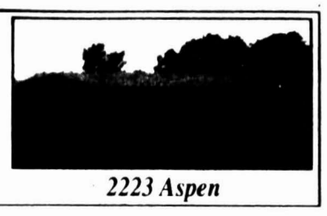


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"Bird Identification," a three-class continuing education course offered by Clarendon College, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Jan. 28, Feb. 4, and Feb. 11.

Instructor Jan Elston has been bird-watching since 1981. For several years, she wrote the column, "Panhandle Birdwatch" which appeared bi-monthly in *The Pampa News*.

This beginning bird-watching class includes such topics as identifying birds by field marks, habitat, actions and behavior. Information will be given about attracting birds to residential yards, including different types of feeders and the best kind of seed to attract different birds. Hands-on instruction will be given for using binoculars and field guides. Students are asked to bring their own binoculars and bird books to the classes.

Charge is $12. To register, call 665-8801.

Baby-sitting course

Pampa/Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a babysitting course for young people, ages 11 and up.

Classes will be taught at the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., Jan. 28, 29, and 30. Cost of the course is $30.

To sign up, contact the local Red Cross at 669-7121 or sign up at 108 N. Russell.

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Eight-liner players want Pampa Bucks

Supporters: Money equivalent payoffs boost to city economy

BY NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Are eight-liner machines an economic boon or the devil's workshop?

"Pampa is drying up and blowing away. We need to keep as much money and business in Pampa as we can," said Peggy Smith, owner of Peggy's Place on West Alcock, as she played the eight-liners at Ma's Funtime on South Cuyler.

Smith is concerned the recent decision by County Attorney Todd Alvey that Pampa Bucks cannot be given to winners in eight-liner establishments will have a profound negative economic effect upon Pampa.

William Ma, Funtime owner, said, "The eight-liners are helping local businesses in town. People from out of town are spending their Pampa Bucks and their money along with the Pampa Bucks in the community. We're just boosting the local economy."

Ma said the eight-liner businesses have purchased 480,000 in Pampa Bucks the past year to give out to the customers. Each Pampa Buck is worth one dollar.

"I am a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and I have given out 200,000 Pampa Bucks since I opened Feb. 1, 2001," he said.

Clay Rice, Executive Director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, said that the local chamber sold approximately 490,000 Pampa Bucks this past year to Chamber members to distribute.

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)
Peggy Smith enjoys playing the eight-liner machines in Pampa. She says the businesses are helping the Pampa economy.

Inspection team discovers 'serious problems' at center

BY KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

"Serious problems" were found last week at Pampa Nursing Center during an inspection by a team from the state's long term care division.

That's according to Rosemary Patterson, public information officer for the Texas Department of Human Services Long Term Care - Regulatory.

The annual inspection was one that all such facilities receive - on a surprise basis - every nine-to-15 months, Patterson said Friday from her Austin office.

Patterson said it is "possible" the inspection was prompted by a complaint. When that happens, she said, annual inspection dates "are moved up."

Patterson said she could not immediately characterize the problems pending release of the inspection report but said she could term some of them as "serious."

Problems, or deficiencies, can encompass a wide range, she said, "from paperwork to patient care."

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15-year sentence for third-time DWI

A third-time driving while intoxicated conviction has a Canadian man heading to a state department of corrections facility to serve a 15-year prison sentence.

That's the term set last week by a Hemphill County District Court jury which listened to punishment phase evidence after the defendant, Robert Dale Knoop Jr., 45, entered a guilty plea.

Thirty-first District Attorney Rick Roach said the jury was out for an hour before returning the verdict on the charge which was enhanced from a third-degree felony to a second-degree one.

He said Knoop had previous conviction in Michigan for sexual assault.

Knoop was arrested on the DWI charge March 22, 2001 by Hemphill County Sheriff's deputies after the department received a report of someone driving erratically on U.S. Highway 83, Roach said.

The case was tried by Assistant District Attorney David Holmes of Canadian. Knoop was defended by Charles Kessie of Canadian.

County attorney looks to AG for assistance on eight-liners

BY NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Gray County Attorney Todd Alvey said Friday afternoon he has requested assistance from the Attorney General's Office regarding eight-liners.

When asked if there had been complaints filed in his office, Alvey said there have been some occasional complaints. "We haven't had nearly as many people complain about the eight-liner businesses and we've had people upset that we're investigating them," he said. "There have been a lot more people who are supporters of eight-liners who are upset."

Asked why he is pursuing the issue now, he said, "It's been coming on for sometime. I've been reading the decisions, and they have all favored the prosecutor," he said. "So I decided to pursue it.

"I think it is illegal to give out Pampa Bucks," he said. "It's like slot machines."

He said there is quite a difference between Bingo, Lottery and eight-liner machines. "Bingo and Lottery have been legalized," he said. "Eight-liners haven't been."

"The legislature needs to make the law more clear," he said.

William Ma, owner of Funtime, said he expects the issue to develop in the 2003 legislature. "They will have to decide this," he said. "It will have to go before the legislature."

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)
Holding up 300 paybacks which must now be redeemed for merchandise inside Ma's Funtime since the Jan. 15 decision to stop Pampa Bucks in the eight-liner establishments, Anne Cannon said she could have 300 Pampa Bucks to spend in local businesses if the change hadn't been made.

PEDC to review grants, loans, report

Pampa Economic Development Corporation will continue their review of grants and loans and related matters at their 5 p.m. meeting on Monday, Jan. 28, in the second floor conference room at Pampa City Hall.

Also on the agenda is the review of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, Inc. Annual Financial report for the year ending Sept. 30, 2001.

Also on the agenda is disposition of real and personal property including $2,026 in computer equipment, sign changes in signature cards for First Bank Southwest, disposition of website, and discussion of the working agreement between the City of Pampa and the PEDC, Inc. regarding the bus building.

Religious right wants persecution by Muslims on agenda

As President Bush builds a worldwide anti-terrorism coalition, some of his staunchest supporters at home are raising serious questions about the United States' new allies.

Religious conservatives have built an influential human rights movement over the last five years aimed at protecting Christians and other religious minorities overseas — particularly in Muslim countries.

Since Sept. 11, they have watched with alarm as Bush has befriended the very nations their movement has targeted, especially Sudan, a country activists see as among the worst persecutors.

Some American Muslims complain the anti-persecution movement is also anti-Islam, but the Bush administration has repeatedly insisted it will work to protect religious freedom wherever it is threatened.

Conservative activists are watching and waiting to see if the president keeps his promise.

"I fear since Sept. 11, there's been a policy trade-off, cooperation for terrorism," said attorney Nina Shea, a founder of the religious rights movement and director of the Center for Religious Freedom in Washington. "The Bush administration has gone soft."

Shea and others have been particularly upset by shifts in U.S. policy toward Sudan. The predominantly Muslim government has been fighting a 19-year civil war with its southern region, where Christianity and traditional religions dominate. About 2 million people have been killed.

In September, the United States also allowed the United Nations Security Council to lift sanctions against the African nation, which is on a U.S. list of states that sponsor terrorism. The administration also publicly praised Sudan's cooperation in the war.

Some U.S. economic sanctions remain in place, but a bill that would increase pressure on Sudan on the human rights issue is stalled in Congress.

Those developments were especially disappointing to Christian activists, coming so soon after Sept. 6, when Bush named former Sen. John Danforth special ambassador to Sudan, a victory for the religious freedom movement.

On Nov. 19, leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention, Focus on the

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OBITUARIES

H.T. 'TOMMY' THOMPSON
1909-2002

H.T. "Tommy" Thompson, 92, of Pampa, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Monday in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Thompson was born Nov. 6, 1909, at Chickasha, Okla. He married Laverne Gay on June 1, 1939, at Wewoka, Okla.; she died Oct. 18, 1994. In 1936, he went to work for Phillips Petroleum as a field mechanic and retired in 1976, after 40 years of service.

He was a Baptist and a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving during World War II from 1942-1945.

Survivors include a son, Mike Thompson of Pampa; a brother, Doyal Thompson; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

SERVICES TOMORROW

THOMPSON, H.T. "Tommy" — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Friday, Jan. 25

Clint Miller, 39, 409 N. Sumner, possession of marijuana.

Jerami Lee Mynear, 5105 Doucette, arrested on warrants for failure to appear, failure to report change of address and no seat belt/driver.

SHERIFF

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

Friday, Jan. 25

Timothy Seth Lewis, 21, 1919 Chestnut, violation of probation/burglary of a habitation.

James Daniel Ketchum, 43, Shamrock, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia.

AMBULANCE

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

Friday, Jan. 25

9:28 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Brown and Gray and transported one to PRMC.

10:33 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

2:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

7:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

7:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

9:22 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Kentucky; no transport.

9:31 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to East Kentucky; no transport.

9:36 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

Saturday, Jan. 26

4:57 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Christine and transported one to PRMC.

People in the news ...

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — A judge evicted **Tonya Harding** from her rented home in Camas, Wash., for failing to pay the rent.

"Unfortunately, me and my dog are going to sleep in a Corvette roadster," Harding told reporters after arriving too late for the hearing Friday at Clark County Superior Court. She laughed when she said it.

The former Olympic figure skater and her manager, Linda Lewis, have been renting a 1,300-square-foot three-bedroom, two-bathroom ranch house overlooking the Columbia River since August 2000.

Judge Diane Woolard ordered Harding out of the house for failing to pay rent, late fees and other costs of $4,530.

Rick Pomerville, attorney for Harding's landlord, said the sheriff's department has determined the day and time by which Harding would have to leave the premises but that his client did not want it disclosed.

"If she does not move by then, her personal belongings will be moved out onto the street. We hope this will not happen," Pomerville said.

Harding, 31, said she had been intending to pay the rent but has been unable to. She said she had recently returned from an appearance in France and had only recently been paid.

"I don't think there's any objection to what is owed. I'm going to pay it," she said.

Harding's life has been shadowed by scandal since a knee-whacking attack on rival Nancy Kerrigan before the 1994 U.S. National Championships and the Winter Olympics.

Her last court appearance was in May 2000, when she was sentenced to three days in the Clark County Jail for assaulting her then-boyfriend with a hubcap.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — **Robert Redford,** who won a best director Oscar for 1980's "Ordinary People," will receive an honorary Academy Award at this year's ceremony.

The honor from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' board of governors will be presented to Redford on March 24, Academy President Frank Pierson said Friday.

The citation will read: "Robert Redford — Actor, Director, Producer, Creator of Sundance, inspiration to independent and innovative filmmakers everywhere."

"Bob's dedication to independent filmmaking has had an enormously positive impact on the motion picture industry since he created Sundance 20 years ago, and young filmmakers for years to come will continue to benefit from the training that his institute provides and the world-class showcase that his festival offers," Pierson said.

Redford has appeared in dozens of films, including "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," "The Way We Were," "The Sting," "All the President's Men" and last year's "Spy Game." His directing credits include "A River Runs Through It" and "Quiz Show."

Sidney Poitier will also receive an honorary Academy Award at this year's ceremony.

NEW YORK (AP) — Metallica's **James Hetfield** is a new dad.

Hetfield's wife, Francesca, gave birth to a daughter, named Marcella Francesca Hetfield, on Jan. 17 in San Francisco, according to Metallica's record company, Elektra.

Marcella weighed in at 8 pounds and 5 ounces. She is the couple's third child. They also have a 3 1/2-year-old daughter and a 20-month old son.

Last year, Hetfield entered a rehabilitation center for alcoholism. In December, on the group's Web site, Hetfield thanked fans for their support while he was on his "rough road."

The group is working on a new album.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — **Former President Reagan's** 91st birthday on Feb. 6 would be Ronald Reagan Day across Los Angeles County under a resolution Supervisor Michael Antonovich plans to introduce Tuesday.

"Ronald Reagan transferred his talents and energies from the motion picture industry to the arena of public service many decades ago and brought to the halls of government intelligence, dignity, toughness touched with sensitivity and a determination to make this a better world," Antonovich said.

He also praised Reagan, who has been battling Alzheimer's disease, for being open about his illness in the hope of increasing awareness and financial support.

Reagan, who lives in Bel Air with his wife, Nancy, has rarely been seen in public since announcing in 1994 that he has Alzheimer's.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

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Religious

Family and others wrote a letter to Bush arguing that pressuring governments to end persecution should be a central goal of U.S. foreign policy. Ignoring the issue threatened the nation's credibility abroad, they wrote.

"By rewarding and praising Khartoum (Sudan's capital) at the very moment it is stepping up its bombing, starvation and literal enslavement of religious minorities, the U.S. appears to be willing to tolerate religiously based internal terrorism," the letter read.

It wasn't the first time these groups prodded Bush on human rights.

Nearly a year ago, when the new president began developing his foreign policy, conservatives signed a letter warning that Bush had failed to give enough importance to ending religious persecution and human rights abuses in general.

"Sending that statement sent a signal to the Bush administration that they were going to be caught in a deadly political conflict — not only from the left, but from their friends," said Michael Horowitz, a senior fellow at the conservative Hudson Institute.

The political movement has its roots in a 1995 opinion piece Horowitz wrote in The Wall Street Journal, describing the persecution of Christians and making parallels with the historic oppression of Jews overseas.

No one responded, so Horowitz took a different approach. He wrote to Christian mission boards, joined with Shea to hold meetings on global persecution of Christians and enlisted well-known conservatives such as Chuck Colson and William Bennett to join in their effort.

"We learned to ignore the national press and use the power of denominational newsletters and Christian radio to create prairie fires at the grass roots, so members of Congress would go home and people would say, 'What do you think about the Sudan?'" said Horowitz, who is Jewish.

The campaign worked. The National Association of Evangelicals, the Southern Baptists and other religious groups signed on. In 1996, evangelical churches organized the first annual International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

Two years later, the International Religious Freedom Act became law, creating an office of religious freedom in the State Department, which compiles an annual report on persecution. The law also established an independent, bipartisan panel on religious freedom.

Along the way, conservatives broadened their movement. Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the liberal Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, and Roman Catholic leaders were early supporters, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was among those who signed the Nov. 19 Sudan letter to Bush.

"There is a potential for making religious persecution an issue with the mass public because so many American Christians are involved in supporting missionary work. Millions of dollars flow out of congregations," said John Green, director of the Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron. "The White House may have to pay attention to these rumblings."

The movement has had less success developing ties with the traditional human rights groups, such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, even though both sides have much in common, such as focusing on Sudan.

Tom Malinowski, Washington advocacy director for Human Rights Watch, said each side views the other warily.

"The Christian communities have the stereotype that mainstream groups don't care about the rights of Christians," he said. "The mainstream groups have a stereotype that all (the Christians) care about is Christians."

Ibrahim Hooper, of the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Washington, believes there is also an anti-Muslim bias at work.

He acknowledged that some Muslim nations violate human rights, but sees Sudan as a "tragic situation with abuses on all sides." He feels religious solidarity leaders exploit the persecution issue to discredit Muslim governments and pave the way for more proselytizing overseas.

"One of their ultimate goals, from my thinking, is to defame Islam," he said.

Shea and Horowitz are working to reinvigorate their movement after the attacks, as they continue to draw attention to abuses by other nations, such as Pakistan, China and Vietnam. As part of the effort, they have a new message to wedge their issue onto the Bush administration's post-Sept. 11 agenda.

"Any country persecuting its own people is going to be exporting terrorism," Horowitz said.

On the Net:
Center for Religious Freedom: http://www.freedomhouse.org/religion/

State road funds could be cut $600 million

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas' federal highway funds could be cut by about $600 million starting in October because of sinking gas tax revenue projected by the U.S. Treasury.

By October 2004, nearly 16,500 Texas jobs could be lost and state transportation projects could be hindered if the state's $2 billion allocation of federal highway dollars is cut by 30 percent, according to the American Road & Transportation Builders Association.

About 382,000 jobs would be lost nationally through October 2009, the association estimates.

"It would be a devastating blow," to state transportation projects, said Tom Johnson of the Associated General Contractors, an Austin-based highway lobby group, in Saturday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

Federal taxes on motor fuels and truck and tire sales fund the federal highway trust fund.

State transportation officials and trade groups expressed doubts about the accuracy of the latest gas tax projections, to be formalized when President Bush submits his budget to Congress after next Tuesday's State of the Union Address.

State awards from the trust fund are projected to drop to $22.7 billion during the federal fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 from a record $31.8 billion investment this year.

The allocations each year are pegged to federal gas tax receipts.

Gaby Garcia, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Transportation, said department analysts aren't quite about the amount of the projected reduction or how it would affect individual projects on the drawing board.

"Any decline, whether it's $600 million, or more or less, will not be good news," Garcia said.

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Monday evening, partly cloudy.
Tuesday, partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Highs in the mid 50s.

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Eight-liner

Rice said the program began in 1992 and is a service to the Chamber members. "The majority of sales have been to the eight-liner businesses," he said.

He said he didn't know how the local sales tax revenue will be affected by the stoppage of eight-liner businesses distributing the Pampa Bucks.

"There will be an impact," he said. "It will probably be about two months before we know how much."

Rice said the chamber receives a handling fee for the Pampa Bucks program. He said it is just enough to cover the costs, and estimates the chamber revenue between $23,000-$25,000.

"My customers are spending these Pampa Bucks right here in town," Ma said.

"If a customer finds a computer in Pampa for $700 and he/she has $500 in Pampa Bucks, it will only cost them $200 cash for the computer," he said. "He's staying in town doing his shopping, and Pampa gets the sales tax."

Ma said approximately $16,000 has been generated in sales tax just on the 200,000 Pampa Bucks he has distributed.

"I just wish for the sake of Pampa that Mr. Alvey would allow us to give the Pampa Bucks until the investigation by the Attorney General's Office is completed," said Ma, referring to what Alvey told the eight-liner business owners earlier in the month.

"At least the town could benefit until then," he said. "If they determine the businesses are illegal, stop then. Why do it before then?"

Alvey told owners of the eight-liner businesses that they could not give Pampa Bucks as winnings effective Jan. 15. Pampa Bucks are redeemable at any participating Pampa Chamber of Commerce merchant.

