a final precaution, Vickers said he takes a full course of antibiotics after dealing with an animal that has been killed by anthrax.

"I've never had anthrax," he said, "but I am very cautious."

State-statistical grain report ...

AUSTIN — According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the second-quarter wheat stocks for Texas were up

46 percent from last year. Stocks in all positions on Dec. 1 totaled 123.0 million bushels. The on-farm wheat storage, at

2.3 million bushels, was up from the 1.7 million bushels stored on farms a year ago. Off-farm wheat stocks, at 120.7 million bushels, accounted for 98 percent of all wheat stocks.

Total sorghum stocks in all positions for Texas were 31.5 million cwt on Dec. 1, up 30 percent from the previous year. On-farm stocks totaled 2.8 million cwt compared with 3.4 million cwt a year ago. Off-farm sorghum stocks, at 28.7 million cwt, accounted for 91 percent of all sorghum stocks.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on Dec. 1, 2001, totaled 8.26 billion bushels, down 3 percent from Dec. 1, 2000. All wheat stocks in all positions on Dec. 1, totaled 1.62 billion bushels, down 10 percent from a year ago. Grain sorghum in all positions totaled 175.5 million cwt, up 20 percent from Dec. 1, 2000. Soybeans stored in all positions on Dec. 1, 2001, totaled 2.28 billion bushels, up 2 percent from Dec. 1, 2000.

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AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Prescribed Burning Board, an interagency group created in 1999 within the Texas Department of Agriculture, is accepting applications from individuals who want to be certified as prescribed burn managers or prescribed burn instructors.

"With the past drought conditions in our state and potential fire hazards posed by dry brush, everyone realizes the importance of conducting burns in a controlled manner," Combs said. "Prescribed burns are an important tool for Texas landowners who want to enhance ecosystems; recharge springs and aquifers; and prevent catastrophic wildfires that can occur when excessive grass and brush build up."

During the past two years, the Prescribed Burning Board has established minimum educational and professional requirements for prescribed burn instructors and created safety standards for individuals wishing to be certified to conduct prescribed burning activities. To assist in this task, the board enlisted an advisory committee including property owners; agriculture and livestock producers; conservation and environmental interests; and insurance industry representatives.

We will meet at 6:30 p.m., on Feb. 5 at the White Deer Community Building in White Deer. The meeting will focus on BASIC futures and options.

The Sunflower production meeting will be held at the Groom Community Center on Feb. 6

beginning at 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Texas Prescribed Burning Board Chair Lynn Drawe said, "When done by trained personnel, prescribed burning is an excellent tool for ridding the landscape of noxious vegetation that can cause dangerous wildfires and use valuable water. Now, we have an educational framework and a certification process for people to engage in prescribed burning."

The board has formulated standards for conducting safe and successful prescribed burns by addressing educational needs, personnel issues, public notification requirements and insurance needs, Combs said.

Rep. Jim McReynolds, San Augustine, sponsor of the legislation creating the Prescribed Burning Board said, "With educational and professional standards now in place to certify burn managers, landowners can feel more confident about using prescribed burns to reduce natural wildfire fuel and enhance their property's value."

For more information, about the Prescribed Burning Board, or to learn about becoming a certified prescribed burn manager or instructor, contact TDA at (512) 463-9883.

