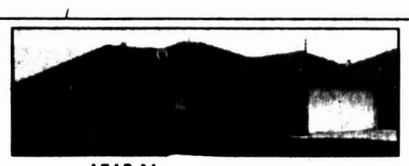
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State releases PNC survey report

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa Nursing Center given six months to correct problems or lose Medicaid/ Medicare funding.

Unsupervised patients, inappropriate sexual behavior, lack of documentation, unpleasant food, inadequate staffing, privacy issues, medication mistakes as well as patients sitting and lying in urine-soaked clothing were among the deficiencies listed by state inspectors during a recent five-day visit to Pampa Nursing Center.

Pampa Nursing Center has received sanctions from the Texas Department of Human Services following an inspection of the facility in January. A 28-page inspection report was released by DHS officials Friday afternoon.

Rosemary Patterson, Public Information Officer with TDHS, said the local nursing center must be back in substantial compliance within six months.

"If not, they will lose Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement for a month," said Patterson.

There will also be financial penalties, said Patterson. She said the amount will be determined when the deficiencies in the operation are corrected.

Among the items listed were:

• A prescription change by a physician dated Oct. 3, 2001, had never been called to the pharmacy. The prescription of Prandin (a blood sugar medication) was to be increased from 1 mg. to 2 mg. The facility continued to give a wrong amount until Jan. 23, 2002.

• Four incidents of privacy issues were documented by surveyors over a three-day period, Jan. 22-24. In one incident, residents were in a shower room on the secured unit and sitting in shower chairs with no privacy curtain pulled between them. In another situation a TDH surveyor entered the shower room and reported the residents were exposed to the hallway as well as each other because no curtain was between them. Two additional incidents were documented of staff members changing patients into night clothes without a privacy curtain being pulled.

• Verbal abuse of a resident by a staff member was not reported by another staff member for three days, according to the report. The staff member said that she had forgotten. The administrator was not immediately notified, according to the report.

• Activities listed on the activity calendar did not occur as posted, accord-

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Lefors school board meeting set Monday

LEFORS – Zeroes Aren't Permitted program, "O" period tutorials, and acknowledging the boys basketball team will be on Monday's meeting agenda of Lefors Independent School District Board of Trustees.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Lefors High School library at 209 Fifth Street.

Also to be discussed will be contracts for the auditor, superintendent and principal.

Finance matters will include current billings, cash position of district and tax collection report.

Reports will be given by both superintendent and principal.

Miami ISD trustees plan meeting Feb. 11

Activity bus and personnel are two items which appear on the agenda of the Monday, Feb. 11, meeting of the Miami Independent School District Board of Trustees. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the school administration office.

Principal evaluations and teacher concerns will be discussed under personnel.

Financial reports will include list of bills for payment, fund balances, lunchroom report and tax collector's report.

Deaths

Felix Albiar, 72, retired business owner.

Roy C. Bennett, 81, retired ironworker.

Tom Spivey, 79, welder.

Arla G. Swanson, 81, homemaker.

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Five more indictments handed up in Hemphill Co.

CANADIAN – Five additional indictments handed up by the Hemphill County grand jury have been released by the 31st District Attorney's office.

Four indictments charge James Wayne Henson, 29, of Canadian with separate counts of delivery of a controlled substance.

The incidents are alleged to have occurred onAug. 23, 2000; Oct. 12, 2000; Nov. 10, 2000; and Oct. 11, 2001, according to the indictment information provided by the DA's office.

Melissa Henson, 28, of Canadian, is charged with delivery of a controlled substance on May 23, 2000.

These five indictments are in addition to those handed up by the Hemphill County grand jury on Jan. 24.

At that time, grand jurors indicted eight persons in connection with an 18-month undercover drug operation conducted by the Hemphill County Sheriff's Department and the Panhandle Drug Task Force.

Post Office pile-up



(Pampa News photo by Dean Lynch)

Construction workers pile up broken masonry as they begin demolition in front of the Pampa Post Office Friday. From left, Supervisor Boyce Hiltbruner, Beau Hiltbruner, and Bryan Finley work on the project. Cody Walker is operating the Bobcat. The area in front of the Post Office which had been crumbling with age and the effects of weather is being repaired and replaced, officials said. Meanwhile, Post Office customers are being redirected to the handicapped accessible entry ramp on the east side of the front entrance.

Bush opens Winter Olympics

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A patriotic pitch would have been out of place when opening the Olympics so President Bush let actions, more than words, speak for his mood.

Bush abandoned his sky box and immersed himself in a sea of blue-clad American athletes to declare the 2002 Olympic Winter Games under way.

Despite the constrictions on political rhetoric always present at the games, Bush managed a bit of a plug when delivering the traditional declaration. "On behalf of a proud, determined and grateful nation," he said emphatically, "I declare open the games of Salt Lake City, celebrating the Winter Olympic Games."

The American Olympians in their jaunty berets beamed at the president in their midst. One athlete passed her cell phone to Bush and he happily chatted up her family back home.

Bush made the declaration after athletes from 77 countries trooped their national colors into frigid Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium, which was shielded by an extraordinary blanket of security.

Bush, who watched the opening pageantry with his wife Laura, said he never considered canceling the games because of the fears stirred by the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"I knew that if the games weren't held it would be a victory for the terrorists," he said on NBC. "And we weren't giving them any victories."

Bush also voiced confidence the United States can keep the Olympics and future mass gatherings safe and secure.

In events that preceded the formal opening of the 17-day competition, Bush said the games celebrate not only athletic prowess but affirm freedom across the world.

"The world has shed many tears — tears of sorrow over the past five months," he said. "It now gives the people of the United States and the state of Utah great pride to host these games, which will provide lasting memories of laughter and triumph for people of every nation."

Bush told dozens of U.S. athletes before the opening, "The whole country is pulling for you."

"These games come at a perfect time for our country — at a time of sadness and determination and resolve," Bush said.

A tattered American flag recovered at the World Trade Center was carried in the opening ceremonies by an honor guard of eight U.S. Olympians and a delegation of New York City police officers and firefighters.

Olympics organizers initially balked at allowing the flag to be carried into the stadium because they said the international games should not become overly focused on the U.S. attacks.

Bush expressed confidence the games will "strike a proper balance between the patriotism we all feel here and the international flavor of the games."

He was joined in Salt Lake City by the U.S. delegation to the games, including Secretary of State Colin Powell, retired baseball hero Cal Ripken Jr., and bicyclist Lance Armstrong, three-time winner of the Tour de France.

Ex-Taliban foreign minister surrenders self to authorities

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Taliban's foreign minister turned himself in to authorities in Afghanistan, giving American forces what could be one of the biggest intelligence prizes in the war so far.

Mullah Abdul Wakil Muttawakil surrendered Friday, the same day U.S. troops traveled to a remote site in eastern Afghanistan to determine whether top al-Qaida figures had been killed in a missile attack.

Muttawakil turned himself in to Afghan officials in the southern city of Kandahar, U.S. defense officials said. The Kandahar authorities transferred Muttawakil to the U.S. military base at the city's airport, where he was being held.

"This is a moment that we have been waiting for — to make sure that these individuals face trial, either in Afghanistan or outside Afghanistan, for their actions and deeds in the past," Omar Samad, a spokesman for the Afghan Foreign Ministry, said in an interview Saturday.

"It's about time that a known Taliban figure who held a position of authority is turning himself in and hopefully others will be caught later."

U.S. authorities were questioning Muttawakil, looking to gain valuable information, officials said. Muttawakil is the highest-ranking Taliban official known to be captured so far, and thus could help in the search for Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar and other top leaders of the radical Islamic militia.

Muttawakil was considered one of the Taliban's moderate figures. In the weeks after Sept. 11, his name was mentioned as someone who might be acceptable to Afghanistan's majority Pashtuns to provide an alter-

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

SPIVEY, Tom — 2 p.m., United Methodist Church, Gruver.

FELIX ALBIAR
1929-2002

HEREFORD — Felix Albiar, 72, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, at Hereford Care Center. Vigil services were Friday in Rix Funeral Home Chapel with Jonny Cloud, deacon, officiating. Mass was celebrated Saturday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Monsignor Orville Blum officiating. Burial was to be in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mr. Albiar was born Nov. 16, 1929, at Millersview, Texas, to Sixto and Rafaela Albiar. He married Anita Garcia in Ballinger, Texas; she died Aug. 13, 1978. He had been a Hereford resident since 1951, moving from Ballinger, and owned-operated Economy Package Store and later The county Store in Umbarger prior to retiring.

He belonged to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Umbarger.

Survivors include two sons, Felix Albiar, Jr. of Whittier, Calif., and Mike Albiar of Houston; a daughter, Cynthia Ann Albiar of Midland; five brothers, Alfonso Albear, Joe Albear and George Albear, all of Pampa, Jesus Albiar of Wheeler and Canunto Albear of Fort Worth; seven sisters, Juana Medrano of Yuma, Colo., Tomasa Moreno of Ballinger, Julia Martinez of Stratford, Patricia Carpenter, Ernestina Villarreal and Irene Estrada, all of Pampa, and Maria Molina of Jacksonville, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association, 2404 West 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106.

ROY C. BENNETT
1920-2002

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Roy C. Bennett, 81, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002. The body will lie-in-state from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home of Pampa. Private burial is scheduled Wednesday.

Mr. Bennett was born Aug. 13, 1920, at Dougherty, Okla. He retired from the construction business as an ironworker and moved to Las Vegas 35 years ago.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Bennett, of the home; two sisters, Bobbe Moore and Vera Morse, both of Las Vegas; two brothers, Troy Bennett of Pampa and Jimmy Bennett of North Glen, Colo.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home.

ARLA G. SWANSON
1921-2002

Arla G. (Oberg) Swanson, 81, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002. Services are pending under the direction of Diamonds and Son Funeral Directors of Needles, Calif. Graveside services will be held in Oakwood Cemetery in Chatsworth, Calif.

Mrs. Swanson was born April 29, 1921, in Sweeden, to Mr. and Mrs. Knute Oberg. Her family came over from Sweden when she was 7-years-old and settled in the Los Angeles, Calif., area for many years. She married Leonard Swanson on June 6, 1941, in Los Angeles.

Longtime residents of Northridge, Calif., she and her husband relocated to a place on the Colorado River near Bullhead City, Ariz., following retirement.

She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Knute and Amanda Oberg.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Leonard, of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Lynn (Fish) Swanson of McLean; a daughter and son-in-law, Lois (Swanson) and Fred Butler of Simi Valley, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Vega and Walter Smith, who also lived on the Colorado River near Bullhead City; three grandchildren, Ryan Swanson of Amarillo, Tony and wife Amy Polito of Clarendon and Scott Butler of Simi Valley, Calif.; and numerous other relatives.

TOM SPIVEY
1922-2002

GRUVER — Tom Spivey, 79, father of a Pampa resident, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Monday in Gruver United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jerry Moore officiating. Burial will be in Gruver Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Spivey, a welder and lifelong Gruver area resident, was born Nov. 17, 1922, in Hansford County, Texas. He married Eunice Tice on March 30, 1947, at Gruver; she died in 2000. He was a member of Gruver United Methodist Church and was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Ollie Spivey.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Shaw of Pampa and Annita Spivey of Dumas; a sister, Ernestine Watkins of Pittsburgh, Calif.; a brother, I.T. Spivey of Farmington, N.M.; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to United Methodist Church of Gruver.

ON RECORD

FIRE

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

Friday, Feb. 8

8:27 a.m. – Three units and eight firefighters responded to a reported structure fire at Archie's Aluminum Fab, 401 E. Craven. It was smoke was from a wood stove heater inside the business.

9:36 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a lift assist in the 1300 block of Garland.

12:25 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist int he 2100 block of Beech.

4:08 p.m. – One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 400 block of West Kingsmill.

5:04 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to One Medical Plaza on a LifeStar helicopter standby.

POLICE

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

Friday, Feb. 8

Clayton Durard Johnson, 37, 300 Henry, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance - penalty group 1 under one gram; possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

LaLena Renee Moore, 19, Borger, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance - penalty group 1, under one gram.

Leonard Atnthony Scott, 37, 1141 Huff Rd., was arrested for deadly conduct.

SHERIFF

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

Friday, Feb. 8

Shawn Weatherford, 30, 1101 S. Christy, was arrested by the Gray County Constable on capias pro fine for speeding and failure to report change of address.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Samuel Lee Bowers, 27, Miami, was arrested for public intoxication.

WEATHER

Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs around 48. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows near 20. Monday, sunny. Highs around 62. Monday evening, partly cloudy. Tuesday, mostly cloudy. Lows in the middle 20s. Highs in the middle 50s. Wednesday, cloudy. Lows in the middle 20s. Highs in the upper 40s. Thursday and Friday, partly cloudy. Lows in the middle 20s. Highs in the middle to upper 50s.

Enron's Lay could testify next Tuesday

Legal experts: Skilling's testimony may cause problems for him

BY PETE YOST
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even though his former protege was hammered by Congress, former Enron chairman Kenneth Lay may decide to testify after all to the Senate next week.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., chairman of a Senate Commerce subcommittee, says discussions over Lay's possible are proceeding favorably.

Lay decided last Sunday not to testify at two scheduled congressional hearings, after a number of comments by senators and House members on TV talk shows about alleged criminality, including one that Lay had to know Enron was a giant pyramid scheme.

Lay's testimony would follow a difficult three-hour appearance for former Enron chief executive officer Jeff Skilling, who was told bluntly by some lawmakers that they didn't believe his story.

Skilling told a House subcommittee Thursday that he knew few details about the web of partnerships that brought the energy trading company to ruin. He insisted he was never warned of problems with the partnerships and was unaware Enron was using off-the-books partnerships to "conceal liabilities or inflate profitability."

Use of the partnerships kept hundreds of millions of dollars in debt off Enron's balance sheet.

ABC News reported Friday night on a meeting Skilling attended of one of the partnerships, LJM2, in Palm Beach, Fla., in October 2000. The report, based on an interview with LJM2's office manager, is an "unsupportable attack" against Skilling, said his lawyer, Bruce Hiler.

"My client walked into a meeting in Palm Beach, and gave about 10 or 15 minutes of remarks on Enron; he then left the meeting and went to the airport," Hiler said. "He did not see any materials that were used or passed out that the meeting. As part of his job responsibilities he would on occasion speak to third-party investors with whom Enron may deal."

The office manager said in the ABC interview that she checked Skilling into a hotel. Hiler said Skilling went to the room for a conference call, but left and went to the airport when the call was over.

Asked whether Skilling was willing to come back to Capitol Hill for more questioning, spokeswoman Judy Leon said: "He's responding to all the invitations."

Two attorneys who have watched the Enron scandal unfold see Skilling's decision to testify as risky.

"If he and his lawyers don't further clarify how a man in his position would not have known about the facts that caused Enron to restate its financials, then in my opinion a jury may react the same way the congressional panel reacted to his testimony," said Lee Hamel of Houston, who has been doing white-collar criminal defense work for 34 years.

"Skilling may be found criminally culpable if prosecutors can prove that he deliberately closed his eyes to the obvious," said Mark J. Krudys, a former federal prosecutor who has handled securities fraud cases.

"Prosecutors explain this form of culpability by equating the actions of a defendant to an ostrich, an image easily understood by jurors."

Four other current and former Enron executives have invoked their Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination, as has David Duncan, the chief auditor for the Enron account at the Arthur Andersen accounting firm.

Powerful Wall Street players are being pulled into the congressional investigation of Enron's collapse.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., whose House Energy and Commerce Committee is investigating Enron, said the company had promised bond-sale business to Merrill Lynch & Co. and First Union Corp. in exchange for their investments in some of Enron's questionable partnerships.

Merrill Lynch, the nation's biggest brokerage firm, helped Enron raise nearly $400 million for one of the partnerships from pension funds and other big investors.

Two inmates recaptured

GRANBURY (AP) — Both inmates who escaped from the Hood County Jail on Wednesday are back in custody.

Michael Ray West, 32, of Lipan was spotted early Friday at a service station in southwest Fort Worth. The second inmate, James Michael Vick, 28, of Granbury was arrested later.

West had been in the jail on a felony charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon, and Vick was held on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance. Vick had also been jailed on a parole violation. He was released from prison in 2000 after serving two years of a 5-year sentence on a drug charge.

Asked if it was hard escaping from jail, Vick told a KXAS-TV newsman, "It wasn't that hard." Laughing, he added, "It was easier than it should be, obviously."

A patrol officer walking down nearby Cleburne Road spotted West, who he said hopped a fence behind a duplex and ran inside. The officer called in narcotics officers after finding a meth lab cooking in a detached garage. Equipment that had been on the flatbed truck was also found at the duplex.

City Briefs

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North Texas man, 51, infected with HIV from donated blood

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Texas man has become the first American infected with the AIDS virus from donated blood since the nation's blood banks implemented rigorous new HIV-screening technology three years ago.

David Autrey, a 51-year-old ranch hand from Chilton, was infected with human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, from blood donated at San Antonio's South Texas Blood and Tissue Center.

Transmission of the virus occurred during a blood transfusion Autrey received as part of an emergency heart bypass surgery in August 2000 at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, officials said.

"I feel great sympathy for Mr. Autrey," Dr. Norman Kalmin, president and CEO of the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center, said Friday. "We've been devastated by the news."

> Chance of getting HIV from donated blood is one in 2-3 million, experts say.

Although the testing process now in use by blood banks is highly sophisticated, it is still considered experimental and can fail to detect the virus in blood from donors who gave blood soon after being exposed to HIV, said Dr. Michael Busch, a professor at the University of California-San Francisco and an executive with Blood Centers of the Pacific.

The tainted blood in Texas came from a man who was a regular donor at the San Antonio blood bank and who had donated four times during 2000, Kalmin said.

When the man donated in December 2000, his blood tested positive for HIV in tests done at the blood bank. Bloodbank workers went through previous donations from the man and tried to recover any blood products that hadn't been used.

"The explanation is that the (donor) was recently exposed," Kalmin said. "It hadn't had the opportunity to multiply to levels that were detectable" in the automated testing.

Experts say the chance of getting HIV from donated blood is one in 2 million to 3 million transfusions, and they stress that the nation's blood supply remains very safe.

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REPORT

ing to the TDH survey. On one occasion the activity was to be personal hygiene (grooming) and another time it was listed as nail care. Also, the report stated snack and Elder Trivia were posted, but did not occur. The report stated during their visit the only activity observed was residents reading magazines. The Disclosure Statement reflected the residents of the Alzheimer's Unit would be provided a therapeutic environment that enhanced their quality of life, according to the report.

• A review of the 12 residents current Minimum Data Set assessments identified that only two of the 12 were awake during the evening and that all the residents were engaged in activities one-third to two-thirds of their day, but this was not observed by the surveyors according to their report. A staff member told the surveyors she completed the documentation the way she was told to do it, but confirmed that it was inaccurate.