The dwindling economy in the rural area is concerning the owner of Peggy's Place. She said her popular local restaurant usually receives an average of 200 Pampa Bucks a week.

"I only received one this week," she said. "A lot of the reason the number has dropped so much is because the eight-liner businesses aren't allowed to give them out anymore."

The businesses are now keeping redeemable merchandise in the establishments for their customers to redeem. Ma said these are called 'paybacks' and can be redeemed for items he has in his store. He emphasized all his redeemable items are bought from local businesses.

Smith said the eight-liner customers have been spending the Pampa Bucks along with their cash in Pampa stores. "Pampa is the only place they can spend them," she said. "We have people coming in from all over the area to play the eight-liners."

"As a business owner, the stopping of Pampa Bucks at the eight-liner businesses has made a tremendous impact on my business," she said. "Those 'Bucks' had been a bonus to me."

Smith, said she won $480 in Pampa Bucks in December and said her winnings paid for Christmas gifts. "I also use them to pay for groceries, cigarettes, gas, and I spend them back in Pampa."

"I play because I enjoy the game," said Smith as she sat in front of an eight-liner machine at Ma's Funtime Friday afternoon. "It's relaxing. It gives me a chance to unwind."

The eight-liner businesses are bringing traffic into Pampa, said Smith. "It's creating traffic coming into Pampa," she said. "And the out-of-town people are spending money here."

Ma said his customers have become his friends. "These people aren't just customers," he said, "they are friends."

Companionship and socializing are two reasons many people are frequenting the eight-liner businesses.

Raised in Pampa, Marceline Rogers, a 1944 graduate of Pampa High, returned to her hometown about eight years ago.

"I come down here (Ma's) about four or five times a week," she said. "I enjoy the company and being around people. It's fun."

Saying she has won as much as $2,000 in Pampa Bucks, she said winning isn't the reason she frequents the business. "It's just a good place to hang out," she said.

Rogers also said Ma feeds the customers, and that on occasion they eat steak and shrimp. She also said he has become a good friend.

"He takes care of us," she said. "I had car trouble, and he was the one who came and fixed it."

She added that on one occasion a customer had a heart attack while at the business, and that Ma accompanied him to the local hospital and stayed with him until family arrived.

"He is our friend," said Rogers. "And playing the machines is something to pass the time of day and be around people."

Ma said people who play the machines at his eight-liner business are from all over the Panhandle.

"I have people who come in from Borger, Perryton, Amarillo, Stinnett, Fritch and all the surrounding towns," he said. "There are even people who come from Hooker, Okla., and Liberal, Kan."

Ma said there are some Hooker residents who come to Pampa to spend the week-end so they can play the eight-liner machines. "They spend the week-end in a motel, eat out and shop here," he said. "The money is being spent locally."

Judy Burrows of Borger said she has been going to Ma's Funtime for about three or four months.

A Borger business owner, she said she was going to Amarillo to buy supplies for her business and would go to eight-liner establishments to play the machines. "I started coming to Pampa to get my supplies, and discovered the eight-liner places," she said. "I've been coming ever since."

Burrows said playing is relaxation for her. "It's a stress reliever," she said. "We eat out at Pampa restaurants while we're in town and we frequently buy groceries here. I bought a lot of my Christmas presents in Pampa."

She said she frequented the Borger eight-liner establishments until they were closed about a year ago.

Anne Cannon, who is retired, said she goes to Ma's about three to four times a week.

"It's just something to do with my time as I'm retired, she said. "It's just a fun thing to do. I'm well over 21 and can decide where my money goes."

Joy Hillburn, 27, said she frequents the machines on a daily basis and uses them as a diversion. "It's relaxing. I don't think about things that usually worry me when I'm playing the machines."

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Attorney

Tom Kelley of the Attorney General's Office in Austin told The Pampa News his office assists law enforcement in training about the eight-liners or they will assist in undercover investigations.

"I don't have any idea what level of assistance Alvey is requesting," he said.

"We are not the state's police force on eight-liners and gambling, said Kelley. "We just give assistance to the law enforcement across the state on how to have 'leak proof' cases, or we will help in the undercover investigations."

Alvey would not comment on what type of assistance he is seeking from the AG.

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Inspection

Patterson said once the inspection is over, the team will write its report that becomes a public document".

Meanwhile, Melody Chatelle, spokesman for the company that owns the nursing home, said some "administrative changes" are being made at the Pampa facility and said a new director of nurses will start early next month.

"Out of respect for personnel," she said, the company won't release more information with regard to that or other staff changes, if any.

State records show the nursing center, at 1321 W. Kentucky, is owned by Living Centers of Texas, a subsidiary of Mariner Post Acute Network, Inc., of Atlanta, Ga.

Chatelle confirmed that inspectors arrived at the nursing home Tuesday and remained there on Friday afternoon when she expected the inspection to be completed. She said 57 residents currently live there.

She categorized the state team's work as a "full-book inspection" which Chatelle said is a "very thorough" one.

"We very much support that kind of inspection," Chatelle said. "It ensures quality of care."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Redistricting affects Skellytown residents

To the editor:

I am from Skellytown, a resident of Carson County, voting precinct #402. The following is something the residents of Carson County, Precinct #4 (voting precincts 401, 402, 102) should be concerned about.

I'm not sure how many people noticed in one of the recent editions of the White Deer/Panhandle newspaper, but if I understand correctly, we are about to lose Precinct #4 Justice of the Peace position through the proposed redistricting of the county.

I haven't heard whether or not we would lose the commissioner's position in Precinct #4, which includes Precincts 401, 402, and 102. The one thing I did notice is that the public hearing for the proposed redistricting is being held in Panhandle, making it inconvenient for the people it will affect the most, the people in Precinct #4.

If that isn't enough of an inconvenience for the people, the public hearing is being held at 10:30 a.m. (mid-morning). Now I ask you, how are the working people of Precinct #4 supposed to come to a meeting that will affect them more than anyone else in the county if the meeting is held at a time when most of them cannot attend?

What will we lose if we no longer have a J.P. in this precinct? Everyone will be forced to go to Panhandle for everything. God forbid, but if there is an emergency or death or accent that requires the presence of a justice, we will have to wait till the justice can be located in Panhandle and then wait some more while the justice makes the approximately 40-mile trip from Panhandle (the estimated farthest portion of Precinct#4 from Panhandle).

I think everyone that is able, especially all the candidates that are currently running for Precinct #4, Place 1, Office of Justice of the Peace – Democrat and Republican – should make every effort to be at the public hearing on Jan. 28 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom at the Court House in Panhandle, and together, voice their concerns along with all of the citizens possible from Precinct #4.

Thank you for your attention and I hope to see you there.

Bob Epperson
Skellytown

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Isn't it time for some snow?



KATE DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

I want snow. Lots of it.

That desire can be controversial. It's like a lot of things. Some folks like it and some don't.

It's not that I want to move to Alaska or anything but a good snowfall seems to put people in a spirited mood and well, it's pretty to look at. At first anyway. The slush and dirty car aftermath I can do without.

Admittedly, however, a big snow can put a near freeze on business for local merchants. That is unless you sell snow shovels, car batteries, food or rent videos. And last year's harsh winter, coupled with those sky-high natural gas prices, did just that.

Talking with Amarillo National Weather Service meteorologist Rob Slattery the other day ... he says predictions for the next few weeks will continue to call for above-average temperatures. I can't remember the 'normal' low for this time of year but 50 is the 'normal' high. And we've been way ahead of that on quite a few days. Slattery, by the way, lives in White Deer.

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After some time trying, *The Pampa News* received a copy last week of the Dairy Strategies' report on the Top O' Texas Dairy. As you recall, it received $750,000 in grants and forgivable loans from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. The attorney general's office ruled the report a public document and the new PEDC board agreed to release it.

Nancy Young is reading the report now and will interview the Roden family. It's expected the newspaper will carry a story Tuesday ... or the first of what may turn into several articles.

Early on there was some concern expressed about personal financial information that is or may be contained in the report with regard to the dairy's Roden family. The newspaper certainly isn't out to embarrass those folks about what may or may not be in their personal, non-business related, bank account. We want to know what problems the dairy has had that have put it in financial straits and what's being done to to get it on sound footing.

And, worst case scenario, if it doesn't appear the dairy can make it, then there needs to be a plan to find a replacement. After all, there's a lot of Pampa taxpayer dollars involved ... paid a half cent at a time ... and certainly the public should know what's going on. Oh. I almost forgot. Taxpayer dollars, about $15,000, were used to pay for the consultants.

You might get the idea that we are pretty big on obtaining what we think ... and the law says ... is information to which you, our readers, are entitled.

We are.

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While everyone is innocent until proven guilty, it was, however, sad to learn last week that one of the city's police officers has been charged in connection with allegations of rape ... while he was on duty.

But, I was heartened to find out that our police department, stung as it might be by the crime claim against one of its own, did the right thing. From what I've been told, it participated full bore to aid the investigation which was initiated and conducted by Texas Ranger Gary Henderson after he received a complaint.

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New York FD faces diversity challenge



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

Last week's column focused upon diversity-multiculturalism madness on college campuses. Now there's the diversity flap in New York City.

Several columnists, most notably David Limbaugh and Kathleen Parker, commented on some of its lunacy. Shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, photographer Tom Franklin of *The Record* newspaper in Bergen County, N.J., captured the images of New York City firefighters Dan McWilliams, George Johnson and Billy Eisengrein planting the American flag in the rubble of what was once the World Trade Center.

The scene, captured by Franklin's camera, was to be reproduced as a 19-foot statue to be erected at the Fire Department's Brooklyn headquarters to memorialize the 343 fire fighters who died in the attack.

You say, "Williams, what's wrong with that?" It turns out that Dan McWilliams, George Johnson and Billy Eisengrein are white guys.

"So what, Williams?" you shout. "Facts are facts, history is history, and a photograph is a photograph." That's where you're wrong. Sometimes facts, history and photographs are not politically correct and must be changed.

The New York Fire Department, the studio making the statue and the company that owns the department's headquarters decided to alter the statue, making it politically correct. The statue would portray one white, one black and one Hispanic fireman raising the flag. That, race experts say, better reflects the ethnicity of New York's 11,500 person fire department, of which 2.7 percent are black, 3.2 percent Hispanic and the other 90-some percent white.

Fire Department spokesman Frank Gribbon explains, "Given that those who died were of all races and all ethnicities, and that the statue was to be symbolic of those sacrifices, ultimately a decision was made to honor no one in particular, but everyone who made the supreme sacrifice." Kevin James, a black firefighter, said: "The symbolism is far more important than representing the actual people. I think the artistic expression of diversity would supersede any concern over factual correctness."

Suppose it were three black firefighters raising the flag at Ground Zero. Dropping off two in the name of diversity would have brought in the frothing of the likes of Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson.

Facts and history are nowhere nearly as important to diversity-multiculturalists as symbolism, but if it's symbolism that New Yorkers want, why not go all the way? Here's my suggestion for "the artistic expression of diversity." Having one black, one white and one Hispanic man is a good start, but not enough. I know FDNY obeys the Americans With Disabilities Act, so the statue should include persons in wheelchairs from each ethnic group.

I would imagine that FDNY also obeys equal opportunity laws. There can't be sex discrimination. That means firewomen must become part of the "artistic expression of diversity" – and it can't just be some white woman, it must include one black and one Hispanic woman. A true and complete commitment to the "artistic expression of diversity" requires that the statue include homosexual and lesbian firefighters.

The nation's diversity-multiculturalists have other statue correction work to do, so as to promote the "artistic expression of diversity." Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Joe Rosenthal captured the image of five Marines and a Navy corpsman raising our flag on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima, during World War II. The statue created from his photo consists of five white men but only one diversity guy – Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian. Since diversity trumps historical accuracy and facts, diversity-multiculturalists ought to demand that the Arlington, Va., memorial statue be reconfigured to include all races that fought in World War II.

There's no end to the work for diversity-multiculturalists, so long as the rest of us remain timid idiots unwilling to stand up to their vicious nonsense.

As this column goes to print, FDNY says it's considering other options.

TODAY IN HISTORY

40 years

SUNDAY, Jan. 28, 1962. Pampa civic organizations netted $1,446.48 yesterday in their annual "Bucket Brigade" for the March of Dimes.

TUESDAY, Jan. 30, 1962. The City Commission today adopted a resolution designating Pampas Grass as Pampa's official flower.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 31, 1962. Construction work on the Canadian River dam at Sanford near Borger is expected to start within the next 60 days.

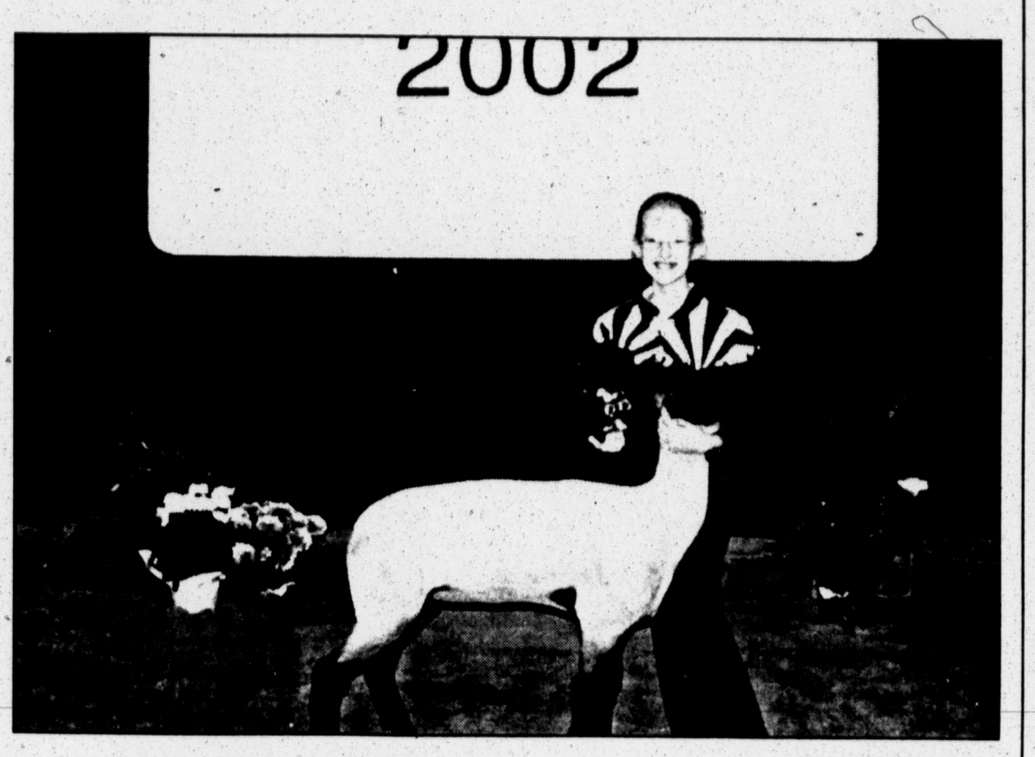
25 years ago

SUNDAY, Jan. 30, 1977. Palo Duro's Cleveland Winston poured in a game – high 26 points which probably kept his team closer than expected, but it wasn't enough as Pampa grabbed a 69-61 District 3-AAAA basketball victory over the feisty Dons before a turnout of around 1,500 Friday night in Harvester Fieldhouse.

MONDAY, Jan. 31, 1977. Longtime Pampa educator Mrs. Cleona Newton Sears died at 11:20 p.m. Saturday in Highland General Hospital following a long illness.

Gray County Livestock Show





(Courtesy photos)

Sandy Anderson, top, left, of McLean FFA won first in Showmanship Senior Barrow Division at the Gray County Livestock Show held recently at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa. Calee Henley, right, of Gray County 4-H won second in Showmanship Junior Lamb Division at the show.

Twelve paintings from PPHM to go to Vatican

CANYON — The United States Department of State has asked to borrow 12 paintings from the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon to hang at the Vatican in Rome.

The paintings will be exhibited at Villa Richardson, the official U.S. Ambassador's residence at the Vatican and a part of the American Academy in Rome, through the State Department's Art in Embassies program. The newly appointed U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, Jim Nicholson, specifically requested paintings from the Museum's Southwestern art collection.

The Art In Embassies Program borrows paintings from museums in the United States to hang in U.S. embassies around the world. Previously, the Museum lent eight Frank Reaugh paintings to the U.S. embassy in Botswana in 1997. Furthermore, while several Reaugh paintings toured Scotland in the early 1990s, this is the Museum's most important international loan to date, according to Marketing Director Linda Moreland.

The 12 paintings going to the Vatican include works by Taos artists W. Herbert Dunton, Bert G. Phillips, Frank Sauerwein, Walter Ufer and John Young-Hunter; Santa Fe artists Gerald Cassidy and Albert Schmidt; and Texas artist Frank Reaugh.

According to Virginia Shore, curator for the Art in Embassies Program in Washington, the paintings will be exhibited "in the 'public' or 'representational' spaces" of the Villa Richardson "where all foreign policy, cultural and international events are conducted."

Curator Shore added that the Museum had "an amazing collection" and the 12 paintings will "be an important addition to this exhibition."

Panhandle-Plains Historical Society President Katie McLeod noted, "The Society is pleased to have its collections recognized internationally and is privileged to contribute to American diplomacy. Sharing pieces from our art collection with the Vatican is an honor for the Society, its membership, and the citizens of the Panhandle-Plains region."

Museum Director Walter R. Davis II said, "Soon, people visiting the residence of the American Ambassador to the Vatican will see art from the collection of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society depicting the people and landscape of the American Southwest. It is a clear sign that art and faith have no political or geographic boundaries."

The paintings, which will hang at the Vatican for about four years, will be on exhibit at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum through the end of January.

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Piecemakers Quilt Guild in Amarillo to host show

AMARILLO — Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Amarillo will host its first Annual Amarillo Quilt Show from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., March 16-17 at Western Plaza Mall (north entrance.)

The Club is joining quilters in Texas, the surrounding area and around the world to celebrate National Quilting Day. Club members hold a charter with the National Quilting Association which sponsors National Quilting Day.