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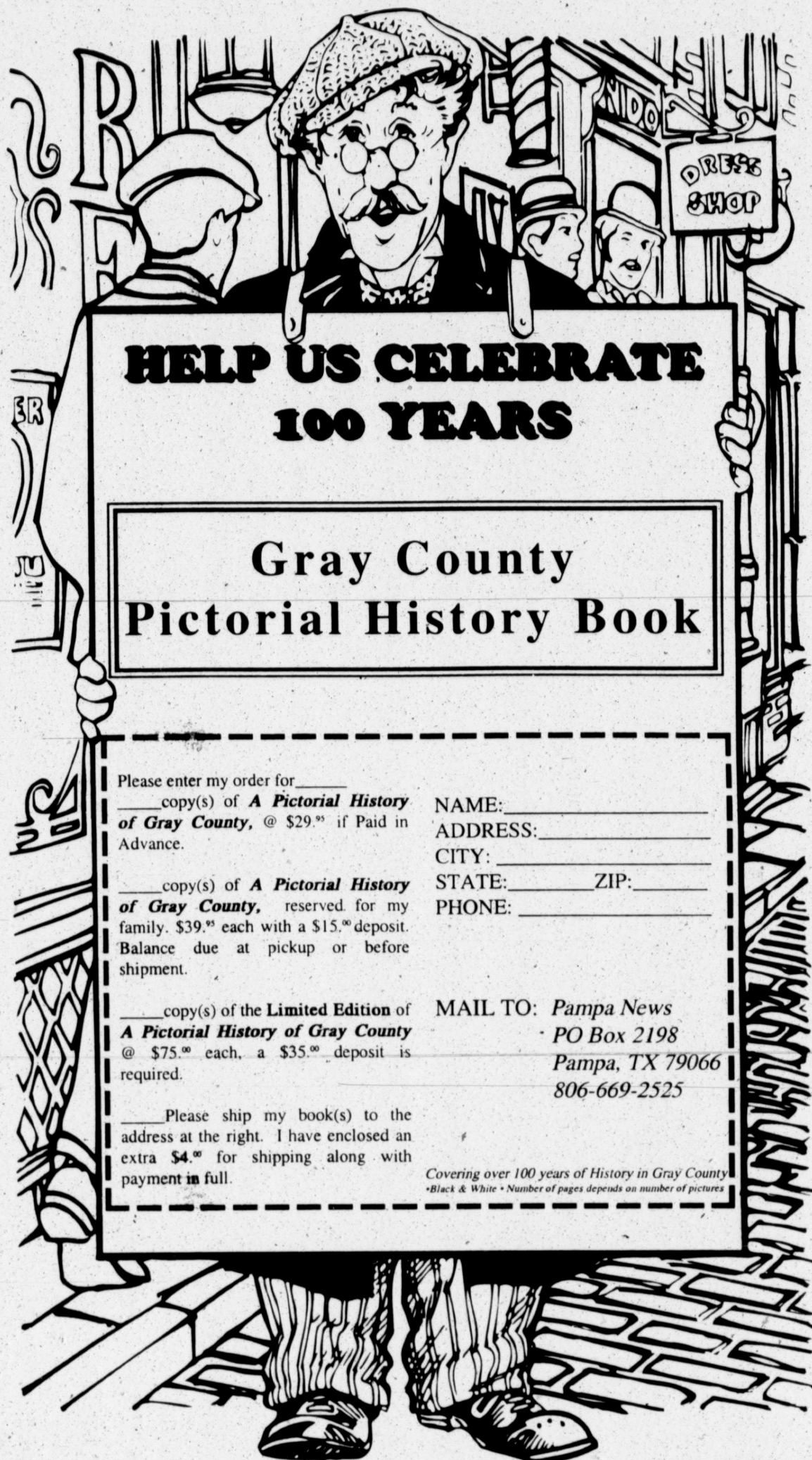
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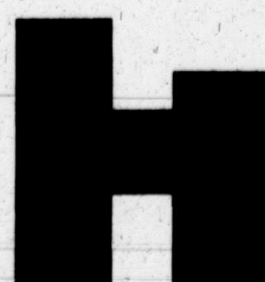
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Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

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. "U Got It Bad," Usher. Arista.
2. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
3. "Always On Time," Ja Rule (feat. Ashanti). Murder Inc.
4. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.
5. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
6. "Get The Party Started," Pink. Arista.
7. "A Woman's Worth," Alicia Keys. J.
8. "Wherever You Will Go," The Calling. RCA.
9. "Hey Baby," No Doubt (feat. Bounty Killer). Interscope.
10. "Ain't It Funny,"

Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.