• A resident was given an inhalation therapy and left unattended while the treatment was taking place. The following day, surveyors found the patient asleep in bed receiving her breathing treatment, again without staff present.

• Quality of care issues were cited. The report states it was determined the facility failed to ensure eight of 43 residents who resided there had received the necessary assessed level of care to ensure timely incontinent care. On several occasions during their five-day visit, incidents were documented of patients being saturated with urine as well as diarrhea running down residents' leg. Other incidents were reported of clothing being soaked with urine and the smell of urine being prevalent in the facility. Beds were also reported to be soaked of urine. One instance was detailed of a patient on the secured unit not receiving incontinent care for more than five hours.

• Staffing needs were addressed. An Intermediate Jeopardy was given the facility, which is defined by Patterson as being "serious," regarding the 12 patients of the Alzheimer's Unit needing supervised care. Several incidents were reported to have been witnessed by surveyors that no staff was on the unit to supervise the patients. One incident lasted as long as 40 minutes. A plan was put in place to correct the staffing deficiency before the surveyors left PNC, according to the report.

• On Jan. 22, 2002, the Secured Unit had fewer than needed nursing staff members or, at times, no staffing available for the patients between 3:45 p.m. until 7:07 p.m. An Intermediate Jeopardy was also issued. One staff member reported during a shift on Jan. 23 she had been the only nurse aide on the South Unit: South Hall and Secured Unit.

• A registered nurse was not employed in the capacity of the Director of Nurses.

• Dietary services were also listed as a deficiency. During one meal while the surveyors were at the facility, surveyors obtained a sample meal served from the steam table. The report stated: "The regular brisket and beans were mounds of dark brown plated next to what appeared to be pale tan, mashed potatoes, but was in fact, potato salad. The meal ended with butterscotch pudding, burnt orange in color." The report described foods as "excessively salty," "tart, unpleasing flavor" and "distasteful."

• Infection control logs on the patients were incomplete for November and December 2001, and January 2002, in that they inaccurately identified organisms and failed to identify if the infections were in-house or community acquired.

• Nurses' notes dated Jan. 11, 2002, report a male resident was found in a bed lying on top of another resident. The nurses' notes reveal this resident had placed his hand between a female resident's legs. On Jan. 25, 2002, a staff member said she was on duty Jan. 13, but had not completed an incident report nor reported the behavior to the abuse coordinator. No evidence of an investigation was provided by the facility, according to the report.

Patterson said the TDHS will return to PNC to follow-up on the January survey.

She also said the facility will not be allowed to admit any new patients who have Medicaid and/or Medicare coverage until PNC meets substantial compliance.

Among the reasons for the visit was to investigate 'patient incidents' and complaints. She defined patient incidents as falls or injuries, and said there had been four at the local facility.

Complaints had been made to TDH, also, she said, and was part of the reason for the inspection. She said complaints may come from patients, families or staff members. She did not specify who made the complaints about PNC.

PNC was last inspected on June 26, 2001. Patterson said a regular survey was conducted at the time of the January 2002 inspection.

PNC is owned by Living Centers of Texas, Inc. out of Atlanta, Georgia. Melody Chatelle, spokesperson for the company, said late Friday evening that her organization had just received the report and were in the process of going through it completely.

Referring to the report as an 'annual survey', she said the management may not agree with the entire report, but will respond for the best interests of the patients.

"We are not closing," said Chatelle.

"We have already made administrative changes," she said "This is not unusual in running a nursing facility. We take a lot of pride in our facility."

Patterson said TDH surveyors would be back soon, and would follow-up on the changes TNC is to implement.

An interim administrator, Patricia Edmiston, is at the facility.

"I'm looking forward to some new positive changes for out future," she said.

Chatelle said the facility has made some nursing changes, also.

Princess Margaret dies

LONDON (AP) — Princess Margaret, the high-spirited and unconventional sister of Queen Elizabeth II, died Saturday after a life that echoed with regret and thwarted love. She was 71.

The princess died peacefully in her sleep at King Edward VII Hospital at 6:30 a.m., a statement from Buckingham Palace said.

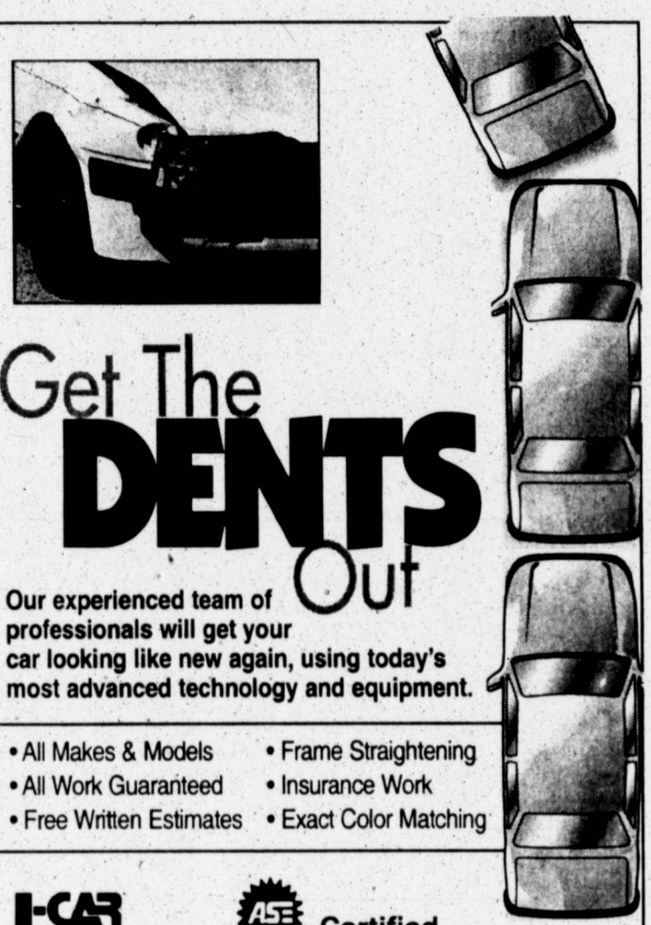
Margaret suffered a stroke Friday afternoon and developed cardiac problems during the night. She was taken from Kensington Palace to the hospital at 2:30 a.m., the statement said.

Her children, Lord Linley, 40, and Lady Sarah Chatto, 37, were with her, the statement added.

A heavy smoker for many years, Margaret had suffered repeated respiratory illnesses and had part of a lung removed in January 1985. She had a mild stroke in February 1998 and another in March 2001.

Margaret was last seen in public before Christmas at the 100th birthday party of Princess Alice, the Dowager Duchess of Gloucester. Margaret was confined to a wheelchair and wore heavy dark glasses, her sight having been affected by a stroke.

The queen left her Norfolk estate Friday and traveled to Windsor. Queen Mother Elizabeth, 101, who is recovering from a persistent cold, stayed on at the estate.


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native leadership to the Taliban.

There were reports that he and Mohammed Omar had argued about the presence of Osama Bin Laden in Afghanistan. Some reports said Muttawakil had been jailed in the last months of Taliban rule for trying to press for bin Laden to be handed over.

But he stuck with the Taliban's hard line in public, challenging the United States and Britain in October to send in ground troops. "Let them come here in the ground," he said. "We will fight and let's see who will win."

Officials are hoping that Muttawakil's surrender could prompt other Taliban leaders to give up as well.

Before Muttawakil turned himself in, the highest-ranking Taliban official in custody was the former army chief of staff, Mullah Fazel Mazloom.

He is among the 186 prisoners being held at the U.S. Navy base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

More than 50 U.S. soldiers arrived at a remote spot in eastern Afghanistan's mountains Friday to determine who was killed in a CIA missile attack Monday, said Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

A remote-controlled Predator spy plane fired at "some individuals," but officials do not know for sure if they were al-Qaida members., Myers said. The people were gathered near a truck in the area of Zawar Kili, a former al-Qaida stronghold near the border with Pakistan, he said.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld discounted speculation that bin Laden might have been among those killed.

"We just simply have no idea," he said.

Neither Rumsfeld nor Myers offered much detail on the circumstances of the attack, which other officials said involved the use of at least one Hellfire air-to-ground missile launched from the Predator.

Authorities have questioned about 105 of the 186 prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Rumsfeld said. The interrogations will continue in hope of gleaning information that could pre-empt any future attacks by al-Qaida terrorists.

Rumsfeld complained of "isolated pockets of international hyperventilation" over U.S. handling of the prisoners.

He referred to critics who reacted strongly to an official Defense Department photograph of newly arrived prisoners kneeling on the ground and wearing earmuffs and blacked-out goggles.

"The newspaper headlines that yelled, 'Torture! What's next? Electrodes?' and all of this rubbish (were) so inexcusable that it does make one wonder why we put out any photographs, if that's the way they're going to be treated, so irresponsibly," he said.

Rumsfeld added that he was not considering any new restrictions on news coverage of the detention camp.

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TEXAS EDITORIALS

Lay's decision to lie low no suprise, but naivete´ is

From the Houston *Chronicle*:

Former Enron Chairman Ken Lay's decision not to appear before House and Senate committees Monday is less surprising than his naive initial belief, expressed through his attorney, that he would receive a painless hearing on Capitol Hill. Congressional investigating committees as a rule do not give painless hearings to those whom they investigate.

The unstated but inarguable purpose of the hearings is to give the politicians an opportunity to pose as outraged and avenging angels in the service of a public whose interests they often previously ignored. If members of Congress on both sides of the aisle had been less encouraging or condoning of dubious accounting, abusive tax shelters and risky pension plans, the Enron debacle might never have happened.

Lay's lawyer, Earl J. Silbert, wrote the congressional committees that Lay could not be "expected to participate in a proceeding in which conclusions have been reached before (he) has been given an opportunity to be heard." That reasonable assertion fails to acknowledge that Lay had opportunities to tell his side to Congress much earlier in the scandal, but declined due to the press of business.

Unfortunately for Lay, important conclusions on Enron have been reached outside Washington. Those conclusions carry more import than much of what Lay would have volunteered to the committees or can be compelled to reveal under subpoena.

In a report filed Saturday with the federal bankruptcy court in New York, a committee of Enron directors concluded that the corporation's top executives, directors, auditors and lawyers all failed in their duties and share blame for the debacle, which seemed to enter a darker chapter over the weekend. Lay was the company's chief executive for all but a few months of its history since he transformed Enron from a stable gas pipeline company to a global energy trading firm. He bears chief responsibility for allowing the questionable partnerships that, according to the report, hid billions of dollars in losses and liabilities and overstated Enron profits by $1 billion in the last two years.

The report states that several Enron executives who managed the off-book partnerships were "enriched by tens of millions of dollars they should not have received." Perhaps most damning is the report's finding that some of the partnerships had no legitimate business purpose. Lay and Enron's directors had extensive knowledge of the disastrous partnerships, but exercised little or no oversight.

The directors' report was compiled by a three-person panel headed by William Powers, dean of the University of Texas law school and a special director appointed to investigate the huge corporation's collapse. While the report spread the blame around among all the players, it was more specific in its findings and critical of Enron's directors and top managers than is typical of such inside reviews.

Contributing to the dark clouds hanging over the Enron scandal was a Justice Department memorandum directing White House officials to save any and all documents concerning administration contacts and policies concerning Enron.

When the nation's top prosecutors feel the need to routinely remind White House officials to preserve evidence and potential evidence in a criminal investigation, the government has some way to go before many Americans will be convinced that integrity has been restored throughout its ranks.

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Perils of perfunctory periods



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It is amazing what a period can do.

Periods probably reached their zenith in the 1990s as the dot in dot.com, but now they may have fallen on bad times.

Now, don't get me wrong. I am no grammarian. I've had editors tell me that the only thing worse than my spelling is my punctuation usage. However, a total lack of punctuation can make for some interesting reading.

This month a calendar of events from the Amarillo Civic Center ended up on my desk.

On Feb. 1, the calendar listed the Panhandle Boat and RV Show SUNSHINE BOYS. I thought SUNSHINE BOYS was a good name for a boat show. That's usually when I think of going boating. I've been boating when the sun wasn't shining, and it's really not much fun.

Of course on Feb. 2, the calendar shows the Panhandle Boat and RV Show Lift Every Voice.

Most of the boaters I know lift their voices at the very thought of boats and sunshine.

On Feb. 5, the Amarillo Civic Center calendar shows Pantex/BWXT All Hands Meeting RATTLERS vs Cotton Kings.

Assuming RATTLERS vs Cotton Kings refers to the Amarillo and Lubbock hockey teams, does that mean we all put our hands together for the hockey games, or are Pantex employees the only ones that are applauding?

On Feb. 7, the calendar shows Amarillo Executive Assn. Banquet AHS Cluster Band CIRCUS GATTI.

I know some executives in Amarillo. I'll bet it would be a circus even without the AHS Cluster Band.

Of course, on Feb. 8 is the American Quarter Horse Assn. Banquet CIRCUS GATTI.

Yeah, you know that will be a circus.

On Feb. 9, it's Men Who Cook CIRCUS GATTI. I don't even want to know what's in that bowl of chili.

Feb. 10 is Miss Amarillo Talent Search RATTLERS vs Scorpions.

Call me a sexist, but I really liked it better when the girls in a beauty pageant sang or danced.

The next Sunday, Feb. 17, we have Diocese Retreat Gun Show.

Now that ought to make for some interesting discussions.

On Feb. 23, there is the Antique Show Taste of Texas RATTLERS vs Blazers THIRD DAY.

Okay, does that mean that the hockey players are being served old food, or does it mean that those attending the civic center will be served old rattlesnake meat. If rattlesnake tastes like chicken, the THIRD DAY ought to be really rank.

I will applaud, however, the civic center's scheduling on Feb. 26 of Parenting Conference RATTLERS vs Cotton Kings.

It's about time somebody held a parenting conference for hockey fans.



War carries a hefty price tag



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

President George Bush's State of the Union address told us that legislation passed, expenditures made and troops deployed are just the beginning of our war on terrorism. But shouldn't we begin to confront the hard-minded question: How much should we sacrifice and for how long?

To answer at least part of that question, there must be a realistic assessment of the risks of further terrorist acts and the attendant expected losses. There is such a thing as over-caution against terrorist acts as well as under-caution. Both can be costly errors. Let's look at it.

Any knowledgeable astronomer will tell me that there's a non-zero chance that a meteorite will strike my house. What precautionary steps should I take other than a prayer or two? I'm going to take none because the risks are so small that any precautionary steps I might take would be a waste of resources that might be better spent elsewhere. Clearly, the risks of terrorist attacks are greater than a meteorite hitting my house, but the principle is still the same – namely, we must make realistic risk assessments of a terrorist act before we commit resources to its prevention.

For example, I don't believe there's much risk that terrorists will ever again be able to hijack a plane using box cutters or some other sharp object. The reason they got away with it on Sept. 11 was because passengers thought they'd just wind up in Cuba or some other destination. If passengers had known or suspected they'd be flown into the World Trade Center, they would have subdued the hijackers even if a few were injured in the process. Moreover, box-cutter hijackings are even more improbable since the random assignment of sky marshals.

To the extent that there's little risk of a Sept. 11-type hijacking, the massive resources expended trying to prevent it, including costly passenger hassle and inconvenience, are wasted and might result in terrorist casualties elsewhere. Why? Because the resources used by the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to prevent Sept. 11-type acts might be better spent elsewhere.

But terrorist casualties elsewhere are of little concern to DOT or FAA officials because the victims of DOT and FAA under-precaution are visible and might result in embarrassment and job loss. The victims of DOT and FAA over-precaution, through wasting resources that might be better spent elsewhere, are invisible. In other words, no one would blame DOT and FAA officials for a terrorist attack in a shopping mall.

Another important cost of the war on terrorism is our loss of liberty. Politicians have always coveted the liberties we hold. The war on terrorism provides them cover and an excuse for encroachment.

For example, in order to dig into our pocketbooks, politicians have always wanted detailed information about us – such as where and how much we bank and invest. Under the cover of anti-terrorism, new bank and security exchange regulations have been written enabling Congress to pry into the business of all Americans. Some Washington politicians have always longed for the day when Americans are forced to carry identity cards – the war on terrorism has provided them cover. We might not be far from the day, a la Nazi Germany, when we'll be walking down the street and hear someone bark, "Show me your papers!"

Don't misread me. A clear constitutional duty of the federal government is national defense, and not taking the earnings of one American and giving them to another. We'd have more than enough resources to put into our anti-terrorism battle, while keeping our liberties, if we'd increase the former and decrease the latter.

FROM OUR FILES

40 years ago

TUESDAY, Feb. 13, 1962. Damage was estimated today at between $1.5 million and $2 million in the explosions and fire that swept through the Dorchester Corporation's Cargray gasoline plant near Skellytown yesterday afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14, 1962. Calvin Whatley was elected president of the Pampa Salvation Army Advisory Board at the board's annual meeting yesterday in the Pampa Hotel. He succeeds J. Kirk Duncan in the post.

THURSDAY, Feb. 15, 1962. A Red Cross Disaster Nursing Conference was held recently in Coronado Inn with 44 persons present.

25 years ago

THURSDAY, Feb. 10, 1977. More than 200 persons attended a coffee and reception this morning in the M.K. Brown Auditorium for Robert F. (Bob) Gordon who retired Tuesday after serving Pampa as city attorney for nearly 37 years.

FRIDAY, Feb. 11, 1977. A plaque from "the grateful citizens of Pampa for faithful and dedicated service as city attorney from 1940-1977" was presented by Mayor R.D. Wilkerson to Robert F. Gordon Thursday at M.K. Brown Civic Center.

SUNDAY, Feb. 13, 1977. Pampa law enforcement officers answered 725 calls for police during January.

10 years ago

MONDAY, Feb. 10, 1992. Nanette O. Moore has brought 15 years of experience in chamber of commerce work and an enthusiasm along with it to her new position as manager of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce.

TUESDAY, Feb. 11, 1992. After shooting down Randall, 111-59, Friday night, the top-ranked Pampa Harvesters will be gunning for their fourth consecutive playoff berth tonight in a District 1-4A clash with Borger in McNeely Fieldhouse.