According to Quilters Newsletter Magazine survey there are almost 14 million quilters in this country participating in a $1.2 billion industry. And it is the love of quilting that will bring together quiltmakers and enthusiasts on March 16th and March 17th in Amarillo.

The Quilt Show will feature projects by local and area quilters includir traditional, contemporary, appliqué, original design quilts, wall hangings and wearable art.

The Viewer's choice award show will be from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Proceeds from the show will benefit the Rainbow Room of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services with supplies and cuddle quilts.

For information and quilt entry forms, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Jorene Kirkland, 2031 S. Fannin, Amarillo, TX 79109 or call (806) 359-3315. Entry deadline is March 7.



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Tim is married to Sue (who just happens to make the best apple pie in town). He and Sue have two beautiful daughters, Jenny is a junior at Texas A&M and Rebecca a senior at Pampa High.

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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TDI: Homeowners premium hikes prompt special exams

AUSTIN — Consumer complaints about large homeowners insurance premium increases, sometimes exceeding 100 percent, have prompted Commissioner Jose Montemayor to order special "market conduct" examinations of companies in the Allstate and Farmers groups.

The Commissioner said other residential property insurance companies may undergo examinations in the future, if necessary.

Market conduct examinations by specially trained Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) staff members deal specifically with how insurance companies treat their customers, including the premium rates policyholders are charged.

> The Commissioner said other residential property insurance companies may undergo examinations in the future, if necessary.

"We are hearing that some areas are harder hit by rate increases than others, and we want to make sure this is not due to unfair discrimination prohibited by Texas law," Montemayor said.

Montemayor acknowledged that Allstate and Farmers do almost all of their Texas homeowners insurance business through subsidiaries organized as Lloyds companies or reciprocal exchanges. Such companies are exempt by state law from regulation of their homeowners and other residential property insurance rates. Because of this exemption, they do not file their rates with TDI.

Despite the companies' exemption from rate regulation, market conduct examiners can review their rate structures to ascertain if increases are being imposed disproportionately on some of their policyholders.

Montemayor said he also wants the market conduct examiners to determine the extent to which credit scoring may account for large increases that consumers have reported to TDI. Although Texas law does not currently prohibit the use of credit scores in the pricing of residential property insurance by Lloyds companies and reciprocal exchanges, Montemayor said he needs to be aware of its effect on Allstate's and Farmers' rate increases.

"There is considerable legislative interest in the use of credit scoring in underwriting and rating," Montemayor said. "It is important for me to understand how some residential property writers are using these scores."

TDI may use the results of market conduct examinations in taking action to enforce Texas insurance laws if violations are found. However, the examination reports themselves are confidential by state law.

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LIONS CLUB SWEETHEARTS

Pampa Noon Lions Club's 2001 December Sweethearts of the Month are Ashlei Jordan and Morgan White.



Ashlei Jordan

Ashlei Jordan is the daughter of Royce and Kim Jordan. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include: National Honor Society; PHS Tennis Team (three year varsity letterman); PHS basketball team varsity letterman (2001); first team all-district doubles in tennis (2000); first team all-district singles in tennis (2000 and 2001); team regional semi-finalist (2000 and 2001); regional qualifier spring tennis doubles (2001); and team tennis regional and district champions (1999, 2000 and 2001). She ranks in the top 20 percent of her class and attends Bible Church of Pampa. Her future plans are to pursue a degree in business at Texas Tech University.



Morgan White

Morgan White is the daughter of Jamie and Scott White and is the granddaughter of Shirley and Speck Winborne and Phyllis and Chuck White. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include: Dance (15 years); piano (10 years); varsity volleyball team (three years); varsity basketball team (two years); varsity softball team (three years); D-FY-IT (three years); Women's Choir; Concert Choir; Kanakuk Camp "I'm Third" Award; volleyball leadership award; second team all-district volleyball team; National Honor Society; Honors Student; Who's Who Among American High School Students (three years); National Leadership and Service Award (three years); National Honor Roll (three years); United States National Leadership Merit Award (three years); Amarillo Symphony Belle; and junior deacon, First Christian Church youth group. After graduation, White plans are to pursue a degree in biology at Texas A&M University.

Time to file FAFSA form

High school seniors and others applying for federal financial aid for the 2002-03 school year can begin the process now, U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige has announced.

"President Bush wants to make sure that no one is left behind when it comes to access to higher education and training," said Paige. "There is more federal assistance available now than ever before, and we've worked to make the application process easier for students. Our trained staff also is available to provide assistance and answer questions so that all eligible students can get the aid they need."

This year, an estimated $49.4 billion in federal grants, loans and work-study opportunities will be awarded to an expected 8.2 million students. Each year, some 10 million applicants file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Financially needy students may qualify for grants or federally subsidized loans where the government pays the interest while the borrower is in school. However, most students are eligible for unsubsidized loans. Currently at 5.99 percent, these low-interest loans offer an affordable financing option.

Applying for federal aid is free. Filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov/ is the first step in the process. Students can file electronically or on a paper application.

Students are also encouraged to talk to the financial aid directors at the schools they hope to attend to learn about financial aid packages and other sources of assistance. Most states and schools make determinations about aid eligibility by information supplied on the FAFSA form, so students should start the process of finding money to pay for college with completion of the FAFSA.

Students can obtain a FAFSA at high school guidance offices, libraries or by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center toll-free at 1-800-433-3243.

Electronic filing is often faster and easier. An estimated 8 percent of paper applications are returned for errors, adding time to the application process. By filing electronically, students can avoid delays because the software immediately identifies errors and allows for on-the-spot corrections. Students may apply electronically through the Internet at www.fsfsa.ed.gov.

Reapplying for aid is simple — whether filing electronically or on paper — for all filers who applied the previous year regardless of whether the student actually received aid. Students simply add a minimal amount of new information on the renewal form and update any information that has changed from the previous year such as family size, etc.

For renewal filing over the Web, students are given an electronic access code or PIN that serves as the student's signature. Parents will still have to sign if the applicant is a dependent. Check with the school financial aid administrator for questions about the renewal paper or electronic FAFSA or contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center.

PIN numbers are now available and can be requested in advance of filing the electronic FAFSA. Both parents and students can register for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov, so they can provide an authorization signature without submitting a separate paper signature sheet.

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AAF convenes, names chairman and board members

AMARILLO — Amarillo Area Foundation celebrated its 44th year of existence during it annual membership meeting hosted recently in Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space. The program focused on the growth and success of the foundation's expanded and revised charitable scholarship program, spotlighting three scholarship recipients.

In 2001, AAF awarded more than $460,000 in competitive and ACE scholarships to more than 400 students, all of whom live within the 26 northernmost counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Also discussed was other Foundation projects, initiatives, grants and programs dealt with in 2001.

In the annual business meeting, members of AAF elected a new chairman and two new members to its 25-member board of directors. Retired Amarillo College President Dr. Bud Joyner, was elected 2002 board chairman, replacing outgoing Chairwoman Ms. Fay Moore. New board members elected for 2002 were Eddie Bradley and Allen Durrett, both of Amarillo. They will serve a three-year term.

Joining the chairman to complete the board's executive committee for 2002 are: Ms. Lilia Escajeda, first vice chairman; Ms. Julie Attebury, second vice chairman; Ms. Deborah Welch, secretary; Stanley Schaeffer, treasurer; Sam Lovelady, Ms. Wendy Marsh, Joe Street and Richard Ware II, all members at large.

Board members approved for renewal of board terms include: Salem Abraham, Stanley Schaeffer, Dr. Steve Urban, Deborah Welch and Lilia Escajeda.

Greg Mitchell was named to the board of directors for the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation, a public supporting organization of Amarillo Area Foundation.

Edward Jones to host free retirement broadcast

Roger David and Duane Harp, Edward Jones investment representatives in Pampa, will host a free retirement planning program at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 5.

During the hour-long program, guests will hear from Tom Foster of Hartford Life and Scott Zarinelli of Edward Jones on specific steps investors can take this year to help make their retirement dreams a reality.

"Most Americans look forward to the day they can retire," Harp said. "This program will offer investors the information they need to make informed decisions about their financial future," he added.

This live, interactive program is being presented at Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private satellite network.

The largest firm in the nation in terms of branch offices, Edward Jones currently has more than 7,900 offices in the U.S. and, through its affiliates, in Canada and the United Kingdom. Plans call for expansion to 10,000 offices by 2003.

The Edward Jones interactive website is located at www.edwardjones.com.

For more information on the Feb. 5 broadcast or to reserve a seat for this free program, contact Harp's or David's office at 665-7137.

Gray County Spelling Bee in offing

Herman Vinson, director for the Gray Count Spelling Bee, has announced the upcoming county bee will be held Friday, March 8 in Pampa Middle School auditorium. Sign-in for contestants is scheduled at 8:30 a.m. at which time names will be drawn for spelling order. The competition will not get fully under way until 9 a.m.

Vinson must be notified of all contestants and alternates by March 5, and may be contacted via e-mail (middle school address) or phone (669-4900).

Students in grades five and below will compete for junior champion while students in grades eight and below will vie for senior champion. It is possible for an elementary school student to win the county title.

National Spelling Bee rules will be followed. The county winner will be eligible to compete in the regional bee slated April 6 on the West Texas A&M University campus in Canyon. This meet will kick-off at 1:30 p.m. in Mary Moody Northen Concert Hall and is free an open to the public.

Beef gift certificates



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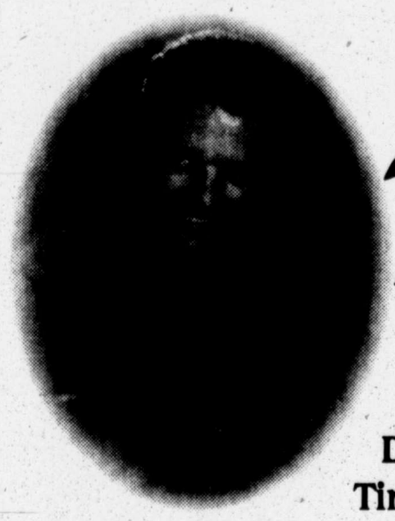
Lilith Brainard, of Top O' Texas CattleWomen, recently presented beef gift certificates in the amount of $200 to Barbara Karins, executive director of Tralee Crisis Center, for the Center.

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Female Trucker Must Be Told To Keep Her Hands on Wheel

DEAR ABBY: I work in the office of a trucking company. One of my four co-workers is a married man. I'll call him Tom. The rest of us are females. A divorced female truck driver comes into the office and can't keep her hands off Tom.

Every chance she gets, she rubs his neck, shoulders or back while he sits there looking embarrassed. She also tells him dirty jokes. The other women and I think her behavior is inappropriate.

When Tom's wife found out about this gal, she told him to put a stop to it because it shows a lack of respect for their marriage. He has asked me and the other women more than once how to handle this problem. I told him I'd write you, since we read you every morning on our breaks.

What do you say, Abby? We're awaiting your advice.

THE OFFICE GANG

DEAR OFFICE GANG: Tom is a big boy. He ought to be able to discourage the woman's advance without our help. However, if he lacks the courage to speak up, he should discuss the matter with the office manager. It's his or her job to intervene if one of the employees is being harassed.

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DEAR ABBY: My dad and I are partners in a home-based business. He has repeatedly told me he wants our business to be successful. However, when it's time to put his nose to the grindstone, he makes up one excuse after another and leaves it to me.

I love my dad. However, I have wasted a lot of time and money trying to get him to fulfill his responsibilities. Should I give up and work the business on my own?

DISENCHANTED DAUGHTER IN CANADA

DEAR DISENCHANTED: Perhaps your father is finding the business stressful and would like to be bought out. Have a heart-to-heart talk with him and ask him if that's the case.

P.S. It is important that you talk to a lawyer about this "partnership" before you invest more time and money in the business.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter in your column about a father explaining "the birds and the bees" to his 7-year-old son brought back the memory of my experience with my 6-year-old son.

I sat him in front of the television to watch a program on human reproduction. After the show, he told me that he understood everything except how the male seed got to the female egg. I said he was too young to know, and I would tell him when he was a teen-ager. He threw up his hands and said by that time, he would have forgotten the question.

After some pleading and a solemn promise not to tell his mother where he'd gotten his information, I told him. He stared at the wall for about 20 seconds, turned, looked me straight in the eye, and said, "Dad, that's the most disgusting thing I've ever heard."

R.W., RAYMOND, N.H.

DEAR R.W.: I'm sure his opinion changed once his testosterone kicked in. Read on for a story that approaches the subject from a different angle:

DEAR ABBY: The letters about children learning the facts of life reminded me of this old story:

A country doctor went to deliver a baby. The expectant mother's 5-year-old son was with her and the delivery was imminent.

The house had no electricity, so the doctor brought out his lantern. He instructed the little fellow to hold the lantern while he delivered the baby. After the baby was born, the doctor spanked it and it began to cry.

Turning to the little boy, the doctor asked, "Well, son, what do you think of your baby brother?" "Hit him again," the boy replied. "He ought not to have climbed up there in the first place."

ROWENA IN KANSAS CITY, KAN.

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

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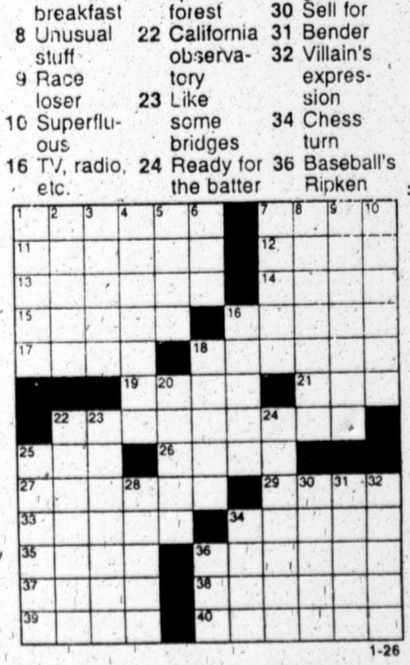
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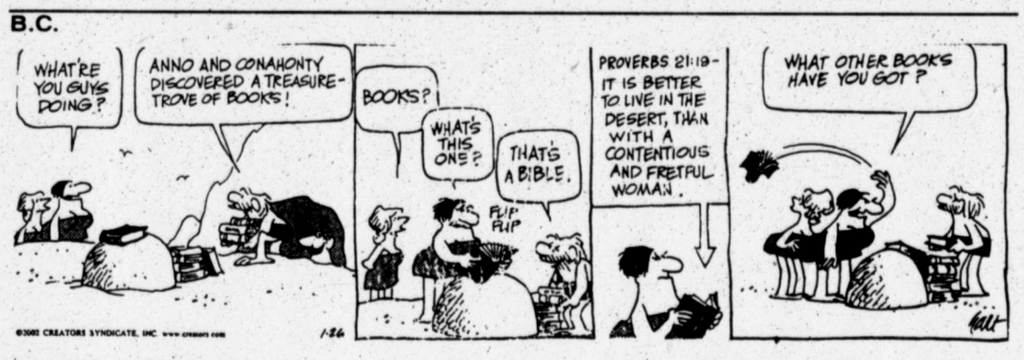
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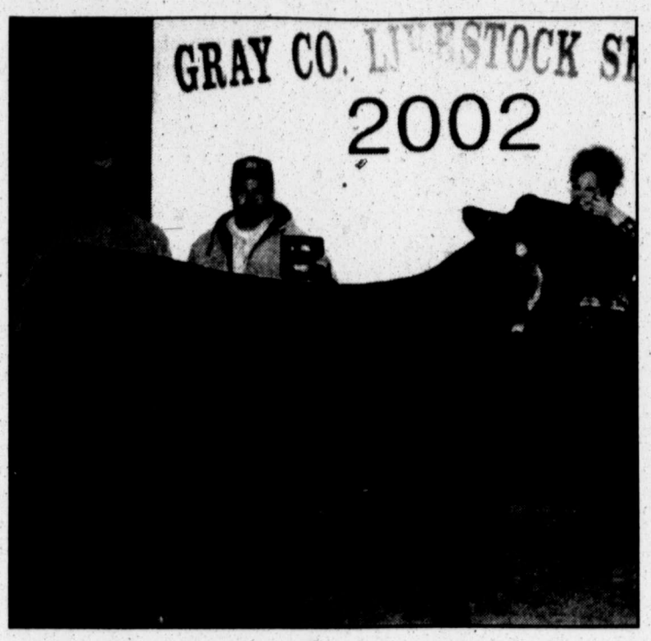


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Gray County Livestock Show highlights

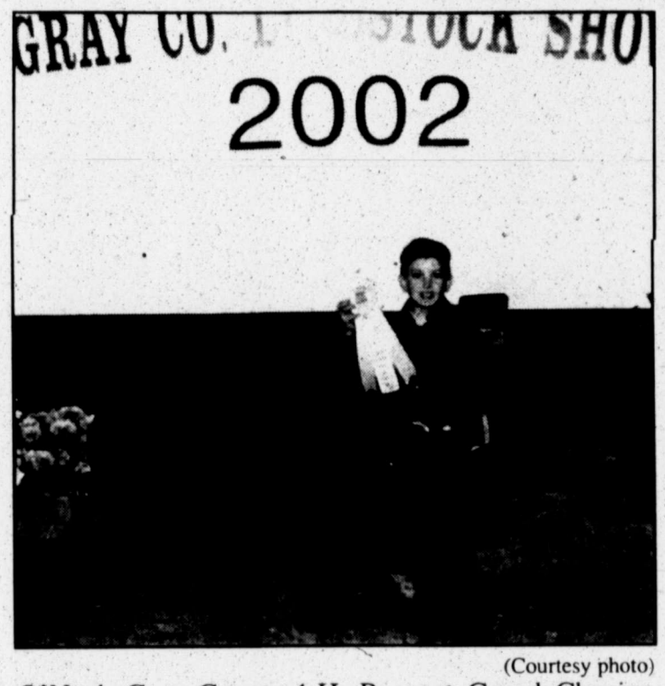




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Krista Smith, McLean FFA, left, raised the Grand Champion Steer. Gray County 4-H'er Blake Nusser's steer, was judged Reserve Grand Champion.