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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

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

1. "Drive," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
2. "Weathered," Creed. Wind-up. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
3. "(Hybrid Theory)," Linkin Park. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
4. "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace. (Platinum)
5. "Silver Side Up," Nickelback. Roadrunner. (Platinum)
6. "Pain Is Love," Ja Rule. Murder Inc. (Platinum)
7. "Stillmatic," Nas. Ill Will. (Platinum)
8. "8701," Usher. Arista. (Platinum)
9. "Missundaztood," Pink. Arista. (Platinum)
10. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)

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Hot Adult Contemporary

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

1. "Hero," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
2. "Only Time," Enya. Warner Sunset.
3. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA.
4. "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty. Lava.
5. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.
6. "Drowning," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
7. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
8. "All Or Nothing," O-Town. J.
9. "There You'll Be," Faith Hill. Hollywood.
10. "Superman (It's Not Easy)," Five For Fighting. Aware.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

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

1. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.
2. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
3. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
4. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
5. "Wasting My Time," Default. TVT.
6. "Too Bad," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
7. "Alive," P.O.D. Atlantic.
8. "For You," Staind. Flip.
9. "Defy You," The Offspring. Columbia.
10. "Dreamer," Ozzy Osbourne. Epic.

Modern Rock Tracks

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

1. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
2. "In The End," Linkin

Park. Warner Bros.

3. "Youth Of The Nation," P.O.D. Atlantic.
4. "Wasting My Time," Default. TVT.
5. "Last Nite," The Strokes. RCA.
6. "Crawling In The Dark," Hoobastank. Island.
7. "Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal.
8. "Defy You," The Offspring. Columbia.
9. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.
10. "The Middle," Jimmy Eat World. DreamWorks.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

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

1. "Good Morning Beautiful," Steve Holy. Curb.
2. "Run," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
3. "Wrapped Around," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
4. "Where Were You (When The World Stopped Turning)," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
5. "The Long Goodbye," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
6. "Bring On The Rain," Jo Dee Messina With Tim McGraw. Curb.
7. "The Cowboy In Me," Tim McGraw. Curb.
8. "Wrapped Up In You," Garth Brooks. Capitol.
9. "Where The Stars And Stripes And The Eagle Fly," Aaron Tippin. Lyric Street.
10. "Blessed," Martina McBride. RCA.

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Top Country Albums

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1. "Drive," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
2. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
3. "Scarecrow," Garth Brooks. Capitol Nashville. (Platinum)
4. "Pull My Chain," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
5. "The Great Divide," Willie Nelson. Lost Highway.

6. "Set This Circus Down," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
7. Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly," Curb. (Platinum)
8. "Blue Moon," Steve Holy. Curb.
9. "Greatest Hits," Martina McBride. RCA (Nashville). (Gold)
10. "Steers & Stripes," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville. (Gold)

Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

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

1. "Always On Time," Ja Rule feat. Ashanti. Murder Inc.
2. "Butterflies," Michael Jackson. Epic.
3. "A Woman's Worth," Alicia Keys. J.
4. "U Got It Bad," Usher. Arista.
5. "What About Us?" Brandy. Atlantic.
6. "Lights, Camera, Action," Mr. Cheeks. Universal.
7. "We Thuggin'," Fat Joe feat. R. Kelly. Terror Squad/Atlantic.
8. "Nothing In This World," Keke Wyatt (feat. Avant). MCA.
9. "Roll Out (My Business)," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace.
10. "Rock The Boat," Aaliyah. Blackground.

Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

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

1. "Stillmatic," Nas. Ill Will. (Platinum)
2. "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace. (Platinum)
3. "Pain Is Love," Ja Rule. Murder Inc. (Platinum)
4. "Big Boi & Dre Present... OutKast," OutKast. Arista.
5. "Soul Sista," Keke Wyatt. MCA.
6. "Invincible," Michael Jackson. Epic. (Platinum)
7. "Tarantula," Mystikal. Jive.
8. "Faithfully," Faith Evans. Bad Boy. (Gold)
9. "Genesis," Busta Rhymes. J. (Gold)
10. "8701," Usher. Arista. (Platinum)