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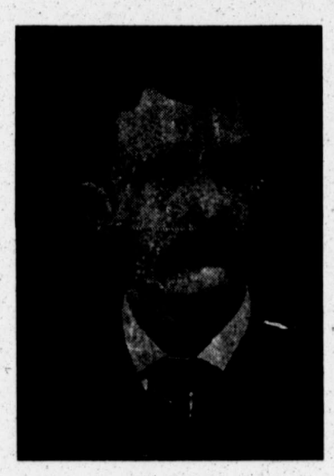
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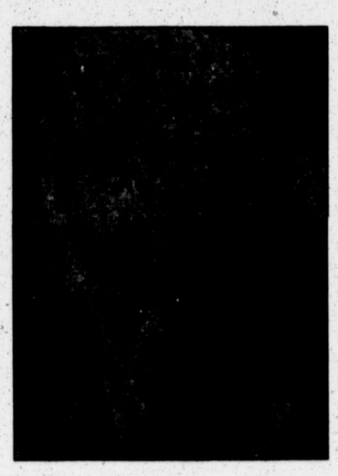
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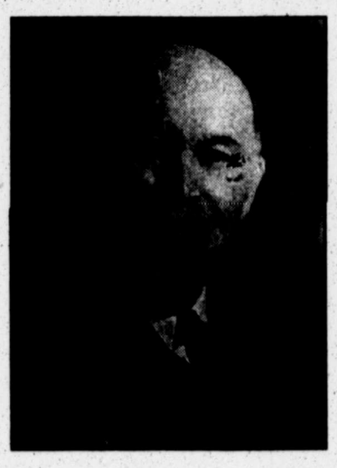
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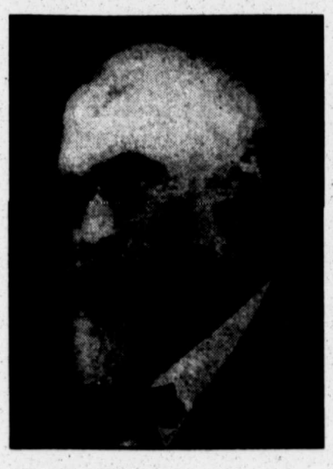
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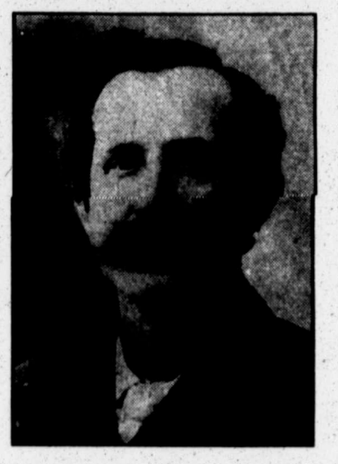

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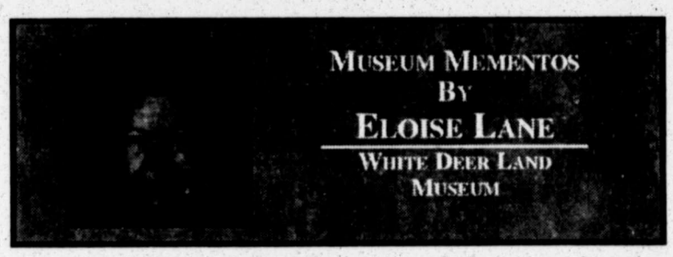

Siler Faulkner


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John Robert Henry

Lefors originally elected to serve as county seat



(The following Museum Memento is a repetition of a previous column dated April 2, 1990.)

The election to organize Gray County was held on May 27, 1902. John Henry was the presiding judge of the election. D.C. Davis and P.E. Gragg were the election judges. B.F. and J.W. Talley were the election clerks who tallied the votes.

John Henry was also the presiding officer of Precinct 1, and that precinct voted at his ranch home near Laketon. The voters were W.R. Flowers, A.E. Gething, A.M. Renner, N.A. Gray, J.C. Short, J.E. Williams, Henry Thut, W.R. Holder, F.M. Faulkner, W.T. Wilks, E.N. Lynch, R.H. and G.D. Jahns, Sam Stump, M. McConley, M.A. Lewis, Perry LeFors, J.A. Paris, J.S. Denson, C.F. Sohns, L.E. Glen, J.W. Davidson, J.M. Jackson, G.M. Moon, J.B. Baird, L.O. Boney, S.H. Sohns, W.W. Harrah, J.L. Martin, Hermin Kisenmenger, W.L. Gillis, H.M. Williams, G.H. Saunders, D.C. Davis, B.F. Talley, J.W. Talley, Perry Gragg, J.R. Henry.

A special meeting of the Roberts County Commissioners Court on June 9, 1902, confirmed the first officers of Gray County: George H. Saunders, county judge; Siler Faulkner, county and district clerk; J.T. Crawford, sheriff and tax collector; Henry Thut, county treasurer; L.O. Boney, county assessor; J.T. Pollard, court surveyor; J.J. McCarty, hide and animal inspector; J.M. Jackson, commissioner, Precinct 1; H.B. Lovett, commissioner, Precinct 2; S.B. Owens, commissioner, Precinct 4; J.C. Short, justice of the peace, Precinct 1; J.A. Hopkins, justice of the peace, Precinct 3; Perry LeFors, justice of the peace, Precinct 4.

Since there were two candidates for commissioner in Precinct 3, and each received the same number of votes, it was declared that no commissioner was elected in Precinct 3. No Justice of the peace was elected for Precinct 2.

The county seat of Gray County was elected to be Lefors on 160 acres of the Travis Leach survey. The Supreme Court of Texas had decided that it would take two-thirds of the entire vote cast to locate the county seat at any one point more than five miles from the center of the county. Lefors is at the exact center of Gray County.

On June 30, 1902, the first Commissioners Court of Gray County convened at Lefors. The first act of the court was to approve T.J. Crawford's bond of $2,208 as tax collector, with D.C. Davis, T.J. Roby and L.H. Webb as sureties. Henry Thut was instructed to get the money which had been deposited in the treasury at Austin while the county was unorganized. The amount was $7,307.98.

Siler Faulkner, who was sent to Miami to get the county records, later said that he brought them all back under his arm, as there were only six or seven small deed records.

These early deeds show that distances were measured by varas. A vara (Spanish for "pole") is a Texas unit of length equal to 33.33 inches (84.66 cm).

Salaries for the commissioner court members were $3 per day for the first year. The average meeting lasted two days.

Or, July 1, 1902, the court accepted the bid of George D. Barnard and Co. for $2,457.50 for a complete set of books and miscellaneous stationery. Warrants in amount of $250 each were to be issued for the aggregate amount. A file case was purchased for $10.

On July 7, 1902, salaries for county officers were set at a court meeting. The judge and clerk were to receive $500 annually; the sheriff, $300; and the treasurer a 2 1/2 percent commission on taxes collected.

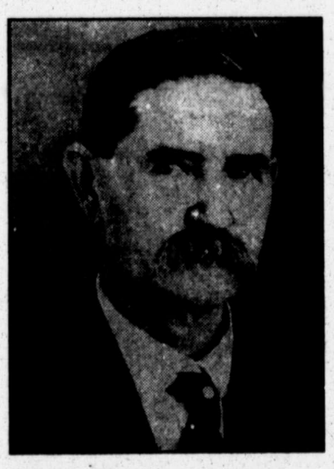
An order was approved to purchase a vault, five gallons of coal oil, an oil can, two lamps and two brooms. Advertisements were to be placed in the "Miami Chief" and the "Banner Stockman" of Clarendon for building a stone or brick vault in the courthouse. If of stone, the walls were to be 18-inches thick with one 4-inch air chamber.

The ground plan by S.B. Owens for the new courthouse was accepted. The contract for construction of the building was let to H.E. Weckesser of Miami for $2,208.50.

H.G. Saunders was empowered to hire a lawyer to write a more definite contract for the construction of the courthouse.

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The officials who supervised the election on May 27, 1902, were awarded $2 each.

On Aug. 11, 1902, the county clerk was authorized to transcribe all necessary records in Roberts County which belonged in Gray County. This included cattle brands.

J.R. Henry, Henry Williams, J.E. Williams, W.R. Holder and Perry LeFors were appointed road viewers to lay out a road from Lefors to the Gray County line to intersect the Miami and Mobeetie road at the Gray County line.

On Aug. 12, a contract was awarded to George W. Nickol to build a brick vault at a cost of $995. H.E. Weckesser was hired to furnish the vault with necessary pigeon holes, book shelves and drawers to be made of poplar or white pine lumber for $125. All members of the court agreed to erect the courthouse on Block 38.

On Sept. 27, H.B. Lovett was sent to Grimes County to inspect, classify and find the cash value of Gray County School Land. George D. Barnard was allowed $77.91 for books. The county clerk was asked to procure two dozen good chairs.

The first marriage license in Gray County was issued on Oct. 1, 1902, to George D. Jahns and Nettie V. Renner of the Laketon community.

On Oct. 2, the contract with H.E. Weckesser was accepted, and he was to be paid $25 to build a grand jury room.

An election on Nov. 4 included a proposal for a state constitutional amendment providing for a poll tax as a qualification for voting. This carried in Gray County as well as in the state.

On Nov. 11, the county officials bought four coal stoves from J.M. Jackson and paid A.E. Davis $1.25 to haul them from Miami. The Johnson Mercantile Co. was allowed $4.20 for five gallons of coal oil, an oil can, two-lamps and two brooms. Siler Faulkner was allowed $4.91 for transcribing and purchasing records of Roberts County that pertained to Gray County. H.B. Lovett was awarded $59.40 for his trip to Grimes County. A.A. Holland was appointed presiding officer for Precinct 2.

It was decided to lease 17,712 acres of Gray County school land at 5-cents an acre for a term of five years to the Scharbauer Cattle Co. of Midland, Texas.

A proposition was made to George Tyng, agent for White Deer Lands, for laying out a first-class road, 60-feet wide, from Lefors to the west line of Gray County by way of Pampa.

On Dec. 10, a special election, petitioned by the people of Alanreed, was held for the purpose of determining whether or not to permit the sale of intoxicating liquors. There were 34 votes for and 24 against prohibition.

On Dec. 22, the Johnson Mercantile Co. was allowed $41.75 for five tons, 445 pounds of coal at $8 per ton.

Judge B.M. Baker was the first district judge to preside at the new county seat. On Nov. 22, 1902, he fixed the terms of court at two years, to begin on the first Mondays in January and July. The first district court began on Jan. 12, 1903, with L.D. Miller acting as district attorney; J.T. Crawford, sheriff, and Siler Faulkner, acting district clerk.

The first grand jury of the county was impaneled with Perry LeFors as foreman and these members: J.B. Baird, B.F. Talley, C.W. Cox, W.R. Holder, T.P. Hays, W.N. Huntsmen, T.D. Cocks, Frank Kelley, J.L. Gray, P.R. Reeves and Silas Campbell. The bailiffs were J.C. Short, B.F. Harris and E.P. Vincent. The first jury commission was composed of D.B. Veatch, T.D. Cocks and Henry Thut, Sr.

The first civil case tried in county court was a grass burning charge against the Rock Island (Choctaw) Railway.

The first recorded birth in Gray County was that of William T. Fraser, born Sept. 8, 1903. He was the son of John and Margaret Fraser of the Boydston community. The first birth of date, but third in the list of entries, was that of Marion Thomas, daughter of Alice and T.M. Thomas. She was born July 19, 1903, at Alanreed. Some early settlers insisted that Charlie M. Webb, born Jan. 3, 1903, should be considered as first.

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AGRICULTURE

Senate votes new limit on farm subsidies

Southern lawmakers protest $275,000 cap

By PHILIP BRASHER
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Big grain and cotton farms may see their government payments shrink.

Despite opposition from major farm groups, the Senate voted overwhelmingly Thursday to impose an annual limit on agricultural subsidies of $275,000 per farm.

Under existing rules, growers generally are held to $460,000 in annual payments, but subsidies essentially are unlimited under a program that guarantees minimum revenue for grain, cotton, soybeans and other commodities.

The Senate's 66-31 vote to cap payments at $275,000 followed public disclosure over the past year about how such operators have reaped unusually large subsidies under programs intended to keep family farms from going under.

For example, a Florida real estate developer who controls 130,000 acres of farm and ranch land received at least $1.2 million in subsidies for his 2000 crop, according to government records.

The vote was a bitter defeat for senators from the South, where cotton and rice interests are particularly dependent on federal subsidies.

"That's a big vote. It's the new reality in farm programs," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan.

The $275,000 limit was added to a Democratic-authored overhaul of farm programs that would extend subsidies for another five years. A House-passed farm bill would allow farmers to receive even more money than they can under existing law.

The Senate approved another amendment that would restore food stamps to many legal immigrants by cutting off subsidies to growers who periodically leave their farms fallow. The cutoff would free up about $140 million a year for food stamps.

Southern Democrats threatened to abandon the farm bill, arguing that payment limits were unfair to growers of cotton and rice because of the relatively high cost of producing those crops compared with corn and soybeans, the Midwest's main commodities. Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., said the $275,000 limit was a "poison pill."

After they were soundly defeated, however, the southerners were more conciliatory.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., wants to get the legislation out of the Senate next week, so that House and Senate negotiators can begin working on a compromise version.

Backers of the subsidy cap, led by Sens. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said big government payments were driving up land prices and allowing large producers to push smaller operations out of business.

"The single most effective thing Congress could do to strengthen the fabric of rural communities and family farms across the nation is to stop subsidizing megafarms that drive their neighbors out of business by bidding land away from them," said Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D.

Critics of the measure predicted farmers would find ways to circumvent the limits by restructuring their operations. "I'm sure there are people sitting down tonight to figure out just that," said Ohio farmer Tony Anderson.

The Bush administration has taken no position on the measure, although officials have argued that existing programs unfairly benefit large farms and encourage the overproduction of crops that already are in surplus.

The American Farm Bureau Federation and organizations representing wheat, corn, cotton, rice and soybean growers wrote to wavering senators Wednesday to urge "no" votes on limits. The groups argued that payment limits penalize farms that expand to cut costs.

Crops vary widely in their cost of production, depending on the need for fertilizer, special equipment, irrigation and the like. Rice is among the most expensive to grow, at $386 an acre, followed by cotton at $298, according to the Agriculture Department. Corn costs $166 per acre to produce, while soybeans, which require relatively little fertilizer, can be grown for $79 an acre.

The bill is S.1731.

FARM SCENE

Snowfall helped, but winter wheat still stressed

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Recent snowfalls have brought needed moisture to winter wheat fields in Kansas, but a prolonged drought so stressed the crop that as much as 32 percent of it remains in poor or very poor condition, the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service says.

"That looks pretty depressing," said Bob Bowden, plant pathologist at Kansas State University.

The agency said Monday that 41 percent of the wheat was in fair shape, with 27 percent in good to excellent condition.

Kansas is the largest wheat-producing state in the nation, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics.

Moderate temperatures and dry conditions continued during most of January. However, snow, sleet or freezing rain fell last week in most areas.

While the precipitation helped, the wheat remains drought-stressed with poorly developed root systems.

"A lot of wheat came up OK, but then the soil got very dry and it didn't get a chance to establish a root system before winter," Bowden said. "It is under a lot of stress right now."

Freeze damage has been light so far, with the latest report showing 7 percent of the acreage has moderate freeze damage and 25 percent light damage.

"Even if we do get the rains, I am not sure that is going to allow us to fully recover from the kind of weather we have had in this cropping year," Bowden said.

What also worries plant pathologists is that the very long and warm fall without rain made conditions ripe for the spread of barley yellow dwarf virus.

The virus, which also affects wheat, has already been found in some of tests, Bowden said. The virus can take as much as a third of the crop's yield potential.

Also of concern is the incidence of leaf rust and stripped rust this winter in Texas.

Spores can blow in the wind to Kansas, which saw its first ever stripped rust epidemic last year. That disease was blamed for reducing yields statewide by 7 percent last year.

On the Net:
Kansas Wheat Growers Association: http://www.wheatonline.com

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Some Louisiana cotton farmers are considering switching to corn after a poor season last year and bad financial news this year.

Farmers and the lenders who support them don't know what kind of federal financial support to expect because the U.S. Senate did not take up a farm bill before ending the 2001 legislative year.

Late rains hurt last year's cotton harvest and this year's cotton prices are lower than last. Low prices meant cotton farmers lost an average of $125 per acre last year, said Bob Odom, state agriculture commissioner.

Odom said many cotton farmers may decide to switch to corn, because it's considered more stable and less expensive to plant.

"It's a tough decision for the farmer and the lender when you look at the numbers," he said.

Many farmers returned to cotton over the past few years when cotton crop insurance costs dropped. After rains ruined much of last year's crop, however, insurance did not make up the shortfalls in production and price.

The number of acres growing cotton rose from 535,000 in 1998 to 870,000 in 2001. Cotton prices have declined from about 60 cents a pound in 1998 to an average of 39 cents a pound last year.

The price for cotton is now about 30 to 32 cents per pound and has dipped as low as 29 cents, said David Bollick, a grain marketing specialist with the Farm Bureau Marketing Association.

Cattle Raisers to celebrate 125th anniversary

FORT WORTH — Members of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will gather in Fort Worth March 16-20 to address the issues that impact their way of life and celebrate the 125th anniversary of the organization formed to protect it.

TSCRA President John Dudley urges every TSCRA member to participate, and especially encourages nonmembers to come and see what TSCRA is all about.

"Our convention is a showcase for TSCRA's programs and services," says Dudley. "It provides a forum for each individual rancher to have a say on what those programs should be and how they should be run.

"The committee meetings, general sessions and board of directors meeting are open to anyone who wants to attend," he adds. "So are the Trade Show, School for Successful Ranching and many other activities. You'll learn a lot, meet a lot of good people . . . and you'll have a lot of fun!"

TSCRA's Trade Show is packed with more than 200 exhibits featuring the latest in equipment and management tools for today's rancher. Along Rodeo Drive you'll find all the accessories that complement a Western lifestyle — clothes, hats, buckles, jewelry and items for your home.

There's also food, entertainment, music and door prizes! On Sunday, legendary Texas ranchers will share their stories during Wisdom of Experience sessions. Music will be provided by the Mark Gorman Band, 2000 Country Band of the Year. On Monday, cowboy poet and humorist Baxter Black will appear, courtesy of Hi-Pro Animal Health. From the Tonight Show and PBS to NPR, Baxter's wacko verse has been seen and heard by millions.

The Trade Show will be open from 1-6 p.m., Sunday, March 17; 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday, March 18 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, March 27.

Admission requires a $5 day badge or a badge received with registration to the convention. Badges from the TSCRA School for Successful Ranching will also be recognized on Sunday. On Tuesday, admission is free!

While there's lots of fun and socializing, issues are the focal point of the convention, says Dudley. One hundred and 25 years ago, members of the organization that became Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association banded together to fight cattle thieves in a few north Texas counties. Today their worries are worldwide ... and much more complex. Leaders from government and industry have been invited to this year's convention to share their insights on issues concerning beef producers.

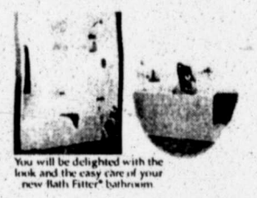
They include Gov. Rick Perry at the Kickoff Luncheon; Sen. Phil Gramm, U.S. Rep. Kay Granger, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Susan Combs and Philip M. Seng, president and CEO of the U.S. Meat Export Federation, at the board of directors meeting; and Pete Laney, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, at the PAC breakfast.

Sims re-elected president of TFU

CORPUS CHRISTI — Wes Sims was recently re-elected to a two-year term as president of Texas Farmers Union (TFU). Sims, a farmer from Sweetwater, was first elected six years ago to lead the Texas farm group.