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Grand Champion Barrow is shown at lifet by Tyler O'Neal, Gray County 4-H. Reserve Grand Chapion Barrow, raised by Dakota Parish, Gray County 4-H, is pictured at right.



(Courtesy photo)

Travis Fish, Gray County 4-H, with his Reserve Grand Champion Lamb.

Texas milk production figures down for December

AUSTIN — Texas milk production totaled 429 million pounds during December, down 5 percent from last year. November 2001 revised production totaled 398 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during December averaged 312,000 head, down 33,000 head from last year and 3,000 head from November 2001. Production per cow averaged 1,375 pounds during December, up 5 percent from last year and 12 percent from the 1,225 pounds during November 2001.

Milk production in the 20 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 12.0 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from production in these same states in December 2000. November revised production, at 11.5 billion pounds, was up 0.8 percent from November 2000.

Production per cow during December averaged 1,547 pounds, 28 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 20 states was 7.74 million head, 62,000 head less than last year but 10,000 head more than last year.

FARM SCENE

Scientists identify cotton genes to help growers use less water

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Scientists in Georgia and Israel have identified genes in cotton plants that could pave the way for drought-tolerant varieties — and help farmers save on irrigation costs.

Andrew Paterson, a University of Georgia geneticist who headed the research, said the six-year, $280,000 study showed that by changing the genetics of cultivated cotton, scientists could give it the traits that help wild cotton survive in semiarid conditions.

"Many of these genes were thought to have been lost in the process of domesticating cotton for high yields under well-watered conditions," Paterson said.

With additional research, scientists might be able to incorporate the genetic changes into cultivated cotton within five years, with a conservative goal of increasing cotton's water efficiency by 10 percent, Paterson said.

Hugh Earl, a University of Georgia plant physiologist, estimates that Georgia cotton farmers could save 12 billion gallons of water annually if cotton's water efficiency increased by 10 percent. That's enough water to fill 500,000 average-sized swimming pools.

The resulting drop in irrigation would save Georgia cotton growers $2 million a year, said Don Shurley, a University of Georgia agricultural economist who specializes in the crop.

With the lowest cotton prices in 30 years, growers are searching for ways to reduce production costs.

Less irrigation also would help with water conservation, a critical issue with Georgia and much of the South in a four-year drought. Last year, for the first time ever, Georgia paid farmers not to irrigate.

Paterson's cotton study was funded by a joint U.S.-Israeli grant. He worked with plant physiologists Yehoshua Saranga at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Daniel Yakir of the Weizmann Institute of Sciences in Rehovot, Israel.

During field trials in Israel, Saranga grew two established varieties that had proven drought-tolerant in tests.

The varieties were crossbred, and the scientists jointly evaluated the water-efficiency of the offspring. Paterson then identified the specific genes that enabled the cotton to survive dry weather.

"In each of the two parents of the population we studied, we found different genes that confer improved quality and/or productivity under water deficits," he said. "These can be 'reassembled' ... into a new genotype that is better than either parent."

But water efficiency isn't as simple as changing a few genes, Paterson said. It involves multiple genes at different locations on the DNA molecule that act collectively to determine the characteristics of the plant, he said.

Although not familiar with the specifics of the study, Andrew Jordan, director of technical services for the Memphis-based National Cotton Council, said such studies can improve the crop and shorten the time it takes to develop new commercial varieties.

"I consider this extremely important work," he said.

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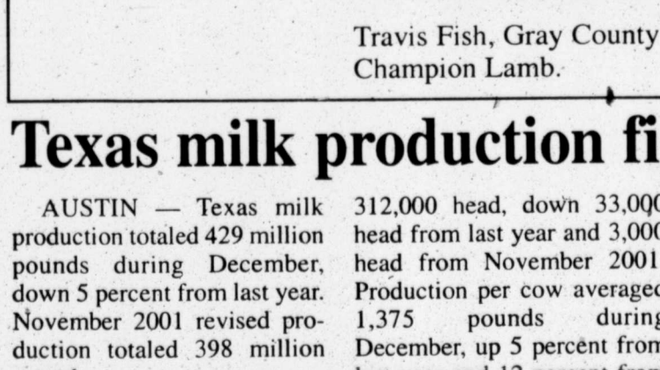
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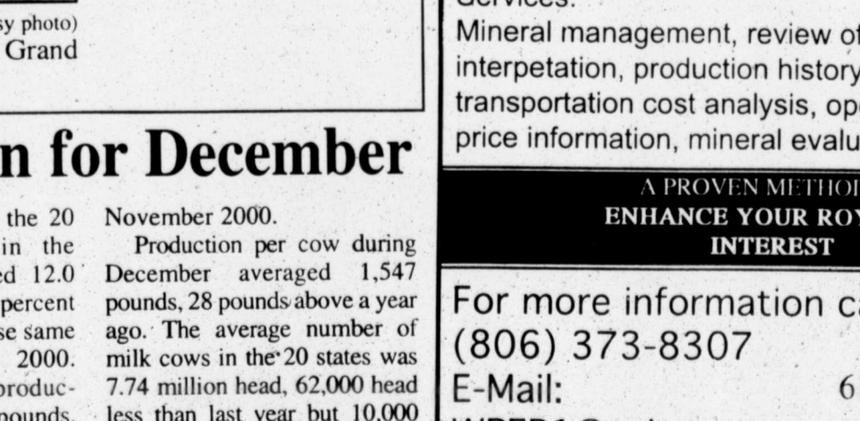


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GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills held a "Tough" Senior Scramble this week.

There were 21 seniors who turned out in 40 degree, windy weather for the Wednesday scramble.

Results are as follows:

1. Darrell Phillips, Howard Wells, Richard Abbott and Doug Reeves 63.

2. Travis Taylor, Bill Harwood and Harley Knutson 63.

SOCCER

PAMPA — There will be Harvester Soccer Booster Club meeting at 7:30 Monday night in the high school athletic building.

All booster club members are urged to attend.

BASEBALL

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Jon Slack's line drive scored the winning run in the bottom of the ninth, giving Texas Tech a 6-5 victory and a sweep of a doubleheader Friday afternoon with Brigham Young.

The Red Raiders also came from behind in the opener. Joel Buchenauer's 2-run single in the bottom of the seventh capped a 3-run rally that helped Tech to an 8-6 win.

It was the first games of the season for both teams. The series, which will conclude on Saturday, was to have started on Thursday, but snow caused a postponement.

Texas Tech jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first game, but the Cougars tied the game in the fifth. The Raiders scored a run in the bottom of the fifth, and the teams traded 3-run rallies in the seventh.

Nick Blankenship added an insurance run for Texas Tech with a solo homer to left center in the eighth.

BYU took an early 4-0 lead in the second game. Dave Jensen's solo homer capped a 3-run third inning for the Cougars.

The Red Raiders got two runs in the third on Slack's sacrifice fly and Austin Cranford's RBI double. Tech pulled to 4-3 in the sixth, but BYU scored again in the seventh. Crawford's 2-run homer in the bottom of the inning tied the game at 5-all.

Brandon Shaw was the winning pitcher in the nightcap after retiring the only batter he faced in the eighth inning. Tyler Dabo came in for BYU with one out in the bottom of the ninth and took the loss by giving up Slack's RBI single.

Harvesters beat 'Horns in double OT

PAMPA — Pampa had beaten Caprock twice by one-sided scores this season. But in the third meeting Friday night, it took two overtime periods for the Harvesters to dispose of the Longhorns 61-53 in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Caprock led for most of four quarters, but Dustin Johnson's close-in bucket with 17 seconds to go in regulation tied the score at 44-all, sending the game into the first overtime. With Pampa leading 48-46, Caprock's Rance Fiel completed a three-point play on a basket and foul shot to knot the score again in the closing seconds of the first OT.

Aided by a technical on a Caprock player, the Harvesters used the foul line to jump out to an early lead in the final OT. Pampa hit nine free throws, including four by Jesse Francis, three by Adam Rodgers and two by Johnson.

With Pampa ahead by four and under two minutes left to play, Chadd Platt and Ryan Zemanek put the Harvesters out of reach with a pair of baskets down the stretch.

Rogers led all scorers with 19 points, followed by Johnson with 13 and Platt 12.

Platt was Pampa's leading rebounder with 8 rebounds.

Fiel had 14 points and Will Mitchell 12 to lead the Longhorns.

Francis had 8 for the Harvesters, followed by Max Simon 7, and Zemanek 2.

Pampa is now 5-4 in District 3-4A play and 15-13 for the season.

Caprock falls to 1-8, 8-20.

Pampa took control early in the girls game for a 72-43 victory over Caprock.

Valerie Velez and Ashley Derington led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 18 and 17 points, respectively.

Derington hit four 3-point goals while Velez was 8 of 10 from the foul line. Lindsey Narron added 11 points and 5 rebounds for Pampa.

Caprock's top scorer was April Brown with 14 points. Jessica Valdez chipped in 12.

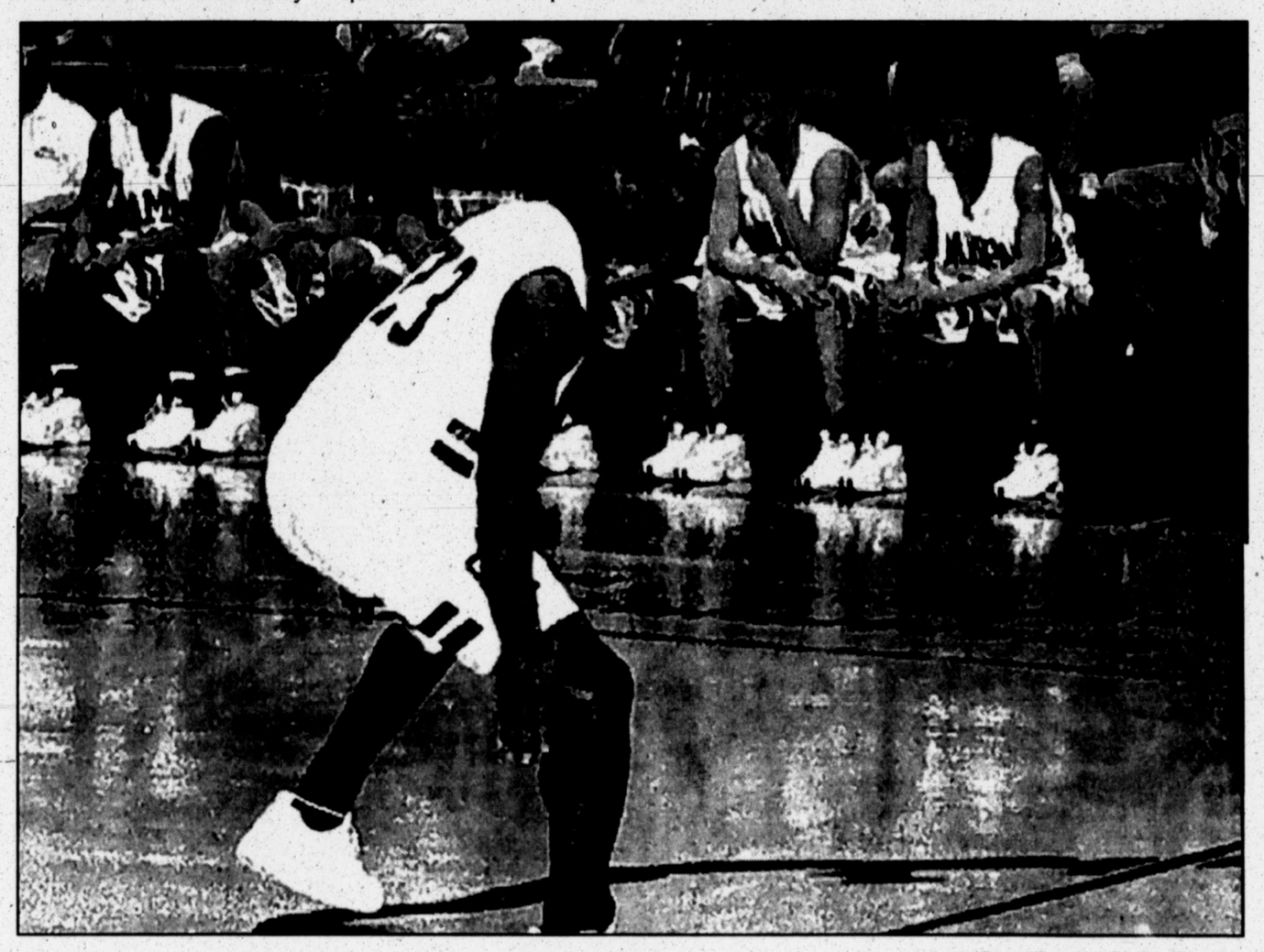
Others who scored for Pampa were Jennifer Lindsey with 9 points, Abbi Covalt 7, Stacey Johnson 4, Morgan White 4, and Jennie Waggoner 2.

Pampa's defense, sparked by numerous steals from Cali Covalt, Lindsey and Narron, forced the visitors into 35 turnovers.

The Lady Harvesters are 4-7 in district, 7-17 overall. Caprock is 0-11 and 3-22.

Next up for the Pampa cagers is Canyon, the district leader in both the boys and girls standings.

Those games will be played in Canyon on Tuesday night, starting at 6 and 7:30.



(Pampa News photo by Tess Kingcade)

Pampa's Dustin Johnson (left) applies fullcourt pressure to a Caprock defender in Friday night's game.

Shaq has 25 points, 15 rebounds in Lakers victory

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Losing two in a row seems to get the attention of the Los Angeles Lakers.

For the fourth time this season, the two-time defending NBA champions avoided the first three-game losing streak of the Phil Jackson era, this time beating the San Antonio Spurs 94-91 Friday night.

"We never lose three in a row, so we just wanted to make sure we played well and got this one," said Shaquille O'Neal, who had 25 points and 15 rebounds as the Lakers beat the Spurs for the sixth consecutive time dating back to their sweep in the Western Conference semifinals.

The Lakers have not lost three straight since Jackson became their coach before the 1999-2000 season, and Jackson has not lost three in a row since he was coaching the Bulls during the 1994-95 season and Michael Jordan was playing baseball.

"You never want to lose three straight, so it was a big win for us," said Kobe Bryant, who had 27 points and six assists.

Although the Lakers didn't trail after the first 3 1/2 minutes of the game, the Spurs stayed close much of the way and tied it four times during the fourth quarter.

O'Neal, who went 11-of-21 from the field, made one of two free throws with six seconds left to give the Lakers a three-point edge. Terry Porter threw up an air ball from 3-point range and the ball fell into the hands of the Lakers' Robert Horry as time expired.

O'Neal finished 3-of-6 from the line.

"That was a fun game for us," Jackson said. "We were able to come up with some key plays in the fourth quarter. We struggled a little bit offensively and had to search to find some scoring at the end."

Bryant gave the Lakers a 91-88 lead with his dunk off a lob from Horry and free throw that followed a technical foul called on Antonio Daniels with 2:23 left. But Tony Parker evened it again 10 seconds later with a layup and free throw.

Rick Fox sank a 12-foot fadeaway with 1:10 left for a 93-91 Lakers' lead, then O'Neal made one of his two free throws after Parker missed a 15-footer with eight seconds left. Los Angeles rebounded and Duncan quickly fouled O'Neal away from the play.

Duncan scored 24 points on 12-for-26 shooting and had 11 rebounds for San Antonio, which lost to the Lakers for the second time in six days. David Robinson added 10 points and 12 rebounds.

The Spurs hurt themselves with a couple of turnovers in the final 1:22, one a 24-second violation, the other a bad pass by Steve Smith with 49 seconds remaining. Smith scored just one point and was 0-for-4 from the floor.

"The teams competed hard and I thought we had a couple of miscues down the stretch, a couple of possessions that we needed to get good shots and we didn't; we got turnovers," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

Los Angeles led 73-65 starting the fourth quarter. Duncan seemed to finally find the range in the third, going 4-of-6 and scoring eight points to help keep the Spurs close.

The Lakers' biggest lead was 36-23 early in the second quarter. The Spurs closed the gap to 38-37 on Porter's 3-pointer 3:23 before halftime, but Los Angeles outscored them 15-4 before the break.

O'Neal scored 12 in the first quarter and the Lakers were up 28-19 at the end of the period, mostly thanks to their 54 percent shooting while the Spurs shot 33 percent. Duncan was 3-of-10.

"I had a horrible first half," Duncan said. "My shot wasn't going. I tried to be aggressive and take it to the basket, but I wasn't getting any calls."

He did not go to the line the entire game.

Notes: San Antonio activated Parker from the injured list before the game and he had 14 points in 27 minutes. He sprained his right ankle in a Jan. 14 game and missed five games. The Spurs placed G Jason Hart on the injured list with tendinitis in his left knee. ... The Lakers, who begin a five-game road trip against Philadelphia on Sunday, will visit the White House on Monday to be honored for winning the NBA title last season. ... Bryant, who went straight out of high school to the Lakers, will have his uniform number retired by his alma mater, Lower Merion High in Ardmore, Pa., on Saturday.

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Stars are walloped by Mighty Ducks, 6-1

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars certainly hope their long-term response to a coaching change is better than the initial result.

After Stanley Cup-winning coach Ken Hitchcock was fired earlier Friday, the Stars suffered their most lopsided loss of the season in interim coach Rick Wilson's debut. Anaheim scored three times in the first 10 minutes and won 6-1.

"We've got to face the music, we are not as good as we should be," Stars left wing Kirk Muller said. "We have 31 games to get better. It's how we respond the next 31 games, more than just tonight."

The Stars lost for the fourth time in five games, failing to make up ground on idle San Jose, which is four points ahead in the Pacific Division lead. Dallas is seventh in the Western Conference.

Anaheim, 14th in the Western Conference, outshot Dallas 9-1 in taking the quick 3-0 lead. When the Ducks extended the lead to 5-0 with two goals in a 41-second span of the second, Wilson pulled goalie Ed Belfour.

"It's usually the other way around when a coach is let go," said Anaheim's Bryan Murray, who became the eighth NHL coach with 500 career victories. "Tonight, it didn't happen. I haven't seen Dallas struggle like this before."