Hot Rap Singles

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

1. "Ride," Boney James. Warner Bros.
2. "Hidden Beach Recordings Presents: Unwrapped Vol. 1," Various Artists. Hidden Beach.
3. "Rendezvous," Walter Beasley. Shanachie.
4. "Glow," Peter White. Columbia.
5. "Night Sessions," Chis Botti. Columbia.
6. "Feelin' You," Andre Ward. Orpheus.
7. "Hypnotic," Paul Taylor. Peak.
8. "Deep Into It," Larry Carlton. Warner Bros.
9. "AArt," Acoustic Alchemy. Higher Octave.
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1. "Round And Round," Jonell & Method Man. Def Soul.
2. "That Was Then," Roy Jones, Jr. (feat. Dave Hollister, Perion & Hahz The Rippa). Body Head.
3. "Dansin Wit Wolvez," Strik 9ine. Fade.
4. "Rock Em," Boobakaw And Tha Wild Younginz (feat. Vita). Whitestone.
5. "Jump Up In The Air," Original P Introducing Hyped U'p Westbound Soljaz. Westbound.
6. "Think Big," Crimewave. Crimewave. Lil' Smoke). House Of Fire.
7. "Buster," Dennis Da Menace. 1st Avenue.
8. "Bunny Hop," Da Entourage. Red Boy.
9. "Can I Get That?!!?" Bear Witnezz Eargasm.
10. "Pimps/Players," Skip (feat. Corey C). UTP.

Hot Dance Music — Club Play

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "Can't Get You Out Of My Head," Kylie Minogue. Capitol.
2. "Freelove," Depeche Mode. Mute.
3. "Caught Up," DJ Disciple (feat. Mia Cox). Groovious.
4. "Sexual Revolution," Macy Gray. Epic.
5. "Madonna Megamix," Madonna. Maverick.
6. "Star Guitar," The Chemical Brothers. Freestyle Dust.
7. "You Got Me (Burnin' Up)," Funky Green Dogs. MCA.
8. "Get The Party Started (Remixes)," Pink. Arista.
9. "Where's Your Head At," Basement Jaxx. XL.
10. "Everyday," Kim English. Nervous.

Hot Latin Tracks

(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)

1. "Como Duele," Luis Miguel. WEA Latina.
2. "Tantita Pena," Alejandro Fernandez. Sony Discos.
3. "Suerte," Shakira. Epic.
4. "La Agarro Bajando," Gilberto Santa Rosa. Sony Discos.
5. "No Me Conoces Aun," Palomo. Disa.
6. "Celos," Marc Anthony. Columbia.
7. "Flor Sin Retono," Charlie Zaa. Sonolux.
8. "En La Agarro Bajando," Liberacion. Disa.
9. "Dejame Entrar," Carlos Vives. EMI Latin.
10. "Huelo A Soledad," Ana Gabriel. Sony Discos.