"I pledge to you total commitment and effort to do all I can to bring economic improvement to our farmers and ranchers," Sims said in his acceptance speech. He continued, "anything less than fairness to rural America is totally unacceptable."

This group also re-elected Joe Rankin to a fourth term as vice president. Rankin is a cotton farmer from Ralls and former president of the organization. Billy Miller, McGregor dairy farmer; Mike Oldham, peanut farmer of Shamrock; Finley Barnett, livestock of Merkel; and A. J. Priesmeyer, rice farmer of El Campo were elected district directors.

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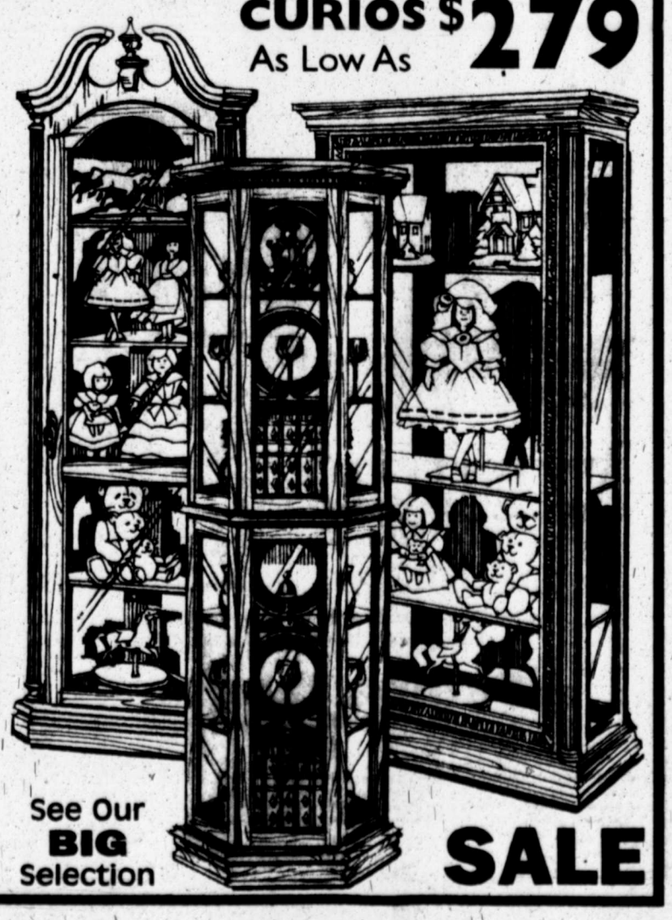
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Don Van Palta

Knife and Fork Club announces meeting

Don Van Palta, an well-known entertainer on the cruise ship circuit, will be the featured artist at the next meeting of the Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club scheduled to take place Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Pampa Country Club.

Van Palta's subject will be "With a Banjo on My Knee."

Palta can play two tunes at the same time on his banjo. He can make the instrument sound like a ticking, chiming clock or sound like two, three or even four banjos playing at once. When he adds a mute, his banjo sounds like a mandolin.

Van Palta's act is built around his Dutch heritage. He came over from Holland in 1946, right after World War II. His introductions and humor are reminiscent of Victor Borge. He is known across America as "The Flying Dutchman."

His credits include the Mickey Finn Nite Club in San Diego, the Jerry Van Dyke Show, the Mike Douglas Show, Caesar's Palace and the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

Square House Museum to host lecture, art shows

PANHANDLE — Martha Arnett, Deborah Lynn and Jim Jordan are exhibiting their artwork at the Square House Museum in Panhandle through February and March. Arnett and her daughter, Deborah, are exhibiting a variety of mediums in the Square House Gallery. Delicate florals oppose western scenes in this show of watercolors, oils and pastels. Both are members of the Lone Star Pastel Society.

Arnett's subject matter is landscapes, still-lifes, animals, flowers and people. She paints with all mediums but prefers oil for its vitality of color and nature of expression. A student of Dalhart Windberg, Jack Sorenson, Celia Meadows, Katherine Stephens, J.D. Keel, Ben Konis, Vickie Clark and 'Kay Houston, Arnett incorporates numerous techniques into her work.

Working from her home in Amarillo, Texas, Lynn gathers inspiration from the land and it's people. She shows a sensitive appreciation to the gentle side of nature with her love of watercolor and its freshness and spontaneity. When using oils, her sensitive paintings reflect the beauty, warmth, spirit and power of the Southwest.

Jim Jordan grew up in the Texas Panhandle listening to the sounds around him. He began his artistry as a musician, then later translated it into photography. He has attended workshops with Robert Glen Ketchum, Ray McSavenny, Meridel Rubenstein, John Shaw, Frank Gohlke and Keith Carter.

His recognition as an artist has taken a circuitous, but interesting route. He worked in the Water Reclamation Department for the City of Amarillo for many years. Since leaving this position, he has become heavily involved in the artistic community of the Amarillo area.

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He serves as the president of Amarillo Museum of Art, Amarillo Opera and Amarillo-Panhandle Human Society. The Amarillo College Photography enjoys his expertise as a member of the Advisory Committee plus he is director of the campus's Southern Light Gallery. He also belongs to Society for Photographic Education and Houston Center for Photography.

Jordan is a frequent exhibitor in the libraries and other public galleries in Amarillo. His work has been shown in Lubbock at the Buddy Holly Center and the Fine Art Center, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, University of Texas and numerous competitions and juried shows.

Solo exhibits have featured "Igiesia Suite," "Xing the Panhandle" at Carson County Square House Museum, "Palo Duro Canyon Revisited" at WTAMU, "New Mexico in a Box" at PPHM and "Palo Duro Suite" at Amarillo Botanical Gardens.

Separate receptions are scheduled from 2:30-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 24 at the museum and a lecture by Jordan is planned at 3 p.m. For more information, call (806) 537-3524.

'Cinderella' pageant winners to advance to state

Ekatarina Dion Fuentes of Panhandle won "Cinderella Baby Beauty" in the 12-23-month age division of the Greater Panhandle Cinderella Pageant in White Deer recently. She is the daughter of Heather and Eddie Fuentes of Panhandle.

Hunter Rene Heck, daughter of Rene and Derek Heck of Panhandle, was crowned the overall winner in the 24-35 month competition, and the title of "Cinderella Baby Beauty" in the 24-35 month category went to Amber Sons, daughter of Sherri Sons of White Deer.

These top titleholders are eligible to compete in the Texas State Cinderella Baby Pageant scheduled June 12-16 at Houston.

Other winners include:

TOT DIVISION. Kirstin Hood of Pampa, photogenic winner; Emily Banks of White Deer, TOT personality first runner-up; Krystin Miller of Pampa, TOT personality winner; Ashley Stark of Pampa, beauty first runner-up; Abby Rios of Borger, beauty winner; Ashley Henderson of Borger, overall winner.

MINI MISS. Jenna Munsell of Pampa, photogenic winner; Holly Walker of Borger, talent first runner-up; Marissa Stover of White Deer, talent second runner-up; Caylee Steward of Pampa, talent third runner-up; Danielle Zuniga of Pampa, talent winner; Jillian Whipple of Borger, beauty first runner-up; Courtney Ward of Pampa, beauty second runner-up; Sara Banks of White Deer, beauty third runner-up; Emily Hammer of Panhandle, beauty winner; Kylin Sinclair of Panhandle, overall winner.

MISS. Daysha Downs of Borger, photogenic winner; Claire Boyd of Pampa, talent first-place ruanner-up; Sara Labus of Panhandle, talent winner; Dusty Michelle Armstrong of White Deer, beauty first-place runner-up; Allison Cooper of Borger, beauty winner; Jacklyn Cargill of Pampa, overall winner.

TEEN. Chera Chavedo of Pampa, photogenic winner; Rebekah Long of Canadian, talent first-place runner-up; Myca Vinson of Pampa, talent second-place runner-up; Kaylee Keith of Pampa, talent winner; Katie Reyna of White Deer, beauty first-place runner-up; Lauren Denny of Pampa, beauty second-place runner-up; Monica Johnson of Pampa, beauty winner; Christie Ward of Hale Center, overall winner.







(Courtesy photo)

Hunter Rene Heck, 2, of Panhandle, upper photo, was "Greater Panhandle Cinderella Baby Overall Winner," and Amber Sons, bottom, of White Deer was "Cinderella Baby Beauty" in the 24-35-month age division.



(Courtesy photos)

One-year-old Ekatarina Fuentes, top right, of Panhandle was recently crowned "Cinderella Baby Beauty" during the Greater Panhandle Cinderella Pageant in the 12-23-month age category. The overall winners of the Greater Panhandle Cinderella Pageant included Kylin Sinclair of Panhandle, Christie Ward of Hale Center, Jacklyn Cargill of Pampa and Ashley Henderson of Borger.

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We wish to thank our friends and relatives who brought food, sent flowers, cards and blessed us with their prayers. We would like to send a special thanks to Dr. Kamnani, PRMC Hospital ICU nurses who so lovingly cared for her during her illness, Brother Burt and Barrett Baptist Church.

RRC allowables for February

AUSTIN — Texas Railroad Commission recently set February 2002 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 29,017,331 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the February 2002 allowable represents a decrease of 2,041,137 Mcf when compared to actual production of 31,058,468 Mcf in February 2001. In setting the February 2002 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from February 2001 and producer forecasts for the February 2002 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for December 2001 is 322,706,643 Mcf compared to 145,899,620 Mcf in December 2000. The January 2002 gas storage estimate is 303,384,801 Mcf.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for 8 percent of total gas well production in Texas.

Preliminary statewide production reported for November 2001 is 29,841,700 barrels of crude oil and 418,681,533 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0299 for crude oil and 1.0890 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

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Study finds double mastectomy lowers cancer risk for rare group

By PAUL RECER
AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Surgically removing both breasts before disease strikes lowers the risk of breast cancer to almost zero for a rare group of women who have a combination of gene mutations and family members with the disease, a study found.

The study, appearing in a recent Journal of the National Cancer Institute, involved women who had close female relatives with breast cancer and who had a mutation in one of two genes, BRCA1 or BRCA2, that have been linked to breast cancer.

Researchers said that the average woman has about a 10 percent lifetime risk of breast cancer. For the women in the study, the lifetime risk was 55 percent to 85 percent.

For such women, said Dr. Lynn C. Hartmann of the Mayo Clinic, a double mastectomy may be considered a reasonable option.

"Those of us outside and looking in may feel very different than the women who must confront this issue," said Hartmann, the first author of the study.

Most experts said that double mastectomy is not expected to become a major choice of preventive therapy, even for the rare women who are at such exceptional risk.

"It is a valuable observation," Dr. Patrick Borgen, a breast surgeon at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, said of the study. "But nobody has been willing to build the future of breast cancer prevention" on a procedure that removes both breasts.

In the study, Hartmann and her colleagues analyzed data from 214 high-risk women who had chosen double mastectomies to prevent breast cancer. From this group, the researchers identified 26 who had both a strong family history of breast cancer and a mutation in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene.

The researchers found that, at an average of about 13 years after undergoing double mastectomies, none of the 26 women had developed breast cancer.

Without the surgery, the researchers estimated, six to nine of the 26 women would have breast cancer. They translated this result into an estimated breast cancer risk reduction of 89.5 percent to 100 percent.

Hartmann said the study was conducted because even a careful mastectomy does not remove all the cells that can lead to breast cancer in high-risk women.

"The ductal system of the breast does not conform to a defined area," she said. "Ductal cells can exist up near the collarbone or down in the armpit or even on the abdominal wall."

The concern, said Hartmann, was that if the surgery left behind a nest of these cells, women with gene mutations "might not be protected at all" by double mastectomies.

But the new study, she said, shows that "if a surgeon removes the vast majority of the tissue at risk, then it removes the chance of breast cancer."

Hartmann said that most women who choose double mastectomies also undergo breast reconstruction.

She said a survey of women who have undergone the procedure found that most were satisfied they had chosen to have their breasts removed because it substantially reduced their high risk of cancer.

Debbie Saslow, head of breast and gynecological cancer care at the American Cancer Society, said the study "may be a big advance" for some high-risk women.

Saslow said that most cancer counselors do not recommend double mastectomies, but the procedure is usually mentioned as an option.

"This study will help women who do choose it to be more confident about their decision," said Saslow.

Dr. Deborah K. Armstrong, a breast cancer specialist at Johns Hopkins University Medical Center in Baltimore, said the option of a double mastectomy applies "only to a very select group of people."

She said only 5 percent to 10 percent of breast cancer patients are in a group identified as "high risk" and only about half of this group would have one of the BRCA mutations.

"Only an extremely small percentage of patients will choose this option," said Armstrong.

Instead, she said, many choose to take five-year courses of Tamoxifen, a drug that studies suggest can reduce breast cancer risk by about 50 percent.

On the Net:

Breast cancer risk: http://www.facingourrisk.org/

National Cancer Institute: http://www.nci.nih.gov

Three genes linked to premature heart attacks

DALLAS (AP) — Scientists say they have found evidence linking three genes to premature heart disease in what could be a step toward a better screening procedure for families at risk.

Using a new technique called high throughput microarray genotyping to sift through some 50,000 genes, the researchers found that three produce thrombospondin. The protein governs blood's ability to clot, a factor in heart disease.

The study in a recent issue of the journal Circulation found that families with a variant of a gene called thrombospondin-4 were 89 percent more likely to have a premature heart attack compared with those who had a normal gene of the same type.

Researchers also found that a variant of the gene thrombospondin-1 was 10 times more likely to form blood clots, while a variant of another gene — thrombospondin-2 — actually reduced the risk of heart attack by 69 percent.

The study looked at 400 families at 15 medical centers across the United States.

Dr. Eric Topol, the study's author and a chairman of cardiovascular medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, said the study was just a first step in the quest to find the root causes of heart disease.

"The hunt for the genes to explain this disease has actually not gone too far yet," Topol said. "We know there's something going on. Each of these variants are making very abnormal proteins."

Topol said the research could lead to a screening procedure to identify at-risk families at an early age. He said the next step is for others to replicate his findings and show the cause-and-effect relationship between the suspect genes and heart illness.

Experts said the study suggested that researchers were on the right track.

"There are millions of segments of genes. This is just one segment," said Dr. David Fischman, a cardiologist and an assistant professor of medicine at the Thomas Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia.

Gene therapy cures blood disease in lab

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sickle cell anemia, a severe, inherited blood disorder that affects more than 70,000 Americans, was cured in laboratory mice using a modified HIV virus to transfer healthy genes into the animal's bone marrow stem cells

> Leboulch said more study was needed and that it would be at least two years before the technique would be ready for human experiments

Experts said the achievement, by a team led by Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts Institute of Technology researchers, marks "an important milestone" in using transferred genes to correct inherited diseases.

"It corrected the sickling problem throughout the bodies of these mice," said Philippe Leboulch, a Harvard and MIT scientist who led the team. "All of the mice were cured permanently."

Leboulch said more study was needed and that it would be at least two years before the technique would be ready for human experiments.

A report on the study appears recently in the journal Science.

"This is an exciting result," said Dr. Michel Sadelain of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. "It is an important milestone in gene therapy."

Sadelain earlier achieved a similar success in mice by correcting the genetic flaw that causes thalassemia, a blood disorder related to sickle cell anemia.

In the new study, researchers used two types of mice that are bred to have a blood disease closely resembling the sickle cell anemia disease in humans.

They removed from the mice samples of the bone marrow, which makes blood, and then irradiated the mice to kill the remaining abnormal bone marrow.

Into the removed bone marrow cells, the researchers placed a fragment of the HIV virus that had been manipulated to contain a normal red blood cell gene. The virus infected the bone marrow, carrying the normal gene into each of the blood-making cells. The bone marrow was then reinjected into the mice.

Once in the animals, the genetically altered bone marrow cells produced normal red blood cells and corrected the sickling disease in the mice.

After 10 months, the mice were killed and their organs and blood examined.

Leboulch said there was no evidence of abnormal blood nor of the organ damage that is common with sickle cell anemia.

Both sickle cell anemia and thalassemia are caused by a failure of a gene that helps to make hemoglobin, the protein in red blood cells that carries oxygen.

In thalassemia, the gene fails to make enough hemoglobin.

In sickle cell disease, the gene makes an abnormal hemoglobin that is sticky and stiff. Instead of the soft, doughnut-shaped, normal hemoglobin, the abnormal protein often forms into a distinctive sickle shape with a sharp point. The abnormal hemoglobin tends to clog small vessels, blocking the flow of blood. This starves tissues for oxygen and can cause damage throughout the body.

The disease causes intense pain. It damages the liver, lungs and kidneys and can trigger stroke or infections. There is no cure, and treatment consists of combatting the symptoms with antibiotics, blood transfusions and surgery.

About 1.2 million Americans carry one sickle cell gene. They are said to have the sickle cell trait and are not affected by the disease. A person must inherit two sickle cell genes — one from each parent — to have the disease. A child born to two parents with the sickle cell trait has one chance in four of the disease. When one parent has the disease and one parent carries the trait, the chances of inheriting sickle cell disease is about 50 percent.

Sickle cell anemia is most common in people of African heritage, but it can occur in any race.

On the Net:

Sickle Cell Disease Association of America: http://www.sicklecelldisease.org/

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BASKETBALL

CANYON — White Deer edged by Claude 70-66 Friday night to win the District 2-1A championship. The two teams were tied for first in the district race, forcing a playoff to determine the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds.

Brian Knocke tossed in 25 points to lead the Bucks in scoring. Dustin Harper followed with 16 points, and Matt Henderson added 11.

Eric Eddleman also had 25 points for Claude.

Others who scored for the Bucks were Kirk Kelp with 6 and Jacob Brame 2.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — There will be a baseball organizational meeting Monday, Feb.11 starting at 7 p.m. in the Optimist Club meeting room.

Anyone interested in coaching or helping is urged to attend the meeting. For questions, call Jeff Skinner at 665-3781.

GOLF

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tiger Woods needed a 6-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to make the Buick Invitational cut, but two-time defending champion Phil Mickelson wasn't as lucky and will miss the weekend rounds of his hometown tournament at Torrey Pines.

Woods played the South Course in 5-over 77, and the cut came at 1-under 143 — right where he was.

J.L. Lewis and Kent Jones had no trouble on the South, shooting 5-under 67s to share the second-round lead at 9-under 135. Jay Haas (68), Mark O'Meara (69) and Rory Sabbatini (66) all played the North and were tied at 136.

BOXING

HOUSTON (AP) — An amateur boxer who sued his manager after suffering brain injury in his first match has died of an apparent overdose of prescription drugs, his lawyer said.

The attorney, Peter Segelke, said he will pursue the lawsuit on behalf of Thomas Trevino and their three children.

"It's a very sad case. He had been beset by seizures and had been despondent," Segelke said.

Trevino died at East Houston Regional Medical Center. He had been in a coma since Sunday from an apparent overdose of prescription medicine, Segelke said.

Trevina had written to his wife about being depressed, but the overdose may have been accidental.