The six goals were a season high for Anaheim and matched the most given up by the Stars.

The only Dallas goal came midway through the second when Richard Matvichuk scored a power-play goal, his sixth, for a 5-1 score.

Hitchcock was fired because his message just wasn't getting through to the players anymore. His demanding style centered on defense — the same as when the Stars won their only Stanley Cup championship in 1999 and returned the finals the next year — haven't changed, but the results have.

"There comes a period in time, quite frankly, when sometimes the same message, the way you want the team to play, the way you want the players to act, the way you want them come together, doesn't hit home," Hitchcock said.

The Stars have won five straight division titles, but have struggled for consistency this season. Hitchcock was 277-160-60-6 since taking over for Bob Gainey midway through the 1995-96 season. He was 47-33 in the postseason.

Gainey — the only other person to coach the Stars since their move to Dallas for the 1993-94 season — also moved from his general manager position into a consultant's role now rather than at the end of the season as planned.

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Jeremy Smith of Pampa skates across the ice during a match on the night of the Winter Olympics Torch Run in Amarillo. Smith plays for the Rangers in the Amarillo Minor League Hockey Association. The game—which was held as part of the entertainment festivities prior to the torch's arrival—was played prior to a Central Hockey League contest between the Amarillo Rattlers and the Tulsa Oilers, which the Rattlers won, 5-3, in Cal Farley Coliseum. Pampa friends (from left) Hunter Craig, Cody Locknane Darrin Allen and Jeremy relax in the Rattlers' den following the games. All four are PHS sophomores.

A Night At The Rink



Olympics overcome scandal to become America's Games

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An Olympics scarred by scandal and tinged with fear opens with a proud new label in a city dominated by Mormons and mountains: America's Games.

A patriotic celebration just waiting to burst out, the Winter Olympics return to the United States for the first time in 22 years, eager to shed a troubled past and be embraced by crowds of flag-waving, cheering home fans.

European stars will come and win most of the medals, but these games will play to a United States much more patriotic because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Heartwarming ceremonies and a best-ever showing by the U.S. team could be exactly what the country needs.

It will unfold in the towering Wasatch Mountains and the valley below, under the tightest security imaginable. At a cost of nearly $2 billion, it will be the most expensive Winter Olympics ever.

But for 17 days beginning Feb. 8, it figures to be quite a show.

"It will be very powerful emotionally," Salt Lake Olympic chief Mitt Romney said. "I think people will go away and say, 'What a magical games.'"

If they do, it will be quite different than the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y., where it took the "Miracle on Ice" by the U.S. hockey team to help soothe a nation upset over the Iranian hostage crisis and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Organizers call these the "healing games" in deference to the rest of the world. But NBC will wrap them around the American flag for television, and chants of "USA, USA" will reverberate in arenas and on the slopes.

Spectators will pay an average of $82 a ticket to endure traffic jams, security searches and long lines in the cold. Once they get in, they will cheer on the home team in events such as skeleton and short-track speedskating that Americans usually pay little attention to and know little about.

At night they'll party with hot chocolate and entertainers like the Dave Matthews Band in the shadow of the granite spires of the Mormon Temple that dominates downtown.

The slogan is "Light the Fire Within," and the games will celebrate the American West. But the world won't be left out.

Armed with plenty of antibiotics in case of an anthrax attack and enough booze to get around Salt Lake City's strict liquor laws, 75 countries will bring their best on frozen surfaces.

The Hermanator — Austria skier Hermann Maier — will be missing, but teammate Stephan Eberharter is a favorite in the downhill and Super G, and Germany's Hilde Gerg could sweep the same gold medals for the women.

Norwegians and Swedes will win more than their share in cross-country skiing, Germans will be among the favorites in all the sliding sports and Russia's Irina Slutskaya will try and deny Michelle Kwan a figure skating gold.

America won't be lacking, either, with speedskating sensation Apolo Anton Ohno, skier Bode Miller, and some dysfunctional female bobsledders among the gold-medal favorites.

Then there's 1998 Olympic champion Jonny Moseley, planning to show off the Dinner Roll jump in which he flies off a mogul and rotates twice with his body parallel to the ground. The sport's lingo is almost as dizzying as his moves.

"If I can come down, throw a 360 mute grab up top, ski the middle clean, and do the Dinner Roll at the bottom with a bute grab, that's the run," Moseley said. "It's over. K.O. punch. Right there."

By the time the Olympics end Feb. 24, 2,654 athletes will have competed for 477 medals. The games have 10 more competitions than Nagano, and more athletes than any other Winter Games.

Women's bobsled makes its Olympic debut, along with the 1,500-meter freestyle race in cross-country skiing for men and women. Skeleton — a headfirst, belly-down version of luge for men and women — returns for the first time since the 1948 Olympics.

Athletes, fans and officials will be guarded by a 16,000-member security force that includes sniper teams, Blackhawk helicopters, federal agents and volunteers ready for possible terrorism.

Officials say Salt Lake City will be the safest place in the country during the games, despite an Associated Press poll that says a third of Americans believe the games will be the target of terrorists.

"Terrorism will not prevail. Fear will not prevail," Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge said.

The city's downtown high-rises have been wrapped in images of athletes, but to most residents the Olympic image is already one of barricaded streets and National Guardsmen on patrol.

A $310 million plan to protect the games — much of it at taxpayer expense — will give them a military look, although top Olympic officials hope that image will change when the games begin.

"All elements are in place to have excellent games," International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said. "I'm quite sure the atmosphere will take over as it has taken over at all the previous difficult games."

Once foreign visitors get here they'll find not every man has more than one wife and they can actually get a drink in restaurants and bars.

Even the town's Mormon-owned television station is getting into the act, hiring a party specialist to report on the goings on around town because, as an anchor intoned recently, "We're not known as party people."

The games are being met with a mixture of indifference and excitement in Salt Lake City, which has coveted the Olympics for more than three decades.

Many residents are leaving town for the games, not willing to put up with the traffic and crowds and fearful of their security. But more than half the tickets were sold to Utah residents and 60,000 of them applied to be Olympic volunteers.

Even some of the homeless who panhandle downtown are in the Olympic spirit.

"I want to go to see it," said 63-year-old Albert Vasser, sitting in a wheelchair outside a state liquor store. "Maybe I'll borrow my check to go."

Salt Lake City chased the games for more than three decades. To finally get them, frustrated organizers resorted to offering gifts and payments to IOC members, leading to a bribery scandal that brought down the first leaders of the organizing committee.

These were the "Scandal Games" when Romney took over a dispirited organization that was also in deep financial trouble in 1999. He turned it around, enlisting the Mormon church to help out, and the Olympics quickly became the "Mormon Games," a name city officials tried hard to shake.

Capriati's comeback best in women's tennis

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Jennifer Capriati produced the greatest comeback in a women's Grand Slam final to overcome Martina Hingis and defend her Australian Open title.

Capriati saved four match points before clinching a 4-6, 7-6 (7), 6-2 victory over Hingis in Saturday's championship decider at Melbourne Park, the scene last January of her personal comeback from a tumultuous past.

Saturday's win was her first defense of a major, and no woman has saved more match points and won a Grand Slam final.

The WTA, organizers of the women's tennis tour, said the previous record was set in 1889, when Blanche Bingley Hillyard saved three match points against Lena Rice before winning at Wimbledon.

"I'm not looking for a place in history," Capriati said. "I think I have something already in there. I'm just looking for titles."

Capriati has won three of the last five Grand Slam events. After her breakthrough 6-4, 6-3 championship win over Hingis at the last Australian Open, Capriati won the French Open and reached the semifinals at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

"I had a lot to deal with out there. I had a lot on my shoulders — being the defending champion and being No. 1," Capriati said. "I don't know what's better. The first or to come back from match point and win this."

Capriati was the first top-seeded woman to win a Grand Slam title since Hingis won her third consecutive Australian title in 1999. The Swiss has lost in the last three Australian Open finals.

"(Hingis) was pretty close to getting the revenge on me, same two sets, same scores," Capriati said. "I don't know how I pulled it out. On those match points I was really aggressive.

"I just had to really go for it and it paid off."

Capriati said she'd once lost after holding nine match points, so she knew a comeback wasn't impossible.

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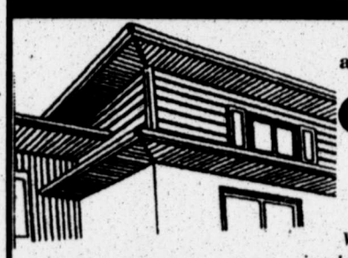
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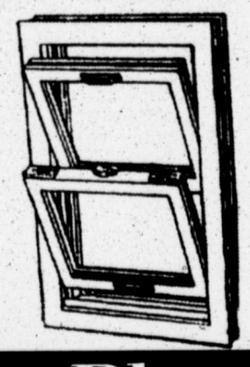


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COMMUNITY

NEWSMAKERS

CLARENDON — Clarendon College has announced its President's and Dean's Lists for the 2001 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled full-time at the college. Students named to the list include: **Brandy Diann Bolton, Karen Denise Joiner, Doris King, Evelyn Noble** and **Bobby Jack Schiffman.**

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.6 or higher GPA while enrolled full-time. Students named to the list include: **Gregory B. Logan.**

AUSTIN — A total of 2,933 students received undergraduate and graduate degrees from The University of Texas at Austin at the conclusion of the 2001 fall semester, President Larry R. Faulkner announced.

Students awarded degrees included **Erik Ray Estrada,** bachelor of journalism degree, of Pampa.

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Christian University recently announced its Dean's List for the 2001 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: **Brent Coffee** and **Alicia Lee,** both of Pampa.

BORGER — Frank Phillips College recently announced its President's and Dean's Honor Rolls for the 2001 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled full-time at the college. Students named to the list include: **Pamela K. Hall** and **Narcisso Soliz,** both of Pampa.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.5-3.9 GPA while enrolled full-time at the college. Students named to the list include: **Stephanie Ruth Ensey, Christie Ann Mitchell, Casey J. Owens** and **Kaleb Kyle Snelgrooes,** all of Pampa; and **Brad Britten** of White Deer.

FORT WORTH — Texas Christian University recently held commencement at the close of the 2001 fall semester.

Students awarded diplomas include: **Kristi Lee Carter** of Pampa, bachelor of science degree.

UPCOMING EVENTS

'LEGACY'

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

HOSPICE TRAINING

BSA Hospice will offer a free "Winter 2002 Volunteer Training and Community Education Class" from 1-4 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 14-Feb. 6 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center in Pampa. The class is designed for adults interested in becoming a hospice volunteer or for those who simply wish to learn more about hospice care or desire personal growth and enrichment. CEUs will be available. For more information, call 665-6677 or 1-800-658-6985.

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.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Gray County Genealogical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 28 in the Sheriff's Department classroom. Guest speaker will be Nancy Coffee who will discuss "The Panhandle's First Woman Rancher."

PALO DURO HANDWEAVER'S GUILD

Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 31 in Amarillo. Individuals interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For more information, call Becky Martin at (806) 358-2765.

ARC FIRST AID/CPR CLASS

The local chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a community CPR and first aid class from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2 at its office on 108 N. Russell. To register or for more information, call 669-7121.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Tralee Crisis Center in Pampa will present a special volunteer training from 6-9 p.m., Wednesdays beginning Feb. 6 at 310 S. Cuyler. Participants must RSVP by Feb. 1. For more information, call 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

OLD SETTLERS REUNION

The Cheyenne Arapaho Old Settlers Reunion will be held April 16-20 at Cheyenne, Okla. Activities will include: Gospel singing, variety shows, arts and crafts show, quilt show, free barbecue, PRCA rodeo and more.

(More "Upcoming Events" on Page 24)

Court on weekdays



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Whether in the courtroom or in church, J. D. Barnard believes listening is very important. He literally tries to practice what he preaches.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Barnard began preaching when he was 29 years old. He still officiates at weddings and funerals.

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

J.D. Barnard is a carpenter who has become a fisher of men.

Born in Minco, Okla., on March 11, 1937, Barnard moved to Pampa with his family when he was 10 years old.

Now 64, the bailiff for the 223rd District Court of Judge Lee Waters has also been a preacher for more than half his life.

On a daily basis, Barnard sees people passing through the court, some facing criminal charges, some in civil disputes, some with family problems that they can't handle.

To relieve the stress, he works in his wood shop at home in the evenings, but on weekends he can often be found in the pulpit as a lay preacher, saving the world one soul at a time.

Barnard joined the Air Force when he was 17 years old, toward the end of Korean War.

"I went down to join the United State Marines," Barnard said.

But Barnard and friends ran into an Air Force recruiter at the recruiting station.

"He talked me and all my buddies into going into the Air Force," Barnard said. "After I got into the Air Force and I saw the difference between that and the Marine Corps, I was kind of glad he talked to me."

After basic training in San Antonio, Barnard headed for technical school in Denver.

"APG30 Jet Radar Night Fighter Sighting System Mechanic's Course," Barnard said, rattling it off like a drill instructor. "Thirty-two weeks of school and it taught you to take four wires apart and put them back together and they were all color-coded."

When Barnard finished school, he transferred to the supply squadron and headed for a Strategic Air Command (SAC) base at Riverside, Calif.

He was assigned temporary duty with the Air Police at Riverside, guarding the flight line.

Barnard said he soon found out he didn't like that so he asked for an overseas assignment.

Nine months later, he was sent to a troop carrier unit in Ashiya, Japan.

"I was in base supply," Barnard said.

After two years in Japan, Barnard was sent to Oscada, Mich., to be released from active duty.

"I was there about 30 days," Barnard said. "I got out and came home. I spent three years, six months and 28 days in the service."

He was 20 years old when he arrived back in Pampa. Forty-five days later, he married LaVonne Stewart, his bride of 45 years.

"We'd gotten engaged when I was home on leave," Barnard said.

Since then, there's been three children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One son, Rick, lives in Amarillo. Another lives in Borger. His daughter, Amy Devers, lives in Pampa.

Along the way, there were jobs with Cabot and the post office. Barnard retired from Celanese after more than 22 years.

He managed a western wear store in McLean, where he and his family live for seven years, and served with the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Barnard's work as a jailer in the sheriff's office was his first venture into law enforcement since he was in the Air Police at the SAC base in California.

"I went to work as a jailer up in the old jail in the court house," Barnard said. "In about six months, give or take a day or two, they put me in charge of the jail."

He worked during the day and went to the police academy in Amarillo at night to earn his certification.

On Jan. 1, 1994, he took a job as bailiff for 223rd District Judge Lee Waters.

Barnard started preaching when he was 29 years old.

"I preached at the McCullough Street Church of Christ from then until we gave the property to the Oklahoma Street Church of Christ about three years ago," Barnard said.

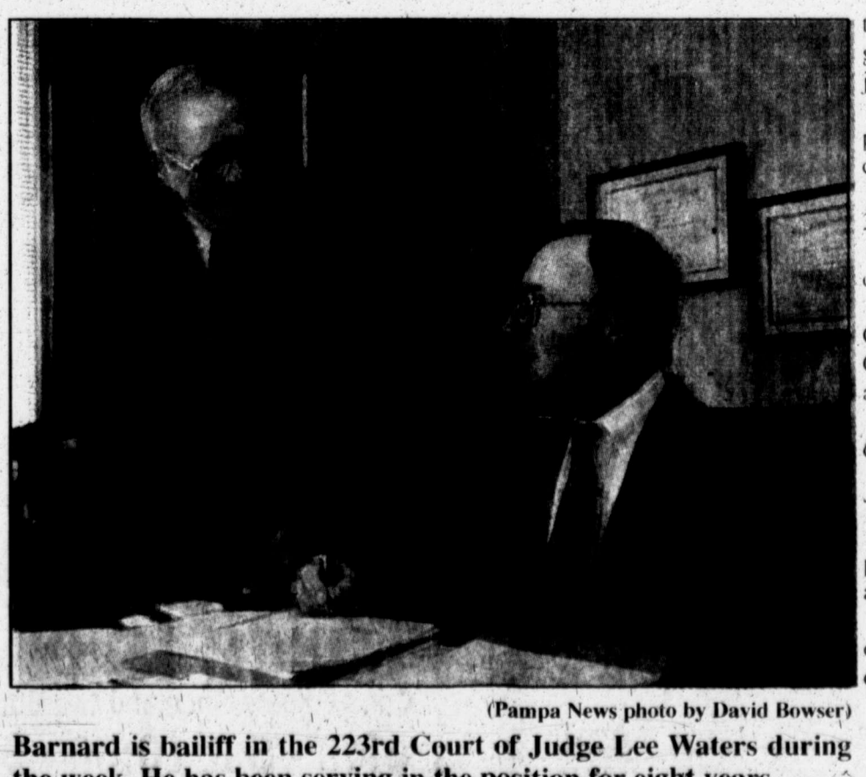
Barnard had tried a variety of churches before deciding on a home.

"My Mother was a Methodist," Barnard said. "My Dad was a Primitive Baptist."

He said he grew up with the son of a Baptist preacher, the son of an Assemblies of God preacher and the son of a Methodist preacher.

"I made the rounds," Barnard said. "I went with one one Sunday and another the next Sunday and the other one the next Sunday."

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Barnard is bailiff in the 223rd Court of Judge Lee Waters during the week. He has been serving in the position for eight years.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Parker anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Parker were recently honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a special and private family gathering.

The couple married the 24th of January 1952 in an impressive candlelight ceremony. Miss Adney Pursley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ervin Pursley, became the bride of Mr. John Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Parker.

Vows were exchanged in the home of the brides' parents, before the fireplace. The bride descended from the stairway. The couple later purchased the home and have resided there for the past 34 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker are founders of Parker Boats and Motors in Pampa and Amarillo.

The Parkers are members of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ where Mrs. Parker has been instrumental to the dedication of a new library.

They have been Pampa residents for 64 years. Children



Mr. and Mrs. John E. Parker

and hosts are Tom and Paula Parker of Humble, Texas; Eddy and Patty Parker of Amarillo, Texas; Rebecca and Dale Greenhouse, Dudley and Janice Parker and Heath and Christy Parker, all of Pampa. They have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Martinez anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patrick Martinez celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 15, 2002.