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6. "Feelin' You," Andre Ward. Orpheus.
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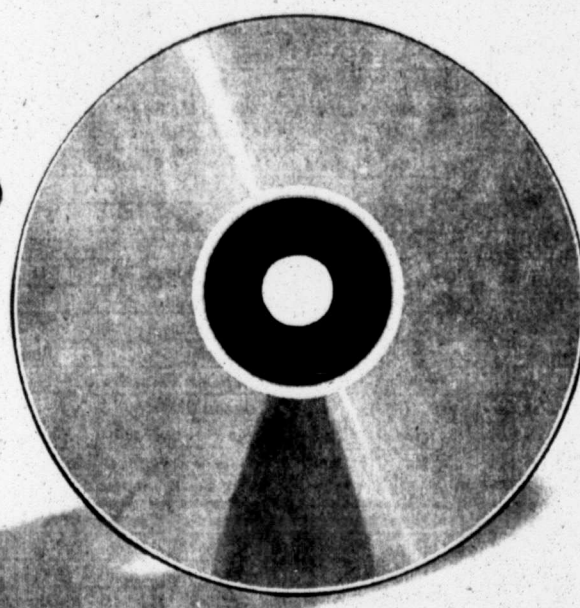
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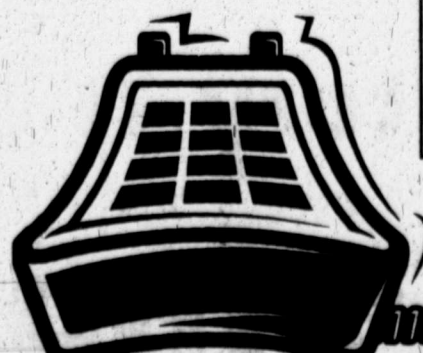
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Bowers Hwy 15 Miles	165,000	3/2, 5/2 - 2600+
2128 Christine	159,900	3 or 4 1/2, 75, 5/1 - 2881 SF/GCAD
2517 Beech	155,000	4/2, 2 - 2268 SF/GCAD
2711 Aspen	147,900	4/2, 5/2 - 2975 SF/GCAD
1840 Grape	138,750	4/2, 5/2 - 2794 SF/GCAD
2318 Beech	134,900	4-5/2, 5/2 - 2897 SF/GCAD
2520 Beech	129,900	3/2, 2 - 2083 SF/GCAD
613 Pheasant	125,000	5/3/2 - 2504 SF/GCAD
2537 Duncan	125,000	4/1, 75, 75/2 - 2536 SF/GCAD
1024 Mary Ellen	119,900	4/2, 2 - 2819 SF/GCAD
2611 Dogwood	115,000	4/2, 2 - 2098 SF/GCAD
2400 Dogwood	99,000	3/2, 2 - 2290 SF/GCAD
1918 N. Russell	98,000	3/1, 75, 75/2 - 2835 SF/GCAD
1824 Dogwood Lane	92,500	3/2, 2 - 1930 SF/GCAD
1841 Grape	85,000	3/1, 75/2 - 1824 SF/GCAD
2534 Fir	84,900	3/1, 75/2 - 1677 SF/GCAD
1600 Holly	70,500	3/2, 1 - 1256 SF/GCAD
2508 Christine	64,900	3/1, 75/2 - 1523 SF/GCAD
623 N. Somerville	59,900	3/1, 75/1 - 1612 SF/GCAD
2121 Chestnut	57,500	3/2, 1 - 1332 SF/GCAD
1409 Williston	51,000	2/1, 1 - 1438 SF/GCAD
1712 Chestnut	46,500	3/1, 75/1 cp - 1305 SF/GCAD
2623 Seminole	45,900	3/1, 5/2 - 1151 SF/GCAD
2325 Dogwood	45,000	3/1, 5/2 - 1264 SF/GCAD
1609 Hamilton	43,500	3/1, 75/1 - 1928 SF/GCAD
2200 Coffee	40,000	Vacant Lots
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2243 N. Russell	25,000	2/1/none - 1180 SF/GCAD
1915 Coffee	25,000	2/1/2 - 1022 SF/GCAD
1228 Garland St.	18,000	2/1/1 cp - 1008 SF/GCAD
1305 Terrace	17,500	2/1/1 - 954 SF/GCAD
1808 Coffee	15,000	3/1/none - 991 SF/GCAD
1308 Duncan	15,000	3/1/1 cp - 860 SF/GCAD
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1044 S. Hobart	10,000	3/1, 75/3 - 1032 SF/GCAD
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1019 Sierra	69,900	3/2, 2 - 1536 SF/GCAD
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1128 Willow	55,000	3/2, 2 - 1367 SF/GCAD
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1632 N. Faulkner	48,000	3/1, 75/1 - 1130 SF/GCAD
1040 Cinderella	47,500	3/1, 75/2 - 1680 SF/GCAD
2131 N. Nelson	43,000	3 or 4 1/2, 2 - 1725 SF/GCAD
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1101 Sierra	42,500	3/1, 75/1 - 1258 SF/GCAD
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1113 Sierra	39,500	2/1/1 - 856 SF/GCAD
2116 N. Dwight	39,000	3/1/1 gar. - 1107 SF/GCAD
2119 N. Nelson	32,500	3/1/1 - 1092 SF/GCAD
2213 N. Wells	29,500	3/1/1 - 1284 SF/GCAD
408 Harvester	29,500	3/1/1 - 1064 SF/GCAD
1124 Sandlewood	27,500	3/1/1 cp - 943 SF/GCAD
217 N. Faulkner	26,200	3/1/1 - 1020 SF/GCAD
1117 Willow Rd.	24,000	3/1, 5/1 - 1112 SF/GCAD
2321 Rosewood	19,999	3/1, 75/1 - 1229 SF/GCAD
1144 Rider	19,000	3/2/none - 1092 SF/GCAD
1125 Terry Rd.	18,000	2/1/1 cp - 945 SF/GCAD
736 N. Dwight	16,900	2/1/1 det. - 808 SF/GCAD