Trevino was suing his manager, Gilbert Bustamante, the operator of Fisticuffs Boxing gym in Houston.

Trevino, who had worked as an assistant manager of a local Chili's restaurant, claimed Bustamante pushed him into his first fight on April 27. Segelke said Trevino, 27, had done nothing more than skip rope, work with light and heavy bags and spar two rounds before the fight.

Despite wearing head protection, Trevino took several hard blows to the head in the match.

Winter Olympics honor U.S. heroes

Some 2,526 athletes will compete for 477 medals in 78 events

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Under a layer of fresh snow and a blanket of unprecedented security, America welcomed home the Winter Olympics with an emotional opening tribute to its heroes, from the pioneers of the West to the thousands who perished on Sept. 11.

In a powerful display Friday night that launched the nation's first Winter Games in 22 years, an honor guard of U.S. athletes, accompanied by New York police and firefighters, entered Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium clutching the tattered flag recovered from the ashes of the World Trade Center.

A hush fell over the crowd at the sight of the fragile banner, a giant hole ripped through the red and white stripes.

Some 2 1/2 hours after the ceremony began, Mike Eruzione and rest of 1980 gold-medal winning U.S. hockey team lighted the Olympic cauldron.

And the games officially began.

It all started with the flag processional that entered the stadium to the strains of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the voices of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir as President Bush watched along with International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge.

"Your nation is overcoming a horrific tragedy — a tragedy that has affected the whole world," Rogge said. "We stand united with you in the promotion of our common ideals, and hope for world peace."

For a home crowd bedecked in red, white and blue, the ceremony marked a break from a five-month mourning period defined by terrorism and war, anthrax and economic woes.

This night, before a sold-out crowd of 55,000 spectators and a worldwide televised audience of 3 billion more, provided America with a chance to celebrate. And the party had a perfect setting: the soaring Wasatch Mountains, wrapped in several new inches of fresh snow. As if on cue, a few new flakes even drifted down just as the celebration began.

"This is an opportunity for us to put America's best foot forward," said Sandy Baldwin, president of the U.S. Olympic Committee. "We are psyched, and it's 'Go, USA!'"

It all culminated with the arrival of the Olympic flame, following a 13,500-mile journey through 46 states, and the lighting of the Olympic cauldron.

"On behalf of a proud, determined and grateful nation, I declare open the games of Salt Lake City, celebrating the Winter Olympic Games," Bush said, departing from the traditional Olympic declaration to include a patriotic preface.

Later, as Bush stood amid U.S. athletes, figure skater Sasha Cohen handed the president her cell phone for him to say a few words to her friends or family. He took the phone with a smile and obliged.

The crowd braved 15-mph winds and temperatures as low as 16 to attend the three-hour spectacular that kicks off 17 days of competition in skiing, skating and sledding. But the weather hardly matched the challenges presented by a security system designed to be extraordinarily tight because of terrorism concerns.

The $310 million security plan is the most extensive and expensive for a sporting event. During the next two weeks, 16,000 soldiers, Secret Service agents, police and volunteers will search spectators, patrol venues and monitor the skies for possible threats.

Extra precautions were taken during the opening ceremony: Salt Lake International Airport suspended all flights for four hours during the event and the light rail system that usually runs to the stadium was shut down.

Outside Rice-Eccles, spectators passed through metal detectors manned by troops in camouflage while Black Hawk helicopters hovered above.

Once inside, they were rewarded with a show honoring the untamed spirit of the American West and the newfound patriotism of a nation tested by harrowing acts of terrorism on its soil.

Jeff Mansell, of Salt Lake City, and his two children, Megan and Mike, huddled in their stadium seats for hours before the ceremony began. Asked whether it was worth the wait, the children shouted in unison: "Oh, yeah!"

"It's really fun," said 8-year-old Megan, her nose running. "The Olympics are here!"

The games' theme, "Light the Fire Within," was meant to represent the inspirational power of the Olympics and its athletes, and the opening ceremony certainly reflected it.

Before the start of the celebration, New York City police officer Daniel Rodriguez sang a stirring rendition of "God Bless America," the country's theme song since the Sept. 11 attacks. The crowd, some waving American flags, joined in during the final verse.

The ceremony officially got under way with a clang of chimes as skaters glided onto an ice rink looping around the field. Fireworks exploded overhead, ushering in the entrance of Bush and the World Trade Center flag. Organizers had hoped to raise the banner during the ceremony, but its frail condition made that impossible.

A 12-year-old boy, symbolically known as the Child of Light, was introduced to the world. The child, representing the ability of the human spirit to overcome life's adversities, will remain a theme throughout the games and at the closing ceremony on Feb. 24.

He and hundreds of other children, holding lanterns, bathed the stadium in light as athletes from 77 countries strode in behind their national flags. Greece, as always, led the way, with the home team bringing up the rear.

Several countries, including Italy, France and Ireland, waved miniature American flags in a show of unity to the host nation.

A jubilant cry rose from the crowd as the Americans made their grand entrance, donned in blue berets and waving flags of their own as they beamed and shouted greetings to the crowd. Short-track speedskater Amy Peterson, a three-time Olympic medal winner, led the way with the stars and stripes hoisted high into a night sky glowing with thousands of sparkling flashlights.

If the call sign at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney was "G'day", this one was a hearty "Howdy!"

The show brimmed with a uniquely Western flavor — from Indian flute players to a reenactment of the legendary journey by Spanish explorers and Mormon pioneers.

Harvesters defeated by Palo Duro, 64-50

AMARILLO — Palo Duro went on a second-half scoring surge to defeat Pampa 64-50 Friday night in District 3-4A basketball action in the PD Activity Center.

The two teams were tied for the third-place playoff spot going into the game. Pampa is now 7-6 in district and tied with Hereford for fourth place.

Palo Duro is all alone in third place at 8-5.

Pampa and Palo Duro started out like it would take a buzzer-beater to win the contest. Pampa led 14-11 after the first quarter and PD came back to knot the score at 26-all at halftime.

Leading 42-36 after three quarters, the Dons went on an 11-0 run to start the final period, and the Harvesters were never able to recover.

Palo Duro's attack was led by Devin Johnson, who had 21 points and 6 rebounds. Kyle Shields followed with 13 points and Barry Benson added 10.

Adam Rodgers had 15 points and Kyle Francis 13 to lead the Harvesters.

There were six lead changes in the first half, but Pampa never regained the lead in the second half although the Harvesters had tied the score early in the third quarter.

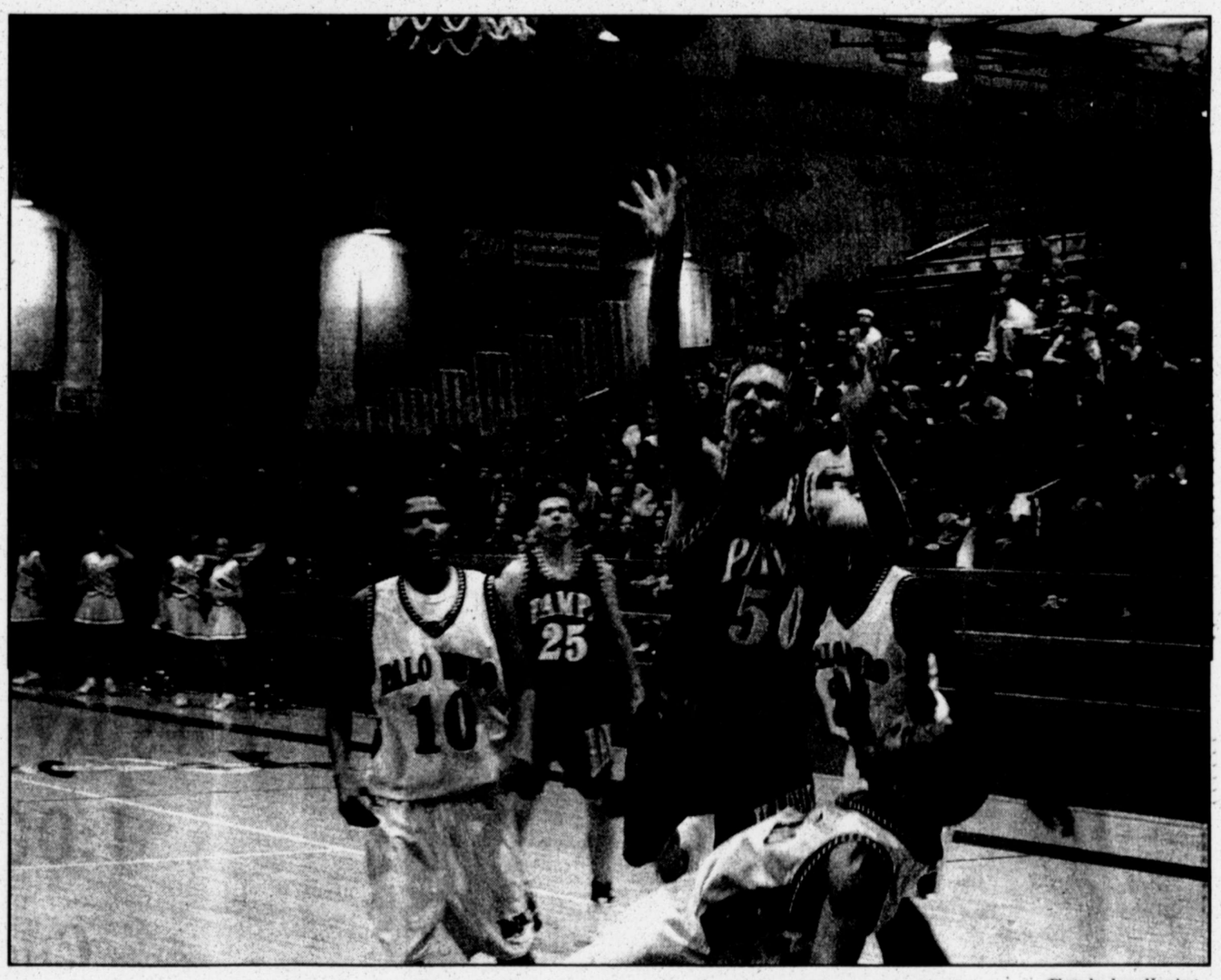
James Silva added 9 points for Pampa, while Chadd Platt had 5, Ryan Zemanek 4, Max Simon 2 and Erik Brown 2. Zemanek led Pampa in rebounds with 8.

Pampa, 17-15 for the season, closes out the regular-season Tuesday night on the homecourt against Hereford. Palo Duro, now a game ahead of Pampa, is at Dumas.

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Palo Duro win the junior varsity game by the score of 67-49.

Jed Martin was high scorer for Pampa with 10 points.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Adam Rodgers of the Harvesters puts a shot up after a collision with a Palo Duro player underneath the basket.

Buccaneers coaching search back to square one

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Bill Parcells rejected them. Jon Gruden couldn't be pried from the Oakland Raiders. Now, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers have scuttled plans to hire Marvin Lewis after telling him the job was his.

"Man, this is a circus and I don't to want to be in the act," five-time Pro Bowl linebacker Derrick Brooks said Friday, reacting to the news about Lewis.

"Other people around the league have described this situation as a joke. You have to laugh because you don't want to cry. ... I don't know what to think."

Lewis was told early Thursday that he was the choice to succeed Tony Dungy, who was fired on Jan. 14.

But the sons of owner Malcolm Glazer never approved general manager Rich McKay's recommendation and squashed the plan after meeting with Lewis for five hours in the Washington, D.C., area Thursday night.

"They had a good meeting, had dinner and I think at the end of the day there was not a comfort level among the Glazers that would allow them to make Marvin our next head coach," Bucs director of communications Reggie Roberts said.

"The Glazers at no point signed off on it. ... And at the end of the day, it's the Glazers' football team. They decide who they want to lead that football team."

McKay and team vice presidents Joel, Bryan and Ed Glazer were unavailable for comment.

9th grade falls to Tascosa in dist. tourney

VALLEY VIEW — Pampa fell to Tascosa 46-43 in the 9th Grade District Tournament.

Brandon Johnston had 15 points to lead Pampa in scoring. Cameron Seger followed with 6.

Pampa played Dumas on Saturday night.

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Female boxers



(Courtesy photo)

More girls are signing up with the Youth Survival Club of Pampa and trying out for the boxing team. The female boxers above are training for upcoming bouts. They are sponsored by Celanese and Rick's Body Shop.Several of the club boxers will be competing in the Texas Regional Golden Gloves Championships on Feb. 15-16. The tournament will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center with matches starting at 7:30 p.m.

Star, Oilers finish in 1-1 deadlock

DALLAS (AP) — Ryan Smyth and the Edmonton Oilers had something to prove against the Dallas Stars.

Smyth made amends for a costly miscue in Edmonton's previous game by scoring with 22.3 seconds left, rallying the Oilers to a 1-1 tie with the Stars on Friday night.

The Oilers snapped a 12-game regular-season losing streak in Dallas, dating to Jan. 17, 1996. Dallas also has knocked Edmonton out of the playoffs in each of the last four seasons.

"They've had our number in the past, so to come out with a point is big for us," Smyth said. "Confidence plays a huge role in hockey so this will help us. Now we've got to find a way to win here."

Smyth's poor pass led to a St. Louis goal in the Oilers' loss to the Blues on Thursday. He apologized to his teammates and delivered a goal in the final minute.

"After you do something like that, you want a chance to make up for it," Smyth said. "You can't let something like that carry over to the next game."

Jamie Langenbrunner scored his ninth with 6:30 left in the third for the Stars when his shot from the right circle beat Jussi Markkanen, who was screened by Dallas' Kirk Muller.

But Smyth salvaged the tie when he set up in front of the net and deflected Janne Niinimaa's shot from the right point past goalie Ed Belfour.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	32	15	.681	—
Boston	28	21	.571	5
Washington	26	21	.553	6
Orlando	25	24	.510	8
Philadelphia	25	24	.510	8
New York	19	28	.404	13
Miami	18	29	.383	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	28	18	.609	—
Toronto	29	21	.580	1
Detroit	26	21	.553	2 1/2
Indiana	25	25	.500	5
Charlotte	23	25	.479	6
Atlanta	16	33	.326	13 1/2
Cleveland	15	33	.312	14
Chicago	11	36	.234	17 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	35	14	.714	—
Minnesota	33	16	.674	2
San Antonio	31	17	.646	3 1/2
Utah	25	24	.510	10
Houston	16	33	.326	19
Denver	14	31	.311	19
Memphis	14	35	.286	21

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	37	12	.755	—
L.A. Lakers	33	13	.717	2 1/2
Portland	25	23	.521	11 1/2
Seattle	25	23	.521	11 1/2
Phoenix	24	24	.500	12 1/2
L.A. Clippers	25	26	.490	13
Golden State	14	32	.304	21 1/2

Thursday's Games
Washington 108, Sacramento 101
Philadelphia 100, Charlotte 93
New York 92, Atlanta 89
Detroit 105, L.A. Clippers 92
Milwaukee 107, Memphis 103
Toronto 80, San Antonio 74, OT
Friday's Games
No games scheduled
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Game
All-Star game at Philadelphia, 5 p.m. **Monday's Games**
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Utah at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
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Philadelphia	32	15	6	2	72	171	127
N.Y. Islanders	28	18	6	3	65	164	153
N.Y. Rangers	26	24	4	3	59	158	171
New Jersey	23	21	8	3	57	135	133
Pittsburgh	22	24	6	3	53	129	153

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	30	15	4	7	71	168	135
Toronto	29	18	5	4	67	163	140
Ottawa	28	17	7	4	67	175	141
Montreal	24	21	8	3	59	145	146
Buffalo	23	25	6	1	53	146	142

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	24	20	11	5	64	161	171
Washington	21	26	9	1	52	152	175
Tampa Bay	20	28	6	2	48	110	136
Florida	17	31	5	3	42	118	169
Atlanta	14	32	7	4	39	134	201

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	38	11	6	2	84	178	122
Chicago	31	18	9	0	71	161	151
St. Louis	30	16	6	3	69	157	123
Nashville	21	25	10	0	52	141	148
Columbus	15	33	7	1	38	114	166

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	31	19	6	1	69	148	119
Vancouver	28	24	5	1	62	174	149
Edmonton	25	22	10	2	62	146	138
Calgary	22	23	8	2	54	127	145
Minnesota	17	26	9	5	48	128	167

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	28	17	7	3	66	161	137
Los Angeles	26	20	7	3	62	151	132
Dallas	24	19	7	4	59	143	143
Phoenix	24	21	7	4	59	141	150
Anaheim	20	30	6	3	49	131	147

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

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Islanders 4, Toronto 1
St. Louis 3, Edmonton 1
Florida 3, Tampa Bay 1
Montreal 1, Pittsburgh 0
Atlanta 3, New Jersey 3, tie
Los Angeles 2, Carolina 1
Friday's Games
Buffalo 3, Ottawa 2, OT
N.Y. Rangers 2, Atlanta 1
Columbus 3, Detroit 2
Colorado 6, Minnesota 0
Washington 3, Nashville 3, tie
Edmonton 1, Dallas 1, tie
Phoenix 6, Los Angeles 5, OT
Vancouver 4, Calgary 1
Carolina 4, Anaheim 1
San Jose 4, Chicago 2
Saturday's Games
Florida at Boston, 1 p.m.
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 10 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Edmonton at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Carolina at San Jose, 8 p.m.

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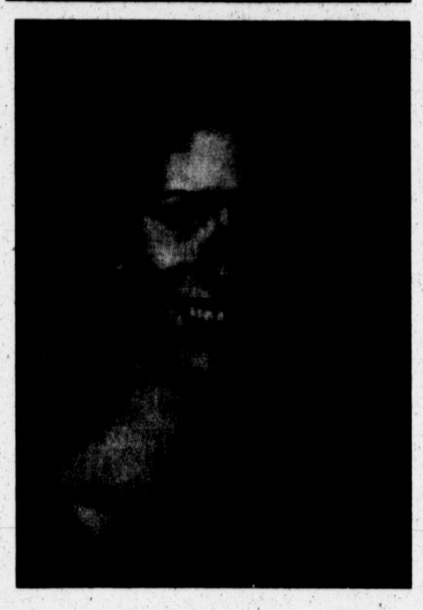
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Windy Wagner

CANYON — **Windy Wagner,** a 2000 Pampa High School graduate, was recently named to the President's List at West Texas A&M University for the 2001 fall semester.

To be eligible for the honor, a student must maintain a 3.85 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Wagner, a sophomore mass communications major, carried a 4.0 GPA.

Wagner has been involved in hall council as a RHA delegate and is a member of th udent Center and the Student Alumni Board at WT.

She is the daughter of Linda R. Wagner.

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University recently announced its Dean's Honor Roll and its Distinguished Student List for the 2001 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.75-4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 15 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: **Brandon Kyle Easley** and **Katy Leigh McComas,** both of Pampa.