Joseph Patrick Martinez and Lori Maria Bittle were married Jan. 15, 1977, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Las Cruces, N.M.

Mr. Martinez worked for Beneficial Finance which brought the couple to Pampa in 1980. Soon after he began working in the local banking industry. He is presently Justice of the Peace for Gray County Precincts 1 and 3.

Mrs. Martinez is a homemaker.

Children of the couple are Aimee and Amanda of Pampa. They have two grandchildren.



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CLUB NEWS

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

Highland Hobby Club

Highland Hobby Club met recently at the home of hostess Mairlyn Kirkwood with Vice President Jewel Holmes presiding. Five members were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Kirkwood, secretary-treasurer, read minutes from the previous meeting.

—A project on casserole carriers was presented and will be completed at the next meeting.

—Holmes won the door prize.

Gloria Norris will serve as next month's hostess.

Magic Plains ABWA

Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association met Jan. 14 at The Coffee Shop in Pampa with Brunetta Stewart and Eltha Hensley hostessing. Ten members and three guests were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Members discussed the "Business Associate Banquet" to be presented by the chapter Feb. 11 at Lovett Memorial Library. The "Woman of the Year" and the "Boss of the Year" will be honored.

—The program was delivered by Darlene Holmes on "Photography" and "Painting."

A special called meeting is scheduled at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 9 at The Coffee Shop.

Progressive TEEA

Progressive Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) Club met Jan. 17 in the home of Leny Howard with President June Rowan presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Secretary Helene Baumgardner read minutes from the previous meeting and called roll by asking of each member "the strangest thing they ever found in their refrigerator."

—Mary Ann Bailey, treasurer, presented the financial report and remembered sick members.

—Madeline Gawthrop delivered a program from state convention on computers entitled "There's a Mouse in the House." Gawthrop also showed samples of place favors to be made at the next state meeting.

(See, CLUB, Page 15)

MENUS

WEEK OF JAN. 28-FEB. 1

Pampa Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Pancake and sausage.

Lunch: Sausage-on-a-stick or pizza, western beans, spinach, peaches, rolls.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuits.

Lunch: Harvester Wildcat Wrap or burritos, potato wedges, salad, fresh fruit.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast.

Lunch: Stew/toasted cheese sandwich or chicken nuggets, salad, applesauce.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast.

Lunch: Chicken fried steak on a bun or chef salad, potato rounds, English peas, strawberry short cookie.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast.

Lunch: Bean and cheese burritos or hot dogs/chili, corn, Spanish rice, mixed fruit.

Lefors Schools

MONDAY

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

Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, chicken nuggets, green beans; fruit, milk.

TUESDAY

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

Lunch: Rotel chicken, mini burritos, beans, rice, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY

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

Lunch: Pizza, chicken, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY

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

Lunch: Chicken fry, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY

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

Lunch: Hamburgers, barbecue, cheese, beans, potatoes, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or ham salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, yams, navy beans, pumpkin brad cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Stir fry chicken or meatloaf, cheese potatoes, chuckwagon corn, spinach, beans, coconut cream cake or blueberry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, English peas, carrots, butter beans, spice cake or peach/pineapple cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or cabbage rolls, tater tots, Scandinavian blend, beets, beans, orange pound cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or hamburger steak, potato wedges, broccoli/cheese, beans, brownies or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Sloppy joes, tater tots, pork beans, apricots.

TUESDAY

Chicken pot pie, pickled beets, corn, pudding.

WEDNESDAY

Eggs, bacon, biscuits, gravy, peaches.

THURSDAY

Corndogs, macaroni/cheese, peas/carrots, vanilla wafers.

FRIDAY

Roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello.



BY KATHY DAVIS

GARDEN WISE

It will take more than one aspirin to cure the fever

On my way to run errands at lunch, I stopped by the house. Sophie, the parrot, knows the exact moment my footsteps hit the porch. As I slid the key into the lock, she squawked loudly and yelled, "Mama."

The pressing errands vanished. If a talking parrot was not enough incentive to abandon my chores, the beautiful weather clenched it. Sophie and I played tug of war with her stuffed monkey. When she chose to hang upside down and swing from braided shoelaces, I took the hint and went outside.

Warmed by the southern sun, the porch was covered with cats. Fat, silky gray cats. So very content, they barely stirred when I opened the door. So I sat with them awhile, calmed by their purring and delighted by their carefree attitudes.

My reverie was broken when the pride of cats simultaneously jumped from porch to hassle the feeding birds. So much for bonding with the animals. I fished the water hose from under the shrubs, turned on the faucet and took my own advice. I watered everything. The sun loosened the kinks in my neck. Stress and worries slid away like the ocean running from the beach. The abrupt traffic noises faded into the background. My thoughts existed only in imaging rose blooms, emerging daffodils and budding forsythias.

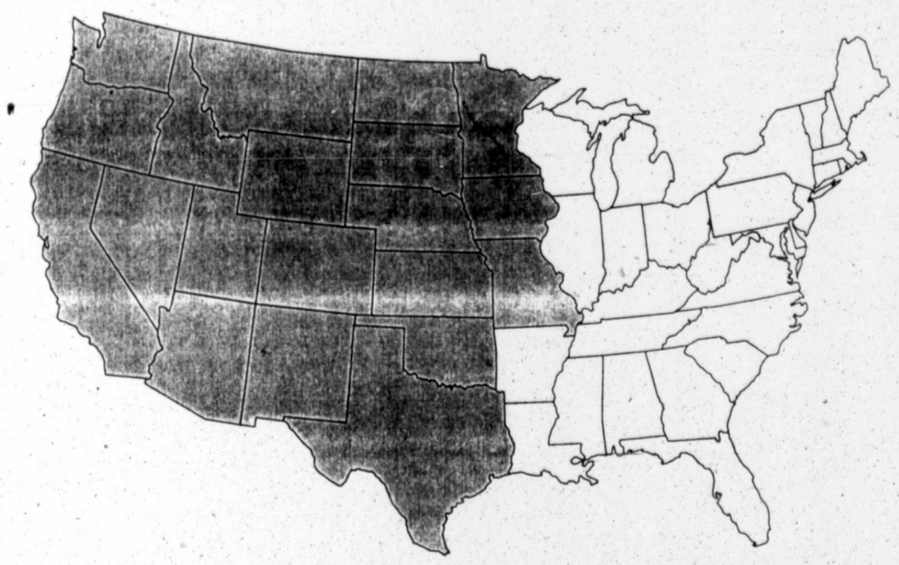
For a few minutes, my world swayed to the rhythm of living. The blue jay, high in the lacebark elm, scolded all intruders. The cats moved back to their warm porch. The sparrows returned to the feeders. The dry earth soaked up every drop of water.

Spring is just around the corner. It will take more than an aspirin to cure the fever. In these relatively carefree weeks before the spring rush, magnificent gardening projects construct themselves in my head and on scraps of paper. The planning often exceeds the construction.

My grandfather, with his Farmer's Almanac, planted by the moon signs. He also worked cattle by the signs. The old-timers planned, planted and worked their gardens by the waxing and waning of the moon. I found a copy of the almanac. Packed within the orange cover, all sorts of gardening tips and planting calendars piqued my interest.

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Vanderburg-Prichard



Kalei Rebekah Vanderburg and Corey Alton Prichard

Kalei Rebekah Vanderburg and Corey Alton Prichard, both of Odessa, plan to wed Feb. 16, 2002, at First Christian Church in Odessa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Vanderburg Jr. of Odessa and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Jones of Pampa, Mrs. Fred Vanderburg Sr. of Odessa and the late Fred Vanderburg Sr. and Darlene Vanderburg. A 1999 graduate of Permian High School, she is currently pursuing a degree in elementary education at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Prichard of Odessa. He is a 1994 graduate of Richland High School and holds a business degree from Texas Tech University (2000). He is currently employed as general manager of Meek Refrigeration.

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BARNARD

It was his wife that brought him to the Church of Christ. It was the minister at the McCullough Street church that led him to the pulpit.

"We had a young preacher named David Hutton," Barnard said. "He came here when we first started the congregation on McCullough Street. He got me to studying and helping him out."

When Hutton left, he suggested that the elders turn to Barnard for a minister.

"I've been preaching ever since," Barnard said.

He said he thinks the desire has always been there, he just needed somebody to point the way.

"I preached in Lefors for nine months," he said, "and we used to help in Skellytown."

In some small congregations, he said, it's difficult employ a full-time preacher.

"It made it a lot easier for them because I was working," he said.

Along the way, the blessing of being able to perform the weddings of his children came his way. He also performed a lot of weddings for the friends his kids grew up with.

"I used to have a lot of marriages because of my kids," Barnard said, grinning. "Their friends at school, I was their long-lost friend when it came down to getting married whether I'd ever met them or not. They felt safer up there with me, I guess."

Barnard said he must have done a good job because he hasn't seen any of them show up in divorce court.

He also performed a lot of funerals.

Barnard said he found out quickly that he could not perform funerals for family or friends. He was asked one time to do the funeral of a friend he had known all his life. Barnard said he just couldn't do it. The man was just too close a friend.

For more than three decades, the McCullough Street Church of Christ was his church home.

Barnard describes the congregation at the McCullough Street Church of Christ like a family.

"When you've been with a congregation for 30 some-odd years, it's hard to find another church home," he said.

Among his tours in various pulpits, however, Barnard had filled in for Dan Chaney, the preacher at the Central Church of Christ.

When the McCullough Street Church of Christ disbanded, Barnard and his wife moved to the Central Church of Christ.

"Our congregation kept getting smaller," Barnard said of the McCullough Street Church of Christ. "A lot of them moved. A lot of them died."

Barnard said the McCullough Street church, and now the Central Church of Christ, have been a blessing.

"We haven't had a lot of church problems," Barnard said. "Church problems are probably the most sickening problems you can have."

With his work in law enforcement and the court system, Barnard over the last decade has become acquainted with a great many problems, problems a man with lesser faith may have had trouble watching on a daily basis.

First in the county jail and later in the court proceedings, Barnard witnessed firsthand the personal problems of a great many people. It's the problems of the youth and families that bother him the most.

"A lot of our young people, I don't know if they don't have anyone giving them directions or they don't follow directions, but I feel sorry for them," Barnard said. "They're growing up in a violent society today where there is a lot of domestic abuse."

He said that while he doesn't condone divorce, there is no way he would suggest that a woman stay in an abusive relationship.

"It just gets worse," Barnard said. "We see it all the time here."

He believes in the legal system, but he said the system has to be allowed to work. The failures, all too often, are because people who end up in court, or worse, refuse to make personal changes in their lives.

Barnard said that when he was a jailer, he talked to a lot of the prisoners, or more aptly he listened.

"I didn't preach to them," he said. "I kept my job separate."

The biggest problem appeared to be that when they got out, they'd go back to their old friends and their old way of life that got them into trouble in the first place.

Often the problem was drugs.

People, particularly youth, see what drugs do to their friends and can do to them, he said, but they still go ahead and use them.

"You can't help them unless they want to help themselves," Barnard said. "You can send them to substance abuse programs, you can do everything you can, but unless they want to help themselves, it won't work."

He said the thing that has always amazed him about the kids that get in trouble with the law is that they can leave Pampa and go somewhere else, be it Dallas or Houston or anywhere else, and in a few weeks, they're tied up with the same kind of people that they were before in Pampa.

"How do they find them?" Barnard asked. "The law can't catch them. How do they find them?"

All a person can do is keep the faith and trust in the Lord that some day things will get better, Barnard said.

"It may not be in this lifetime," he said, "but some day."

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CLUB

The door prize was won by Eva Dennis.

The next meeting will be at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 14 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

20th Century Club

Twentieth Century Study Club met Jan. 22 at The Hughey House with Mildred Laycock serving as hostess and Vonna Wolf assisting.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Roll call was taken and minutes from the previous meeting read by Rue Park.

—Committee reports were delivered and old and new business addressed.

—The program was presented by Adelaide Colwell on "The History of Barbed Wire Fences."

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 12 at the home of Myrna Orr, 2429 Navajo.

Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met Jan. 22 at Pampa Country Club with Vice-President Anne Stobbe presiding. Diann Birdsell and Billie Dixon served as greeters. Sheila Neslage attended as a guest.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The accent was presented by Chleo Worley who reviewed the life of deceased member Geneva Tidwell. Tidwell was an active Altrusan for 36 years, serving as president in 1974-75.

—Cheryl Lewis, Parental Involvement coordinator at Lamar Elementary, and Anna Saiz, parent educator, also at Lamar, gave the program. The instructors spoke on various programs at Lamar including the recent annual Health Fair.

—Members met during the week at Meredith House to prepare refreshments for the Lamar Health Fair.

—Mid-Year Evaluations will be conducted at the next meeting. Forms were distributed for members to complete.

—District Conference will be held in April at Lubbock.

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

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Putting winter germs to rest



By Joan Gray
Extension Agent

In the winter months, the youngest members of the household can be the biggest source of viruses. One reason is that small children share everything, including toys, cups and utensils. And, the things they share often go in their mouths.

Young children usually don't observe the rules of personal hygiene. Small hands wipe runny noses, sticky fingers to in mouths and children must be constantly reminded about washing their hands before eating and after using the bathroom. In addition, children develop infections more easily than adults because their immune systems aren't fully developed.

Immunology experts report that the home is the source of two-thirds of the viruses that make us ill and 50- to 80-percent of foodborne illnesses. If there are small children in the home, the likelihood of illness increases. These same experts report that the greater number of germs we're exposed to, the more likely it is we'll become ill.

Waging war on all these germs means smart cleaning habits. The goal is to reduce their levels so they don't pose a serious risk of illness.

Start with the kitchen where E. coli and Salmonella — two sources of foodborne illnesses — thrive. Hands should be washed before and after handling food. Use a disinfectant cleaning product to keep germs under control on countertops, cutting boards, dishes and utensils and faucet and refrigerator door handles. Change dishcloths and clean sponges at least every three days.

Disinfectant cleaners will also do the job in the bathroom. Because germs thrive in moisture, the key here is to keep bathroom surfaces clean and dry.

In the laundry, E. coli will be destroyed by the heat of the dryer. Other bacteria and viruses such as Salmonella, rotavirus (which causes diarrhea) and the virus that causes hepatitis A, can be attacked by washing clothes in very hot water and using bleach. Do the bleach first to sanitize the washing machine. Surfaces that come into contact with the laundry, including folding tables, countertops and tops of washers and dryers, should also be wiped clean with disinfectant cleaner.

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DAVIS

So, with book in hand, I shall test the theories therein. From the advice of the Farmer's Almanac for January: Destroy weeds on January 29, 30, and 31. Set your hens on January 27.

I asked my brother if he farmed when the signs were right. He replied, "The signs are right when I have the time."

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MEDICAL

TMA: Physical inactivity, bad diets harmful to youth

AUSTIN — The Texas Medical Association is warning of an epidemic that is taking years, even decades, off the lives of Texas' children. It is largely preventable, yet statistics show each year the nemesis is winning, and kids are losing. The epidemic is an unhealthy combination of physical inactivity, obesity, poor diet and unhealthy cholesterol levels, and it is threatening kids' health and making them vulnerable to diseases more commonly associated with adults.

As many as one-quarter of Texas elementary school students are clinically overweight, and for many it's a result of unhealthy lifestyles. The problem begins with physical inactivity. Research shows millions of children aged 8 to 16 watch at least two hours of television every day. Habits like watching television or playing a computer game occupy time that kids could otherwise spend running, playing and being physically active — burning calories instead of just burning time. U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher reports nearly half of young people aged 12 to 21 are not regularly vigorously active.

There is a correlation between being a "couch potato" and having health problems. Studies show the more time children spend watching television, the greater the number of kids who are obese. This is a growing trend, as the percentage of overweight children has nearly doubled in the past 20 years. And while that number continues to grow each year, so does another threat. Cardiologist Jim Rohack, MD, of Temple, sees a relationship between diet, inactivity and cholesterol levels. "For children who are living in western cultures where things are 'supersized' and activity is less, cholesterol levels are increasing."

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Cholesterol is a substance found in the fats carried in the bloodstream. It performs necessary functions, but can be harmful when it concentrates at excessive levels. The two most common types of cholesterol are HDL and LDL. HDL (high-density lipoprotein) is considered beneficial because it is believed to carry clogging cholesterol away from arteries, to be eliminated from the body. LDL (low-density lipoprotein) is often considered "bad" cholesterol because too much of it can begin to build up in the body's arterial walls and combine with other substances to create "plaque," a thick deposit that can clog arteries. That clogging is called "atherosclerosis," or a term some have associated with illness in older people, "hardening of the arteries." Recent studies, however, have found atherosclerosis in children.

Since atherosclerosis is known to lead to heart attacks and strokes in adults, that's a threat for children as well. This summer a South-Central Texas youth died of a heart attack after football practice, which Dr. Rohack sees as a warning. "This early evidence of plaque formation just highlights the concerns of having high cholesterol levels, having early plaque being formed, now having 14-year-old kids dying of heart attacks while participating in sports. If you don't pay attention to the storm clouds that are coming, you're going to get wet," he said.

Dr. Rohack noted the problem is great enough that one Central Texas hospital recently created a specialized clinic just to treat children with elevated cholesterol levels due to combinations of dietary indiscretion and inactivity.

More than a third of children under age 19 have high cholesterol. Some cholesterol comes from food high in saturated fats, so if kids eat more greasy, fatty cheeseburgers, they're ingesting more cholesterol into their system. However, eating a better diet consisting of less fatty foods like more vegetables and fruits, lowers the risk of improper cholesterol levels. While they vary based on a child's age and other factors, general targets for children are: Total cholesterol levels less than 200 milligrams per deciliter — LDL of less than 130 mg/dL and HDL greater than 35 mg/dL.

Exercise not only helps reduce excessive weight, it also helps increase the HDL (good cholesterol) level in most people, and higher HDL levels seem to help protect against heart attack and stroke, while high LDL (bad) levels are associated with increased risk of those diseases.