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1212 Timg	46,000	2/1, 75/1 cp - 1180 SF/GCAD
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324 Canadian	22,500	2/1, 75/1 - 984 SF/GCAD
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1133 Juniper	21,900	3/1/2 cp - 1122 SF/GCAD
526 Ballard	18,000	3/1/1 - 875 SF/GCAD
408 Doucette	18,000	3/1/1 - 1229 SF/GCAD
332 Anne	17,900	3/1/1 - 875 SF/GCAD
323 Henry	17,400	3/1/none - 1020 SF/GCAD
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HCR 3 Box 52	59,500	3/1/2 - 1488 SF/GCAD 5 +/- Acres
401 Rider	55,000	1/1, 5/2 - 1536 SF/GCAD
1 Mile E. on 152 East	47,500	3/2/1
406 W. 6th - White Deer	22,000	3/2/none - 1412 SF/GCAD
8.83 Acres @ Bowers City	19,200	8.83 Acres
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Price Reduced - N. NELSON - Nice four bedroom home with large rooms. Dining area has built-in hutch and new dishwasher. Master bath has been enlarged and updated. One bedroom has built-in and could be used as office. Lots of room for the money. MLS 5490.

CHRISTINE - Two bedroom across from school. Corner lot, owner has done some remodeling. Some hardwood floors. One bath, single garage. MLS 5605.

CHARLES - Older home with three bedrooms. 2 living areas, hardwood floors & tiled kitchen. Formal dining at end of large living room. Breakfast area. Large pantry, cedar closet, small office in closet off den. Large master up stairs. Patio, storage building, single garage. MLS 5229.

CHRISTINE - Beautiful well cared for three bedroom home with great street appeal. Large family room with one wall fireplace and bay window looking out onto covered patio. Hardwood floors have been refinished. Has shop and storage

CALENDAR ITEMS

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.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

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 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

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

PAMPA 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 a.m.-2 p.m., each Thursday with a special time of prayer from 12:15-12:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 669-6509.

MONTHLY 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.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

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.

TOPO TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION

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.

ORDER OF THE 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.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The local Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

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.

PAMPA ROTARY CLUB

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

PCPA

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.

PAMPA GARDEN CLUB

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

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.

MIRACLE EAR

Miracle-Ear Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization, works in cooperation with Miracle-Ear Centers nationwide to provide free hearing aids and services to children 16 and under whose families do not qualify for public assistance, yet cannot afford the expense of hearing aids for their children. For more information, contact the local Miracle-Ear Center at (806) 795-0188 or 1-800-808-0188.

HPEA

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

TEXCARE PARTNERSHIP

Texcare Partnership is the New Children's Health Insurance campaign developed especially for Texas families with uninsured children, birth through age 18. The following health insurance programs are available: Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and Texas Healthy Kids Corp. For more information, call 1-800-647-6558 or 1-888-892-2273.

COMING EVENTS

'LEGACY'

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

STRAIGHT TALK FOR MEN

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will host "Straight Talk for Men" from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings throughout the month of February in the cancer center amphitheater. The program is a wellness series for men living with prostate cancer. For more information or to register, call (806) 359-4673 or 1-800-274-4673. Wives and

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

BSA Hospice will offer a grief education and support group from 7-8:30 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 17-Feb. 21 at First Presbyterian Church, 418 Coolidge, in Borger. For more information, call 274-9111 or 1-800-658-6985.