To be eligible for the Distinguished Student List, a student must maintain a 3.25-3.75 GPA while enrolled in 15 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: **Dori Jayne Edens** of Pampa.

ABILENE — McMurry 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 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: **Lance Burton, Kira Chumbley** and **Timothy Williams,** all of Pampa; **Lacey Steel** of McLean; **Cheyenne Oldham** of Shamrock; and **Andrew Hillhouse** of Wheeler.

CANYON – Degrees were officially conferred on 424 West Texas A&M University students recently during fall commencement exercises at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. The University awarded 335 baccalaureate and 89 master's degrees.

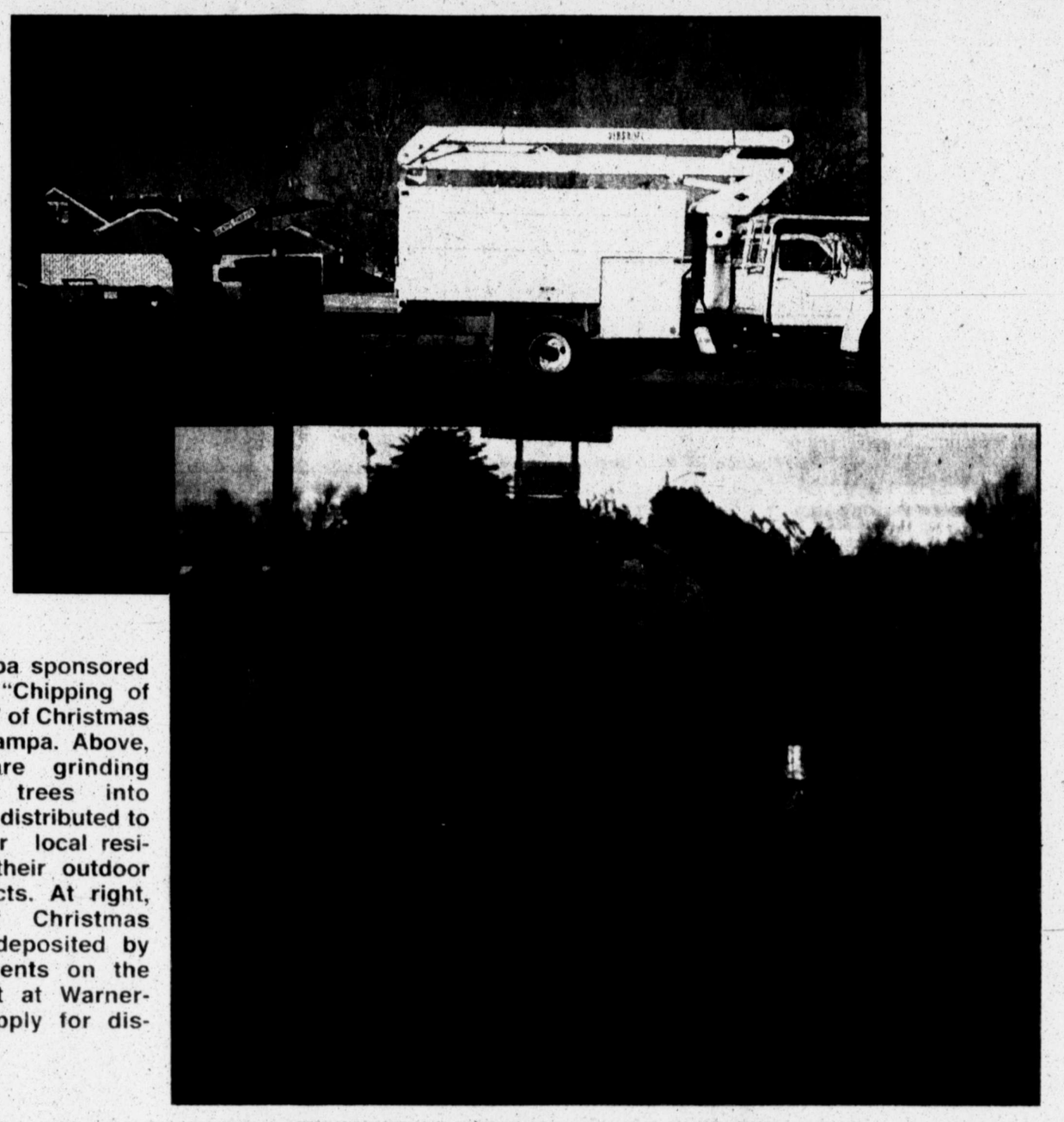
Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and wore gold honor cords. The three levels of honor recognition are Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Cum Laude (3.50-3074). The WTAMU Class of 2001 included 13 graduates with Summa Cum Laude honors, 12 students graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors and 39 earned Cum Laude honors.

Students awarded diplomas include: **Wade L. Bruce**, bachelor of business administration degree (BBA), **Charles A. Dallas**, bachelor of sciende (BS), **Shawn L. Dawes**, BS, **Jeremy A. Doucette**, summa cum laude, BS, **Alecia K. Hall**, BS, **Amanda D. Hall**, BS, **Kamron S. Harris**, BS, **Christopher R. McKean**, cum laude, BS, **Keely S. Topper**, cum laude, BS, **Geneva M. Villarreal**, summa cum laude, BS, and **Jessica P. Whitney**, BS, all of Pampa.

Valerie J. McGuire, bachelor of general studies, of Groom; **Rita J. Crockett**, master of arts, McLean; and **Jason W. Adams**, BS, of Wheeler.

The graduating class represented seven states and 68 Texas cities and towns.

Pampa attorney **John Mann** has been recognized by Pro Bono College of the State of Texas for donating 75 hours or more of free services to the poor during 2001.



Clean Pampa sponsored the recent "Chipping of the Greens" of Christmas Trees in Pampa. Above, workers are grinding Christmas trees into mulch. It is distributed to be used for local residents for their outdoor yard projects. At right, scores of Christmas trees are deposited by local residents on the parking lot at Warner-Horton Supply for disposal.

Recycling helps Pampa

BY NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Clean Pampa, Inc. is involved in doing just that— keeping Pampa clean.

New 2002-2003 Amarillo/Canyon telephone directories will be out soon, and Clean Pampa, Inc. is sponsoring the Telephone Book Recycling program.

Beginning Feb. 13, 2002, the old phone directories may be disposed of at the following locations: both First American Bank locations, City of Pampa Chamber of Commerce, City of Pampa Post Office, Combs-Worley Building, First Bank Southwest and Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Phone books may also be taken directly to the Clean Pampa office at 836 W. Foster during the office's normal business hours. Office hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1-4:30 p.m., and 11:30 a.m.—3 p.m.

Also, the City of Pampa's Recycling Center is a drop-off location for the telephone directories.

In addition to Amarillo/Canyon telephone directories, Clean Pampa encourages local residents to also dispose of any and all other obsolete phone books in the recycling project.

Jacy Padgett, office manager of Clean Pampa, Inc., said, "Last year 1,427 lbs. of 'old' phone books were collected at our various drop-off locations. It's easy. It's simple. And, it works.!"

The organization recently sponsored the "Chipping of the Greens," which is an annual event in Pampa.

"Chipping of the Greens" is a safe and efficient method of Christmas tree disposal. "Real" trees may be taken to the Warner-Horton Supply parking lot when residents are taking down their Christmas decorations until mid-January.

The safe and efficient method of Christmas tree disposal is designed to save valuable landfill space, eliminate fire hazards by prompt removal, enable the solid waste department of the city to concentrate on increased residential refuse and reduce solid waste operational costs.

The city side-loader trucks are only able to pick up dumpsters and not designed to pick up the left-over Christmas trees.

People are advised to take their Christmas trees, completely stripped of ornaments, to the parking lot at Warner-Hortoneach year.

In mid-January the trees will be chipped into mulch which will be availablesoon afterward. The program is offered free to Pampa residents.

Another Clean Pampa program is Christmas card recycling.

A popular holiday custom for more than 150 years, the Christmas card is still one of the most favorite times of the forms Christmas season as people look forward to hearing from family and friends.

As the Christmas season draws to a close each year, the problem of what to do with the large number of Christmas cards must be solved.

Clean Pampa, Inc. has the solution.

Receptacles are available at businesses, banks and churches for local residents to deposit their Christmas cards.

Card fronts are removed and will be sent to St. Jude's Ranch in Boulder City, Nev.

These will be made into new cards to be sold by the children at St. Jude's.

The backs of the cards are recycled at the Pampa Recycling Center located in the Hobart Street Park.

Clean Pampa offers these services free of charge, but the organization does take donations.

Information may be obtained by contacting Clean Pampa at 665-2514.

Elderly Army nurse serves as role model

PRESTONSBURG, Ky. (AP) — Ruby Bradley ignored her hunger in a World War II prisoner of war of camp, opting to give most of her food to children who also were being held captive.

In the midst of the gloom, she and other nurses also set up a clinic to care for the sick and wounded and to comfort the dying.

Now, Bradley, who at 93 is one of the nation's most decorated female veterans, is the one who is weakening, and others are proudly stepping forward to help.

"It's hard for me to imagine what she's been through," said Leigh Ann Hamilton, a physical therapist who works with the retired colonel each day. "I get goose bumps just thinking about it."

Sometimes Bradley does, too.

She will never forget the night a U.S. Army tank crashed the gates of the Japanese prisoner of war camp, freeing her after three years of captivity.

"We had heard rumors that American soldiers were close by," she said. "Then, that tank came through. It was the best Saturday night performance I've ever seen."

Bradley, now living in a nursing home, said nothing has ever matched the excitement she felt in the moment that the tank cleared the wooden rubble and she saw troops following on foot.

The scene ushered out what seemed like an eternity of short rations, largely rice, for the Army nurse who was imprisoned at the Santo Tomas Internment Camp in Manila, Philippines.

Bradley can no longer walk, but her memories are sharp. She wept as she recounted the hardships and violent deaths of fellow prisoners who tried to escape.

"She has made a lot of sacrifices in her life," Hamilton said. "She put duty first, and never married, never had children. It would be so easy to be intimidated by her, because of her extensive knowledge and experience. She won't let you. She is really appreciative of every little thing you do for her."

A native of Spencer, W.Va., Bradley moved into the Prestonsburg Health Care Center earlier this month after a small personal care home where she lived in West Virginia scaled back its patient load.

"All the nurses here are absolutely in awe of her," said her nephew, Charles Bradley. "They really do give her special treatment."

A black-and-white photograph in her room shows Bradley as an attractive young lady in the uniform of the Army Nurse Corps. Next to that hangs a shadow box filled with medals and ribbons once pinned on her chest. Thirty-four medals in all, including two Legion of Merit medals, two Bronze Stars, two Presidential Emblems, the World War II Victory Medal and the United Nations Service Medal. She also received the International Red Cross' prestigious nursing honor, the Florence Nightingale Medal.

Bradley insists that she was never sick during the time that she and her nursing colleagues battled disease, starvation and crude conditions to care for other prisoners, both soldiers and civilians.

A vintage photograph shows Bradley and other nurses, all thin and frail, riding in the back of a truck, smiling and waving as they were driven out of the compound after their rescue.

Bradley said her earliest nursing experiences were taking care of animals on the family farm in Roane County, W.Va. After a stint as a teacher, she became a nurse in 1933. She joined the Army Nurse Corps as a surgical nurse a year later.

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, she was a 34-year-old administrator serving in the Philippines at Camp John Hay in Baguio on Luzon Island, 200 miles above Manila. She was captured three weeks later.

Bradley was moved to Santo Tomas in Manila on Sept. 23, 1943. There she was among a group of imprisoned nurses who became known to captives as the Angels in Fatigues. Not only did they provide medical treatment for prisoners, but they were adept at stashing food for the little ones.

"I was a pretty good thief," she said. "I would take food and put it in my pockets for the children."

While the children ate, Bradley shrank. She weighed about 80 pounds when the American troops arrived on Feb. 3, 1945.

For the next five years, Bradley enjoyed peace. Then came the Korean War. A month after its start, she was overseas again, working as a combat nurse in evacuation hospitals, an assignment that expanded her collection of medals even further.

Bradley gladly shares her experiences with people who ask, and lots of people ask.

"I've got a long list of questions," said Valary Sykes, an occupational therapist who has been helping Bradley regain strength in her weakened hands so that she can write again. "She's lived through things that we can't imagine. Things that movies can't capture."

Bradley wouldn't change any part of her life. The experiences, she said, have made her appreciative of the small things, especially food.

"I haven't missed a meal since 1945," she said. "I eat everything."

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ANNIVERSARIES

Poole anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Virgle Poole

Mr. and Mrs. Virgle Poole celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 12, 2002, at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. Children of the couple hosted the reception.

Virgle Poole and Patsy Ruth Johnston were married Jan. 12, 1952, at Clovis, N.M. They have been Pampa residents for the past 48 years and belong to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Mr. Poole retired from *The Pampa News* after 17 years of service.

Children of the couple are Mike and Dawna Poole and Mark and Rhonda Fletcher, all of Amarillo, Becky and Gary Potter of Pampa, Tracy and John Fanous of Abilene and Chris and Wendy Poole of Fort Worth. They have eight grandchildren, David Potter, Amanda Potter, Amy Stevens, Danielle Poole, Bradley Fletcher, Jarrett Fletcher and Madison and Mickenzie Poole; and two great-grandchildren, Tanner Stevens and Elena Potter.

Lambright anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Lambright

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Lambright of Pampa celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 9, 2002, in the Activity Hall of Pam Apartments. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nash, brother and sister-in-law of the couple, and children and grandchildren of the couple hosted the reception.

J.T. Lambright and Jimmie Lou Nash were married Feb. 9, 1952, at the home of the justice of the peace. Both are lifelong Pampa residents and belong to Calvary Baptist Church.

Mr. Lambright was a self-employed welder until retiring in 1987.

Mrs. Lambright retired as a home health care giver in 1997.

Children of the couple are Larry and Brenda Lambright and Robert Lambright, all of Pampa. They have three grandchildren.

Hollaway anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hollaway

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hollaway celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 2, 2002.

Charles and Rosemary Hollaway were married Feb. 2, 1952, at Tucumcari, N.M.

Both Hollaways are retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone.

They have one daughter, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Dickerman anniversary

Scott and Lela Dickerman
Celebrating 40 years of marriage
Feb. 9, 1962

There are not many marriages these days that last this long. It is really a special time to celebrate when a couple spends 40 years together. These two people have experienced a lot, especially while raising their children. They have four children and 14 grandchildren — Tony and Julie Dickerman of Liberal, Kan., and their children, Jarred, Rachelle, Erika, Stephanie; Bryan and Lori Dickerman of Clinton, S.C., and their children, Kaylie, Brandon, Casey, Andrew, Lela Brienne; Leanna and Robbie Cook of Coffeyville, Kan., and their children, Brad, Diana and Tyler; and Jeffrey Kyle and Laurie Dickerman of Akron, Colo., and their children, Amber and Tierra.

Mom and Dad, (Memaw and Papaw), we love you with all our hearts. Your family and friends want you to know how truly special we wish this day to be.

Our love travels from central U.S. to the East Coast ... Thanks for being our parents. We love you!

Congratulations!!!

Girl Scouts selling Friendship Circles

This year, as part of its annual cookie sale, the local Girl Scouts organization will offer Friendship Circles — the newest addition to the Girl Scout Cookie line. Named for a tradition dear to the heart of many a grown-up Girl Scout, Friendship Circles celebrate the 90th birthday of Girl Scouting.

Cookies are currently on sale through March 16.

Friendship Circles are made by sandwiching a rich, chocolaty filling between two crisp vanilla cookies. Each of the cookie's sides is embossed with the word "friend" in one of 18 languages.

"We're very proud of Friendship Circles," says Maria DeBrango Stickel, executive director of Girl Scouts - Texas Plains Council. "They not only taste marvelous, but they remind the people buying them that Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a world-wide organization helping girls grow strong!"

Friendship Circles are available as well as Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties, Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes and Animal Treasures. All varieties will be sold for $3 per box.

About two-thirds of the selling price of every box of Girl Scout Cookies goes directly to support Girl Scouting in the local area.

Look for the Girl Scouts of Texas Plains Council selling cookies in the next few weeks. And be sure to add a box (or two) of Friendship Circles to your order. For more information, contact Martha Hadley at 665-2751.

MENUS

WEEK OF FEB. 11-15

Pampa Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.

Lunch: Macaroni/cheese or pizza, green beans, mixed fruit, rolls.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Waffle sticks.

Lunch: Pigs in a blanket or macaroni/cheese, corn, salad, fresh fruit.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits.

Lunch: Stew/grilled cheese sandwich or steak fingers, salad, peaches.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls.

Lunch: Polish sausage or chef salad, western beans, corn, rolls, strawberry short cookies.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage.

Lunch: Soft tacos or hamburgers, refried beans, Spanish rice, pears, flour tortilla.

Lefors Schools

MONDAY

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

Lunch: Ham and cheese pockets or chicken nuggets, corn, tater tots, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Lunch: Soft tacos or mini burritos, beans, rice, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY

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

Lunch: Pizza or mini corndogs, salad, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY

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

Lunch: Sloppy joes, green beans, chips fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken/broccoli casserole, mashed potatoes, English peas, beets, northern beans, cherry chip cake or banana pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Sweet and sour pork or Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, spinach, fried squash, beans, black forest cake or coconut cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, cream corn, beans, red velvet cake or apple/raisin cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or cabbage rolls, tater tots, Scandinavian blend, macaroni/cheese, beans, spice cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or spaghetti/meatballs, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, brownies or butterscotch pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Oven-fried chicken, blackeyed peas, zucchini/tomatoes, pears.

TUESDAY

Steak fingers, gravy, broccoli/rice casserole, carrots, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY

Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, banana.

THURSDAY

Swiss steak, potato casserole, peas/carrots, jello.

FRIDAY

Chili-bake, pinto beans, cornbread, graham crackers.

NRHC coming attractions

LUBBOCK — National Ranching Heritage Center invites Texans and newcomers alike to experience the *real* west at its 16-acre site in Lubbock where 35 authentic structures – dating from the 1700s through the early 1900s – have been preserved for posterity including a bunkhouse, barns, dugouts, a one-room school, a blacksmith shop and more.

Admission is free. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m., Sunday.

The following events are scheduled at the museum in 2002:

—"From Within the Walls," an inside look at the antiques and artifacts from NRHC's historic structures, Christine DeVitt Gallery and Gallery of the West. (Ends April 15.)

—"Across Time and Territory," photos from the early years of NRHC through the formal opening in 1976, Pioneer Room Gallery. (Ends Aug. 4.)

—"In the Beginning," architectural photographic fieldwork by Dudley Cramer, DeVitt-Mallet Main Gallery. (Ends April 15.)

—"Junior Rough Riders Corral," 10 a.m.-12 noon, Feb. 23.

—"Ranch Hosts Spring Meeting," 9-11 a.m., March 30.