If your child is physically inactive, gaining weight and his or her cholesterol level is high, he or she may be at risk of developing more serious health problems later in life. To help, TMA developed a public-awareness program called Project WATCH, an abbreviation for the major factors that influence the risk of heart attack and stroke, Weight, Activity, Tobacco, Cholesterol and High blood pressure. TMA also endorses CATCH, or Coordinated Approach to Child Health, an innovative and proven program which coordinates school-wide efforts to provide nutrition and fitness education as well as healthier eating and exercise habits in the lunchroom and at home.

Start early by encouraging your child to exercise and be physically active, eat a healthy diet and monitor his or her cholesterol and weight, and you will be building a healthy foundation for a lifetime.

Cold weather can create deadly problems, TDH warns

AUSTIN — Cold weather — with frost, chilling winds, ice storms or snow — can create severe problems that many people in the state are not used to dealing with especially following months of comfortably warm temperatures, according to the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

Hypothermia, the severe or prolonged loss of body heat, begins when a person's body temperature falls below 95 degrees F. Because the temperature drop may be gradual and an early symptom of hypothermia is mental confusion, the victim may not know there is a problem. And health officials warn that vulnerable people can die from cold weather.

In 2000, hypothermia was a contributing factor in 53 Texas deaths.

People most susceptible to hypothermia include those 60 and older, infants and small children, people who are sick, those taking certain prescription drugs or drinking alcohol, the homeless, auto or boating accident victims and those unable to find temporary shelter in cold weather.

Often an older person's metabolism is slower than that of a young person, or the older person may already be in poor health and taking medications that can alter awareness of dangerously low temperatures. People 60 and older may not perceive or respond to cold as readily as younger people because the body's natural alarm signal — the reflex of shivering that increases blood flow —lessens with age. Some hypothermia victims die because they are simply unaware of gradual temperature changes.

And some people, especially the elderly on fixed incomes, may set their thermostats dangerously low for fear of high heating bills. To reduce potential dangers:

—Watch for symptoms of hypothermia including confusion and drowsiness, slurred speech, a drop in blood pressure, shallow breathing and a pinkish tint to the skin. Anyone with these symptoms related to cold temperatures is in immediate danger.

—Check on elderly or ill people, especially if they live alone or in isolated areas.

—Wear loose-fitting clothing in layers, gloves and a face cover to block the wind if you must be outside. Stay dry.

—Be extremely cautious in the wind. A strong wind, even in only moderately cool weather, can cause a wind chill far below freezing.

—Take extra precautions with those most vulnerable.

Winter storms also may cause power outages, and food safety becomes a problem along with heating. If you lose power for more than four hours, take the following precautions with refrigerated food products:

—Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.

—Discard any potentially hazardous foods such as meats, eggs, dairy products and leftovers that may have exceeded 45 degrees F. When in doubt, throw it out.

—Any frozen food that has thawed but not exceeded 45 degrees F should be prepared as soon as possible. Do not re-freeze.

TDH officials warn that no one at any age should underestimate weather changes and should dress appropriately. Wind chill refers to the cooling effect wind has on the skin. Not only can wind chill cause rapid heat loss from the body, but it also can cause frostbite — actual freezing of tissues.

The National Weather Service recently updated the chart it created to calculate wind chill. The new formula makes use of advances in science, technology and computer modeling to provide a more accurate way to calculate the dangers from winter winds.

Anyone planning outdoor activities in cold weather should refer to local weather forecasts for information.

Weakness a bad sign after stroke

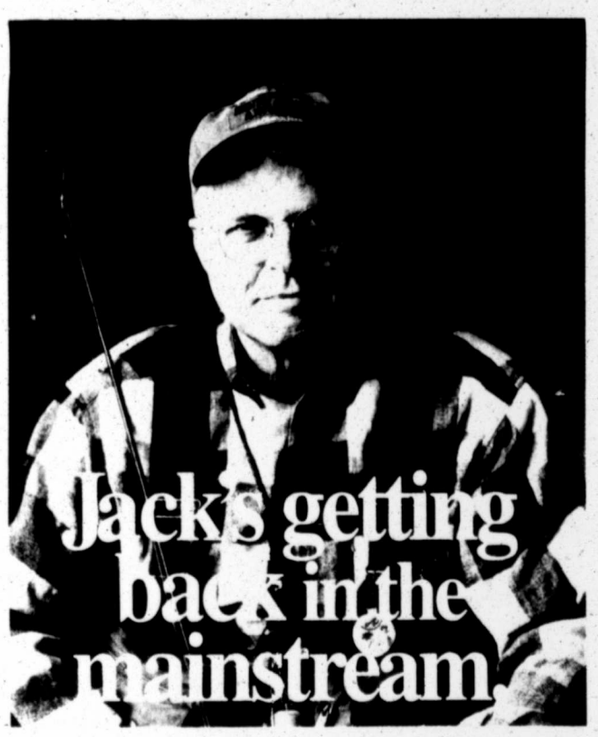
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Temporary blindness in one eye, a common symptom of mini-strokes, is not as ominous a sign of possible full-blown strokes as temporary, one-sided weakness or numbness.

The temporary loss of sight happens in about one-quarter of all mini-strokes, which doctors call transient ischemic attacks, or TIAs. People who have had such strokes run a higher risk of full-blown strokes.

But people who lost sight for a while in one eye had about half the risk of a stroke within three years as those who had hemispheric TIAs, which are characterized by weakness or numbness in an arm, leg or one side of the face, according to a study in a recent New England Journal of Medicine.

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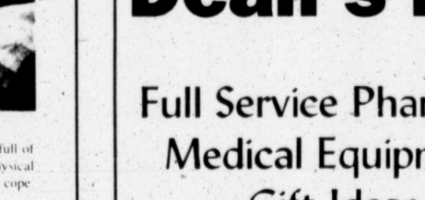
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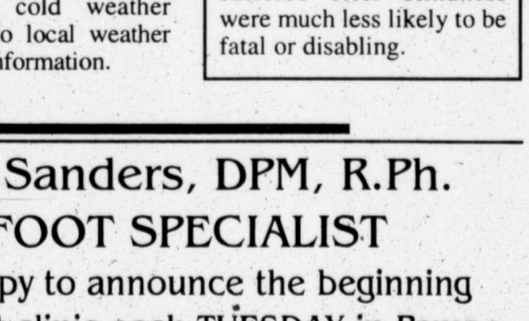
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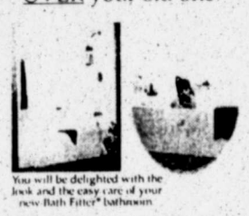
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Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

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

1. "U Got It Bad," Usher. Arista.
2. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
3. "Always On Time," Ja Rule (feat. Ashanti). Murder Inc.
4. "Get The Party Started," Pink. Arista.
5. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.
6. "Whenever, Wherever," Shakira. Epic.
7. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
8. "A Woman's Worth," Alicia Keys. J.
9. "Wherever You Will Go," The Calling. RCA.
10. "Hey Baby," No Doubt (feat. Bounty Killer). Interscope.

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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. "Silver Side Up," Nickelback. Roadrunner. (Platinum)
5. "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace. (Platinum)
6. "Pain Is Love," Ja Rule. Murder Inc. (Platinum)
7. "Stillmatic," Nas. Ill Will. (Platinum)
8. "8701," Usher. Arista. (Platinum)
9. "M!ssundazstood," Pink. Arista. (Platinum)
10. "A Day Without Rain," Enya. Reprise. (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. "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty. Lava.
4. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA.
5. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.
6. "Drowning," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
7. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
8. "Simple Things," Jim Brickman (feat. Rebecca Lynn Howard). Windham Hill.
9. "All Or Nothing," O-Town. J.
10. "There You'll Be," Faith Hill. Hollywood.

Top Gospel Albums

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

1. "Believe," Yolanda Adams. Elektra.
2. "Live In London And More..." Donnie McClurkin. Verity. (Platinum)
3. "Thankful," Mary Mary. C2/Columbia. (Platinum)
4. "CeCe Winans," CeCe Winans. Wellspring Gospel.
5. "Sacrifice," Derrick Starks & Today's Generation. Crystal Rose.
6. "Cliches," Greg O'Quin 'N Joyful Noyze. World Wide Gospel.
7. "Constantly," Rev. Clay Evans And The AARC Mass Choir. Meek.
8. "Hymns," Shirley Caesar. Word.
9. "The Experience," Yolanda Adams. Elektra.
10. "WOW Gospel 2001: The Year's 30 Top Gospel Artists And Songs," Various Artists. EMI/Word/Verity/Zomba. (Gold)

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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. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
4. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
5. "Wasting My Time," Default. TVT.
6. "Too Bad," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
7. "Alive," P.O.D. Atlantic.
8. "Defy You," The Offspring. Columbia.
9. "For You," Staind. Flip.
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. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.
4. "Wasting My Time," Default. TVT.
5. "Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal.
6. "Youth Of The Nation," P.O.D. Atlantic.
7. "Alive," P.O.D. Atlantic.
8. "Crawling In The Dark," Hoobastank. Island.
9. "Defy You," The Offspring. Columbia.
10. "Last Nite," The Strokes. RCA.

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. "Where Were You (When The World Stopped Turning)," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
3. "Run," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
4. "Wrapped Around," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
5. "Where The Stars And Stripes And The Eagle Fly," Aaron Tippin. Lyric Street.
6. "Wrapped Up in You," Garth Brooks. Capitol.
7. "Bring On The Rain," Jo Dee Messina With Tim McGraw. Curb.
8. "The Long Goodbye," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
9. "I Wanna Talk About Me," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
10. "The Cowboy In Me," Tim McGraw. Curb.

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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. "Greatest Hits," Martina McBride. RCA (Nashville). (Gold)
9. "Blue Moon," Steve Holy. Curb.
10. "The Road Less Traveled," George Strait. MCA Nashville. (Gold)

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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. "U Got It Bad," Usher. Arista.
4. "A Woman's Worth," Alicia Keys. J.
5. "Rock The Boat," Aaliyah. Blackground.
6. "We Thuggin'," Fat Joe feat. R. Kelly. Terror Squad/Atlantic.
7. "Lights, Camera, Action," Mr. Cheeks. Universal.
8. "What About Us?" Brandy. Atlantic.
9. "Roll Out (My Business)," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace.
10. "Boucin' Back (Bumpin' Me Against The Wall)," Mystikal. Jive.

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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. "Tarantula," Mystikal. Jive.
6. "Invincible," Michael Jackson. Epic. (Platinum)
7. "Genesis," Busta Rhymes. J. (Gold)
8. "Believe," Yolanda Adams. Elektra.
9. "Songs In A Minor," Alicia Keys. J. (Platinum)
10. "Doggy Bag," Lil Bow Wow. So So Def. (Platinum)

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Hot Rap Singles

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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. "Bunny Hop," Da Entourage. Red Boy.
4. "Think Big," Crimewave. Crimewave.
5. "Jump Up In The Air," Original P Introducing Hyped UYp Westbound Soljaz. Westbound.
6. "Ain't Nobody (We Got It Locked)," The Rawlo Boys (feat. T.O.R.O. And Lil' Smoke). House Of Fire.
7. "Dansin Wit Wolvez," Strik 9ine. Fade.
8. "Pimps/Players," Skip (feat. Corey C). UTP.
9. "Got Ur Self A... " Nas. Ill Will.
10. "Boucin' Back (Bumpin' Me Against The Wall)," Mystikal. Jive.

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Hot Dance Music — Club Play

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "Freelove," Depeche Mode. Mute.
2. "Get The Party Started (Remixes)," Pink. Arista.
3. "Where's Your Head At," Basement Jaxx. XL.
4. "Can't Get You Out Of My Head," Kylie Minogue. Capitol.
5. "Sexual Revolution," Macy Gray. Epic.
6. "Everyday," Kim English. Nervous.
7. "Caught Up," DJ Disciple (feat. Mia Cox). Groovilicious.
8. "Feel The Beat (Remixes)," Darude. Groovilicious.
9. "Madonna Megamix," Madonna. Maverick.
10. "I'm A Slave 4 U," Britney Spears. Jive.

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Life changes, but it does go on after loss of kidneys

BY VICKI SMITH
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GRANVILLE, W.Va. (AP) — John Matheny is in the kitchen, a box of plastic wrap in one hand, a tube of numbing cream in the other. He smears the white paste over his slightly bruised left forearm, then wraps it to keep his shirt clean.

He makes some toast, pours coffee and swallows the first of 20 pills he will take today. Then he waits for the cream to numb the area where needles will be inserted under the skin to help cleanse his blood.

He does a lot of waiting these days. It is one of the hardships of living with kidney disease.

An hour later, peanut butter crackers tucked into a shirt pocket and a blanket under one arm, he swings open the door to the Morgantown Dialysis Center. It's only 5 a.m., but "the regulars," as he calls them, shout cheerful greetings.

"We're just like one big family," Matheny says. "We spend a lot of time together."

This isn't how he planned to retire. At 73, he thought, he would be taking it easy.

The failure of his kidneys changed that. Now, he rises early three days a week and waits nearly four hours as machines remove, clean and return his blood — one pint at a time.

He battles exhaustion. He eats a little. He sleeps a lot.

He doesn't make plans: He never knows how he's going to feel.

"Some days, he's lucky to get to that bed," says Colleen, his wife of 51 years. "And some days, we go to Kmart."

Matheny had been sick for more than a year. His skin itched constantly. Twice, he coughed up blood. He lost his appetite, then 30 pounds. Dark blotches appeared on his scalp.

Tests were inconclusive until July 1998, when he got a transfusion and the shocking news: His kidneys had shut down, and without dialysis, he would die.

"I assumed my days were numbered," Matheny says. "I sold my car, gave my guns to my son, made a will."

After the first few treatments, he went home and wept.

"People think of dialysis as a death sentence," says social worker Greg Sanders.

Often, they know someone who died while going through treatment. They don't consider what other health problems might have contributed. They don't realize they can live for decades.

The first months are the hardest.

"Either they're going to accept it or they're not. Even if they do, they're not always going to feel good," Sanders says. "It's life-sustaining, but it's a complicated process, and you will have bad days."

Matheny's free hand suddenly clamps down on the arm of the gray vinyl recliner. He grimaces. A technician who's still in training is trying to insert a 15-gauge needle into his fistula, the passage on his forearm where vein and artery have been surgically attached to form a larger opening. Although the fistula leaves a clearly visible lump on his arm, the technician must still find the opening that will accept the needle.

He sneers at the young woman and rolls his eyes.

Did the numbing cream work?

"Not too good this time," he mutters.

Two needles go in: One removes the blood, the other returns it. In between, it circulates through an artificial kidney, a cylinder filled with what looks like an unraveled white rope.

The fibers are semi-permeable, ultra-thin membranes with microscopic holes that are large enough to let molecules of water and chemicals pass, but not blood cells. On one side of the membrane is a clear liquid called dialysate, a solution of sodium, calcium, potassium and glucose. On the other, blood.

As they pass each other, toxins and extra fluid in the blood move into the dialysate.

Healthy kidneys filter the entire blood supply — about five quarts for the average adult — every two minutes; Matheny waits three hours and 45 minutes.

Halfway through, hunger forces him to rip open the crackers. The room is cold to minimize the risk of infection, so he pulls the blanket over his shoulders.

In the chairs around him, hooked to machines of their own, "the regulars" read books or nap.

Matheny doesn't sleep; it's too noisy.

For a while, he watches the news on an overhead TV.

Every year, nearly 60,000 Americans die of kidney disease, most commonly caused by diabetes and high blood pressure. Another 260,000 rely on dialysis for survival.

Demand for treatment is so great the Morgantown center runs shifts from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. most days.

Some dialysis patients are waiting for a transplant, but most, like Matheny, have too many complicating health problems.

With dialysis, he still risks anemia, hepatitis, bone disease or an inflammation of the heart sac. He is susceptible to nerve damage and heavy bleeding from anti-clotting drugs.

His daily pills include calcium, iron and vitamin supplements, blood pressure medicine and antihistamines to stop the itching.

He's supposed to be on a high-protein, low-salt diet, with plenty of eggs and meats but no milk, cheese, peas, oranges or — his favorite — beets.

"But I do it," Matheny says. "If I want."

Chronic kidney disease, the ninth-leading cause of death in the United States, is one of the nation's most expensive illnesses. The annual cost of treatment is estimated to exceed $14.5 billion.

Matheny, a coal miner for 44 years, has a pension and health insurance.

Others aren't so lucky. Medicaid and Medicare usually cover 80 percent of the costs. Some get Supplemental Security Income for the balance.

If that doesn't work, they pay what they can, when they can. For some, it's as little as $5 a month.

In the 1940s, before dialysis was widely available, Matheny lost a 24-year-old brother to kidney disease.

When he started his own treatment decades later, his arm was black with bruises from wrist to bicep. When his veins collapsed, he had angioplasty to reopen them.

Earlier this month, one of "the regulars" quit coming in for his dialysis treatments. Matheny had tried to talk him out of it, but the 56-year-old man had had enough. And he wasn't about to change his mind.

Within two weeks, he was dead.

Matheny hasn't forgotten his own misery at times, but he finds hope now in the face of another of the "regulars," a woman who's lived on dialysis for 28 years.

"I'm not going to quit," he says, and there is defiance in his voice.

Exemplary school stands out in small Texas community

BY NOEL ESPINOZA
THE BROWNSVILLE HERALD

SAN PEDRO — The hardwood floors at Villa Nueva Elementary still shine, though more than 65 years have passed since it was built in the heart of the San Pedro community.

Though housing less than 500 students, grades K-5, Villa Nueva received "exemplary" status in 2001, the highest ranking given by the Texas Education Agency. The school was annexed to the Brownsville Independent School District in 1969.

As the center of everyday activities, Villa Nueva is at the center of the San Pedro community.

"Whenever we have activities or functions here in school, the community comes out," said Michael Moreno, principal. "This (school) is an integral part of San Pedro."