FRESHSTART

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold FreshStart, a free two-week smoking cessation support series sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, from 6-7 p.m. Feb. 4, 7, 11 and 14. For more information, call Shari Miller at (806) 359-4673, ext. 214.

PHS FRESHMEN ENROLLMENT

Eighth grade pre-enrollment will be conducted Feb. 4-5 at Pampa Middle School. High school counselors will be at the school on both days. A meeting for the eighth graders' parents is scheduled at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7 in the auditorium of Pampa High School.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Gray County Centennial Planning Committee will meet at 5 p.m., Feb. 7 at the Chamber of Commerce. Interested volunteers are welcome.

TPMHMR DANCE

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation in conjunction with Volunteer Services Council, Westover Middle School of Amarillo and Alpha Beta Sorority (ABS) will host a Valentine's Dance for its mental retardation clients from 7-9 p.m., Friday Feb. 8 at Westover Middle School, 7200 Pinnacle Drive, Amarillo. The band Mid-Life Crisis will perform and ABS will provide refreshments. For more information, call Emily Ellis at (806) 349-5603.

SCIENCE SPECTRUM

The Science Spectrum and Omnimax Theatre in Lubbock have announced upcoming events throughout the month. Omnimax Theater will offer the following presentations: "Lost Worlds: Life in the Balance"; "Amazing Journeys: an exploration of the animal world; and "Solarmax," an exploration of the sun and its power. Children's Dental Awareness Fair is slated from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Feb. 9 at the Science Spectrum. For more information, call (806) 745-2525.

HARRINGTON STRING QUARTET

The Harrington String Quartet will perform at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 9 at West Texas A&M University Northern Hall in Canyon. Guest pianist Vicki Ray, composer Donald Crockett and John Novacek will be part of the line-up. For more information, call (806) 376-8782. The Quartet will also perform during kid's story time at Barnes and Noble in Amarillo at 11 a.m., Feb. 2.

ACS CLASS

The American Cancer Society will present the program "Look Good ... Feel Better" from 1-3 p.m., Feb. 9 at the ACS office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. The program is aimed at helping cancer

patients cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatments. Cosmetology professionals will demonstrate techniques how to compensate for hair loss through the use of turbans and scarves. To register or for more information, call the ACS at (806) 353-4306.

PANCAKE SUPPER

St. Matthews Episcopal Church's Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be from 5-8 p.m., Feb. 12 at 727 W. Browning. Tickets are \$5. Preschoolers eat free. Proceeds benefit the day school. For more information, call 665-0701.

Clean Pampa will be accepting used telephone books for recycling Feb. 13-28. Call Clean Pampa at 665-2514 for a list of donation locations.

AAA PROGRAM

American Angus Association will offer three summer internships to college students who want to learn more about breed association work. The paid internships begin approximately June 1, 2002, and conclude in mid-August. Application deadline is Feb. 15, 2002. For more information, call (816) 383-5100.

MENSA

Panhandle Mensa, a chapter of American Mensa Ltd, the High IQ Society, will conduct membership tests beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 16 at Southwest Amarillo Public Library in Amarillo. The test will get under way at 10 a.m. There is a test fee and participants must be at least 14 years of age. For more information, contact Francis Jones at (806) 353-1895.

PHS TAAS SCHEDULE

This year Pampa High School will conduct pre-enrollment in conjunction with the administering of the TAAS test. The TAAS will be Feb. 19-21. A parent meeting and pre-enrollment is scheduled at 7 p.m., Feb. 18 in the library for freshmen, sophomore and juniors. Students who are not taking the TAAS will not have to report to school until 12:15 p.m. on test days.

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., Feb. 6 and 20, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Feb. 6, Bank of America, and Feb. 26, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Pampa; Feb. 6 and 20, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Feb. 8, Lovett Memorial Library, McLean; Feb. 11, First Baptist Church, White Deer; and Feb. 19, 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.

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