—"Vaqueros: A Vanishing Tradition," photography by William Wittliff with accompanying artifacts, DeVitt-Mallet Main Gallery, Christine DeWitt Gallery and Gallery of the West, May 3-Jan. 5.

—"Boss of the Plains Award Dinner," 6-9 p.m., June 8.

—"NRHC Summer Youth Classes," 9 a.m.-12 noon, July 22-26.

—"Junior Rough Riders Corral," 10 a.m.-12 noon, Aug. 3.

—"Irons from the Fire," from NRHC's permanent collection of branding irons, Pioneer Room Gallery, Aug. 30.

—Ranch Dance, 7-10 p.m., Sept. 20.

—Lunch in the 666 barn, 12 noon-1:30 p.m., Sept. 21.

—"25th Annual Golden Spur Award Dinner," 6-9:30 p.m., Sept. 21.

—"32nd Annual Ranch Day," 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 12.

—"24th Annual Candlelight at the Ranch," 6:30-8:30 p.m., Dec. 13-14.



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We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.



(Courtesy photo)

2CARE for MOMS incentive program for expectant mothers gains VISTA volunteers (left-right) Sky Hilton of Amarillo, Judith Loyd of Pampa, Evelyn Rodriguez of Borger and Diana Valdez of Hereford.

2CARE for Moms program gains VISTA volunteers

AMARILLO — Coalition of Health Services has received a significant boost for its program to encourage early prenatal care across the Texas Panhandle with the addition of four VISTA volunteers.

Through VISTA, a national service program, full-time volunteers Sky Hilton, Judith Loyd, Evelyn Rodriguez and Diana Valdez will assist the Coalition's 2CARE for MOMS program and the Baby's Coming Shop for 12 months.

VISTA's mission is to strengthen and supplement efforts to eliminate and alleviate poverty and poverty-related problems. Often the volunteers provide the human resources to meet specific program needs or address a new area within their own community.

Loyd, who lives in Pampa, serves Gray County with the goal of expanding to surrounding communities.

Rodriguez, who lives in Borger, has an interest in working with children and participated in high school courses related to early childhood professions. The other three VISTA volunteers are mothers, making it easy for them to relate to the women they are serving.

Hilton lives in Amarillo and serves Potter and Randall Counties along with Happy and Dumas. Valdez lives in Hereford and focuses on Deaf Smith and Castro Counties.

"I did not know about 2CARE for MOMS when I was pregnant," Valdez, who has a 1-year-old daughter, said. "If I would have known, I definitely would have participated in this program. It's exciting to tell clients about this."

2CARE for MOMS incentive program encourages pregnant women to visit a participating doctor or nurse practitioner within the first 12-weeks of pregnancy. The program works in cooperation with participating health care providers to help women locate prenatal care close to home. Early prenatal care benefits the health of both mother and baby.

> **2CARE for MOMS incentive program encourages pregnant women to visit a participating doctor or nurse practitioner within the first 12-weeks of pregnancy.**

"2CARE for MOMS is trying to make a positive impact in communities across the 26 counties," said Holly Hancock, RN, director of the nonprofit program. "The support of these four VISTA volunteers will make it possible for us to reach more babies and families and accomplish more of our goals."

According to Texas Department of Health statistics, only 79 percent of pregnant women in this region receive prenatal care within the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. The goal is to increase the rate of early prenatal care to 90 percent by 2010.

Participants in 2CARE for MOMS earn points for completing a schedule of prenatal and postpartum medical appointments, making healthy choices and for attending educational classes related to pregnancy, birth, childcare and more.

When fathers participate, even more points are earned. Participants visit the Baby's Coming Shop after their baby is born to redeem points for gifts of baby merchandise.

Developed solely to serve women in the 2CARE for MOMS incentive program, the Baby's Coming Shop is a cooperative effort of 2CARE for MOMS and Northwest Texas Division of the March of Dimes. The shop is located at 301 S. Polk in downtown Amarillo.

Pampa Regional Medical Center supports 2CARE for MOMS through its affiliation in Coalition of Health Services, a non-profit organization of 17 hospitals in the Texas Panhandle working to enhance community health.

For more information about 2CARE for MOMS, call (888) 89-2CARE.

It's impossible to be sad in the presence of a daffodil



By Kathy Davis
Garden Wise

A beautiful woman peered out her kitchen window one chilly fall afternoon. Her husband, warmly dressed in coveralls, purposefully and methodically poked holes into the dark, moist soil. The husband carefully pulled something from his pockets and placed them into the holes. Curious, the woman questioned her husband about his activity.

He muttered something about ground squirrels. The husband's strange digging was soon forgotten. Months later, on Valentine's Day, the beautiful wife stood at the kitchen window, her eyes misty and full of love. Peeking out from the powdery snow, hundreds of purple and yellow crocus spelled I LOVE YOU. Many years later beyond that same window, a few crocus still bloom where my father planted them.

Touched by this mystery and romance, my love affair with the early spring flowers blossomed. It is impossible to be sad in the presence of a daffodil. The heady perfume of hyacinths sweetens the garden path. Dwarf irises, no taller than a matchstick, are one of the earliest flowers to bloom. I think of them as Snow Irises. Charming little beauties, they are!

The snow fell so softly and silently, quietly floating to its earthly destination. I watched from the porch as the white crystals piled upon themselves flake by flake. The snow elegantly outlined the dark bare tree branches, setting each apart from the other.

From every view, a new wonder appeared as if I had never noticed what lived beyond my doors. The streetlights, blurred by the snow, softened the deep shadows of the buildings. The quiet streets no longer ran from curb to curb; they began at one house and ended at another. The curbs and sidewalks, obliterated by falling snow, unified the neighborhood.

The next morning I drove past Pampa's City Hall building. The snow piled thickly around every branch of the Bradford Pear trees. For a few short seconds, I thought the trees had suddenly bloomed or were dipped in fluffy white popcorn. Never had I seen snow perfectly imitate a blooming Bradford. Where was my camera? As the snow melts and we slog back into reality, I am thankful for a beautiful scenery and the moisture.

Happy Valentine's Day!

"Nobody has every measured, not even poets, how much the heart can hold."
— Zelda Fitzgerald

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

No Room In Widow's Heart For Men Who Need Lovin'

DEAR ABBY: Why is it that men can be so insensitive toward recent widows? Some of them hit on us within a month of the death of our loved one, while we're still in shock.

Who are these culprits? Co-workers whom I thought were good friends and my church council president, to name a few. Once, while I was having coffee in a restaurant with a friend, a male acquaintance stopped by our table and — as calmly as ordering a hamburger — told me his wife was in the hospital and he "needed some lovin'"!

Don't these clods have any idea how demeaning and vulgar their behavior is?

A longtime friend of mine just lost her husband. She didn't believe me when I told her about my experience. Abby, within a month, she had her own stories to tell! What's astonishing is that 90 percent of these men are married.

When my husband was alive, I had great respect for men. For that, I credit my husband, who was an honorable and loving family man. Now, however, I'm whistling a different tune. My beloved has been gone 10 years, and I'm much stronger than I was.

Please don't reveal my name or city; this is a small town, and the people I have mentioned would be recognized. Sign me ...

NO MORE BLINDERS
IN WISCONSIN

DEAR NO MORE BLINDERS: I'm sorry you won't allow me to reveal your name or location. The wives of these men would be very interested to know what their husbands are up to, and I'm sure it would result in some stimulating breakfast table conversation.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are young newlyweds. His job takes him out of town five days a week, so I'm pretty much a weekend wife only, and I hate it.

The real problem is his drinking. He didn't drink as much before we were married. Now I'm starting to believe he has a problem. When he drinks, he becomes rude and violent. Not toward me — yet. He also gets into trouble during the week when he's away.

I want to stop this before it gets worse, but I don't know how to begin.

A WEEKEND WIFE
WHO NEEDS HELP FAST

DEAR WEEKEND WIFE: *You* can't stop your husband from drinking — only he can make that decision. Unless he is willing to admit he has a problem and to do something about it, the situation will get worse.

What you *can* do is contact Al-Anon. It provides information and support to family and friends of alcoholics. Call 1-888-4-AL-ANON (1-888-425-2666). The Web site is www.al-anon.org.

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DEAR ABBY: This is for the "shopping grandma," the "cooking grandma," and grandparents everywhere.

Let me tell you what I do — I am a *playing* grandma. I get down on the floor and play with my grandkids. I ask, "What do you want me to be?" Then I am the dog that barks, the tiny baby who cries, the mermaid who dives into the sea in search of treasures, or the prince cutting through the thicket with his huge sword to find Sleeping Beauty (stretched out on the sofa).

When my 5-year-old granddaughter was asked why she likes to play with her grandma, her answer was, "Because she makes the dolls talk."

GRANDMA SHIRLEY
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DEAR GRANDMA SHIRLEY: Your granddaughter is a lucky little girl. You are the grandparent every child deserves and dreams about.

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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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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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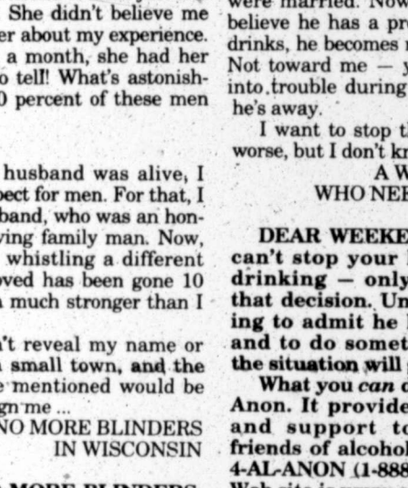
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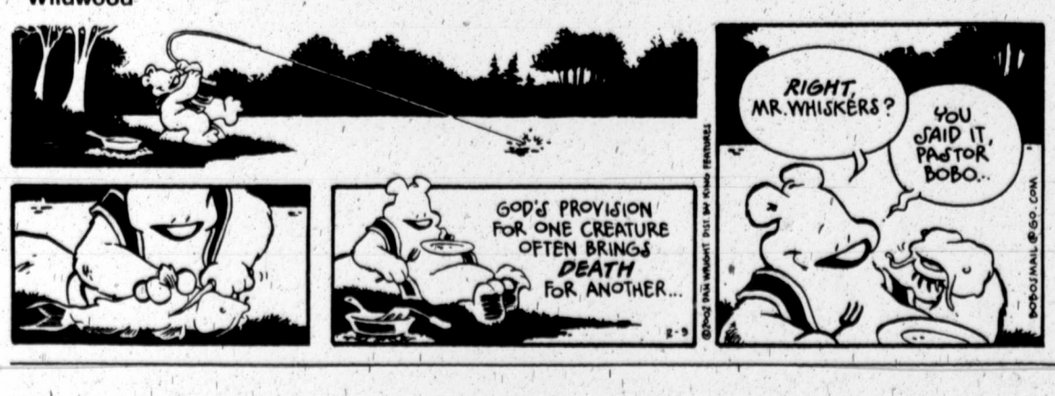
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The Family Circus



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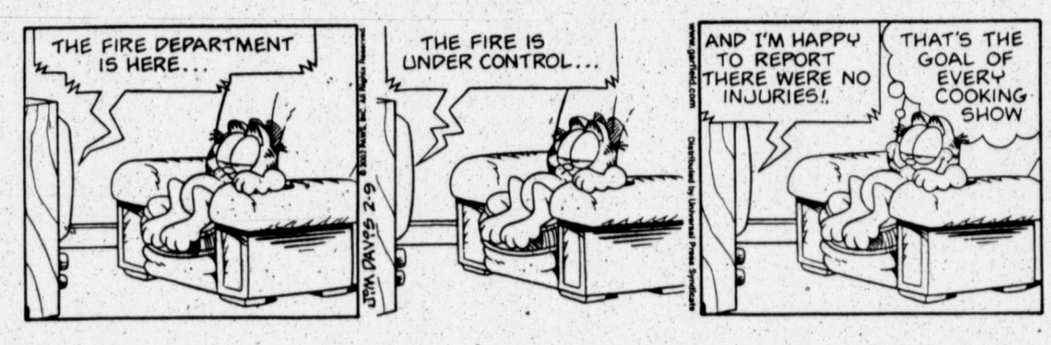
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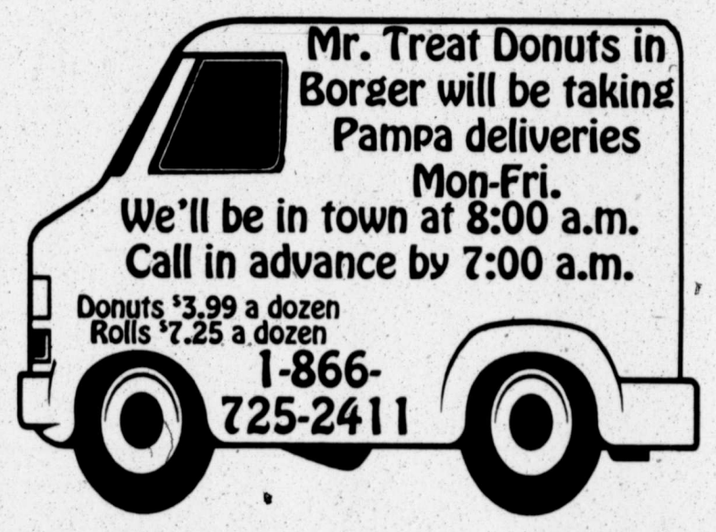
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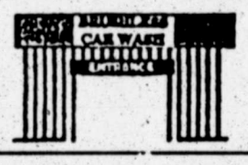


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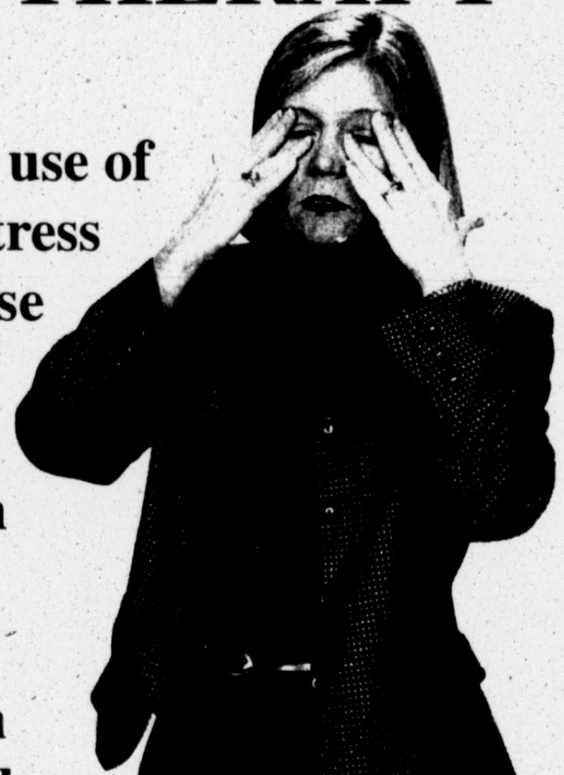


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BILLBOARD MUSIC CHARTS

By The Associated Press

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

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. "Ain't It Funny," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.
5. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
6. "Hey Baby," No Doubt (feat. Bounty Killer). Interscope.
7. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.
8. "Wherever You Will Go," The Calling. RCA.
9. "A Woman's Worth," Alicia Keys. J.
10. "Get The Party Started," Pink. Arista.

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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

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

1. "Drive," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
2. "Weathered," Creed. Wind-up. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
3. "(Hybrid Theory)," Linkin Park. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
4. "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace. (Platinum)
5. "Silver Side Up," Nickelback. Roadrunner. (Platinum)
6. "Pain Is Love," Ja Rule. Murder Inc. (Platinum)
7. "Stillmatic," Nas. Ill Will. (Platinum)
8. "8701," Usher. Arista. (Platinum)
9. "M!ssundazstood," Pink. Arista. (Platinum)
10. "No More Drama," Mary J. Blige. MCA. (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. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.
5. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA.
6. "Drowning," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
7. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
8. "Superman (It's Not Easy)," Five For Fighting. Aware.
9. "There You'll Be," Faith Hill. Hollywood.
10. "Simple Things," Jim Brickman (feat. Rebecca Lynn Howard). Windham Hill.

Top Gospel Albums

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

1. "Believe," Yolanda Adams. Elektra.
2. "Woman Thou Art Loosed: Worship 2002 — Run To The Water... The River Within," Bishop T.D. Jakes. Dexterity Sounds.
3. "Live In London And More..." Donnie McClurkin. Verity. (Platinum)
4. "Thankful," Mary Mary. C2/Columbia. (Platinum)
5. "CeCe Winans," CeCe Winans. Wellspring Gospel.
6. "Awesome Wonder," Kurt Carr & The Kurt Carr Singers. Gospo Centric.
7. "Spiritual Minded," KRS-One And The Temple of Hiphop. In The Paint.
8. "Hymns," Shirley Caesar. Word.
9. "Journey For The Heart," Blessed. Ultimate.
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. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
2. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.
3. "Wasting My Time," Default. TVT.
4. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
5. "Too Bad," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
6. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
7. "For You," Staind. Flip.
8. "Defy You," The Offspring. Columbia.
9. "Alive," P.O.D. Atlantic.
10. "Youth Of The Nation," P.O.D. Atlantic.

Modern Rock Tracks

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

1. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
2. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
3. "Youth Of The Nation," P.O.D. Atlantic.
4. "Wasting My Time," Default. TVT.
5. "Last Nite," The Strokes. RCA.
6. "Crawling In The Dark," Hoobastank. Island.
7. "The Middle," Jimmy Eat World. DreamWorks.
8. "Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal.
9. "Defy You," The Offspring. Columbia.
10. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.

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. "Wrapped Around," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
3. "Run," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
4. "The Long Goodbye," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
5. "Bring On The Rain," Jo Dee Messina With Tim McGraw. Curb.
6. "The Cowboy In Me," Tim McGraw. Curb.
7. "Where Were You (When The World Stopped Turning)," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
8. "Blessed," Martina McBride. RCA.
9. "Just Let Me Be In Love," Tracy Byrd. RCA.
10. "Some Days You Gotta Dance," Dixie Chicks. Monument.

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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. "Set This Circus Down," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
6. "The Great Divide," Willie Nelson. Lost Highway.
7. Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly," Curb. (Platinum)
8. "Blue Moon," Steve Holy. Curb.
9. "Rascal Flatts," Rascal Flatts. Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
10. "Greatest Hits," Martina McBride. RCA (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. "A Woman's Worth," Alicia Keys. J.
4. "What About Us?" Brandy. Atlantic.
5. "Nothing In This World," Keke Wyatt (feat. Avant). MCA.
6. "Lights, Camera, Action," Mr. Cheeks. Universal.
7. "U Got It Bad," Usher. Arista.
8. "Ain't It Funny," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.
9. "The Whole World," OutKast (feat. Killer Mike). Arista.
10. "Rock The Boat," Aaliyah. Blackground.