Each year, the school sponsors a fall carnival, a Christmas show and a Charro Days carnival.

The school, as it stands, was built in 1935 after the original building was destroyed by a hurricane in 1933. Villa Nueva Elementary originally stood in Villa Nueva, a nearby rural community three miles east of San Pedro. It moved to San Pedro but kept the Villa Nueva name. The new building maintains the same style facade as the original, and its slogan: "Bluejay Pride."

Keeping the momentum going in a small though state-recognized school is a challenge, Moreno said.

"We're trying to maintain that (exemplary status) for this academic year, 2001-2002," Moreno, a Brownsville native, said. "Our goal is to remain exemplary."

He said the school grows every year. Last year there were 340 students enrolled there. This year, there are 438. The increase is attributed to a number of housing developments springing up west of Military Highway and FM 802, an area just five miles east of San Pedro.

Preserving the town's campestral atmosphere with growth on the horizon is an equally formidable task.

"We've had so many people moving into the area," Moreno said, noting a new subdivision in progress nearby. "It's growing fast."

The area has undergone changes that include the development of Valle West, a new subdivision, a new community center and police substation, a fire station, and the impending construction of a World Birding Center satellite facility. Another subdivision, Valle Estrella, is currently under development as well.

And though San Pedro has been known as a strong agricultural producer in the Valley, Moreno said many farmers are opting to sell their land because its no longer profitable to farm.

"They are subdividing their land and selling it to people who are coming out here," Moreno said.

But with the Rio Grande close by, the fertile San Pedro soil continues to yield crops, including sorghum, okra, watermelon, and cotton.

The elementary school places a strong emphasis on teaching the agricultural history of the area. Fifth-graders tend a vegetable garden that produces different seasonal crops throughout the year. Most recently, students tended to cabbage, cilantro, broccoli, and cauliflower.

"We use it as a classroom, a science project," said Jesus Lozano, a fifth-grade teacher who's in charge of the school's garden club. "We want the kids to get exposed to gardening so they can get a better sense of living in this community and its farms. We even have had a few parents come out and work with the kids."

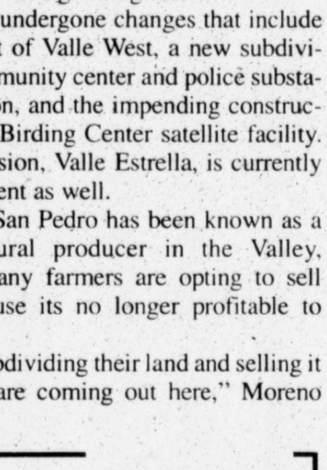
Manuel Garza, a student at Villa Nueva, says he enjoys living in San Pedro. The fifth-grader arrived here from Colorado Springs, Colo.

"I have a lot of friends here and we do a lot of after school activities," Garza said. "It's different than Colorado. In town, I ride my bike and someday I would like to learn to ride horses."

Betty Harbour, a teacher of 20 years at Villa Nueva, said she fell in love with the community and the students. A Brownsville resident, Harbour said parents in the small town get involved in their children's education.

"The parents are supportive and very interested in what's goes on," she said. "They showed up for open house and try to attend every school event."

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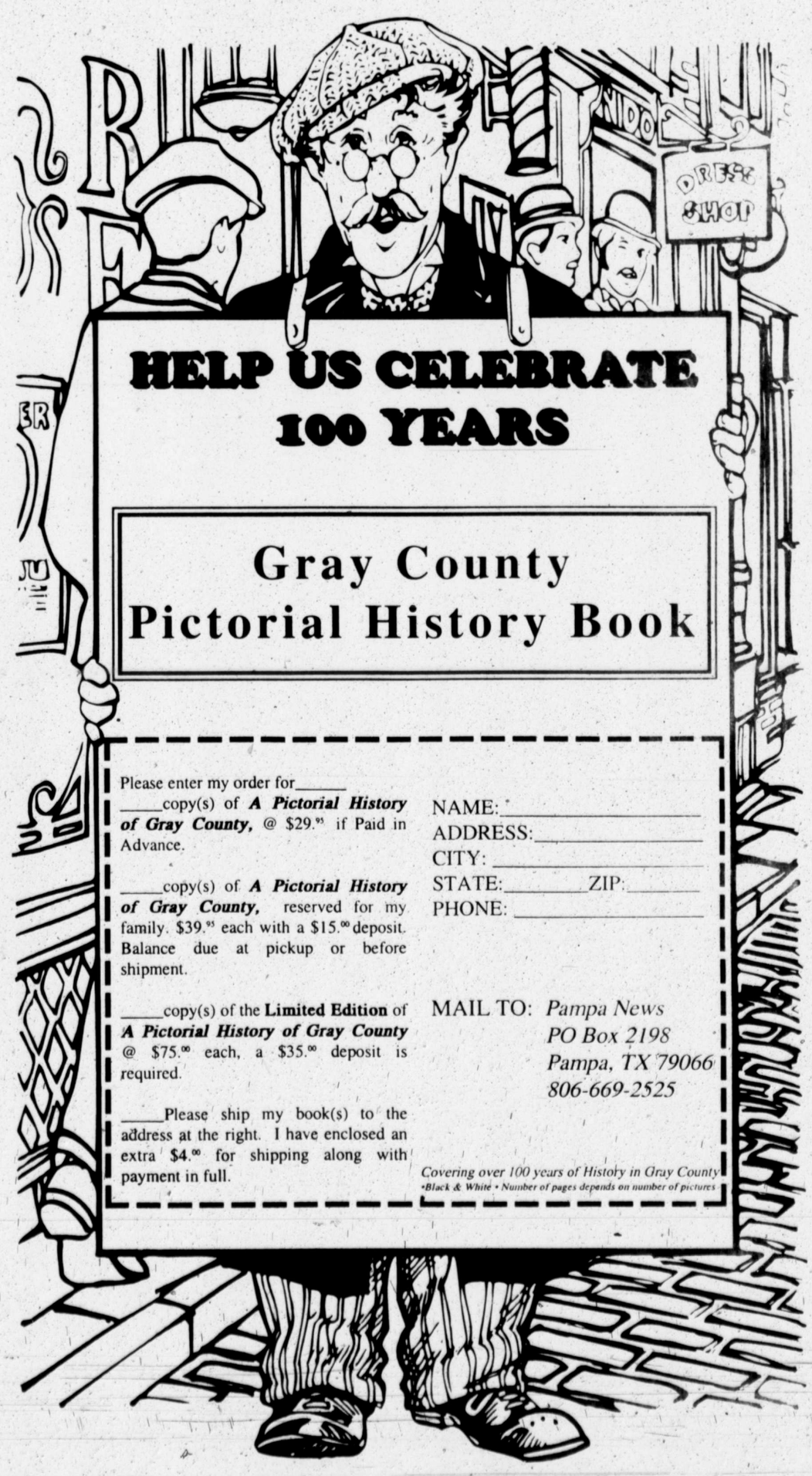
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Virginia home monitors elderly, can mark change

BY CHRIS KAHN
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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Jim Humphries stretches over the kitchen counter, rummaging through his shelves for a box of tea. If he feels on display, it doesn't show.

But his house is watching him closely.

Seven redeye sensors track his every move, blinking on and off as he walks past. There are sensors in his refrigerator and kitchen cabinets. Another soon will be installed at leg-level in the living room to monitor how Humphries is walking.

This unblinking "smart house" may seem a bit Orwellian, but its designers hope to use it in a benevolent way. They are checking up on people suffering from chronic conditions, such as Alzheimer's or osteoarthritis, whose symptoms are gradual and often overlooked.

By watching the person's activities over a long period of time, a smart home would notice small changes that may indicate bigger problems in the future. A slight limp, for instance, or differences in eating habits or the morning routine.

The Medical Automation Research Center in Charlottesville has been working on the house for more than a year with the idea of helping independent-minded seniors who aren't ready to relinquish control of their lives to their children or a nursing home.

Project supervisor Robin Felder hopes to someday build a system that can monitor its residents' blood pressure and check if they're taking their medication. Researchers also are working on toilet sensors that could conduct a urinalysis and a kitchen console that would chart a person's diet by scanning the bar codes on grocery packages.

"Everybody I talk to has the same story of trying to care for a parent or grandparent as they get older," Felder said. "Somebody's got to deal with it, and hopefully technology can ease the burden."

If successful, the technology also would become available for the burgeoning group of seniors who live at home. During the past decade, the number of people older than 65 grew from 31.2 million to 35 million, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Nearly 80 percent of this group are homeowners, according to the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

"There's a definite need for something like this," said AAHSA spokesman Bruce Rosenthal.

"Many people know they have a progressive ailment and know they're getting up in years, but they're not at the point of checking into a nursing home," Rosenthal said. "This would really give them — and their adult children — piece of mind."

Last spring, Felder persuaded tennis buddy Humphries — a 42-year-old registered nurse in perfect health — to become the guinea pig for the idea and turn his brick frame house into a research lab, indefinitely.

Researchers fastened motion sensors to the walls with blue poster putty, each sending a signal to a computer in his study.

"There was an initial reluctance to do this, knowing that they were tracking me all the time," Humphries said. "But within days, I got used to the little flashing lights."

The main challenge is to determine how to accurately interpret the massive amount of information coming each day from the sensors.

So far, Steve Kell, project manager for the smart house, has found only minor details about Humphries' lifestyle: "He doesn't watch TV — he listens to it from the kitchen."

But somewhere within the data log, researchers hope to eventually find his key behavior patterns — when he wakes up, what he generally eats for breakfast, if he showers every day. With that information, they can program the smart home to watch if Humphries starts to deviate from that pattern over time.

The center hopes to cram this technology into a small appliance with a simple plug and a few sensors that anyone could install, Felder said.

Companies offering the smart home service would receive the data, analyze the information and send health reports via the Internet back to the smart home, or the home of a concerned relative. The system also would be programmed to quickly notify a family member if the person didn't get out of bed, stayed in the bathroom too long or seemed in some other way to be in trouble.

The sensors should be reliable as long as people remember to replace their batteries, Kell said. There also could be problems if the sensors aren't arranged so that they watch the entire house or if their gaze overlaps with other sensors, which would confuse the data.

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BEAUTIFUL HOME
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P. O Box 361
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Bid deadline is Feb. 1st, 2002.
K-68 Jan.18, 20, 27, 2002

GRAY COUNTY SHERIFF
NOTICE OF SALE
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE
In compliance with Article 683.031 Transportation Code, I Will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder on the 5th day of February, 2002, all of the following listed Abandoned Motor Vehicles at the described location(s) and times attached to this Notice of Sale.
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Gray County Sheriff's Office
218 N. Russell St., Pampa
Year: 1992
Make: Chevrolet
Model: Passenger Car-4 dr.
VIN: 1G1BL53E6NR100538
License:
State:

Year: 1989
Make: Chevrolet
Model: Van
VIN: 1GCEG25HOK7173992
License:
State:
The successful bidder upon payment of the money to this Department is entitled to take possession of the Vehicle and apply for title free and clear of all liens and claims of ownership.
Don Copeland,
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Gray County, Texas
By: Derek Peters, Deputy
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K-66 Jan. 13, 20, 27, 2002

3 Personal

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21 Help Wanted

NOTICE: All ads that contain phone numbers or give reference to a number with an area code of 809 or a prefix of 011 are international toll numbers and you will be charged international long distance rates. For more information and assistance regarding the investigation of work at home opportunities and job lists, *The Pampa News* urges its readers to contact the Better Business Bureau of South Texas, 609 S. International Blvd., Weslaco, Tx. 78596, (210) 968-3678.

NOTICE
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Applications and Functional Job Descriptions may be obtained at 121 S. Gillespie, Pampa, TX. 79065 or online at: www.rehab.state.tx.us
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GOLDEN PLAINS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
200 S. McGee Borger, Texas 79007

Horoscope

MONDAY, JAN. 28, 2002
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You leap into action far too easily. Test an idea first before you jump on the bandwagon. Those who are impulsive could be unhappy with what occurs. You see a situation differently if you use good, sound sense. Stay away from disappointment. Be realistic. Tonight: Spring out the door. Enjoy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ What seems like a dream could very well stay a dream if it isn't founded in reality. Build on strong foundations. Don't hesitate to play devil's advocate. In the long run, you will solidify a plan, especially if it impacts your domestic life. Tonight: Put your feet up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Laugh and dream, but recognize that turning an idea into a workable idea might take unusual talent. Reach out for someone and allow him or her to test your plans. Strong feedback firms up your project. Keeping your schedule could be difficult. Tonight: Relax and chat with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Speak your mind, understanding that others might become upset at your observation. Finances could develop into a stressed-out issue. Establish a better rapport with a financial source or another supporter. Don't let tension develop into a power struggle. Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Someone's proposition certainly is appealing. You might want to diplomatically question the details of this idea. Misunderstanding surrounds emotions, thoughts and words. Verify what you are hearing. Ultimately you get what you want. Tonight: Use that Lion magnetism.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Watch rather than participate. Support a friend or pal in what he or she wants to do. Carefully listen to someone who might lose his or her cool, but who does care a lot about how you feel. Though this person could stress you out with his or her temper, he or she means well. Tonight: Exercise tension away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Understand more of what is going on with others. Don't jump to conclusions when you see someone's reaction. Creativity flows, but you could be out of sorts when dealing with any challenges. Listen rather than judge. Think in terms of solidifying your ideas. Tonight: Join your friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your friends seek you out, wanting to make the best out of an opportunity. You're certainly pulled in two different directions. Recognize limits with a co-worker. This person could feel as if you're challenging him or her. Maintain a high profile at work. Tonight: You're hard pressed to leave work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Extravagance marks your actions. You might have a difficult time getting your spending under control. Others also don't seem to understand where you are coming from. Discussions could be circular, in that nothing seems to get done or agreed upon. Tonight: Listen to a favorite CD on the way home from work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Step back from financial problems. You might discover that someone does much to distract you. You might ask yourself why this person might not want to deal with the present set of concerns. Allow this person to be light and easy — for now. Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others challenge your ideas, though they don't mean it personally. Your pleasant personality helps others get over issues. Focus on work and getting the job done. Your playfulness later emerges with friends. Respond to a friend's invitation. Tonight: Anything goes (nearly).

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Listen more carefully to a loved one. This person can be unusually creative and dynamic. Review a matter involving your work. Don't put off what you can do today, even if you're not in the mood. You'll be happier in the long run. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.

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American Painter Jackson Pollock (1912), writer and critic Susan Sontag (1933), actor Alan Alda (1936)

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DOGWOOD - Three bedroom split-level, 2.5 baths home. Dining-den combination, formal living area, patio, extra storage in double garage, fireplace, central heat and air. MLS.

EVERGREEN - 2-story brick four bedroom home with 2 living areas. Woodburning fireplace, all bedroom up-stairs, central heat and air, 1 - 3/4 + 1/2 baths, patio, hot tub, storage area, storm cellar, double garage. MLS 5596.

FIR - "OPEN" Living area in this three bedroom home. All rooms are large. Living room has cathedral ceiling, kitchen has breakfast bar, three bedrooms, 2 full baths, woodburning fireplace, double garage. MLS 5627.

GRAPE - Tri-level five bedroom home with lots of room. Sprinkler system, free standing fireplace. Kitchen has lots of cabinets and a snack bar. Game room down stairs with 2 bedrooms and den. Central heat and air, one full bath + two - 3/4 baths, double garage. MLS 5521.

LYNN - Nice brick with corner fireplace. Three bedrooms, new central heat and air, storm cellar, 1 3/4 baths, large utility, isolated master, double garage. MLS 5619.

N. NELSON - Nice four bedroom home with large rooms. Dining area has built-in hutch and new dishwasher. Master bath has been enlarged and up-dated. One bedroom has built-in and could be used as office. Lots of room for the money. MLS 5490.

WILLISTON - Nice 2 bedroom home with large den, central heat and air. Storm cellar, large work room could be used as a third bedroom. Knotty pine paneling in kitchen and den, single carport. MLS 5523.

WILLISTON - Large rooms in this three bedroom home. 1 3/4 baths, good storage and closets, workshop and storage building. Central heat and air, home needs some up-dating, single garage. MLS 5500.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

1-26 CRYPTOQUOTE

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— Q S G G S R H C G R J O

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SPY AND THE WORLD SPIES WITH YOU; GET CAUGHT AND YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN. — G. BROWN

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CALENDAR ITEMS

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

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

MACEDONIA BAPTIST 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.

CHRISTIAN COWBOYS
The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION
Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will met at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building.

SHRINE CLUB
Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

HOSPICE TRAINING
BSA Hospice will offer a free "Winter 2002 Volunteer Training and Community Education Class" from 1-4 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 14-Feb. 6 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center in Pampa. The class is designed for adults interested in becoming a hospice volunteer or for those who simply wish to learn more about hospice care or desire personal growth and enrichment. CEUs will be available. For more information, call 665-6677 or 1-800-658-6985.

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.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Gray County Genealogical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 28 in the Sheriff's Department classroom. Guest speaker will be Nancy Coffee who will discuss "The Panhandle's First Woman Rancher."

PALO DURO HANDWEAVER'S GUILD
Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 31 in Amarillo. Individuals interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For more information, call Becky Martin at (806) 358-2765.

ARC FIRST AID/CPR CLASS
The local chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a community CPR and first aid class from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2 at its office on 108 N. Russell. To register or for more information, call 669-7121.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
Tralee Crisis Center in Pampa will present a special volunteer training from 6-9 p.m., Wednesdays beginning Feb. 6 at 310 S. Cuyler. Participants must RSVP by Feb. 1. For more information, call 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

OLD SETTLERS REUNION
The Cheyenne Arapaho Old Settlers Reunion will be held April 16-20 at Cheyenne, Okla. Activities will include: Gospel singing, variety shows, arts and crafts show, quilt show, free barbecue, PRCA rodeo and more.

HARRINGTON STRING QUARTET
The Harrington String Quartet will perform at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 9 at West Texas A&M University Northen 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.

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. Pre-schoolers eat free. Proceeds benefit the day school. For more information, call 665-0701.

CLEAN PAMPA
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