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Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

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1. Soundtrack: "State Property." Roc-A-Fella.
2. "Stillmatic," Nas. Ill Will. (Platinum)
3. "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace. (Platinum)
4. "No More Drama," Mary J. Blige. MCA. (Platinum)
5. "Pain Is Love," Ja Rule. Murder Inc. (Platinum)
6. "Big Boi & Dre Present... OutKast," OutKast. Arista.
7. "Faithfully," Faith Evans. Bad Boy. (Gold)
8. "Soul Sista," Keke Wyatt. MCA.
9. "(Ghetto Love)," Jaheim. Divine Mill. (Gold)
10. "Invincible," Michael Jackson. Epic. (Platinum)

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Hot Rap Singles

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

1. "Round And Round," Jonell & Method Man. Def Soul.
2. "That Was Then," Roy Jones, Jr. (feat. Dave Hollister, Perion & Hahz The Rippa). Body Head.
3. "Dansin Wit Wolvez," Strik 9ine. Fade.
4. "Rock Em," Boobakaw And Tha Wild Younginz (feat. Vita). Whitestone.
5. "Can I Get That?!!?" Bear Witnez! Eargasm.
6. "Bunny Hop," Da Entourage. Red Boy.
7. "Jigga," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
8. "Jump Up In The Air," Original P Introducing Hyped UYp Westbound Soljaz. Westbound.
9. "Think Big," Crimewave. Crimewave.
10. "Buster," Dennis Da Menace. 1st Avenue.

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Hot Dance Music — Club Play

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "Caught Up," DJ Disciple (feat. Mia Cox). Groovilicious.
2. "Can't Get You Out Of My Head," Kylie Minogue. Capitol.
3. "You Got Me (Burnin' Up)," Funky Green Dogs. MCA.
4. "Star Guitar," The Chemical Brothers. Freestyle Dust.
5. "Take My Hand (Remixes)," Dido. Arista.
6. "Sexual Revolution," Macy Gray. Epic.
7. "Love's Gonna Save The Day," Georgie Porgie. Vinyl Soul.
8. "Ain't It Funny (Remix)," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.
9. "Freelove," Depeche Mode. Mute.
10. "Work," Masters At Work (feat. Ruppah Nas-T & Denise.) MAW.

Hot Latin Tracks

(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)

1. "Suerte," Shakira. Epic.
2. "Tantita Pena," Alejandro Fernandez. Sony Discos.
3. "Como Duele," Luis Miguel. WEA Latina.
4. "Flor Sin Retono," Charlie Zaa. Sonolux.
5. "En La Agarro Bajando," Liberacion. Disa.
6. "Toma Que Toma," Conchi Cortes. EMI Latin.
7. "No Me Concoces Aun," Palomo. Disa.
8. "Huelo A Soledad," Ana Gabriel. Sony Discos.
9. "Como Pudiste," Banda El Recodo. Fonovisa.
10. "Yo Queria," Cristian. Ariola.

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Little-known rules allow companies to disclose less

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NEW YORK (AP) — Until recently, the only people paying much notice to an obscure piece of regulatory paperwork called Form 5 were the lawyers charged with filling in the blanks and the securities officials who collected the completed forms.

But that was before investors — newly alarmed by the potential for financial sleight of hand — began scrutinizing the inner workings first of Enron, then of Tyco International.

In the past few weeks, investors have learned that Enron's former chairman, Kenneth Lay, and a pair of top Tyco executives, L. Kenneth Kozlowski and Mark H. Swartz, quietly sold millions of dollars worth of their companies' stock back to their own firms months ago.

The news fueled fresh questions about Enron and helped push down further Tyco's already plummeting stock, while investors asked why they hadn't been told of the mysterious transactions sooner.

The answer is simple, if obscure: Form 5, and the rules for filling it out, called Section 16.

Some of Wall Street's savviest investors pore over the latest information about insider trading by top executives to divine the future of companies. But trades like those by Lay, Kozlowski and Swartz can come in under the radar thanks to a gaping loophole in rules put out by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Those rules, requiring that the most common insider transactions — purchase and sale of stock and redemption of stock options — be reported within weeks. But they give companies as much as a year or longer to inform investors about certain types of transactions, many of them related to the intricacies of top executive compensation.

"Before Enron, there was no controversy about that distinction ... but Enron has brought it home," said Peter Romeo, a former SEC official, now an attorney in private practice, considered the leading expert on the subject.

"Maybe this is something the public would interested in finding out about right as it happens. I think that's something the SEC might be thinking about," he said.

The loophole in reporting requirements explains why Kozlowski and Swartz were able to wait for as long as 385 days to disclose their most recent stock-returns deals, worth $109 million. In Lay's case, investors are still waiting for details. He doesn't have to file paperwork until the middle of this month and nothing would be known about the sales if his lawyer hadn't disclosed it, in general terms, last month.

The sellbacks are included in a grab-bag of transactions, classified as dispositions of stock back to the issuer, that are reported on Form 5s. Most others concern instances in which top executives are paid cash by companies as they trade in special shares they receive for achieving performance targets, when they exchange new stock for old, or when they cash in stock to cover income tax withholding.

But a review by The Associated Press of Form 5s filed during the past two years turned up information about transactions including the following:

— In July of 2000, Colgate-Palmolive President William Shanahan sold 444,300 shares of his company's stock back to the company for $25.2 million. In November of that year, the company's chairman and CEO, Reuben Mark, sold 150,000 shares of Colgate stock back to the company for $8.9 million, apparently to cover capital gains taxes on the exercise of stock options. The transactions weren't disclosed until the following February, 198 days after Shanahan's sellback to the New York-based firm.

— In August of 2000, a pair of senior executives at Massachusetts-based Waters Corp., Arthur Caputo and Brian Mazar, collectively sold 85,000 shares of company stock worth $6.4 million that they had been holding in their personal 401k accounts and transferred the money into other investment options. The changes were not disclosed until the following February, six months after they occurred.

— In December of 2000, Chairman and CEO James Broadhead and seven other top executives of Juno Beach, Fla.-based FPL Group Inc., sold back shares awarded to them as incentive to stay with the firm as it went through a merger deal. The deal, which netted the executives $62 million, were supposed to be turned in once a change in control of the company took place. In fact, the merger fell apart many months before that change was expected, but the executives had already claimed the shares and sold them back to the company. The transactions were disclosed 61 days after taking place, but went unnoticed for another two months, when they caused an uproar.

Many of these transactions are explained in the proxy statements companies file once a year with the SEC and would probably be of little interest to investors. Typical are a host of transactions disclosed last year by Ford Motor Co., in which all its senior executives traded in new stock for old, rather than take a portion of the value in cash, when the company recapitalized.

The way a corporation governs itself does reflect on the quality of management...

– Jonathan Moreland
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The routine nature of such transactions helps explain why the SEC chose in 1991 to exempt such disclosures from its usual reporting requirements, policy detailed in Section 16 of its regulations.

Experts say most companies are probably not trying to delay or avoid such disclosures. With all the time they're given under these regulations — up to 45 days following the end of their fiscal year — disclosures get put off until they're nearly forgotten.

But the fact that Lay and the Tyco executives did not have to disclose their stock sales for months, raises questions about whether such information shouldn't be disclosed sooner.

"The way a corporation governs itself does reflect on the quality of management, which is real investment information that individuals should know," said Jonathan Moreland, director of research for InsiderInsights.com, a company that analyzes insider trading information for investor clients.

The fact is, though, that even people like Moreland who specialize in insider transactions generally spend most of their energy studying far more common Form 4s, where most of those activities are reported. Even the most sophisticated investors generally ignore Form 5s, which helps explain why the filings by Tyco and FPL weren't noticed for so long afterward.

"It's definitely not on everybody's radar screen," said Lon Gerber of Thomson Financial Lancer Analytics, which tracks insider activity. "The transactions that most of our reports focus on are purchases and sales, so to be honest, we ourselves don't even look for these" types of transactions.

Some of the companies filing the paperwork say they're just following the rules, and downplay the value of the information.

"There isn't any other way to file it. There's no other form or box that you can check," said Richard Russack, a spokesman for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Inc. The company filed a Form 5 last year when its CEO, Matthew Rose, had to return restricted stock which was granted contingent on a merger, which didn't go through.

"It looks like we gave them stock and they sold it back to us, where actually there was never any stock issued," said Larry Solomon, a spokesman for SBC Communications. The firm used Form 5s last year to explain facets of its compensation plan for top executives. The forms disclosed that the company awarded so-called performance shares — essentially cash payments based on the share price of its stock — to executives.

Several companies contacted for this story expressed concern that, by relying on Form 5s, parallels might be drawn between them and Enron. But they acknowledged that investors may now have a greater interest in what used to seem like obscure detail.

"This is not like an Enron situation where it appears that executives were trying to cash out before the big fall. This was driven by other circumstances," said Mary Lou Kromer, a spokeswoman for FPL.

"These are interesting times, though," she said. "People are paying a lot of attention to things they weren't paying attention to before."

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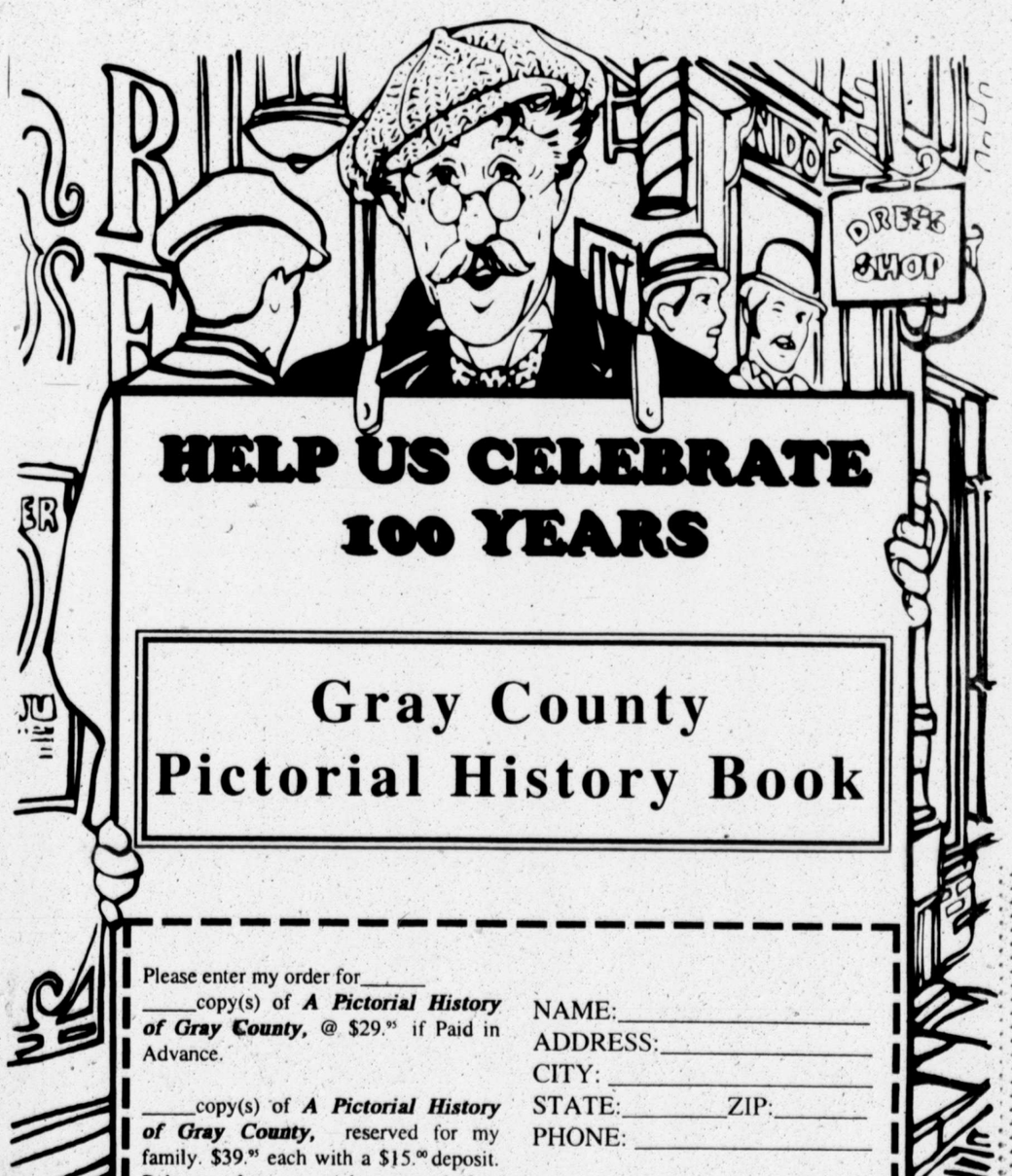
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Genetic evidence analyzed at the University of Montana suggests that every 10 years or so, lynx from as far away as northern Alaska tend to breed throughout the Canadian Rockies and into the northwestern United States.

Previously, scientists were split over the belief that lynx populations did not widely mix and were highly adapted to local environments.

The lynx study appears in the Jan. 31 issue of the journal Nature.

"A lynx is a lynx is a lynx," said University of Wyoming biologist Steven Buskirk, who did not participate in the study. "They are very similar across their geographical range."



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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Keep up the good work, as something is about to get in your way. You have a strong sense of direction and know what you want. With your extra push, good news greets you. Curb a tendency to be overly sensitive. Know what you want. Tonight: Schedule an important meeting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Stay on top of work with full knowledge of your limits and long-term desires. Take charge in your immediate circle. Act on your instincts rather than holding back. You naturally make the correct choices. Network. Your star is rising. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Reach out for others. Seek out someone for his or her opinion. Friends as well as associates push very hard to get what they want. Mobilize this energy and turn these people into your supporters. A boss might be quite impressed with your focus. Tonight: Rent a movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Your ability to empathize with others helps you understand someone's decision. Still, you might want to take charge and make a decision, especially after a conference or meeting. You don't need to explain yourself. Tonight: Quality time with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Allow someone to play a more significant role in your life. Fiery impulsiveness still manages to come out, but you can trust your enthusiasm. Others adore this quality in you, especially a key associate. A romance could play a role in a decision. Tonight: Go along with a partner's plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Head into work and take charge. You have a lot to get done, which you will. Still, curb a tendency to let your mind drift to home and a problem revolving around this area. Your value of someone or a partner grows in the next few weeks. Tonight: Work and more work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Ever playful and full of fun, you're ready for nearly anything, which proves fortunate. Express your ability to adjust and adapt to different styles of communication. Let others make a choice. Be firm and direct with an associate. Tonight: Play the night away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Listen carefully to someone who shares a lot with you. You're basically anchored. Your expenditures could soar out of control if you're too impulsive with an investment. A risk might feel more and more appealing. Tonight: Happy at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Reverse direction quickly if you don't like what's going on. Your fiery, impulsive ways will lead you. Your imagination knows no limits. Your understanding leads you in a new direction. Do something special for a roommate. Tonight: Visit with a friend on the phone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Expenses take you in the reverse direction. Your fiery decision involving a family member could come home to roost. Be careful with spending. A soft approach wins many friends. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others listen. Seize center stage. The unexpected occurs with communication. You or someone else might say something impulsively, which might later be regretted. Think carefully about what you want. Tonight: Treat someone to dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Take your time when making a decision. Mull it over as long as you need. Thoughts need to be shared rather than acted on. Venus moves into your sign, adding to your happiness and potential this evening. Time is on your side. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

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PATHWAYS
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DIALOGUE
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QUIT CLUB
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NIH GUIDE
National Institute on Aging is offering "Talking with Your Doctor: A Guide for Older People." The 30-page booklet is available in single or bulk copies. For more information, call the NIA Information Center weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., toll-free at 1-800-222-2225 or TTY at 1-800-222-4225.

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HFA PUBLICATION
Hospice Foundation of America has published "Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses." The book offers insight and practical suggestions for those assisting family caregivers as they respond to the challenges of caregiving, make critical end-of-life decisions and cope with grief. For more information, call 1-800-854-3402 or visit www.hospicefoundation.org on the World Wide Web. HFA also offers the following pamphlets: "Supporting Your Friend Through Illness & Loss," and "Caring for Someone Who is Dying."

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TG WEBSITE
Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. (TG) has revamped its "Adventures in Education" website located at http://www.adventuresineducation.org or http://www.aie.org on the Internet. Although the site is targeted to middle school, high school and college students as well as high school counselors, each section can assist parents in helping their children prepare for college. TG is a public nonprofit corporation that helps create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Its mission is to provide information to help families and students realize their educational and career dreams.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Tanya Mock, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING
National Institute on Aging and National Institutes of Health recently published a 36-page booklet "Who? What? When? Resources for Women's Health and Aging" to help women as they age. To order a free copy, contact the National Institute on Aging Information Center at 1-800-222-2225.

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Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo is now open on Saturdays and will take appointments for blood donations. The new donation hours are: 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday; and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday. The center is also promoting The Birthday Club. If a donor donates blood on their birthday, they will receive a Blood Drop Beanie. For more information, call (806) 358-4563 or 1-800-658-6178.

RX PROGRAM
The 2001 Rx Program makes available breathing medications and Nebulizers to patients who may have asthma, emphysema or COPD at not cost to qualifying recipients. For more information, call Dennis Karnes toll-free at 1-800-344-5764.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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

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

HEALTH FAIR
M.K. Brown Auditorium will be the site of the 2002 Community Health Fair slated from 1-6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 12. Coffee Memorial Blood Center will sponsor a blood drive. Participants will receive free screenings for cholesterol, blood sugar, blood oxygen, blood pressure/pulse, height/weight and glaucoma testing. Giveaways and door prizes will also be part of the activities. Sponsors are Celanese-Pampa Plant and Pampa Regional Medical Center.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB
Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13 at Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss Jean M. Auel's "Earth's Children" series ("The Clan of the Cave Bear," "The Valley of Horses," etc.) Visitors are welcome.

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

PARTNERSHIP FOR MOMS AND BABIES
Gray County Area Partnership for Moms and Babies will meet from 12-1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15 in the Medical Office Building's second floor conference room at Pampa Regional Medical Center. Lunch will be provided.

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

LENTEN MISSION
St. Matthews Episcopal Church will host its annual Lenten preaching mission with the Rev. Jo Roberts Mann Feb. 17-18. Services will be at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday and 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m., Monday. A meal will follow the 10:30 morning service Sunday and a reception is scheduled after the Monday night program. Services are free and open to the public.

HOSPICE TRAINING
"The Hospice Approach to Living with Dying" BSA Hospice free volunteer training and community education class will be offered from 1-4 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 18-March 13 at Frank Phillips College in Borger. The course is worth 3.0 CEUs. To register or for more information, call Janet McCracken, BSA Hospice Volunteer coordinator, at (806) 274-9111.

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

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

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Feb. 6 and 20, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Feb. 6, Bank of America, and Feb. 26, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, Pampa; Feb. 6 and 20, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Feb. 25, Lefors Civic Center, Lefors; Feb. 8, Lovett Memorial Library, McLean; Feb. 11, First Baptist Church, White Deer; and Feb. 19, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.



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